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2007-2011 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, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

Subject	United States			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	114,761,359	+/-251,732	114,761,359	(X)
Family households (families)	76,507,230	+/-233,809	66.7%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	34,784,394	+/-194,189	30.3%	+/-0.1
Married-couple family	56,624,086	+/-295,387	49.3%	+/-0.2
With own children under 18 years	23,784,248	+/-224,691	20.7%	+/-0.2
Male householder, no wife present, family	5,276,790	+/-30,857	4.6%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	2,566,689	+/-16,543	2.2%	+/-0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	14,606,354	+/-45,108	12.7%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	8,433,457	+/-29,529	7.3%	+/-0.1
Nonfamily households	38,254,129	+/-44,530	33.3%	+/-0.1
Householder living alone	31,326,617	+/-71,469	27.3%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	10,852,066	+/-115,944	9.5%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	38,578,982	+/-191,227	33.6%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	27,969,594	+/-102,643	24.4%	+/-0.1
Average household size	2.60	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.19	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	298,597,548	****	298,597,548	(X)
Householder	114,761,359	+/-251,664	38.4%	+/-0.1
Spouse	56,590,678	+/-286,471	19.0%	+/-0.1
Child	90,786,036	+/-88,765	30.4%	+/-0.1
Other relatives	20,034,881	+/-249,812	6.7%	+/-0.1
Nonrelatives	16,424,594	+/-212,694	5.5%	+/-0.1
Unmarried partner	6,565,549	+/-18,170	2.2%	+/-0.1
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	119,550,497	+/-7,256	119,550,497	(X)
Never married	41,414,163	+/-168,211	34.6%	+/-0.1
Now married, except separated	61,813,577	+/-256,589	51.7%	+/-0.2
Separated	2,163,466	+/-21,428	1.8%	+/-0.1
Widowed	3,013,295	+/-12,194	2.5%	+/-0.1
Divorced	11,145,996	+/-76,006	9.3%	+/-0.1
Females 15 years and over	126,044,280	+/-6,396	126,044,280	(X)
Never married	35,707,687	+/-127,446	28.3%	+/-0.1

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Now married, except separated	60,433,856	+/-208,103	47.9%	+/-0.2
Separated	3,144,890	+/-24,644	2.5%	+/-0.1
Widowed	11,896,896	+/-23,872	9.4%	+/-0.1
Divorced	14,860,951	+/-76,521	11.8%	+/-0.1
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,295,187	+/-25,094	4,295,187	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,480,521	+/-11,362	34.5%	+/-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	27	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	102	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	25	+/-1	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	6,663,614	+/-33,533	6,663,614	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	2,687,216	+/-13,425	40.3%	+/-0.2
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	601,460	+/-7,341	9.0%	+/-0.1
1 or 2 years	642,301	+/-6,333	9.6%	+/-0.1
3 or 4 years	444,155	+/-4,916	6.7%	+/-0.1
5 or more years	999,300	+/-8,148	15.0%	+/-0.1
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	2,687,216	+/-13,425	2,687,216	(X)
Who are female	1,683,410	+/-8,002	62.6%	+/-0.2
Who are married	1,900,910	+/-12,794	70.7%	+/-0.2
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	81,677,036	+/-93,175	81,677,036	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	4,972,287	+/-29,950	6.1%	+/-0.1
Kindergarten	4,143,438	+/-14,751	5.1%	+/-0.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	32,654,500	+/-25,257	40.0%	+/-0.1
High school (grades 9-12)	17,431,218	+/-18,147	21.3%	+/-0.1
College or graduate school	22,475,593	+/-67,444	27.5%	+/-0.1
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	202,048,123	+/-16,972	202,048,123	(X)
Less than 9th grade	12,397,019	+/-64,052	6.1%	+/-0.1
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	17,121,916	+/-64,311	8.5%	+/-0.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	57,861,283	+/-169,189	28.6%	+/-0.1
Some college, no degree	42,350,233	+/-45,250	21.0%	+/-0.1
Associate's degree	15,344,048	+/-38,136	7.6%	+/-0.1
Bachelor's degree	35,852,277	+/-131,432	17.7%	+/-0.1
Graduate or professional degree	21,121,347	+/-128,157	10.5%	+/-0.1
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	85.4%	+/-0.1
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	28.2%	+/-0.1
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	231,421,987	+/-7,945	231,421,987	(X)
Civilian veterans	22,215,303	+/-31,052	9.6%	+/-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	302,754,921	+/-13,499	302,754,921	(X)
Same house	256,096,024	+/-302,026	84.6%	+/-0.1

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Different house in the U.S.	44,835,757	+/-293,351	14.8%	+/-0.1
Same county	28,025,830	+/-214,675	9.3%	+/-0.1
Different county	16,809,927	+/-91,888	5.6%	+/-0.1
Same state	9,728,252	+/-60,900	3.2%	+/-0.1
Different state	7,081,675	+/-41,342	2.3%	+/-0.1
Abroad	1,823,140	+/-17,059	0.6%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	306,603,772	*****	306,603,772	(X)
Native	267,334,934	+/-113,167	87.2%	+/-0.1
Born in United States	263,182,652	+/-108,307	85.8%	+/-0.1
State of residence	179,872,457	+/-82,136	58.7%	+/-0.1
Different state	83,310,195	+/-78,412	27.2%	+/-0.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	4,152,282	+/-17,705	1.4%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	39,268,838	+/-113,205	12.8%	+/-0.1
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	39,268,838	+/-113,205	39,268,838	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	17,150,684	+/-34,448	43.7%	+/-0.2
Not a U.S. citizen	22,118,154	+/-122,109	56.3%	+/-0.2
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	43,421,120	+/-108,346	43,421,120	(X)
Native	4,152,282	+/-17,705	4,152,282	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	899,722	+/-9,707	21.7%	+/-0.2
Entered before 2000	3,252,560	+/-14,562	78.3%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	39,268,838	+/-113,205	39,268,838	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	12,638,132	+/-75,599	32.2%	+/-0.1
Entered before 2000	26,630,706	+/-54,048	67.8%	+/-0.1
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	39,268,670	+/-113,217	39,268,670	(X)
Europe	4,844,769	+/-22,937	12.3%	+/-0.1
Asia	11,027,803	+/-38,164	28.1%	+/-0.1
Africa	1,520,614	+/-12,370	3.9%	+/-0.1
Oceania	220,854	+/-4,634	0.6%	+/-0.1
Latin America	20,830,153	+/-69,484	53.0%	+/-0.1
Northern America	824,477	+/-7,047	2.1%	+/-0.1
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	286,433,395	+/-3,860	286,433,395	(X)
English only	228,216,716	+/-110,799	79.7%	+/-0.1
Language other than English	58,216,679	+/-108,708	20.3%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	24,950,788	+/-65,420	8.7%	+/-0.1
Spanish	36,170,544	+/-60,905	12.6%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	16,433,118	+/-39,695	5.7%	+/-0.1
Other Indo-European languages	10,529,052	+/-41,021	3.7%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	3,394,672	+/-25,165	1.2%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	9,111,546	+/-27,811	3.2%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	4,386,513	+/-19,347	1.5%	+/-0.1
Other languages	2,405,537	+/-18,224	0.8%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	736,485	+/-8,494	0.3%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	306,603,772	*****	306,603,772	(X)
American	19,911,467	+/-47,204	6.5%	+/-0.1
Arab	1,584,874	+/-19,442	0.5%	+/-0.1
Czech	1,569,839	+/-11,579	0.5%	+/-0.1
Danish	1,420,962	+/-10,652	0.5%	+/-0.1
Dutch	4,809,836	+/-18,659	1.6%	+/-0.1
English	26,922,124	+/-63,419	8.8%	+/-0.1
French (except Basque)	9,135,933	+/-27,416	3.0%	+/-0.1
French Canadian	2,087,970	+/-15,579	0.7%	+/-0.1
German	49,202,203	+/-62,120	16.0%	+/-0.1

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Greek	1,319,128	+/-11,205	0.4%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	1,511,839	+/-10,555	0.5%	+/-0.1
Irish	35,522,918	+/-62,208	11.6%	+/-0.1
Italian	17,551,075	+/-44,864	5.7%	+/-0.1
Lithuanian	696,686	+/-6,960	0.2%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	4,557,539	+/-22,713	1.5%	+/-0.1
Polish	9,739,640	+/-33,851	3.2%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	1,422,191	+/-11,576	0.5%	+/-0.1
Russian	3,060,143	+/-18,805	1.0%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	5,102,732	+/-23,499	1.7%	+/-0.1
Scottish	5,706,263	+/-23,874	1.9%	+/-0.1
Slovak	786,108	+/-7,863	0.3%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	2,828,270	+/-27,774	0.9%	+/-0.1
Swedish	4,211,644	+/-20,273	1.4%	+/-0.1
Swiss	982,909	+/-9,985	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	958,294	+/-10,471	0.3%	+/-0.1
Welsh	1,888,383	+/-13,219	0.6%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	2,586,700	+/-19,835	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 2007-2011 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, 2007-2011 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.