



Alaska

Selected Economic Characteristics: 2002
Data Set: 2002 American Community Survey Summary Tables
Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE. Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

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|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| EMPLOYMENT STATUS | | | |
| Population 16 years and over | 456,250 | 454,458 | 458,042 |
| In labor force | 333,776 | 328,341 | 339,211 |
| Civilian labor force | 324,297 | 318,652 | 329,942 |
| Employed | 293,134 | 287,851 | 298,417 |
| Unemployed | 31,163 | 28,645 | 33,681 |
| Percent unemployed | 9.6 | 8.8 | 10.4 |
| Armed Forces | 9,479 | 8,238 | 10,720 |
| Not in labor force | 122,474 | 117,428 | 127,520 |
| Females 16 years and over | 223,311 | 221,098 | 225,524 |
| In labor force | 147,461 | 143,397 | 151,525 |
| Civilian labor force | 146,567 | 142,520 | 150,614 |
| Employed | 133,381 | 129,690 | 137,072 |
| Own children under 6 years | 55,000 | 53,525 | 56,475 |
| All parents in family in labor force | 33,446 | 30,537 | 36,355 |
| Own children 6 to 17 years | 124,455 | 122,262 | 126,648 |
| All parents in family in labor force | 86,194 | 82,318 | 90,070 |
| Population 16 to 19 years | 39,138 | 36,876 | 41,400 |
| Not enrolled in school and not a H.S. graduate | 2,487 | 1,759 | 3,215 |
| Unemployed or not in the labor force | 1,812 | 1,172 | 2,452 |
| COMMUTING TO WORK | | | |
| Workers 16 years and over | 288,430 | 283,594 | 293,266 |
| Car, truck, or van -- drove alone | 200,266 | 192,452 | 208,080 |
| Car, truck, or van -- carpooled | 40,931 | 38,012 | 43,850 |
| Public transportation (including taxicab) | 4,470 | 3,564 | 5,376 |
| Walked | 19,547 | 14,069 | 25,025 |
| Other means | 10,403 | 8,476 | 12,330 |
| Worked at home | 12,813 | 10,955 | 14,671 |
| Mean travel time to work (minutes) | 18.3 | 17.5 | 19.1 |
| Employed civilian population 16 years and over | 293,134 | 287,851 | 298,417 |
| OCCUPATION | | | |
| Management, professional, and related occupations | 106,081 | 100,999 | 111,163 |
| Service occupations | 44,218 | 41,416 | 47,020 |
| Sales and office occupations | 72,843 | 68,220 | 77,466 |
| Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations | 2,843 | 1,460 | 4,226 |
| Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations | 38,072 | 35,686 | 40,458 |
| Production, transportation, and material moving occupations | 29,077 | 26,909 | 31,245 |
| INDUSTRY | | | |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining | 14,025 | 11,397 | 16,653 |
| Construction | 23,756 | 21,624 | 25,888 |

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| Manufacturing | 5,478 | 3,772 | 7,184 |
| Wholesale trade | 8,394 | 6,858 | 9,930 |
| Retail trade | 31,790 | 27,286 | 36,295 |
| Transportation and warehousing, and utilities | 23,723 | 21,758 | 25,688 |
| Information | 6,603 | 5,385 | 7,821 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing | 12,780 | 10,736 | 14,824 |
| Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services | 25,765 | 22,952 | 28,578 |
| Educational, health, and social services | 63,286 | 58,532 | 68,040 |
| Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services | 26,186 | 23,863 | 28,509 |
| Other services (except public administration) | 16,688 | 14,200 | 19,176 |
| Public Administration | 34,660 | 31,621 | 37,699 |
| CLASS OF WORKER | | | |
| Private wage and salary workers | 185,445 | 179,640 | 191,250 |
| Government workers | 83,160 | 76,923 | 89,397 |
| Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business | 23,620 | 20,932 | 26,308 |
| Unpaid family workers | 909 | 8 | 1,810 |
| INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2002 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS) | | | |
| Total households | 225,474 | 221,333 | 229,616 |
| Less than \$10,000 | 10,243 | 8,195 | 12,291 |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 8,452 | 6,721 | 10,183 |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999 | 20,779 | 18,286 | 23,272 |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 24,501 | 21,551 | 27,451 |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 33,647 | 30,596 | 36,698 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 50,818 | 47,592 | 54,044 |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 34,043 | 31,641 | 36,445 |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 30,633 | 26,704 | 34,562 |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 8,231 | 6,409 | 10,053 |
| \$200,000 or more | 4,127 | 3,114 | 5,140 |
| Median household income (dollars) | 56,536 | 54,429 | 58,643 |
| Mean household income (dollars) | 67,095 | 63,996 | 70,194 |
| With earnings | 201,221 | 195,652 | 206,790 |
| Mean earnings (dollars) | 61,849 | 59,541 | 64,157 |
| With Social Security | 38,800 | 36,127 | 41,473 |
| Mean Social Security income (dollars) | 12,028 | 11,352 | 12,705 |
| With retirement income | 39,335 | 35,903 | 42,767 |
| Mean retirement income (dollars) | 21,787 | 20,513 | 23,061 |
| With public assistance income or noncash benefit(s) | 41,862 | 37,739 | 45,985 |
| With Supplemental Security Income | 5,054 | 4,117 | 5,991 |
| Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars) | 5,820 | 5,134 | 6,506 |
| With cash public assistance income | 12,910 | 10,168 | 15,652 |
| Mean cash public assistance income (dollars) | 3,923 | 3,441 | 4,405 |
| With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months | 12,964 | 10,694 | 15,234 |
| With free or reduced price school meal benefits in the past 12 months | 20,668 | 16,459 | 24,877 |
| Families | 161,026 | 154,862 | 167,190 |
| Less than \$10,000 | 5,431 | 3,154 | 7,708 |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 3,624 | 2,514 | 4,734 |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999 | 11,559 | 9,845 | 13,273 |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 14,777 | 12,556 | 16,998 |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 22,360 | 20,208 | 24,512 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 36,124 | 33,789 | 38,459 |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 27,988 | 25,769 | 30,207 |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 28,458 | 24,549 | 32,367 |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 7,012 | 5,535 | 8,489 |
| \$200,000 or more | 3,693 | 2,715 | 4,671 |
| Median family income (dollars) | 65,745 | 62,737 | 68,753 |
| Mean family income (dollars) | 75,250 | 72,085 | 78,415 |
| Per capita income (dollars) | 24,830 | 23,718 | 25,942 |
| Nonfamily households | 64,448 | 60,666 | 68,230 |
| Median nonfamily income (dollars) | 35,656 | 33,810 | 37,502 |
| Mean nonfamily income (dollars) | 42,100 | 40,165 | 44,035 |

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| Median earnings (dollars): | 29,847 | 28,484 | 31,210 |
| Male full-time, year-round workers | 46,835 | 45,401 | 48,269 |
| Female full-time, year-round workers | 34,911 | 31,850 | 37,972 |
| NUMBER BELOW POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS | | | |
| Families | 9,818 | 7,454 | 12,182 |
| With related children under 18 years | 8,560 | 6,291 | 10,829 |
| With related children under 5 years only | 3,129 | 1,807 | 4,451 |
| Families with female householder, no husband present | 4,438 | 3,062 | 5,814 |
| With related children under 18 years | 4,210 | 2,791 | 5,629 |
| With related children under 5 years only | 1,625 | 807 | 2,443 |
| Individuals | 47,553 | 42,149 | 52,957 |
| 18 years and over | 28,902 | 26,193 | 31,611 |
| 65 years and over | 1,207 | 631 | 1,783 |
| Related children under 18 years | 17,837 | 14,583 | 21,091 |
| Related children 5 to 17 years | 9,594 | 7,272 | 11,916 |
| Unrelated individuals 15 years and over | 14,197 | 12,276 | 16,118 |
| PERCENT BELOW POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS | | | |
| Individuals | 7.7 | 6.9 | 8.5 |
| 18 years and over | 6.7 | 6.0 | 7.4 |
| 65 years and over | 3.2 | 1.7 | 4.7 |
| Related children under 18 years | 9.6 | 8.0 | 11.3 |
| Related children under 5 years | 17.3 | 14.7 | 19.9 |
| Related children 5 to 17 years | 7.0 | 5.4 | 8.7 |
| Unrelated individuals 15 years and over | 15.2 | 13.2 | 17.2 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2002 American Community Survey

The table above shows the margin of error, represented by the lower and upper bounds of the 90-percent confidence interval. The confidence interval represents the degree of uncertainty for an estimate and can be interpreted roughly as providing 90 percent certainty that the true number falls between the upper and lower bounds. The smaller the confidence interval the more precise the estimate.

Notes:

- The number of householders does not necessarily equal the number of households because of differences in the weighting schemes for the population and occupied housing units.
- Employment and unemployment estimates may vary from the official labor force data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics because of differences in survey design and data collection.
- Industry categories adhere to the guidelines issued in Clarification Memorandum No. 2, "NAICS Alternate Aggregation Structure for Use By U.S. Statistical Agencies," issued by the Office of Management and Budget.
- Free or reduced price school meal benefits figures only include households with children under 18 years.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '-' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '***' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that no sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
3. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that no sample observations were available to compute an estimate.
4. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
6. An '****' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
7. An '*****' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test is not appropriate.
8. An 'N' entry in the estimate, lower bound, and upper bound columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.