

Alaska

S2301. Employment Status

Data Set: **2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates**

Survey: **American Community Survey**

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

Subject	Total	Margin of Error	In labor force	Margin of Error	Employed	Margin of Error	Unemployment rate	Margin of Error
Population 16 years and over	526,539	+/-2,083	73.6%	+/-0.9	64.5%	+/-1.1	7.7%	+/-0.7
AGE								
16 to 19 years	43,762	+/-2,106	53.0%	+/-4.2	42.6%	+/-4.0	17.1%	+/-4.2
20 to 24 years	57,876	+/-2,355	84.5%	+/-2.5	64.9%	+/-3.7	12.5%	+/-2.7
25 to 44 years	195,300	+/-2,715	84.7%	+/-1.4	72.4%	+/-1.7	7.9%	+/-1.0
45 to 54 years	105,292	+/-1,726	82.8%	+/-1.9	78.1%	+/-2.1	5.1%	+/-1.3
55 to 64 years	75,894	+/-991	67.9%	+/-2.2	64.4%	+/-2.4	4.9%	+/-1.5
65 to 74 years	31,059	+/-1,220	30.6%	+/-4.4	30.2%	+/-4.4	1.4%	+/-1.2
75 years and over	17,356	+/-1,152	9.8%	+/-3.3	9.8%	+/-3.3	0.0%	+/-7.5
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN								
One race	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
White	379,421	+/-2,409	74.6%	+/-1.0	66.2%	+/-1.2	6.1%	+/-0.9
Black or African American	18,648	+/-2,256	80.9%	+/-4.6	64.8%	+/-6.0	9.9%	+/-4.6
American Indian and Alaska Native	63,240	+/-3,031	60.7%	+/-2.4	50.0%	+/-2.7	17.5%	+/-2.3
Asian	26,188	+/-1,445	80.8%	+/-3.2	74.5%	+/-3.8	4.8%	+/-2.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Some other race	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Two or more races	30,115	+/-2,905	74.6%	+/-3.8	62.8%	+/-4.1	13.5%	+/-3.5
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	28,460	+/-1,556	81.9%	+/-3.4	63.8%	+/-5.9	9.5%	+/-3.7
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	362,928	+/-1,005	74.3%	+/-1.1	66.3%	+/-1.1	5.9%	+/-0.9
Population 20 to 64 years	434,362	+/-2,148	81.3%	+/-0.9	71.4%	+/-1.1	7.3%	+/-0.7
SEX								
Male	228,089	+/-1,928	85.8%	+/-1.3	72.2%	+/-1.8	8.3%	+/-1.1
Female	206,273	+/-1,312	76.2%	+/-1.4	70.5%	+/-1.4	6.1%	+/-0.9
With own children under 6 years	35,044	+/-3,270	67.3%	+/-4.4	58.7%	+/-5.0	8.5%	+/-3.0
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS								
Below poverty level	32,718	+/-3,329	59.8%	+/-5.0	44.3%	+/-4.7	25.4%	+/-5.2
DISABILITY STATUS								
With any disability	53,045	+/-3,875	58.2%	+/-3.8	47.5%	+/-4.0	13.9%	+/-3.9
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT								
Population 25 to 64 years	376,486	+/-2,557	80.8%	+/-1.0	72.4%	+/-1.1	6.5%	+/-0.7
Less than high school graduate	25,308	+/-2,389	63.0%	+/-4.9	50.7%	+/-5.1	18.4%	+/-5.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	99,471	+/-4,847	75.3%	+/-2.1	68.0%	+/-2.2	8.4%	+/-1.4
Some college or associate's degree	147,510	+/-5,075	82.9%	+/-1.3	72.6%	+/-1.9	6.0%	+/-1.2
Bachelor's degree or higher	104,197	+/-4,307	87.3%	+/-1.5	81.5%	+/-1.8	3.5%	+/-1.0
PERCENT IMPUTED								
Employment status for population 16 years and over	4.2%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 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:

- The "Employed" and "Unemployment rate" columns refer to the civilian population. For more information, see the [ACS Subject Definitions](#).
- 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](#).
- The Census Bureau introduced an improved sequence of labor force questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, we recommend using caution when making labor force data comparisons from 2008 or later with data from prior years. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the "Evaluation Report Covering Employment Status" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/AdvMeth/content_test/P6a_Employment_Status.pdf, and the "Evaluation Report Covering Weeks Worked" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/AdvMeth/content_test/P6b_Weeks_Worked_Final_Report.pdf. Additional information can also be found at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/laborfor/laborforce.html>.
- While the 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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. The 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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 PRCS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.
- Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2000 data. Boundaries for urban areas have not been updated since Census 2000. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

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.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
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.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

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