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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	United States				
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error	
SEX AND AGE				LIIO	
Total population	309,138,711	****	309,138,711	(X)	
Male	152,018,799	+/-6,022	49.2%	+/-0.1	
Female	157,119,912	+/-6,025	50.8%	+/-0.1	
Under 5 years	20,137,884	+/-3,715	6.5%	+/-0.1	
5 to 9 years	20,311,310	+/-24,094	6.6%	+/-0.1	
10 to 14 years	20,647,280	+/-25,603	6.7%	+/-0.1	
15 to 19 years	21,930,781	+/-6,682	7.1%	+/-0.1	
20 to 24 years	21,775,439	+/-8,178	7.0%	+/-0.1	
25 to 34 years	41,184,290	+/-7,845	13.3%	+/-0.1	
35 to 44 years	41,227,505	+/-6,813	13.3%	+/-0.1	
45 to 54 years	44,646,979	+/-7,056	14.4%	+/-0.1	
55 to 59 years	19,680,816	+/-23,113	6.4%	+/-0.1	
60 to 64 years	16,924,986	+/-21,572	5.5%	+/-0.1	
65 to 74 years	22,012,061	+/-4,191	7.1%	+/-0.1	
75 to 84 years	13,147,248	+/-11,692	4.3%	+/-0.1	
85 years and over	5,512,132	+/-12,071	1.8%	+/-0.1	
Median age (years)	37.2	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)	
18 years and over	235,158,852	+/-6,334	76.1%	+/-0.1	
21 years and over	221,400,201	+/-22,784	71.6%	+/-0.1	
62 years and over	50,281,162	+/-18,931	16.3%	+/-0.1	
65 years and over	40,671,441	+/-4,162	13.2%	+/-0.1	
18 years and over	235,158,852	+/-6,334	235,158,852	(X)	
Male	114,173,652	+/-5,659	48.6%	+/-0.1	
Female	120,985,200	+/-4,721	51.4%	+/-0.1	
65 years and over	40,671,441	+/-4,162	40,671,441	(X)	
Male	17,555,646	+/-2,520	43.2%	+/-0.1	
Female	23,115,795	+/-2,757	56.8%	+/-0.1	
RACE					
Total population	309,138,711	****	309,138,711	(X)	

Subject	United States				
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error	
One race	300,842,420	+/-78,505	97.3%	+/-0.1	
Two or more races	8,296,291	+/-78,469	2.7%	+/-0.1	
One race	300,842,420	+/-78,505	97.3%	+/-0.1	
White	229,298,906	+/-50,539	74.2%	+/-0.1	
Black or African American	38,825,848	+/-22,770	12.6%	+/-0.1	
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,529,100	+/-14,004	0.8%	+/-0.1	
Cherokee tribal grouping	271,804	+/-4,280	0.1%	+/-0.1	
Chippewa tribal grouping	114,020	+/-2,541	0.0%	+/-0.1	
Navajo tribal grouping	304,122	+/-3,747	0.1%	+/-0.1	
Sioux tribal grouping	123,908	+/-2,690	0.0%	+/-0.1	
Asian	14,859,795	+/-19,046	4.8%	+/-0.1	
Asian Indian	2,854,732	+/-18,450	0.9%	+/-0.1	
Chinese	3,473,998	+/-16,674	1.1%	+/-0.1	
Filipino	2,586,495	+/-20,615	0.8%	+/-0.1	
Japanese	788,599	+/-10,782	0.3%	+/-0.1	
Korean	1,429,140	+/-15,023	0.5%	+/-0.1	
Vietnamese	1,603,500	+/-18,097	0.5%	+/-0.1	
Other Asian	2,123,331	+/-19,367	0.7%	+/-0.1	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	514,402	+/-4,918	0.2%	+/-0.1	
Native Hawaiian	161,521	+/-4,331	0.1%	+/-0.1	
Guamanian or Chamorro	69,860	+/-2,728	0.0%	+/-0.1	
Samoan	107,963	+/-4,293	0.0%	+/-0.1	
Other Pacific Islander	175,058	+/-5,339	0.1%	+/-0.1	
Some other race	14,814,369	+/-91,118	4.8%	+/-0.1	
Two or more races	8,296,291	+/-78,469	2.7%	+/-0.1	
White and Black or African American	2,007,676	+/-21,722	0.6%	+/-0.1	
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	1,743,275	+/-11,495	0.6%	+/-0.1	
White and Asian	1,547,443	+/-23,389	0.5%	+/-0.1	
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native	293,799	+/-6,419	0.1%	+/-0.1	
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races					
Total population	309,138,711	****	309,138,711	(X)	
White	236,362,158	+/-101,601	76.5%	+/-0.1	
Black or African American	41,945,466	+/-23,611	13.6%	+/-0.1	
American Indian and Alaska Native	5,049,092	+/-19,231	1.6%	+/-0.1	
Asian	17,285,143	+/-16,277	5.6%	+/-0.1	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,107,434	+/-8,081	0.4%	+/-0.1	
Some other race	16,417,278	+/-65,827	5.3%	+/-0.1	
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE					
Total population	309,138,711	****	309,138,711	(X)	
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	50,545,275	+/-1,531	16.4%	+/-0.1	
Mexican	32,695,701	+/-49,471	10.6%	+/-0.1	
Puerto Rican	4,739,207	+/-24,025	1.5%	+/-0.1	
Cuban	1,821,626	+/-13,771	0.6%	+/-0.1	
Other Hispanic or Latino	11,288,741	+/-41,062	3.7%	+/-0.1	
Not Hispanic or Latino	258,593,436	+/-1,526	83.6%	+/-0.1	
White alone	196,903,968	+/-7,539	63.7%	+/-0.1	
Black or African American alone	37,786,591	+/-24,071	12.2%	+/-0.1	
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	2,050,766	+/-9,034	0.7%	+/-0.1	
Asian alone	14,692,794	+/-21,143	4.8%	+/-0.1	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	480,063	+/-5,048	0.2%	+/-0.1	
Some other race alone	616,191	+/-9,677	0.2%	+/-0.1	
Two or more races	6,063,063	+/-43,719	2.0%	+/-0.1	
Two races including Some other race	283,669	+/-5,976	0.1%	+/-0.1	
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or	5,779,394	+/-41,591	1.9%	+/-0.1	

Subject	United States			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Total housing units	131,642,457	+/-4,887	(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.