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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	Schenectady County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	58,263	+/-768	58,263	(X)
Family households (families)	35,326	+/-853	60.6%	+/-1.3
With own children under 18 years	14,897	+/-648	25.6%	+/-1.0
Married-couple family	26,364	+/-733	45.2%	+/-1.1
With own children under 18 years	10,022	+/-524	17.2%	+/-0.9
Male householder, no wife present, family	2,201	+/-282	3.8%	+/-0.5
With own children under 18 years	1,209	+/-215	2.1%	+/-0.4
Female householder, no husband present, family	6,761	+/-495	11.6%	+/-0.8
With own children under 18 years	3,666	+/-373	6.3%	+/-0.6
Nonfamily households	22,937	+/-828	39.4%	+/-1.3
Householder living alone	19,542	+/-772	33.5%	+/-1.2
65 years and over	7,103	+/-433	12.2%	+/-0.7
Households with one or more people under 18 years	15,957	+/-704	27.4%	+/-1.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	15,766	+/-327	27.1%	+/-0.5
Average household size	2.57	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.37	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	149,792	+/-489	149,792	(X)
Householder	58,263	+/-768	38.9%	+/-0.5
Spouse	26,394	+/-685	17.6%	+/-0.5
Child	49,415	+/-868	33.0%	+/-0.6
Other relatives	7,754	+/-776	5.2%	+/-0.5
Nonrelatives	7,966	+/-795	5.3%	+/-0.5
Unmarried partner	3,822	+/-420	2.6%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	60,053	+/-85	60,053	(X)
Never married	22,417	+/-680	37.3%	+/-1.1
Now married, except separated	28,891	+/-825	48.1%	+/-1.4
Separated	1,555	+/-231	2.6%	+/-0.4
Widowed	2,291	+/-241	3.8%	+/-0.4

Subject	Schenectady County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Divorced	4,899	+/-461	8.2%	+/-0.8
Females 15 years and over	65,817	+/-43	65,817	(X)
Never married	20,486	+/-574	31.1%	+/-0.9
Now married, except separated	28,531	+/-817	43.3%	+/-1.2
Separated	1,843	+/-310	2.8%	+/-0.5
Widowed	8,004	+/-488	12.2%	+/-0.7
Divorced	6,953	+/-462	10.6%	+/-0.7
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,566	+/-281	1,566	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	537	+/-146	34.3%	+/-7.6
Per 1,000 unmarried women	25	+/-7	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	42	+/-7	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	10	+/-6	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	83	+/-16	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	17	+/-6	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	2,063	+/-361	2,063	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	660	+/-197	32.0%	+/-7.0
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	183	+/-136	8.9%	+/-6.1
1 or 2 years	118	+/-63	5.7%	+/-2.9
3 or 4 years	76	+/-58	3.7%	+/-2.7
5 or more years	283	+/-102	13.7%	+/-4.7
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	660	+/-197	660	(X)
Who are female	421	+/-123	63.8%	+/-8.0
Who are married	432	+/-171	65.5%	+/-12.8
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	38,699	+/-664	38,699	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	1,813	+/-262	4.7%	+/-0.6
Kindergarten	1,965	+/-292	5.1%	+/-0.7
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	15,734	+/-348	40.7%	+/-1.1
High school (grades 9-12)	8,285	+/-323	21.4%	+/-0.9
College or graduate school	10,902	+/-505	28.2%	+/-0.9
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	104,755	+/-73	104,755	(X)
Less than 9th grade	3,611	+/-424	3.4%	+/-0.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	6,520	+/-568	6.2%	+/-0.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	32,736	+/-1,166	31.3%	+/-1.1
Some college, no degree	19,547	+/-968	18.7%	+/-0.9
Associate's degree	12,337	+/-832	11.8%	+/-0.8
Bachelor's degree	16,419	+/-746	15.7%	+/-0.7
Graduate or professional degree	13,585	+/-708	13.0%	+/-0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	90.3%	+/-0.7
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	28.6%	+/-1.0
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	118,968	+/-110	118,968	(X)
Civilian veterans	11,674	+/-584	9.8%	+/-0.5

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	152,758	+/-289	152,758	(X)
With a disability	18,537	+/-809	12.1%	+/-0.5
Under 18 years	35,147	+/-90	35,147	(X)
With a disability	1,194	+/-222	3.4%	+/-0.6
18 to 64 years	95,394	+/-218	95,394	(X)
With a disability	9,407	+/-643	9.9%	+/-0.7
65 years and over	22,217	+/-180	22,217	(X)
With a disability	7,936	+/-377	35.7%	+/-1.7
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	152,696	+/-280	152,696	(X)
Same house	137,509	+/-1,228	90.1%	+/-0.8
Different house in the U.S.	14,696	+/-1,236	9.6%	+/-0.8
Same county	8,147	+/-870	5.3%	+/-0.6
Different county	6,549	+/-950	4.3%	+/-0.6
Same state	4,675	+/-746	3.1%	+/-0.5
Different state	1,874	+/-523	1.2%	+/-0.3
Abroad	491	+/-149	0.3%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	154,466	*****	154,466	(X)
Native	141,892	+/-867	91.9%	+/-0.6
Born in United States	139,606	+/-896	90.4%	+/-0.6
State of residence	120,084	+/-1,354	77.7%	+/-0.9
Different state	19,522	+/-1,091	12.6%	+/-0.7
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	2,286	+/-337	1.5%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	12,574	+/-867	8.1%	+/-0.6
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	12,574	+/-867	12,574	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	7,348	+/-538	58.4%	+/-3.6
Not a U.S. citizen	5,226	+/-679	41.6%	+/-3.6
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	14,860	+/-896	14,860	(X)
Native	2,286	+/-337	2,286	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-1.4
Entered before 2010	2,286	+/-337	100.0%	+/-1.4
Foreign born	12,574	+/-867	12,574	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	240	+/-107	1.9%	+/-0.8
Entered before 2010	12,334	+/-863	98.1%	+/-0.8
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	12,574	+/-867	12,574	(X)
Europe	2,807	+/-384	22.3%	+/-2.7
Asia	3,699	+/-330	29.4%	+/-2.6
Africa	381	+/-178	3.0%	+/-1.4
Oceania	60	+/-53	0.5%	+/-0.4
Latin America	5,200	+/-681	41.4%	+/-3.9
Northern America	427	+/-170	3.4%	+/-1.3

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	145,304	+/-52	145,304	(X)
English only	131,187	+/-895	90.3%	+/-0.6
Language other than English	14,117	+/-898	9.7%	+/-0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	4,881	+/-571	3.4%	+/-0.4
Spanish	5,656	+/-511	3.9%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	2,015	+/-388	1.4%	+/-0.3
Other Indo-European languages	5,838	+/-726	4.0%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	2,074	+/-375	1.4%	+/-0.3
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	2,210	+/-420	1.5%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	641	+/-176	0.4%	+/-0.1
Other languages	413	+/-179	0.3%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	151	+/-111	0.1%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	154,466	*****	154,466	(X)
American	8,922	+/-868	5.8%	+/-0.6
Arab	552	+/-232	0.4%	+/-0.2
Czech	677	+/-245	0.4%	+/-0.2
Danish	471	+/-158	0.3%	+/-0.1
Dutch	6,051	+/-615	3.9%	+/-0.4
English	13,762	+/-925	8.9%	+/-0.6
French (except Basque)	9,572	+/-740	6.2%	+/-0.5
French Canadian	2,997	+/-489	1.9%	+/-0.3
German	23,370	+/-1,160	15.1%	+/-0.8
Greek	553	+/-177	0.4%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	1,006	+/-263	0.7%	+/-0.2
Irish	27,216	+/-1,131	17.6%	+/-0.7
Italian	30,289	+/-1,356	19.6%	+/-0.9
Lithuanian	723	+/-175	0.5%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	686	+/-193	0.4%	+/-0.1
Polish	12,490	+/-1,022	8.1%	+/-0.7
Portuguese	239	+/-128	0.2%	+/-0.1
Russian	1,672	+/-351	1.1%	+/-0.2
Scotch-Irish	1,100	+/-235	0.7%	+/-0.2
Scottish	3,238	+/-418	2.1%	+/-0.3
Slovak	485	+/-182	0.3%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	812	+/-306	0.5%	+/-0.2
Swedish	942	+/-245	0.6%	+/-0.2
Swiss	483	+/-179	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	736	+/-207	0.5%	+/-0.1
Welsh	920	+/-216	0.6%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	1,782	+/-531	1.2%	+/-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.