DP02	SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS IN THE UNITED STATES
	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 County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	63,952	+/-660	63,952	(X)
Family households (families)	39,653	+/-726	62.0%	+/-1.2
With own children under 18 years	17,215	+/-676	26.9%	+/-1.0
Married-couple family	29,349	+/-736	45.9%	+/-1.2
With own children under 18 years	10,856	+/-585	17.0%	+/-0.9
Male householder, no wife present, family	2,236	+/-361	3.5%	+/-0.6
With own children under 18 years	1,241	+/-270	1.9%	+/-0.4
Female householder, no husband present, family	8,068	+/-515	12.6%	+/-0.8
With own children under 18 years	5,118	+/-495	8.0%	+/-0.8
Nonfamily households	24,299	+/-910	38.0%	+/-1.2
Householder living alone	18,818	+/-849	29.4%	+/-1.2
65 years and over	6,550	+/-466	10.2%	+/-0.7
Households with one or more people under 18 years	18,636	+/-678	29.1%	+/-1.0
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	15,318	+/-328	24.0%	+/-0.5
Average household size	2.40	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.00	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	153,705	+/-448	153,705	(X)
Householder	63,952	+/-660	41.6%	+/-0.4
Spouse	29,522	+/-731	19.2%	+/-0.5
Child	43,956	+/-848	28.6%	+/-0.5
Other relatives	6,021	+/-677	3.9%	+/-0.4
Nonrelatives	10,254	+/-817	6.7%	+/-0.5
Unmarried partner	5,597	+/-507	3.6%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	64,720	+/-53	64,720	(X)
Never married	25,351	+/-679	39.2%	+/-1.1
Now married, except separated	30,814	+/-739	47.6%	+/-1.1
Separated	1,175	+/-222	1.8%	+/-0.3
Widowed	2,019	+/-276	3.1%	+/-0.4

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Divorced	5,361	+/-496	8.3%	+/-0.8
Females 15 years and over	67,241	+/-56	67,241	(X)
Never married	20,838	+/-539	31.0%	+/-0.8
Now married, except separated	30,756	+/-761	45.7%	+/-1.1
Separated	1,947	+/-325	2.9%	+/-0.5
Widowed	6,641	+/-380	9.9%	+/-0.6
Divorced	7,059	+/-566	10.5%	+/-0.8
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,812	+/-290	1,812	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	818	+/-189	45.1%	+/-8.3
Per 1,000 unmarried women	37	+/-9	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	46	+/-7	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	21	+/-13	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	92	+/-16	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	15	+/-6	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	2,224	+/-347	2,224	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	1,060	+/-287	47.7%	+/-8.7
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	98	+/-65	4.4%	+/-2.9
1 or 2 years	228	+/-148	10.3%	+/-6.3
3 or 4 years	195	+/-107	8.8%	+/-4.5
5 or more years	539	+/-199	24.2%	+/-7.6
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	1,060	+/-287	1,060	(X)
Who are female	669	+/-169	63.1%	+/-4.4
Who are married	804	+/-251	75.8%	+/-8.6
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	42,310	+/-645	42,310	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	2,327	+/-306	5.5%	+/-0.7
Kindergarten	1,750	+/-293	4.1%	+/-0.7
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	15,344	+/-418	36.3%	+/-1.2
High school (grades 9-12)	8,108	+/-352	19.2%	+/-0.9
College or graduate school	14,781	+/-662	34.9%	+/-1.2
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	107,085	+/-108	107,085	(X)
Less than 9th grade	3,501	+/-377	3.3%	+/-0.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	7,369	+/-536	6.9%	+/-0.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	32,775	+/-1,086	30.6%	+/-1.0
Some college, no degree	19,683	+/-995	18.4%	+/-0.9
Associate's degree	13,862	+/-734	12.9%	+/-0.7
Bachelor's degree	16,627	+/-900	15.5%	+/-0.8
Graduate or professional degree	13,268	+/-722	12.4%	+/-0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	89.8%	+/-0.6
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	27.9%	+/-1.1
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	125,280	+/-126	125,280	(X)
Civilian veterans	12,163	+/-682	9.7%	+/-0.5

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	157,432	+/-326	157,432	(X)
With a disability	18,682	+/-864	11.9%	+/-0.5
Under 18 years	33,822	+/-49	33,822	(X)
With a disability	1,826	+/-345	5.4%	+/-1.0
18 to 64 years	103,005	+/-229	103,005	(X)
With a disability	9,959	+/-724	9.7%	+/-0.7
65 years and over	20,605	+/-291	20,605	(X)
With a disability	6,897	+/-423	33.5%	+/-1.9
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	157,917	+/-270	157,917	(X)
Same house	135,934	+/-1,484	86.1%	+/-0.9
Different house in the U.S.	21,553	+/-1,478	13.6%	+/-0.9
Same county	11,306	+/-1,223	7.2%	+/-0.8
Different county	10,247	+/-887	6.5%	+/-0.6
Same state	7,101	+/-774	4.5%	+/-0.5
Different state	3,146	+/-486	2.0%	+/-0.3
Abroad	430	+/-124	0.3%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	159,464	*****	159,464	(X)
Native	151,676	+/-619	95.1%	+/-0.4
Born in United States	150,279	+/-658	94.2%	+/-0.4
State of residence	123,822	+/-979	77.6%	+/-0.6
Different state	26,457	+/-991	16.6%	+/-0.6
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	1,397	+/-297	0.9%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	7,788	+/-619	4.9%	+/-0.4
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	7,788	+/-619	7,788	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	4,251	+/-418	54.6%	+/-4.4
Not a U.S. citizen	3,537	+/-495	45.4%	+/-4.4
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	9,185	+/-658	9,185	(X)
Native	1,397	+/-297	1,397	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	6	+/-12	0.4%	+/-0.9
Entered before 2010	1,391	+/-299	99.6%	+/-0.9
Foreign born	7,788	+/-619	7,788	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	447	+/-176	5.7%	+/-2.2
Entered before 2010	7,341	+/-592	94.3%	+/-2.2
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	7,788	+/-619	7,788	(X)
Europe	2,064	+/-343	26.5%	+/-3.7
Asia	2,877	+/-343	36.9%	+/-3.8
Africa	340	+/-134	4.4%	+/-1.7
Oceania	58	+/-43	0.7%	+/-0.6
Latin America	1,978	+/-424	25.4%	+/-4.8
Northern America	471	+/-139	6.0%	+/-1.8

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	150,623	+/-18	150,623	(X)
English only	140,372	+/-703	93.2%	+/-0.5
Language other than English	10,251	+/-705	6.8%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	3,645	+/-426	2.4%	+/-0.3
Spanish	3,644	+/-426	2.4%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	1,220	+/-273	0.8%	+/-0.2
Other Indo-European languages	3,854	+/-462	2.6%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	1,095	+/-230	0.7%	+/-0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	2,180	+/-278	1.4%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,121	+/-230	0.7%	+/-0.2
Other languages	573	+/-242	0.4%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	209	+/-141	0.1%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	159,464	*****	159,464	(X)
American	7,553	+/-1,065	4.7%	+/-0.7
Arab	935	+/-371	0.6%	+/-0.2
Czech	403	+/-126	0.3%	+/-0.1
Danish	1,175	+/-343	0.7%	+/-0.2
Dutch	7,006	+/-793	4.4%	+/-0.5
English	17,015	+/-1,028	10.7%	+/-0.6
French (except Basque)	14,698	+/-958	9.2%	+/-0.6
French Canadian	4,029	+/-523	2.5%	+/-0.3
German	30,347	+/-1,210	19.0%	+/-0.8
Greek	604	+/-211	0.4%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	603	+/-158	0.4%	+/-0.1
Irish	42,835	+/-1,537	26.9%	+/-1.0
Italian	25,219	+/-1,438	15.8%	+/-0.9
Lithuanian	954	+/-362	0.6%	+/-0.2
Norwegian	872	+/-246	0.5%	+/-0.2
Polish	11,130	+/-774	7.0%	+/-0.5
Portuguese	389	+/-160	0.2%	+/-0.1
Russian	2,170	+/-458	1.4%	+/-0.3
Scotch-Irish	986	+/-236	0.6%	+/-0.1
Scottish	3,387	+/-574	2.1%	+/-0.4
Slovak	296	+/-133	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	600	+/-245	0.4%	+/-0.2
Swedish	1,457	+/-447	0.9%	+/-0.3
Swiss	328	+/-112	0.2%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	1,695	+/-364	1.1%	+/-0.2
Welsh	1,413	+/-363	0.9%	+/-0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	1,291	+/-347	0.8%	+/-0.2

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

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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.