



City of Tucson, Arizona
Selected 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 (+/-)
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	422,969	8,609	422,969	(X)
In labor force	272,276	7,307	64.4%	1.3
Civilian labor force	265,546	7,214	62.8%	1.3
Employed	246,328	7,131	58.2%	1.3
Unemployed	19,218	2,738	4.5%	0.6
Armed Forces	6,730	1,635	1.6%	0.4
Not in labor force	150,693	6,618	35.6%	1.3
Civilian labor force	265,546	7,214	265,546	(X)
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	1.0	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over	217,070	5,454	217,070	(X)
In labor force	128,765	4,578	59.3%	1.7
Civilian labor force	127,255	4,554	58.6%	1.8
Employed	118,844	4,503	54.7%	1.9
Own children under 6 years	44,693	3,345	44,693	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	28,672	3,498	64.2%	5.7
Own children 6 to 17 years	78,398	4,772	78,398	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	56,146	4,293	71.6%	3.9
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	246,761	7,188	246,761	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	179,397	6,881	72.7%	2.0
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	30,288	3,816	12.3%	1.5
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	10,911	2,309	4.4%	0.9

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Walked	8,098	1,916	3.3%	0.8
Other means	10,155	2,025	4.1%	0.8
Worked at home	7,912	1,636	3.2%	0.7
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.1	0.7	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	246,328	7,131	246,328	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	77,154	4,863	31.3%	1.9
Service occupations	57,466	4,455	23.3%	1.7
Sales and office occupations	66,555	4,531	27.0%	1.7
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	279	245	0.1%	0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	26,218	3,528	10.6%	1.4
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	18,656	2,660	7.6%	1.0
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	246,328	7,131	246,328	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1,752	703	0.7%	0.3
Construction	21,445	3,448	8.7%	1.4
Manufacturing	15,691	2,197	6.4%	0.9
Wholesale trade	4,282	1,240	1.7%	0.5
Retail trade	30,948	2,738	12.6%	1.0
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	7,855	1,537	3.2%	0.6
Information	3,829	1,053	1.6%	0.4
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	12,579	2,116	5.1%	0.9
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	27,037	2,946	11.0%	1.2
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	61,296	4,610	24.9%	1.7
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	33,474	3,706	13.6%	1.5
Other services, except public administration	13,691	1,869	5.6%	0.7
Public administration	12,449	2,235	5.1%	0.9
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	246,328	7,131	246,328	(X)
Private wage and salary	185,947	6,339	75.5%	1.5

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workers				
Government workers	43,166	3,484	17.5%	1.3
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	17,041	2,205	6.9%	0.9
Unpaid family workers	174	173	0.1%	0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	200,658	4,449	200,658	(X)
Less than \$10,000	22,315	2,221	11.1%	1.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	14,344	1,943	7.1%	1.0
\$15,000 to \$24,999	33,124	2,401	16.5%	1.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	26,104	2,676	13.0%	1.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999	31,423	2,650	15.7%	1.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	35,907	2,949	17.9%	1.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	19,280	1,654	9.6%	0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	13,106	1,698	6.5%	0.8
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,264	828	1.6%	0.4
\$200,000 or more	1,791	570	0.9%	0.3
Median household income (dollars)	36,640	1,256	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	47,739	1,416	(X)	(X)
With earnings	159,182	4,709	79.3%	1.4
Mean earnings (dollars)	47,037	1,367	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	54,965	2,916	27.4%	1.5
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	13,420	472	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	32,985	2,561	16.4%	1.3
Mean retirement income (dollars)	19,318	1,822	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	6,370	1,115	3.2%	0.5
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,315	1,289	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	5,224	1,221	2.6%	0.6
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,488	675	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	24,390	2,328	12.2%	1.1
Families	110,782	4,311	110,782	(X)
Less than \$10,000	6,667	1,240	6.0%	1.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5,554	1,113	5.0%	1.0
\$15,000 to \$24,999	15,230	2,035	13.7%	1.7
\$25,000 to \$34,999	12,371	1,761	11.2%	1.5
\$35,000 to \$49,999	18,065	2,078	16.3%	1.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	24,114	2,296	21.8%	1.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	15,316	1,804	13.8%	1.6
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9,349	1,479	8.4%	1.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,654	784	2.4%	0.7
\$200,000 or more	1,462	560	1.3%	0.5
Median family income (dollars)	47,698	2,336	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	57,646	2,337	(X)	(X)

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Per capita income (dollars)	19,567	656	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	89,876	3,976	89,876	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	25,721	1,651	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	33,741	1,790	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	22,619	1,031	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	34,728	1,878	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	29,737	1,037	(X)	(X)
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	14.8%	1.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	23.5%	2.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	24.7%	5.8	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	8.0%	1.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	12.5%	3.4	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	8.0%	5.4	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	29.7%	4.3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	41.1%	5.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	54.8%	12.1	(X)	(X)
All people	20.9%	1.7	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	27.9%	3.9	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	27.7%	3.9	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	31.4%	5.6	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	26.0%	4.0	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	18.6%	1.3	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	19.7%	1.5	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	13.1%	3.5	(X)	(X)
People in families	17.0%	2.2	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	32.0%	2.6	(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

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<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.

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, 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 <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/usernotes.html> ACS User Notes for details.

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