



Alaska
Selected Social Characteristics: 2004
Data Set: 2004 American Community Survey
Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE: Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Selected Social Characteristics: 2004	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT			
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	192,705	188,440	196,970
Nursery school, preschool	9,249	6,679	11,819
Kindergarten	9,815	8,546	11,084
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	81,229	78,832	83,626
High school grade (grades 9-12)	48,787	45,252	52,322
College or graduate school	43,625	39,525	47,725
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT			
Population 25 years and over	381,642	379,896	383,388
Less than 9th grade	11,552	9,573	13,531
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	21,180	18,956	23,404
High school graduate (including equivalency)	108,482	103,056	113,908
Some college, no degree	105,441	100,792	110,090
Associate degree	31,116	28,616	33,616
Bachelor's degree	68,615	65,101	72,129
Graduate or professional degree	35,256	32,077	38,435
Percent high school graduate or higher	91.4	90.6	92.2
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	27.2	26.0	28.4
MARITAL STATUS			
Males 15 years and over	242,641	240,362	244,920
Never married	84,697	82,228	87,166
Now married, except separated	125,554	122,364	128,744
Separated	4,533	2,502	6,564
Widowed	3,138	2,263	4,013
Divorced	24,719	22,775	26,663
Females 15 years and over	240,474	237,162	243,786
Never married	64,034	59,978	68,090
Now married, except separated	129,096	124,890	133,302
Separated	5,268	4,121	6,415
Widowed	11,599	10,121	13,077
Divorced	30,477	27,581	33,373
FERTILITY			
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	8,954	7,502	10,406
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	2,783	1,875	3,691
Per 1,000 unmarried women	34	23	45
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	52	44	60
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	38	20	56
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	107	82	132
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	15	9	21
GRANDPARENTS			
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years in households	10,885	9,354	12,416
Responsible for grandchildren	5,532	3,828	7,236
Years responsible for grandchildren			
Less than 1 year	1,577	429	2,725
1 or 2 years	1,984	1,054	2,914
3 or 4 years	481	155	807
5 or more years	1,490	911	2,069
Characteristics of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years			
Who are female	64.0	56.7	71.3
Who are married	55.3	36.4	74.2
Who are in labor force	62.3	46.8	77.8
Who are in poverty	12.5	1.9	23.1
VETERAN STATUS			
Civilian population 18 years and over	439,200	437,786	440,614
Civilian veterans	70,995	68,078	73,912
DISABILITY STATUS of the civilian noninstitutionalized population			
Population 5 years and over	577,744	576,032	579,456
With a disability	85,984	81,894	90,074
Population 5 to 15 years	115,150	112,388	117,912
With a disability	10,180	7,625	12,735
Population 16 to 64 years	423,393	419,735	427,051
With a disability	57,090	53,338	60,842
Population 65 years and over	39,201	38,220	40,182
With a disability	18,714	16,919	20,509

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RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO			
Population 1 year and over	626,709	624,610	628,808
Same house	515,659	508,201	523,117
Different house in the U.S.	107,757	100,234	115,280
Same county	68,364	61,389	75,339
Different county	39,393	35,075	43,711
Same state	11,241	8,763	13,719
Different state	28,152	24,110	32,194
Abroad	3,293	2,237	4,349
PLACE OF BIRTH			
Total population	635,963	*****	*****
Native	597,030	593,709	600,351
Born in United States	582,984	578,879	587,089
State of residence	252,336	244,745	259,927
Different state	330,648	321,155	340,141
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	14,046	11,915	16,177
Foreign born	38,933	35,612	42,254
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS			
Foreign-born population	38,933	35,612	42,254
Naturalized U.S. citizen	17,201	15,418	18,984
Not a U.S. citizen	21,732	18,830	24,634
YEAR OF U.S. ENTRY			
Population born outside the United States	52,979	48,874	57,084
Native	14,046	11,915	16,177
Foreign Born	38,933	35,612	42,254
Native	14,046	11,915	16,177
Entered U.S. 2000 or later	2,487	1,522	3,452
Entered U.S. before 2000	11,559	9,661	13,457
Foreign Born	38,933	35,612	42,254
Entered U.S. 2000 or later	9,590	6,985	12,195
Entered U.S. before 2000	29,343	26,718	31,968
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN			
Foreign-born population excluding population born "At sea"	38,933	35,612	42,254
Europe	7,242	6,030	8,454
Asia	18,953	17,000	20,906
Africa	238	58	418
Oceania	1,045	487	1,603
Latin America	7,780	6,321	9,239
Northern America	3,675	2,621	4,729
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME			
Population 5 years and over	586,786	585,625	587,947
English only	511,992	494,442	529,542
Language other than English	74,794	56,769	92,819
Speak English less than "very well"	24,988	19,371	30,605
Spanish	17,445	15,277	19,613
Speak English less than "very well"	6,155	4,841	7,469
Other Indo-European languages	10,251	7,979	12,523
Speak English less than "very well"	2,243	1,508	2,978
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	22,664	19,949	25,379
Speak English less than "very well"	11,353	9,537	13,169
Other languages	24,434	9,076	39,792
Speak English less than "very well"	5,237	1,008	9,466
ANCESTRY (TOTAL REPORTED)			
Total Population	635,963	*****	*****
American	44,643	38,114	51,172
Arab	629	272	986
Czech	3,445	2,229	4,661
Danish	6,215	4,716	7,714
Dutch	13,564	9,673	17,455
English	61,254	56,273	66,235
French (except Basque)	22,414	19,223	25,605
French Canadian	5,227	3,612	6,842
German	119,889	112,054	127,724
Greek	1,936	835	3,037
Hungarian	1,770	1,028	2,512
Irish	77,437	73,146	81,728
Italian	16,017	13,570	18,464
Lithuanian	1,190	508	1,872
Norwegian	27,704	24,112	31,296
Polish	12,854	10,868	14,840
Portuguese	1,889	921	2,857
Russian	7,393	5,343	9,443
Scotch-Irish	15,413	13,280	17,546
Scottish	19,576	16,048	23,104
Slovak	988	553	1,423
Subsaharan African	2,645	1,615	3,675
Swedish	13,318	10,671	15,965
Swiss	2,751	1,706	3,796
Ukrainian	727	321	1,133
Welsh	7,149	4,905	9,393
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	444	63	825

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 American Community Survey

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 confidence interval. The interval shown here is a 90 percent confidence interval. The stated range can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the lower and upper 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.

Notes:
 - Ancestry listed in this table refers to the total number of people who responded with a particular ancestry; for example, the estimate given for Russian represents the number of people who listed Russian as either their first or second ancestry. This table lists only the largest ancestry groups; see the Detailed Tables for more categories. Race and Hispanic origin groups are not included in this table because official data for those groups come from the Race and


Hispanic origin questions rather than the ancestry question (see Demographic Table).

The Census Bureau introduced a new skip pattern for the disability questions in the 2003 ACS questionnaire. This change mainly affected two individual items -- go-outside-home disability and employment disability -- and the recode for disability status, which includes the two items. Accordingly, comparisons of data from 2003 or later with data from prior years are not recommended for the relevant questions. For more information, see the [ACS Subject Definitions](#) for Disability.

Data for year of entry of the native population reflect the year of entry into the U.S. by people who were born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island Areas or born outside the U.S. to a U.S. citizen parent and who subsequently moved to the U.S.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '...' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
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