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SELECTED ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

2007-2011 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	Boston city, Massachusetts			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	518,562	+/-793	518,562	(X)
In labor force	355,727	+/-2,473	68.6%	+/-0.5
Civilian labor force	355,317	+/-2,472	68.5%	+/-0.5
Employed	319,146	+/-2,761	61.5%	+/-0.5
Unemployed	36,171	+/-1,741	7.0%	+/-0.3
Armed Forces	410	+/-176	0.1%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	162,835	+/-2,551	31.4%	+/-0.5
Civilian labor force	355,317	+/-2,472	355,317	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	10.2%	+/-0.5
Females 16 years and over	273,245	+/-840	273,245	(X)
In labor force	178,822	+/-1,863	65.4%	+/-0.7
Civilian labor force	178,746	+/-1,853	65.4%	+/-0.7
Employed	161,206	+/-1,829	59.0%	+/-0.7
Own children under 6 years	36,365	+/-733	36,365	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	25,921	+/-929	71.3%	+/-2.3
Own children 6 to 17 years	62,180	+/-977	62,180	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	46,866	+/-1,331	75.4%	+/-1.9
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	310,881	+/-2,823	310,881	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	121,443	+/-2,166	39.1%	+/-0.7
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	21,866	+/-1,166	7.0%	+/-0.4
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	103,055	+/-2,526	33.1%	+/-0.7
Walked	46,173	+/-1,724	14.9%	+/-0.5
Other means	7,494	+/-721	2.4%	+/-0.2
Worked at home	10,850	+/-692	3.5%	+/-0.2
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	28.6	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)

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OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	319,146	+/-2,761	319,146	(X)
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	146,175	+/-2,239	45.8%	+/-0.7
Service occupations	67,913	+/-1,919	21.3%	+/-0.6
Sales and office occupations	71,285	+/-1,993	22.3%	+/-0.6
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	13,420	+/-915	4.2%	+/-0.3
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	20,353	+/-1,214	6.4%	+/-0.4
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	319,146	+/-2,761	319,146	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	430	+/-181	0.1%	+/-0.1
Construction	10,240	+/-699	3.2%	+/-0.2
Manufacturing	14,432	+/-997	4.5%	+/-0.3
Wholesale trade	5,103	+/-590	1.6%	+/-0.2
Retail trade	27,170	+/-1,361	8.5%	+/-0.4
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	9,983	+/-801	3.1%	+/-0.2
Information	8,902	+/-743	2.8%	+/-0.2
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	31,035	+/-1,214	9.7%	+/-0.4
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	48,334	+/-1,605	15.1%	+/-0.5
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	98,317	+/-2,129	30.8%	+/-0.7
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	35,845	+/-1,604	11.2%	+/-0.5
Other services, except public administration	14,871	+/-984	4.7%	+/-0.3
Public administration	14,484	+/-945	4.5%	+/-0.3
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	319,146	+/-2,761	319,146	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	266,876	+/-2,934	83.6%	+/-0.5
Government workers	37,620	+/-1,356	11.8%	+/-0.4
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	14,290	+/-918	4.5%	+/-0.3
Unpaid family workers	360	+/-176	0.1%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2011 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	247,621	+/-1,938	247,621	(X)
Less than $10,000	32,370	+/-1,333	13.1%	+/-0.5
$10,000 to $14,999	17,100	+/-935	6.9%	+/-0.4
$15,000 to $24,999	22,971	+/-949	9.3%	+/-0.4
$25,000 to $34,999	20,144	+/-1,012	8.1%	+/-0.4
$35,000 to $49,999	27,770	+/-1,092	11.2%	+/-0.4
$50,000 to $74,999	37,911	+/-1,390	15.3%	+/-0.5
$75,000 to $99,999	27,927	+/-1,179	11.3%	+/-0.5
$100,000 to $149,999	31,137	+/-1,093	12.6%	+/-0.4
$150,000 to $199,999	13,912	+/-875	5.6%	+/-0.4
$200,000 or more	16,379	+/-745	6.6%	+/-0.3
Median household income (dollars)	51,739	+/-846	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	78,125	+/-1,246	(X)	(X)
With earnings	196,577	+/-1,849	79.4%	+/-0.5
Mean earnings (dollars)	84,579	+/-1,310	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	47,294	+/-1,006	19.1%	+/-0.4
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	13,147	+/-243	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	22,788	+/-797	9.2%	+/-0.3
Mean retirement income (dollars)	23,325	+/-1,793	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	17,979	+/-903	7.3%	+/-0.4

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Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,278	+/-256	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	10,547	+/-692	4.3%	+/-0.3
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,354	+/-274	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	38,535	+/-1,361	15.6%	+/-0.5
Families	116,315	+/-1,738	116,315	(X)
Less than $10,000	9,569	+/-747	8.2%	+/-0.6
$10,000 to $14,999	6,059	+/-524	5.2%	+/-0.5
$15,000 to $24,999	10,145	+/-641	8.7%	+/-0.5
$25,000 to $34,999	10,006	+/-675	8.6%	+/-0.5
$35,000 to $49,999	14,121	+/-738	12.1%	+/-0.6
$50,000 to $74,999	17,018	+/-939	14.6%	+/-0.7
$75,000 to $99,999	14,281	+/-837	12.3%	+/-0.7
$100,000 to $149,999	16,470	+/-805	14.2%	+/-0.6
$150,000 to $199,999	7,893	+/-617	6.8%	+/-0.5
$200,000 or more	10,753	+/-517	9.2%	+/-0.5
Median family income (dollars)	61,035	+/-1,681	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	92,827	+/-2,138	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	33,158	+/-468	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	131,306	+/-1,845	131,306	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	42,180	+/-1,118	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	62,909	+/-1,462	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	32,069	+/-423	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	52,544	+/-951	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	46,540	+/-805	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With private health insurance	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With public coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
No health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
No health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
In labor force:	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Employed:	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With private health insurance	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With public coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
No health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Unemployed:	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With private health insurance	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With public coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
No health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Not in labor force:	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With private health insurance	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With public coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
No health insurance coverage	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

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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)	16.0%	+/-0.7
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	24.0%	+/-1.2
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	18.1%	+/-2.1
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	5.8%	+/-0.6
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	7.3%	+/-1.0
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	4.9%	+/-1.5
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	33.1%	+/-1.6
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	41.1%	+/-2.1
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	46.7%	+/-4.8
All people	(X)	(X)	21.4%	+/-0.6
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	28.8%	+/-1.5
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	28.6%	+/-1.5
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	26.0%	+/-2.2
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	29.8%	+/-1.6
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	19.8%	+/-0.5
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	19.7%	+/-0.6
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	20.4%	+/-1.3
People in families	(X)	(X)	16.7%	+/-0.8
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	29.5%	+/-0.9

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.

Census occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC). The Census occupation codes for 2010 and later years are based on the 2010 revision of the SOC. To allow for the creation of 2007-2011 and 2009-2011 tables, occupation data in the multiyear files (2007-2011 and 2009-2011) were recoded to 2011 Census occupation codes. We recommend using caution when comparing data coded using 2011 Census occupation codes with data coded using Census occupation codes prior to 2010. For more information on the Census occupation code changes, please visit our website at http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/ioindex/.

While the 2007-2011 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, 2007-2011 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.