

SELECTED ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS
2011 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	554,678	+/-1,587	554,678	(X)
In labor force	394,406	+/-5,521	71.1%	+/-1.0
Civilian labor force	377,710	+/-5,868	68.1%	+/-1.0
Employed	344,343	+/-5,706	62.1%	+/-1.0
Unemployed	33,367	+/-2,880	6.0%	+/-0.5
Armed Forces	16,696	+/-1,859	3.0%	+/-0.3
Not in labor force	160,272	+/-5,382	28.9%	+/-1.0
Civilian labor force	377,710	+/-5,868	377,710	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	8.8%	+/-0.7
Females 16 years and over				
Population 16 years and over	267,697	+/-1,375	267,697	(X)
In labor force	179,634	+/-4,291	67.1%	+/-1.5
Civilian labor force	177,097	+/-4,374	66.2%	+/-1.6
Employed	163,555	+/-4,528	61.1%	+/-1.6
Own children under 6 years	62,859	+/-1,415	62,859	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	39,735	+/-2,140	63.2%	+/-3.5
Own children 6 to 17 years	118,232	+/-1,681	118,232	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	79,764	+/-3,755	67.5%	+/-3.0
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	348,777	+/-5,794	348,777	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	237,947	+/-6,151	68.2%	+/-1.2
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	43,244	+/-3,560	12.4%	+/-1.0
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	6,474	+/-1,704	1.9%	+/-0.5
Walked	26,407	+/-1,773	7.6%	+/-0.5
Other means	17,830	+/-1,646	5.1%	+/-0.5
Worked at home	16,875	+/-2,033	4.8%	+/-0.6
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.4	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	344,343	+/-5,706	344,343	(X)
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	123,900	+/-5,136	36.0%	+/-1.4
Service occupations	58,100	+/-4,395	16.9%	+/-1.3
Sales and office occupations	81,214	+/-4,594	23.6%	+/-1.2
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	43,857	+/-3,492	12.7%	+/-1.0
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	37,272	+/-3,507	10.8%	+/-1.0
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	344,343	+/-5,706	344,343	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	17,986	+/-2,221	5.2%	+/-0.7
Construction	26,934	+/-3,078	7.8%	+/-0.9
Manufacturing	11,367	+/-1,753	3.3%	+/-0.5
Wholesale trade	7,150	+/-1,399	2.1%	+/-0.4
Retail trade	39,385	+/-3,218	11.4%	+/-0.9
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	23,699	+/-2,467	6.9%	+/-0.7
Information	6,054	+/-1,155	1.8%	+/-0.3
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	13,756	+/-2,151	4.0%	+/-0.6
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	29,246	+/-2,411	8.5%	+/-0.7
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	82,362	+/-4,413	23.9%	+/-1.2
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	29,437	+/-3,270	8.5%	+/-0.9
Other services, except public administration	14,738	+/-1,857	4.3%	+/-0.5
Public administration	42,229	+/-3,053	12.3%	+/-0.9
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	344,343	+/-5,706	344,343	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	228,083	+/-6,418	66.2%	+/-1.4
Government workers	91,904	+/-4,923	26.7%	+/-1.4
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	23,873	+/-2,307	6.9%	+/-0.7
Unpaid family workers	483	+/-334	0.1%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2011 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	257,330	+/-3,380	257,330	(X)
Less than \$10,000	10,654	+/-1,325	4.1%	+/-0.5
\$10,000 to \$14,999	9,834	+/-1,523	3.8%	+/-0.6
\$15,000 to \$24,999	18,506	+/-2,018	7.2%	+/-0.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	20,794	+/-2,226	8.1%	+/-0.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	32,304	+/-2,918	12.6%	+/-1.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	51,312	+/-3,608	19.9%	+/-1.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	39,608	+/-2,920	15.4%	+/-1.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999	44,503	+/-2,611	17.3%	+/-1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	19,164	+/-2,398	7.4%	+/-0.9
\$200,000 or more	10,651	+/-1,577	4.1%	+/-0.6
Median household income (dollars)	67,825	+/-1,948	(X)	(X)

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Mean household income (dollars)	82,665	+/-2,364	(X)	(X)
With earnings	221,573	+/-3,744	86.1%	+/-0.9
Mean earnings (dollars)	79,350	+/-2,276	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	50,416	+/-1,870	19.6%	+/-0.7
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,157	+/-499	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	44,136	+/-2,751	17.2%	+/-1.1
Mean retirement income (dollars)	28,459	+/-1,520	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	10,680	+/-1,511	4.2%	+/-0.6
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,940	+/-764	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	15,757	+/-1,942	6.1%	+/-0.7
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,005	+/-398	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	26,807	+/-2,450	10.4%	+/-0.9
Families	173,279	+/-4,602	173,279	(X)
Less than \$10,000	5,143	+/-997	3.0%	+/-0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3,305	+/-856	1.9%	+/-0.5
\$15,000 to \$24,999	9,956	+/-1,611	5.7%	+/-0.9
\$25,000 to \$34,999	12,427	+/-1,871	7.2%	+/-1.1
\$35,000 to \$49,999	18,963	+/-1,960	10.9%	+/-1.1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	35,911	+/-3,183	20.7%	+/-1.8
\$75,000 to \$99,999	27,333	+/-2,576	15.8%	+/-1.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	35,377	+/-2,698	20.4%	+/-1.4
\$150,000 to \$199,999	16,143	+/-2,029	9.3%	+/-1.2
\$200,000 or more	8,721	+/-1,320	5.0%	+/-0.8
Median family income (dollars)	75,786	+/-2,534	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	92,339	+/-2,831	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	31,405	+/-856	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	84,051	+/-3,827	84,051	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	42,813	+/-2,507	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	57,077	+/-3,164	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	34,313	+/-1,839	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	52,379	+/-3,182	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	40,550	+/-1,065	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	699,272	+/-1,868	699,272	(X)
With health insurance coverage	558,612	+/-5,800	79.9%	+/-0.8
With private health insurance	439,721	+/-10,093	62.9%	+/-1.4
With public coverage	176,695	+/-7,734	25.3%	+/-1.1
No health insurance coverage	140,660	+/-5,748	20.1%	+/-0.8
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	187,708	+/-459	187,708	(X)
No health insurance coverage	22,109	+/-2,528	11.8%	+/-1.3
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	454,580	+/-2,067	454,580	(X)
In labor force:	359,260	+/-5,496	359,260	(X)
Employed:	327,272	+/-5,603	327,272	(X)
With health insurance coverage	253,239	+/-6,277	77.4%	+/-1.4
With private health insurance	240,641	+/-6,522	73.5%	+/-1.5
With public coverage	23,645	+/-2,317	7.2%	+/-0.7
No health insurance coverage	74,033	+/-4,792	22.6%	+/-1.4
Unemployed:	31,988	+/-2,879	31,988	(X)
With health insurance coverage	15,129	+/-2,179	47.3%	+/-4.8
With private health insurance	8,302	+/-1,291	26.0%	+/-3.3
With public coverage	7,469	+/-1,605	23.3%	+/-4.3
No health insurance coverage	16,859	+/-2,022	52.7%	+/-4.8
Not in labor force:	95,320	+/-5,040	95,320	(X)
With health insurance coverage	68,724	+/-3,986	72.1%	+/-2.1
With private health insurance	47,862	+/-2,913	50.2%	+/-2.2
With public coverage	26,024	+/-2,596	27.3%	+/-2.0
No health insurance coverage	26,596	+/-2,557	27.9%	+/-2.1
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	(X)	(X)	6.9%	+/-1.0
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	11.2%	+/-1.6
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	10.8%	+/-3.0
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	3.0%	+/-0.6
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	4.7%	+/-1.0
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	3.8%	+/-2.1
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	19.1%	+/-3.7
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	23.7%	+/-4.7
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	21.9%	+/-8.5
All people	(X)	(X)	10.5%	+/-0.8
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	14.5%	+/-2.1
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	14.3%	+/-2.1
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	14.2%	+/-2.3
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	14.3%	+/-2.5
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	9.0%	+/-0.6
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	9.3%	+/-0.6
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	6.3%	+/-1.5
People in families	(X)	(X)	8.5%	+/-1.1
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	18.1%	+/-1.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 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.

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.

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.

This table contains new estimates for health insurance coverage status by employment status in 2010.

While the 2011 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.