



[B16004. AGE BY LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH FOR THE POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER - Universe: POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER](#)

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

View the [collapsed version of this table](#). Geographies missing from this table are listed below the table.

	Alaska	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	634,669	+/-976
5 to 17 years:	129,135	+/-1,595
Speak only English	111,226	+/-2,469
Speak Spanish:	3,839	+/-1,066
Speak English "very well"	3,435	+/-1,030
Speak English "well"	351	+/-331
Speak English "not well"	53	+/-87
Speak English "not at all"	0	+/-240
Speak other Indo-European languages:	2,331	+/-970
Speak English "very well"	1,874	+/-891
Speak English "well"	317	+/-212
Speak English "not well"	140	+/-152
Speak English "not at all"	0	+/-240
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	5,092	+/-1,324
Speak English "very well"	3,983	+/-1,236
Speak English "well"	887	+/-636
Speak English "not well"	222	+/-235
Speak English "not at all"	0	+/-240
Speak other languages:	6,647	+/-823
Speak English "very well"	5,040	+/-814
Speak English "well"	1,400	+/-416
Speak English "not well"	207	+/-147
Speak English "not at all"	0	+/-240
18 to 64 years:	457,119	+/-1,604
Speak only English	389,826	+/-3,617
Speak Spanish:	17,540	+/-2,250
Speak English "very well"	13,754	+/-1,997
Speak English "well"	2,269	+/-679
Speak English "not well"	1,041	+/-520
Speak English "not at all"	476	+/-534
Speak other Indo-European languages:	8,784	+/-1,663
Speak English "very well"	7,396	+/-1,547
Speak English "well"	1,140	+/-495
Speak English "not well"	248	+/-247
Speak English "not at all"	0	+/-240
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	20,912	+/-1,650
Speak English "very well"	10,478	+/-1,719
Speak English "well"	6,614	+/-1,070
Speak English "not well"	3,541	+/-903
Speak English "not at all"	279	+/-281
Speak other languages:	20,057	+/-1,879
Speak English "very well"	14,091	+/-1,526
Speak English "well"	5,187	+/-751
Speak English "not well"	755	+/-307
Speak English "not at all"	24	+/-31

65 years and over:	48,415	+/-898
Speak only English	39,957	+/-854
Speak Spanish:	1,326	+/-557
Speak English "very well"	514	+/-315
Speak English "well"	371	+/-240
Speak English "not well"	370	+/-321
Speak English "not at all"	71	+/-121
Speak other Indo-European languages:	1,266	+/-493
Speak English "very well"	1,100	+/-468
Speak English "well"	101	+/-114
Speak English "not well"	65	+/-91
Speak English "not at all"	0	+/-240
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	2,532	+/-471
Speak English "very well"	540	+/-392
Speak English "well"	529	+/-248
Speak English "not well"	1,424	+/-340
Speak English "not at all"	39	+/-48
Speak other languages:	3,334	+/-576
Speak English "very well"	1,272	+/-419
Speak English "well"	1,275	+/-396
Speak English "not well"	699	+/-213
Speak English "not at all"	88	+/-113

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.

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:

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.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. 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.
6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

Standard Error/Variance documentation for this dataset:

[Accuracy of the Data](#)