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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	Rensselaer city, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	4,233	+/-280	4,233	(X)
Family households (families)	2,217	+/-214	52.4%	+/-6.3
With own children under 18 years	806	+/-182	19.0%	+/-4.5
Married-couple family	1,322	+/-204	31.2%	+/-5.3
With own children under 18 years	385	+/-153	9.1%	+/-3.7
Male householder, no wife present, family	228	+/-90	5.4%	+/-2.1
With own children under 18 years	95	+/-54	2.2%	+/-1.3
Female householder, no husband present, family	667	+/-196	15.8%	+/-4.8
With own children under 18 years	326	+/-161	7.7%	+/-3.8
Nonfamily households	2,016	+/-365	47.6%	+/-6.3
Householder living alone	1,577	+/-332	37.3%	+/-6.0
65 years and over	532	+/-185	12.6%	+/-4.0
Households with one or more people under 18 years	1,001	+/-199	23.6%	+/-5.3
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	933	+/-224	22.0%	+/-5.0
Average household size	2.21	+/-0.15	(X)	(X)
Average family size	2.90	+/-0.21	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	9,354	+/-32	9,354	(X)
Householder	4,233	+/-280	45.3%	+/-3.0
Spouse	1,291	+/-191	13.8%	+/-2.1
Child	2,273	+/-300	24.3%	+/-3.2
Other relatives	645	+/-208	6.9%	+/-2.2
Nonrelatives	912	+/-227	9.7%	+/-2.4
Unmarried partner	572	+/-176	6.1%	+/-1.9
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	3,880	+/-291	3,880	(X)
Never married	1,675	+/-301	43.2%	+/-5.9
Now married, except separated	1,365	+/-194	35.2%	+/-6.0
Separated	131	+/-82	3.4%	+/-2.1
Widowed	199	+/-125	5.1%	+/-3.1

Subject	Rensselaer city, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Divorced	510	+/-149	13.1%	+/-3.7
Females 15 years and over	3,997	+/-281	3,997	(X)
Never married	1,464	+/-254	36.6%	+/-5.3
Now married, except separated	1,348	+/-202	33.7%	+/-4.9
Separated	122	+/-57	3.1%	+/-1.4
Widowed	459	+/-150	11.5%	+/-3.6
Divorced	604	+/-145	15.1%	+/-3.5
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	171	+/-119	171	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	67	+/-68	39.2%	+/-30.2
Per 1,000 unmarried women	44	+/-44	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	72	+/-52	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	0	+/-172	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	108	+/-93	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	48	+/-48	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	252	+/-106	252	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	93	+/-66	36.9%	+/-27.9
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-12.1
1 or 2 years	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-12.1
3 or 4 years	29	+/-35	11.5%	+/-16.0
5 or more years	64	+/-57	25.4%	+/-21.4
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	93	+/-66	93	(X)
Who are female	66	+/-47	71.0%	+/-20.9
Who are married	73	+/-58	78.5%	+/-23.8
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	1,832	+/-262	1,832	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	164	+/-74	9.0%	+/-4.3
Kindergarten	115	+/-86	6.3%	+/-4.6
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	793	+/-190	43.3%	+/-7.5
High school (grades 9-12)	290	+/-126	15.8%	+/-6.7
College or graduate school	470	+/-150	25.7%	+/-7.4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	6,847	+/-262	6,847	(X)
Less than 9th grade	336	+/-123	4.9%	+/-1.8
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	651	+/-148	9.5%	+/-2.2
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	2,209	+/-363	32.3%	+/-5.0
Some college, no degree	1,436	+/-305	21.0%	+/-4.3
Associate's degree	611	+/-189	8.9%	+/-2.7
Bachelor's degree	961	+/-203	14.0%	+/-3.0
Graduate or professional degree	643	+/-191	9.4%	+/-2.8
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	85.6%	+/-3.0
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	23.4%	+/-4.1
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	7,640	+/-295	7,640	(X)
Civilian veterans	839	+/-224	11.0%	+/-2.9

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	9,378	+/-25	9,378	(X)
With a disability	1,533	+/-260	16.3%	+/-2.8
Under 18 years	1,738	+/-298	1,738	(X)
With a disability	79	+/-57	4.5%	+/-3.3
18 to 64 years	6,469	+/-379	6,469	(X)
With a disability	825	+/-204	12.8%	+/-3.0
65 years and over	1,171	+/-278	1,171	(X)
With a disability	629	+/-187	53.7%	+/-7.6
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	9,200	+/-133	9,200	(X)
Same house	7,485	+/-399	81.4%	+/-3.8
Different house in the U.S.	1,693	+/-343	18.4%	+/-3.8
Same county	701	+/-223	7.6%	+/-2.4
Different county	992	+/-259	10.8%	+/-2.8
Same state	677	+/-212	7.4%	+/-2.4
Different state	315	+/-170	3.4%	+/-1.8
Abroad	22	+/-29	0.2%	+/-0.3
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	9,378	+/-25	9,378	(X)
Native	8,977	+/-177	95.7%	+/-1.8
Born in United States	8,905	+/-190	95.0%	+/-2.0
State of residence	7,802	+/-278	83.2%	+/-2.9
Different state	1,103	+/-223	11.8%	+/-2.4
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	72	+/-69	0.8%	+/-0.7
Foreign born	401	+/-173	4.3%	+/-1.8
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	401	+/-173	401	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	192	+/-105	47.9%	+/-16.5
Not a U.S. citizen	209	+/-114	52.1%	+/-16.5
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	473	+/-186	473	(X)
Native	72	+/-69	72	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-34.4
Entered before 2010	72	+/-69	100.0%	+/-34.4
Foreign born	401	+/-173	401	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	8	+/-12	2.0%	+/-3.1
Entered before 2010	393	+/-173	98.0%	+/-3.1
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	401	+/-173	401	(X)
Europe	159	+/-98	39.7%	+/-17.7
Asia	137	+/-83	34.2%	+/-19.1
Africa	14	+/-22	3.5%	+/-5.4
Oceania	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-7.8
Latin America	91	+/-106	22.7%	+/-23.2
Northern America	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-7.8

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	8,843	+/-209	8,843	(X)
English only	8,356	+/-280	94.5%	+/-2.0
Language other than English	487	+/-175	5.5%	+/-2.0
Speak English less than "very well"	233	+/-112	2.6%	+/-1.3
Spanish	126	+/-93	1.4%	+/-1.1
Speak English less than "very well"	123	+/-92	1.4%	+/-1.0
Other Indo-European languages	187	+/-94	2.1%	+/-1.1
Speak English less than "very well"	58	+/-50	0.7%	+/-0.6
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	174	+/-105	2.0%	+/-1.2
Speak English less than "very well"	52	+/-67	0.6%	+/-0.8
Other languages	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-0.4
ANCESTRY				
Total population	9,378	+/-25	9,378	(X)
American	521	+/-221	5.6%	+/-2.4
Arab	19	+/-22	0.2%	+/-0.2
Czech	22	+/-25	0.2%	+/-0.3
Danish	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-0.3
Dutch	990	+/-389	10.6%	+/-4.1
English	995	+/-336	10.6%	+/-3.6
French (except Basque)	513	+/-206	5.5%	+/-2.2
French Canadian	313	+/-187	3.3%	+/-2.0
German	1,751	+/-504	18.7%	+/-5.4
Greek	31	+/-48	0.3%	+/-0.5
Hungarian	46	+/-64	0.5%	+/-0.7
Irish	2,749	+/-397	29.3%	+/-4.2
Italian	1,744	+/-321	18.6%	+/-3.4
Lithuanian	15	+/-23	0.2%	+/-0.2
Norwegian	15	+/-23	0.2%	+/-0.2
Polish	489	+/-178	5.2%	+/-1.9
Portuguese	124	+/-119	1.3%	+/-1.3
Russian	110	+/-79	1.2%	+/-0.8
Scotch-Irish	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-0.3
Scottish	163	+/-119	1.7%	+/-1.3
Slovak	21	+/-36	0.2%	+/-0.4
Subsaharan African	14	+/-22	0.1%	+/-0.2
Swedish	48	+/-45	0.5%	+/-0.5
Swiss	30	+/-36	0.3%	+/-0.4
Ukrainian	44	+/-41	0.5%	+/-0.4
Welsh	130	+/-78	1.4%	+/-0.8
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	6	+/-10	0.1%	+/-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.
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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.