

2022 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 (ACS) for the year 2022, 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.

Key Findings

Twenty-seven states had a higher percentage of people with health insurance coverage in 2022 than in 2021. “The changes in uninsured rates are impacted by multiple factors including the demographic makeup of a population and the economy. In 2022, we saw the uninsured rate decrease with the driving force differing by state,” said David Waddington, chief of the Social, Economic, and Housing Statistics Division at the Census Bureau. “For seven of the states with lower uninsured rates in 2022, the difference was driven by increased private coverage. For 10 states, the uninsured rate decrease was related to increased public coverage.

Pennsylvania experienced an increase in the percentage of people with health insurance coverage from 94.5% in 2021 to 94.7% in 2022. Between 2021 and 2022, the rate of public coverage increased in Pennsylvania from 38.2% to 38.8%.

Data Highlights for Pennsylvania in 2022

Table 1 contains data for select socioeconomic indicators for 2022 and 2021, as well as an indication of their year-to-year change (trend) and the change’s statistical significance. According to the new estimates, median household income, the value of owner-occupied units, educational attainment, and access to broadband internet all had statistically significant increases between 2021 and 2022.

Indicator (in Percent, Unless Specified)	2022	2021	Trend	Sig.
Median Household Income (\$)	71,798	74,537	↓	*
Median Value, Owner-Occupied Units (\$)	245,500	240,200	↑	*
Renter-Occupied Units	30.9	30.1	↑	*
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	0.8	0.8	-	
HS Diploma or Higher, Pop. 25+	92.2	91.9	↑	*
Bachelor’s Degree or Higher, Pop. 25+	35.1	34.5	↑	*
Below Poverty Level, Total Pop.	11.8	12.1	↓	
Civilian, Noninstitutionalized Pop. with No Health Insurance	5.3	5.5	↓	
Civilian, Noninstitutionalized Pop. with a Disability	14.6	13.8	↑	*
Veterans, Civilian Pop. 18+	6.2	6.2	-	
Non-English Language Spoken at Home, Pop. 5+	12.3	11.8	↑	*
Households with Broadband Internet	89.9	88.8	↑	*

An asterisk (*) denotes year-to-year change is statistically significant.
Dollar values are listed in 2022-adjusted dollars.

Note: Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Census Bureau changed the 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) release. Instead of providing the standard 1-year data products, the Census Bureau released experimental estimates from the 1-year data. As a result, data users should NOT compare 2020 ACS 1-year experimental estimates with any other data.

Explore the 2022 ACS 1-Year estimates through the U.S. Census Bureau's data dissemination platform at data.census.gov.

Additional Annual Releases

The Census Bureau is set to release additional ACS statistics over the next few months, including 2022 ACS 1-year supplemental estimates and 2018-2022 ACS 5-year estimates. For more information on the topics included in the ACS, ranging from educational attainment to computer use, visit data.census.gov.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2022 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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