Alaska
Selected Social Characteristics: 2002
Data Set: **2002 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: 2002	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT			
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	**185,330**	**181,096**	**189,564**
Nursery school, preschool	9,410	7,981	10,839
Kindergarten	9,784	8,276	11,292
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	86,177	83,950	88,405
High school grade (grades 9-12)	44,558	42,334	46,782
College or graduate school	35,401	32,263	38,539
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT			
Population 25 years and over	**382,225**	**380,087**	**384,363**
Less than 9th grade	10,879	8,531	13,227
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	28,490	25,494	31,486
High school graduate (including equivalency)	103,768	97,351	110,185
Some college, no degree	103,869	98,837	108,902
Associate degree	28,161	24,930	31,392
Bachelor's degree	69,595	65,668	73,522
Graduate or professional degree	37,463	34,620	40,306
Percent high school graduate or higher	89.7	88.9	90.5
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	28.0	26.7	29.3
MARITAL STATUS			
Males 15 years and over	**239,789**	**237,606**	**241,972**
Never married	69,563	64,148	74,978
Now married, except separated	135,709	130,969	140,449
Separated	3,903	2,365	5,441
Widowed	4,817	3,885	5,749
Divorced	25,797	23,482	28,112
Females 15 years and over	**227,810**	**225,632**	**229,988**
Never married	49,076	46,230	51,922
Now married, except separated	132,502	129,299	135,705
Separated	5,181	4,138	6,224
Widowed	13,638	11,983	15,293
Divorced	27,413	25,387	29,439
FERTILITY			
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	**9,408**	**8,263**	**10,553**
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	2,830	2,063	3,597
Per 1,000 unmarried women	42	30	54
As a percent of all women with a birth	30.1	23.2	37.0
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	58	51	65
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	51	23	79
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	102	81	123
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	31	23	39
GRANDPARENTS			
Number of grandparents with own grandchildren under 18 years in			

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households	**11,419**	**8,807**	**14,031**
Responsible for grandchildren	4,318	2,815	5,821
less than 1 year	1,245	280	2,210
1 or 2 years	784	236	1,332
3 or 4 years	768	0	1,933
5 or more years	1,521	1,132	1,910
Characteristics of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years			
Percent who are female	45.5	41.0	50.0
Percent who are married	91.6	84.0	99.2
Percent who are in labor force	62.8	52.6	73.0
Percent who are in poverty	4.4	0.0	11.8
VETERAN STATUS			
Civilian population 18 years and over	**423,984**	**422,453**	**425,515**
Civilian veterans	74,037	69,929	78,146
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION			
Population 5 to 20 years	**164,313**	**162,538**	**166,088**
With a disability	12,725	10,724	14,726
Population 21 to 64 years	**363,915**	**361,993**	**365,837**
With a disability	53,334	49,461	57,207
Percent employed	48.6	43.8	53.4
No disability	310,581	306,982	314,180
Percent employed	77.2	75.7	78.7
Population 65 years and over	**37,933**	**36,575**	**39,291**
With a disability	17,927	16,333	19,521
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO			
Population 1 year and over	**615,236**	**613,926**	**616,546**
Same house	502,955	493,405	512,505
Different house in the U.S.	108,889	99,636	118,142
Same county	66,011	60,201	71,821
Different county	42,878	35,212	50,544
Same state	13,261	9,882	16,640
Different state	29,617	24,094	35,140
Abroad	3,392	2,452	4,333
PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP, AND YEAR OF ENTRY			
Total population	**624,252**	*****	*****
Native	590,338	587,058	593,618
Born in United States	576,911	571,252	582,571
State of residence	235,842	228,866	242,818
Different state	341,069	332,723	349,415
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or			
born abroad to American parent(s)	13,427	9,716	17,138
Foreign born	33,914	30,634	37,194
Naturalized citizen	16,952	15,058	18,846
Not a citizen	16,962	13,789	20,135
Entered 1990 or later	16,912	14,127	19,697
Entered before 1990	17,002	15,088	18,916
REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN			
Foreign-born population with region of birth reported	**33,914**	**30,634**	**37,194**
Europe	6,878	5,434	8,322
Asia	18,747	16,751	20,744
Africa	544	108	980
Oceania	899	538	1,260
Latin America	4,261	2,768	5,754
Northern America	2,585	1,032	4,138
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME			
Population 5 years and over	**575,640**	**575,026**	**576,254**
English only	502,597	489,328	515,866
Language other than English	73,043	59,714	86,372
Speak English less than "very well"	19,991	14,417	25,565

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Spanish	15,097	13,026	17,168
Speak English less than "very well"	3,313	2,346	4,280
Other Indo-European languages	9,961	7,062	12,860
Speak English less than "very well"	1,586	726	2,446
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	20,248	17,963	22,533
Speak English less than "very well"	8,910	7,595	10,225
Other languages	27,737	16,501	38,974
Speak English less than "very well"	6,182	1,390	10,974
ANCESTRY (TOTAL REPORTED)			
Total Population	**624,252**	*****	*****
Arab	938	227	1,649
Czech	4,204	2,283	6,125
Danish	4,677	3,484	5,870
Dutch	16,130	13,373	18,887
English	74,206	69,202	79,210
French (except Basque)	23,407	19,723	27,091
French Canadian	7,742	5,501	9,983
German	112,776	101,874	123,678
Greek	2,241	1,325	3,157
Hungarian	2,221	1,315	3,127
Irish	83,258	77,533	88,984
Italian	15,750	13,414	18,086
Lithuanian	947	68	1,826
Norwegian	28,030	23,369	32,691
Polish	13,873	10,845	16,901
Portuguese	2,211	1,254	3,168
Russian	5,488	4,089	6,887
Scotch-Irish	18,782	15,761	21,803
Scottish	19,480	16,657	22,303
Slovak	248	48	448
Subsaharan African	1,446	652	2,240
Swedish	14,210	12,086	16,334
Swiss	3,332	1,986	4,678
Ukrainian	746	360	1,132
United States or American	37,406	32,888	41,924
Welsh	6,309	4,504	8,114
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	582	34	1,130

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2002 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:
· School enrollment estimates from the 2002 American Community Survey will tend to be lower than similar estimates from Census 2000 and the Current Population Survey because the school enrollment estimates from the 2002 American Community Survey do not include individuals residing in group quarters, such as college dormitories.
· 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.