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## 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	Buncombe County, North Carolina			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>				
Population 16 years and over	196,127	+/-347	196,127	(X)
In labor force	124,796	+/-1,378	63.6%	+/-0.7
Civilian labor force	124,330	+/-1,374	63.4%	+/-0.7
Employed	114,078	+/-1,461	58.2%	+/-0.7
Unemployed	10,252	+/-730	5.2%	+/-0.4
Armed Forces	466	+/-315	0.2%	+/-0.2
Not in labor force	71,331	+/-1,383	36.4%	+/-0.7
Civilian labor force	124,330	+/-1,374	124,330	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	8.2%	+/-0.6
Females 16 years and over	103,075	+/-251	103,075	(X)
In labor force	61,267	+/-1,068	59.4%	+/-1.0
Civilian labor force	61,147	+/-1,073	59.3%	+/-1.0
Employed	56,984	+/-1,107	55.3%	+/-1.1
Own children under 6 years	15,923	+/-433	15,923	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	10,069	+/-695	63.2%	+/-3.9
Own children 6 to 17 years	30,763	+/-507	30,763	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	22,380	+/-846	72.7%	+/-2.4
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>				
Workers 16 years and over	111,353	+/-1,458	111,353	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	87,750	+/-1,673	78.8%	+/-1.2
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	11,634	+/-1,011	10.4%	+/-0.9
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	756	+/-197	0.7%	+/-0.2
Walked	2,517	+/-435	2.3%	+/-0.4
Other means	1,427	+/-238	1.3%	+/-0.2
Worked at home	7,269	+/-721	6.5%	+/-0.6
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.8	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
<b>OCCUPATION</b>				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	114,078	+/-1,461	114,078	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	42,159	+/-1,369	37.0%	+/-1.0
Service occupations	22,469	+/-1,187	19.7%	+/-1.0
Sales and office occupations	27,311	+/-1,023	23.9%	+/-0.9
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	9,972	+/-781	8.7%	+/-0.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	12,167	+/-794	10.7%	+/-0.7
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	114,078	+/-1,461	114,078	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1,158	+/-316	1.0%	+/-0.3
Construction	7,795	+/-685	6.8%	+/-0.6
Manufacturing	11,844	+/-980	10.4%	+/-0.9
Wholesale trade	2,654	+/-370	2.3%	+/-0.3
Retail trade	15,490	+/-903	13.6%	+/-0.8
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	2,980	+/-385	2.6%	+/-0.3
Information	1,653	+/-312	1.4%	+/-0.3
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	5,964	+/-576	5.2%	+/-0.5
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	11,342	+/-860	9.9%	+/-0.7
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	30,178	+/-1,256	26.5%	+/-1.0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	13,411	+/-981	11.8%	+/-0.8
Other services, except public administration	5,632	+/-614	4.9%	+/-0.5
Public administration	3,977	+/-487	3.5%	+/-0.4
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	114,078	+/-1,461	114,078	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	87,930	+/-1,025	77.1%	+/-0.9
Government workers	16,018	+/-893	14.0%	+/-0.7
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	10,002	+/-722	8.8%	+/-0.6
Unpaid family workers	128	+/-76	0.1%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	101,381	+/-928	101,381	(X)
Less than \$10,000	7,846	+/-621	7.7%	+/-0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7,545	+/-619	7.4%	+/-0.6
\$15,000 to \$24,999	11,893	+/-817	11.7%	+/-0.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	12,732	+/-799	12.6%	+/-0.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	16,164	+/-812	15.9%	+/-0.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	19,441	+/-962	19.2%	+/-1.0
\$75,000 to \$99,999	10,561	+/-708	10.4%	+/-0.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9,533	+/-691	9.4%	+/-0.7
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,772	+/-286	2.7%	+/-0.3
\$200,000 or more	2,894	+/-320	2.9%	+/-0.3
Median household income (dollars)	44,206	+/-938	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	60,573	+/-1,427	(X)	(X)
With earnings	77,616	+/-1,107	76.6%	+/-0.8
Mean earnings (dollars)	58,518	+/-1,523	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	33,224	+/-855	32.8%	+/-0.9
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	16,817	+/-343	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	19,036	+/-717	18.8%	+/-0.7
Mean retirement income (dollars)	21,761	+/-1,019	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	4,025	+/-416	4.0%	+/-0.4
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,906	+/-609	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	1,662	+/-311	1.6%	+/-0.3

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	1,951	+/-452	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	12,024	+/-946	11.9%	+/-0.9
Families	61,065	+/-1,283	61,065	(X)
Less than \$10,000	3,238	+/-447	5.3%	+/-0.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,400	+/-419	3.9%	+/-0.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	4,928	+/-516	8.1%	+/-0.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	6,772	+/-663	11.1%	+/-1.0
\$35,000 to \$49,999	9,680	+/-617	15.9%	+/-1.0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	13,107	+/-818	21.5%	+/-1.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	8,340	+/-623	13.7%	+/-1.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7,697	+/-565	12.6%	+/-1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,234	+/-253	3.7%	+/-0.4
\$200,000 or more	2,669	+/-305	4.4%	+/-0.5
Median family income (dollars)	55,754	+/-1,704	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	73,785	+/-2,048	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	26,219	+/-572	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	40,316	+/-1,086	40,316	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	28,509	+/-1,108	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	38,797	+/-1,369	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	25,732	+/-442	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	39,253	+/-1,104	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	32,652	+/-920	(X)	(X)
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE</b>				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	235,076	+/-620	235,076	(X)
With health insurance coverage	196,312	+/-1,665	83.5%	+/-0.7
With private health insurance	148,890	+/-2,554	63.3%	+/-1.1
With public coverage	78,028	+/-1,838	33.2%	+/-0.8
No health insurance coverage	38,764	+/-1,712	16.5%	+/-0.7
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	48,715	+/-101	48,715	(X)
No health insurance coverage	3,908	+/-687	8.0%	+/-1.4
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	149,678	+/-483	149,678	(X)
In labor force:	116,423	+/-1,213	116,423	(X)
Employed:	107,089	+/-1,312	107,089	(X)
With health insurance coverage	83,989	+/-1,518	78.4%	+/-1.1
With private health insurance	79,984	+/-1,524	74.7%	+/-1.2
With public coverage	6,577	+/-628	6.1%	+/-0.6
No health insurance coverage	23,100	+/-1,177	21.6%	+/-1.1
Unemployed:	9,334	+/-709	9,334	(X)
With health insurance coverage	4,444	+/-481	47.6%	+/-4.1
With private health insurance	3,060	+/-410	32.8%	+/-3.5
With public coverage	1,541	+/-238	16.5%	+/-2.5
No health insurance coverage	4,890	+/-557	52.4%	+/-4.1
Not in labor force:	33,255	+/-1,211	33,255	(X)
With health insurance coverage	26,528	+/-954	79.8%	+/-1.5
With private health insurance	16,028	+/-791	48.2%	+/-2.4
With public coverage	12,786	+/-934	38.4%	+/-2.2
No health insurance coverage	6,727	+/-620	20.2%	+/-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)	11.7%	+/-1.1
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	20.1%	+/-1.9
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	25.7%	+/-4.9
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	5.9%	+/-0.9
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	10.3%	+/-1.7
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	9.8%	+/-4.7
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	32.3%	+/-3.4
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	42.3%	+/-4.4
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	55.7%	+/-10.1
All people	(X)	(X)	16.8%	+/-1.0
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	23.9%	+/-2.2
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	23.6%	+/-2.2
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	29.8%	+/-3.6
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	21.2%	+/-2.5
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	14.9%	+/-0.8
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	16.3%	+/-0.9
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	9.2%	+/-1.0
People in families	(X)	(X)	13.5%	+/-1.2
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	26.9%	+/-1.4

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.