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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	United States			
	Estimate	Estimate Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	114,235,996	+/-248,114	114,235,996	(X)
Family households (families)	76,254,318	+/-230,785	66.8%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	34,990,015	+/-189,020	30.6%	+/-0.1
Married-couple family	56,655,412	+/-293,638	49.6%	+/-0.2
With own children under 18 years	24,057,666	+/-221,479	21.1%	+/-0.1
Male householder, no wife present, family	5,214,950	+/-30,517	4.6%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	2,539,641	+/-15,344	2.2%	+/-0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	14,383,956	+/-42,561	12.6%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	8,392,708	+/-28,975	7.3%	+/-0.1
Nonfamily households	37,981,678	+/-38,604	33.2%	+/-0.1
Householder living alone	31,115,183	+/-65,195	27.2%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	10,677,015	+/-115,004	9.3%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	38,750,454	+/-186,691	33.9%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	27,391,095	+/-102,415	24.0%	+/-0.1
Average household size	2.59	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.17	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	295,968,252	*****	295,968,252	(X)
Householder	114,235,996	+/-248,114	38.6%	+/-0.1
Spouse	56,620,621	+/-290,187	19.1%	+/-0.1
Child	89,670,866	+/-92,827	30.3%	+/-0.1
Other relatives	19,390,242	+/-247,701	6.6%	+/-0.1
Nonrelatives	16,050,527	+/-213,433	5.4%	+/-0.1
Unmarried partner	6,436,303	+/-20,606	2.2%	+/-0.1
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	118,264,295	+/-7,454	118,264,295	(X)
Never married	40,461,438	+/-167,327	34.2%	+/-0.1
Now married, except separated	61,745,693	+/-257,090	52.2%	+/-0.2
Separated	2,137,849	+/-19,734	1.8%	+/-0.1
Widowed	2,977,072	+/-12,238	2.5%	+/-0.1
Divorced	10,942,243	+/-79,362	9.3%	+/-0.1
Females 15 years and over	124,809,173	+/-6,226	124,809,173	(X)

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Never married	34,856,779	+/-131,952	27.9%	+/-0.1
Now married, except separated	60,343,650	+/-212,078	48.3%	+/-0.2
Separated	3,124,997	+/-25,166	2.5%	+/-0.1
Widowed	11,925,452	+/-24,439	9.6%	+/-0.1
Divorced	14,558,295	+/-76,773	11.7%	+/-0.1
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,308,790	+/-23,447	4,308,790	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,464,737	+/-9,839	34.0%	+/-0.3
Per 1,000 unmarried women	37	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	56	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	28	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	104	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	24	+/-1	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	6,449,387	+/-30,179	6,449,387	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	2,641,514	+/-14,098	41.0%	+/-0.2
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	599,400	+/-6,592	9.3%	+/-0.1
1 or 2 years	633,758	+/-6,979	9.8%	+/-0.1
3 or 4 years	436,147	+/-5,292	6.8%	+/-0.1
5 or more years	972,209	+/-9,041	15.1%	+/-0.1
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	2,641,514	+/-14,098	2,641,514	(X)
Who are female	1,658,717	+/-9,587	62.8%	+/-0.1
Who are married	1,866,847	+/-11,338	70.7%	+/-0.2
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	80,939,002	+/-98,045	80,939,002	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	4,924,145	+/-30,224	6.1%	+/-0.1
Kindergarten	4,113,849	+/-14,331	5.1%	+/-0.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	32,578,808	+/-23,235	40.3%	+/-0.1
High school (grades 9-12)	17,532,181	+/-22,873	21.7%	+/-0.1
College or graduate school	21,790,019	+/-71,146	26.9%	+/-0.1
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	199,726,659	+/-18,056	199,726,659	(X)
Less than 9th grade	12,435,227	+/-63,874	6.2%	+/-0.1
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	17,463,256	+/-67,801	8.7%	+/-0.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	57,903,353	+/-183,279	29.0%	+/-0.1
Some college, no degree	41,175,904	+/-57,855	20.6%	+/-0.1
Associate's degree	15,021,920	+/-34,737	7.5%	+/-0.1
Bachelor's degree	35,148,428	+/-127,668	17.6%	+/-0.1
Graduate or professional degree	20,578,571	+/-125,036	10.3%	+/-0.1
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	85.0%	+/-0.1
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	27.9%	+/-0.1
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	228,808,831	+/-8,528	228,808,831	(X)
Civilian veterans	22,652,496	+/-32,162	9.9%	+/-0.1
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	300,061,429	+/-13,120	300,061,429	(X)

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Same house	252,727,620	+/-314,814	84.2%	+/-0.1
Different house in the U.S.	45,490,713	+/-304,274	15.2%	+/-0.1
Same county	28,240,219	+/-223,020	9.4%	+/-0.1
Different county	17,250,494	+/-89,018	5.7%	+/-0.1
Same state	9,966,140	+/-60,840	3.3%	+/-0.1
Different state	7,284,354	+/-36,380	2.4%	+/-0.1
Abroad	1,843,096	+/-15,367	0.6%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	303,965,272	*****	303,965,272	(X)
Native	265,290,260	+/-104,147	87.3%	+/-0.1
Born in United States	261,246,088	+/-102,507	85.9%	+/-0.1
State of residence	178,312,102	+/-69,767	58.7%	+/-0.1
Different state	82,933,986	+/-77,950	27.3%	+/-0.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	4,044,172	+/-15,566	1.3%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	38,675,012	+/-104,183	12.7%	+/-0.1
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	38,675,012	+/-104,183	38,675,012	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	16,653,874	+/-33,307	43.1%	+/-0.2
Not a U.S. citizen	22,021,138	+/-114,869	56.9%	+/-0.2
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	42,719,184	+/-102,543	42,719,184	(X)
Native	4,044,172	+/-15,566	4,044,172	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	791,005	+/-9,131	19.6%	+/-0.2
Entered before 2000	3,253,167	+/-12,885	80.4%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	38,675,012	+/-104,183	38,675,012	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	11,686,589	+/-72,480	30.2%	+/-0.1
Entered before 2000	26,988,423	+/-43,808	69.8%	+/-0.1
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	38,674,773	+/-104,190	38,674,773	(X)
Europe	4,847,078	+/-20,625	12.5%	+/-0.1
Asia	10,747,229	+/-35,631	27.8%	+/-0.1
Africa	1,466,454	+/-12,328	3.8%	+/-0.1
Oceania	214,809	+/-4,366	0.6%	+/-0.1
Latin America	20,565,108	+/-61,005	53.2%	+/-0.1
Northern America	834,095	+/-7,198	2.2%	+/-0.1
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	283,833,852	+/-4,301	283,833,852	(X)
English only	226,738,479	+/-109,713	79.9%	+/-0.1
Language other than English	57,095,373	+/-107,739	20.1%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	24,704,754	+/-62,203	8.7%	+/-0.1
Spanish	35,470,765	+/-54,404	12.5%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	16,349,067	+/-38,650	5.8%	+/-0.1
Other Indo-European languages	10,393,671	+/-39,933	3.7%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	3,368,454	+/-24,330	1.2%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	8,902,093	+/-26,398	3.1%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	4,278,088	+/-18,161	1.5%	+/-0.1
Other languages	2,328,844	+/-19,746	0.8%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	709,145	+/-9,523	0.2%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	303,965,272	*****	303,965,272	(X)
American	19,094,109	+/-43,520	6.3%	+/-0.1
Arab	1,517,664	+/-17,397	0.5%	+/-0.1
Czech	1,595,844	+/-11,247	0.5%	+/-0.1
Danish	1,453,897	+/-10,251	0.5%	+/-0.1
Dutch	4,950,041	+/-20,785	1.6%	+/-0.1
English	27,403,063	+/-59,887	9.0%	+/-0.1
French (except Basque)	9,326,180	+/-24,686	3.1%	+/-0.1

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French Canadian	2,138,601	+/-17,159	0.7%	+/-0.1
German	49,836,146	+/-63,818	16.4%	+/-0.1
Greek	1,337,511	+/-10,600	0.4%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	1,537,205	+/-13,133	0.5%	+/-0.1
Irish	35,751,133	+/-62,348	11.8%	+/-0.1
Italian	17,566,693	+/-44,085	5.8%	+/-0.1
Lithuanian	708,860	+/-7,254	0.2%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	4,602,337	+/-21,928	1.5%	+/-0.1
Polish	9,835,459	+/-34,183	3.2%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	1,426,121	+/-11,676	0.5%	+/-0.1
Russian	3,072,756	+/-13,828	1.0%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	5,227,821	+/-22,938	1.7%	+/-0.1
Scottish	5,821,321	+/-21,658	1.9%	+/-0.1
Slovak	805,282	+/-7,784	0.3%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	2,763,624	+/-27,251	0.9%	+/-0.1
Swedish	4,293,208	+/-18,524	1.4%	+/-0.1
Swiss	1,003,505	+/-8,309	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	956,896	+/-10,165	0.3%	+/-0.1
Welsh	1,922,914	+/-13,295	0.6%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	2,516,114	+/-18,220	0.8%	+/-0.1

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.