



Alaska

Selected Social Characteristics: 2003

Data Set: **2003 American Community Survey Summary Tables**

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: 2003	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT			
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	189,330	184,755	193,905
Nursery school, preschool	11,386	10,118	12,654
Kindergarten	8,822	7,497	10,147
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	86,117	84,351	87,883
High school grade (grades 9-12)	46,069	42,799	49,339
College or graduate school	36,936	34,226	39,646
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT			
Population 25 years and over	379,077	377,117	381,037
Less than 9th grade	11,026	8,199	13,853
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	22,361	19,985	24,737
High school graduate (including equivalency)	114,574	109,171	119,977
Some college, no degree	102,170	98,804	105,536
Associate degree	28,026	25,657	30,395
Bachelor's degree	65,411	62,335	68,487
Graduate or professional degree	35,509	32,521	38,497
Percent high school graduate or higher	91.2	90.3	92.1
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	26.6	25.6	27.6
MARITAL STATUS			
Males 15 years and over	242,449	241,310	243,588
Never married	78,614	75,524	81,704
Now married, except separated	129,603	126,390	132,816
Separated	3,881	2,881	4,881
Widowed	4,477	3,146	5,808
Divorced	25,874	22,955	28,793
Females 15 years and over	233,668	232,610	234,726
Never married	55,636	52,115	59,157
Now married, except separated	126,551	123,139	129,963
Separated	5,988	4,435	7,541
Widowed	12,056	10,924	13,188
Divorced	33,437	30,619	36,255
FERTILITY			
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	10,588	7,287	13,889
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	2,531	1,740	3,322
Per 1,000 unmarried women	34	24	44
As a percent of all women with a birth	23.9	15.4	32.4
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	62	43	81
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	20	6	33
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	148	98	197
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	17	12	23

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GRANDPARENTS			
Number of grandparents with own grandchildren under 18 years in households	11,477	9,354	13,600
Responsible for grandchildren	4,643	3,131	6,155
less than 1 year	1,878	408	3,348
1 or 2 years	509	205	813
3 or 4 years	412	235	589
5 or more years	1,844	1,322	2,366
Characteristics of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years			
Percent who are female	65.6	59.2	72.1
Percent who are married	66.0	58.7	73.4
Percent who are in labor force	56.3	43.8	68.8
Percent who are in poverty	10.6	5.3	15.8
VETERAN STATUS			
Civilian population 18 years and over	432,983	431,763	434,203
Civilian veterans	72,281	69,236	75,326
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION			
Population 5 to 20 years	170,347	167,177	173,517
With a disability	15,562	13,525	17,599
Population 21 to 64 years			
Population 21 to 64 years	363,007	360,121	365,893
With a disability	52,429	47,827	57,031
Percent employed	53.4	48.6	58.2
No disability	310,578	304,455	316,701
Percent employed	76.5	75.1	77.9
Population 65 years and over			
Population 65 years and over	39,600	38,488	40,712
With a disability	17,934	16,117	19,751
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO			
Population 1 year and over	620,151	618,081	622,221
Same house	500,886	491,155	510,617
Different house in the U.S.	115,349	106,355	124,343
Same county	68,038	59,480	76,596
Different county	47,311	41,601	53,021
Same state	16,200	13,227	19,173
Different state	31,111	26,760	35,462
Abroad	3,916	2,525	5,307
PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP, AND YEAR OF ENTRY			
Total population	629,832	*****	*****
Native	591,579	588,723	594,435
Born in United States	578,443	574,303	582,583
State of residence	240,320	234,026	246,614
Different state	338,123	330,115	346,131
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	13,136	10,721	15,551
Foreign born	38,253	35,397	41,109
Naturalized citizen	20,667	18,817	22,517
Not a citizen	17,586	14,768	20,404
Entered 1990 or later	17,695	15,329	20,061
Entered before 1990	20,558	18,702	22,414
REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN			
Foreign-born population with region of birth reported	38,253	35,397	41,109
Europe	7,653	5,872	9,434
Asia	19,446	18,299	20,593
Africa	345	31	659
Oceania	1,198	471	1,925
Latin America	7,078	5,538	8,618
Northern America	2,533	1,692	3,374
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME			

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Population 5 years and over	581,706	580,969	582,443
English only	508,659	497,940	519,378
Language other than English	73,047	62,184	83,910
Speak English less than "very well"	25,176	20,785	29,567
Spanish	16,896	13,251	20,541
Speak English less than "very well"	5,731	4,044	7,418
Other Indo-European languages	13,601	11,699	15,503
Speak English less than "very well"	3,162	2,142	4,182
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	22,731	20,886	24,576
Speak English less than "very well"	12,528	11,083	13,973
Other languages	19,819	8,474	31,164
Speak English less than "very well"	3,755	509	7,001
ANCESTRY (TOTAL REPORTED)			
Total Population	629,832	*****	*****
Arab	579	251	907
Czech	4,864	2,909	6,819
Danish	5,229	3,607	6,851
Dutch	13,012	10,698	15,326
English	66,981	62,224	71,738
French (except Basque)	19,367	16,160	22,574
French Canadian	5,206	3,961	6,451
German	120,481	114,471	126,491
Greek	1,460	789	2,131
Hungarian	2,310	1,286	3,334
Irish	72,368	66,492	78,244
Italian	17,173	15,043	19,303
Lithuanian	616	324	908
Norwegian	26,737	23,388	30,086
Polish	11,622	9,798	13,446
Portuguese	3,582	2,124	5,040
Russian	10,584	6,979	14,189
Scotch-Irish	15,110	12,466	17,754
Scottish	20,450	17,868	23,032
Slovak	554	211	897
Subsaharan African	1,767	663	2,871
Swedish	16,718	14,381	19,055
Swiss	2,193	1,302	3,084
Ukrainian	1,007	366	1,648
United States or American	43,599	37,522	49,676
Welsh	5,018	3,621	6,415
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	1,061	267	1,855

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003 American Community Survey

The table above shows the margin of error, represented by the lower and upper bounds of the 90-percent confidence interval. The confidence interval represents the degree of uncertainty for an estimate and can be interpreted roughly as providing 90 percent certainty that the true number falls between the upper and lower bounds. The smaller the confidence interval the more precise the estimate.

Notes:

· Ancestry listed in this table refers to the total number of reports; 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).

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.
2. An '***' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that no sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
3. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that no sample observations were available to compute an estimate.
4. An '↓' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
6. An '*****' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
7. An '*****' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test is not appropriate.
8. An 'N' entry in the estimate, lower bound, and upper bound columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.