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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	Asheville city, North Carolina			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>				
Population 16 years and over	68,923	+/-718	68,923	(X)
In labor force	45,312	+/-889	65.7%	+/-1.1
Civilian labor force	45,142	+/-902	65.5%	+/-1.1
Employed	41,155	+/-929	59.7%	+/-1.2
Unemployed	3,987	+/-427	5.8%	+/-0.6
Armed Forces	170	+/-172	0.2%	+/-0.2
Not in labor force	23,611	+/-790	34.3%	+/-1.1
Civilian labor force	45,142	+/-902	45,142	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	8.8%	+/-0.9
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>				
In labor force	23,410	+/-731	62.7%	+/-1.5
Civilian labor force	23,342	+/-721	62.5%	+/-1.5
Employed	21,403	+/-724	57.3%	+/-1.7
<b>Own children under 6 years</b>				
All parents in family in labor force	6,139	+/-532	6,139	(X)
<b>Own children 6 to 17 years</b>				
All parents in family in labor force	3,936	+/-501	64.1%	+/-6.3
<b>Own children 6 to 17 years</b>				
All parents in family in labor force	9,595	+/-726	9,595	(X)
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>				
Workers 16 years and over	40,316	+/-964	40,316	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	30,518	+/-909	75.7%	+/-1.6
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	3,524	+/-464	8.7%	+/-1.1
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	636	+/-153	1.6%	+/-0.4
Walked	1,500	+/-363	3.7%	+/-0.9
Other means	764	+/-178	1.9%	+/-0.4
Worked at home	3,374	+/-465	8.4%	+/-1.1
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.4	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
<b>OCCUPATION</b>				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	41,155	+/-929	41,155	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	16,621	+/-937	40.4%	+/-2.1
Service occupations	8,649	+/-677	21.0%	+/-1.6
Sales and office occupations	9,212	+/-645	22.4%	+/-1.5
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	2,857	+/-402	6.9%	+/-0.9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	3,816	+/-490	9.3%	+/-1.2
<b>INDUSTRY</b>				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	41,155	+/-929	41,155	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	343	+/-141	0.8%	+/-0.3
Construction	2,087	+/-342	5.1%	+/-0.8
Manufacturing	3,792	+/-487	9.2%	+/-1.2
Wholesale trade	822	+/-223	2.0%	+/-0.5
Retail trade	4,819	+/-468	11.7%	+/-1.1
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	907	+/-195	2.2%	+/-0.5
Information	692	+/-229	1.7%	+/-0.5
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	2,014	+/-306	4.9%	+/-0.7
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	4,552	+/-457	11.1%	+/-1.1
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	11,471	+/-827	27.9%	+/-1.9
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	6,038	+/-529	14.7%	+/-1.2
Other services, except public administration	2,268	+/-346	5.5%	+/-0.9
Public administration	1,350	+/-288	3.3%	+/-0.7
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	41,155	+/-929	41,155	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	31,374	+/-904	76.2%	+/-1.6
Government workers	5,885	+/-551	14.3%	+/-1.3
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	3,858	+/-469	9.4%	+/-1.1
Unpaid family workers	38	+/-31	0.1%	+/-0.1
<b>INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>				
Total households	37,538	+/-888	37,538	(X)
Less than \$10,000	3,540	+/-430	9.4%	+/-1.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3,102	+/-352	8.3%	+/-0.9
\$15,000 to \$24,999	4,443	+/-434	11.8%	+/-1.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	4,658	+/-431	12.4%	+/-1.1
\$35,000 to \$49,999	5,782	+/-491	15.4%	+/-1.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	6,971	+/-532	18.6%	+/-1.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,607	+/-421	9.6%	+/-1.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,369	+/-387	9.0%	+/-1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	883	+/-159	2.4%	+/-0.4
\$200,000 or more	1,183	+/-186	3.2%	+/-0.5
Median household income (dollars)	42,333	+/-1,390	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	58,665	+/-2,147	(X)	(X)
With earnings	28,331	+/-766	75.5%	+/-1.4
Mean earnings (dollars)	57,607	+/-2,280	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	11,314	+/-532	30.1%	+/-1.2
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	16,004	+/-507	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	6,214	+/-440	16.6%	+/-1.1
Mean retirement income (dollars)	22,409	+/-1,728	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	1,517	+/-282	4.0%	+/-0.7
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,994	+/-788	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	737	+/-189	2.0%	+/-0.5

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,250	+/-687	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	4,884	+/-433	13.0%	+/-1.1
<b>Families</b>	<b>18,448</b>	<b>+/-646</b>	<b>18,448</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than \$10,000	1,033	+/-220	5.6%	+/-1.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	879	+/-245	4.8%	+/-1.3
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,417	+/-265	7.7%	+/-1.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	2,011	+/-326	10.9%	+/-1.7
\$35,000 to \$49,999	2,708	+/-345	14.7%	+/-1.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3,596	+/-389	19.5%	+/-2.0
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,505	+/-328	13.6%	+/-1.8
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,508	+/-286	13.6%	+/-1.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	688	+/-134	3.7%	+/-0.7
\$200,000 or more	1,103	+/-180	6.0%	+/-0.9
Median family income (dollars)	56,333	+/-2,631	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	77,855	+/-3,743	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	26,993	+/-1,015	(X)	(X)
<b>Nonfamily households</b>	<b>19,090</b>	<b>+/-830</b>	<b>19,090</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	29,722	+/-1,495	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	38,971	+/-1,700	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	25,271	+/-823	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	38,405	+/-2,170	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	32,475	+/-1,342	(X)	(X)
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE</b>				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	81,935	+/-451	81,935	(X)
With health insurance coverage	67,564	+/-1,093	82.5%	+/-1.3
With private health insurance	50,768	+/-1,431	62.0%	+/-1.7
With public coverage	27,242	+/-1,057	33.2%	+/-1.3
No health insurance coverage	14,371	+/-1,039	17.5%	+/-1.3
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	16,526	+/-740	16,526	(X)
No health insurance coverage	1,341	+/-454	8.1%	+/-2.7
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	53,271	+/-781	53,271	(X)
In labor force:	42,723	+/-896	42,723	(X)
Employed:	39,149	+/-926	39,149	(X)
With health insurance coverage	30,017	+/-912	76.7%	+/-1.7
With private health insurance	28,541	+/-885	72.9%	+/-1.7
With public coverage	2,424	+/-326	6.2%	+/-0.8
No health insurance coverage	9,132	+/-709	23.3%	+/-1.7
Unemployed:	3,574	+/-422	3,574	(X)
With health insurance coverage	1,899	+/-322	53.1%	+/-6.4
With private health insurance	1,246	+/-268	34.9%	+/-5.8
With public coverage	753	+/-174	21.1%	+/-4.4
No health insurance coverage	1,675	+/-297	46.9%	+/-6.4
Not in labor force:	10,548	+/-654	10,548	(X)
With health insurance coverage	8,369	+/-600	79.3%	+/-3.2
With private health insurance	4,808	+/-439	45.6%	+/-3.8
With public coverage	4,127	+/-530	39.1%	+/-3.9
No health insurance coverage	2,179	+/-365	20.7%	+/-3.2

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<b>PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL</b>				
All families	(X)	(X)	13.6%	+/-1.8
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	23.1%	+/-3.5
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	27.5%	+/-8.2
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	6.1%	+/-1.6
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	11.6%	+/-3.6
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	8.4%	+/-6.2
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	33.2%	+/-4.9
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	41.6%	+/-6.1
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	54.6%	+/-16.2
All people	(X)	(X)	20.2%	+/-1.6
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	28.2%	+/-3.9
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	27.7%	+/-3.9
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	33.3%	+/-7.0
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	25.1%	+/-4.1
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	18.2%	+/-1.3
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	20.1%	+/-1.6
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	10.0%	+/-1.6
People in families	(X)	(X)	15.9%	+/-2.3
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	28.4%	+/-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.