

EMPLOYMENT STATUS
2012 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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.

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the [Data and Documentation](#) section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the [Methodology](#) section.

Subject	Alaska							
	Total		In labor force		Employed		Unemployment rate	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Population 16 years and over	564,238	+/-1,510	70.4%	+/-0.8	62.3%	+/-1.0	7.8%	+/-0.7
AGE								
16 to 19 years	39,882	+/-2,145	46.2%	+/-3.6	36.6%	+/-3.7	17.7%	+/-4.4
20 to 24 years	59,762	+/-1,970	81.9%	+/-2.7	64.0%	+/-3.3	12.8%	+/-2.1
25 to 44 years	205,113	+/-2,791	82.2%	+/-1.3	71.6%	+/-1.8	7.6%	+/-1.0
45 to 54 years	103,975	+/-1,977	81.6%	+/-1.6	75.7%	+/-1.7	6.7%	+/-1.1
55 to 64 years	93,387	+/-1,014	67.3%	+/-2.1	64.1%	+/-2.1	4.7%	+/-1.7
65 to 74 years	40,354	+/-825	29.7%	+/-3.4	28.7%	+/-3.3	3.5%	+/-2.2
75 years and over	21,765	+/-906	7.1%	+/-2.1	7.0%	+/-2.1	0.5%	+/-0.8
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN								
One race	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
White	394,580	+/-2,036	71.8%	+/-1.0	64.6%	+/-1.2	5.9%	+/-0.8
Black or African American	20,005	+/-877	78.7%	+/-5.1	64.3%	+/-5.9	6.6%	+/-3.7
American Indian and Alaska Native	73,817	+/-2,282	58.0%	+/-2.3	45.6%	+/-2.3	21.1%	+/-2.7
Asian	33,264	+/-1,435	75.0%	+/-3.3	69.1%	+/-3.7	6.5%	+/-2.8
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	32,260	+/-2,652	71.2%	+/-4.3	62.7%	+/-4.3	9.5%	+/-2.8
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	30,138	+/-578	74.4%	+/-4.4	64.4%	+/-5.2	3.0%	+/-1.5
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	375,343	+/-1,081	71.6%	+/-1.0	64.6%	+/-1.2	6.1%	+/-0.8
Population 20 to 64 years	462,237	+/-2,386	79.0%	+/-0.9	70.0%	+/-1.1	7.5%	+/-0.7
SEX								
Male	242,379	+/-1,893	83.4%	+/-1.3	71.1%	+/-1.6	8.6%	+/-1.1
Female	219,858	+/-1,591	74.2%	+/-1.3	68.9%	+/-1.3	6.2%	+/-0.8
With own children under 6 years	38,633	+/-2,397	64.6%	+/-3.5	58.7%	+/-3.9	7.6%	+/-2.0
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS								
Below poverty level	41,442	+/-2,924	51.6%	+/-3.4	34.4%	+/-3.3	33.0%	+/-4.6
DISABILITY STATUS								
With any disability	48,060	+/-3,586	46.6%	+/-3.9	39.2%	+/-3.9	14.3%	+/-3.9
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT								
Population 25 to 64 years	402,475	+/-2,217	78.6%	+/-0.9	70.9%	+/-1.1	6.8%	+/-0.7
Less than high school graduate	27,430	+/-2,654	53.5%	+/-4.3	44.7%	+/-4.0	16.5%	+/-4.4
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	112,712	+/-4,298	74.6%	+/-1.6	65.3%	+/-1.9	11.2%	+/-1.8
Some college or associate's degree	148,888	+/-4,736	79.7%	+/-1.9	71.4%	+/-2.2	5.9%	+/-1.2
Bachelor's degree or higher	113,445	+/-4,921	87.0%	+/-1.5	82.2%	+/-1.6	2.4%	+/-0.6
PERCENT IMPUTED								
Employment status for population 16 years and over	4.1%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey

Explanation of Symbols:

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.

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.

An "l" following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.

An "u" following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.

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.

An "*****" entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

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.

An "(X)" means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

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](#).

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/people/laborforce/>.

The "Employed" and "Unemployment rate" columns refer to the civilian population. For more information, see the [ACS Subject Definitions](#).

While the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 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.