



Alaska

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2006

Data Set: 2006 American Community Survey

Survey: 2006 American Community Survey

NOTE. 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.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

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HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	229,878	+/-2,779
Family households (families)	157,939	+/-4,094
With own children under 18 years	82,894	+/-3,665
Married-couple families	117,329	+/-3,572
With own children under 18 years	55,831	+/-3,039
Male householder, no wife present	12,548	+/-1,357
With own children under 18 years	7,443	+/-1,199
Female householder, no husband present	28,062	+/-2,352
With own children under 18 years	19,620	+/-1,972
Nonfamily households	71,939	+/-3,637
Householder living alone	57,133	+/-3,229
65 years and over	8,995	+/-1,248
Households with one or more people under 18 years	90,661	+/-3,577
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	30,161	+/-1,206
Average household size	2.81	+/-0.03
Average family size	3.36	+/-0.06
RELATIONSHIP		
Household population	646,953	*****
Householder	229,878	+/-2,779
Spouse	117,554	+/-3,544
Child	212,587	+/-3,992
Other relatives	42,643	+/-4,096
Nonrelatives	44,291	+/-4,931
Unmarried partner	15,587	+/-1,501
MARITAL STATUS		
Males 15 years and over	268,702	+/-1,496
Never married	100,301	+/-3,032
Now married, except separated	133,981	+/-3,606
Separated	3,825	+/-952
Widowed	4,273	+/-739
Divorced	26,322	+/-2,404
Females 15 years and over	255,676	+/-1,636
Never married	71,597	+/-2,855
Now married, except separated	132,042	+/-3,853
Separated	4,452	+/-1,194
Widowed	16,056	+/-1,658
Divorced	31,529	+/-2,977
FERTILITY		

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Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months		12,147	+/-1,698
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)		3,580	+/-826
Per 1,000 unmarried women		40	+/-9
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old		68	+/-10
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old		17	+/-10
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old		129	+/-20
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old		35	+/-12
GRANDPARENTS			
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years		15,714	+/-2,576
Responsible for grandchildren		6,395	+/-1,297
Years responsible for grandchildren			
Less than 1 year		1,949	+/-723
1 or 2 years		1,294	+/-728
3 or 4 years		1,389	+/-506
5 or more years		1,763	+/-719
Characteristics of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years			
Who are female		57.8%	+/-5.2
Who are married		79.2%	+/-6.4
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT			
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school		189,863	+/-4,020
Nursery school, preschool		9,914	+/-1,328
Kindergarten		10,536	+/-1,588
Elementary school (grades 1-8)		77,334	+/-2,219
High school (grades 9-12)		46,491	+/-2,537
College or graduate school		45,588	+/-3,134
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT			
Population 25 years and over		415,630	+/-2,155
Less than 9th grade		15,799	+/-2,014
9th to 12th grade, no diploma		26,939	+/-2,596
High school graduate (includes equivalency)		119,251	+/-5,012
Some college, no degree		111,477	+/-4,735
Associate's degree		30,563	+/-2,286
Bachelor's degree		72,258	+/-4,020
Graduate or professional degree		39,343	+/-2,992
Percent high school graduate or higher		89.7%	+/-0.8
Percent bachelor's degree or higher		26.9%	+/-1.2
VETERAN STATUS			
Civilian population 18 years and over		478,581	+/-1,639
Civilian veterans		70,067	+/-3,111
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION			
Population 5 years and over		605,065	+/-1,896
With a disability		90,627	+/-4,559
Population 5 to 15 years		109,546	+/-1,598
With a disability		6,416	+/-1,289
Population 16 to 64 years		452,444	+/-2,307
With a disability		63,578	+/-3,804
Population 65 years and over		43,075	+/-1,002
With a disability		20,633	+/-1,820
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO			
Population 1 year and over		659,992	+/-1,192
Same house		515,159	+/-7,786
Different house in the U.S.		139,758	+/-7,689
Same county		79,061	+/-6,483
Different county		60,697	+/-5,779
Same state		23,025	+/-3,174
Different state		37,672	+/-4,943
Abroad		5,075	+/-1,721
PLACE OF BIRTH			

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Total population		670,053	*****
Native		622,987	+/-3,744
Born in United States		610,842	+/-3,919
State of residence		260,324	+/-5,869
Different state		350,518	+/-5,942
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)		12,145	+/-2,200
Foreign born		47,066	+/-3,744
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS			
Foreign-born population		47,066	+/-3,744
Naturalized U.S. citizen		22,414	+/-2,409
Not a U.S. citizen		24,652	+/-3,077
YEAR OF ENTRY			
Population born outside the United States		59,211	+/-3,919
Native		12,145	+/-2,200
Entered 2000 or later		1,786	+/-832
Entered before 2000		10,359	+/-1,823
Foreign born		47,066	+/-3,744
Entered 2000 or later		13,365	+/-2,733
Entered before 2000		33,701	+/-3,542
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN			
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea		47,066	+/-3,744
Europe		8,920	+/-1,622
Asia		22,590	+/-1,880
Africa		1,706	+/-1,501
Oceania		1,188	+/-651
Latin America		10,584	+/-1,995
Northern America		2,078	+/-603
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME			
Population 5 years and over		622,572	+/-1,070
English only		526,829	+/-5,516
Language other than English		95,743	+/-5,332
Speak English less than "very well"		36,979	+/-3,644
Spanish		22,649	+/-2,978
Speak English less than "very well"		9,112	+/-1,673
Other Indo-European languages		14,233	+/-2,243
Speak English less than "very well"		3,595	+/-1,563
Asian and Pacific Islander languages		27,661	+/-2,147
Speak English less than "very well"		14,733	+/-2,074
Other languages		31,200	+/-2,599
Speak English less than "very well"		9,539	+/-1,763
ANCESTRY			
Total population		670,053	*****
American		30,271	+/-4,008
Arab		692	+/-426
Czech		4,017	+/-1,265
Danish		5,634	+/-1,349
Dutch		17,176	+/-3,844
English		73,029	+/-5,354
French (except Basque)		23,051	+/-2,809
French Canadian		6,731	+/-2,238
German		128,713	+/-7,012
Greek		2,114	+/-934
Hungarian		4,329	+/-2,041
Irish		80,853	+/-4,509
Italian		24,173	+/-4,253
Lithuanian		1,036	+/-534
Norwegian		29,608	+/-3,116
Polish		18,553	+/-2,525
Portuguese		2,709	+/-1,326
Russian		10,366	+/-3,030
Scotch-Irish		15,760	+/-2,679
Scottish		22,916	+/-2,948
Slovak		736	+/-532

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Subsaharan African	3,222	+/-1,673
Swedish	18,385	+/-2,285
Swiss	3,376	+/-1,140
Ukrainian	1,740	+/-1,104
Welsh	5,793	+/-1,903
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	1,270	+/-1,006

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 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 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.

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.

·While the 2006 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2005 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.

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