

2018 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates Released

HARRISBURG – The U.S. Census Bureau today released a new set of estimates from the American Community Survey for the year 2018, providing new data for a variety of demographic and economic topics for the nation, states, and other areas with populations of 65,000 or more.

New Data Dissemination Platform

The 2018 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates mark the first major release through the U.S. Census Bureau’s new data dissemination platform at data.census.gov. These estimates will not be made available through American FactFinder, the U.S. Census Bureau’s data tool for roughly 20 years. Click [here](#) for more information on the U.S. Census Bureau’s new platform.

Note: After the release of the 2017 data, the U.S. Census Bureau identified an error in the data for Philadelphia County, PA which impacted estimates in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, and the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD MSA for the following topics: employment status, health insurance, households and families, income and earnings, rent, and poverty. The 2017 ACS 1-Year Estimates for said topics should not be compared to other ACS estimates. Click [here](#) for more information.

Data Highlights for Pennsylvania in 2018

Table 1 contains data for select socioeconomic indicators for 2018 and 2017, as well as an indication of their year-to-year change (trend) and the change’s statistical significance. According to the new

Indicator (in Percent, Unless Specified)	2018	2017	Trend	Sig.
Median Household Income (\$)	60,905	60,460	↑	
Median Value, Owner-Occupied Units (\$)	186,000	181,200	↑	*
Renter-Occupied Units	31.4	31.7	↓	
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	1.4	1.5	↓	
HS Diploma or Higher, Pop. 25+	91.0	90.6	↑	*
Bachelor’s Degree or Higher, Pop. 25+	31.8	31.4	↑	*
Below Poverty Level, Total Pop.	12.2	12.5	↓	
Civilian, Noninstitutionalized Pop. with No Health Insurance	5.5	5.5	-	
Civilian, Noninstitutionalized Pop. with a Disability	14.1	14.1	-	
Veterans, Civilian Pop. 18+	7.3	7.3	-	
Non-English Language Spoken at Home, Pop. 5+	11.9	11.5	↑	*
Households with Broadband Internet	84.1	81.5	↑	*

An asterisk (*) denotes year-to-year change is statistically significant.
Dollar values are listed in 2018-adjusted dollars.

estimates, the value of owner-occupied units, educational attainment, non-English speakers, and access to broadband internet all had statistically significant increases between 2017 and 2018.

Other Notes Regarding the 2018 Release

A new table on family income by family size and receipt of cash public assistance income or food stamps/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months has been added to the survey providing data for two-person to seven-or-more person families (B19123).

Three new detailed tables provide detailed occupation estimates for the civilian employed population 16 and over (B24114), the male civilian employed population 16 and over (B24115), and the female civilian employed population 16 years and over (B24116).

Click [here](#) for more information on new tables and/or changes to existing tables.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2018 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source for population and economic statistics. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's National State Data Center Program.

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