Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2005-2009

Geographic Area: Rensselaer County, New York

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HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total Households	**61,211**	**704**	**60,507**	**61,915**
Family households (families)	38,891	679	38,212	39,570
With own children under 18 years	17,316	637	16,679	17,953
Married-couple family	28,581	708	27,873	29,289
With own children under 18 years	11,293	506	10,787	11,799
Male householder, no wife present, family	2,633	362	2,271	2,995
With own children under 18 years	1,300	264	1,036	1,564
Female householder, no husband present, family	7,677	582	7,095	8,259
With own children under 18 years	4,723	439	4,284	5,162
Nonfamily households	22,320	781	21,539	23,101
Householder living alone	17,276	762	16,514	18,038
65 years and over	6,271	403	5,868	6,674
Households with one or more people under 18 years	18,914	620	18,294	19,534
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	14,307	383	13,924	14,690
Average household size	2.46	0.03	2.43	2.49
Average family size	3.04	0.04	3.00	3.08
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	**150,479**	**815**	**149,664**	**151,294**
Householder	61,211	704	60,507	61,915
Spouse	28,615	750	27,865	29,365
Child	44,061	973	43,088	45,034
Other relatives	6,595	705	5,890	7,300
Nonrelatives	9,997	764	9,233	10,761
Unmarried partner	5,005	525	4,480	5,530
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	**62,441**	**26**	**62,415**	**62,467**
Never married	22,902	536	22,366	23,438
Now married, except separated	30,967	730	30,237	31,697
Separated	1,405	257	1,148	1,662
Widowed	1,896	245	1,651	2,141
Divorced	5,271	483	4,788	5,754
Females 15 years and over	**64,920**	**26**	**64,894**	**64,946**
Never married	18,864	546	18,318	19,410
Now married, except separated	30,035	823	29,212	30,858
Separated	1,975	330	1,645	2,305
Widowed	6,862	419	6,443	7,281
Divorced	7,184	582	6,602	7,766
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	**2,132**	**293**	**1,839**	**2,425**
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	889	190	699	1,079
Per 1,000 unmarried women	42	9	33	51
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	55	8	47	63
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	18	11	7	29
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	107	17	90	124
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	24	8	16	32
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	**2,203**	**351**	**1,852**	**2,554**
Responsible for grandchildren	821	210	611	1,031
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	108	57	51	165
1 or 2 years	147	77	70	224
3 or 4 years	154	81	73	235
5 or more years	412	167	245	579
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	**821**	**210**	**611**	**1,031**
Who are female	595	148	447	743
Who are married	457	158	299	615

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	**40,088**	**805**	**39,283**	**40,893**
Nursery school, preschool	2,241	308	1,933	2,549
Kindergarten	1,860	271	1,589	2,131
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	15,243	412	14,831	15,655
High school (grades 9-12)	8,668	377	8,291	9,045
College or graduate school	12,076	816	11,260	12,892
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	**105,018**	**136**	**104,882**	**105,154**
Less than 9th grade	3,721	456	3,265	4,177
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	8,217	630	7,587	8,847
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	34,303	1,105	33,198	35,408
Some college, no degree	19,174	809	18,365	19,983
Associate's degree	11,846	722	11,124	12,568
Bachelor's degree	15,417	805	14,612	16,222
Graduate or professional degree	12,340	756	11,584	13,096
Percent high school graduate or higher	88.6%	0.8	87.8%	89.4%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	26.4%	1	25.4%	27.4%
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	**120,605**	**113**	**120,492**	**120,718**
Civilian veterans	13,032	565	12,467	13,597
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	**(X)**	**(X)**		
With a disability	(X)	(X)		
Under 18 years	**(X)**	**(X)**		
With a disability	(X)	(X)		
18 to 64 years	**(X)**	**(X)**		
With a disability	(X)	(X)		
65 years and over	**(X)**	**(X)**		
With a disability	(X)	(X)		
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	**153,216**	**272**	**152,944**	**153,488**
Same house	130,041	1,555	128,486	131,596
Different house in the U.S.	22,509	1,521	20,988	24,030
Same county	12,647	1,199	11,448	13,846
Different county	9,862	1,000	8,862	10,862
Same state	7,132	884	6,248	8,016
Different state	2,730	582	2,148	3,312
Abroad	666	280	386	946
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total Population	**155,043**	*****	*****	*****
Native	147,257	809	146,448	148,066
Born in United States	146,009	803	145,206	146,812
State of residence	120,887	1,509	119,378	122,396
Different state	25,122	1,341	23,781	26,463
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	1,248	209	1,039	1,457
Foreign born	7,786	809	6,977	8,595
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	**7,786**	**809**	**6,977**	**8,595**
Naturalized U.S. citizen	3,831	454	3,377	4,285
Not a U.S. citizen	3,955	696	3,259	4,651
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	**9,034**	**803**	**8,231**	**9,837**
Native	**1,248**	**209**	**1,039**	**1,457**
Entered 2000 or later	84	63	21	147
Entered before 2000	1,164	206	958	1,370

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Foreign born	**7,786**	**809**	**6,977**	**8,595**
Entered 2000 or later	2,894	613	2,281	3,507
Entered before 2000	4,892	471	4,421	5,363

WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN

	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	**7,786**	**809**	**6,977**	**8,595**
Europe	2,471	409	2,062	2,880
Asia	2,930	461	2,469	3,391
Africa	400	171	229	571
Oceania	17	20	0	37
Latin America	1,669	387	1,282	2,056
Northern America	299	105	194	404

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Population 5 years and over	**146,446**	*****	*****	*****
English only	136,054	775	135,279	136,829
Language other than English	10,392	775	9,617	11,167
Speak English less than "very well"	3,641	534	3,107	4,175
Spanish	3,077	332	2,745	3,409
Speak English less than "very well"	982	228	754	1,210
Other Indo-European languages	4,493	541	3,952	5,034
Speak English less than "very well"	1,372	321	1,051	1,693
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	2,308	453	1,855	2,761
Speak English less than "very well"	1,147	315	832	1,462
Other languages	514	220	294	734
Speak English less than "very well"	140	92	48	232

ANCESTRY

	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Total Population	**155,043**	*****	*****	*****
American	5,807	957	4,850	6,764
Arab	771	235	536	1,006
Czech	565	184	381	749
Danish	836	231	605	1,067
Dutch	7,608	819	6,789	8,427
English	19,172	1,225	17,947	20,397
French (except Basque)	16,486	1,268	15,218	17,754
French Canadian	4,228	543	3,685	4,771
German	32,653	1,308	31,345	33,961
Greek	745	212	533	957
Hungarian	874	219	655	1,093
Irish	43,127	1,780	41,347	44,907
Italian	24,346	1,435	22,911	25,781
Lithuanian	1,041	306	735	1,347
Norwegian	793	219	574	1,012
Polish	10,940	843	10,097	11,783
Portuguese	413	201	212	614
Russian	1,685	359	1,326	2,044
Scotch-Irish	2,364	338	2,026	2,702
Scottish	3,839	691	3,148	4,530
Slovak	229	102	127	331
Subsaharan African	815	337	478	1,152
Swedish	1,699	419	1,280	2,118
Swiss	465	192	273	657
Ukrainian	1,972	445	1,527	2,417
Welsh	1,411	361	1,050	1,772
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	1,024	286	738	1,310

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

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90% Confidence Interval

Notes:

·Ancestry listed in this table refers to the total number of people who responded with a particular ancestry; for example, the estimate given for Russian represents the number of people who listed Russian as either their first or second ancestry. This table lists only the largest ancestry groups; see the Detailed Tables for more categories. Race and Hispanic origin groups are not included in this table because official data for those groups come from the Race and Hispanic origin questions rather than the ancestry question (see Demographic Table).

·The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Because of contextual differences between the 2008-2009 disability data and disability data collected in prior years, the Census Bureau is unable to combine the 5 years of disability data in order to produce the multi-year estimate that would appear in this table. Multi-year estimates of disability status will become available once five consecutive years of data are collected. For more information about the differences between the 2008 and prior years' disability questions, see Review of Changes to the Measurement of Disability in the 2008 ACS.

·Data for year of entry of the native population reflect the year of entry into the U.S. by people who were born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island Areas or born outside the U.S. to a U.S. citizen parent and who subsequently moved to the U.S.

·While the 2005-2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas; in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

·Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2000 data. Boundaries for urban areas have not been updated since Census 2000. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '**' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.

2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.

3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.

4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.

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6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

7. An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.

8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.