

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

2017 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 [Technical 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.

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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	573,196	+/-1,289	68.0%	+/-0.8	60.2%	+/-0.9	7.6%	+/-0.7
AGE								
16 to 19 years	37,315	+/-2,364	43.3%	+/-3.9	34.1%	+/-4.0	16.8%	+/-4.1
20 to 24 years	54,320	+/-2,689	81.1%	+/-2.4	58.7%	+/-3.2	14.6%	+/-3.1
25 to 29 years	62,707	+/-1,693	82.1%	+/-2.4	68.7%	+/-3.4	10.1%	+/-2.4
30 to 34 years	55,442	+/-2,089	79.8%	+/-2.7	70.1%	+/-3.1	8.0%	+/-2.3
35 to 44 years	97,124	+/-2,737	83.0%	+/-1.9	75.8%	+/-2.1	5.4%	+/-1.1
45 to 54 years	89,052	+/-2,406	81.7%	+/-2.0	76.0%	+/-2.2	6.1%	+/-1.6
55 to 59 years	49,003	+/-2,184	72.2%	+/-3.3	69.1%	+/-3.3	4.3%	+/-1.1
60 to 64 years	45,192	+/-2,156	59.5%	+/-3.5	56.5%	+/-3.8	5.2%	+/-2.4
65 to 74 years	56,838	+/-1,340	28.6%	+/-3.4	27.7%	+/-3.4	3.1%	+/-1.9
75 years and over	26,203	+/-900	7.7%	+/-2.0	7.7%	+/-2.0	0.2%	+/-0.4
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN								
White alone	385,348	+/-2,261	68.7%	+/-1.2	62.1%	+/-1.2	5.6%	+/-0.7
Black or African American alone	18,523	+/-1,161	78.6%	+/-5.3	59.3%	+/-6.9	7.1%	+/-4.7
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	78,242	+/-2,702	60.0%	+/-2.1	48.1%	+/-2.1	19.8%	+/-2.5
Asian alone	38,812	+/-1,467	71.2%	+/-3.2	68.3%	+/-3.2	3.2%	+/-1.5
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	37,004	+/-3,825	65.8%	+/-3.7	56.3%	+/-4.0	11.3%	+/-2.7
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	35,874	+/-541	73.9%	+/-4.5	61.3%	+/-4.9	6.8%	+/-3.9
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	366,511	+/-946	68.3%	+/-1.2	62.0%	+/-1.2	5.4%	+/-0.7
Population 20 to 64 years	452,840	+/-2,222	78.5%	+/-0.9	69.5%	+/-1.1	7.4%	+/-0.8
SEX								
Male	239,445	+/-1,652	82.7%	+/-1.3	70.4%	+/-1.6	8.5%	+/-1.0
Female	213,395	+/-1,734	73.8%	+/-1.3	68.4%	+/-1.5	6.2%	+/-1.1
With own children under 18 years	79,562	+/-3,156	71.5%	+/-2.5	66.8%	+/-2.8	5.8%	+/-1.7
With own children under 6 years only	18,256	+/-2,304	63.7%	+/-5.0	60.1%	+/-5.1	4.6%	+/-2.3
With own children under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	20,559	+/-2,309	61.4%	+/-5.5	56.6%	+/-5.8	5.6%	+/-3.1
With own children under 6 to 17 years only	40,747	+/-2,524	80.0%	+/-3.1	75.0%	+/-3.7	6.3%	+/-2.6
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS								
Below poverty level	44,079	+/-3,335	53.2%	+/-3.8	34.3%	+/-3.7	35.1%	+/-4.4
At or above the poverty level	398,063	+/-3,960	82.0%	+/-1.0	75.0%	+/-1.1	5.4%	+/-0.7
DISABILITY STATUS								
With any disability	51,396	+/-3,956	51.7%	+/-3.7	45.0%	+/-3.8	12.3%	+/-3.6

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT								
Population 25 to 64 years	398,520	+/-2,503	78.1%	+/-1.0	70.9%	+/-1.1	6.5%	+/-0.7
Less than high school graduate	29,760	+/-2,661	57.7%	+/-5.1	47.8%	+/-5.4	16.9%	+/-4.0
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	112,788	+/-4,901	74.0%	+/-2.0	65.8%	+/-2.2	9.9%	+/-1.6
Some college or associate's degree	142,661	+/-4,444	79.7%	+/-1.7	71.6%	+/-2.0	6.3%	+/-1.1
Bachelor's degree or higher	113,311	+/-5,311	85.6%	+/-1.7	81.3%	+/-1.7	2.0%	+/-0.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 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 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the July 2015 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delineations 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 delineations due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

Estimates of urban and rural populations, 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.