

District of Columbia Selected Economic Characteristics: 2009
Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Selected Economic Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	498,735	1,058	498,735	(X)
In labor force	332,890	4,831	66.7%	1
Civilian labor force	330,607	4,722	66.3%	1
Employed	293,927	4,949	58.9%	1
Unemployed	36,680	3,819	7.4%	0.8
Armed Forces	2,283	861	0.5%	0.2
Not in labor force	165,845	5,029	33.3%	1
Civilian labor force	330,607	4,722	330,607	(X)
Percent Unemployed	11.10%	1.1	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over				
Population 16 years and over	268,705	1,129	268,705	(X)
In labor force	170,491	3,764	1	1.4
Civilian labor force	170,126	3,726	63.3%	1.4
Employed	151,986	4,025	56.6%	1.5
Own children under 6 years	40,852	1,485	40,852	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	29,099	2,908	71.2%	6.1
Own children 6 to 17 years	65,849	1,732	65,849	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	46,814	3,447	71.1%	5.3
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	291,083	5,263	291,083	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	106,115	4,989	36.5%	1.5
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	19,375	2,573	6.7%	0.9
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	108,046	5,037	37.1%	1.7
Walked	32,328	3,031	11.1%	1
Other means	10,178	2,095	3.5%	0.7
Worked at home	15,041	1,984	5.2%	0.7
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	29.20	0.6	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	293,927	4,949	293,927	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	168,226	5,129	57.2%	1.5
Service occupations	50,686	4,065	17.2%	1.4
Sales and office occupations	55,373	4,169	18.8%	1.4
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	69.00	118	0.0%	0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	8,765	1,481	3.0%	0.5
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	10,808	1,746	3.7%	0.6
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	293,927	4,949	293,927	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	227.00	224	0.1%	0.1
Construction	7,287	1,547	2.5%	0.5
Manufacturing	4,582	1,255	1.6%	0.4
Wholesale trade	2,448	1,050	0.8%	0.4
Retail trade	14,797	2,244	5.0%	0.8
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	7,585	1,532	2.6%	0.5
Information	12,542	2,018	4.3%	0.7
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	18,668	2,219	6.4%	0.7
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	64,545	3,987	22.0%	1.3
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	57,347	3,971	19.5%	1.3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	27,332	2,829	9.3%	1
Other services, except public administration	25,028	2,596	8.5%	0.8
Public administration	51,539	3,897	17.5%	1.3
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	293,927	4,949	293,927	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	198,412	5,515	67.5%	1.6
Government workers	79,978	4,362	27.2%	1.4
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	15,226	2,068	5.2%	0.7
Unpaid family workers	311.00	272	0.1%	0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	249,280	3,172	249,280	(X)
Less than \$10,000	28,804	2,706	11.6%	1.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	11,929	1,652	4.8%	0.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	19,364	2,485	7.8%	1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	19,707	2,573	7.9%	1
\$35,000 to \$49,999	28,474	2,557	11.4%	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	38,212	2,908	15.3%	1.1
\$75,000 to \$99,999	27,231	2,301	10.9%	0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	32,316	2,887	13.0%	1.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	18,108	1,935	7.3%	0.8
\$200,000 or more	25,135	1,895	10.1%	0.8
Median household income (dollars)	59,290	1,710	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	92,068	2,603	(X)	(X)
With earnings	200,799	4,259	80.6%	1.2
Mean earnings (dollars)	96,568	2,415	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	46,890	2,106	18.8%	0.8
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	12,174	611	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	38,749	2,764	15.5%	1.1
Mean retirement income (dollars)	32,999	2,971	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	9,485	1,418	3.8%	0.6
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	6,640	528	(X)	(X)

With cash public assistance income	13,308	1,984	5.3%	0.8
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,775	425	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	32,032	2,737	12.8%	1.1
Families	109,030	4,490	109,030	(X)
Less than \$10,000	9,307	1,838	8.5%	1.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4,573	1,025	4.2%	1
\$15,000 to \$24,999	8,032	1,610	7.4%	1.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	8,516	1,628	7.8%	1.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	11,422	1,633	10.5%	1.4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	14,560	1,859	13.4%	1.6
\$75,000 to \$99,999	10,965	1,518	10.1%	1.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	15,350	2,100	14.1%	1.8
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,318	1,398	9.5%	1.3
\$200,000 or more	15,987	1,829	14.7%	1.5
Median family income (dollars)	71,208	3,818	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	113,325	5,055	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	40,797	1,138	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	140,250	4,073	140,250	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	51,734	2,125	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	73,983	3,089	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	41,209	1,129	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	61,993	2,965	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	54,698	3,599	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	589,408	861	589,408	(X)
With health insurance coverage	548,016	3,921	93.0%	0.7
With private health insurance coverage	400,207	8,521	67.9%	1.4
With public health coverage	210,350	7,384	35.7%	1.3
No health insurance coverage	41,392	3,876	7.0%	0.7
Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population Under 18 years	113,710	3	113,710	(X)
No health insurance coverage	3,198	1,415	2.8%	1.2
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	14.60%	2	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	25.60%	3.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	14.10%	5.7	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	2.10%	0.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	2.80%	1.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	2.60%	3.2	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	29.40%	4.2	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	41.00%	5.9	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	38.50%	16.5	(X)	(X)
All people	18.40%	1.6	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	29.40%	4.1	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	29.10%	4.2	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	25.50%	4.5	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	31.00%	5.1	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	15.70%	1.3	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	15.90%	1.4	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	14.60%	2.3	(X)	(X)
People in families	16.60%	2.3	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	21.60%	1.6	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 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/Downloads/methodology/content_test/P6a_Employment_Status.pdf, and the "Evaluation Report Covering Weeks Worked" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/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.

-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.

-Logical coverage edits applying a rules-based assignment of Medicaid, Medicare and military health coverage were added in 2009 -- please see http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/publications/coverage_edits_final.pdf for more details.

-While the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 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.

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.