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2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Data and Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, for 2010, the 2010 Census provides the official counts of the population and housing units for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns. For 2006 to 2009, the Population Estimates Program provides intercensal estimates of the population for the nation, states, and counties.

Subject	Rensselaer County, New York			
	Estimate	Estimate Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	63,518	+/-596	63,518	(X)
Family households (families)	39,454	+/-724	62.1%	+/-1.1
With own children under 18 years	17,394	+/-607	27.4%	+/-0.9
Married-couple family	29,129	+/-707	45.9%	+/-1.1
With own children under 18 years	11,283	+/-451	17.8%	+/-0.7
Male householder, no wife present, family	2,629	+/-353	4.1%	+/-0.6
With own children under 18 years	1,282	+/-265	2.0%	+/-0.4
Female householder, no husband present, family	7,696	+/-520	12.1%	+/-0.8
With own children under 18 years	4,829	+/-442	7.6%	+/-0.7
Nonfamily households	24,064	+/-744	37.9%	+/-1.1
Householder living alone	18,368	+/-700	28.9%	+/-1.0
65 years and over	6,472	+/-370	10.2%	+/-0.6
Households with one or more people under 18 years	18,986	+/-575	29.9%	+/-0.9
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	14,957	+/-301	23.5%	+/-0.5
Average household size	2.43	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.02	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	154,109	+/-646	154,109	(X)
Householder	63,518	+/-596	41.2%	+/-0.4
Spouse	29,146	+/-647	18.9%	+/-0.4
Child	44,284	+/-839	28.7%	+/-0.5
Other relatives	6,338	+/-645	4.1%	+/-0.4
Nonrelatives	10,823	+/-666	7.0%	+/-0.4
Unmarried partner	5,591	+/-489	3.6%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	63,863	+/-31	63,863	(X)
Never married	24,347	+/-624	38.1%	+/-1.0
Now married, except separated	30,752	+/-711	48.2%	+/-1.1
Separated	1,391	+/-258	2.2%	+/-0.4
Widowed	1,925	+/-241	3.0%	+/-0.4
Divorced	5,448	+/-498	8.5%	+/-0.8
Females 15 years and over	66,579	+/-30	66,579	(X)

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Never married	19,372	+/-578	29.1%	+/-0.9
Now married, except separated	30,879	+/-746	46.4%	+/-1.1
Separated	2,009	+/-316	3.0%	+/-0.5
Widowed	6,824	+/-356	10.2%	+/-0.5
Divorced	7,495	+/-506	11.3%	+/-0.8
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	2,262	+/-319	2,262	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	994	+/-218	43.9%	+/-8.1
Per 1,000 unmarried women	46	+/-10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	57	+/-8	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	20	+/-11	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	111	+/-19	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	24	+/-7	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	2,105	+/-302	2,105	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	836	+/-192	39.7%	+/-6.5
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	117	+/-56	5.6%	+/-2.7
1 or 2 years	159	+/-81	7.6%	+/-3.7
3 or 4 years	170	+/-94	8.1%	+/-4.2
5 or more years	390	+/-165	18.5%	+/-7.1
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	836	+/-192	836	(X)
Who are female	607	+/-145	72.6%	+/-7.1
Who are married	427	+/-162	51.1%	+/-14.8
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	41,449	+/-826	41,449	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	2,303	+/-250	5.6%	+/-0.6
Kindergarten	1,743	+/-271	4.2%	+/-0.7
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	15,957	+/-431	38.5%	+/-1.2
High school (grades 9-12)	8,403	+/-386	20.3%	+/-1.0
College or graduate school	13,043	+/-780	31.5%	+/-1.4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	106,304	+/-86	106,304	(X)
Less than 9th grade	3,743	+/-403	3.5%	+/-0.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	7,728	+/-580	7.3%	+/-0.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	34,347	+/-1,017	32.3%	+/-1.0
Some college, no degree	19,445	+/-768	18.3%	+/-0.7
Associate's degree	12,635	+/-737	11.9%	+/-0.7
Bachelor's degree	15,884	+/-686	14.9%	+/-0.6
Graduate or professional degree	12,522	+/-637	11.8%	+/-0.6
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	89.2%	+/-0.7
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	26.7%	+/-0.8
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	123,665	+/-96	123,665	(X)
Civilian veterans	13,191	+/-578	10.7%	+/-0.5
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	156,739	+/-281	156,739	(X)

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Same house	134,383	+/-1,660	85.7%	+/-1.1
Different house in the U.S.	21,841	+/-1,679	13.9%	+/-1.1
Same county	12,574	+/-1,278	8.0%	+/-0.8
Different county	9,267	+/-1,078	5.9%	+/-0.7
Same state	6,525	+/-927	4.2%	+/-0.6
Different state	2,742	+/-471	1.7%	+/-0.3
Abroad	515	+/-215	0.3%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	158,629	*****	158,629	(X)
Native	150,494	+/-654	94.9%	+/-0.4
Born in United States	149,066	+/-641	94.0%	+/-0.4
State of residence	122,717	+/-1,286	77.4%	+/-0.8
Different state	26,349	+/-1,191	16.6%	+/-0.8
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	1,428	+/-280	0.9%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	8,135	+/-654	5.1%	+/-0.4
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	8,135	+/-654	8,135	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	4,001	+/-481	49.2%	+/-5.0
Not a U.S. citizen	4,134	+/-558	50.8%	+/-5.0
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	9,563	+/-641	9,563	(X)
Native	1,428	+/-280	1,428	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	180	+/-109	12.6%	+/-6.8
Entered before 2000	1,248	+/-244	87.4%	+/-6.8
Foreign born	8,135	+/-654	8,135	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	3,050	+/-503	37.5%	+/-5.0
Entered before 2000	5,085	+/-529	62.5%	+/-5.0
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	8,135	+/-654	8,135	(X)
Europe	2,476	+/-423	30.4%	+/-4.2
Asia	2,895	+/-342	35.6%	+/-3.8
Africa	469	+/-143	5.8%	+/-1.7
Oceania	41	+/-37	0.5%	+/-0.5
Latin America	1,887	+/-366	23.2%	+/-3.9
Northern America	367	+/-121	4.5%	+/-1.5
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	149,813	*****	149,813	(X)
English only	139,180	+/-749	92.9%	+/-0.5
Language other than English	10,633	+/-750	7.1%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	3,817	+/-472	2.5%	+/-0.3
Spanish	3,284	+/-391	2.2%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	1,120	+/-219	0.7%	+/-0.1
Other Indo-European languages	4,687	+/-605	3.1%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	1,373	+/-304	0.9%	+/-0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	2,027	+/-313	1.4%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,062	+/-259	0.7%	+/-0.2
Other languages	635	+/-243	0.4%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	262	+/-140	0.2%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	158,629	*****	158,629	(X)
American	6,888	+/-966	4.3%	+/-0.6
Arab	1,041	+/-363	0.7%	+/-0.2
Czech	607	+/-209	0.4%	+/-0.1
Danish	977	+/-263	0.6%	+/-0.2
Dutch	7,465	+/-694	4.7%	+/-0.4
English	18,308	+/-1,115	11.5%	+/-0.7
French (except Basque)	16,113	+/-1,171	10.2%	+/-0.7

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French Canadian	4,489	+/-645	2.8%	+/-0.4
German	31,702	+/-1,445	20.0%	+/-0.9
Greek	959	+/-271	0.6%	+/-0.2
Hungarian	744	+/-216	0.5%	+/-0.1
Irish	43,414	+/-1,548	27.4%	+/-1.0
Italian	24,089	+/-1,169	15.2%	+/-0.7
Lithuanian	1,079	+/-378	0.7%	+/-0.2
Norwegian	672	+/-175	0.4%	+/-0.1
Polish	10,494	+/-958	6.6%	+/-0.6
Portuguese	465	+/-260	0.3%	+/-0.2
Russian	1,724	+/-302	1.1%	+/-0.2
Scotch-Irish	2,400	+/-447	1.5%	+/-0.3
Scottish	3,489	+/-525	2.2%	+/-0.3
Slovak	188	+/-95	0.1%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	883	+/-264	0.6%	+/-0.2
Swedish	1,747	+/-421	1.1%	+/-0.3
Swiss	467	+/-183	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	2,107	+/-465	1.3%	+/-0.3
Welsh	1,378	+/-344	0.9%	+/-0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	1,213	+/-378	0.8%	+/-0.2

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.

While the 2006-2010 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey

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.
5. An '****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
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.