



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	7,084,756	+/-2,208	7,084,756	(X)
In labor force	4,610,855	+/-9,119	65.1%	+/-0.1
Civilian labor force	4,518,581	+/-8,648	63.8%	+/-0.1
Employed	4,171,964	+/-9,013	58.9%	+/-0.1
Unemployed	346,617	+/-4,929	4.9%	+/-0.1
Armed Forces	92,274	+/-2,651	1.3%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	2,473,901	+/-9,376	34.9%	+/-0.1
Civilian labor force	4,518,581	+/-8,648	4,518,581	(X)
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over	3,664,185	+/-1,947	3,664,185	(X)
In labor force	2,165,121	+/-6,524	59.1%	+/-0.2
Civilian labor force	2,155,968	+/-6,551	58.8%	+/-0.2
Employed	1,990,519	+/-6,485	54.3%	+/-0.2
Own children under 6 years	721,792	+/-2,986	721,792	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	462,820	+/-3,769	64.1%	+/-0.5
Own children 6 to 17 years	1,351,600	+/-3,812	1,351,600	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	974,364	+/-5,853	72.1%	+/-0.3
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	4,145,113	+/-9,515	4,145,113	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	3,322,777	+/-9,457	80.2%	+/-0.2
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	483,758	+/-6,772	11.7%	+/-0.2
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	41,495	+/-1,721	1.0%	+/-0.1
Walked	76,407	+/-2,629	1.8%	+/-0.1
Other means	55,715	+/-2,119	1.3%	+/-0.1
Worked at home	164,961	+/-3,782	4.0%	+/-0.1
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.2	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	4,171,964	+/-9,013	4,171,964	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	1,414,274	+/-9,351	33.9%	+/-0.2
Service occupations	669,717	+/-7,042	16.1%	+/-0.2
Sales and office occupations	1,017,286	+/-6,936	24.4%	+/-0.2
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	30,810	+/-2,357	0.7%	+/-0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	440,829	+/-4,744	10.6%	+/-0.1
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	599,048	+/-5,483	14.4%	+/-0.1

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INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	4,171,964	+/-9,013	4,171,964	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	60,065	+/-2,459	1.4%	+/-0.1
Construction	357,204	+/-4,686	8.6%	+/-0.1
Manufacturing	578,079	+/-6,247	13.9%	+/-0.2
Wholesale trade	130,262	+/-2,912	3.1%	+/-0.1
Retail trade	481,656	+/-5,207	11.5%	+/-0.1
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	185,706	+/-3,888	4.5%	+/-0.1
Information	83,957	+/-2,140	2.0%	+/-0.1
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	277,070	+/-3,744	6.6%	+/-0.1
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	377,313	+/-4,375	9.0%	+/-0.1
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	923,442	+/-7,734	22.1%	+/-0.2
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	348,767	+/-4,936	8.4%	+/-0.1
Other services, except public administration	194,527	+/-3,421	4.7%	+/-0.1
Public administration	173,916	+/-3,297	4.2%	+/-0.1
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	4,171,964	+/-9,013	4,171,964	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	3,272,878	+/-7,624	78.4%	+/-0.2
Government workers	623,662	+/-6,990	14.9%	+/-0.2
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	267,632	+/-4,135	6.4%	+/-0.1
Unpaid family workers	7,792	+/-690	0.2%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	3,541,807	+/-8,943	3,541,807	(X)
Less than \$10,000	306,904	+/-3,527	8.7%	+/-0.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	228,032	+/-3,898	6.4%	+/-0.1
\$15,000 to \$24,999	433,358	+/-4,013	12.2%	+/-0.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	424,996	+/-4,822	12.0%	+/-0.1
\$35,000 to \$49,999	540,793	+/-4,814	15.3%	+/-0.1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	661,462	+/-6,051	18.7%	+/-0.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	395,366	+/-4,339	11.2%	+/-0.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999	343,537	+/-4,029	9.7%	+/-0.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	105,901	+/-2,062	3.0%	+/-0.1
\$200,000 or more	101,458	+/-1,666	2.9%	+/-0.1
Median household income (dollars)	45,069	+/-212	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	61,166	+/-214	(X)	(X)
With earnings	2,829,109	+/-8,425	79.9%	+/-0.1
Mean earnings (dollars)	61,467	+/-231	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	976,681	+/-4,861	27.6%	+/-0.1
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,653	+/-57	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	624,887	+/-5,160	17.6%	+/-0.1
Mean retirement income (dollars)	19,506	+/-180	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	121,440	+/-2,433	3.4%	+/-0.1
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,178	+/-91	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	58,541	+/-1,459	1.7%	+/-0.1
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,715	+/-125	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	331,613	+/-3,667	9.4%	+/-0.1
Families				
Families	2,363,963	+/-9,581	2,363,963	(X)
Less than \$10,000	121,855	+/-2,610	5.2%	+/-0.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	90,999	+/-2,581	3.8%	+/-0.1
\$15,000 to \$24,999	232,667	+/-3,262	9.8%	+/-0.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	254,916	+/-3,907	10.8%	+/-0.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999	356,670	+/-3,869	15.1%	+/-0.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	497,171	+/-4,894	21.0%	+/-0.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	326,604	+/-4,339	13.8%	+/-0.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	299,401	+/-3,959	12.7%	+/-0.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	94,327	+/-2,031	4.0%	+/-0.1
\$200,000 or more	89,353	+/-1,618	3.8%	+/-0.1
Median family income (dollars)	55,529	+/-313	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	71,899	+/-325	(X)	(X)

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Per capita income (dollars)	24,547	+/-97	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	1,177,844	+/-5,480	1,177,844	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	27,132	+/-227	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	37,707	+/-307	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	26,653	+/-102	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	40,351	+/-208	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	32,319	+/-134	(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	11.1%	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	17.4%	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	19.1%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	5.0%	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	7.1%	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	6.9%	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	32.2%	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	40.4%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	49.7%	+/-1.7	(X)	(X)
All people	15.1%	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	20.8%	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	20.4%	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	24.3%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	18.9%	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	13.2%	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	13.6%	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	11.1%	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
People in families	12.4%	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	27.1%	+/-0.3	(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.
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