



## 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>7,353,755</b>	<b>+/-5,389</b>	<b>7,353,755</b>	<b>(X)</b>
In labor force	4,769,342	+/-19,250	64.9%	+/-0.3
Civilian labor force	4,658,142	+/-19,250	63.3%	+/-0.3
Employed	4,145,233	+/-20,709	56.4%	+/-0.3
Unemployed	512,909	+/-13,832	7.0%	+/-0.2
Armed Forces	111,200	+/-4,390	1.5%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	2,584,413	+/-20,190	35.1%	+/-0.3
<b>Civilian labor force</b>	<b>4,658,142</b>	<b>+/-19,250</b>	<b>4,658,142</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Percent Unemployed	11.0%	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>				
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>	<b>3,811,742</b>	<b>+/-5,143</b>	<b>3,811,742</b>	<b>(X)</b>
In labor force	2,254,198	+/-15,187	59.1%	+/-0.4
Civilian labor force	2,241,236	+/-15,101	58.8%	+/-0.4
Employed	2,025,436	+/-15,166	53.1%	+/-0.4
<b>Own children under 6 years</b>				
<b>Own children under 6 years</b>	<b>748,285</b>	<b>+/-6,024</b>	<b>748,285</b>	<b>(X)</b>
All parents in family in labor force	492,251	+/-9,571	65.8%	+/-1.2
<b>Own children 6 to 17 years</b>				
<b>Own children 6 to 17 years</b>	<b>1,405,385</b>	<b>+/-7,295</b>	<b>1,405,385</b>	<b>(X)</b>
All parents in family in labor force	1,029,102	+/-13,285	73.2%	+/-0.9
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>				
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>				
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>	<b>4,152,303</b>	<b>+/-21,012</b>	<b>4,152,303</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	3,355,251	+/-21,778	80.8%	+/-0.4
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	445,097	+/-14,310	10.7%	+/-0.3
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	42,214	+/-3,977	1.0%	+/-0.1
Walked	82,681	+/-6,528	2.0%	+/-0.2
Other means	46,317	+/-3,862	1.1%	+/-0.1
Worked at home	180,743	+/-10,092	4.4%	+/-0.2
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.2	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
<b>OCCUPATION</b>				
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>				
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>4,145,233</b>	<b>+/-20,709</b>	<b>4,145,233</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	1,483,840	+/-18,676	35.8%	+/-0.4
Service occupations	699,229	+/-14,297	16.9%	+/-0.3
Sales and office occupations	1,003,259	+/-13,897	24.2%	+/-0.3
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	29,467	+/-3,344	0.7%	+/-0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	378,347	+/-11,216	9.1%	+/-0.3
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	551,091	+/-12,352	13.3%	+/-0.3

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<b>INDUSTRY</b>				
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>4,145,233</b>	<b>+/-20,709</b>	<b>4,145,233</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	57,096	+/-5,207	1.4%	+/-0.1
Construction	300,831	+/-8,058	7.3%	+/-0.2
Manufacturing	538,379	+/-12,331	13.0%	+/-0.3
Wholesale trade	117,979	+/-5,924	2.8%	+/-0.1
Retail trade	479,768	+/-11,991	11.6%	+/-0.3
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	180,576	+/-7,607	4.4%	+/-0.2
Information	79,503	+/-5,210	1.9%	+/-0.1
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	270,575	+/-8,415	6.5%	+/-0.2
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	401,066	+/-10,994	9.7%	+/-0.3
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	963,818	+/-16,767	23.3%	+/-0.4
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	366,118	+/-11,928	8.8%	+/-0.3
Other services, except public administration	208,475	+/-8,293	5.0%	+/-0.2
Public administration	181,049	+/-7,583	4.4%	+/-0.2
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>				
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>4,145,233</b>	<b>+/-20,709</b>	<b>4,145,233</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Private wage and salary workers	3,245,774	+/-22,106	78.3%	+/-0.4
Government workers	638,873	+/-14,142	15.4%	+/-0.3
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	254,960	+/-8,365	6.2%	+/-0.2
Unpaid family workers	5,626	+/-1,260	0.1%	+/-0.1
<b>INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>3,646,095</b>	<b>+/-15,663</b>	<b>3,646,095</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than \$10,000	328,207	+/-8,092	9.0%	+/-0.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	240,352	+/-7,629	6.6%	+/-0.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	467,429	+/-10,947	12.8%	+/-0.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	452,585	+/-11,047	12.4%	+/-0.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	552,194	+/-12,558	15.1%	+/-0.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	658,527	+/-12,740	18.1%	+/-0.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999	403,009	+/-10,685	11.1%	+/-0.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	341,406	+/-9,215	9.4%	+/-0.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	103,530	+/-5,115	2.8%	+/-0.1
\$200,000 or more	98,856	+/-4,632	2.7%	+/-0.1
Median household income (dollars)	43,674	+/-375	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	59,700	+/-526	(X)	(X)
With earnings	2,872,056	+/-17,314	78.8%	+/-0.3
Mean earnings (dollars)	59,873	+/-567	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	1,034,717	+/-8,801	28.4%	+/-0.2
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,270	+/-105	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	649,629	+/-9,418	17.8%	+/-0.2
Mean retirement income (dollars)	20,099	+/-499	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	117,921	+/-4,819	3.2%	+/-0.1
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,286	+/-206	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	64,936	+/-4,165	1.8%	+/-0.1
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,358	+/-230	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	401,614	+/-10,150	11.0%	+/-0.3
<b>Families</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>2,430,277</b>	<b>+/-20,042</b>	<b>2,430,277</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than \$10,000	136,863	+/-6,366	5.6%	+/-0.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	98,724	+/-5,748	4.1%	+/-0.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	252,511	+/-8,683	10.4%	+/-0.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	270,060	+/-9,189	11.1%	+/-0.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	361,712	+/-10,197	14.9%	+/-0.4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	497,095	+/-10,481	20.5%	+/-0.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	331,623	+/-9,447	13.6%	+/-0.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	303,091	+/-8,274	12.5%	+/-0.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	93,650	+/-4,560	3.9%	+/-0.2
\$200,000 or more	84,948	+/-4,091	3.5%	+/-0.2
Median family income (dollars)	54,288	+/-568	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	69,958	+/-675	(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)	23,803	+/-209	(X)	(X)
<b>Nonfamily households</b>	<b>1,215,818</b>	<b>+/-14,776</b>	<b>1,215,818</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	26,624	+/-503	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	37,401	+/-930	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	26,084	+/-265	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	40,359	+/-419	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	32,576	+/-384	(X)	(X)
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE</b>				
<b>Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population</b>	<b>9,149,289</b>	<b>+/-4,363</b>	<b>9,149,289</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With health insurance coverage	7,678,522	+/-23,734	83.9%	+/-0.3
With private health insurance coverage	6,019,509	+/-31,819	65.8%	+/-0.3
With public health coverage	2,691,938	+/-25,282	29.4%	+/-0.3
No health insurance coverage	1,470,767	+/-24,121	16.1%	+/-0.3
<b>Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population Under 18 years</b>	<b>2,271,175</b>	<b>+/-2,863</b>	<b>2,271,175</b>	<b>(X)</b>
No health insurance coverage	185,902	+/-9,163	8.2%	+/-0.4
<b>PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL</b>				
All families	11.9%	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	19.2%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	22.1%	+/-1.5	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	5.5%	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	8.4%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	9.4%	+/-1.4	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	33.3%	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	41.6%	+/-1.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	51.5%	+/-3.9	(X)	(X)
All people	16.3%	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	22.5%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	22.2%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	26.7%	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	20.4%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	14.2%	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	15.0%	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	10.0%	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
People in families	13.4%	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	28.9%	+/-0.7	(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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