

EMPLOYMENT STATUS
2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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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:

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Subject	Alaska							
	Total		Labor Force Participation Rate		Employment/Population Ratio		Unemployment rate	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Population 16 years and over	575,088	+/-1,406	70.2%	+/-0.8	62.1%	+/-1.0	8.0%	+/-0.8
AGE								
16 to 19 years	39,247	+/-2,261	40.3%	+/-3.3	28.5%	+/-3.1	24.6%	+/-6.4
20 to 24 years	56,890	+/-1,971	82.3%	+/-2.9	59.1%	+/-3.7	17.2%	+/-3.4
25 to 29 years	64,041	+/-1,767	84.1%	+/-2.3	74.0%	+/-2.5	6.2%	+/-1.4
30 to 34 years	57,588	+/-2,135	82.7%	+/-2.1	71.8%	+/-2.9	8.3%	+/-2.0
35 to 44 years	92,373	+/-2,398	82.9%	+/-1.7	76.3%	+/-2.0	5.4%	+/-1.3
45 to 54 years	93,124	+/-2,090	82.3%	+/-1.7	76.5%	+/-1.8	6.4%	+/-1.3
55 to 59 years	54,081	+/-2,687	78.2%	+/-2.6	73.0%	+/-3.1	6.7%	+/-2.8
60 to 64 years	41,912	+/-2,254	58.7%	+/-3.2	56.0%	+/-3.5	4.5%	+/-2.4
65 to 74 years	52,097	+/-1,100	33.7%	+/-3.0	32.8%	+/-3.0	2.6%	+/-1.5
75 years and over	23,735	+/-892	8.3%	+/-2.3	7.5%	+/-2.3	9.5%	+/-9.0
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN								
White alone	388,347	+/-2,647	71.7%	+/-0.9	64.7%	+/-1.2	5.4%	+/-0.7
Black or African American alone	19,507	+/-1,407	73.9%	+/-5.1	62.6%	+/-7.1	8.6%	+/-5.5
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	77,053	+/-2,458	58.0%	+/-2.4	45.4%	+/-2.6	21.3%	+/-2.3
Asian alone	36,785	+/-1,887	76.1%	+/-3.3	71.9%	+/-3.7	3.7%	+/-1.7
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Some other race alone	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Two or more races	36,168	+/-3,558	68.7%	+/-3.5	59.1%	+/-3.6	11.7%	+/-3.2
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	35,955	+/-815	75.6%	+/-3.9	61.2%	+/-4.7	11.5%	+/-7.2
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	370,097	+/-1,101	71.6%	+/-1.0	64.9%	+/-1.3	5.4%	+/-0.7
Population 20 to 64 years	460,009	+/-2,008	80.1%	+/-0.9	71.1%	+/-1.1	7.5%	+/-0.8
SEX								
Male	242,815	+/-2,053	84.6%	+/-1.2	72.9%	+/-1.5	8.2%	+/-1.4
Female	217,194	+/-1,859	75.1%	+/-1.4	69.1%	+/-1.4	6.8%	+/-0.7
With own children under 18 years	73,940	+/-3,202	75.3%	+/-2.5	68.9%	+/-2.8	7.7%	+/-1.5
With own children under 6 years only	18,645	+/-1,864	75.7%	+/-4.6	65.8%	+/-5.7	10.6%	+/-5.2
With own children under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	17,605	+/-1,737	64.6%	+/-5.4	59.3%	+/-5.6	8.1%	+/-3.4
With own children under 6 to 17 years only	37,690	+/-2,268	80.1%	+/-2.6	74.9%	+/-3.0	6.3%	+/-1.8
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS								
Below poverty level	40,410	+/-3,551	52.7%	+/-4.0	34.9%	+/-3.3	33.0%	+/-4.0
At or above the poverty level	408,531	+/-3,903	83.7%	+/-0.9	76.4%	+/-1.2	5.9%	+/-0.8
DISABILITY STATUS								
With any disability	49,818	+/-3,709	55.7%	+/-3.3	47.9%	+/-3.6	12.9%	+/-3.5
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT								
Population 25 to 64 years	403,119	+/-2,327	79.8%	+/-1.0	72.8%	+/-1.1	6.3%	+/-0.7
Less than high school graduate	24,835	+/-2,047	59.0%	+/-5.4	52.3%	+/-5.1	11.3%	+/-2.9

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High school graduate (includes equivalency)	114,575	+/-4,602	73.7%	+/-1.8	65.8%	+/-2.1	9.6%	+/-1.4
Some college or associate's degree	145,856	+/-5,586	82.3%	+/-1.4	74.6%	+/-1.8	6.2%	+/-1.5
Bachelor's degree or higher	117,853	+/-4,945	86.9%	+/-1.3	81.7%	+/-1.5	2.9%	+/-0.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 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](#).

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

While the 2016 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.