



**Alaska**

**Selected Economic Characteristics: 2008**

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

Selected Economic Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>				
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>526,539</b>	<b>+/-2,083</b>	<b>526,539</b>	<b>(X)</b>
In labor force	387,489	+/-5,145	73.6%	+/-0.9
Civilian labor force	368,190	+/-5,627	69.9%	+/-1.1
Employed	339,851	+/-5,586	64.5%	+/-1.1
Unemployed	28,339	+/-2,677	5.4%	+/-0.5
Armed Forces	19,299	+/-3,224	3.7%	+/-0.6
Not in labor force	139,050	+/-4,824	26.4%	+/-0.9
<b>Civilian labor force</b>	<b>368,190</b>	<b>+/-5,627</b>	<b>368,190</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>				
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>251,364</b>	<b>+/-1,393</b>	<b>251,364</b>	<b>(X)</b>
In labor force	172,563	+/-3,454	68.7%	+/-1.3
Civilian labor force	170,207	+/-3,405	67.7%	+/-1.3
Employed	158,971	+/-3,314	63.2%	+/-1.3
<b>Own children under 6 years</b>				
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>58,167</b>	<b>+/-1,856</b>	<b>58,167</b>	<b>(X)</b>
All parents in family in labor force	37,779	+/-2,533	64.9%	+/-3.9
<b>Own children 6 to 17 years</b>				
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>110,974</b>	<b>+/-2,506</b>	<b>110,974</b>	<b>(X)</b>
All parents in family in labor force	77,842	+/-4,530	70.1%	+/-3.4
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>				
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>	<b>340,794</b>	<b>+/-5,186</b>	<b>340,794</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	225,636	+/-5,991	66.2%	+/-1.4
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	49,225	+/-3,911	14.4%	+/-1.2
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	5,734	+/-1,334	1.7%	+/-0.4
Walked	24,288	+/-2,199	7.1%	+/-0.6
Other means	15,713	+/-1,697	4.6%	+/-0.5
Worked at home	20,198	+/-3,521	5.9%	+/-1.0
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.4	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
<b>OCCUPATION</b>				
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>339,851</b>	<b>+/-5,586</b>	<b>339,851</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	115,900	+/-4,655	34.1%	+/-1.4
Service occupations	55,553	+/-3,808	16.3%	+/-1.1
Sales and office occupations	85,648	+/-3,959	25.2%	+/-1.1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	3,051	+/-768	0.9%	+/-0.2
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	43,006	+/-3,663	12.7%	+/-1.0
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	36,693	+/-3,842	10.8%	+/-1.1
<b>INDUSTRY</b>				
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>339,851</b>	<b>+/-5,586</b>	<b>339,851</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	17,479	+/-2,465	5.1%	+/-0.7
Construction	30,478	+/-3,202	9.0%	+/-0.9
Manufacturing	14,856	+/-2,211	4.4%	+/-0.6
Wholesale trade	8,352	+/-1,509	2.5%	+/-0.4
Retail trade	39,332	+/-3,322	11.6%	+/-1.0
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	25,617	+/-2,432	7.5%	+/-0.7
Information	7,188	+/-1,447	2.1%	+/-0.4
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	17,446	+/-2,181	5.1%	+/-0.6
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	28,123	+/-2,776	8.3%	+/-0.8
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	72,424	+/-4,262	21.3%	+/-1.3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	27,630	+/-2,794	8.1%	+/-0.8
Other services, except public administration	15,406	+/-2,019	4.5%	+/-0.6
Public administration	35,520	+/-3,135	10.5%	+/-0.9

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<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>				
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>339,851</b>	<b>+/-5,586</b>	<b>339,851</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Private wage and salary workers	230,571	+/-7,250	67.8%	+/-1.5
Government workers	83,895	+/-4,936	24.7%	+/-1.5
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	24,159	+/-2,430	7.1%	+/-0.7
Unpaid family workers	1,226	+/-759	0.4%	+/-0.2
<b>INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>237,607</b>	<b>+/-2,898</b>	<b>237,607</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than \$10,000	8,283	+/-1,368	3.5%	+/-0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6,541	+/-1,214	2.8%	+/-0.5
\$15,000 to \$24,999	17,742	+/-1,841	7.5%	+/-0.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	20,382	+/-2,156	8.6%	+/-0.9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	31,761	+/-2,246	13.4%	+/-0.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	45,187	+/-2,788	19.0%	+/-1.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	38,564	+/-2,879	16.2%	+/-1.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	44,629	+/-2,843	18.8%	+/-1.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	13,408	+/-1,784	5.6%	+/-0.7
\$200,000 or more	11,110	+/-1,231	4.7%	+/-0.5
Median household income (dollars)	68,460	+/-1,917	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	83,423	+/-2,557	(X)	(X)
With earnings	213,799	+/-3,328	90.0%	+/-0.8
Mean earnings (dollars)	76,632	+/-2,754	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	40,959	+/-1,781	17.2%	+/-0.8
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,504	+/-616	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	40,262	+/-2,275	16.9%	+/-1.0
Mean retirement income (dollars)	26,633	+/-1,464	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	6,636	+/-1,217	2.8%	+/-0.5
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,363	+/-869	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	14,522	+/-1,629	6.1%	+/-0.7
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,536	+/-328	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	18,421	+/-1,766	7.8%	+/-0.7
<b>Families</b>	<b>157,273</b>	<b>+/-3,920</b>	<b>157,273</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than \$10,000	3,738	+/-928	2.4%	+/-0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,516	+/-597	1.6%	+/-0.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	8,447	+/-1,342	5.4%	+/-0.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	11,801	+/-1,457	7.5%	+/-0.9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	17,117	+/-1,744	10.9%	+/-1.1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	29,621	+/-2,124	18.8%	+/-1.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999	27,898	+/-2,287	17.7%	+/-1.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	35,744	+/-2,477	22.7%	+/-1.5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	11,352	+/-1,575	7.2%	+/-1.0
\$200,000 or more	9,039	+/-1,237	5.7%	+/-0.8
Median family income (dollars)	79,541	+/-2,344	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	94,041	+/-3,398	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	31,175	+/-881	(X)	(X)
<b>Nonfamily households</b>	<b>80,334</b>	<b>+/-3,702</b>	<b>80,334</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	45,056	+/-2,491	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	57,548	+/-3,032	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	31,895	+/-631	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	51,500	+/-1,091	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	37,861	+/-1,836	(X)	(X)
<b>PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL</b>				
All families	5.7%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	9.0%	+/-1.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	14.2%	+/-4.7	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	2.0%	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	2.8%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	1.4%	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	19.2%	+/-3.9	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	23.1%	+/-5.0	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	38.5%	+/-12.5	(X)	(X)
All people	8.4%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	11.0%	+/-1.7	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	10.3%	+/-1.6	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	14.1%	+/-2.5	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	8.8%	+/-1.7	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	7.5%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	7.9%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	3.7%	+/-1.3	(X)	(X)
People in families	6.1%	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	17.2%	+/-1.8	(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:

- 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.
- 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](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](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>.
- Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2000.
- Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System 2007. 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 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. Selected earnings and income data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with group quarters data collection and imputation. See the [ACS User Notes](#) for details.

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