

Alaska**S0103. Population 65 Years and Over in the United States**

Data Set: 2008 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.

Subject	Total	Margin of Error	65 years and over	Margin of Error
Total population	686,293	*****	48,415	+/-898
SEX AND AGE				
Male	52.1%	+/-0.3	48.4%	+/-0.9
Female	47.9%	+/-0.3	51.6%	+/-0.9
Median age (years)	33.0	+/-0.3	72.2	+/-0.5
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN				
One race	91.9%	+/-0.6	96.9%	+/-1.3
White	69.1%	+/-0.4	76.5%	+/-1.5
Black or African American	3.6%	+/-0.5	1.6%	+/-0.7
American Indian and Alaska Native	12.7%	+/-0.5	12.8%	+/-1.3
Asian	4.6%	+/-0.3	5.2%	+/-0.9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.5%	+/-0.1	0.3%	+/-0.3
Some other race	1.2%	+/-0.3	0.6%	+/-0.6
Two or more races	8.1%	+/-0.6	3.1%	+/-1.3
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	6.2%	+/-0.2	2.9%	+/-1.1
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	65.6%	+/-0.1	74.9%	+/-1.4
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	664,877	*****	47,262	+/-921
Householder or spouse	53.2%	+/-0.9	85.5%	+/-2.6
Parent	1.0%	+/-0.3	7.2%	+/-2.2
Other relatives	37.7%	+/-0.9	4.7%	+/-1.7
Nonrelatives	8.1%	+/-0.7	2.6%	+/-1.0
Unmarried partner	3.3%	+/-0.3	1.4%	+/-0.6
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Households	237,607	+/-2,898	28,792	+/-1,245
Family households	66.2%	+/-1.5	60.2%	+/-3.7
Married-couple family	48.9%	+/-1.5	48.3%	+/-3.4
Female householder, no husband present, family	10.6%	+/-1.0	9.2%	+/-2.2
Nonfamily households	33.8%	+/-1.5	39.8%	+/-3.7
Householder living alone	25.3%	+/-1.4	38.1%	+/-3.5
MARITAL STATUS				
Population 15 years and over	537,334	+/-1,673	48,415	+/-898
Now married, except separated	47.3%	+/-1.4	56.2%	+/-3.3
Widowed	3.5%	+/-0.3	25.2%	+/-2.8
Divorced	12.4%	+/-0.8	13.9%	+/-2.6
Separated	2.3%	+/-0.4	0.9%	+/-0.7
Never married	34.5%	+/-1.1	3.7%	+/-1.0
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	424,901	+/-2,418	48,415	+/-898
Less than high school graduate	8.4%	+/-0.6	21.2%	+/-3.3
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	26.5%	+/-1.2	27.0%	+/-3.2
Some college or associate's degree	37.8%	+/-1.1	27.4%	+/-3.0
Bachelor's degree or higher	27.3%	+/-1.1	24.4%	+/-3.0
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Population 30 years and over	372,193	+/-1,787	48,415	+/-898
Living with grandchild(ren)	3.4%	+/-0.5	5.5%	+/-1.5
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	1.6%	+/-0.3	2.4%	+/-0.9

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VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	486,235	+/-3,292	48,415	+/-898
Civilian veteran	14.0%	+/-0.8	30.7%	+/-2.1
DISABILITY STATUS				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	659,084	+/-2,654	47,715	+/-912
With any disability	12.0%	+/-0.7	40.3%	+/-3.2
No disability	88.0%	+/-0.7	59.7%	+/-3.2
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	674,678	+/-1,535	48,415	+/-898
Same house	76.9%	+/-1.4	93.2%	+/-1.8
Different house in the United States	22.3%	+/-1.3	6.8%	+/-1.8
Same county	13.3%	+/-1.1	3.4%	+/-1.3
Different county	9.0%	+/-0.9	3.4%	+/-1.3
Same state	3.0%	+/-0.5	0.4%	+/-0.3
Different state	6.0%	+/-0.7	3.0%	+/-1.3
Abroad	0.8%	+/-0.2	0.0%	+/-0.3
PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY				
Total population	686,293	*****	48,415	+/-898
Native	641,997	+/-3,230	43,042	+/-1,085
Foreign born	44,296	+/-3,230	5,373	+/-916
Entered 2000 or later	29.1%	+/-3.8	13.7%	+/-7.8
Entered 1990 to 1999	27.1%	+/-3.7	18.1%	+/-11.0
Entered before 1990	43.8%	+/-4.5	68.2%	+/-11.8
Naturalized U.S. citizen	52.4%	+/-4.4	76.5%	+/-9.8
Not a U.S. citizen	47.6%	+/-4.4	23.5%	+/-9.8
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH				
Population 5 years and over	634,669	+/-976	48,415	+/-898
English only	85.2%	+/-0.7	82.5%	+/-1.9
Language other than English	14.8%	+/-0.7	17.5%	+/-1.9
Speak English less than "very well"	4.8%	+/-0.3	10.4%	+/-1.5
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Civilian population 16 years and over	507,240	+/-3,433	48,415	+/-898
In labor force	72.6%	+/-1.0	23.1%	+/-3.0
Employed	67.0%	+/-1.0	22.9%	+/-3.0
Unemployed	5.6%	+/-0.5	0.3%	+/-0.2
Percent of civilian labor force	7.7%	+/-0.7	1.2%	+/-1.0
Not in labor force	27.4%	+/-1.0	76.9%	+/-3.0
INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Households	237,607	+/-2,898	28,792	+/-1,245
With earnings	90.0%	+/-0.8	50.8%	+/-4.3
Mean earnings (dollars)	76,632	+/-2,754	43,683	+/-5,255
With Social Security income	17.2%	+/-0.8	91.6%	+/-2.2
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,504	+/-616	16,257	+/-732
With Supplemental Security Income	2.8%	+/-0.5	5.5%	+/-1.8
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,363	+/-869	5,939	+/-1,469
With cash public assistance income	6.1%	+/-0.7	11.1%	+/-2.3
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,536	+/-328	3,276	+/-531
With retirement income	16.9%	+/-1.0	55.9%	+/-3.6
Mean retirement income (dollars)	26,633	+/-1,464	29,906	+/-2,588
With Food Stamp benefits	7.8%	+/-0.7	6.1%	+/-1.9
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Population for whom poverty status is determined	669,783	+/-1,041	47,715	+/-912
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	8.4%	+/-0.8	3.7%	+/-1.3
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	6.7%	+/-0.7	5.8%	+/-1.0
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	84.9%	+/-0.9	90.4%	+/-1.7
Occupied housing units	237,607	+/-2,898	28,792	+/-1,245
HOUSING TENURE				
Owner-occupied housing units	65.0%	+/-1.4	81.6%	+/-2.8
Renter-occupied housing units	35.0%	+/-1.4	18.4%	+/-2.8
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.94	+/-0.05	2.07	+/-0.11
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.54	+/-0.08	1.64	+/-0.32
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
No telephone service available	1.9%	+/-0.4	1.0%	+/-0.6
1.01 or more occupants per room	5.7%	+/-0.7	2.0%	+/-0.8
Owner-occupied housing units	154,334	+/-3,685	23,508	+/-1,129

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Less than 30 percent	73.5%	+/-1.7	78.0%	+/-3.8
30 percent or more	26.5%	+/-1.7	22.0%	+/-3.8
OWNER CHARACTERISTICS				
Median value (dollars)	237,800	+/-5,634	235,300	+/-13,252
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	1,732	+/-35	1,319	+/-102
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	527	+/-18	519	+/-37
Renter-occupied housing units	83,273	+/-3,590	5,284	+/-896
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Less than 30 percent	62.0%	+/-3.0	48.8%	+/-9.7
30 percent or more	38.0%	+/-3.0	51.2%	+/-9.7
GROSS RENT				
Median gross rent (dollars)	949	+/-23	710	+/-74

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 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:

- The 65 years and over column of data refers to the age of the householder for the estimates of households, occupied housing units, owner-occupied housing units, and renter-occupied housing units lines.
- The age specified on the population 15 years and over, population 25 years and over, population 30 years and over, civilian population 18 years and over, civilian population 5 years and over, population 1 years and over, population 5 years and over, and population 16 years and over lines refer to the data shown in the "Total" column while the second column is limited to the population 65 years and over.
- The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, comparisons of disability data from 2008 or later with data from prior years are not recommended. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the [Evaluation Report Covering Disability](#).
- The Census Bureau introduced an improved sequence of labor force questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, we recommend using caution when making labor force data comparisons from 2008 or later with data from prior years. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the "Evaluation Report Covering Employment Status" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/AdvMeth/content_test/P6a_Employment_Status.pdf, and the "Evaluation Report Covering Weeks Worked" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/AdvMeth/content_test/P6b_Weeks_Worked_Final_Report.pdf. Additional information can also be found at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/laborfor/laborforce.html>.
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Occupants per Room between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Rooms question involving the wording as well as the response option resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in "1 room" category and as a decrease in the "2 rooms" to "6 rooms" categories. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Rooms section of the Subject Definitions at: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=21.
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Telephone Service Availability between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Telephone Service Availability question involving the structure of the question as well as including an instruction to include cell phones resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in respondents answering "yes" to the question. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Telephone Service Available section of the Subject Definitions at: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=24.
- While the 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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:

- 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.
- 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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- An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
- An '****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
- An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
- 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.
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