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America Counts: Stories

Heat Risks and Cooling Problems in America's Households

13.2 Million Households Were "Uncomfortably Hot" for 24 Hours or More in 2023

About 10% of the nation's 133.2 million households reported being uncomfortably hot for 24 hours or more at least once in the previous year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2023 American Housing Survey (AHS).

The AHS asks respondents if they experienced uncomfortably hot conditions for a day or more at least once in the 12 months prior and 13.2 million households said they did.

The share of housing units affected by extreme heat was higher in urban areas (10.6%) than in rural ones (7.3%).

This is key given long exposure to heat can make people ill and even cause death, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). [Continue here.](#)

Census Bureau to Release National 2024 Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage Statistics

The U.S. Census Bureau will announce the findings of three reports estimating income, poverty and health insurance coverage in the United States at an online news conference next month.

The reports – Income in the United States: 2024, Poverty in the United States: 2024, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2024 – provide national statistics from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC).

- National 2024 income statistics. Annual income, earnings and inequality estimates that can be used to evaluate national economic trends and their effect on the well-being of households, families and individuals.
- National 2024 poverty statistics. Annual official poverty and Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) estimates to help gauge the economic well-being of households, families and individuals based on official poverty and SPM rates.
- National 2024 health insurance coverage statistics. Annual national-level health insurance coverage estimates that show coverage trends and examine health insurance status by select characteristics to better understand the well-being of individuals.

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2025 Product and Event Calendar

The U.S. Census Bureau has posted anticipated release dates for each regular and recurring statistical product scheduled for release in 2025.

Archived Back to Data Basics Webinar Series

If you are looking to improve your data skills, Back to Data Basics is a great opportunity to learn from our experts about how to access and utilize a variety of Census Bureau data products, tools, and resources.

Training Resources

Visit the Census Bureau's [Educational Resource Library](#) for previously recorded, free training available at your convenience. The library includes presentations, recorded webinars, tutorials and other helpful materials.

Upcoming Webinars

Connecting Dots: Turning Data into Educational Impact

Thursday, September 11

Time: 2:00 PM EST – 3:00 PM EST

Join us for an insightful webinar exploring workforce trends through the lens of the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) data products. This session will examine educator turnover patterns using the Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) Explorer, alongside the transition of college graduates into the labor force, focusing on the Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO) Explorer and career earnings after graduations. Attendees will learn how to use LEHD data tools to uncover meaningful trends in employment, retention, and regional dynamics. Whether you're a researcher, policymaker, or education leader, this session will provide valuable data-driven insights to inform decision-making and workforce planning.



Upcoming

"Made in America: A Data-Driven Look at U.S. Manufacturing Using Census Data"

The Census Bureau and the Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Partnership, in collaboration with the Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER) and the Labor Market Information (LMI) Institute, welcome Adam Grundy as he presents, "Made in America: A Data-Driven Look at U.S. Manufacturing Using Census Data." In preparation for the Census Bureau's upcoming observation of Manufacturing Day (October 3), Grundy explores the manufacturing sector's use of interactive Census Bureau tools. Discover how this vital economic industry is shaping the nation and where manufacturing activity is happening across the country. (Scheduled for September 17.)

Census Bureau Releases New Educational Attainment Data

The U.S. Census Bureau today released the Educational Attainment in the United States: 2024 table package examining the education level of adults age 18 and older by age, sex, race, nativity and other demographic and social characteristics. Data are based on statistics from the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

Highlights

Age

- In 2024, 42.8% of the population ages 25 to 39, 41.5% ages 40 to 54, and 34.2% age 55 and older held a bachelor's degree or higher.

Sex

- In 2024, 40.1% of women and 37.1% of men age 25 and older had a bachelor's degree or higher.

Occupation and Industry

In 2024, 49.3% of employed workers had a high school diploma or associate degree and 44.5% had a bachelor's degree or higher as their highest level of educational attainment, and 6.1% did not have a high school diploma or equivalent.

- In 2024, 76.5% of people who worked in professional and related occupations and 64.2% of people in management, business and financial occupations held a bachelor's degree or higher.
- The occupation with the highest percentage of high school diploma or associate degree holders was installation, maintenance and repair (78.3%).
- The industry with the highest percentage of workers with a high school diploma or associate degree was transportation and utilities (67.5%).
- The industries with the highest percentage of workers with a bachelor's degree or higher were information (64.9%) and education and health services (61.2%).

[Click here for more facts.](#)

National Hispanic Heritage Month: 2025

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the contributions of Americans tracing their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean. In 1968, Congress set aside a week for this observance and two decades later expanded it to a month stretching from September 15 to October 15. The timing is historically significant as September 15 is the anniversary of independence in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. The designated period is also a nod to those from Mexico and Chile, which celebrate their independence September 16 and September 18, respectively.

The following facts are possible thanks to the invaluable responses to U.S. Census Bureau surveys. [Click here to continue.](#)

