

SELECTED ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS
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.

Versions of this table are available for the following years:
 2013
 2012
 2011
 2010

Subject	Alaska			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	564,238	+/-1,510	564,238	(X)
In labor force	397,115	+/-4,604	70.4%	+/-0.8
Civilian labor force	381,360	+/-5,246	67.6%	+/-0.9
Employed	351,496	+/-5,687	62.3%	+/-1.0
Unemployed	29,864	+/-2,563	5.3%	+/-0.5
Armed Forces	15,755	+/-1,575	2.8%	+/-0.3
Not in labor force	167,123	+/-4,704	29.6%	+/-0.8
Civilian labor force	381,360	+/-5,246	381,360	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	7.8%	+/-0.7
Females 16 years and over				
Population 16 years and over	269,997	+/-1,509	269,997	(X)
In labor force	177,372	+/-3,201	65.7%	+/-1.2
Civilian labor force	175,699	+/-3,124	65.1%	+/-1.2
Employed	164,090	+/-3,202	60.8%	+/-1.2
Own children under 6 years	62,172	+/-1,623	62,172	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	38,022	+/-2,290	61.2%	+/-3.7
Own children 6 to 17 years	115,704	+/-1,991	115,704	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	79,261	+/-3,260	68.5%	+/-2.6
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	356,567	+/-5,362	356,567	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	235,946	+/-5,800	66.2%	+/-1.4
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	47,473	+/-4,331	13.3%	+/-1.2
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	5,746	+/-1,261	1.6%	+/-0.4
Walked	26,338	+/-2,408	7.4%	+/-0.7
Other means	21,165	+/-2,547	5.9%	+/-0.7
Worked at home	19,899	+/-2,496	5.6%	+/-0.7
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	19.6	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	351,496	+/-5,687	351,496	(X)
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	129,230	+/-5,230	36.8%	+/-1.5
Service occupations	67,497	+/-4,653	19.2%	+/-1.2
Sales and office occupations	75,326	+/-4,300	21.4%	+/-1.2
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	41,592	+/-2,693	11.8%	+/-0.8
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	37,851	+/-2,969	10.8%	+/-0.8
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	351,496	+/-5,687	351,496	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	19,273	+/-2,181	5.5%	+/-0.6
Construction	25,577	+/-2,824	7.3%	+/-0.8
Manufacturing	13,336	+/-1,995	3.8%	+/-0.6
Wholesale trade	5,482	+/-1,278	1.6%	+/-0.4
Retail trade	37,543	+/-3,452	10.7%	+/-1.0
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	25,838	+/-2,351	7.4%	+/-0.7
Information	6,781	+/-1,337	1.9%	+/-0.4
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	14,746	+/-2,072	4.2%	+/-0.6
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	28,546	+/-3,410	8.1%	+/-1.0
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	85,671	+/-4,479	24.4%	+/-1.3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	32,832	+/-3,245	9.3%	+/-0.9
Other services, except public administration	14,624	+/-1,716	4.2%	+/-0.5
Public administration	41,247	+/-2,605	11.7%	+/-0.8
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	351,496	+/-5,687	351,496	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	237,316	+/-6,735	67.5%	+/-1.3
Government workers	91,227	+/-3,953	26.0%	+/-1.2
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	22,407	+/-2,298	6.4%	+/-0.7
Unpaid family workers	546	+/-272	0.2%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	251,651	+/-2,883	251,651	(X)
Less than \$10,000	9,859	+/-1,330	3.9%	+/-0.5
\$10,000 to \$14,999	9,950	+/-1,234	4.0%	+/-0.5
\$15,000 to \$24,999	21,001	+/-1,895	8.3%	+/-0.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	20,745	+/-1,935	8.2%	+/-0.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	30,235	+/-2,170	12.0%	+/-0.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	47,529	+/-3,019	18.9%	+/-1.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	35,551	+/-2,599	14.1%	+/-1.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	43,832	+/-2,873	17.4%	+/-1.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	18,160	+/-1,860	7.2%	+/-0.7
\$200,000 or more	14,789	+/-1,556	5.9%	+/-0.6
Median household income (dollars)	67,712	+/-1,894	(X)	(X)

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Mean household income (dollars)	84,738	+/-1,964	(X)	(X)
With earnings	218,298	+/-3,281	86.7%	+/-0.7
Mean earnings (dollars)	80,495	+/-1,990	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	51,297	+/-2,134	20.4%	+/-0.9
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,122	+/-456	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	47,239	+/-2,447	18.8%	+/-1.0
Mean retirement income (dollars)	26,071	+/-1,359	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	11,572	+/-1,652	4.6%	+/-0.6
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,990	+/-683	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	16,535	+/-1,654	6.6%	+/-0.6
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,337	+/-335	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	28,724	+/-2,316	11.4%	+/-0.9
Families	166,400	+/-3,894	166,400	(X)
Less than \$10,000	4,627	+/-918	2.8%	+/-0.5
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3,300	+/-729	2.0%	+/-0.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	9,703	+/-1,256	5.8%	+/-0.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	11,011	+/-1,635	6.6%	+/-1.0
\$35,000 to \$49,999	16,007	+/-1,605	9.6%	+/-0.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	32,137	+/-2,581	19.3%	+/-1.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	27,859	+/-2,447	16.7%	+/-1.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	34,852	+/-2,500	20.9%	+/-1.5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	15,349	+/-1,643	9.2%	+/-0.9
\$200,000 or more	11,555	+/-1,286	6.9%	+/-0.8
Median family income (dollars)	80,219	+/-2,105	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	95,924	+/-2,726	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	31,890	+/-675	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	85,251	+/-3,436	85,251	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	41,357	+/-1,344	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	58,159	+/-3,201	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	34,405	+/-1,764	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	57,068	+/-2,972	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	42,345	+/-2,222	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	708,946	+/-1,546	708,946	(X)
With health insurance coverage	563,658	+/-7,270	79.5%	+/-1.0
With private health insurance	445,583	+/-9,155	62.9%	+/-1.3
With public coverage	181,695	+/-6,585	25.6%	+/-0.9
No health insurance coverage	145,288	+/-7,233	20.5%	+/-1.0
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	187,072	+/-303	187,072	(X)
No health insurance coverage	25,957	+/-3,436	13.9%	+/-1.8
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	460,946	+/-1,786	460,946	(X)
In labor force:	362,069	+/-5,042	362,069	(X)
Employed:	333,552	+/-5,579	333,552	(X)
With health insurance coverage	259,778	+/-6,451	77.9%	+/-1.2
With private health insurance	247,157	+/-6,699	74.1%	+/-1.4
With public coverage	25,370	+/-2,640	7.6%	+/-0.8
No health insurance coverage	73,774	+/-4,061	22.1%	+/-1.2
Unemployed:	28,517	+/-2,511	28,517	(X)
With health insurance coverage	13,040	+/-1,803	45.7%	+/-5.4
With private health insurance	8,353	+/-1,487	29.3%	+/-4.8
With public coverage	5,342	+/-951	18.7%	+/-3.0
No health insurance coverage	15,477	+/-2,198	54.3%	+/-5.4
Not in labor force:	98,877	+/-4,462	98,877	(X)
With health insurance coverage	69,310	+/-4,024	70.1%	+/-2.3
With private health insurance	45,461	+/-3,051	46.0%	+/-2.3
With public coverage	29,715	+/-2,843	30.1%	+/-2.5
No health insurance coverage	29,567	+/-2,535	29.9%	+/-2.3
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	(X)	(X)	7.5%	+/-0.8
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	11.9%	+/-1.4
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	14.1%	+/-3.6
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	2.9%	+/-0.6
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	4.0%	+/-1.0
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	2.0%	+/-1.4
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	23.7%	+/-3.6
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	29.3%	+/-4.8
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	42.1%	+/-12.6
All people	(X)	(X)	10.1%	+/-0.7
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	13.9%	+/-1.5
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	13.5%	+/-1.4
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	16.6%	+/-2.4
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	12.2%	+/-1.5
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	8.8%	+/-0.6
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	9.4%	+/-0.7
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	4.4%	+/-1.1
People in families	(X)	(X)	8.2%	+/-0.9
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	17.7%	+/-1.4

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

An '+' 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/>.

Workers include members of the Armed Forces and civilians who were at work last week.

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.

Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2010.

The health insurance coverage category names were modified in 2010. See [ACS Health Insurance Definitions](#) for a list of the insurance type 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.