



Charlotte city, North Carolina

Selected Economic Characteristics: 2009

Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE. 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.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Selected Economic Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	544,276	+/-3,556	544,276	(X)
In labor force	400,622	+/-5,779	73.6%	+/-1.0
Civilian labor force	400,108	+/-5,767	73.5%	+/-1.0
Employed	356,203	+/-5,939	65.4%	+/-1.1
Unemployed	43,905	+/-4,413	8.1%	+/-0.8
Armed Forces	514	+/-401	0.1%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	143,654	+/-5,401	26.4%	+/-1.0
Civilian labor force	400,108	+/-5,767	400,108	(X)
Percent Unemployed	11.0%	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over	281,865	+/-2,654	281,865	(X)
In labor force	188,129	+/-4,170	66.7%	+/-1.3
Civilian labor force	188,038	+/-4,148	66.7%	+/-1.3
Employed	169,903	+/-4,112	60.3%	+/-1.4
Own children under 6 years	66,646	+/-2,885	66,646	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	43,496	+/-3,923	65.3%	+/-4.8
Own children 6 to 17 years	102,669	+/-4,124	102,669	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	70,097	+/-4,319	68.3%	+/-3.4
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	348,699	+/-6,143	348,699	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	267,009	+/-7,138	76.6%	+/-1.5
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	39,195	+/-4,094	11.2%	+/-1.1
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	12,094	+/-2,135	3.5%	+/-0.6
Walked	8,460	+/-1,740	2.4%	+/-0.5
Other means	2,409	+/-760	0.7%	+/-0.2
Worked at home	19,532	+/-2,806	5.6%	+/-0.8
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.8	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	356,203	+/-5,939	356,203	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	145,419	+/-5,597	40.8%	+/-1.4
Service occupations	56,477	+/-4,044	15.9%	+/-1.1
Sales and office occupations	92,682	+/-4,223	26.0%	+/-1.1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	761	+/-492	0.2%	+/-0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	25,086	+/-2,782	7.0%	+/-0.8
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	35,778	+/-2,995	10.0%	+/-0.8

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INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	356,203	+/-5,939	356,203	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	837	+/-516	0.2%	+/-0.1
Construction	23,641	+/-3,089	6.6%	+/-0.9
Manufacturing	30,681	+/-3,158	8.6%	+/-0.9
Wholesale trade	11,140	+/-2,000	3.1%	+/-0.6
Retail trade	37,254	+/-3,185	10.5%	+/-0.9
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	20,113	+/-2,857	5.6%	+/-0.8
Information	10,326	+/-1,609	2.9%	+/-0.5
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	48,647	+/-3,954	13.7%	+/-1.1
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	43,982	+/-4,337	12.3%	+/-1.2
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	67,535	+/-5,054	19.0%	+/-1.4
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	37,487	+/-3,747	10.5%	+/-1.0
Other services, except public administration	16,238	+/-2,287	4.6%	+/-0.6
Public administration	8,322	+/-1,934	2.3%	+/-0.5
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	356,203	+/-5,939	356,203	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	301,674	+/-6,465	84.7%	+/-1.1
Government workers	35,163	+/-3,401	9.9%	+/-0.9
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	18,858	+/-2,747	5.3%	+/-0.8
Unpaid family workers	508	+/-335	0.1%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	294,421	+/-4,338	294,421	(X)
Less than \$10,000	23,343	+/-2,637	7.9%	+/-0.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	14,239	+/-2,125	4.8%	+/-0.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	30,218	+/-3,485	10.3%	+/-1.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	35,409	+/-3,034	12.0%	+/-1.0
\$35,000 to \$49,999	44,765	+/-3,779	15.2%	+/-1.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	56,510	+/-4,082	19.2%	+/-1.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999	30,019	+/-2,978	10.2%	+/-1.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	31,958	+/-3,226	10.9%	+/-1.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	12,017	+/-1,860	4.1%	+/-0.6
\$200,000 or more	15,943	+/-1,787	5.4%	+/-0.6
Median household income (dollars)	49,779	+/-1,604	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	74,791	+/-3,454	(X)	(X)
With earnings	253,906	+/-4,686	86.2%	+/-0.8
Mean earnings (dollars)	73,191	+/-2,624	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	49,016	+/-2,099	16.6%	+/-0.7
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,912	+/-489	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	35,673	+/-2,306	12.1%	+/-0.8
Mean retirement income (dollars)	19,284	+/-2,114	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	5,434	+/-1,224	1.8%	+/-0.4
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	6,959	+/-729	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	5,287	+/-1,289	1.8%	+/-0.4
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,975	+/-1,214	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	30,934	+/-2,876	10.5%	+/-1.0
Families				
Total families	176,541	+/-4,916	176,541	(X)
Less than \$10,000	9,420	+/-1,712	5.3%	+/-0.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6,223	+/-1,250	3.5%	+/-0.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	16,479	+/-2,295	9.3%	+/-1.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	16,770	+/-2,109	9.5%	+/-1.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999	22,224	+/-2,800	12.6%	+/-1.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	35,168	+/-3,300	19.9%	+/-1.7
\$75,000 to \$99,999	20,140	+/-2,685	11.4%	+/-1.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	26,636	+/-2,845	15.1%	+/-1.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,010	+/-1,684	5.7%	+/-0.9
\$200,000 or more	13,471	+/-1,670	7.6%	+/-0.9
Median family income (dollars)	60,798	+/-2,261	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	87,887	+/-3,432	(X)	(X)

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Per capita income (dollars)	31,270	+/-1,518	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	117,880	+/-5,143	117,880	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	35,765	+/-2,093	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	53,235	+/-7,038	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	29,729	+/-812	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	45,931	+/-2,573	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	36,044	+/-1,771	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	699,625	+/-1,693	699,625	(X)
With health insurance coverage	576,806	+/-8,671	82.4%	+/-1.2
With private health insurance coverage	472,674	+/-10,192	67.6%	+/-1.4
With public health coverage	156,430	+/-6,472	22.4%	+/-0.9
No health insurance coverage	122,819	+/-8,401	17.6%	+/-1.2
Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population Under 18 years	177,197	+/-3,653	177,197	(X)
No health insurance coverage	17,389	+/-3,471	9.8%	+/-1.9
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	11.5%	+/-1.4	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	17.4%	+/-2.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	18.3%	+/-5.9	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	4.9%	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	7.6%	+/-1.9	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	8.9%	+/-5.7	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	28.2%	+/-4.2	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	34.1%	+/-5.4	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	36.7%	+/-13.2	(X)	(X)
All people	15.3%	+/-1.4	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	21.5%	+/-3.0	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	21.3%	+/-3.1	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	23.4%	+/-4.7	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	20.2%	+/-3.0	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	13.2%	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	13.8%	+/-1.2	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	8.2%	+/-1.7	(X)	(X)
People in families	13.3%	+/-1.7	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	22.1%	+/-2.1	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey

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.

Notes:

- 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.
- 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/hhes/www/laborfor/laborforce.html>.
- Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2000.
- 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.
- 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.
- Logical coverage edits applying a rules-based assignment of Medicaid, Medicare and military health coverage were added in 2009 -- please see http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/publications/coverage_edits_final.pdf for more details.
- While the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 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.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
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6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. 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.
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