

## Indicator & Source

% of Families with Children 0-17 Experiencing Employment Instability (US Census Bureau; ACS 1-Year Estimates)

## Indicator Notes

This indicator includes all Census-defined families (opposite-sex married-couple families and families maintained by women and men with no spouse present) with own children 0-17 experiencing employment instability in the past year. Families experiencing employment instability are those where at least one householder is in the labor force but unemployed or no householder is in the labor force. The margin of error based on a 90-percent confidence interval is presented alongside each estimate.

## Evidence & Source

Parental employment instability has been linked to poor academic outcomes, such as grade retention and lower educational attainment. Parental job loss can also lead to poor social-emotional outcomes for young children. Children whose mothers experience employment instability exhibit more problem behaviors, such as bullying or being withdrawn, and are more likely to be absent from school than children whose mothers hold stable jobs or voluntarily change jobs. (Urban Institute, 2013)

For more information see: <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/publication-pdfs/412908-The-Negative-Effects-of-Instability-on-Child-Development-Fact-Sheet.PDF>

## OVERALL TREND: Bexar County, 2010-2015

	2012		2013		2014		2015	
<b>Experiencing Instability</b>	<b>27,983</b> <b>(±2,972)</b>	<b>13.7%</b> <b>(1.4%)</b>	<b>25,014</b> <b>(±2,866)</b>	<b>12.6%</b> <b>(1.4%)</b>	<b>23,914</b> <b>(±2,623)</b>	<b>12.0%</b> <b>(±1.3%)</b>	<b>22,149</b> <b>(±2,822)</b>	<b>11.4%</b> <b>(±1.4%)</b>
<i>Unemployment</i>	13,265 (±2,022)	6.5% (±1.0%)	11,399 (±1,885)	5.7% (±0.9%)	10,236 (±1,737)	5.1% (±0.9%)	8,293 (±1,828)	4.3% (±0.9%)
<i>No Labor Force Participation</i>	14,718 (±2,179)	7.2% (±1.0%)	13,615 (±2,158)	6.9% (±1.1%)	13,678 (±1,965)	6.9% (±1.0%)	13,856 (±2,150)	7.1% (±1.1%)
Families with Own Children	203,991 (±5,635)		198,279 (±5,518)		198,761 (±6,158)		194,732 (±5,781)	

Source: US Census Bureau; ACS 1-Year Estimates, Table B23007, 2012-2015.

## FAMILY TYPE: Bexar County, 2015

	Married-Couple		Single Male		Single Female	
<b>Experiencing Instability</b>	<b>7,403</b> <b>(±1,403)</b>	<b>6.1%</b> <b>(1.1%)</b>	<b>2,016</b> <b>(±988)</b>	<b>13.3%</b> <b>(6.2%)</b>	<b>12,730</b> <b>(±2,240)</b>	<b>22.0%</b> <b>(3.6%)</b>
<i>Unemployment</i>	5,045 (±1,174)	4.1% (±1.0%)	434 (±422)	2.9% (±2.7%)	2,814 (±1,336)	4.9% (±2.3%)
<i>No Labor Force Participation</i>	2,358 (±769)	1.9% (±0.6%)	1,582 (±893)	10.4% (±5.7%)	9,916 (±1,798)	17.1% (±2.9%)
Families with Own Children	121,718 (±4,785)		15,169 (±2,362)		57,845 (±3,647)	

Source: US Census Bureau; ACS 1-Year Estimates, Table B23007, 2015.