

SELECTED ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS
2015 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:

2015
2014
2013
2012
2011
2010

Subject	Alaska			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	571,393	+/-1,430	571,393	(X)
In labor force	402,913	+/-4,718	70.5%	+/-0.8
Civilian labor force	385,165	+/-4,843	67.4%	+/-0.9
Employed	354,766	+/-5,022	62.1%	+/-0.9
Unemployed	30,399	+/-2,820	5.3%	+/-0.5
Armed Forces	17,748	+/-1,787	3.1%	+/-0.3
Not in labor force	168,480	+/-4,900	29.5%	+/-0.8
Civilian labor force	385,165	+/-4,843	385,165	(X)
Unemployment Rate	(X)	(X)	7.9%	+/-0.7
Females 16 years and over				
In labor force	175,071	+/-3,259	65.0%	+/-1.1
Civilian labor force	172,926	+/-3,376	64.2%	+/-1.2
Employed	161,374	+/-3,081	59.9%	+/-1.1
Own children of the householder under 6 years	63,071	+/-1,789	63,071	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	41,000	+/-2,340	65.0%	+/-3.1
Own children of the householder 6 to 17 years	113,245	+/-2,162	113,245	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	80,652	+/-3,346	71.2%	+/-2.8
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	363,075	+/-5,057	363,075	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	246,577	+/-5,808	67.9%	+/-1.1
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	45,738	+/-3,719	12.6%	+/-1.0
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	5,608	+/-1,198	1.5%	+/-0.3
Walked	28,801	+/-2,457	7.9%	+/-0.7
Other means	20,256	+/-1,915	5.6%	+/-0.5
Worked at home	16,095	+/-2,050	4.4%	+/-0.6
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	19.2	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	354,766	+/-5,022	354,766	(X)
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	129,291	+/-4,827	36.4%	+/-1.3
Service occupations	62,930	+/-4,124	17.7%	+/-1.2
Sales and office occupations	80,331	+/-5,364	22.6%	+/-1.5
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	42,889	+/-3,368	12.1%	+/-0.9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	39,325	+/-3,353	11.1%	+/-0.9
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	354,766	+/-5,022	354,766	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	18,954	+/-2,066	5.3%	+/-0.6
Construction	25,415	+/-2,405	7.2%	+/-0.7
Manufacturing	11,461	+/-1,778	3.2%	+/-0.5
Wholesale trade	7,250	+/-1,267	2.0%	+/-0.4
Retail trade	38,999	+/-3,252	11.0%	+/-0.9
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	27,012	+/-2,305	7.6%	+/-0.6
Information	6,916	+/-1,539	1.9%	+/-0.4
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	12,651	+/-1,780	3.6%	+/-0.5
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	30,351	+/-2,972	8.6%	+/-0.8
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	83,083	+/-3,922	23.4%	+/-1.1
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	34,319	+/-3,119	9.7%	+/-0.8
Other services, except public administration	16,760	+/-1,879	4.7%	+/-0.5
Public administration	41,595	+/-2,752	11.7%	+/-0.8
CLASS OF WORKER				
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Private wage and salary workers	244,484	+/-5,704	68.9%	+/-1.1
Government workers	87,096	+/-4,015	24.6%	+/-1.1
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	22,186	+/-2,182	6.3%	+/-0.6
Unpaid family workers	1,000	+/-440	0.3%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2015 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	250,185	+/-2,685	250,185	(X)
Less than \$10,000	9,842	+/-1,462	3.9%	+/-0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	8,052	+/-1,280	3.2%	+/-0.5
\$15,000 to \$24,999	16,910	+/-1,896	6.8%	+/-0.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	18,906	+/-1,970	7.6%	+/-0.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	29,640	+/-2,349	11.8%	+/-0.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	44,247	+/-2,935	17.7%	+/-1.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	37,646	+/-3,100	15.0%	+/-1.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	46,979	+/-2,859	18.8%	+/-1.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	21,191	+/-1,849	8.5%	+/-0.7
\$200,000 or more	16,772	+/-1,828	6.7%	+/-0.7
Median household income (dollars)	73,355	+/-2,316	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	92,876	+/-2,964	(X)	(X)
With earnings	215,499	+/-2,568	86.1%	+/-0.8
Mean earnings (dollars)	86,273	+/-2,804	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	50,549	+/-1,764	20.2%	+/-0.7
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	16,586	+/-567	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	47,683	+/-2,368	19.1%	+/-1.0
Mean retirement income (dollars)	32,226	+/-1,995	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	14,001	+/-1,530	5.6%	+/-0.6
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	9,835	+/-668	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	16,076	+/-1,675	6.4%	+/-0.7
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,914	+/-382	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	26,915	+/-2,303	10.8%	+/-0.9
Families	163,800	+/-3,113	163,800	(X)
Less than \$10,000	4,138	+/-896	2.5%	+/-0.5
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,508	+/-690	1.5%	+/-0.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	7,996	+/-1,239	4.9%	+/-0.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10,503	+/-1,411	6.4%	+/-0.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	16,638	+/-1,488	10.2%	+/-0.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	29,033	+/-2,447	17.7%	+/-1.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	24,279	+/-2,246	14.8%	+/-1.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	37,039	+/-2,628	22.6%	+/-1.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	17,523	+/-1,545	10.7%	+/-0.9
\$200,000 or more	14,143	+/-1,535	8.6%	+/-1.0
Median family income (dollars)	86,376	+/-3,414	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	105,426	+/-3,448	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	34,352	+/-954	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	86,385	+/-3,614	86,385	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	46,933	+/-4,007	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	63,653	+/-4,608	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	35,552	+/-770	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	55,752	+/-1,897	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	43,455	+/-3,765	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	713,082	+/-1,787	713,082	(X)
With health insurance coverage	607,116	+/-5,474	85.1%	+/-0.7
With private health insurance	477,973	+/-9,559	67.0%	+/-1.3
With public coverage	204,978	+/-7,062	28.7%	+/-1.0
No health insurance coverage	105,966	+/-5,147	14.9%	+/-0.7
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	185,917	+/-591	185,917	(X)
No health insurance coverage	19,665	+/-2,439	10.6%	+/-1.3
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	457,079	+/-2,180	457,079	(X)
In labor force:	362,263	+/-4,267	362,263	(X)
Employed:	334,297	+/-4,709	334,297	(X)
With health insurance coverage	280,853	+/-5,086	84.0%	+/-1.2
With private health insurance	262,511	+/-5,560	78.5%	+/-1.4
With public coverage	33,339	+/-3,324	10.0%	+/-1.0
No health insurance coverage	53,444	+/-4,162	16.0%	+/-1.2
Unemployed:	27,966	+/-2,644	27,966	(X)

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With health insurance coverage	16,750	+/-1,968	59.9%	+/-4.7
With private health insurance	10,996	+/-1,825	39.3%	+/-5.0
With public coverage	7,760	+/-1,253	27.7%	+/-3.8
No health insurance coverage	11,216	+/-1,761	40.1%	+/-4.7
Not in labor force:	94,816	+/-4,139	94.816	(X)
With health insurance coverage	73,909	+/-3,731	77.9%	+/-1.9
With private health insurance	50,308	+/-3,533	53.1%	+/-2.7
With public coverage	30,218	+/-2,197	31.9%	+/-1.9
No health insurance coverage	20,907	+/-2,027	22.1%	+/-1.9
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	(X)	(X)	7.0%	+/-0.8
With related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	11.9%	+/-1.6
With related children of the householder under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	10.0%	+/-3.7
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	2.6%	+/-0.5
With related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	4.5%	+/-1.1
With related children of the householder under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	2.0%	+/-1.4
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	20.5%	+/-3.6
With related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	26.6%	+/-4.7
With related children of the householder under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	31.0%	+/-15.2
All people	(X)	(X)	10.3%	+/-0.8
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	15.2%	+/-1.8
Related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	14.6%	+/-1.8
Related children of the householder under 5 years	(X)	(X)	16.1%	+/-2.6
Related children of the householder 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	14.0%	+/-2.0
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	8.7%	+/-0.6
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	9.3%	+/-0.7
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	4.5%	+/-1.2
People in families	(X)	(X)	8.1%	+/-0.9
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	18.5%	+/-1.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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](#).

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 2012. 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.

Logical coverage edits applying a rules-based assignment of Medicaid, Medicare and military health coverage were added as of 2009 -- please see http://www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2010/demo/coverage_edits_final.html for more details. The 2008 data table in American FactFinder does not incorporate these edits. Therefore, the estimates that appear in these tables are not comparable to the estimates in the 2009 and later tables. Select geographies of 2008 data comparable to the 2009 and later tables are available at <http://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/acs/1-year-re-run-health-insurance.html>. The health insurance coverage category names were modified in 2010. See http://www.census.gov/topics/health/health-insurance/about/glossary.html#par_textimage_18 for a list of the insurance type definitions.

While the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 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 2010 data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.