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DP03	SELECTED ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS
	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	Rensselaer County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	129,689	+/-262	129,689	(X)
In labor force	87,938	+/-1,089	67.8%	+/-0.9
Civilian labor force	87,636	+/-1,097	67.6%	+/-0.9
Employed	80,678	+/-1,148	62.2%	+/-0.9
Unemployed	6,958	+/-615	5.4%	+/-0.5
Armed Forces	302	+/-125	0.2%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	41,751	+/-1,125	32.2%	+/-0.9
Civilian labor force	87,636	+/-1,097	87,636	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	7.9%	+/-0.7
Females 16 years and over	66,093	+/-223	66,093	(X)
In labor force	42,918	+/-744	64.9%	+/-1.1
Civilian labor force	42,909	+/-744	64.9%	+/-1.1
Employed	39,943	+/-734	60.4%	+/-1.1
Own children under 6 years	9,970	+/-230	9,970	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	7,306	+/-490	73.3%	+/-4.6
Own children 6 to 17 years	22,253	+/-358	22,253	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	17,989	+/-657	80.8%	+/-2.4
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	79,093	+/-1,163	79,093	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	62,953	+/-1,123	79.6%	+/-1.0
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	6,804	+/-551	8.6%	+/-0.7
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	2,182	+/-382	2.8%	+/-0.5
Walked	3,614	+/-416	4.6%	+/-0.5
Other means	713	+/-185	0.9%	+/-0.2
Worked at home	2,827	+/-314	3.6%	+/-0.4
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.3	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	80,678	+/-1,148	80,678	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	30,895	+/-974	38.3%	+/-1.2
Service occupations	13,040	+/-751	16.2%	+/-0.9
Sales and office occupations	22,114	+/-944	27.4%	+/-1.1
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	6,857	+/-614	8.5%	+/-0.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	7,772	+/-618	9.6%	+/-0.8
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	80,678	+/-1,148	80,678	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	561	+/-163	0.7%	+/-0.2
Construction	5,355	+/-562	6.6%	+/-0.7
Manufacturing	5,849	+/-457	7.2%	+/-0.6
Wholesale trade	1,946	+/-291	2.4%	+/-0.4
Retail trade	8,230	+/-621	10.2%	+/-0.7
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	3,555	+/-467	4.4%	+/-0.6
Information	1,644	+/-281	2.0%	+/-0.3
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	4,917	+/-485	6.1%	+/-0.6
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	7,433	+/-500	9.2%	+/-0.6
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	22,399	+/-838	27.8%	+/-1.0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	6,174	+/-495	7.7%	+/-0.6
Other services, except public administration	3,621	+/-411	4.5%	+/-0.5
Public administration	8,994	+/-595	11.1%	+/-0.7
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	80,678	+/-1,148	80,678	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	58,212	+/-1,206	72.2%	+/-1.1
Government workers	18,157	+/-845	22.5%	+/-1.0
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	4,223	+/-421	5.2%	+/-0.5
Unpaid family workers	86	+/-55	0.1%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	63,952	+/-660	63,952	(X)
Less than $10,000	3,941	+/-394	6.2%	+/-0.6
$10,000 to $14,999	3,049	+/-376	4.8%	+/-0.6
$15,000 to $24,999	5,975	+/-419	9.3%	+/-0.6
$25,000 to $34,999	6,080	+/-420	9.5%	+/-0.7
$35,000 to $49,999	7,991	+/-523	12.5%	+/-0.8
$50,000 to $74,999	12,378	+/-539	19.4%	+/-0.9
$75,000 to $99,999	8,793	+/-545	13.7%	+/-0.9
$100,000 to $149,999	10,323	+/-493	16.1%	+/-0.8
$150,000 to $199,999	3,371	+/-336	5.3%	+/-0.5
$200,000 or more	2,051	+/-248	3.2%	+/-0.4
Median household income (dollars)	58,959	+/-1,429	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	72,644	+/-1,194	(X)	(X)
With earnings	50,377	+/-620	78.8%	+/-0.8
Mean earnings (dollars)	72,972	+/-1,361	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	19,091	+/-509	29.9%	+/-0.8
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	16,987	+/-384	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	14,352	+/-583	22.4%	+/-0.9
Mean retirement income (dollars)	26,127	+/-1,501	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	2,727	+/-384	4.3%	+/-0.6
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	9,106	+/-595	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	1,846	+/-239	2.9%	+/-0.4

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,132	+/-558	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	6,497	+/-506	10.2%	+/-0.8
Families	39,653	+/-726	39,653	(X)
Less than $10,000	1,730	+/-284	4.4%	+/-0.7
$10,000 to $14,999	891	+/-202	2.2%	+/-0.5
$15,000 to $24,999	2,056	+/-319	5.2%	+/-0.8
$25,000 to $34,999	2,917	+/-422	7.4%	+/-1.0
$35,000 to $49,999	4,527	+/-420	11.4%	+/-1.0
$50,000 to $74,999	7,840	+/-489	19.8%	+/-1.2
$75,000 to $99,999	6,397	+/-381	16.1%	+/-1.0
$100,000 to $149,999	8,484	+/-497	21.4%	+/-1.2
$150,000 to $199,999	3,038	+/-322	7.7%	+/-0.8
$200,000 or more	1,773	+/-226	4.5%	+/-0.6
Median family income (dollars)	74,494	+/-1,980	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	87,002	+/-1,958	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	29,647	+/-458	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	24,299	+/-910	24,299	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	35,124	+/-1,650	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	46,251	+/-1,444	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	32,495	+/-789	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	52,158	+/-1,123	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	41,688	+/-992	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	157,432	+/-326	157,432	(X)
With health insurance coverage	146,362	+/-928	93.0%	+/-0.5
With private health insurance	122,152	+/-1,535	77.6%	+/-1.0
With public coverage	45,571	+/-1,403	28.9%	+/-0.9
No health insurance coverage	11,070	+/-812	7.0%	+/-0.5
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	33,822	+/-49	33,822	(X)
No health insurance coverage	774	+/-279	2.3%	+/-0.8
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	103,005	+/-229	103,005	(X)
In labor force:	82,630	+/-990	82,630	(X)
Employed:	76,453	+/-1,035	76,453	(X)
With health insurance coverage	69,693	+/-1,040	91.2%	+/-0.8
With private health insurance	65,508	+/-1,116	85.7%	+/-1.0
With public coverage	6,101	+/-641	8.0%	+/-0.8
No health insurance coverage	6,760	+/-606	8.8%	+/-0.8
Unemployed:	6,177	+/-587	6,177	(X)
With health insurance coverage	4,278	+/-467	69.3%	+/-3.8
With private health insurance	2,254	+/-319	36.5%	+/-3.9
With public coverage	2,228	+/-353	36.1%	+/-4.6
No health insurance coverage	1,899	+/-295	30.7%	+/-3.8
Not in labor force:	20,375	+/-974	20,375	(X)
With health insurance coverage	18,789	+/-943	92.2%	+/-1.3
With private health insurance	13,524	+/-709	66.4%	+/-2.4
With public coverage	7,082	+/-626	34.8%	+/-2.3
No health insurance coverage	1,586	+/-270	7.8%	+/-1.3

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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)	8.5%	+/-1.0
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	15.4%	+/-2.0
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	21.6%	+/-6.1
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	1.9%	+/-0.5
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	3.1%	+/-1.0
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	1.1%	+/-1.2
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	30.7%	+/-4.1
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	39.6%	+/-5.5
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	55.7%	+/-13.4
All people	(X)	(X)	11.8%	+/-0.9
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	16.6%	+/-2.2
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	16.3%	+/-2.2
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	22.6%	+/-4.2
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	14.1%	+/-2.1
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	10.5%	+/-0.8
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	11.2%	+/-0.9
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	7.1%	+/-1.5
People in families	(X)	(X)	8.8%	+/-1.1
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	22.1%	+/-1.7

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.