



DP05 ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES

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
SEX AND AGE				
Total population	159,464	*****	159,464	(X)
Male	78,731	+/-120	49.4%	+/-0.1
Female	80,733	+/-120	50.6%	+/-0.1
Under 5 years	8,841	+/-18	5.5%	+/-0.1
5 to 9 years	9,082	+/-460	5.7%	+/-0.3
10 to 14 years	9,580	+/-453	6.0%	+/-0.3
15 to 19 years	12,244	+/-187	7.7%	+/-0.1
20 to 24 years	12,632	+/-182	7.9%	+/-0.1
25 to 34 years	19,363	+/-104	12.1%	+/-0.1
35 to 44 years	20,349	+/-117	12.8%	+/-0.1
45 to 54 years	24,677	+/-124	15.5%	+/-0.1
55 to 59 years	11,061	+/-457	6.9%	+/-0.3
60 to 64 years	9,799	+/-464	6.1%	+/-0.3
65 to 74 years	11,230	+/-88	7.0%	+/-0.1
75 to 84 years	6,951	+/-291	4.4%	+/-0.2
85 years and over	3,655	+/-285	2.3%	+/-0.2
Median age (years)	39.6	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	125,582	*****	78.8%	*****
21 years and over	116,437	+/-408	73.0%	+/-0.3
62 years and over	27,424	+/-393	17.2%	+/-0.2
65 years and over	21,836	+/-106	13.7%	+/-0.1
18 years and over	125,582	*****	125,582	(X)
Male	61,469	+/-27	48.9%	+/-0.1
Female	64,113	+/-27	51.1%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	21,836	+/-106	21,836	(X)
Male	9,260	+/-63	42.4%	+/-0.2
Female	12,576	+/-77	57.6%	+/-0.2
RACE				
Total population	159,464	*****	159,464	(X)

Subject	Rensselaer County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
One race	154,598	+/-591	96.9%	+/-0.4
Two or more races	4,866	+/-591	3.1%	+/-0.4
One race	154,598	+/-591	96.9%	+/-0.4
White	140,475	+/-465	88.1%	+/-0.3
Black or African American	9,074	+/-512	5.7%	+/-0.3
American Indian and Alaska Native	210	+/-116	0.1%	+/-0.1
Cherokee tribal grouping	17	+/-13	0.0%	+/-0.1
Chippewa tribal grouping	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
Navajo tribal grouping	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
Sioux tribal grouping	18	+/-24	0.0%	+/-0.1
Asian	3,449	+/-170	2.2%	+/-0.1
Asian Indian	606	+/-221	0.4%	+/-0.1
Chinese	1,350	+/-228	0.8%	+/-0.1
Filipino	266	+/-132	0.2%	+/-0.1
Japanese	167	+/-85	0.1%	+/-0.1
Korean	373	+/-157	0.2%	+/-0.1
Vietnamese	292	+/-254	0.2%	+/-0.2
Other Asian	395	+/-220	0.2%	+/-0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	39	+/-38	0.0%	+/-0.1
Native Hawaiian	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
Guamanian or Chamorro	16	+/-24	0.0%	+/-0.1
Samoan	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other Pacific Islander	23	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
Some other race	1,351	+/-309	0.8%	+/-0.2
Two or more races	4,866	+/-591	3.1%	+/-0.4
White and Black or African American	2,366	+/-578	1.5%	+/-0.4
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	729	+/-67	0.5%	+/-0.1
White and Asian	684	+/-184	0.4%	+/-0.1
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native	101	+/-64	0.1%	+/-0.1
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races				
Total population	159,464	*****	159,464	(X)
White	145,048	+/-715	91.0%	+/-0.4
Black or African American	12,049	+/-241	7.6%	+/-0.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,438	+/-230	0.9%	+/-0.1
Asian	4,378	+/-147	2.7%	+/-0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	135	+/-85	0.1%	+/-0.1
Some other race	1,803	+/-381	1.1%	+/-0.2
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE				
Total population	159,464	*****	159,464	(X)
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	6,135	*****	3.8%	*****
Mexican	735	+/-275	0.5%	+/-0.2
Puerto Rican	3,266	+/-398	2.0%	+/-0.2
Cuban	279	+/-190	0.2%	+/-0.1
Other Hispanic or Latino	1,855	+/-361	1.2%	+/-0.2
Not Hispanic or Latino	153,329	*****	96.2%	*****
White alone	136,628	+/-136	85.7%	+/-0.1
Black or African American alone	8,775	+/-500	5.5%	+/-0.3
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	132	+/-56	0.1%	+/-0.1
Asian alone	3,403	+/-169	2.1%	+/-0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	39	+/-38	0.0%	+/-0.1
Some other race alone	307	+/-162	0.2%	+/-0.1
Two or more races	4,045	+/-557	2.5%	+/-0.3
Two races including Some other race	107	+/-72	0.1%	+/-0.1
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	3,938	+/-547	2.5%	+/-0.3

Subject	Rensselaer County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Total housing units	71,366	+/-209	(X)	(X)

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.

The ACS questions on Hispanic origin and race were revised in 2008 to make them consistent with the Census 2010 question wording. Any changes in estimates for 2008 and beyond may be due to demographic changes, as well as factors including questionnaire changes, differences in ACS population controls, and methodological differences in the population estimates, and therefore should be used with caution. For a summary of questionnaire changes see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/methodology/questionnaire_changes/. For more information about changes in the estimates see <http://www.census.gov/population/hispanic/files/acs08researchnote.pdf>.

For more information on understanding race and Hispanic origin data, please see the Census 2010 Brief entitled, Overview of Race and Hispanic Origin: 2010, issued March 2011. (pdf format)

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.