



Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Selected Economic Characteristics: 2005-2009

Data Set: 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-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	658,915	+/-675	658,915	(X)
In labor force	486,792	+/-2,554	73.9%	+/-0.4
Civilian labor force	486,028	+/-2,568	73.8%	+/-0.4
Employed	449,501	+/-2,723	68.2%	+/-0.4
Unemployed	36,527	+/-1,535	5.5%	+/-0.2
Armed Forces	764	+/-180	0.1%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	172,123	+/-2,610	26.1%	+/-0.4
Civilian labor force	486,028	+/-2,568	486,028	(X)
Percent Unemployed	7.5%	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over				
Females 16 years and over	340,511	+/-455	340,511	(X)
In labor force	228,386	+/-1,667	67.1%	+/-0.5
Civilian labor force	228,283	+/-1,668	67.0%	+/-0.5
Employed	211,172	+/-1,735	62.0%	+/-0.5
Own children under 6 years				
Own children under 6 years	80,664	+/-869	80,664	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	51,391	+/-1,457	63.7%	+/-1.7
Own children 6 to 17 years				
Own children 6 to 17 years	132,822	+/-1,112	132,822	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	95,733	+/-1,892	72.1%	+/-1.2
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	439,083	+/-2,752	439,083	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	338,962	+/-3,091	77.2%	+/-0.6
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	53,301	+/-2,100	12.1%	+/-0.5
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	13,290	+/-949	3.0%	+/-0.2
Walked	7,688	+/-775	1.8%	+/-0.2
Other means	5,077	+/-556	1.2%	+/-0.1
Worked at home	20,765	+/-1,031	4.7%	+/-0.2
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.6	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	449,501	+/-2,723	449,501	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	182,730	+/-2,629	40.7%	+/-0.5
Service occupations	63,345	+/-1,956	14.1%	+/-0.4
Sales and office occupations	122,686	+/-2,152	27.3%	+/-0.5
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	634	+/-233	0.1%	+/-0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	36,282	+/-1,332	8.1%	+/-0.3
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	43,824	+/-1,788	9.7%	+/-0.4

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INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	449,501	+/-2,723	449,501	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	847	+/-197	0.2%	+/-0.1
Construction	34,761	+/-1,613	7.7%	+/-0.4
Manufacturing	37,383	+/-1,511	8.3%	+/-0.3
Wholesale trade	18,414	+/-1,018	4.1%	+/-0.2
Retail trade	47,467	+/-1,888	10.6%	+/-0.4
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	24,691	+/-1,353	5.5%	+/-0.3
Information	12,732	+/-878	2.8%	+/-0.2
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	66,102	+/-1,866	14.7%	+/-0.4
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	54,480	+/-1,397	12.1%	+/-0.3
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	81,676	+/-1,954	18.2%	+/-0.4
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	40,841	+/-1,901	9.1%	+/-0.4
Other services, except public administration	20,601	+/-1,057	4.6%	+/-0.2
Public administration	9,506	+/-796	2.1%	+/-0.2
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	449,501	+/-2,723	449,501	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	381,549	+/-2,704	84.9%	+/-0.4
Government workers	43,012	+/-1,622	9.6%	+/-0.3
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	24,313	+/-1,186	5.4%	+/-0.3
Unpaid family workers	627	+/-169	0.1%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	352,540	+/-1,804	352,540	(X)
Less than \$10,000	20,533	+/-1,212	5.8%	+/-0.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	14,135	+/-813	4.0%	+/-0.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	33,860	+/-1,307	9.6%	+/-0.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	37,644	+/-1,487	10.7%	+/-0.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	51,914	+/-1,511	14.7%	+/-0.4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	68,400	+/-1,916	19.4%	+/-0.5
\$75,000 to \$99,999	42,458	+/-1,295	12.0%	+/-0.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	46,856	+/-1,429	13.3%	+/-0.4
\$150,000 to \$199,999	16,663	+/-750	4.7%	+/-0.2
\$200,000 or more	20,077	+/-926	5.7%	+/-0.3
Median household income (dollars)	55,587	+/-623	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	79,153	+/-1,052	(X)	(X)
With earnings	310,316	+/-1,859	88.0%	+/-0.3
Mean earnings (dollars)	77,881	+/-1,029	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	62,160	+/-900	17.6%	+/-0.3
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,667	+/-246	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	42,764	+/-977	12.1%	+/-0.3
Mean retirement income (dollars)	20,467	+/-719	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	6,563	+/-613	1.9%	+/-0.2
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,416	+/-370	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	4,862	+/-468	1.4%	+/-0.1
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,980	+/-429	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	25,534	+/-1,256	7.2%	+/-0.3
Families				
Total families	220,169	+/-2,022	220,169	(X)
Less than \$10,000	8,438	+/-705	3.8%	+/-0.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5,484	+/-570	2.5%	+/-0.3
\$15,000 to \$24,999	16,793	+/-966	7.6%	+/-0.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	19,152	+/-1,159	8.7%	+/-0.5
\$35,000 to \$49,999	28,019	+/-1,173	12.7%	+/-0.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	42,307	+/-1,459	19.2%	+/-0.6
\$75,000 to \$99,999	30,709	+/-1,201	13.9%	+/-0.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	37,509	+/-1,217	17.0%	+/-0.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	14,445	+/-702	6.6%	+/-0.3
\$200,000 or more	17,313	+/-866	7.9%	+/-0.4
Median family income (dollars)	68,544	+/-986	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	94,216	+/-1,445	(X)	(X)

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Per capita income (dollars)	32,432	+/-425	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	132,371	+/-1,830	132,371	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	38,806	+/-756	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	51,988	+/-1,689	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	32,119	+/-290	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	48,359	+/-684	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	38,194	+/-568	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With private health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With public health coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
No health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
No health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	8.3%	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	12.5%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	12.8%	+/-1.7	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	3.4%	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	4.8%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	4.8%	+/-1.3	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	23.9%	+/-1.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	29.4%	+/-2.0	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	35.4%	+/-5.1	(X)	(X)
All people	11.4%	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	15.3%	+/-1.0	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	15.0%	+/-1.0	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	17.2%	+/-1.6	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	14.0%	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	10.0%	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	10.2%	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	8.0%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
People in families	9.4%	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	18.7%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 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.
- 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 2002 and 2007. The 2005, 2006 and 2007 ACS data are coded using NAICS 2002 while the 2008 and 2009 ACS data use NAICS 2007 codes. Categories that differ between 2002 and 2007 NAICS are aggregated so that the 5 years of data are consistent in display and reflect the NAICS 2007 codes. 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 2005-2009 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.
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