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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	Colonie town, Albany County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	67,430	+/-539	67,430	(X)
In labor force	45,909	+/-864	68.1%	+/-1.2
Civilian labor force	45,844	+/-850	68.0%	+/-1.2
Employed	43,349	+/-784	64.3%	+/-1.1
Unemployed	2,495	+/-363	3.7%	+/-0.5
Armed Forces	65	+/-49	0.1%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	21,521	+/-840	31.9%	+/-1.2
Civilian labor force	45,844	+/-850	45,844	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	5.4%	+/-0.8
Females 16 years and over				
Population 16 years and over	35,191	+/-615	35,191	(X)
In labor force	22,878	+/-662	65.0%	+/-1.6
Civilian labor force	22,864	+/-664	65.0%	+/-1.6
Employed	21,916	+/-629	62.3%	+/-1.6
Own children under 6 years				
Population	4,506	+/-336	4,506	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	3,507	+/-388	77.8%	+/-5.4
Own children 6 to 17 years				
Population	11,380	+/-575	11,380	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	9,492	+/-629	83.4%	+/-3.1
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	42,416	+/-810	42,416	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	36,166	+/-877	85.3%	+/-1.4
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	3,160	+/-437	7.5%	+/-1.0
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	747	+/-196	1.8%	+/-0.5
Walked	632	+/-192	1.5%	+/-0.4
Other means	442	+/-122	1.0%	+/-0.3
Worked at home	1,269	+/-247	3.0%	+/-0.6
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.4	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	43,349	+/-784	43,349	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	18,425	+/-734	42.5%	+/-1.6
Service occupations	6,342	+/-495	14.6%	+/-1.1
Sales and office occupations	13,087	+/-828	30.2%	+/-1.8
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	2,723	+/-385	6.3%	+/-0.9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	2,772	+/-387	6.4%	+/-0.9
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	43,349	+/-784	43,349	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	195	+/-178	0.4%	+/-0.4
Construction	1,954	+/-304	4.5%	+/-0.7
Manufacturing	2,330	+/-313	5.4%	+/-0.7
Wholesale trade	914	+/-201	2.1%	+/-0.5
Retail trade	4,704	+/-447	10.9%	+/-1.0
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	1,870	+/-342	4.3%	+/-0.8
Information	1,019	+/-222	2.4%	+/-0.5
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	3,807	+/-498	8.8%	+/-1.1
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	4,661	+/-555	10.8%	+/-1.3
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	10,547	+/-651	24.3%	+/-1.5
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	3,586	+/-470	8.3%	+/-1.1
Other services, except public administration	1,861	+/-290	4.3%	+/-0.7
Public administration	5,901	+/-556	13.6%	+/-1.2
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	43,349	+/-784	43,349	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	30,819	+/-814	71.1%	+/-1.4
Government workers	10,635	+/-646	24.5%	+/-1.4
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	1,839	+/-286	4.2%	+/-0.7
Unpaid family workers	56	+/-53	0.1%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	31,689	+/-591	31,689	(X)
Less than \$10,000	933	+/-205	2.9%	+/-0.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999	807	+/-217	2.5%	+/-0.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	2,167	+/-310	6.8%	+/-1.0
\$25,000 to \$34,999	2,384	+/-326	7.5%	+/-1.0
\$35,000 to \$49,999	4,104	+/-400	13.0%	+/-1.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	6,125	+/-604	19.3%	+/-1.8
\$75,000 to \$99,999	4,872	+/-424	15.4%	+/-1.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5,907	+/-440	18.6%	+/-1.4
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,637	+/-305	8.3%	+/-1.0
\$200,000 or more	1,753	+/-247	5.5%	+/-0.8
Median household income (dollars)	72,383	+/-2,671	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	91,877	+/-3,550	(X)	(X)
With earnings				
Mean earnings (dollars)	25,442	+/-563	80.3%	+/-1.2
Mean earnings (dollars)	89,731	+/-3,190	(X)	(X)
With Social Security				
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	9,611	+/-402	30.3%	+/-1.1
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	18,956	+/-570	(X)	(X)
With retirement income				
Mean retirement income (dollars)	7,790	+/-443	24.6%	+/-1.4
Mean retirement income (dollars)	27,740	+/-1,666	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income				
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	831	+/-190	2.6%	+/-0.6
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	9,113	+/-1,248	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	362	+/-157	1.1%	+/-0.5

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	6,434	+/-2,346	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	1,291	+/-280	4.1%	+/-0.9
Families	20,636	+/-523	20,636	(X)
Less than \$10,000	309	+/-116	1.5%	+/-0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	277	+/-129	1.3%	+/-0.6
\$15,000 to \$24,999	880	+/-209	4.3%	+/-1.0
\$25,000 to \$34,999	964	+/-219	4.7%	+/-1.1
\$35,000 to \$49,999	2,347	+/-309	11.4%	+/-1.4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3,541	+/-361	17.2%	+/-1.7
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,382	+/-317	16.4%	+/-1.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4,936	+/-394	23.9%	+/-1.9
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,445	+/-277	11.8%	+/-1.4
\$200,000 or more	1,555	+/-225	7.5%	+/-1.1
Median family income (dollars)	89,030	+/-3,499	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	108,055	+/-4,446	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	36,772	+/-1,276	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	11,053	+/-628	11,053	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	45,024	+/-2,921	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	58,617	+/-5,024	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	38,671	+/-1,630	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	55,254	+/-1,971	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	46,038	+/-2,830	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	80,524	+/-424	80,524	(X)
With health insurance coverage	76,090	+/-742	94.5%	+/-0.8
With private health insurance	69,097	+/-1,101	85.8%	+/-1.3
With public coverage	19,498	+/-937	24.2%	+/-1.2
No health insurance coverage	4,434	+/-670	5.5%	+/-0.8
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	16,207	+/-559	16,207	(X)
No health insurance coverage	439	+/-205	2.7%	+/-1.3
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	51,742	+/-637	51,742	(X)
In labor force:	42,754	+/-798	42,754	(X)
Employed:	40,546	+/-733	40,546	(X)
With health insurance coverage	37,862	+/-752	93.4%	+/-1.1
With private health insurance	36,592	+/-810	90.2%	+/-1.2
With public coverage	2,079	+/-319	5.1%	+/-0.8
No health insurance coverage	2,684	+/-465	6.6%	+/-1.1
Unemployed:	2,208	+/-357	2,208	(X)
With health insurance coverage	1,449	+/-273	65.6%	+/-7.4
With private health insurance	1,136	+/-236	51.4%	+/-7.2
With public coverage	403	+/-144	18.3%	+/-5.9
No health insurance coverage	759	+/-215	34.4%	+/-7.4
Not in labor force:	8,988	+/-647	8,988	(X)
With health insurance coverage	8,452	+/-622	94.0%	+/-1.6
With private health insurance	6,810	+/-487	75.8%	+/-3.5
With public coverage	2,508	+/-453	27.9%	+/-4.1
No health insurance coverage	536	+/-152	6.0%	+/-1.6

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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)	3.8%	+/-1.0
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	7.1%	+/-2.0
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	5.8%	+/-4.5
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	1.2%	+/-0.5
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	1.9%	+/-1.1
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	3.2%	+/-3.7
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	16.2%	+/-4.6
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	25.7%	+/-7.3
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	23.0%	+/-23.4
All people	(X)	(X)	6.7%	+/-1.0
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	8.7%	+/-2.6
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	8.5%	+/-2.6
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	8.9%	+/-4.1
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	8.3%	+/-2.5
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	6.1%	+/-0.8
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	6.0%	+/-0.9
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	6.7%	+/-1.5
People in families	(X)	(X)	4.2%	+/-1.1
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	16.6%	+/-2.4

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.