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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	United States			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	115,226,802	+/-238,575	115,226,802	(X)
Family households (families)	76,595,548	+/-218,967	66.5%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	34,484,648	+/-184,418	29.9%	+/-0.1
Married-couple family	56,428,122	+/-278,062	49.0%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	23,426,943	+/-213,888	20.3%	+/-0.1
Male householder, no wife present, family	5,346,139	+/-33,892	4.6%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	2,595,537	+/-17,251	2.3%	+/-0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	14,821,287	+/-39,699	12.9%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	8,462,168	+/-25,154	7.3%	+/-0.1
Nonfamily households	38,631,254	+/-40,816	33.5%	+/-0.1
Householder living alone	31,631,926	+/-69,391	27.5%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	11,087,417	+/-112,237	9.6%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	38,324,455	+/-180,621	33.3%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	28,676,599	+/-99,018	24.9%	+/-0.1
Average household size	2.61	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.21	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	301,123,130	*****	301,123,130	(X)
Householder	115,226,802	+/-238,575	38.3%	+/-0.1
Spouse	56,394,920	+/-274,191	18.7%	+/-0.1
Child	91,891,950	+/-77,288	30.5%	+/-0.1
Other relatives	20,735,185	+/-241,346	6.9%	+/-0.1
Nonrelatives	16,874,273	+/-207,976	5.6%	+/-0.1
Unmarried partner	6,680,331	+/-20,946	2.2%	+/-0.1
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	120,789,875	+/-6,933	120,789,875	(X)
Never married	42,377,084	+/-158,587	35.1%	+/-0.1
Now married, except separated	61,730,928	+/-244,173	51.1%	+/-0.2
Separated	2,202,348	+/-18,732	1.8%	+/-0.1
Widowed	3,052,335	+/-12,753	2.5%	+/-0.1

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Divorced	11,427,180	+/-76,454	9.5%	+/-0.1
Females 15 years and over	127,252,362	+/-5,344	127,252,362	(X)
Never married	36,577,855	+/-121,685	28.7%	+/-0.1
Now married, except separated	60,367,016	+/-194,055	47.4%	+/-0.2
Separated	3,190,130	+/-24,442	2.5%	+/-0.1
Widowed	11,886,647	+/-24,085	9.3%	+/-0.1
Divorced	15,230,714	+/-70,847	12.0%	+/-0.1
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,278,307	+/-24,203	4,278,307	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,497,060	+/-10,428	35.0%	+/-0.3
Per 1,000 unmarried women	37	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	56	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	26	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	100	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	25	+/-1	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	6,850,491	+/-30,643	6,850,491	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	2,723,744	+/-13,858	39.8%	+/-0.2
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	600,275	+/-6,274	8.8%	+/-0.1
1 or 2 years	649,621	+/-6,245	9.5%	+/-0.1
3 or 4 years	449,204	+/-5,439	6.6%	+/-0.1
5 or more years	1,024,644	+/-8,839	15.0%	+/-0.1
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	2,723,744	+/-13,858	2,723,744	(X)
Who are female	1,707,078	+/-9,179	62.7%	+/-0.1
Who are married	1,923,900	+/-12,488	70.6%	+/-0.2
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	82,291,141	+/-95,754	82,291,141	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	5,021,959	+/-31,095	6.1%	+/-0.1
Kindergarten	4,181,673	+/-14,511	5.1%	+/-0.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	32,724,227	+/-23,764	39.8%	+/-0.1
High school (grades 9-12)	17,279,629	+/-20,031	21.0%	+/-0.1
College or graduate school	23,083,653	+/-70,088	28.1%	+/-0.1
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	204,336,017	+/-15,340	204,336,017	(X)
Less than 9th grade	12,358,853	+/-61,323	6.0%	+/-0.1
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	16,820,966	+/-68,390	8.2%	+/-0.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	57,706,852	+/-158,081	28.2%	+/-0.1
Some college, no degree	43,508,315	+/-42,142	21.3%	+/-0.1
Associate's degree	15,736,009	+/-37,747	7.7%	+/-0.1
Bachelor's degree	36,529,875	+/-132,111	17.9%	+/-0.1
Graduate or professional degree	21,675,147	+/-127,862	10.6%	+/-0.1
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	85.7%	+/-0.1
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	28.5%	+/-0.1
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	234,029,580	+/-8,207	234,029,580	(X)
Civilian veterans	21,853,912	+/-27,512	9.3%	+/-0.1

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	303,984,241	+/-10,092	303,984,241	(X)
With a disability	36,551,038	+/-73,000	12.0%	+/-0.1
Under 18 years	73,835,298	+/-6,591	73,835,298	(X)
With a disability	2,952,899	+/-13,703	4.0%	+/-0.1
18 to 64 years	190,790,030	+/-9,626	190,790,030	(X)
With a disability	19,128,854	+/-58,927	10.0%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	39,358,913	+/-5,341	39,358,913	(X)
With a disability	14,469,285	+/-21,455	36.8%	+/-0.1
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	305,340,618	+/-15,176	305,340,618	(X)
Same house	258,887,555	+/-288,909	84.8%	+/-0.1
Different house in the U.S.	44,633,635	+/-280,192	14.6%	+/-0.1
Same county	27,998,595	+/-209,077	9.2%	+/-0.1
Different county	16,635,040	+/-83,396	5.4%	+/-0.1
Same state	9,661,677	+/-57,608	3.2%	+/-0.1
Different state	6,973,363	+/-37,548	2.3%	+/-0.1
Abroad	1,819,428	+/-16,896	0.6%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	309,138,711	*****	309,138,711	(X)
Native	269,354,406	+/-104,868	87.1%	+/-0.1
Born in United States	265,096,271	+/-103,382	85.8%	+/-0.1
State of residence	181,504,577	+/-78,089	58.7%	+/-0.1
Different state	83,591,694	+/-78,009	27.0%	+/-0.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	4,258,135	+/-16,981	1.4%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	39,784,305	+/-104,903	12.9%	+/-0.1
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	39,784,305	+/-104,903	39,784,305	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	17,639,207	+/-36,472	44.3%	+/-0.2
Not a U.S. citizen	22,145,098	+/-120,180	55.7%	+/-0.2
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	44,042,440	+/-103,417	44,042,440	(X)
Native	4,258,135	+/-16,981	4,258,135	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	105,690	+/-3,485	2.5%	+/-0.1
Entered before 2010	4,152,445	+/-16,284	97.5%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	39,784,305	+/-104,903	39,784,305	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	1,086,664	+/-12,388	2.7%	+/-0.1
Entered before 2010	38,697,641	+/-101,599	97.3%	+/-0.1
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	39,784,145	+/-104,900	39,784,145	(X)
Europe	4,830,862	+/-19,127	12.1%	+/-0.1
Asia	11,341,138	+/-34,621	28.5%	+/-0.1
Africa	1,581,968	+/-14,433	4.0%	+/-0.1
Oceania	225,497	+/-4,398	0.6%	+/-0.1
Latin America	20,987,884	+/-65,342	52.8%	+/-0.1
Northern America	816,796	+/-7,300	2.1%	+/-0.1

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	289,000,827	+/-3,697	289,000,827	(X)
English only	229,616,064	+/-109,315	79.5%	+/-0.1
Language other than English	59,384,763	+/-108,208	20.5%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	25,081,122	+/-69,800	8.7%	+/-0.1
Spanish	36,836,280	+/-61,755	12.7%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	16,386,716	+/-41,430	5.7%	+/-0.1
Other Indo-European languages	10,686,130	+/-38,096	3.7%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	3,426,941	+/-24,367	1.2%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	9,348,644	+/-27,104	3.2%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	4,492,696	+/-17,822	1.6%	+/-0.1
Other languages	2,513,709	+/-18,740	0.9%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	774,769	+/-9,674	0.3%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	309,138,711	*****	309,138,711	(X)
American	20,775,461	+/-45,958	6.7%	+/-0.1
Arab	1,646,808	+/-18,400	0.5%	+/-0.1
Czech	1,543,224	+/-10,124	0.5%	+/-0.1
Danish	1,392,161	+/-12,510	0.5%	+/-0.1
Dutch	4,665,736	+/-18,344	1.5%	+/-0.1
English	26,360,639	+/-64,183	8.5%	+/-0.1
French (except Basque)	8,902,996	+/-29,988	2.9%	+/-0.1
French Canadian	2,052,405	+/-15,618	0.7%	+/-0.1
German	48,478,298	+/-56,777	15.7%	+/-0.1
Greek	1,308,335	+/-12,258	0.4%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	1,485,671	+/-10,241	0.5%	+/-0.1
Irish	35,107,290	+/-60,072	11.4%	+/-0.1
Italian	17,496,924	+/-38,407	5.7%	+/-0.1
Lithuanian	684,939	+/-7,159	0.2%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	4,514,318	+/-23,990	1.5%	+/-0.1
Polish	9,670,197	+/-34,497	3.1%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	1,409,262	+/-10,300	0.5%	+/-0.1
Russian	3,013,959	+/-15,994	1.0%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	3,317,115	+/-15,546	1.1%	+/-0.1
Scottish	5,580,121	+/-20,631	1.8%	+/-0.1
Slovak	769,697	+/-7,564	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	2,886,972	+/-27,517	0.9%	+/-0.1
Swedish	4,155,453	+/-20,126	1.3%	+/-0.1
Swiss	967,123	+/-9,224	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	960,902	+/-9,336	0.3%	+/-0.1
Welsh	1,861,429	+/-11,634	0.6%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	2,646,303	+/-18,730	0.9%	+/-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.