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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	New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	7,230,896	+/-10,206	7,230,896	(X)
Family households (families)	4,646,324	+/-12,610	64.3%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	2,092,208	+/-9,874	28.9%	+/-0.1
Married-couple family	3,224,971	+/-14,409	44.6%	+/-0.2
With own children under 18 years	1,380,770	+/-10,779	19.1%	+/-0.1
Male householder, no wife present, family	351,847	+/-3,513	4.9%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	146,474	+/-2,592	2.0%	+/-0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	1,069,506	+/-5,606	14.8%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	564,964	+/-5,111	7.8%	+/-0.1
Nonfamily households	2,584,572	+/-8,508	35.7%	+/-0.1
Householder living alone	2,119,199	+/-7,673	29.3%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	765,138	+/-6,975	10.6%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	2,319,186	+/-10,321	32.1%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	1,893,249	+/-6,036	26.2%	+/-0.1
Average household size	2.60	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.26	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	18,810,163	*****	18,810,163	(X)
Householder	7,230,896	+/-10,206	38.4%	+/-0.1
Spouse	3,222,649	+/-15,027	17.1%	+/-0.1
Child	5,813,858	+/-10,929	30.9%	+/-0.1
Other relatives	1,444,178	+/-15,350	7.7%	+/-0.1
Nonrelatives	1,098,582	+/-12,741	5.8%	+/-0.1
Unmarried partner	430,939	+/-4,441	2.3%	+/-0.1
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	7,587,524	+/-803	7,587,524	(X)
Never married	3,043,589	+/-10,677	40.1%	+/-0.1
Now married, except separated	3,645,361	+/-13,889	48.0%	+/-0.2
Separated	164,444	+/-3,014	2.2%	+/-0.1
Widowed	195,908	+/-3,041	2.6%	+/-0.1

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Divorced	538,222	+/-5,387	7.1%	+/-0.1
Females 15 years and over	8,281,147	+/-748	8,281,147	(X)
Never married	2,849,694	+/-9,491	34.4%	+/-0.1
Now married, except separated	3,551,881	+/-12,696	42.9%	+/-0.2
Separated	267,998	+/-3,742	3.2%	+/-0.1
Widowed	798,359	+/-4,358	9.6%	+/-0.1
Divorced	813,215	+/-5,800	9.8%	+/-0.1
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	248,974	+/-3,432	248,974	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	82,771	+/-2,043	33.2%	+/-0.7
Per 1,000 unmarried women	29	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	50	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	17	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	84	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	30	+/-1	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	417,230	+/-4,916	417,230	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	131,827	+/-2,932	31.6%	+/-0.6
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	26,640	+/-1,328	6.4%	+/-0.3
1 or 2 years	30,251	+/-1,447	7.3%	+/-0.3
3 or 4 years	22,161	+/-1,199	5.3%	+/-0.3
5 or more years	52,775	+/-1,770	12.6%	+/-0.4
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	131,827	+/-2,932	131,827	(X)
Who are female	89,148	+/-1,939	67.6%	+/-0.7
Who are married	86,374	+/-2,733	65.5%	+/-1.2
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	5,040,949	+/-10,921	5,040,949	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	299,398	+/-3,093	5.9%	+/-0.1
Kindergarten	239,205	+/-3,178	4.7%	+/-0.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	1,898,836	+/-4,269	37.7%	+/-0.1
High school (grades 9-12)	1,072,849	+/-4,186	21.3%	+/-0.1
College or graduate school	1,530,661	+/-8,858	30.4%	+/-0.1
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	13,101,982	+/-1,216	13,101,982	(X)
Less than 9th grade	903,418	+/-8,478	6.9%	+/-0.1
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,078,432	+/-7,366	8.2%	+/-0.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	3,578,443	+/-16,123	27.3%	+/-0.1
Some college, no degree	2,155,666	+/-9,455	16.5%	+/-0.1
Associate's degree	1,090,117	+/-7,480	8.3%	+/-0.1
Bachelor's degree	2,442,722	+/-11,358	18.6%	+/-0.1
Graduate or professional degree	1,853,184	+/-12,911	14.1%	+/-0.1
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	84.9%	+/-0.1
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	32.8%	+/-0.1
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	15,054,725	+/-1,073	15,054,725	(X)
Civilian veterans	957,004	+/-5,234	6.4%	+/-0.1

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	19,138,275	+/-949	19,138,275	(X)
With a disability	2,084,684	+/-8,127	10.9%	+/-0.1
Under 18 years	4,308,427	+/-534	4,308,427	(X)
With a disability	158,381	+/-2,678	3.7%	+/-0.1
18 to 64 years	12,289,555	+/-1,495	12,289,555	(X)
With a disability	1,047,443	+/-6,927	8.5%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	2,540,293	+/-964	2,540,293	(X)
With a disability	878,860	+/-4,427	34.6%	+/-0.2
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	19,174,762	+/-2,794	19,174,762	(X)
Same house	17,008,305	+/-17,358	88.7%	+/-0.1
Different house in the U.S.	2,017,526	+/-16,203	10.5%	+/-0.1
Same county	1,279,957	+/-15,313	6.7%	+/-0.1
Different county	737,569	+/-8,093	3.8%	+/-0.1
Same state	462,460	+/-6,873	2.4%	+/-0.1
Different state	275,109	+/-5,259	1.4%	+/-0.1
Abroad	148,931	+/-4,519	0.8%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	19,398,125	*****	19,398,125	(X)
Native	15,130,105	+/-14,973	78.0%	+/-0.1
Born in United States	14,656,385	+/-15,028	75.6%	+/-0.1
State of residence	12,373,252	+/-14,930	63.8%	+/-0.1
Different state	2,283,133	+/-11,337	11.8%	+/-0.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	473,720	+/-5,330	2.4%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	4,268,020	+/-14,973	22.0%	+/-0.1
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	4,268,020	+/-14,973	4,268,020	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	2,229,143	+/-10,396	52.2%	+/-0.3
Not a U.S. citizen	2,038,877	+/-16,401	47.8%	+/-0.3
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	4,741,740	+/-15,028	4,741,740	(X)
Native	473,720	+/-5,330	473,720	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	10,559	+/-1,016	2.2%	+/-0.2
Entered before 2010	463,161	+/-5,219	97.8%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	4,268,020	+/-14,973	4,268,020	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	118,358	+/-4,100	2.8%	+/-0.1
Entered before 2010	4,149,662	+/-15,618	97.2%	+/-0.1
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	4,268,008	+/-14,975	4,268,008	(X)
Europe	765,288	+/-6,581	17.9%	+/-0.1
Asia	1,155,977	+/-6,293	27.1%	+/-0.1
Africa	163,533	+/-4,456	3.8%	+/-0.1
Oceania	11,534	+/-904	0.3%	+/-0.1
Latin America	2,114,909	+/-12,153	49.6%	+/-0.2
Northern America	56,767	+/-1,630	1.3%	+/-0.1

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	18,238,362	+/-463	18,238,362	(X)
English only	12,808,501	+/-15,044	70.2%	+/-0.1
Language other than English	5,429,861	+/-14,975	29.8%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	2,439,417	+/-13,450	13.4%	+/-0.1
Spanish	2,675,712	+/-7,695	14.7%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	1,230,302	+/-9,864	6.7%	+/-0.1
Other Indo-European languages	1,618,736	+/-12,898	8.9%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	629,299	+/-8,505	3.5%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	869,581	+/-7,121	4.8%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	493,918	+/-6,185	2.7%	+/-0.1
Other languages	265,832	+/-6,179	1.5%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	85,898	+/-3,411	0.5%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	19,398,125	*****	19,398,125	(X)
American	817,543	+/-9,593	4.2%	+/-0.1
Arab	153,047	+/-5,236	0.8%	+/-0.1
Czech	55,762	+/-2,182	0.3%	+/-0.1
Danish	34,442	+/-1,552	0.2%	+/-0.1
Dutch	261,054	+/-3,876	1.3%	+/-0.1
English	1,119,036	+/-9,750	5.8%	+/-0.1
French (except Basque)	477,462	+/-5,680	2.5%	+/-0.1
French Canadian	128,492	+/-3,080	0.7%	+/-0.1
German	2,162,820	+/-13,124	11.1%	+/-0.1
Greek	159,327	+/-4,011	0.8%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	152,174	+/-3,287	0.8%	+/-0.1
Irish	2,528,283	+/-12,950	13.0%	+/-0.1
Italian	2,684,789	+/-13,045	13.8%	+/-0.1
Lithuanian	45,862	+/-1,843	0.2%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	84,013	+/-2,677	0.4%	+/-0.1
Polish	985,575	+/-8,491	5.1%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	53,544	+/-2,203	0.3%	+/-0.1
Russian	466,612	+/-7,612	2.4%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	73,918	+/-1,985	0.4%	+/-0.1
Scottish	215,920	+/-3,607	1.1%	+/-0.1
Slovak	35,174	+/-1,546	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	240,888	+/-5,833	1.2%	+/-0.1
Swedish	127,809	+/-3,142	0.7%	+/-0.1
Swiss	38,144	+/-1,581	0.2%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	133,309	+/-3,425	0.7%	+/-0.1
Welsh	87,308	+/-2,236	0.5%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	801,779	+/-9,369	4.1%	+/-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.

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.