



**Pima County, Arizona**  
**Economic Characteristics 2008**  
**2008 American Community Survey Estimates**  
**American Community Survey**

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Selected Economic Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>				
Population 16 years and over	801,024	1,769	801,024	(X)
In labor force	501,862	6,511	62.7%	0.8
Civilian labor force	492,767	6,461	61.5%	0.8
Employed	458,542	6,779	57.2%	0.9
Unemployed	34,225	3,531	4.3%	0.4
Armed Forces	9,095	1,795	1.1%	0.2
Not in labor force	299,162	6,773	37.3%	0.8
Civilian labor force	492,767	6,461	492,767	(X)
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	0.7	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over	413,534	1,288	413,534	(X)
In labor force	238,335	5,217	57.6%	1.3
Civilian labor force	236,462	5,263	57.2%	1.3
Employed	221,248	5,677	53.5%	1.4
Own children under 6 years	78,287	2,182	78,287	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	51,263	3,155	65.5%	3.6
Own children 6 to 17 years	146,254	2,884	146,254	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	106,322	4,675	72.7%	2.7
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>				
Workers 16 years and over	456,965	7,303	456,965	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	347,747	8,248	76.1%	1.2
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	52,648	4,125	11.5%	0.9
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	13,534	2,498	3.0%	0.5
Walked	9,913	1,942	2.2%	0.4

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Other means	14,610	2,238	3.2%	0.5
Worked at home	18,513	2,375	4.1%	0.5
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.7	0.5	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	458,542	6,779	458,542	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	160,515	6,305	35.0%	1.2
Service occupations	97,389	5,358	21.2%	1.1
Sales and office occupations	120,358	5,762	26.2%	1.2
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	919	594	0.2%	0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	44,520	3,683	9.7%	0.8
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	34,841	3,381	7.6%	0.7
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	458,542	6,779	458,542	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	3,911	1,108	0.9%	0.2
Construction	37,447	3,310	8.2%	0.7
Manufacturing	34,514	3,116	7.5%	0.7
Wholesale trade	8,374	1,472	1.8%	0.3
Retail trade	55,607	4,158	12.1%	0.9
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	16,424	2,028	3.6%	0.4
Information	7,761	1,550	1.7%	0.3
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	26,586	2,525	5.8%	0.6
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	49,159	3,996	10.7%	0.9
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	113,514	6,678	24.8%	1.3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	52,918	4,247	11.5%	0.9
Other services, except public administration	25,003	3,107	5.5%	0.7
Public administration	27,324	2,722	6.0%	0.6
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	458,542	6,779	458,542	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	343,888	7,438	75.0%	1.1

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Government workers	83,203	4,951	18.1%	1.0
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	31,111	2,936	6.8%	0.6
Unpaid family workers	340	236	0.1%	0.1
<b>INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>				
Total households	376,725	4,877	376,725	(X)
Less than \$10,000	29,901	2,567	7.9%	0.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999	21,688	2,537	5.8%	0.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	50,447	2,830	13.4%	0.7
\$25,000 to \$34,999	43,643	3,344	11.6%	0.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	54,000	3,507	14.3%	0.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	70,020	3,590	18.6%	0.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	44,214	2,848	11.7%	0.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	39,543	2,543	10.5%	0.7
\$150,000 to \$199,999	11,550	1,465	3.1%	0.4
\$200,000 or more	11,719	1,541	3.1%	0.4
Median household income (dollars)	46,599	1,100	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	62,338	1,461	(X)	(X)
With earnings	290,389	4,899	77.1%	0.7
Mean earnings (dollars)	59,884	1,545	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	118,355	3,332	31.4%	0.9
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,093	365	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	78,317	3,213	20.8%	0.8
Mean retirement income (dollars)	23,937	1,316	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	9,677	1,509	2.6%	0.4
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,049	1,032	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	7,458	1,471	2.0%	0.4
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,641	494	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	33,579	2,704	8.9%	0.7
Families	231,398	5,248	231,398	(X)
Less than \$10,000	9,261	1,333	4.0%	0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	8,450	1,317	3.7%	0.6
\$15,000 to \$24,999	23,326	2,306	10.1%	0.9
\$25,000 to \$34,999	22,636	2,208	9.8%	0.9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	33,310	2,829	14.4%	1.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	48,407	3,115	20.9%	1.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999	34,531	2,818	14.9%	1.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	31,674	2,460	13.7%	1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9,937	1,405	4.3%	0.6
\$200,000 or more	9,866	1,414	4.3%	0.6
Median family income (dollars)	59,677	1,958	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	74,961	2,206	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	25,064	663	(X)	(X)

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Nonfamily households	145,327	4,892	145,327	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	29,601	1,532	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	40,128	1,964	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	25,850	679	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	41,061	1,104	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	32,156	752	(X)	(X)
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	10.4%	1.0	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	17.8%	1.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	17.8%	4.0	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	5.6%	1.0	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	9.2%	2.1	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	5.1%	3.1	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	26.2%	3.1	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	35.9%	4.0	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	45.8%	10.0	(X)	(X)
All people	15.6%	1.0	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	21.7%	2.6	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	21.4%	2.6	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	22.8%	3.4	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	20.9%	2.8	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	13.6%	0.8	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	14.7%	1.0	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	9.3%	1.6	(X)	(X)
People in families	12.4%	1.3	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	26.7%	1.9	(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 <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/Accuracy/Accuracy1.htm> Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

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**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 <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/laborfor/laborguidance082504.html> 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](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](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 <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/usernotes.html> ACS User Notes for details.

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