

DP: General Characteristics: 2004  
Data Set: 2004 American Community Survey  
Geographic Area: New Orleans city, Louisiana

NOTE. Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters.  
For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

Selected Economic Characteristics: 2004	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>			
Population 16 years and over	339,773	337,469	342,077
In labor force	213,323	204,771	221,875
Civilian labor force	213,164	204,615	221,713
Employed	187,912	179,040	196,784
Unemployed	25,252	20,893	29,611
Armed Forces	159	0	430
Not in labor force	126,450	117,441	135,459
Civilian labor force	213,164	204,615	221,713
Unemployed	11.8	9.8	13.8
Females 16 years and over	186,632	184,255	189,009
In labor force	109,588	102,731	116,445
Civilian labor force	109,588	102,731	116,445
Employed	97,170	90,291	104,049
Own children under 6 years	36,973	33,355	40,591
All parents in family in labor force	27,707	23,460	31,954
Own children 6 to 17 years	71,030	66,811	75,249
All parents in family in labor force	49,552	41,460	57,644
Population 16 to 19 years	25,020	21,896	28,144
Not enrolled in school and not a H.S. graduate	3,657	1,446	5,868
Unemployed or not in the labor force	3,134	1,081	5,187
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>			
Workers 16 years and over	183,173	174,317	192,029
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	130,501	121,228	139,774
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	18,356	13,240	23,472
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	21,585	17,314	25,856
Walked	4,652	3,104	6,200
Other means	2,885	1,304	4,466
Worked at home	5,194	2,888	7,500
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.5	21.5	23.5
Employed civilian population 16 years and over	187,912	179,040	196,784
<b>OCCUPATION</b>			
Management, professional, and related occupations	63,382	56,993	69,771
Service occupations	41,554	35,271	47,837
Sales and office occupations	50,551	43,948	57,154
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1,286	0	2,728
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	16,531	12,861	20,201
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	14,608	10,742	18,474
<b>INDUSTRY</b>			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1,418	306	2,530
Construction	10,152	7,526	12,778
Manufacturing	7,884	4,076	11,692
Wholesale trade	4,183	2,216	6,150
Retail trade	23,835	19,296	28,374
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	10,767	7,279	14,255
Information	5,306	2,294	8,318
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	14,307	10,307	18,307
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	19,696	15,317	24,075
Educational services, and health care, and social assistance	41,112	34,962	47,262
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	24,963	20,050	29,876
Other services, except public administration	12,535	8,566	16,504
Public administration	11,754	8,150	15,358

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CLASS OF WORKER			
Private wage and salary workers	136,191	126,659	145,723
Government workers	32,948	27,434	38,462
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	18,185	13,360	23,010
Unpaid family workers	588	41	1,135
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2004 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)			
Total households	180,382	175,420	185,344
Less than \$10,000	28,765	23,739	33,791
\$10,000 to \$14,999	14,157	9,981	18,333
\$15,000 to \$24,999	31,688	26,059	37,317
\$25,000 to \$34,999	23,518	19,021	28,015
\$35,000 to \$49,999	29,714	24,449	34,979
\$50,000 to \$74,999	22,538	18,052	27,024
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12,211	8,543	15,879
\$100,000 to \$149,999	11,109	7,852	14,366
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,005	1,110	2,900
\$200,000 or more	4,677	2,791	6,563
Median household income (dollars)	31,369	29,147	33,591
Mean household income (dollars)	47,571	43,797	51,345
With earnings	142,769	136,628	148,910
Mean earnings (dollars)	47,822	43,658	51,986
With Social Security	41,832	38,511	45,153
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	10,884	9,606	12,162
With retirement income	26,423	22,640	30,206
Mean retirement income (dollars)	21,104	15,392	26,816
With Supplemental Security Income	15,129	11,787	18,471
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,562	5,811	9,313
With cash public assistance income	4,620	2,028	7,212
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,830	2,360	3,300
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	19,544	14,866	24,222
Families	102,875	96,785	108,965
Less than \$10,000	8,303	5,438	11,168
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4,406	2,214	6,598
\$15,000 to \$24,999	18,008	13,519	22,497
\$25,000 to \$34,999	16,548	12,934	20,162
\$35,000 to \$49,999	17,744	13,716	21,772
\$50,000 to \$74,999	16,460	12,983	19,937
\$75,000 to \$99,999	8,809	5,909	11,709
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7,782	4,982	10,582
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,429	571	2,287
\$200,000 or more	3,386	1,753	5,019
Median family income (dollars)	36,465	34,618	38,312
Mean family income (dollars)	56,798	51,031	62,565
Per capita income (dollars)	19,711	18,259	21,163
Nonfamily households	77,507	70,917	84,097
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	19,863	17,191	22,535
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	33,988	29,555	38,421
Median earnings:	21,848	20,203	23,493
Male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	30,014	27,689	32,339
Female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	24,494	21,130	27,858
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL			
All families	14.5	11.3	17.7
With related children under 18 years	27.5	21.2	33.8
With related children under 5 years only	12.1	4.1	20.1
Married couple families	4.3	2.1	6.5
With related children under 18 years	10.0	4.2	15.8
With related children under 5 years only	4.6	0.0	12.0
Families with female householder, no husband present	29.0	21.9	36.1
With related children under 18 years	41.1	31.5	50.7

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With related children under 5 years only	22.1	5.8	38.4
All people	23.2	20.2	26.2
Under 18 years	38.1	30.4	45.8
Related children under 18 years	37.8	30.1	45.5
Related children under 5 years	27.6	17.2	38.0
Related children 5 to 17 years	42.2	33.6	50.8
18 years and over	17.9	15.8	20.0
18 to 64 years	17.5	15.1	19.9
65 years and over	20.1	15.5	24.7
People in families	21.4	17.5	25.3
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	31.7	26.6	36.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 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 confidence interval. The interval shown here is a 90 percent confidence interval. The stated range can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the lower and upper 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:

- The number of householders does not necessarily equal the number of households because of differences in the weighting schemes for the population and occupied housing units.
- 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, but are still based on Standard Occupational Classification 2000.
- Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System 2002. However, 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.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '\*' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '\*\*\*' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that no sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
3. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that no sample observations were available to compute an estimate.
4. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
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6. An '\*\*\*\*' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
7. An '\*\*\*\*\*' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
8. An 'N' entry in the estimate, lower bound, and upper bound columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.