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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	Portsmouth city, Virginia			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	75,615	+/-214	75,615	(X)
In labor force	49,429	+/-789	65.4%	+/-1.1
Civilian labor force	45,622	+/-1,492	60.3%	+/-2.0
Employed	41,138	+/-1,380	54.4%	+/-1.8
Unemployed	4,484	+/-493	5.9%	+/-0.7
Armed Forces	3,807	+/-1,218	5.0%	+/-1.6
Not in labor force	26,186	+/-818	34.6%	+/-1.1
Civilian labor force	45,622	+/-1,492	45,622	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	9.8%	+/-1.0
Females 16 years and over				
Population 16 years and over	39,780	+/-184	39,780	(X)
In labor force	24,761	+/-565	62.2%	+/-1.4
Civilian labor force	24,285	+/-596	61.0%	+/-1.5
Employed	21,945	+/-596	55.2%	+/-1.5
Own children under 6 years				
Population	8,076	+/-323	8,076	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	6,033	+/-459	74.7%	+/-5.3
Own children 6 to 17 years				
Population	12,871	+/-403	12,871	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	10,754	+/-515	83.6%	+/-3.1
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	43,836	+/-864	43,836	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	33,718	+/-1,303	76.9%	+/-2.7
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	4,295	+/-510	9.8%	+/-1.1
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	1,072	+/-400	2.4%	+/-0.9
Walked	1,650	+/-363	3.8%	+/-0.8
Other means	765	+/-199	1.7%	+/-0.4
Worked at home	2,336	+/-958	5.3%	+/-2.2
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.2	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	41,138	+/-1,380	41,138	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	12,463	+/-798	30.3%	+/-1.8
Service occupations	8,507	+/-790	20.7%	+/-1.7
Sales and office occupations	10,696	+/-603	26.0%	+/-1.4
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	4,553	+/-567	11.1%	+/-1.3
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	4,919	+/-497	12.0%	+/-1.1
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	41,138	+/-1,380	41,138	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	46	+/-52	0.1%	+/-0.1
Construction	2,658	+/-384	6.5%	+/-0.9
Manufacturing	4,494	+/-604	10.9%	+/-1.4
Wholesale trade	765	+/-182	1.9%	+/-0.4
Retail trade	4,684	+/-476	11.4%	+/-1.1
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	2,033	+/-331	4.9%	+/-0.8
Information	712	+/-202	1.7%	+/-0.5
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	2,059	+/-310	5.0%	+/-0.8
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	4,369	+/-461	10.6%	+/-1.1
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	9,435	+/-554	22.9%	+/-1.4
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	4,192	+/-560	10.2%	+/-1.2
Other services, except public administration	2,063	+/-267	5.0%	+/-0.7
Public administration	3,628	+/-465	8.8%	+/-1.0
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	41,138	+/-1,380	41,138	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	29,436	+/-1,272	71.6%	+/-1.8
Government workers	10,073	+/-756	24.5%	+/-1.7
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	1,629	+/-273	4.0%	+/-0.6
Unpaid family workers	0	+/-29	0.0%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	36,788	+/-731	36,788	(X)
Less than \$10,000	2,834	+/-319	7.7%	+/-0.8
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,167	+/-307	5.9%	+/-0.8
\$15,000 to \$24,999	4,578	+/-434	12.4%	+/-1.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	4,248	+/-487	11.5%	+/-1.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	6,185	+/-508	16.8%	+/-1.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	7,228	+/-528	19.6%	+/-1.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	4,478	+/-373	12.2%	+/-1.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,474	+/-379	9.4%	+/-1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	950	+/-182	2.6%	+/-0.5
\$200,000 or more	646	+/-167	1.8%	+/-0.4
Median household income (dollars)	46,269	+/-1,409	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	57,793	+/-1,699	(X)	(X)
With earnings	28,912	+/-767	78.6%	+/-1.2
Mean earnings (dollars)	56,878	+/-1,883	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	10,964	+/-392	29.8%	+/-1.1
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	13,902	+/-447	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	9,087	+/-425	24.7%	+/-1.2
Mean retirement income (dollars)	22,245	+/-1,584	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	2,242	+/-327	6.1%	+/-0.9
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,325	+/-687	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	1,277	+/-231	3.5%	+/-0.6

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,073	+/-339	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	5,661	+/-475	15.4%	+/-1.3
Families	23,716	+/-664	23,716	(X)
Less than \$10,000	1,201	+/-226	5.1%	+/-0.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,171	+/-224	4.9%	+/-0.9
\$15,000 to \$24,999	2,402	+/-345	10.1%	+/-1.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	2,343	+/-339	9.9%	+/-1.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	3,836	+/-393	16.2%	+/-1.6
\$50,000 to \$74,999	4,984	+/-431	21.0%	+/-1.7
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,584	+/-325	15.1%	+/-1.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,818	+/-313	11.9%	+/-1.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	837	+/-171	3.5%	+/-0.7
\$200,000 or more	540	+/-152	2.3%	+/-0.6
Median family income (dollars)	54,405	+/-2,265	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	65,720	+/-2,158	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	23,363	+/-635	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	13,072	+/-609	13,072	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	32,230	+/-1,640	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	40,297	+/-2,120	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	27,558	+/-948	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	40,804	+/-1,801	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	34,047	+/-1,598	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	90,123	+/-1,274	90,123	(X)
With health insurance coverage	78,709	+/-1,174	87.3%	+/-1.0
With private health insurance	58,600	+/-1,572	65.0%	+/-1.6
With public coverage	31,285	+/-1,276	34.7%	+/-1.5
No health insurance coverage	11,414	+/-945	12.7%	+/-1.0
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	22,655	+/-47	22,655	(X)
No health insurance coverage	1,348	+/-362	6.0%	+/-1.6
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	54,990	+/-1,288	54,990	(X)
In labor force:	43,121	+/-1,472	43,121	(X)
Employed:	39,126	+/-1,346	39,126	(X)
With health insurance coverage	33,163	+/-1,180	84.8%	+/-1.3
With private health insurance	31,293	+/-1,178	80.0%	+/-1.5
With public coverage	2,936	+/-460	7.5%	+/-1.2
No health insurance coverage	5,963	+/-575	15.2%	+/-1.3
Unemployed:	3,995	+/-472	3,995	(X)
With health insurance coverage	2,171	+/-325	54.3%	+/-5.4
With private health insurance	1,136	+/-243	28.4%	+/-5.5
With public coverage	1,111	+/-259	27.8%	+/-5.1
No health insurance coverage	1,824	+/-312	45.7%	+/-5.4
Not in labor force:	11,869	+/-575	11,869	(X)
With health insurance coverage	9,609	+/-568	81.0%	+/-2.9
With private health insurance	5,753	+/-483	48.5%	+/-3.4
With public coverage	4,948	+/-516	41.7%	+/-3.9
No health insurance coverage	2,260	+/-368	19.0%	+/-2.9

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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)	13.8%	+/-1.4
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	23.1%	+/-2.5
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	26.7%	+/-5.3
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	3.9%	+/-1.1
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	4.9%	+/-2.1
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	2.5%	+/-1.6
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	29.8%	+/-3.5
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	40.3%	+/-4.6
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	48.0%	+/-9.8
All people	(X)	(X)	17.5%	+/-1.4
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	29.8%	+/-3.6
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	29.6%	+/-3.6
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	35.1%	+/-4.6
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	27.2%	+/-3.9
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	13.5%	+/-1.1
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	13.8%	+/-1.2
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	11.9%	+/-1.9
People in families	(X)	(X)	16.2%	+/-1.7
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	22.8%	+/-1.9

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.