



Centre County, Pennsylvania
Selected Economic Characteristics: 2006
 Data Set: **2006 American Community Survey**
 Survey: **American Community Survey**

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: 2006	Estimate	Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	120,524	+/-445
In labor force	71,531	+/-2,291
Civilian labor force	71,475	+/-2,287
Employed	66,152	+/-2,126
Unemployed	5,323	+/-1,609
Armed Forces	56	+/-92
Not in labor force	48,993	+/-2,262
Civilian labor force	71,475	+/-2,287
Unemployed	7.4%	+/-2.2
Females 16 years and over	59,065	+/-762
In labor force	32,390	+/-1,890
Civilian labor force	32,390	+/-1,890
Employed	30,318	+/-1,789
Own children under 6 years	7,748	+/-556
All parents in family in labor force	4,026	+/-680
Own children 6 to 17 years	14,051	+/-792
All parents in family in labor force	9,661	+/-1,361
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	63,344	+/-2,113
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	42,081	+/-2,406
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	6,775	+/-1,524
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	1,633	+/-755
Walked	8,466	+/-1,623
Other means	1,864	+/-674
Worked at home	2,525	+/-997
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.7	+/-1.0
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	66,152	+/-2,126
OCCUPATION		
Management, professional, and related occupations	28,006	+/-1,985
Service occupations	12,293	+/-1,747
Sales and office occupations	15,872	+/-1,725
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	200	+/-155
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	4,586	+/-810
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	5,195	+/-859
INDUSTRY		

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Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	646	+/-333
Construction	3,427	+/-837
Manufacturing	4,039	+/-874
Wholesale trade	1,365	+/-575
Retail trade	7,148	+/-1,382
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	2,161	+/-724
Information	1,212	+/-587
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	2,759	+/-737
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	4,903	+/-1,155
Educational services, and health care, and social assistance	25,497	+/-2,006
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	7,386	+/-1,503
Other services, except public administration	3,711	+/-799
Public administration	1,898	+/-640
CLASS OF WORKER		
Private wage and salary workers	45,282	+/-2,507
Government workers	16,291	+/-1,872
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	4,460	+/-1,035
Unpaid family workers	119	+/-124
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2006 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)		
Total households	50,014	+/-1,622
Less than \$10,000	5,959	+/-1,376
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3,337	+/-920
\$15,000 to \$24,999	6,284	+/-978
\$25,000 to \$34,999	6,245	+/-994
\$35,000 to \$49,999	7,326	+/-1,012
\$50,000 to \$74,999	7,974	+/-1,052
\$75,000 to \$99,999	6,043	+/-947
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4,736	+/-720
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,223	+/-497
\$200,000 or more	887	+/-346
Median household income (dollars)	40,886	+/-3,213
Mean household income (dollars)	55,753	+/-3,840
With earnings	40,561	+/-2,029
Mean earnings (dollars)	52,624	+/-2,901
With Social Security	12,963	+/-968
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,193	+/-897
With retirement income	9,211	+/-804
Mean retirement income (dollars)	21,054	+/-2,676
With Supplemental Security Income	966	+/-460
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	6,554	+/-1,841
With cash public assistance income	888	+/-510
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,556	+/-1,596
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	1,790	+/-550
Families	28,422	+/-1,485
Less than \$10,000	1,209	+/-573
\$10,000 to \$14,999	461	+/-279
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,873	+/-648
\$25,000 to \$34,999	3,430	+/-604
\$35,000 to \$49,999	4,165	+/-820
\$50,000 to \$74,999	6,181	+/-982
\$75,000 to \$99,999	5,035	+/-831
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4,061	+/-605
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,183	+/-493
\$200,000 or more	824	+/-331
Median family income (dollars)	61,769	+/-3,824
Mean family income (dollars)	74,874	+/-5,878
Per capita income (dollars)	21,081	+/-1,354
Nonfamily households	21,592	+/-1,564
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	20,689	+/-2,404
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	28,984	+/-3,114

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Median earnings for workers (dollars)	15,378	+/-1,474
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	42,039	+/-3,187
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	27,832	+/-3,022
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL		
All families	7.0%	+/-2.1
With related children under 18 years	12.2%	+/-4.1
With related children under 5 years only	17.8%	+/-9.6
Married couple families	3.6%	+/-1.5
With related children under 18 years	4.7%	+/-2.6
With related children under 5 years only	7.7%	+/-8.1
Families with female householder, no husband present	39.7%	+/-15.6
With related children under 18 years	61.0%	+/-17.7
With related children under 5 years only	80.8%	+/-26.5
All people	20.0%	+/-2.5
Under 18 years	15.7%	+/-6.0
Related children under 18 years	14.4%	+/-6.1
Related children under 5 years	14.3%	+/-6.1
Related children 5 to 17 years	14.5%	+/-7.6
18 years and over	21.0%	+/-2.4
18 to 64 years	23.6%	+/-2.8
65 years and over	6.3%	+/-2.6
People in families	7.3%	+/-2.3
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	48.8%	+/-4.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 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 [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 [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.
- While the 2006 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2005 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.

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