

Geographic Area: United States

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	90% Confidence Interval	
			Lower Bound	Upper Bound
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total Households	112,611,029	239,343	112,371,686	112,850,372
Family households (families)	75,082,471	223,118	74,859,353	75,305,589
With own children under 18 years	34,883,550	176,528	34,707,022	35,060,078
Married-couple family	55,974,600	276,635	55,697,965	56,251,235
With own children under 18 years	24,103,862	203,379	23,900,483	24,307,241
Male householder, no wife present, family	5,115,232	27,989	5,087,243	5,143,221
With own children under 18 years	2,522,043	13,160	2,508,883	2,535,203
Female householder, no husband present, family	13,992,639	39,622	13,953,017	14,032,261
With own children under 18 years	8,257,645	27,348	8,230,297	8,284,993
Nonfamily households	37,528,558	38,283	37,490,275	37,566,841
Householder living alone	30,770,470	64,236	30,706,234	30,834,706
65 years and over	10,466,313	102,998	10,363,315	10,569,311
Households with one or more people under 18 years	38,540,411	174,941	38,365,470	38,715,352
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	26,520,535	92,014	26,428,521	26,612,549
Average household size	2.60	0.01	2.59	2.61
Average family size	3.19	0.01	3.18	3.20

RELATIONSHIP

Population in households	293,246,135	*****	*****	*****
Householder	112,611,029	239,343	112,371,686	112,850,372
Spouse	55,936,537	269,923	55,666,614	56,206,460
Child	89,444,772	93,079	89,351,693	89,537,851
Other relatives	19,263,148	226,339	19,036,809	19,489,487
Nonrelatives	15,990,649	202,967	15,787,682	16,193,616
Unmarried partner	6,234,176	20,664	6,213,512	6,254,840

MARITAL STATUS

Males 15 years and over	117,166,601	7,620	117,158,981	117,174,221
Never married	39,992,869	159,222	39,833,647	40,152,091
Now married, except separated	61,307,484	243,394	61,064,090	61,550,878
Separated	2,140,050	20,496	2,119,554	2,160,546
Widowed	2,960,562	11,281	2,949,281	2,971,843
Divorced	10,765,636	71,935	10,693,701	10,837,571
Females 15 years and over	122,980,334	6,662	122,973,672	122,986,996
Never married	34,028,805	120,787	33,908,018	34,149,592
Now married, except separated	59,472,071	196,669	59,275,402	59,668,740
Separated	3,099,710	24,013	3,075,697	3,123,723
Widowed	12,112,643	21,597	12,091,046	12,134,240
Divorced	14,267,105	70,420	14,196,685	14,337,525

FERTILITY

Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 month:	4,263,387	23,698	4,239,689	4,287,085
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,422,577	9,755	1,412,822	1,432,332
Per 1,000 unmarried women	37	1	36	38
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	56	1	55	57
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	28	1	27	29
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	104	1	103	105
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	24	1	23	25

GRANDPARENTS

Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 year:	6,207,179	31,026	6,176,153	6,238,205
Responsible for grandchildren	2,541,364	14,362	2,527,002	2,555,726
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	573,629	6,105	567,524	579,734
1 or 2 years	605,926	7,093	598,833	613,019
3 or 4 years	421,026	5,711	415,315	426,737
5 or more years	940,783	7,785	932,998	948,568
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	2,541,364	14,362	2,527,002	2,555,726
Who are female	1,598,084	8,845	1,589,239	1,606,929
Who are married	1,796,713	13,402	1,783,311	1,810,115

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	79,887,998	81,338	79,806,660	79,969,336
Nursery school, preschool	5,006,876	27,030	4,979,846	5,033,906
Kindergarten	4,060,009	14,750	4,045,259	4,074,759
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	32,313,743	24,603	32,289,140	32,338,346
High school (grades 9-12)	17,263,249	20,094	17,243,155	17,283,343
College or graduate school	21,244,121	60,229	21,183,892	21,304,350

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	197,440,772	18,774	197,421,998	197,459,546
Less than 9th grade	12,550,193	63,993	12,486,200	12,614,186
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	17,894,984	60,919	17,834,065	17,955,903
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	57,861,698	175,519	57,686,179	58,037,217
Some college, no degree	40,105,283	69,760	40,035,523	40,175,043
Associate's degree	14,663,437	30,861	14,632,576	14,694,298
Bachelor's degree	34,384,717	122,708	34,262,009	34,507,425
Graduate or professional degree	19,980,460	111,289	19,869,171	20,091,749
Percent high school graduate or higher	84.6%	0.1	84.5%	84.7%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	27.5%	0.1	27.4%	27.6%

VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	226,148,027	9,075	226,138,952	226,157,102
Civilian veterans	22,894,578	34,800	22,859,778	22,929,378

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	297,355,080	10,469	297,344,611	297,365,549
Same house	249,272,748	320,696	248,952,052	249,593,444
Different house in the U.S.	46,221,494	311,361	45,910,133	46,532,855
Same county	28,526,109	226,007	28,300,102	28,752,116
Different county	17,695,385	96,503	17,598,882	17,791,888
Same state	10,168,624	65,580	10,103,044	10,234,204
Different state	7,526,761	45,640	7,481,121	7,572,401
Abroad	1,860,838	15,051	1,845,787	1,875,889

PLACE OF BIRTH

Total Population	301,461,533	*****	*****	*****
Native	264,118,663	105,578	264,013,085	264,224,241
Born in United States	260,236,655	102,351	260,134,304	260,339,006
State of residence	177,790,341	82,503	177,707,838	177,872,844
Different state	82,446,314	74,606	82,371,708	82,520,920
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	3,882,008	16,787	3,865,221	3,898,795
Foreign born	37,342,870	105,672	37,237,198	37,448,542

U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Foreign-born population	37,342,870	105,672	37,237,198	37,448,542
Naturalized U.S. citizen	15,917,019	32,373	15,884,646	15,949,392
Not a U.S. citizen	21,425,851	106,789	21,319,062	21,532,640

YEAR OF ENTRY

Population born outside the United States	41,224,878	102,444	41,122,434	41,327,322
Native	3,882,008	16,787	3,865,221	3,898,795
Entered 2000 or later	666,260	8,054	658,206	674,314
Entered before 2000	3,215,748	15,708	3,200,040	3,231,456

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Entered 2000 or later	10,335,042	67,052	10,267,990	10,402,094
Entered before 2000	27,007,828	56,997	26,950,831	27,064,825

WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN

Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	37,342,597	105,671	37,236,926	37,448,268
Europe	4,951,980	25,182	4,926,798	4,977,162
Asia	10,066,515	34,225	10,032,290	10,100,740
Africa	1,394,088	14,048	1,380,040	1,408,136
Oceania	203,721	4,471	199,250	208,192
Latin America	19,884,943	62,162	19,822,781	19,947,105
Northern America	841,350	6,777	834,573	848,127

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

Population 5 years and over	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Population 5 years and over	280,601,189	4,062	280,597,127	280,605,251
English only	225,710,244	104,056	225,606,188	225,814,300
Language other than English	54,890,945	102,169	54,788,776	54,993,114
Speak English less than "very well"	24,051,115	60,085	23,991,030	24,111,200
Spanish	34,056,675	49,004	34,007,671	34,105,679
Speak English less than "very well"	15,978,677	37,872	15,940,805	16,016,549
Other Indo-European languages	10,318,574	46,753	10,271,821	10,365,327
Speak English less than "very well"	3,380,211	23,843	3,356,368	3,404,054
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	8,253,156	22,241	8,230,915	8,275,397
Speak English less than "very well"	4,005,476	15,827	3,989,649	4,021,303
Other languages	2,262,540	20,126	2,242,414	2,282,666
Speak English less than "very well"	686,751	10,031	676,720	696,782

ANCESTRY

Total Population	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
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American	19,395,726	47,236	19,348,490	19,442,962
Arab	1,516,399	17,095	1,499,304	1,533,494
Czech	1,618,165	10,862	1,607,303	1,629,027
Danish	1,482,300	9,991	1,472,309	1,492,291
Dutch	5,075,419	15,819	5,059,600	5,091,238
English	27,995,356	59,705	27,935,651	28,055,061
French (except Basque)	9,561,133	27,078	9,534,055	9,588,211
French Canadian	2,200,083	17,352	2,182,731	2,217,435
German	50,557,142	63,383	50,493,759	50,620,525
Greek	1,359,961	12,665	1,347,296	1,372,626
Hungarian	1,560,023	11,749	1,548,274	1,571,772
Irish	36,207,365	49,676	36,157,689	36,257,041
Italian	17,826,479	43,148	17,783,331	17,869,627
Lithuanian	727,774	9,026	718,748	736,800
Norwegian	4,674,376	22,784	4,651,592	4,697,160
Polish	9,998,211	35,207	9,963,004	10,033,418
Portuguese	1,444,273	11,493	1,432,780	1,455,766
Russian	3,134,570	17,089	3,117,481	3,151,659
Scotch-Irish	5,349,544	20,654	5,328,890	5,370,198
Scottish	5,945,924	22,759	5,923,165	5,968,683
Slovak	821,889	8,803	813,086	830,692
Subsaharan African	2,647,279	26,190	2,621,089	2,673,469
Swedish	4,367,264	18,103	4,349,161	4,385,367
Swiss	1,021,937	8,633	1,013,304	1,030,570
Ukrainian	975,408	10,761	964,647	986,169
Welsh	1,965,898	12,719	1,953,179	1,978,617
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	2,435,415	18,827	2,416,588	2,454,242

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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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.