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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	Schenectady city, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	51,749	+/-458	51,749	(X)
In labor force	33,310	+/-820	64.4%	+/-1.4
Civilian labor force	33,226	+/-817	64.2%	+/-1.4
Employed	29,956	+/-885	57.9%	+/-1.6
Unemployed	3,270	+/-395	6.3%	+/-0.8
Armed Forces	84	+/-66	0.2%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	18,439	+/-748	35.6%	+/-1.4
Civilian labor force	33,226	+/-817	33,226	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	9.8%	+/-1.2
Females 16 years and over				
In labor force	16,490	+/-594	61.5%	+/-2.0
Civilian labor force	16,484	+/-593	61.4%	+/-2.0
Employed	15,207	+/-601	56.7%	+/-2.0
Own children under 6 years				
All parents in family in labor force	3,419	+/-440	60.5%	+/-7.8
Own children 6 to 17 years				
All parents in family in labor force	7,121	+/-617	74.7%	+/-4.6
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	29,367	+/-881	29,367	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	21,740	+/-925	74.0%	+/-1.9
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	2,430	+/-328	8.3%	+/-1.1
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	1,861	+/-303	6.3%	+/-1.1
Walked	2,068	+/-321	7.0%	+/-1.1
Other means	547	+/-161	1.9%	+/-0.5
Worked at home	721	+/-205	2.5%	+/-0.7
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.9	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	29,956	+/-885	29,956	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	8,439	+/-697	28.2%	+/-2.2
Service occupations	7,737	+/-625	25.8%	+/-1.9
Sales and office occupations	8,966	+/-682	29.9%	+/-2.0
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	1,683	+/-299	5.6%	+/-1.0
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	3,131	+/-329	10.5%	+/-1.1
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	29,956	+/-885	29,956	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	111	+/-53	0.4%	+/-0.2
Construction	1,103	+/-258	3.7%	+/-0.9
Manufacturing	1,947	+/-290	6.5%	+/-1.0
Wholesale trade	707	+/-192	2.4%	+/-0.6
Retail trade	4,601	+/-534	15.4%	+/-1.7
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	1,264	+/-211	4.2%	+/-0.7
Information	668	+/-172	2.2%	+/-0.6
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	1,833	+/-307	6.1%	+/-1.0
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	2,555	+/-316	8.5%	+/-1.1
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	8,517	+/-658	28.4%	+/-2.0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	3,125	+/-430	10.4%	+/-1.4
Other services, except public administration	1,281	+/-301	4.3%	+/-1.0
Public administration	2,244	+/-316	7.5%	+/-1.0
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	29,956	+/-885	29,956	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	23,545	+/-783	78.6%	+/-1.7
Government workers	5,177	+/-486	17.3%	+/-1.4
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	1,227	+/-254	4.1%	+/-0.8
Unpaid family workers	7	+/-18	0.0%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	24,722	+/-593	24,722	(X)
Less than \$10,000	2,359	+/-309	9.5%	+/-1.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,274	+/-310	9.2%	+/-1.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	3,498	+/-379	14.1%	+/-1.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	3,107	+/-328	12.6%	+/-1.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	3,621	+/-349	14.6%	+/-1.4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	4,970	+/-392	20.1%	+/-1.6
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,687	+/-285	10.9%	+/-1.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,563	+/-216	6.3%	+/-0.9
\$150,000 to \$199,999	332	+/-104	1.3%	+/-0.4
\$200,000 or more	311	+/-86	1.3%	+/-0.4
Median household income (dollars)	38,485	+/-1,486	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	48,927	+/-1,320	(X)	(X)
With earnings	18,447	+/-573	74.6%	+/-1.5
Mean earnings (dollars)	50,158	+/-1,576	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	6,927	+/-374	28.0%	+/-1.3
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,474	+/-522	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	4,484	+/-324	18.1%	+/-1.3
Mean retirement income (dollars)	19,365	+/-1,227	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	1,782	+/-251	7.2%	+/-1.0
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	9,015	+/-600	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	1,191	+/-204	4.8%	+/-0.8

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	5,019	+/-989	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	4,678	+/-460	18.9%	+/-1.7
Families	12,679	+/-543	12,679	(X)
Less than \$10,000	992	+/-191	7.8%	+/-1.4
\$10,000 to \$14,999	595	+/-187	4.7%	+/-1.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,658	+/-285	13.1%	+/-2.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,391	+/-236	11.0%	+/-1.7
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,733	+/-271	13.7%	+/-2.1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2,935	+/-308	23.1%	+/-2.6
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,824	+/-234	14.4%	+/-1.8
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,053	+/-157	8.3%	+/-1.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	222	+/-84	1.8%	+/-0.6
\$200,000 or more	276	+/-87	2.2%	+/-0.7
Median family income (dollars)	49,700	+/-3,093	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	57,202	+/-2,118	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	20,422	+/-548	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	12,043	+/-654	12,043	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	30,439	+/-1,881	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	38,420	+/-1,800	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	24,702	+/-1,355	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	36,752	+/-1,171	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	33,525	+/-2,727	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	64,909	+/-272	64,909	(X)
With health insurance coverage	55,894	+/-989	86.1%	+/-1.5
With private health insurance	37,513	+/-1,400	57.8%	+/-2.2
With public coverage	26,540	+/-1,056	40.9%	+/-1.6
No health insurance coverage	9,015	+/-956	13.9%	+/-1.5
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	15,845	+/-476	15,845	(X)
No health insurance coverage	1,072	+/-411	6.8%	+/-2.5
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	41,471	+/-532	41,471	(X)
In labor force:	31,426	+/-761	31,426	(X)
Employed:	28,416	+/-835	28,416	(X)
With health insurance coverage	22,985	+/-965	80.9%	+/-2.1
With private health insurance	20,002	+/-898	70.4%	+/-2.4
With public coverage	3,800	+/-500	13.4%	+/-1.7
No health insurance coverage	5,431	+/-581	19.1%	+/-2.1
Unemployed:	3,010	+/-390	3,010	(X)
With health insurance coverage	1,789	+/-311	59.4%	+/-7.2
With private health insurance	900	+/-225	29.9%	+/-6.2
With public coverage	1,012	+/-204	33.6%	+/-5.5
No health insurance coverage	1,221	+/-274	40.6%	+/-7.2
Not in labor force:	10,045	+/-608	10,045	(X)
With health insurance coverage	8,810	+/-569	87.7%	+/-2.3
With private health insurance	4,801	+/-492	47.8%	+/-3.7
With public coverage	5,127	+/-444	51.0%	+/-3.7
No health insurance coverage	1,235	+/-247	12.3%	+/-2.3

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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)	18.1%	+/-2.1
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	31.0%	+/-4.0
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	37.7%	+/-10.8
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	7.3%	+/-1.9
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	12.7%	+/-4.3
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	7.8%	+/-8.8
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	33.8%	+/-4.8
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	47.3%	+/-6.3
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	53.9%	+/-14.1
All people	(X)	(X)	22.5%	+/-2.1
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	39.7%	+/-4.8
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	39.5%	+/-4.8
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	52.1%	+/-7.6
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	33.9%	+/-4.8
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	16.8%	+/-1.4
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	18.3%	+/-1.7
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	8.9%	+/-2.0
People in families	(X)	(X)	22.1%	+/-2.6
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	23.6%	+/-2.3

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.