



Alaska

Selected Economic Characteristics: 2006
Data Set: 2006 American Community Survey
Survey: 2006 American Community Survey

NOTE. Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Selected Economic Characteristics: 2006	Estimate	Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	512,833	+/-1,465
In labor force	368,028	+/-4,988
Civilian labor force	356,243	+/-5,467
Employed	322,618	+/-6,281
Unemployed	33,625	+/-2,883
Armed Forces	11,785	+/-1,518
Not in labor force	144,805	+/-4,743
Civilian labor force	356,243	+/-5,467
Unemployed	9.4%	+/-0.8
Females 16 years and over		
Population 16 years and over	249,777	+/-1,615
In labor force	166,635	+/-3,838
Civilian labor force	165,316	+/-3,948
Employed	152,237	+/-4,138
Own children under 6 years		
Population 16 years and over	54,618	+/-1,616
All parents in family in labor force	31,801	+/-2,257
Own children 6 to 17 years		
Population 16 years and over	113,985	+/-2,176
All parents in family in labor force	78,701	+/-3,275
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	317,371	+/-5,843
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	214,722	+/-5,147
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	40,456	+/-3,594
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	3,641	+/-1,133
Walked	28,841	+/-2,113
Other means	13,657	+/-1,283
Worked at home	16,054	+/-1,764
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	17.7	+/-0.6
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	322,618	+/-6,281
OCCUPATION		
Management, professional, and related occupations	112,784	+/-4,394
Service occupations	55,353	+/-3,352
Sales and office occupations	77,229	+/-4,656
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	4,752	+/-1,122
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	37,625	+/-2,788
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	34,875	+/-2,732
INDUSTRY		
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	15,329	+/-2,396

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Construction	29,109	+/-2,682
Manufacturing	12,424	+/-1,661
Wholesale trade	6,939	+/-1,452
Retail trade	36,837	+/-3,029
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	26,869	+/-2,415
Information	7,412	+/-1,594
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	14,434	+/-1,850
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	26,406	+/-2,196
Educational services, and health care, and social assistance	70,680	+/-4,202
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	25,979	+/-2,989
Other services, except public administration	14,455	+/-1,913
Public administration	35,745	+/-3,128
CLASS OF WORKER		
Private wage and salary workers	214,756	+/-7,594
Government workers	83,419	+/-4,443
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	23,540	+/-2,247
Unpaid family workers	903	+/-433
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2006 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)		
Total households	229,878	+/-2,779
Less than \$10,000	10,857	+/-1,359
\$10,000 to \$14,999	12,156	+/-1,723
\$15,000 to \$24,999	19,391	+/-1,922
\$25,000 to \$34,999	20,968	+/-1,926
\$35,000 to \$49,999	33,067	+/-2,420
\$50,000 to \$74,999	46,625	+/-2,587
\$75,000 to \$99,999	34,928	+/-2,426
\$100,000 to \$149,999	32,808	+/-2,397
\$150,000 to \$199,999	11,942	+/-1,368
\$200,000 or more	7,136	+/-1,001
Median household income (dollars)	59,393	+/-1,442
Mean household income (dollars)	73,358	+/-1,538
With earnings	203,156	+/-3,167
Mean earnings (dollars)	69,219	+/-1,686
With Social Security	37,068	+/-1,790
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	13,135	+/-458
With retirement income	37,452	+/-2,433
Mean retirement income (dollars)	23,685	+/-1,410
With Supplemental Security Income	6,093	+/-1,115
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,201	+/-431
With cash public assistance income	14,381	+/-1,726
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,132	+/-495
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	19,165	+/-1,999
Families	157,939	+/-4,094
Less than \$10,000	5,093	+/-1,028
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5,758	+/-1,344
\$15,000 to \$24,999	9,635	+/-1,264
\$25,000 to \$34,999	12,500	+/-1,667
\$35,000 to \$49,999	20,830	+/-2,259
\$50,000 to \$74,999	32,192	+/-2,139
\$75,000 to \$99,999	28,091	+/-2,064
\$100,000 to \$149,999	27,334	+/-2,065
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,201	+/-1,303
\$200,000 or more	6,305	+/-1,000
Median family income (dollars)	69,872	+/-2,371
Mean family income (dollars)	83,117	+/-2,364
Per capita income (dollars)	26,919	+/-583
Nonfamily households	71,939	+/-3,637
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	37,781	+/-2,820
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	47,703	+/-2,227
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	30,086	+/-921
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	48,703	+/-2,063
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	36,655	+/-886

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PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL		
All families	8.2%	+/-1.0
With related children under 18 years	12.3%	+/-1.9
With related children under 5 years only	9.3%	+/-3.3
Married couple families	3.7%	+/-0.7
With related children under 18 years	5.0%	+/-1.2
With related children under 5 years only	1.8%	+/-1.9
Families with female householder, no husband present	25.0%	+/-5.1
With related children under 18 years	30.4%	+/-6.4
With related children under 5 years only	29.2%	+/-11.9
All people	10.9%	+/-1.1
Under 18 years	15.1%	+/-2.4
Related children under 18 years	14.7%	+/-2.4
Related children under 5 years	16.7%	+/-3.1
Related children 5 to 17 years	14.0%	+/-2.5
18 years and over	9.3%	+/-0.8
18 to 64 years	9.8%	+/-0.9
65 years and over	4.2%	+/-1.3
People in families	9.0%	+/-1.2
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	19.3%	+/-2.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see [Accuracy of the Data](#)). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

- 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. For guidance on differences in employment and unemployment estimates from different sources go to [Labor Force Guidance](#).
- Workers include members of the Armed Forces and civilians who were at work last week.
- Occupation codes are 4-digit codes, but are still based on Standard Occupational Classification 2000.
- Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System 2002. However, the 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.
- While the 2006 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2005 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas, in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '***' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
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6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
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