

**SELECTED ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**  
**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.

Versions of this table are available for the following years:

- 2017**
- 2016**
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Subject	Alaska			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>				
Population 16 years and over	573,196	+/-1,289	573,196	(X)
In labor force	389,858	+/-4,919	68.0%	+/-0.8
Civilian labor force	373,249	+/-5,136	65.1%	+/-0.9
Employed	344,982	+/-5,496	60.2%	+/-0.9
Unemployed	28,267	+/-2,745	4.9%	+/-0.5
Armed Forces	16,609	+/-2,173	2.9%	+/-0.4
Not in labor force	183,338	+/-4,845	32.0%	+/-0.8
Civilian labor force	373,249	+/-5,136	373,249	(X)
Unemployment Rate	(X)	(X)	7.6%	+/-0.7
Females 16 years and over				
In labor force	173,184	+/-2,964	63.9%	+/-1.2
Civilian labor force	171,199	+/-3,042	63.2%	+/-1.2
Employed	160,180	+/-3,461	59.1%	+/-1.3
Own children of the householder under 6 years				
All parents in family in labor force	34,796	+/-2,466	57.3%	+/-3.4
Own children of the householder 6 to 17 years				
All parents in family in labor force	75,800	+/-3,743	67.7%	+/-2.9
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>				
Workers 16 years and over	351,282	+/-6,043	351,282	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	243,466	+/-6,186	69.3%	+/-1.4
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	41,554	+/-4,193	11.8%	+/-1.1
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	5,827	+/-1,561	1.7%	+/-0.4
Walked	25,829	+/-2,365	7.4%	+/-0.7
Other means	18,622	+/-1,701	5.3%	+/-0.5
Worked at home	15,984	+/-2,030	4.6%	+/-0.6
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	19.6	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
<b>OCCUPATION</b>				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	344,982	+/-5,496	344,982	(X)
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	128,922	+/-5,582	37.4%	+/-1.4
Service occupations	59,915	+/-3,879	17.4%	+/-1.2
Sales and office occupations	80,166	+/-4,243	23.2%	+/-1.2
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	38,802	+/-3,295	11.2%	+/-0.9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	37,177	+/-3,324	10.8%	+/-0.9
<b>INDUSTRY</b>				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	344,982	+/-5,496	344,982	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	15,248	+/-1,784	4.4%	+/-0.5
Construction	25,180	+/-2,525	7.3%	+/-0.7
Manufacturing	12,344	+/-2,100	3.6%	+/-0.6
Wholesale trade	5,922	+/-1,492	1.7%	+/-0.4
Retail trade	40,381	+/-3,881	11.7%	+/-1.1
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	28,841	+/-3,071	8.4%	+/-0.9
Information	7,449	+/-1,246	2.2%	+/-0.4
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	11,111	+/-1,873	3.2%	+/-0.6
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	26,392	+/-2,680	7.7%	+/-0.8
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	85,599	+/-4,176	24.8%	+/-1.2
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	32,032	+/-3,394	9.3%	+/-1.0
Other services, except public administration	15,083	+/-2,081	4.4%	+/-0.6
Public administration	39,400	+/-3,555	11.4%	+/-1.0
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>				
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Private wage and salary workers	236,851	+/-5,531	68.7%	+/-1.1
Government workers	86,175	+/-4,028	25.0%	+/-1.1
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	21,593	+/-2,181	6.3%	+/-0.6
Unpaid family workers	363	+/-264	0.1%	+/-0.1
<b>INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2017 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>				
Total households	250,741	+/-3,074	250,741	(X)
Less than \$10,000	11,015	+/-1,729	4.4%	+/-0.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7,426	+/-1,071	3.0%	+/-0.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	16,688	+/-1,850	6.7%	+/-0.7
\$25,000 to \$34,999	19,733	+/-2,059	7.9%	+/-0.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	26,582	+/-2,166	10.6%	+/-0.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	46,584	+/-3,084	18.6%	+/-1.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	33,858	+/-2,373	13.5%	+/-0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	49,408	+/-2,916	19.7%	+/-1.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	21,169	+/-2,106	8.4%	+/-0.8
\$200,000 or more	18,278	+/-1,948	7.3%	+/-0.8
Median household income (dollars)	73,181	+/-2,628	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	92,674	+/-2,705	(X)	(X)
With earnings	212,488	+/-3,830	84.7%	+/-1.0
Mean earnings (dollars)	89,678	+/-2,623	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	58,243	+/-1,991	23.2%	+/-0.8
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	17,040	+/-529	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	49,553	+/-2,885	19.8%	+/-1.2
Mean retirement income (dollars)	31,567	+/-2,425	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	11,175	+/-1,577	4.5%	+/-0.6
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	9,879	+/-766	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	16,857	+/-2,067	6.7%	+/-0.8
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,621	+/-386	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	27,090	+/-2,405	10.8%	+/-0.9
Families	167,401	+/-3,753	167,401	(X)
Less than \$10,000	5,093	+/-964	3.0%	+/-0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3,016	+/-768	1.8%	+/-0.5
\$15,000 to \$24,999	7,792	+/-1,477	4.7%	+/-0.9
\$25,000 to \$34,999	11,412	+/-1,723	6.8%	+/-1.0
\$35,000 to \$49,999	14,132	+/-1,642	8.4%	+/-0.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	30,886	+/-2,339	18.5%	+/-1.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999	24,339	+/-2,089	14.5%	+/-1.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	37,546	+/-2,731	22.4%	+/-1.5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	17,726	+/-1,783	10.6%	+/-1.0
\$200,000 or more	15,459	+/-1,942	9.2%	+/-1.1
Median family income (dollars)	86,831	+/-2,820	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	104,901	+/-3,339	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	34,222	+/-942	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	83,340	+/-3,526	83,340	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	48,441	+/-2,656	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	61,641	+/-3,070	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	37,326	+/-1,165	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	57,943	+/-3,113	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	47,472	+/-2,131	(X)	(X)
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE</b>				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	716,178	+/-2,175	716,178	(X)
With health insurance coverage	618,382	+/-6,383	86.3%	+/-0.8
With private health insurance	452,909	+/-9,001	63.2%	+/-1.3
With public coverage	248,267	+/-7,965	34.7%	+/-1.1
No health insurance coverage	97,796	+/-6,010	13.7%	+/-0.8
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 19 years	194,383	+/-1,506	194,383	(X)
No health insurance coverage	18,722	+/-3,289	9.6%	+/-1.7
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 19 to 64 years	440,283	+/-2,719	440,283	(X)
In labor force:	345,484	+/-4,508	345,484	(X)
Employed:	319,527	+/-4,989	319,527	(X)
With health insurance coverage	268,199	+/-5,839	83.9%	+/-1.2
With private health insurance	238,379	+/-5,832	74.6%	+/-1.4
With public coverage	46,432	+/-4,088	14.5%	+/-1.2
No health insurance coverage	51,328	+/-4,026	16.1%	+/-1.2
Unemployed:	25,957	+/-2,590	25,957	(X)

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With health insurance coverage	17,634	+/-2,110	67.9%	+/-4.6
With private health insurance	7,038	+/-1,440	27.1%	+/-4.4
With public coverage	11,348	+/-1,569	43.7%	+/-5.1
No health insurance coverage	8,323	+/-1,446	32.1%	+/-4.6
Not in labor force:	94,799	+/-4,132	94,799	(X)
With health insurance coverage	76,358	+/-3,683	80.5%	+/-2.1
With private health insurance	47,206	+/-3,218	49.8%	+/-2.7
With public coverage	37,141	+/-2,708	39.2%	+/-2.4
No health insurance coverage	18,441	+/-2,269	19.5%	+/-2.1
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	(X)	(X)	7.4%	+/-0.9
With related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	11.2%	+/-1.6
With related children of the householder under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	11.2%	+/-3.6
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	4.2%	+/-0.7
With related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	5.8%	+/-1.4
With related children of the householder under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	4.0%	+/-2.7
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	17.9%	+/-3.7
With related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	23.5%	+/-5.4
With related children of the householder under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	25.9%	+/-11.9
All people	(X)	(X)	11.1%	+/-1.0
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	14.9%	+/-2.5
Related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	14.3%	+/-2.4
Related children of the householder under 5 years	(X)	(X)	15.5%	+/-3.1
Related children of the householder 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	13.8%	+/-2.5
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	9.8%	+/-0.8
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	10.3%	+/-0.8
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	7.4%	+/-1.5
People in families	(X)	(X)	8.5%	+/-1.1
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	21.0%	+/-1.9

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](#).

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 [https://www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2010/demo/coverage\\_edits\\_final.html](https://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 <https://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 [https://www.census.gov/topics/health/health-insurance/about/glossary.html#par\\_textimage\\_18](https://www.census.gov/topics/health/health-insurance/about/glossary.html#par_textimage_18) for a list of the insurance type definitions.

Beginning in 2017, selected variable categories were updated, including age-categories, income-to-poverty ratio (IPR) categories, and the age universe for certain employment and education variables. See user note entitled "[Health Insurance Table Updates](#)" for further details.

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.