Alaska
Selected Economic Characteristics: 2009
Data Set: **2009 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
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	**536,007**	**+/-1,704**	**536,007**	**(X)**
In labor force	382,729	+/-5,277	71.4%	+/-1.0
Civilian labor force	368,338	+/-5,500	68.7%	+/-1.0
Employed	333,464	+/-5,937	62.2%	+/-1.1
Unemployed	34,874	+/-2,863	6.5%	+/-0.5
Armed Forces	14,391	+/-2,545	2.7%	+/-0.5
Not in labor force	153,278	+/-5,292	28.6%	+/-1.0
Civilian labor force	**368,338**	**+/-5,500**	**368,338**	**(X)**
Percent Unemployed	9.5%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over	**259,309**	**+/-1,428**	**259,309**	**(X)**
In labor force	172,971	+/-3,888	66.7%	+/-1.5
Civilian labor force	170,358	+/-3,632	65.7%	+/-1.3
Employed	157,772	+/-3,628	60.8%	+/-1.4
Own children under 6 years	**61,489**	**+/-2,164**	**61,489**	**(X)**
All parents in family in labor force	35,536	+/-2,404	57.8%	+/-3.4
Own children 6 to 17 years	**113,145**	**+/-2,333**	**113,145**	**(X)**
All parents in family in labor force	78,030	+/-3,428	69.0%	+/-2.7
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	**334,556**	**+/-6,259**	**334,556**	**(X)**
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	228,145	+/-6,510	68.2%	+/-1.4
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	44,499	+/-3,490	13.3%	+/-1.0
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	4,610	+/-1,311	1.4%	+/-0.4
Walked	26,751	+/-2,243	8.0%	+/-0.6
Other means	15,153	+/-1,829	4.5%	+/-0.5
Worked at home	15,398	+/-2,206	4.6%	+/-0.7
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	17.7	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	**333,464**	**+/-5,937**	**333,464**	**(X)**
Management, professional, and related occupations	114,173	+/-5,124	34.2%	+/-1.4
Service occupations	60,493	+/-4,110	18.1%	+/-1.2
Sales and office occupations	81,135	+/-4,883	24.3%	+/-1.4
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	2,667	+/-723	0.8%	+/-0.2
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	39,907	+/-3,460	12.0%	+/-1.0
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	35,089	+/-3,270	10.5%	+/-1.0
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	**333,464**	**+/-5,937**	**333,464**	**(X)**
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	15,581	+/-2,050	4.7%	+/-0.6
Construction	26,791	+/-3,021	8.0%	+/-0.9
Manufacturing	13,039	+/-2,233	3.9%	+/-0.7
Wholesale trade	7,041	+/-1,629	2.1%	+/-0.5
Retail trade	39,414	+/-3,184	11.8%	+/-0.9
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	27,188	+/-2,913	8.2%	+/-0.9
Information	8,240	+/-1,619	2.5%	+/-0.5
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	14,260	+/-2,175	4.3%	+/-0.7
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	29,798	+/-2,796	8.9%	+/-0.8

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Educational services, and health care and social assistance	76,603	+/-3,543	23.0%	+/-1.0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	28,633	+/-3,506	8.6%	+/-1.0
Other services, except public administration	14,336	+/-2,197	4.3%	+/-0.7
Public administration	32,540	+/-2,779	9.8%	+/-0.8
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	**333,464**	**+/-5,937**	**333,464**	**(X)**
Private wage and salary workers	227,377	+/-5,759	68.2%	+/-1.3
Government workers	81,751	+/-4,004	24.5%	+/-1.1
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	23,261	+/-2,295	7.0%	+/-0.7
Unpaid family workers	1,075	+/-697	0.3%	+/-0.2
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	**236,597**	**+/-2,353**	**236,597**	**(X)**
Less than $10,000	9,801	+/-1,582	4.1%	+/-0.7
$10,000 to $14,999	7,584	+/-1,243	3.2%	+/-0.5
$15,000 to $24,999	17,351	+/-2,054	7.3%	+/-0.9
$25,000 to $34,999	19,871	+/-2,047	8.4%	+/-0.9
$35,000 to $49,999	31,552	+/-2,683	13.3%	+/-1.1
$50,000 to $74,999	45,528	+/-2,957	19.2%	+/-1.3
$75,000 to $99,999	38,354	+/-2,963	16.2%	+/-1.2
$100,000 to $149,999	41,315	+/-2,387	17.5%	+/-1.0
$150,000 to $199,999	14,104	+/-1,857	6.0%	+/-0.8
$200,000 or more	11,137	+/-1,397	4.7%	+/-0.6
Median household income (dollars)	66,953	+/-2,331	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	81,471	+/-2,318	(X)	(X)
With earnings	209,299	+/-2,888	88.5%	+/-0.9
Mean earnings (dollars)	74,944	+/-2,329	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	44,238	+/-1,807	18.7%	+/-0.8
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,152	+/-452	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	44,965	+/-2,503	19.0%	+/-1.1
Mean retirement income (dollars)	25,825	+/-1,382	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	6,904	+/-1,281	2.9%	+/-0.5
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	6,971	+/-868	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	14,993	+/-2,262	6.3%	+/-0.9
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,008	+/-500	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	23,699	+/-2,465	10.0%	+/-1.0
Families	**159,940**	**+/-3,646**	**159,940**	**(X)**
Less than $10,000	4,568	+/-1,097	2.9%	+/-0.7
$10,000 to $14,999	2,744	+/-756	1.7%	+/-0.5
$15,000 to $24,999	7,966	+/-1,416	5.0%	+/-0.9
$25,000 to $34,999	11,410	+/-1,694	7.1%	+/-1.0
$35,000 to $49,999	18,965	+/-1,889	11.9%	+/-1.2
$50,000 to $74,999	29,442	+/-2,125	18.4%	+/-1.3
$75,000 to $99,999	30,363	+/-2,471	19.0%	+/-1.6
$100,000 to $149,999	32,813	+/-2,125	20.5%	+/-1.3
$150,000 to $199,999	12,356	+/-1,761	7.7%	+/-1.1
$200,000 or more	9,313	+/-1,322	5.8%	+/-0.8
Median family income (dollars)	79,934	+/-2,485	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	92,333	+/-2,979	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	29,504	+/-801	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	**76,657**	**+/-3,236**	**76,657**	**(X)**
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	43,789	+/-2,388	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	53,155	+/-2,540	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	30,878	+/-909	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	51,019	+/-1,369	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	39,017	+/-1,013	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	**678,081**	**+/-2,615**	**678,081**	**(X)**
With health insurance coverage	535,078	+/-7,876	78.9%	+/-1.1
With private health insurance coverage	437,591	+/-8,441	64.5%	+/-1.2
With public health coverage	154,417	+/-7,295	22.8%	+/-1.1
No health insurance coverage	143,003	+/-7,380	21.1%	+/-1.1
Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population Under 18 years	**183,261**	**+/-972**	**183,261**	**(X)**
No health insurance coverage	24,993	+/-3,041	13.6%	+/-1.6
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	6.2%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	10.6%	+/-1.4	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	11.9%	+/-3.9	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	2.2%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	4.0%	+/-1.0	(X)	(X)

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	4.1%	+/-2.5	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	21.9%	+/-4.0	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	28.8%	+/-4.9	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	35.6%	+/-11.8	(X)	(X)
All people	9.0%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	12.8%	+/-1.8	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	12.2%	+/-1.8	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	15.8%	+/-3.0	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	10.7%	+/-1.9	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	7.7%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	8.2%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	3.2%	+/-1.0	(X)	(X)
People in families	6.8%	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	18.4%	+/-1.9	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 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/Downloads/methodology/content_test/P6a_Employment_Status.pdf, and the "Evaluation Report Covering Weeks Worked" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/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.
·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.
·Logical coverage edits applying a rules-based assignment of Medicaid, Medicare and military health coverage were added in 2009 -- please see http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/publications/coverage_edits_final.pdf for more details.
·While the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 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.
·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.