

Selected Economic Characteristics: 2006-2008
 Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Butte County, California

NOTE: 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.](#)

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	178,660	409	178,660	(X)
In labor force	104,709	2,171	58.6%	1.2
Civilian labor force	104,604	2,166	58.5%	1.2
Employed	93,511	2,059	52.3%	1.1
Unemployed	11,093	1,205	6.2%	0.7
Armed Forces	105	89	0.1%	0.1
Not in labor force	73,951	2,146	41.4%	1.2
Civilian labor force	104,604	2,166	104,604	(X)
Percent Unemployed	10.6%	1.1	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over				
Population 16 years and over	91,869	297	91,869	(X)
In labor force	50,098	1,309	54.5%	1.4
Civilian labor force	50,064	1,303	54.5%	1.4
Employed	45,631	1,309	49.7%	1.4
Own children under 6 years				
Population 16 years and over	13,526	524	13,526	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	7,968	805	58.9%	5.2
Own children 6 to 17 years				
Population 16 years and over	29,580	619	29,580	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	19,035	1,276	64.4%	4.1
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	90,099	2,059	90,099	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	68,957	1,812	76.5%	1.7
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	9,029	1,130	10.0%	1.2
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	1,587	555	1.8%	0.6
Walked	3,083	620	3.4%	0.7
Other means	3,348	603	3.7%	0.7
Worked at home	4,095	632	4.5%	0.7
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.5	0.8	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	93,511	2,059	93,511	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	30,561	1,487	32.7%	1.5
Service occupations	19,793	1,512	21.2%	1.5
Sales and office occupations	24,275	1,401	26.0%	1.4
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1,565	333	1.7%	0.4
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	8,791	837	9.4%	0.9

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Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	8,526	828	9.1%	0.8
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	93,511	2,059	93,511	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	3,192	520	3.4%	0.6
Construction	6,435	771	6.9%	0.8
Manufacturing	5,542	727	5.9%	0.8
Wholesale trade	2,055	528	2.2%	0.6
Retail trade	11,851	1,113	12.7%	1.2
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	2,989	507	3.2%	0.5
Information	1,709	440	1.8%	0.5
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	5,186	675	5.5%	0.7
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	8,065	1,002	8.6%	1.0
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	26,339	1,479	28.2%	1.5
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	11,763	1,309	12.6%	1.3
Other services, except public administration	4,680	743	5.0%	0.8
Public administration	3,705	541	4.0%	0.6
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	93,511	2,059	93,511	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	65,948	1,931	70.5%	1.4
Government workers	17,482	1,227	18.7%	1.2
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	9,815	821	10.5%	0.8
Unpaid family workers	266	144	0.3%	0.2
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	85,984	1,054	85,984	(X)
Less than \$10,000	6,356	875	7.4%	1.0
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7,558	742	8.8%	0.9
\$15,000 to \$24,999	12,190	1,006	14.2%	1.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	11,197	871	13.0%	1.0
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12,769	1,057	14.9%	1.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	15,129	1,089	17.6%	1.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	9,054	789	10.5%	0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7,539	733	8.8%	0.9
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,528	394	2.9%	0.5
\$200,000 or more	1,664	326	1.9%	0.4
Median household income (dollars)	41,569	1,045	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	56,332	1,528	(X)	(X)
With earnings	63,515	1,326	73.9%	1.0
Mean earnings (dollars)	54,455	1,770	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	28,239	879	32.8%	1.0
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,638	367	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	17,607	828	20.5%	1.0

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Mean retirement income (dollars)	21,113	1,803	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	6,377	780	7.4%	0.9
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,778	608	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	3,882	640	4.5%	0.7
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	5,000	604	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	7,002	904	8.1%	1.0
Families	51,699	1,157	51,699	(X)
Less than \$10,000	2,488	489	4.8%	0.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,104	441	4.1%	0.8
\$15,000 to \$24,999	5,947	627	11.5%	1.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	6,104	706	11.8%	1.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	8,275	685	16.0%	1.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	9,906	762	19.2%	1.5
\$75,000 to \$99,999	7,346	690	14.2%	1.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	6,110	597	11.8%	1.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,136	375	4.1%	0.7
\$200,000 or more	1,283	280	2.5%	0.5
Median family income (dollars)	51,942	2,430	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	66,723	2,183	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	22,844	602	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	34,285	1,310	34,285	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	25,597	1,640	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	37,641	2,326	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	20,803	724	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	42,232	2,195	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	31,978	1,027	(X)	(X)
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	11.6%	1.3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	18.9%	2.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	22.8%	6.4	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	5.6%	1.2	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	9.4%	2.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	10.0%	6.2	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	31.9%	4.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	39.8%	6.1	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	51.6%	14.0	(X)	(X)
All people	18.2%	1.5	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	22.0%	3.0	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18	21.3%	3.1	(X)	(X)

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years				
Related children under 5 years	22.1%	5.4	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	21.0%	3.0	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	17.2%	1.4	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	19.7%	1.7	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	6.2%	1.2	(X)	(X)
People in families	12.9%	1.7	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	32.8%	2.7	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 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.

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.

•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 2002 and 2007. The 2006 and 2007 ACS data are coded using NAICS 2002 while the 2008 ACS data use NAICS 2007 codes. Categories that differ between 2002 and 2007 NAICS are aggregated so that the 3 years of data are consistent in display and reflect the NAICS 2007 codes. 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.