



## Mecklenburg County, 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
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>				
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>698,607</b>	<b>+/-1,436</b>	<b>698,607</b>	<b>(X)</b>
In labor force	512,705	+/-4,991	73.4%	+/-0.7
Civilian labor force	512,021	+/-4,990	73.3%	+/-0.7
Employed	457,102	+/-6,039	65.4%	+/-0.9
Unemployed	54,919	+/-4,664	7.9%	+/-0.7
Armed Forces	684	+/-464	0.1%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	185,902	+/-5,292	26.6%	+/-0.7
<b>Civilian labor force</b>	<b>512,021</b>	<b>+/-4,990</b>	<b>512,021</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Percent Unemployed	10.7%	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>	<b>361,185</b>	<b>+/-1,078</b>	<b>361,185</b>	<b>(X)</b>
In labor force	240,593	+/-4,139	66.6%	+/-1.1
Civilian labor force	240,502	+/-4,096	66.6%	+/-1.1
Employed	218,394	+/-4,405	60.5%	+/-1.2
<b>Own children under 6 years</b>	<b>86,538</b>	<b>+/-2,403</b>	<b>86,538</b>	<b>(X)</b>
All parents in family in labor force	56,329	+/-4,167	65.1%	+/-4.4
<b>Own children 6 to 17 years</b>	<b>141,709</b>	<b>+/-2,543</b>	<b>141,709</b>	<b>(X)</b>
All parents in family in labor force	97,090	+/-4,513	68.5%	+/-3.0
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>				
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>	<b>448,043</b>	<b>+/-6,325</b>	<b>448,043</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	345,007	+/-8,258	77.0%	+/-1.4
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	48,852	+/-4,661	10.9%	+/-1.0
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	13,768	+/-2,153	3.1%	+/-0.5
Walked	10,564	+/-2,030	2.4%	+/-0.5
Other means	3,115	+/-794	0.7%	+/-0.2
Worked at home	26,737	+/-3,407	6.0%	+/-0.8
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.4	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
<b>OCCUPATION</b>				
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>457,102</b>	<b>+/-6,039</b>	<b>457,102</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	192,413	+/-5,689	42.1%	+/-1.2
Service occupations	69,419	+/-4,913	15.2%	+/-1.0
Sales and office occupations	118,686	+/-4,767	26.0%	+/-1.0
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	811	+/-528	0.2%	+/-0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	30,394	+/-3,069	6.6%	+/-0.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	45,379	+/-3,143	9.9%	+/-0.7

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<b>INDUSTRY</b>				
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>457,102</b>	<b>+/-6,039</b>	<b>457,102</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	958	+/-561	0.2%	+/-0.1
Construction	28,979	+/-3,255	6.3%	+/-0.7
Manufacturing	40,010	+/-3,534	8.8%	+/-0.8
Wholesale trade	16,427	+/-2,493	3.6%	+/-0.5
Retail trade	48,245	+/-3,968	10.6%	+/-0.9
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	26,138	+/-3,167	5.7%	+/-0.7
Information	12,457	+/-1,691	2.7%	+/-0.4
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	61,878	+/-4,474	13.5%	+/-1.0
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	56,197	+/-4,734	12.3%	+/-1.0
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	87,800	+/-5,652	19.2%	+/-1.2
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	44,929	+/-3,997	9.8%	+/-0.9
Other services, except public administration	21,669	+/-2,830	4.7%	+/-0.6
Public administration	11,415	+/-2,224	2.5%	+/-0.5
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>				
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>457,102</b>	<b>+/-6,039</b>	<b>457,102</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Private wage and salary workers	385,683	+/-6,932	84.4%	+/-1.0
Government workers	45,144	+/-3,702	9.9%	+/-0.8
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	25,632	+/-3,059	5.6%	+/-0.7
Unpaid family workers	643	+/-388	0.1%	+/-0.1
<b>INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>375,147</b>	<b>+/-3,969</b>	<b>375,147</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than \$10,000	27,531	+/-2,936	7.3%	+/-0.8
\$10,000 to \$14,999	16,576	+/-2,315	4.4%	+/-0.6
\$15,000 to \$24,999	37,962	+/-3,822	10.1%	+/-1.0
\$25,000 to \$34,999	41,746	+/-3,314	11.1%	+/-0.9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	54,944	+/-4,046	14.6%	+/-1.1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	73,179	+/-4,681	19.5%	+/-1.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	42,148	+/-3,494	11.2%	+/-0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	44,311	+/-3,704	11.8%	+/-1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	16,313	+/-2,119	4.3%	+/-0.6
\$200,000 or more	20,437	+/-2,132	5.4%	+/-0.6
Median household income (dollars)	52,881	+/-1,577	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	77,314	+/-3,275	(X)	(X)
With earnings	322,425	+/-4,531	85.9%	+/-0.8
Mean earnings (dollars)	76,501	+/-3,025	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	64,858	+/-2,170	17.3%	+/-0.6
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	16,310	+/-458	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	46,951	+/-2,678	12.5%	+/-0.7
Mean retirement income (dollars)	20,221	+/-1,827	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	6,136	+/-1,248	1.6%	+/-0.3
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,167	+/-619	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	7,205	+/-1,505	1.9%	+/-0.4
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,796	+/-979	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	36,065	+/-3,275	9.6%	+/-0.9
<b>Families</b>				
<b>Total families</b>	<b>232,622</b>	<b>+/-5,571</b>	<b>232,622</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than \$10,000	11,703	+/-1,943	5.0%	+/-0.8
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7,072	+/-1,412	3.0%	+/-0.6
\$15,000 to \$24,999	19,828	+/-2,656	8.5%	+/-1.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	20,330	+/-2,273	8.7%	+/-1.0
\$35,000 to \$49,999	28,161	+/-3,015	12.1%	+/-1.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	46,955	+/-3,862	20.2%	+/-1.5
\$75,000 to \$99,999	29,286	+/-2,986	12.6%	+/-1.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	37,908	+/-3,388	16.3%	+/-1.4
\$150,000 to \$199,999	14,318	+/-1,967	6.2%	+/-0.8
\$200,000 or more	17,061	+/-2,014	7.3%	+/-0.8
Median family income (dollars)	64,752	+/-2,358	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	90,870	+/-4,042	(X)	(X)

<b>Selected Economic Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Margin of Error</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Margin of Error</b>
Per capita income (dollars)	31,768	+/-1,355	(X)	(X)
<b>Nonfamily households</b>	<b>142,525</b>	<b>+/-5,592</b>	<b>142,525</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	36,113	+/-1,722	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	53,224	+/-5,809	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	30,965	+/-711	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	48,063	+/-1,464	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	37,768	+/-1,545	(X)	(X)
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE</b>				
<b>Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population</b>	<b>908,095</b>	<b>+/-1,515</b>	<b>908,095</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With health insurance coverage	757,915	+/-9,602	83.5%	+/-1.0
With private health insurance coverage	631,822	+/-11,965	69.6%	+/-1.3
With public health coverage	197,564	+/-8,003	21.8%	+/-0.9
No health insurance coverage	150,180	+/-9,178	16.5%	+/-1.0
<b>Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population Under 18 years</b>	<b>237,428</b>	<b>+/-356</b>	<b>237,428</b>	<b>(X)</b>
No health insurance coverage	23,299	+/-3,881	9.8%	+/-1.6
<b>PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL</b>				
All families	10.5%	+/-1.2	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	16.1%	+/-2.1	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	17.9%	+/-4.9	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	4.8%	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	7.5%	+/-1.7	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	8.3%	+/-4.5	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	27.2%	+/-3.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	32.7%	+/-4.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	41.1%	+/-12.3	(X)	(X)
All people	14.0%	+/-1.2	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	19.8%	+/-2.6	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	19.6%	+/-2.6	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	21.8%	+/-3.8	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	18.6%	+/-2.7	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	12.0%	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	12.5%	+/-1.0	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	7.8%	+/-1.6	(X)	(X)
People in families	12.2%	+/-1.5	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	20.9%	+/-2.0	(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](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](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](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.
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