

Alaska

S1101. Households and Families

Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

Subject	Total	Margin of Error	Married-couple family household	Margin of Error	Male householder, no wife present, family household	Margin of Error	Female householder, no husband present, family household	Margin of Error	Nonfamily household	Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS										
Total households	236,597	+/-2,353	119,143	+/-3,324	13,780	+/-1,757	27,017	+/-2,377	76,657	+/-3,236
Average household size	2.86	+/-0.03	3.57	+/-0.05	3.79	+/-0.31	3.54	+/-0.16	1.35	+/-0.05
FAMILIES										
Total families	159,940	+/-3,646	119,143	+/-3,324	13,780	+/-1,757	27,017	+/-2,377	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.43	+/-0.06	3.52	+/-0.05	3.22	+/-0.25	3.16	+/-0.16	(X)	(X)
AGE OF OWN CHILDREN										
Households with own children under 18 years	79,973	+/-3,388	55,160	+/-2,808	7,122	+/-1,247	17,691	+/-2,015	(X)	(X)
Under 6 years only	22.7%	+/-2.3	20.8%	+/-2.6	31.4%	+/-8.2	25.0%	+/-5.3	(X)	(X)
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	20.4%	+/-2.5	21.9%	+/-3.0	11.8%	+/-5.4	19.2%	+/-4.9	(X)	(X)
6 to 17 years only	56.9%	+/-3.0	57.3%	+/-3.9	56.7%	+/-8.9	55.8%	+/-5.6	(X)	(X)
Total households	236,597	+/-2,353	119,143	+/-3,324	13,780	+/-1,757	27,017	+/-2,377	76,657	+/-3,236
SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE										
Households with one or more people under 18 years	37.4%	+/-1.4	49.0%	+/-1.9	65.3%	+/-7.8	74.2%	+/-3.9	1.2%	+/-0.6
Households with one or more people 60 years and over	23.7%	+/-0.9	24.8%	+/-1.6	12.2%	+/-3.3	16.6%	+/-3.1	26.5%	+/-1.7
Householder living alone	25.3%	+/-1.3	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	77.9%	+/-2.6
65 years and over	5.3%	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	16.4%	+/-1.5
UNMARRIED-PARTNER HOUSEHOLDS										
Same sex	0.5%	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Opposite sex	7.0%	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE										
1-unit structures	69.1%	+/-1.2	82.9%	+/-1.5	66.0%	+/-7.2	56.2%	+/-4.4	52.8%	+/-2.5
2-or-more-unit structures	24.7%	+/-1.2	12.5%	+/-1.5	22.2%	+/-6.6	34.7%	+/-4.7	40.5%	+/-2.6
Mobile homes and all other types of units	6.2%	+/-0.8	4.5%	+/-0.8	11.9%	+/-4.8	9.1%	+/-3.1	6.7%	+/-1.3
HOUSING TENURE										
Owner-occupied housing units	65.2%	+/-1.4	77.9%	+/-1.8	59.6%	+/-7.0	52.9%	+/-4.4	50.9%	+/-2.6
Renter-occupied housing units	34.8%	+/-1.4	22.1%	+/-1.8	40.4%	+/-7.0	47.1%	+/-4.4	49.1%	+/-2.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 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:

- Housing unit weight is used throughout this table (only exception is the average household and family size cells).
- Average family size is derived by dividing the number of related people in households by the number of family households.
- While the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 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.
- 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.
- An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
- 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.
- An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.