

# Census Data on Race

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## Detailed information on race released by Census Bureau in Summary File 4

**I**n May, the U.S. Census Bureau released another batch of Census 2000 data. Summary File 4 (SF4) complements the previously released sample-based SF3 file with additional race, ethnic, and ancestry information. It includes data for categories such as Athabascan, Aleut, Eskimo, and Tlingit-

Haida, as well as 35 other individual tribes. There are also 39 Hispanic or Latino groups and 86 ancestry groups.

Race, as used by the Census Bureau, reflects people's own selection of the race or races with which they most closely identify. The categories

## 1 Employment Status by Race, Sex, and Age Civilian labor force 16 years and over

	Total Alaska Population	White alone*	Black or African American alone*	American Indian and Alaska Native alone*	Asian alone*	Hawaiian Native and other Pacific Islander alone*	Some other race alone*	Two or more races
<b>Males</b>								
<b>16 to 24 years</b>								
Civilian total	22,310	14,884	789	3,558	854	181	453	1,591
Employed	17,577	12,256	579	2,330	656	134	402	1,220
Unemployed	4,733	2,628	210	1,228	198	47	51	371
Unemployment rate	21.2%	17.7%	26.6%	34.5%	23.2%	26.0%	11.3%	23.3%
<b>25 to 64 years</b>								
Civilian total	141,093	109,342	3,959	14,650	5,148	478	2,422	5,094
Employed	128,520	102,111	3,590	11,339	4,438	428	2,024	4,590
Unemployed	12,573	7,231	369	3,311	710	50	398	504
Unemployment rate	8.9%	6.6%	9.3%	22.6%	13.8%	10.5%	16.4%	9.9%
<b>65 years and over</b>								
Civilian total	3,192	2,568	72	259	146	0	32	115
Employed	2,937	2,371	72	234	133	0	24	103
Unemployed	255	197	0	25	13	0	8	12
Unemployment rate	8.0%	7.7%	0.0%	9.7%	8.9%	–	25.0%	10.4%
<b>Females</b>								
<b>16 to 24 years</b>								
Civilian total	21,915	14,568	875	3,632	888	143	460	1,349
Employed	18,436	12,563	736	2,702	788	121	393	1,133
Unemployed	3,479	2,005	139	930	100	22	67	216
Unemployment rate	15.9%	13.8%	15.9%	25.6%	11.3%	15.4%	14.6%	16.0%
<b>25 to 64 years</b>								
Civilian total	118,751	88,549	3,496	14,675	5,643	433	1,465	4,490
Employed	112,041	84,698	3,262	12,750	5,388	368	1,414	4,161
Unemployed	6,710	3,851	234	1,925	255	65	51	329
Unemployment rate	5.7%	4.3%	6.7%	13.1%	4.5%	15.0%	3.5%	7.3%
<b>65 years and over</b>								
Civilian total	2,224	1,691	54	279	103	20	21	56
Employed	2,021	1,570	42	227	90	20	16	56
Unemployed	203	121	12	52	13	0	5	0
Unemployment rate	9.1%	7.2%	22.2%	18.6%	12.6%	0.0%	23.8%	0.0%

\* Census 2000 allowed respondents to select either one race alone or a combination of two or more races. This table does not show the combination categories.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, SF 4

are socio-political rather than scientific or anthropological in nature. The race categories include both racial and national-origin groups.

The detailed race information is repeated for 213 population and 110 housing tables. The population information ranges from language spoken at home and ability to speak English to school enrollment and educational attainment. Housing information such as household size and occupants per room, units in structure, value of home, monthly rent, and shelter costs are also included.

Tables are available at a variety of geographic levels including state, borough/census area, census tract, and place. Information is not reported for population groups that do not meet minimum population thresholds.

The data was obtained from the approximately one-in-six households that received the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire (one-in-eight households in some census tracts, and as high as one-in-two in rural Alaska).

### SF4 includes labor force data

Labor force data such as Sex by Age by Employment Status is an example of the type of information included in Summary File 4. Exhibit 1 shows the Unemployment Rate calculated for the civilian population for five major race categories as well as Some Other Race Alone and Two or More Races.

Since Labor Force Status is as of the time the census was taken and not a particular point in time, Census 2000 data is not directly comparable to other published Labor Force measures. (In some rural areas, data was collected as early as January 2000, however, the bulk of collection for Alaska was not completed until May.)

American Indian and Alaska Native males in the 16 to 24 year-old range had the highest unemployment rate at 34.5%. At the other end of the spectrum, the relatively small groups of 65 years-and-older females who identified with either the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders alone group, or Two or More Races group, enjoyed zero percent unemployment.

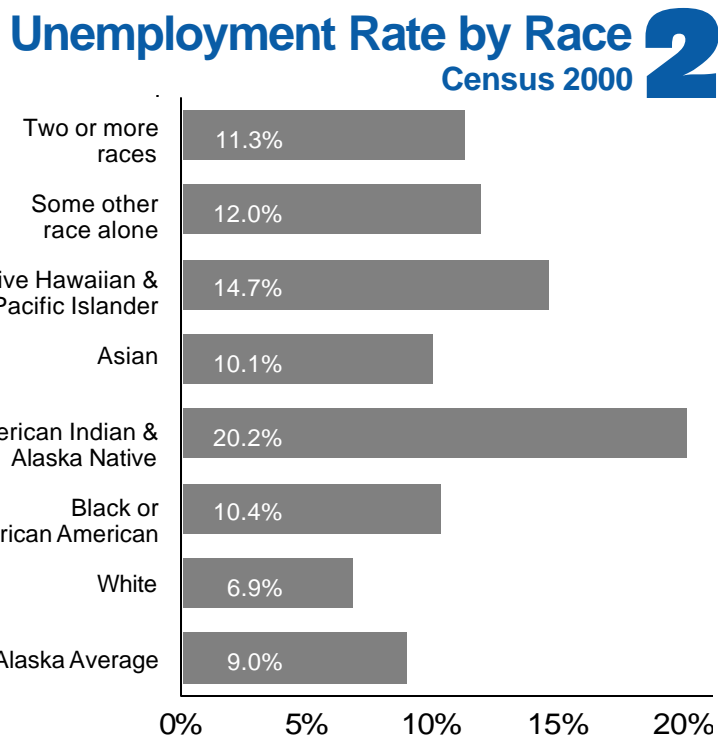
As a group, American Indian and Alaska Natives alone had the highest unemployment rate at 20.2% when age and sex groups were combined. (See Exhibit 2.) Only Whites alone at 6.9% were below the Total Alaska Population average of 9.0%.

### More data available on the Internet

Unlike Summary Files 1-3, SF4 will not be included on the Census and Geographic Information Network (CGIN) interactive database. However, selected tables will be available at <http://almis.labor.state.ak.us/> and click the Census Information link. The complete SF4 database can be accessed on the US Census Bureau's site at <http://www.census.gov/census2000/states/ak.html>.

The full national file should be available mid-September 2003.

For assistance with Summary File 4, or any census related question, contact the Research and Analysis Section at: (907) 465-2439 or E-mail: [Census@labor.state.ak.us](mailto:Census@labor.state.ak.us)



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