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2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Data and Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

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.

Subject	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metro Area			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	1,326,873	+/-910	1,326,873	(X)
In labor force	912,065	+/-3,217	68.7%	+/-0.2
Civilian labor force	832,075	+/-3,855	62.7%	+/-0.3
Employed	766,108	+/-4,292	57.7%	+/-0.3
Unemployed	65,967	+/-1,806	5.0%	+/-0.1
Armed Forces	79,990	+/-2,262	6.0%	+/-0.2
Not in labor force	414,808	+/-3,387	31.3%	+/-0.2
Civilian labor force	832,075	+/-3,855	832,075	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	7.9%	+/-0.2
Females 16 years and over				
In labor force	429,592	+/-2,196	62.9%	+/-0.3
Civilian labor force	416,652	+/-2,254	61.0%	+/-0.3
Employed	384,343	+/-2,478	56.3%	+/-0.4
Own children under 6 years				
All parents in family in labor force	126,180	+/-1,228	126,180	(X)
Own children 6 to 17 years				
All parents in family in labor force	83,346	+/-1,697	66.1%	+/-1.2
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	830,034	+/-3,740	830,034	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	668,964	+/-4,291	80.6%	+/-0.3
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	74,896	+/-2,455	9.0%	+/-0.3
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	15,150	+/-1,031	1.8%	+/-0.1
Walked	21,599	+/-1,478	2.6%	+/-0.2
Other means	12,517	+/-924	1.5%	+/-0.1
Worked at home	36,908	+/-2,158	4.4%	+/-0.3
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.6	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	766,108	+/-4,292	766,108	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	280,594	+/-3,160	36.6%	+/-0.4
Service occupations	133,982	+/-2,837	17.5%	+/-0.3
Sales and office occupations	195,329	+/-3,121	25.5%	+/-0.4
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	76,985	+/-1,986	10.0%	+/-0.2
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	79,218	+/-1,942	10.3%	+/-0.3
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	766,108	+/-4,292	766,108	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	2,965	+/-403	0.4%	+/-0.1
Construction	52,716	+/-1,759	6.9%	+/-0.2
Manufacturing	68,559	+/-2,031	8.9%	+/-0.3
Wholesale trade	16,738	+/-928	2.2%	+/-0.1
Retail trade	94,011	+/-2,503	12.3%	+/-0.3
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	33,833	+/-1,380	4.4%	+/-0.2
Information	15,536	+/-1,140	2.0%	+/-0.1
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	44,953	+/-1,551	5.9%	+/-0.2
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	85,796	+/-2,249	11.2%	+/-0.3
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	168,355	+/-3,296	22.0%	+/-0.4
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	74,572	+/-2,244	9.7%	+/-0.3
Other services, except public administration	38,023	+/-1,448	5.0%	+/-0.2
Public administration	70,051	+/-1,802	9.1%	+/-0.2
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	766,108	+/-4,292	766,108	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	562,233	+/-4,220	73.4%	+/-0.4
Government workers	170,487	+/-2,866	22.3%	+/-0.4
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	32,612	+/-1,243	4.3%	+/-0.2
Unpaid family workers	776	+/-205	0.1%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	620,634	+/-2,515	620,634	(X)
Less than \$10,000	35,255	+/-1,300	5.7%	+/-0.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	24,554	+/-1,169	4.0%	+/-0.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	54,033	+/-1,389	8.7%	+/-0.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	58,697	+/-1,434	9.5%	+/-0.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999	87,538	+/-1,885	14.1%	+/-0.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	123,670	+/-2,483	19.9%	+/-0.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	87,775	+/-1,713	14.1%	+/-0.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	94,326	+/-1,820	15.2%	+/-0.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	31,664	+/-980	5.1%	+/-0.2
\$200,000 or more	23,122	+/-1,005	3.7%	+/-0.2
Median household income (dollars)	59,293	+/-453	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	74,851	+/-541	(X)	(X)
With earnings	509,915	+/-2,449	82.2%	+/-0.3
Mean earnings (dollars)	71,516	+/-612	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	158,690	+/-1,588	25.6%	+/-0.2
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	16,269	+/-143	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	150,753	+/-2,245	24.3%	+/-0.3
Mean retirement income (dollars)	26,821	+/-441	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	22,323	+/-897	3.6%	+/-0.1
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,513	+/-238	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	14,287	+/-886	2.3%	+/-0.1

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,999	+/-200	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	55,613	+/-1,292	9.0%	+/-0.2
Families	421,969	+/-2,836	421,969	(X)
Less than \$10,000	16,139	+/-937	3.8%	+/-0.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	10,423	+/-709	2.5%	+/-0.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	26,807	+/-1,032	6.4%	+/-0.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	32,014	+/-1,179	7.6%	+/-0.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	53,513	+/-1,666	12.7%	+/-0.4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	85,224	+/-2,050	20.2%	+/-0.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	69,872	+/-1,424	16.6%	+/-0.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	79,841	+/-1,742	18.9%	+/-0.4
\$150,000 to \$199,999	27,632	+/-933	6.5%	+/-0.2
\$200,000 or more	20,504	+/-899	4.9%	+/-0.2
Median family income (dollars)	70,898	+/-775	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	85,755	+/-743	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	28,954	+/-198	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	198,665	+/-2,394	198,665	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	37,444	+/-533	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	48,557	+/-741	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	31,360	+/-197	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	47,361	+/-446	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	36,400	+/-336	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	1,577,696	+/-2,581	1,577,696	(X)
With health insurance coverage	1,396,158	+/-4,352	88.5%	+/-0.3
With private health insurance	1,202,762	+/-6,525	76.2%	+/-0.4
With public coverage	386,016	+/-4,273	24.5%	+/-0.3
No health insurance coverage	181,538	+/-4,090	11.5%	+/-0.3
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	393,074	+/-288	393,074	(X)
No health insurance coverage	21,142	+/-1,270	5.4%	+/-0.3
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	994,145	+/-2,589	994,145	(X)
In labor force:	784,758	+/-3,734	784,758	(X)
Employed:	724,155	+/-4,161	724,155	(X)
With health insurance coverage	623,897	+/-4,632	86.2%	+/-0.4
With private health insurance	605,199	+/-4,900	83.6%	+/-0.5
With public coverage	40,261	+/-1,617	5.6%	+/-0.2
No health insurance coverage	100,258	+/-2,758	13.8%	+/-0.4
Unemployed:	60,603	+/-1,747	60,603	(X)
With health insurance coverage	32,991	+/-1,221	54.4%	+/-1.4
With private health insurance	24,515	+/-1,000	40.5%	+/-1.3
With public coverage	10,066	+/-796	16.6%	+/-1.2
No health insurance coverage	27,612	+/-1,218	45.6%	+/-1.4
Not in labor force:	209,387	+/-2,674	209,387	(X)
With health insurance coverage	177,955	+/-2,620	85.0%	+/-0.7
With private health insurance	142,175	+/-2,429	67.9%	+/-0.7
With public coverage	52,539	+/-1,497	25.1%	+/-0.7
No health insurance coverage	31,432	+/-1,468	15.0%	+/-0.7

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PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	(X)	(X)	8.4%	+/-0.3
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	13.8%	+/-0.5
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	15.2%	+/-1.4
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	2.7%	+/-0.2
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	3.7%	+/-0.4
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	3.3%	+/-0.7
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	26.1%	+/-1.0
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	34.0%	+/-1.3
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	40.0%	+/-3.7
All people	(X)	(X)	11.3%	+/-0.3
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	17.4%	+/-0.7
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	17.1%	+/-0.7
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	20.9%	+/-1.2
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	15.7%	+/-0.8
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	9.4%	+/-0.2
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	9.8%	+/-0.3
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	7.2%	+/-0.4
People in families	(X)	(X)	9.5%	+/-0.4
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	20.0%	+/-0.6

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.

There were changes in the edit between 2009 and 2010 regarding Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security. The changes in the edit loosened restrictions on disability requirements for receipt of SSI resulting in an increase in the total number of SSI recipients in the American Community Survey. The changes also loosened restrictions on possible reported monthly amounts in Social Security income resulting in higher Social Security aggregate amounts. These results more closely match administrative counts compiled by the Social Security Administration.

Workers include members of the Armed Forces and civilians who were at work last week.

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.

While the 2008-2012 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey

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.
5. An '****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
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.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.