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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	Syracuse city, Onondaga County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	115,391	+/-746	115,391	(X)
In labor force	65,709	+/-1,088	56.9%	+/-0.9
Civilian labor force	65,605	+/-1,082	56.9%	+/-0.9
Employed	58,116	+/-1,086	50.4%	+/-0.9
Unemployed	7,489	+/-532	6.5%	+/-0.5
Armed Forces	104	+/-64	0.1%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	49,682	+/-1,155	43.1%	+/-0.9
Civilian labor force	65,605	+/-1,082	65,605	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	11.4%	+/-0.8
Females 16 years and over				
Population 16 years and over	61,243	+/-659	61,243	(X)
In labor force	33,141	+/-800	54.1%	+/-1.3
Civilian labor force	33,141	+/-800	54.1%	+/-1.3
Employed	29,471	+/-805	48.1%	+/-1.3
Own children under 6 years				
Population	11,444	+/-480	11,444	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	7,532	+/-498	65.8%	+/-3.7
Own children 6 to 17 years				
Population	19,172	+/-735	19,172	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	13,143	+/-830	68.6%	+/-3.5
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	56,404	+/-1,127	56,404	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	36,606	+/-1,059	64.9%	+/-1.2
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	5,939	+/-471	10.5%	+/-0.8
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	4,867	+/-447	8.6%	+/-0.8
Walked	5,870	+/-479	10.4%	+/-0.9
Other means	1,466	+/-255	2.6%	+/-0.4
Worked at home	1,656	+/-250	2.9%	+/-0.4
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	17.1	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	20,085	+/-829	34.6%	+/-1.3
Service occupations	15,016	+/-754	25.8%	+/-1.2
Sales and office occupations	13,770	+/-722	23.7%	+/-1.2
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	3,397	+/-433	5.8%	+/-0.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	5,848	+/-444	10.1%	+/-0.7
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	58,116	+/-1,086	58,116	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	119	+/-61	0.2%	+/-0.1
Construction	2,044	+/-342	3.5%	+/-0.6
Manufacturing	4,081	+/-419	7.0%	+/-0.7
Wholesale trade	1,224	+/-220	2.1%	+/-0.4
Retail trade	6,739	+/-519	11.6%	+/-0.9
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	2,273	+/-273	3.9%	+/-0.5
Information	1,327	+/-223	2.3%	+/-0.4
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	3,426	+/-344	5.9%	+/-0.6
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	5,474	+/-448	9.4%	+/-0.8
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	19,549	+/-791	33.6%	+/-1.2
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	6,493	+/-562	11.2%	+/-0.9
Other services, except public administration	3,245	+/-373	5.6%	+/-0.6
Public administration	2,122	+/-278	3.7%	+/-0.5
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	58,116	+/-1,086	58,116	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	46,982	+/-1,122	80.8%	+/-0.9
Government workers	8,846	+/-513	15.2%	+/-0.9
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	2,282	+/-304	3.9%	+/-0.5
Unpaid family workers	6	+/-9	0.0%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	56,013	+/-695	56,013	(X)
Less than \$10,000	9,308	+/-481	16.6%	+/-0.8
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5,280	+/-459	9.4%	+/-0.8
\$15,000 to \$24,999	8,751	+/-528	15.6%	+/-0.9
\$25,000 to \$34,999	6,893	+/-481	12.3%	+/-0.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	7,887	+/-513	14.1%	+/-0.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	8,117	+/-482	14.5%	+/-0.8
\$75,000 to \$99,999	4,136	+/-287	7.4%	+/-0.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,950	+/-381	7.1%	+/-0.7
\$150,000 to \$199,999	944	+/-161	1.7%	+/-0.3
\$200,000 or more	747	+/-156	1.3%	+/-0.3
Median household income (dollars)	31,459	+/-870	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	45,476	+/-1,190	(X)	(X)
With earnings	39,933	+/-701	71.3%	+/-1.1
Mean earnings (dollars)	48,812	+/-1,369	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	14,120	+/-606	25.2%	+/-1.0
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,460	+/-390	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	8,855	+/-443	15.8%	+/-0.7
Mean retirement income (dollars)	19,411	+/-2,174	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	5,480	+/-418	9.8%	+/-0.7
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,765	+/-390	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	3,840	+/-397	6.9%	+/-0.7

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,586	+/-321	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	14,793	+/-662	26.4%	+/-1.2
Families	28,003	+/-558	28,003	(X)
Less than \$10,000	3,474	+/-349	12.4%	+/-1.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,021	+/-269	7.2%	+/-0.9
\$15,000 to \$24,999	4,135	+/-407	14.8%	+/-1.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	3,320	+/-292	11.9%	+/-1.0
\$35,000 to \$49,999	3,835	+/-390	13.7%	+/-1.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	4,574	+/-390	16.3%	+/-1.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,774	+/-243	9.9%	+/-0.8
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,547	+/-303	9.1%	+/-1.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	762	+/-147	2.7%	+/-0.5
\$200,000 or more	561	+/-140	2.0%	+/-0.5
Median family income (dollars)	38,560	+/-1,619	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	54,196	+/-2,212	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	18,869	+/-466	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	28,010	+/-797	28,010	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	23,144	+/-1,396	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	34,747	+/-1,345	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	20,858	+/-601	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	37,131	+/-1,284	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	33,214	+/-1,320	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	141,895	+/-546	141,895	(X)
With health insurance coverage	123,504	+/-1,158	87.0%	+/-0.8
With private health insurance	79,111	+/-1,824	55.8%	+/-1.3
With public coverage	59,249	+/-1,874	41.8%	+/-1.3
No health insurance coverage	18,391	+/-1,083	13.0%	+/-0.8
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	32,982	+/-779	32,982	(X)
No health insurance coverage	2,169	+/-434	6.6%	+/-1.3
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	95,086	+/-875	95,086	(X)
In labor force:	62,756	+/-1,059	62,756	(X)
Employed:	55,624	+/-1,072	55,624	(X)
With health insurance coverage	45,946	+/-1,205	82.6%	+/-1.1
With private health insurance	39,262	+/-1,233	70.6%	+/-1.5
With public coverage	8,088	+/-651	14.5%	+/-1.1
No health insurance coverage	9,678	+/-589	17.4%	+/-1.1
Unemployed:	7,132	+/-515	7,132	(X)
With health insurance coverage	4,319	+/-374	60.6%	+/-3.6
With private health insurance	1,883	+/-245	26.4%	+/-3.3
With public coverage	2,634	+/-359	36.9%	+/-4.1
No health insurance coverage	2,813	+/-354	39.4%	+/-3.6
Not in labor force:	32,330	+/-1,010	32,330	(X)
With health insurance coverage	28,742	+/-995	88.9%	+/-1.4
With private health insurance	16,147	+/-716	49.9%	+/-1.7
With public coverage	14,948	+/-763	46.2%	+/-1.9
No health insurance coverage	3,588	+/-459	11.1%	+/-1.4

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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)	27.4%	+/-1.7
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	41.4%	+/-2.8
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	39.5%	+/-5.1
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	11.1%	+/-1.5
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	18.2%	+/-3.0
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	17.3%	+/-6.1
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	45.4%	+/-2.6
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	55.7%	+/-3.6
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	51.9%	+/-7.9
All people	(X)	(X)	33.6%	+/-1.5
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	48.6%	+/-3.4
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	48.4%	+/-3.4
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	48.8%	+/-4.5
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	48.2%	+/-3.8
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	28.7%	+/-1.1
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	30.9%	+/-1.3
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	15.3%	+/-1.8
People in families	(X)	(X)	31.1%	+/-1.9
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	39.2%	+/-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.