

Selected Economic Characteristics: 2006-2008
 Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Chico city, 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.

Selected Economic Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	69,995	1,580	69,995	(X)
In labor force	45,377	1,881	64.8%	2.4
Civilian labor force	45,352	1,881	64.8%	2.4
Employed	40,818	1,706	58.3%	2.0
Unemployed	4,534	741	6.5%	1.1
Armed Forces	25	42	0.0%	0.1
Not in labor force	24,618	1,783	35.2%	2.4
Civilian labor force	45,352	1,881	45,352	(X)
Percent Unemployed	10.0%	1.5	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over				
Population 16 years and over	35,984	1,048	35,984	(X)
In labor force	22,106	1,180	61.4%	2.8
Civilian labor force	22,106	1,180	61.4%	2.8
Employed	20,429	1,060	56.8%	2.5
Own children under 6 years				
Population 6 to 17 years	5,001	687	5,001	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	2,738	538	54.7%	9.2
Own children 6 to 17 years				
Population 6 to 17 years	9,894	932	9,894	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	6,918	1,059	69.9%	6.7
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	39,383	1,689	39,383	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	28,685	1,501	72.8%	2.8
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	3,799	737	9.6%	1.8
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	1,050	449	2.7%	1.1
Walked	1,956	475	5.0%	1.2
Other means	2,577	564	6.5%	1.4
Worked at home	1,316	445	3.3%	1.1
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	16.6	1.0	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	40,818	1,706	40,818	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	13,347	930	32.7%	2.2
Service occupations	9,169	1,275	22.5%	2.8
Sales and office occupations	11,716	1,108	28.7%	2.6
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	534	237	1.3%	0.6
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	3,029	585	7.4%	1.4

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Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	3,023	581	7.4%	1.3
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	40,818	1,706	40,818	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	639	215	1.6%	0.5
Construction	1,899	411	4.7%	1.0
Manufacturing	2,157	481	5.3%	1.1
Wholesale trade	998	367	2.4%	0.9
Retail trade	6,020	894	14.7%	2.0
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	760	256	1.9%	0.6
Information	1,200	379	2.9%	0.9
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	2,270	453	5.6%	1.1
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	3,645	616	8.9%	1.4
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	10,979	841	26.9%	2.0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	6,918	1,139	16.9%	2.5
Other services, except public administration	1,974	507	4.8%	1.2
Public administration	1,359	374	3.3%	0.9
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	40,818	1,706	40,818	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	29,941	1,784	73.4%	2.5
Government workers	7,931	880	19.4%	2.1
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	2,928	443	7.2%	1.1
Unpaid family workers	18	25	0.0%	0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	33,818	783	33,818	(X)
Less than \$10,000	3,038	558	9.0%	1.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3,416	475	10.1%	1.5
\$15,000 to \$24,999	4,937	564	14.6%	1.6
\$25,000 to \$34,999	4,605	764	13.6%	2.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999	4,598	697	13.6%	2.0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	5,579	666	16.5%	1.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,502	538	10.4%	1.6
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,733	422	8.1%	1.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	827	205	2.4%	0.6
\$200,000 or more	583	185	1.7%	0.6
Median household income (dollars)	37,368	2,758	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	52,789	2,950	(X)	(X)
With earnings	27,537	925	81.4%	1.6
Mean earnings (dollars)	47,165	2,293	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	6,703	464	19.8%	1.4
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	13,899	660	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	5,049	518	14.9%	1.5

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Mean retirement income (dollars)	23,130	4,790	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	1,554	398	4.6%	1.2
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,653	1,045	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	1,291	294	3.8%	0.9
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,460	890	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	2,526	463	7.5%	1.4
Families	16,624	839	16,624	(X)
Less than \$10,000	1,009	254	6.1%	1.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	851	294	5.1%	1.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	2,072	382	12.5%	2.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,931	397	11.6%	2.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	2,200	412	13.2%	2.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2,983	474	17.9%	2.7
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,449	423	14.7%	2.6
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,171	339	13.1%	1.9
\$150,000 to \$199,999	593	169	3.6%	1.0
\$200,000 or more	365	117	2.2%	0.7
Median family income (dollars)	51,710	4,112	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	63,998	3,384	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	22,147	1,238	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	17,194	895	17,194	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	27,856	2,916	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	39,469	4,235	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	15,101	1,203	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	40,429	3,329	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	32,265	2,530	(X)	(X)
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	13.4%	2.3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	19.6%	3.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	23.3%	9.8	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	5.1%	2.0	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	8.4%	4.3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	9.4%	10.7	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	33.3%	7.4	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	36.8%	8.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	45.5%	22.0	(X)	(X)
All people	22.5%	2.6	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	20.6%	4.8	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18	20.2%	4.9	(X)	(X)

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years				
Related children under 5 years	23.1%	9.5	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	18.9%	5.1	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	23.0%	2.5	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	25.1%	2.8	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	6.1%	2.6	(X)	(X)
People in families	13.9%	2.8	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	36.2%	3.8	(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.