

DISCLAIMER

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This dashboard includes data for both House and Senate state legislative districts over multiple years. Legislative district boundaries may have been redrawn during the covered period, meaning that data for a given district in one year may correspond to a different geographic area in another year. Users should consider this potential boundary change when making year-to-year comparisons.

EDUCATION

Measure: Bachelor’s Degree or Higher

Variables used:

- S1501_C01_005: bachelor’s degree or higher ages 18 to 24
- S1501_C01_015: bachelor’s degree of higher ages 25 plus
- S1501_C01_001: population 18 to 24
- S1501_C01_006: population 25 plus

Calculation: $((S1501_C01_005 + S1501_C01_015) / (S1501_C01_001 + S1501_C01_006)) * 100$

Definition: The percent of people eighteen and older who received a bachelor’s, master’s, or professional or doctorate degree.

Measure: High School Graduate or Higher

Variables used:

- S1501_C01_003: high school graduate ages 18 to 24
- S1501_C01_004: some college or associate’s degree 18 to 24
- S1501_C01_005: bachelor’s degree or higher 18 to 24
- S1501_C01_014: high school graduate or higher ages 25 plus
- S1501_C01_001: population 18 to 24
- S1501_C01_006: population 25 plus

Calculation: $((S1501_C01_003 + S1501_C01_004 + S1501_C01_005 + S1501_C01_014) / (S1501_C01_001 + S1501_C01_006)) * 100$

Definition: The percent of people eighteen and older whose highest degree was a high school diploma or its equivalent, people who attended college but did not receive a degree, and people who received an associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, or professional or doctorate degree. People who reported completing the 12th grade but not receiving a diploma are not included.

Measure: Percent of Population Enrolled in College

Variable used: S1401_C02_008

Definition: Percent of population three years and over enrolled in college, undergraduate.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Measure: Total Employment

Variable used: DP03_0032

Definition: Civilian employed population 16 years and over.

Measure: Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining

Variable used: DP03_0033

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting and mining.

Measure: Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services

Variable used: DP03_0043P

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services.

Measure: Construction

Variable used: DP03_0034P

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in construction.

Measure: Educational services, and health care and social assistance

Variable used: DP03_0042P

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in educational services, and health care and social assistance.

Measure: Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing

Variable used: DP03_0040P

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing.

Measure: Information

Variable used: DP03_0039P

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in information.

Measure: Manufacturing

Variable used: DP03_0035P

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in manufacturing.

Measure: Other services, except public administration

Variable used: DP03_0044P

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in other services, except public administration.

Measure: Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services

Variable used: DP03_0041P

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in professional, scientific and management, and administrative and waste management services.

Measure: Public administration

Variable used: DP03_0045P

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in public administration.

Measure: Retail trade

Variable used: DP03_0037P

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in retail trade.

Measure: Transportation and warehousing, and utilities

Variable used: DP03_0038P

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in transportation and warehousing, and utilities.

Measure: Wholesale trade

Variable used: DP03_0036P

Definition: Percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over working in wholesale trade.

EMPLOYMENT METRICS

Measure: Employment to Population Ratio

Variable used: S2301_C03_001

Definition: For the population of 16 years and over, employment divided by population.

Measure: Labor Force Participation Rate

Variable used: S2301_C02_001

Definition: For the population of 16 years and over, the proportion of the population in the labor force.

Measure: Unemployment Rate

Variable used: S2301_C04_001

Definition: For the population of 16 years and over, the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

HOUSING

Measure: Home Ownership Rate

Variable used: DP04_0046P

Definition: The percentage of occupied housing units where the owner lives in the unit, even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for. Also referred to as “owner-occupied” under the “Tenure” section of the ACS.

Measure: Median Home Value

Variable used: DP04_0089

Definition: Of housing units that were owned, being bought, vacant for sale, or sold but not occupied, an estimate of how much the property would sell for if it were for sale.

Measure: Median Rent

Variable used: DP04_0134

Definition: The middle value of all reported gross rent estimates. Gross rent includes the monthly rent agreed to or contracted for, regardless of any furnishings, utilities, fees, meals, or services that may be included plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities (electricity, gas, and water and sewer) and fuels (oil, coal, kerosene, wood, etc.).

INCOME AND POVERTY

Measure: Median Household Income

Variable used: S1901_C01_012

Definition: The middle value of all household incomes in a population. Fifty percent of the households earn more than this value and fifty percent earn less than this value. Income does not include noncash benefits such as food stamps or housing subsidies.

Measure: Poverty Rate

Variable used: S1701_C03_001

Definition: The percent of the population with a family income below the poverty threshold. This threshold changes and is based on the number of family members and their ages. Income does not include noncash benefits such as food stamps or housing subsidies.

Measure: SNAP Household Participation Rate

Variable used: S2201_C04_001

Definition: The percent of households receiving food stamps/SNAP.

POPULATION

Measure: Total Population

Variable used: S0101_C01_001

Definition: The total number of people in a given geography (note: this definition is provided by staff and not referenced from the ACS).