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2008-2012 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	Albany County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	122,674	+/-1,088	122,674	(X)
Family households (families)	70,159	+/-1,307	57.2%	+/-0.9
With own children under 18 years	31,109	+/-909	25.4%	+/-0.7
Married-couple family	50,457	+/-1,223	41.1%	+/-0.9
With own children under 18 years	20,164	+/-778	16.4%	+/-0.6
Male householder, no wife present, family	4,623	+/-520	3.8%	+/-0.4
With own children under 18 years	2,437	+/-392	2.0%	+/-0.3
Female householder, no husband present, family	15,079	+/-725	12.3%	+/-0.6
With own children under 18 years	8,508	+/-596	6.9%	+/-0.5
Nonfamily households	52,515	+/-1,233	42.8%	+/-0.9
Householder living alone	41,163	+/-1,118	33.6%	+/-0.9
65 years and over	13,419	+/-631	10.9%	+/-0.5
Households with one or more people under 18 years	33,376	+/-902	27.2%	+/-0.7
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	29,996	+/-449	24.5%	+/-0.3
Average household size	2.34	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.04	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	286,843	+/-934	286,843	(X)
Householder	122,674	+/-1,088	42.8%	+/-0.3
Spouse	50,543	+/-1,150	17.6%	+/-0.4
Child	80,257	+/-1,117	28.0%	+/-0.4
Other relatives	12,123	+/-956	4.2%	+/-0.3
Nonrelatives	21,246	+/-1,300	7.4%	+/-0.5
Unmarried partner	9,335	+/-748	3.3%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	122,159	+/-36	122,159	(X)
Never married	52,769	+/-982	43.2%	+/-0.8
Now married, except separated	54,745	+/-1,175	44.8%	+/-1.0
Separated	2,821	+/-386	2.3%	+/-0.3
Widowed	3,469	+/-383	2.8%	+/-0.3

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Divorced	8,355	+/-604	6.8%	+/-0.5
Females 15 years and over	133,600	+/-11	133,600	(X)
Never married	49,661	+/-835	37.2%	+/-0.6
Now married, except separated	54,281	+/-1,111	40.6%	+/-0.8
Separated	3,346	+/-351	2.5%	+/-0.3
Widowed	13,186	+/-570	9.9%	+/-0.4
Divorced	13,126	+/-681	9.8%	+/-0.5
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	3,259	+/-397	3,259	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	954	+/-258	29.3%	+/-6.2
Per 1,000 unmarried women	20	+/-5	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	41	+/-5	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	5	+/-5	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	65	+/-10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	30	+/-6	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	3,726	+/-502	3,726	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	1,155	+/-289	31.0%	+/-6.1
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	192	+/-132	5.2%	+/-3.4
1 or 2 years	308	+/-131	8.3%	+/-3.2
3 or 4 years	150	+/-69	4.0%	+/-1.8
5 or more years	505	+/-203	13.6%	+/-5.0
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	1,155	+/-289	1,155	(X)
Who are female	765	+/-208	66.2%	+/-6.9
Who are married	697	+/-212	60.3%	+/-10.5
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	85,873	+/-1,423	85,873	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	4,148	+/-426	4.8%	+/-0.5
Kindergarten	2,926	+/-347	3.4%	+/-0.4
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	26,543	+/-495	30.9%	+/-0.8
High school (grades 9-12)	15,839	+/-634	18.4%	+/-0.8
College or graduate school	36,417	+/-1,352	42.4%	+/-1.0
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	202,976	+/-55	202,976	(X)
Less than 9th grade	5,327	+/-563	2.6%	+/-0.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	11,773	+/-738	5.8%	+/-0.4
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	52,442	+/-1,265	25.8%	+/-0.6
Some college, no degree	34,836	+/-1,229	17.2%	+/-0.6
Associate's degree	20,988	+/-919	10.3%	+/-0.5
Bachelor's degree	40,098	+/-1,181	19.8%	+/-0.6
Graduate or professional degree	37,512	+/-1,202	18.5%	+/-0.6
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	91.6%	+/-0.4
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	38.2%	+/-0.9
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	243,982	+/-105	243,982	(X)
Civilian veterans	19,781	+/-611	8.1%	+/-0.3

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	300,805	+/-498	300,805	(X)
With a disability	33,861	+/-1,230	11.3%	+/-0.4
Under 18 years	59,995	+/-90	59,995	(X)
With a disability	2,929	+/-415	4.9%	+/-0.7
18 to 64 years	200,085	+/-431	200,085	(X)
With a disability	17,344	+/-853	8.7%	+/-0.4
65 years and over	40,725	+/-285	40,725	(X)
With a disability	13,588	+/-584	33.4%	+/-1.4
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	301,588	+/-322	301,588	(X)
Same house	256,622	+/-2,102	85.1%	+/-0.7
Different house in the U.S.	42,591	+/-1,992	14.1%	+/-0.7
Same county	24,370	+/-1,907	8.1%	+/-0.6
Different county	18,221	+/-1,210	6.0%	+/-0.4
Same state	13,514	+/-1,060	4.5%	+/-0.4
Different state	4,707	+/-694	1.6%	+/-0.2
Abroad	2,375	+/-481	0.8%	+/-0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	304,511	*****	304,511	(X)
Native	277,201	+/-1,197	91.0%	+/-0.4
Born in United States	273,151	+/-1,288	89.7%	+/-0.4
State of residence	233,165	+/-1,869	76.6%	+/-0.6
Different state	39,986	+/-1,487	13.1%	+/-0.5
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	4,050	+/-601	1.3%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	27,310	+/-1,197	9.0%	+/-0.4
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	27,310	+/-1,197	27,310	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	14,641	+/-891	53.6%	+/-2.4
Not a U.S. citizen	12,669	+/-871	46.4%	+/-2.4
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	31,360	+/-1,288	31,360	(X)
Native	4,050	+/-601	4,050	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	67	+/-46	1.7%	+/-1.1
Entered before 2010	3,983	+/-592	98.3%	+/-1.1
Foreign born	27,310	+/-1,197	27,310	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	796	+/-280	2.9%	+/-1.0
Entered before 2010	26,514	+/-1,163	97.1%	+/-1.0
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	27,310	+/-1,197	27,310	(X)
Europe	6,991	+/-828	25.6%	+/-2.5
Asia	11,827	+/-504	43.3%	+/-2.2
Africa	1,954	+/-520	7.2%	+/-1.8
Oceania	106	+/-51	0.4%	+/-0.2
Latin America	5,530	+/-721	20.2%	+/-2.4
Northern America	902	+/-226	3.3%	+/-0.8

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	289,361	+/-42	289,361	(X)
English only	254,690	+/-1,252	88.0%	+/-0.4
Language other than English	34,671	+/-1,245	12.0%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	11,652	+/-804	4.0%	+/-0.3
Spanish	9,478	+/-853	3.3%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	2,768	+/-492	1.0%	+/-0.2
Other Indo-European languages	15,568	+/-1,302	5.4%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	5,166	+/-641	1.8%	+/-0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	7,028	+/-574	2.4%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	3,208	+/-382	1.1%	+/-0.1
Other languages	2,597	+/-676	0.9%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	510	+/-219	0.2%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	304,511	*****	304,511	(X)
American	9,002	+/-849	3.0%	+/-0.3
Arab	2,202	+/-591	0.7%	+/-0.2
Czech	1,214	+/-327	0.4%	+/-0.1
Danish	819	+/-218	0.3%	+/-0.1
Dutch	11,130	+/-972	3.7%	+/-0.3
English	26,703	+/-1,066	8.8%	+/-0.3
French (except Basque)	17,729	+/-1,045	5.8%	+/-0.3
French Canadian	5,122	+/-595	1.7%	+/-0.2
German	48,440	+/-1,919	15.9%	+/-0.6
Greek	2,279	+/-406	0.7%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	1,936	+/-405	0.6%	+/-0.1
Irish	71,748	+/-1,977	23.6%	+/-0.6
Italian	52,384	+/-2,073	17.2%	+/-0.7
Lithuanian	967	+/-213	0.3%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	1,479	+/-286	0.5%	+/-0.1
Polish	19,862	+/-1,315	6.5%	+/-0.4
Portuguese	706	+/-275	0.2%	+/-0.1
Russian	6,441	+/-657	2.1%	+/-0.2
Scotch-Irish	1,507	+/-311	0.5%	+/-0.1
Scottish	5,013	+/-535	1.6%	+/-0.2
Slovak	859	+/-255	0.3%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	3,270	+/-694	1.1%	+/-0.2
Swedish	2,845	+/-464	0.9%	+/-0.2
Swiss	716	+/-231	0.2%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	2,674	+/-453	0.9%	+/-0.1
Welsh	1,933	+/-354	0.6%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	4,673	+/-864	1.5%	+/-0.3

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.

Fertility data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #92 for details.

The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, comparisons of disability data from 2008 or later with data from prior years are not recommended. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the Evaluation Report Covering Disability.

While the 2008-2012 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, 2008-2012 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.