

Labor Force Status by Race and Ethnicity

General Description

The *Labor Force Status by Race and Ethnicity* report provides annual regional data for New York State on population (16 and older), civilian labor force, the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate. These data are presented by race and ethnicity.

The data source is the American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), produced by the United State Census Bureau. The ACS PUMS files allow us to create combinations of variables at a regional level that are not available from other ACS data sources.

This file is available annually each December, at which time the report will be updated.

Data Collection Methodology

The Census Bureau selects a random sample of addresses to be included in the ACS. The annual sampling rate of addresses for the ACS is 2.5%.

Statistical and Analytic Issues

Estimates of the magnitude of sampling errors – in the form of margins of error – are provided with all published ACS data. Estimates with a high coefficient of variation (more than 35%) are unreliable and are not provided.

Limitations of Data Use

Data are only available for geographic areas with population of over 65,000.