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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 County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	123,579	+/-245	123,579	(X)
In labor force	81,229	+/-988	65.7%	+/-0.8
Civilian labor force	80,957	+/-969	65.5%	+/-0.8
Employed	75,144	+/-995	60.8%	+/-0.8
Unemployed	5,813	+/-526	4.7%	+/-0.4
Armed Forces	272	+/-110	0.2%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	42,350	+/-961	34.3%	+/-0.8
Civilian labor force	80,957	+/-969	80,957	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	7.2%	+/-0.6
Females 16 years and over				
In labor force	64,636	+/-194	64,636	(X)
Civilian labor force	39,768	+/-686	61.5%	+/-1.1
Employed	39,754	+/-683	61.5%	+/-1.1
Unemployed	37,477	+/-663	58.0%	+/-1.0
Own children under 6 years				
All parents in family in labor force	10,805	+/-353	10,805	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	7,404	+/-482	68.5%	+/-4.9
Own children 6 to 17 years				
All parents in family in labor force	23,230	+/-415	23,230	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	18,146	+/-671	78.1%	+/-2.4
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	73,782	+/-1,051	73,782	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	60,408	+/-1,234	81.9%	+/-1.1
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	5,393	+/-534	7.3%	+/-0.7
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	2,133	+/-317	2.9%	+/-0.4
Walked	2,699	+/-381	3.7%	+/-0.5
Other means	869	+/-211	1.2%	+/-0.3
Worked at home	2,280	+/-312	3.1%	+/-0.4
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.6	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	75,144	+/-995	75,144	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	28,697	+/-1,084	38.2%	+/-1.3
Service occupations	14,254	+/-870	19.0%	+/-1.1
Sales and office occupations	20,255	+/-926	27.0%	+/-1.2
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	4,885	+/-480	6.5%	+/-0.6
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	7,053	+/-492	9.4%	+/-0.6
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	75,144	+/-995	75,144	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	268	+/-98	0.4%	+/-0.1
Construction	3,525	+/-434	4.7%	+/-0.6
Manufacturing	5,138	+/-537	6.8%	+/-0.7
Wholesale trade	1,675	+/-260	2.2%	+/-0.3
Retail trade	9,841	+/-696	13.1%	+/-0.9
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	3,193	+/-326	4.2%	+/-0.4
Information	1,634	+/-222	2.2%	+/-0.3
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	5,587	+/-540	7.4%	+/-0.7
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	6,880	+/-500	9.2%	+/-0.7
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	21,233	+/-923	28.3%	+/-1.1
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	6,028	+/-537	8.0%	+/-0.7
Other services, except public administration	3,379	+/-481	4.5%	+/-0.6
Public administration	6,763	+/-501	9.0%	+/-0.7
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	75,144	+/-995	75,144	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	56,243	+/-1,056	74.8%	+/-1.1
Government workers	15,283	+/-791	20.3%	+/-1.0
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	3,611	+/-419	4.8%	+/-0.5
Unpaid family workers	7	+/-18	0.0%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	58,263	+/-768	58,263	(X)
Less than \$10,000	3,500	+/-401	6.0%	+/-0.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3,212	+/-366	5.5%	+/-0.6
\$15,000 to \$24,999	6,133	+/-480	10.5%	+/-0.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	5,557	+/-402	9.5%	+/-0.7
\$35,000 to \$49,999	7,328	+/-499	12.6%	+/-0.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	11,864	+/-550	20.4%	+/-0.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	7,991	+/-438	13.7%	+/-0.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	8,117	+/-432	13.9%	+/-0.7
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,677	+/-274	4.6%	+/-0.5
\$200,000 or more	1,884	+/-258	3.2%	+/-0.4
Median household income (dollars)	56,445	+/-1,238	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	69,891	+/-1,504	(X)	(X)
With earnings	44,175	+/-798	75.8%	+/-0.8
Mean earnings (dollars)	71,261	+/-1,372	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	17,996	+/-455	30.9%	+/-0.7
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	17,652	+/-306	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	13,565	+/-524	23.3%	+/-0.9
Mean retirement income (dollars)	23,423	+/-982	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	2,640	+/-303	4.5%	+/-0.5
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	9,701	+/-589	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	1,624	+/-256	2.8%	+/-0.4

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,881	+/-756	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	5,795	+/-529	9.9%	+/-0.9
Families	35,326	+/-853	35,326	(X)
Less than \$10,000	1,391	+/-233	3.9%	+/-0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	723	+/-209	2.0%	+/-0.6
\$15,000 to \$24,999	2,564	+/-367	7.3%	+/-1.0
\$25,000 to \$34,999	2,455	+/-254	6.9%	+/-0.7
\$35,000 to \$49,999	3,649	+/-343	10.3%	+/-1.0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	7,448	+/-444	21.1%	+/-1.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999	6,115	+/-369	17.3%	+/-1.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	6,949	+/-416	19.7%	+/-1.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,355	+/-266	6.7%	+/-0.7
\$200,000 or more	1,677	+/-265	4.7%	+/-0.7
Median family income (dollars)	73,042	+/-1,771	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	85,735	+/-2,213	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	28,326	+/-547	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	22,937	+/-828	22,937	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	34,338	+/-1,340	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	43,632	+/-1,515	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	31,945	+/-616	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	49,795	+/-1,438	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	40,352	+/-1,268	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	152,758	+/-289	152,758	(X)
With health insurance coverage	139,276	+/-1,132	91.2%	+/-0.7
With private health insurance	112,715	+/-1,679	73.8%	+/-1.1
With public coverage	48,129	+/-1,449	31.5%	+/-0.9
No health insurance coverage	13,482	+/-1,088	8.8%	+/-0.7
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	35,147	+/-90	35,147	(X)
No health insurance coverage	1,523	+/-466	4.3%	+/-1.3
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	95,394	+/-218	95,394	(X)
In labor force:	76,110	+/-840	76,110	(X)
Employed:	70,848	+/-929	70,848	(X)
With health insurance coverage	62,877	+/-1,062	88.7%	+/-0.9
With private health insurance	59,053	+/-1,005	83.4%	+/-1.0
With public coverage	5,346	+/-600	7.5%	+/-0.8
No health insurance coverage	7,971	+/-652	11.3%	+/-0.9
Unemployed:	5,262	+/-480	5,262	(X)
With health insurance coverage	3,189	+/-391	60.6%	+/-5.4
With private health insurance	2,042	+/-326	38.8%	+/-5.2
With public coverage	1,305	+/-242	24.8%	+/-4.0
No health insurance coverage	2,073	+/-353	39.4%	+/-5.4
Not in labor force:	19,284	+/-824	19,284	(X)
With health insurance coverage	17,505	+/-776	90.8%	+/-1.5
With private health insurance	11,376	+/-695	59.0%	+/-2.8
With public coverage	8,184	+/-583	42.4%	+/-2.5
No health insurance coverage	1,779	+/-305	9.2%	+/-1.5

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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)	8.3%	+/-1.0
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	14.6%	+/-1.9
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	21.2%	+/-5.8
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	2.9%	+/-0.7
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	3.8%	+/-1.2
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	2.7%	+/-2.6
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	23.9%	+/-3.7
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	34.3%	+/-5.5
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	48.9%	+/-11.6
All people	(X)	(X)	12.0%	+/-1.0
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	20.0%	+/-2.4
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	19.9%	+/-2.4
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	30.2%	+/-4.8
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	16.2%	+/-2.2
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	9.6%	+/-0.7
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	10.1%	+/-0.9
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	7.3%	+/-1.1
People in families	(X)	(X)	10.1%	+/-1.2
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	19.2%	+/-1.5

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.