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2013 American Community Survey 1-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.

An * indicates that the estimate is significantly different (at a 90% confidence level) than the estimate from the most current year. A "c" indicates the estimates for that year and the current year are both controlled; a statistical test is not appropriate.

Subject	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metro Area				
	2013 Estimate	2012 Estimate	2013 - 2012 Statistical Significance	2011 Estimate	2013 - 2011 Statistical Significance
EMPLOYMENT STATUS					
Population 16 years and over	1,360,942	1,349,610	*	1,331,867	*
In labor force	67.2%	67.5%		68.2%	*
Civilian labor force	62.1%	62.3%		63.2%	*
Employed	57.2%	56.7%		57.6%	
Unemployed	4.9%	5.6%	*	5.6%	*
Armed Forces	5.1%	5.2%		5.0%	
Not in labor force	32.8%	32.5%		31.8%	*
Civilian labor force	844,931	840,414		842,027	
Percent Unemployed	7.9%	8.9%	*	8.9%	*
Females 16 years and over	696,564	693,052		685,413	*
In labor force	61.8%	61.6%		62.1%	
Civilian labor force	60.2%	59.7%		60.4%	
Employed	55.6%	54.4%	*	54.8%	
Own children under 6 years	125,385	124,683		126,651	
All parents in family in labor force	62.6%	66.2%		67.6%	*
Own children 6 to 17 years	242,922	241,660		247,020	
All parents in family in labor force	74.0%	73.5%		74.0%	
COMMUTING TO WORK					
Workers 16 years and over	833,909	819,492	*	819,840	*
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	81.9%	80.9%	*	81.2%	
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	8.3%	8.9%		8.1%	
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	1.7%	1.9%		1.8%	
Walked	3.1%	2.7%		2.5%	*
Other means	1.7%	1.3%	*	1.6%	
Worked at home	3.4%	4.3%	*	4.7%	*

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Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.0	24.0		23.3	*
OCCUPATION					
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	778,465	765,311	*	767,311	
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	36.8%	36.7%		36.5%	
Service occupations	18.6%	17.5%	*	18.5%	
Sales and office occupations	24.7%	24.8%		25.0%	
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	9.5%	10.5%	*	9.7%	
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	10.4%	10.6%		10.4%	
INDUSTRY					
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	778,465	765,311	*	767,311	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	0.5%	0.5%		0.4%	
Construction	5.9%	6.8%	*	6.3%	
Manufacturing	8.3%	9.5%	*	9.1%	
Wholesale trade	2.2%	1.8%		2.1%	
Retail trade	12.4%	12.1%		12.1%	
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	4.3%	3.9%		4.5%	
Information	1.9%	1.8%		1.5%	*
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	5.4%	5.8%		5.2%	
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	11.1%	11.1%		11.3%	
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	23.5%	22.0%	*	21.6%	*
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	10.4%	10.0%		10.3%	
Other services, except public administration	4.9%	4.9%		5.6%	
Public administration	9.0%	9.8%	*	10.0%	*
CLASS OF WORKER					
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	778,465	765,311	*	767,311	
Private wage and salary workers	73.5%	73.3%		72.7%	
Government workers	22.2%	22.6%		22.5%	
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	4.1%	4.0%		4.7%	*
Unpaid family workers	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%	
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2013 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)					
Total households	625,540	623,964		612,156	*
Less than \$10,000	5.9%	6.3%		5.8%	
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4.4%	4.4%		4.1%	
\$15,000 to \$24,999	9.0%	9.0%		8.6%	
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10.2%	9.7%		9.3%	*
\$35,000 to \$49,999	14.0%	14.3%		13.9%	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	20.5%	19.7%		20.0%	
\$75,000 to \$99,999	13.0%	13.1%		14.2%	*
\$100,000 to \$149,999	14.0%	14.7%		14.9%	*
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5.1%	4.9%		5.5%	
\$200,000 or more	3.9%	3.9%		3.7%	
Median household income (dollars)	56,161	56,542		59,538	*
Mean household income (dollars)	72,966	73,629		74,679	*
With earnings					
Mean earnings (dollars)	70,379	70,375		71,167	
With Social Security					
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	16,794	16,904	*	16,943	
With retirement income					
	24.7%	23.9%		25.0%	

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Mean retirement income (dollars)	26,870	27,544		27,824	
With Supplemental Security Income	4.2%	4.6%		4.3%	
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,791	8,854		8,732	
With cash public assistance income	2.7%	2.7%		2.6%	
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,928	2,973		3,354	
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	10.8%	11.7%	*	10.4%	
Families	417,562	424,405		415,574	
Less than \$10,000	4.1%	4.6%		4.5%	
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2.7%	3.1%		2.4%	
\$15,000 to \$24,999	6.9%	6.6%		5.9%	*
\$25,000 to \$34,999	8.6%	8.3%		7.9%	
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12.5%	12.9%		12.6%	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	20.6%	19.1%	*	19.8%	
\$75,000 to \$99,999	15.0%	15.8%		16.1%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	17.7%	18.2%		18.9%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6.7%	6.3%		6.9%	
\$200,000 or more	5.3%	5.1%		4.8%	
Median family income (dollars)	67,614	68,382		70,268	*
Mean family income (dollars)	84,165	84,364		85,163	
Per capita income (dollars)	28,240	28,456		28,572	
Nonfamily households	207,978	199,559		196,582	*
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	36,918	37,074		37,883	
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	47,648	47,470		49,264	
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	30,442	30,898		30,776	
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	47,674	47,147		48,407	
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	36,201	36,268		36,298	
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE					
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	1,619,144	1,605,304	*	1,594,527	*
With health insurance coverage	87.5%	88.5%	*	87.8%	
With private health insurance	72.8%	74.3%	*	74.3%	*
With public coverage	26.9%	26.3%		25.3%	*
No health insurance coverage	12.5%	11.5%	*	12.2%	
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	386,507	387,849		389,819	*
No health insurance coverage	4.2%	4.2%		5.5%	*
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	1,023,407	1,015,286	*	1,012,221	*
In labor force:	798,820	791,068		796,260	
Employed:	735,792	722,567	*	726,743	
With health insurance coverage	83.7%	86.4%	*	85.1%	*
With private health insurance	80.6%	83.4%	*	82.3%	*
With public coverage	6.0%	5.9%		5.8%	
No health insurance coverage	16.3%	13.6%	*	14.9%	*
Unemployed:	63,028	68,501		69,517	*
With health insurance coverage	58.8%	51.0%	*	56.1%	
With private health insurance	44.1%	36.7%	*	40.0%	
With public coverage	17.9%	16.9%		18.9%	
No health insurance coverage	41.2%	49.0%	*	43.9%	
Not in labor force:	224,587	224,218		215,961	
With health insurance coverage	83.1%	84.0%		84.7%	

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	2013 Estimate	2012 Estimate	2013 - 2012 Statistical Significance	2011 Estimate	2013 - 2011 Statistical Significance
With private health insurance	62.9%	64.1%		65.9%	*
With public coverage	26.9%	26.9%		26.7%	
No health insurance coverage	16.9%	16.0%		15.3%	
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL					
All families	9.5%	10.4%		9.2%	
With related children under 18 years	15.5%	17.3%		15.1%	
With related children under 5 years only	16.1%	17.3%		18.1%	
Married couple families	3.2%	3.5%		2.7%	
With related children under 18 years	4.5%	5.1%		3.8%	
With related children under 5 years only	4.0%	4.7%		2.4%	
Families with female householder, no husband present	26.7%	29.2%		28.3%	
With related children under 18 years	34.9%	38.5%		36.9%	
With related children under 5 years only	38.7%	38.4%		52.0%	*
All people	13.0%	13.1%		11.7%	*
Under 18 years	19.2%	19.9%		17.7%	
Related children under 18 years	18.9%	19.7%		17.4%	
Related children under 5 years	21.2%	22.9%		21.3%	
Related children 5 to 17 years	18.0%	18.4%		15.9%	
18 years and over	11.1%	11.0%		9.9%	*
18 to 64 years	11.9%	11.7%		10.6%	*
65 years and over	7.5%	7.4%		5.7%	*
People in families	10.8%	11.2%		9.8%	
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	22.9%	22.0%		20.5%	*

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	2010 Estimate	2013 - 2010 Statistical Significance	2009 Estimate	2013 - 2009 Statistical Significance
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	1,328,457	*	1,318,989	*
In labor force	67.7%		69.4%	*
Civilian labor force	62.8%		63.4%	*
Employed	57.5%		58.3%	*
Unemployed	5.3%		5.0%	
Armed Forces	4.9%		6.0%	*
Not in labor force	32.3%		30.6%	*
Civilian labor force	834,743		835,875	
Percent Unemployed	8.5%		7.9%	
Females 16 years and over				
In labor force	62.3%		63.7%	*
Civilian labor force	60.9%		61.8%	*
Employed	56.3%		57.3%	*
Own children under 6 years				
All parents in family in labor force	63.0%		66.9%	*
Own children 6 to 17 years				
All parents in family in labor force	74.3%	*	72.5%	*
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	813,227	*	832,678	
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	80.9%		82.4%	
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	9.4%	*	8.9%	
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	1.8%		1.4%	
Walked	3.3%		2.4%	*
Other means	1.4%		1.4%	
Worked at home	3.1%		3.4%	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.7		23.2	*
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	764,168	*	(X)	
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	37.1%		(X)	
Service occupations	17.0%	*	(X)	
Sales and office occupations	25.6%		(X)	
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	10.2%		(X)	
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	10.1%		(X)	
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	764,168	*	769,625	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	0.4%		0.4%	
Construction	7.0%	*	6.8%	*
Manufacturing	8.5%		9.3%	*
Wholesale trade	2.3%		2.4%	
Retail trade	12.0%		12.0%	
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	3.9%		4.5%	
Information	2.2%		2.5%	*
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	5.9%		5.9%	
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	11.4%		11.1%	
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	21.8%	*	22.3%	*

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	2010 Estimate	2013 - 2010 Statistical Significance	2009 Estimate	2013 - 2009 Statistical Significance
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	10.2%		9.9%	
Other services, except public administration	4.9%		5.0%	
Public administration	9.7%		8.0%	*
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	764,168	*	769,625	
Private wage and salary workers	72.9%		74.0%	
Government workers	22.9%		21.6%	
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	4.1%		4.3%	
Unpaid family workers	0.1%		0.1%	
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2013 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	618,426		626,620	
Less than \$10,000	5.3%		5.4%	
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3.6%	*	3.6%	*
\$15,000 to \$24,999	8.5%		8.3%	
\$25,000 to \$34,999	9.6%		10.0%	
\$35,000 to \$49,999	13.5%		13.9%	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	19.4%		20.7%	
\$75,000 to \$99,999	15.2%	*	14.3%	*
\$100,000 to \$149,999	15.4%	*	15.2%	*
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5.8%	*	4.6%	
\$200,000 or more	3.8%		4.0%	
Median household income (dollars)	61,266	*	59,869	*
Mean household income (dollars)	76,786	*	75,149	*
With earnings	81.5%		83.0%	*
Mean earnings (dollars)	73,035	*	71,472	
With Social Security	26.0%	*	25.5%	*
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	16,989		16,152	*
With retirement income	24.8%		23.8%	
Mean retirement income (dollars)	28,224		26,467	
With Supplemental Security Income	3.8%		2.5%	*
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,946		8,380	
With cash public assistance income	2.2%	*	2.1%	*
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,600	*	2,935	
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	8.6%	*	7.9%	*
Families	416,998		419,871	
Less than \$10,000	3.3%	*	3.5%	
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2.3%		2.1%	
\$15,000 to \$24,999	6.6%		5.9%	*
\$25,000 to \$34,999	7.7%		7.7%	
\$35,000 to \$49,999	11.4%		12.9%	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	19.5%		21.7%	
\$75,000 to \$99,999	17.7%	*	16.3%	*
\$100,000 to \$149,999	19.1%	*	18.8%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	7.4%	*	6.0%	
\$200,000 or more	4.9%		5.2%	
Median family income (dollars)	73,646	*	70,346	*
Mean family income (dollars)	87,736	*	86,078	
Per capita income (dollars)	29,378	*	29,245	*
Nonfamily households	201,428		206,749	

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	2010 Estimate	2013 - 2010 Statistical Significance	2009 Estimate	2013 - 2009 Statistical Significance
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	39,484	*	38,535	
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	51,380	*	49,335	
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	32,119	*	32,546	*
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	49,529	*	47,683	
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	38,614	*	37,747	*
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	1,595,630	*	1,579,719	*
With health insurance coverage	88.1%		88.3%	
With private health insurance	76.5%	*	77.2%	*
With public coverage	24.0%	*	23.2%	*
No health insurance coverage	11.9%		11.7%	
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	393,224	*	402,827	*
No health insurance coverage	5.4%	*	5.8%	*
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	1,011,159	*	989,544	*
In labor force:	791,033		785,552	*
Employed:	724,983		724,817	
With health insurance coverage	86.1%	*	85.5%	*
With private health insurance	83.8%	*	83.0%	*
With public coverage	4.8%	*	5.4%	
No health insurance coverage	13.9%	*	14.5%	*
Unemployed:	66,050		60,735	
With health insurance coverage	53.3%	*	56.1%	
With private health insurance	39.6%		43.0%	
With public coverage	16.4%		15.8%	
No health insurance coverage	46.7%	*	43.9%	
Not in labor force:	220,126		203,992	*
With health insurance coverage	84.0%		85.2%	*
With private health insurance	67.9%	*	70.5%	*
With public coverage	24.0%	*	22.7%	*
No health insurance coverage	16.0%		14.8%	*
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	7.7%	*	7.8%	*
With related children under 18 years	12.8%	*	13.2%	*
With related children under 5 years only	14.6%		13.4%	
Married couple families	2.7%		2.2%	*
With related children under 18 years	3.8%		3.2%	*
With related children under 5 years only	4.3%		3.1%	
Families with female householder, no husband present	23.8%		25.1%	
With related children under 18 years	32.2%		33.2%	
With related children under 5 years only	37.7%		33.5%	
All people	10.6%	*	10.3%	*
Under 18 years	16.0%	*	15.8%	*
Related children under 18 years	15.9%	*	15.5%	*
Related children under 5 years	20.5%		18.5%	
Related children 5 to 17 years	14.1%	*	14.2%	*
18 years and over	8.9%	*	8.6%	*
18 to 64 years	9.5%	*	8.9%	*
65 years and over	6.1%	*	6.7%	

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	2010 Estimate	2013 - 2010 Statistical Significance	2009 Estimate	2013 - 2009 Statistical Significance
People in families	8.7%	*	8.5%	*
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	19.3%	*	18.2%	*

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.

In data year 2013, there were a series of changes to data collection operations that could have affected some estimates. These changes include the addition of Internet as a mode of data collection, the end of the content portion of Failed Edit Follow-Up interviewing, and the loss of one monthly panel due to the Federal Government shut down in October 2013. For more information, see: User Notes

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.

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.

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, and the "Evaluation Report Covering Weeks Worked" at 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/people/laborforce/>.

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 2012. 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.

Census occupation codes for 2010 and later years are based on the 2010 revision of the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC). Occupation data from 2010 and later years are not strictly comparable to data from prior to 2010. For more information on the Census occupation code changes, please visit our website at <http://www.census.gov/people/io/methodology/>.

Logical coverage edits applying a rules-based assignment of Medicaid, Medicare and military health coverage were added as of 2009 -- please see http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/publications/coverage_edits_final.pdf for more details. The corresponding 2008 data table in American FactFinder does not incorporate these edits and is therefore not comparable to this table in 2009, 2010, 2011, or 2012. Select geographies of 2008 data comparable to the 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 tables are accessible at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/data/acs/2008/re-run.html>.

The health insurance coverage category names were modified in 2010. See ACS Health Insurance Definitions for a list of the insurance type definitions.

The definitions of the metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas for the 2013 American Community Survey are based on the commuting patterns identified in the 2010 Census. Estimates prior to 2013 are based on the results of the 2000 Census. Statistically significant change from prior years' estimates could be the result of changes in the metropolitan geographic definitions and not necessarily the demographic, social or economic characteristic. For more information, see: Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas.

While the 2013 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 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 2010 data. 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, 2013 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.