



**B17005. POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS OF INDIVIDUALS BY SEX BY
EMPLOYMENT STATUS - Universe: CIVILIAN POPULATION 16 YEARS AND OVER FOR WHOM
POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED**

Data Set: [2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates](#)

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

	Alaska	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	497,177	+/-3,141
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level:	38,721	+/-3,901
Male:	19,358	+/-2,489
In labor force:	11,708	+/-1,918
Employed	8,625	+/-1,731
Unemployed	3,083	+/-967
Not in labor force	7,650	+/-1,471
Female:	19,363	+/-2,234
In labor force:	10,063	+/-1,545
Employed	7,993	+/-1,317
Unemployed	2,070	+/-590
Not in labor force	9,300	+/-1,530
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level:	458,456	+/-4,281
Male:	231,564	+/-3,258
In labor force:	183,739	+/-3,913
Employed	169,911	+/-4,008
Unemployed	13,828	+/-1,674
Not in labor force	47,825	+/-3,136
Female:	226,892	+/-2,603
In labor force:	159,358	+/-3,547
Employed	150,192	+/-3,521
Unemployed	9,166	+/-1,465
Not in labor force	67,534	+/-3,039

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.

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](#).

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.

Standard Error/Variance documentation for this dataset:

[Accuracy of the Data](#)