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2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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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	Polk County, Iowa			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	354,927	+/-564	354,927	(X)
In labor force	258,167	+/-1,534	72.7%	+/-0.4
Civilian labor force	257,712	+/-1,505	72.6%	+/-0.4
Employed	244,353	+/-1,776	68.8%	+/-0.5
Unemployed	13,359	+/-1,035	3.8%	+/-0.3
Armed Forces	455	+/-169	0.1%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	96,760	+/-1,618	27.3%	+/-0.4
Civilian labor force	257,712	+/-1,505	257,712	(X)
Unemployment Rate	(X)	(X)	5.2%	+/-0.4
Females 16 years and over	182,365	+/-500	182,365	(X)
In labor force	123,959	+/-1,104	68.0%	+/-0.6
Civilian labor force	123,934	+/-1,102	68.0%	+/-0.6
Employed	117,701	+/-1,245	64.5%	+/-0.7
Own children of the householder under 6 years	39,273	+/-599	39,273	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	29,601	+/-1,092	75.4%	+/-2.6
Own children of the householder 6 to 17 years	72,780	+/-798	72,780	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	57,993	+/-1,319	79.7%	+/-1.6
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	240,248	+/-1,799	240,248	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	201,184	+/-2,033	83.7%	+/-0.6
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	20,449	+/-1,275	8.5%	+/-0.5
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	3,195	+/-418	1.3%	+/-0.2
Walked	4,194	+/-426	1.7%	+/-0.2
Other means	2,484	+/-320	1.0%	+/-0.1
Worked at home	8,742	+/-706	3.6%	+/-0.3

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Mean travel time to work (minutes)	19.2	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	244,353	+/-1,776	244,353	(X)
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	96,858	+/-2,040	39.6%	+/-0.8
Service occupations	39,282	+/-1,253	16.1%	+/-0.5
Sales and office occupations	62,736	+/-1,490	25.7%	+/-0.6
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	18,355	+/-1,038	7.5%	+/-0.4
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	27,122	+/-1,340	11.1%	+/-0.5
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	244,353	+/-1,776	244,353	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	2,770	+/-361	1.1%	+/-0.1
Construction	15,068	+/-937	6.2%	+/-0.4
Manufacturing	21,851	+/-1,180	8.9%	+/-0.5
Wholesale trade	7,206	+/-609	2.9%	+/-0.2
Retail trade	27,637	+/-1,199	11.3%	+/-0.5
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	10,250	+/-703	4.2%	+/-0.3
Information	5,293	+/-543	2.2%	+/-0.2
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	39,142	+/-1,468	16.0%	+/-0.6
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	25,195	+/-1,081	10.3%	+/-0.4
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	50,522	+/-1,483	20.7%	+/-0.6
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	20,197	+/-1,040	8.3%	+/-0.4
Other services, except public administration	10,033	+/-806	4.1%	+/-0.3
Public administration	9,189	+/-663	3.8%	+/-0.3
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	244,353	+/-1,776	244,353	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	204,044	+/-1,942	83.5%	+/-0.5
Government workers	29,192	+/-1,217	11.9%	+/-0.5
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	10,927	+/-728	4.5%	+/-0.3
Unpaid family workers	190	+/-117	0.1%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2016 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	178,520	+/-1,093	178,520	(X)
Less than \$10,000	10,246	+/-630	5.7%	+/-0.4
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7,003	+/-438	3.9%	+/-0.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	14,770	+/-744	8.3%	+/-0.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	16,194	+/-851	9.1%	+/-0.5
\$35,000 to \$49,999	23,375	+/-906	13.1%	+/-0.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	35,645	+/-1,193	20.0%	+/-0.6
\$75,000 to \$99,999	25,160	+/-1,249	14.1%	+/-0.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	26,676	+/-920	14.9%	+/-0.5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,345	+/-681	5.8%	+/-0.4
\$200,000 or more	9,106	+/-576	5.1%	+/-0.3
Median household income (dollars)	61,684	+/-834	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	80,761	+/-1,488	(X)	(X)
With earnings				
Mean earnings (dollars)	149,419	+/-1,109	83.7%	+/-0.4
With Social Security	81,519	+/-1,671	(X)	(X)
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	42,924	+/-785	24.0%	+/-0.4
With retirement income	18,682	+/-311	(X)	(X)
Mean retirement income (dollars)	26,245	+/-845	14.7%	+/-0.5
Mean retirement income (dollars)	21,782	+/-1,147	(X)	(X)

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With Supplemental Security Income	7,469	+/-484	4.2%	+/-0.3
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	9,858	+/-425	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	4,678	+/-455	2.6%	+/-0.3
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,581	+/-234	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	25,496	+/-1,135	14.3%	+/-0.6
Families	114,612	+/-1,280	114,612	(X)
Less than \$10,000	4,466	+/-502	3.9%	+/-0.4
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,411	+/-271	2.1%	+/-0.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	6,010	+/-580	5.2%	+/-0.5
\$25,000 to \$34,999	8,215	+/-651	7.2%	+/-0.6
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12,936	+/-777	11.3%	+/-0.7
\$50,000 to \$74,999	22,955	+/-976	20.0%	+/-0.8
\$75,000 to \$99,999	18,002	+/-1,043	15.7%	+/-0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	22,564	+/-913	19.7%	+/-0.8
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9,148	+/-606	8.0%	+/-0.5
\$200,000 or more	7,905	+/-557	6.9%	+/-0.5
Median family income (dollars)	75,427	+/-1,487	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	95,331	+/-1,973	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	32,232	+/-581	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	63,908	+/-1,154	63,908	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	38,448	+/-1,291	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	51,111	+/-2,049	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	35,121	+/-455	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	51,495	+/-601	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	41,620	+/-557	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	454,372	+/-468	454,372	(X)
With health insurance coverage	425,715	+/-1,442	93.7%	+/-0.3
With private health insurance	337,230	+/-2,840	74.2%	+/-0.6
With public coverage	141,003	+/-2,853	31.0%	+/-0.6
No health insurance coverage	28,657	+/-1,396	6.3%	+/-0.3
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	115,880	+/-57	115,880	(X)
No health insurance coverage	3,329	+/-549	2.9%	+/-0.5
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	286,371	+/-288	286,371	(X)
In labor force:	241,666	+/-1,295	241,666	(X)
Employed:	229,541	+/-1,603	229,541	(X)
With health insurance coverage	211,982	+/-1,681	92.4%	+/-0.4
With private health insurance	195,502	+/-1,873	85.2%	+/-0.5
With public coverage	22,645	+/-1,261	9.9%	+/-0.6
No health insurance coverage	17,559	+/-961	7.6%	+/-0.4
Unemployed:	12,125	+/-965	12,125	(X)
With health insurance coverage	9,159	+/-822	75.5%	+/-3.3
With private health insurance	4,989	+/-558	41.1%	+/-3.9
With public coverage	4,622	+/-583	38.1%	+/-3.3
No health insurance coverage	2,966	+/-467	24.5%	+/-3.3
Not in labor force:	44,705	+/-1,327	44,705	(X)
With health insurance coverage	39,978	+/-1,267	89.4%	+/-1.2
With private health insurance	24,511	+/-1,042	54.8%	+/-1.7

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With public coverage	19,357	+/-962	43.3%	+/-1.7
No health insurance coverage	4,727	+/-547	10.6%	+/-1.2
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	(X)	(X)	8.8%	+/-0.6
With related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	14.1%	+/-1.0
With related children of the householder under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	13.5%	+/-1.9
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	3.9%	+/-0.5
With related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	5.4%	+/-0.8
With related children of the householder under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	4.3%	+/-1.7
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	26.0%	+/-2.2
With related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	33.0%	+/-2.8
With related children of the householder under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	42.4%	+/-7.3
All people	(X)	(X)	12.4%	+/-0.6
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	17.2%	+/-1.2
Related children of the householder under 18 years	(X)	(X)	16.9%	+/-1.2
Related children of the householder under 5 years	(X)	(X)	19.2%	+/-1.8
Related children of the householder 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	15.9%	+/-1.3
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	10.8%	+/-0.5
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	11.4%	+/-0.5
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	7.7%	+/-0.8
People in families	(X)	(X)	10.1%	+/-0.7
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	21.5%	+/-1.1

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.

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.

Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2010.

Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The Census industry codes for 2013 and later years are based on the 2012 revision of the NAICS. To allow for the creation of 2012-2016 tables, industry data in the multiyear files (2012-2016) were recoded to 2013 Census industry codes. We recommend using caution when comparing data coded using 2013 Census industry codes with data coded using Census industry codes prior to 2013. For more information on the Census industry code changes, please visit our website at <https://www.census.gov/people/io/methodology/>.

Logical coverage edits applying a rules-based assignment of Medicaid, Medicare and military health coverage were added as of 2009 -- please see https://www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2010/demo/coverage_edits_final.html for more details. The 2008 data table in American FactFinder does not incorporate these edits. Therefore, the estimates that appear in these tables are not comparable to the estimates in the 2009 and later tables. Select geographies of 2008 data comparable to the 2009 and later tables are available at <https://www.census.gov/data/time-series/acs/1-year-re-run-health-insurance.html>. The health insurance coverage category names were modified in 2010. See https://www.census.gov/topics/health/health-insurance/about/glossary.html#par_textimage_18 for a list of the insurance type definitions.

While the 2012-2016 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 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 2010 data. 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, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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 '-l' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+u' 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.