

District of Columbia Selected Economic Characteristics: 2008
Data Set: 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Selected Economic Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	492,741	1,054	492,741	(X)
In labor force	335,306	5,645	68.0%	1.2
Civilian labor force	332,151	5,624	67.4%	1.2
Employed	306,366	5,828	62.2%	1.2
Unemployed	25,785	0.6	0.6	0.6
Armed Forces	3,155	670	0.6%	0.1
Not in labor force	157,435	5,812	32.0%	1.2
Civilian labor force	332,151	5,624	332,151	(X)
Percent Unemployed	7.8%	0.9	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over	263,236	969	263,236	(X)
In labor force	171,787	3,835	65.3%	1.4
Civilian labor force	171,409	3,859	65.1%	1.4
Employed	158,160	3,753	60.1%	1.4
Own children under 6 years	39,484	1,336	39,484	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	24,957	2,353	63.2%	5.6
Own children 6 to 17 years	63,324	2,163	63,324	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	46,997	2,633	74.2%	3.7
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	302,634	5,596	302,634	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	112,669	5,175	37.2%	1.5
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	19,932	2,595	6.6%	0.8
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	108,164	4,746	35.7%	1.6
Walked	36,636	3,444	12.1%	1.1
Other means	11,149	1,815	3.7%	0.6
Worked at home	14,084	1,723	4.7%	0.6
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	29.5	0.6	(X)	(X)

OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	306,366	5,828	306,366	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	170,483	4,610	55.6%	1.5
Service occupations	49,090	3,561	16.0%	1.1
Sales and office occupations	61,624	4,185	20.1%	1.3
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	225	307	0.1%	0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	9,100	1,645	3.0%	0.5
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	15,844	2,783	5.2%	0.9
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	306,366	5,828	306,366	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	866	504	0.3%	0.2
Construction	10,606	1,896	3.5%	0.6
Manufacturing	4,439	1,262	1.4%	0.4
Wholesale trade	1,840	806	0.6%	0.3
Retail trade	16,223	2,592	5.3%	0.8
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	9,990	1,435	3.3%	0.5
Information	11,965	1,638	3.9%	0.5
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	19,775	2,311	6.5%	0.7
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	63,936	4,045	20.9%	1.2
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	61,271	3,888	20.0%	1.2
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	30,005	3,405	9.8%	1.1
Other services, except public administration	26,243	2,500	8.6%	0.8
Public administration	49,207	3,301	16.1%	1.1
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	306,366	5,828	306,366	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	211,940	6,781	69.2%	1.5
Government workers	78,669	4,472	25.7%	1.5
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	15,294	2,001	5.0%	0.6
Unpaid family workers	463	422	0.2%	0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	249,996	3,353	249,996	(X)
Less than \$10,000	27,751	2,752	11.1%	1.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	10,342	1,637	4.1%	0.6
\$15,000 to \$24,999	19,551	2,426	7.8%	1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	20,503	2,251	8.2%	0.9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	31,871	2,709	12.7%	1.1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	38,460	3,181	15.4%	1.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999	28,781	2,355	11.5%	0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	31,007	2,464	12.4%	0.9
\$150,000 to \$199,999	16,550	1,631	6.6%	0.6

\$200,000 or more	25,180	2,381	10.1%	1
Median household income (dollars)	57,936	2,402	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	93,118	3,155	(X)	(X)
With earnings	203,171	3,688	81.3%	1.2
Mean earnings (dollars)	94,705	3,117	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	47,023	2,477	18.8%	1
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	11,869	529	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	40,958	2,202	16.4%	0.9
Mean retirement income (dollars)	34,521	3,580	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	9,495	1,551	3.8%	0.6
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,352	668	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	10,671	1,565	4.3%	0.6
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,753	613	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	26,958	2,242	10.8%	0.9
Families	107,365	3,934	107,365	(X)
Less than \$10,000	9,435	1,518	8.8%	1.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3,294	1,130	3.1%	1
\$15,000 to \$24,999	6,397	1,336	6.0%	1.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10,128	1,702	9.4%	1.5
\$35,000 to \$49,999	13,521	1,819	12.6%	1.7
\$50,000 to \$74,999	14,923	2,029	13.9%	1.8
\$75,000 to \$99,999	10,400	1,723	9.7%	1.6
\$100,000 to \$149,999	13,508	1,819	12.6%	1.7
\$150,000 to \$199,999	8,578	1,148	8.0%	1
\$200,000 or more	17,181	1,931	16.0%	1.7
Median family income (dollars)	66,722	5,214	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	117,545	6,284	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	42,069	1,288	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	142,631	5,123	142,631	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	51,612	1,687	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	72,029	2,725	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	40,496	976	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	57,393	4,725	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	50,519	1,325	(X)	(X)

PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	13.7%	1.7	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	21.2%	2.9	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	17.6%	5.6	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	3.9%	1.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	3.7%	2.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	0.7%	1.2	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	26.9%	3.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	34.9%	5.1	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	42.1%	12.1	(X)	(X)
All people	17.2%	1.3	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	25.9%	3.8	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	25.7%	3.8	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	26.0%	4.8	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	25.6%	4.6	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	15.1%	1.1	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	15.1%	1.1	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	15.2%	2.5	(X)	(X)
People in families	15.4%	1.9	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	20.3%	1.6	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey

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.

Notes:

.Employment and unemployment estimates may vary from the official labor force data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics because of differences in survey design and data collection. For guidance on differences in employment and unemployment estimates from different sources go to Labor Force Guidance.

.Workers include members of the Armed Forces and civilians who were at work last week.

.The Census Bureau introduced an improved sequence of labor force questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, we recommend using caution when making labor force data comparisons from 2008 or later with data from prior years. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the "Evaluation Report Covering Employment Status" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/AdvMeth/content_test/P6a_Employment_Status.pdf, and the "Evaluation Report Covering Weeks Worked" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/AdvMeth/content_test/P6b_Weeks_Worked_Final_Report.pdf. Additional information can also be found at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/laborfor/laborforce.html>.

.Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2000.

.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 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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. The 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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 PRCS 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.

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. Selected earnings and income data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with group quarters data collection and imputation. See the ACS User Notes for details.