



## Alaska

**Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2007**  
Data Set: **2007 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates**  
Survey: **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](#).

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>236,421</b>	<b>+/-2,731</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Family households (families)	162,345	+/-3,643	68.7%	+/-1.4
With own children under 18 years	82,969	+/-3,268	35.1%	+/-1.3
Married-couple family	122,261	+/-3,872	51.7%	+/-1.6
With own children under 18 years	57,499	+/-2,919	24.3%	+/-1.2
Male householder, no wife present, family	13,439	+/-1,750	5.7%	+/-0.7
With own children under 18 years	7,462	+/-1,397	3.2%	+/-0.6
Female householder, no husband present, family	26,645	+/-2,139	11.3%	+/-0.9
With own children under 18 years	18,008	+/-2,289	7.6%	+/-0.9
Nonfamily households	74,076	+/-3,420	31.3%	+/-1.4
Householder living alone	57,090	+/-3,220	24.1%	+/-1.3
65 years and over	11,544	+/-1,333	4.9%	+/-0.6
Households with one or more people under 18 years	91,295	+/-3,575	38.6%	+/-1.4
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	33,159	+/-1,175	14.0%	+/-0.5
Average household size	2.80	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.34	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
<b>Population in households</b>	<b>661,167</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Householder	236,421	+/-2,731	35.8%	+/-0.4
Spouse	123,242	+/-3,797	18.6%	+/-0.6
Child	212,689	+/-3,984	32.2%	+/-0.6
Other relatives	43,198	+/-4,187	6.5%	+/-0.6
Nonrelatives	45,617	+/-3,841	6.9%	+/-0.6
Unmarried partner	17,710	+/-1,881	2.7%	+/-0.3
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
<b>Males 15 years and over</b>	<b>281,531</b>	<b>+/-1,691</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	103,632	+/-3,579	36.8%	+/-1.2
Now married, except separated	139,205	+/-3,692	49.4%	+/-1.3
Separated	4,980	+/-1,188	1.8%	+/-0.4
Widowed	4,243	+/-784	1.5%	+/-0.3
Divorced	29,471	+/-2,588	10.5%	+/-0.9
<b>Females 15 years and over</b>	<b>256,048</b>	<b>+/-1,625</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	70,899	+/-3,090	27.7%	+/-1.1
Now married, except separated	133,174	+/-3,923	52.0%	+/-1.6
Separated	6,024	+/-1,353	2.4%	+/-0.5
Widowed	13,458	+/-1,346	5.3%	+/-0.5
Divorced	32,493	+/-3,163	12.7%	+/-1.2
<b>FERTILITY</b>				
<b>Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months</b>	<b>11,563</b>	<b>+/-1,674</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>

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Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	4,103	+/-996	35.5%	+/-7.0
Per 1,000 unmarried women	48	+/-11	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	65	+/-9	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	26	+/-11	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	140	+/-21	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	15	+/-6	(X)	(X)
<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>				
<b>Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>15,875</b>	<b>+/-2,786</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Responsible for grandchildren	5,953	+/-1,298	37.5%	+/-6.6
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,513	+/-774	9.5%	+/-5.0
1 or 2 years	1,403	+/-488	8.8%	+/-2.9
3 or 4 years	259	+/-151	1.6%	+/-1.0
5 or more years	2,778	+/-1,013	17.5%	+/-5.4
Characteristics of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years				
Who are female	55.6%	+/-7.3	(X)	(X)
Who are married	76.2%	+/-7.1	(X)	(X)
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>185,067</b>	<b>+/-4,267</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Nursery school, preschool	10,538	+/-1,564	5.7%	+/-0.8
Kindergarten	9,215	+/-1,381	5.0%	+/-0.7
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	73,680	+/-2,007	39.8%	+/-1.3
High school (grades 9-12)	46,419	+/-2,471	25.1%	+/-1.4
College or graduate school	45,215	+/-3,521	24.4%	+/-1.5
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>421,818</b>	<b>+/-2,623</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than 9th grade	16,268	+/-2,000	3.9%	+/-0.5
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	23,868	+/-2,377	5.7%	+/-0.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	127,441	+/-5,234	30.2%	+/-1.2
Some college, no degree	108,709	+/-4,304	25.8%	+/-1.0
Associate's degree	35,925	+/-2,941	8.5%	+/-0.7
Bachelor's degree	67,754	+/-3,249	16.1%	+/-0.8
Graduate or professional degree	41,853	+/-3,358	9.9%	+/-0.8
Percent high school graduate or higher				
	90.5%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher				
	26.0%	+/-1.0	(X)	(X)
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b>	<b>485,178</b>	<b>+/-1,575</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Civilian veterans	74,614	+/-3,849	100%	(X)
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>				
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>609,541</b>	<b>+/-1,773</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	90,363	+/-3,928	14.8%	+/-0.6
<b>Population 5 to 15 years</b>				
With a disability	5,889	+/-1,232	5.6%	+/-1.2
<b>Population 16 to 64 years</b>				
With a disability	62,394	+/-3,483	13.6%	+/-0.8
<b>Population 65 years and over</b>				
With a disability	22,080	+/-1,540	47.8%	+/-3.1
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
<b>Population 1 year and over</b>	<b>673,007</b>	<b>+/-1,494</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Same house	529,739	+/-9,472	78.7%	+/-1.4
Different house in the U.S.	134,879	+/-8,950	20.0%	+/-1.3
Same county	78,048	+/-7,724	11.6%	+/-1.2
Different county	56,831	+/-5,081	8.4%	+/-0.8
Same state	20,464	+/-3,277	3.0%	+/-0.5
Different state	36,367	+/-4,147	5.4%	+/-0.6
Abroad	8,389	+/-2,553	1.2%	+/-0.4
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>683,478</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>

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Native		634,550	+/-3,479	92.8%	+/-0.5
Born in United States		618,445	+/-4,309	90.5%	+/-0.6
State of residence		264,365	+/-5,676	38.7%	+/-0.8
Different state		354,080	+/-6,267	51.8%	+/-0.9
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)		16,105	+/-2,364	2.4%	+/-0.3
Foreign born		48,928	+/-3,479	7.2%	+/-0.5
<b>U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>					
<b>Foreign-born population</b>		<b>48,928</b>	<b>+/-3,479</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Naturalized U.S. citizen		25,046	+/-2,304	51.2%	+/-3.6
Not a U.S. citizen		23,882	+/-2,629	48.8%	+/-3.6
<b>YEAR OF ENTRY</b>					
<b>Population born outside the United States</b>		<b>65,033</b>	<b>+/-4,309</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Native		16,105	+/-2,364	100%	(X)
Entered 2000 or later		4,590	+/-1,613	28.5%	+/-7.9
Entered before 2000		11,515	+/-1,761	71.5%	+/-7.9
Foreign born		48,928	+/-3,479	100%	(X)
Entered 2000 or later		13,527	+/-2,287	27.6%	+/-3.8
Entered before 2000		35,401	+/-2,753	72.4%	+/-3.8
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>					
<b>Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea</b>		<b>48,928</b>	<b>+/-3,479</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Europe		10,353	+/-2,261	21.2%	+/-3.8
Asia		23,765	+/-2,035	48.6%	+/-4.3
Africa		1,711	+/-854	3.5%	+/-1.7
Oceania		1,513	+/-800	3.1%	+/-1.6
Latin America		9,138	+/-1,561	18.7%	+/-3.0
Northern America		2,448	+/-818	5.0%	+/-1.6
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>					
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>		<b>632,806</b>	<b>+/-1,002</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
English only		532,298	+/-4,892	84.1%	+/-0.8
Language other than English		100,508	+/-4,902	15.9%	+/-0.8
Speak English less than "very well"		39,630	+/-3,304	6.3%	+/-0.5
Spanish		23,738	+/-2,518	3.8%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"		8,424	+/-1,801	1.3%	+/-0.3
Other Indo-European languages		16,489	+/-3,071	2.6%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"		3,959	+/-1,632	0.6%	+/-0.3
Asian and Pacific Islander languages		28,716	+/-2,271	4.5%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"		16,799	+/-1,928	2.7%	+/-0.3
Other languages		31,565	+/-2,288	5.0%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"		10,448	+/-1,107	1.7%	+/-0.2
<b>ANCESTRY</b>					
<b>Total population</b>		<b>683,478</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
American		24,477	+/-3,525	3.6%	+/-0.5
Arab		1,243	+/-648	0.2%	+/-0.1
Czech		3,470	+/-1,352	0.5%	+/-0.2
Danish		5,282	+/-1,225	0.8%	+/-0.2
Dutch		13,015	+/-1,893	1.9%	+/-0.3
English		72,385	+/-4,741	10.6%	+/-0.7
French (except Basque)		24,714	+/-3,153	3.6%	+/-0.5
French Canadian		9,097	+/-2,740	1.3%	+/-0.4
German		135,595	+/-6,302	19.8%	+/-0.9
Greek		1,928	+/-953	0.3%	+/-0.1
Hungarian		4,231	+/-1,742	0.6%	+/-0.3
Irish		87,664	+/-5,270	12.8%	+/-0.8
Italian		25,668	+/-3,737	3.8%	+/-0.5
Lithuanian		1,093	+/-508	0.2%	+/-0.1
Norwegian		28,505	+/-3,290	4.2%	+/-0.5
Polish		15,871	+/-2,888	2.3%	+/-0.4
Portuguese		2,305	+/-903	0.3%	+/-0.1
Russian		11,816	+/-2,099	1.7%	+/-0.3
Scotch-Irish		21,320	+/-2,771	3.1%	+/-0.4
Scottish		21,267	+/-2,786	3.1%	+/-0.4
Slovak		1,251	+/-567	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African		2,899	+/-1,169	0.4%	+/-0.2

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Swedish	20,181	+/-2,546	3.0%	+/-0.4
Swiss	3,475	+/-1,244	0.5%	+/-0.2
Ukrainian	2,009	+/-1,347	0.3%	+/-0.2
Welsh	6,991	+/-1,686	1.0%	+/-0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	518	+/-382	0.1%	+/-0.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 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 2007 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2006 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. The 2007 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) 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 PRCS 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.

#### 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.
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4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
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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. Selected migration, earnings, and income data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with group quarters data collection and imputation. See [Errata Note #44](#) for details.

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