Alaska
Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2008
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.

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	**237,607**	**+/-2,898**	**237,607**	**(X)**
Family households (families)	157,273	+/-3,920	66.2%	+/-1.5
With own children under 18 years	81,548	+/-3,815	34.3%	+/-1.5
Married-couple family	116,181	+/-3,856	48.9%	+/-1.5
With own children under 18 years	54,225	+/-3,267	22.8%	+/-1.3
Male householder, no wife present, family	16,013	+/-1,939	6.7%	+/-0.8
With own children under 18 years	9,768	+/-1,678	4.1%	+/-0.7
Female householder, no husband present, family	25,079	+/-2,388	10.6%	+/-1.0
With own children under 18 years	17,555	+/-2,116	7.4%	+/-0.9
Nonfamily households	80,334	+/-3,702	33.8%	+/-1.5
Householder living alone	60,036	+/-3,409	25.3%	+/-1.4
65 years and over	10,971	+/-1,198	4.6%	+/-0.5
Households with one or more people under 18 years	89,549	+/-4,160	37.7%	+/-1.7
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	34,122	+/-1,120	14.4%	+/-0.5
Average household size	2.80	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.38	+/-0.07	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	**664,877**	*****	**664,877**	**(X)**
Householder	237,607	+/-2,898	35.7%	+/-0.4
Spouse	116,201	+/-3,968	17.5%	+/-0.6
Child	215,918	+/-5,325	32.5%	+/-0.8
Other relatives	41,482	+/-4,195	6.2%	+/-0.6
Nonrelatives	53,669	+/-4,630	8.1%	+/-0.7
Unmarried partner	21,738	+/-2,114	3.3%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	**280,866**	**+/-1,780**	**280,866**	**(X)**
Never married	107,830	+/-4,014	38.4%	+/-1.3
Now married, except separated	131,105	+/-4,127	46.7%	+/-1.5
Separated	5,872	+/-1,286	2.1%	+/-0.5
Widowed	4,192	+/-828	1.5%	+/-0.3
Divorced	31,867	+/-2,985	11.3%	+/-1.1
Females 15 years and over	**256,468**	**+/-1,173**	**256,468**	**(X)**
Never married	77,322	+/-3,051	30.1%	+/-1.2
Now married, except separated	123,172	+/-4,159	48.0%	+/-1.6
Separated	6,508	+/-1,475	2.5%	+/-0.6
Widowed	14,717	+/-1,524	5.7%	+/-0.6
Divorced	34,749	+/-2,921	13.5%	+/-1.1
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	**12,233**	**+/-1,674**	**12,233**	**(X)**
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	4,496	+/-939	36.8%	+/-6.9
Per 1,000 unmarried women	49	+/-10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	70	+/-10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	22	+/-11	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	129	+/-18	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	32	+/-12	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	**12,579**	**+/-1,833**	**12,579**	**(X)**
Responsible for grandchildren	6,112	+/-1,132	48.6%	+/-6.3
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	2,285	+/-872	18.2%	+/-6.3
1 or 2 years	1,084	+/-408	8.6%	+/-3.3
3 or 4 years	429	+/-287	3.4%	+/-2.3
5 or more years	2,314	+/-638	18.4%	+/-4.2

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Who are female	3,700	+/-654	60.5%	+/-5.0
Who are married	4,918	+/-1,188	80.5%	+/-7.5
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	**193,881**	**+/-4,433**	**193,881**	**(X)**
Nursery school, preschool	10,176	+/-1,264	5.2%	+/-0.6
Kindergarten	8,382	+/-1,246	4.3%	+/-0.7
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	79,624	+/-2,514	41.1%	+/-1.4
High school (grades 9-12)	44,117	+/-2,512	22.8%	+/-1.3
College or graduate school	51,582	+/-3,638	26.6%	+/-1.5
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	**424,901**	**+/-2,418**	**424,901**	**(X)**
Less than 9th grade	12,640	+/-1,709	3.0%	+/-0.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	22,917	+/-2,422	5.4%	+/-0.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	112,556	+/-4,942	26.5%	+/-1.2
Some college, no degree	126,632	+/-4,466	29.8%	+/-1.0
Associate's degree	34,122	+/-2,870	8.0%	+/-0.7
Bachelor's degree	74,728	+/-3,787	17.6%	+/-0.9
Graduate or professional degree	41,306	+/-3,165	9.7%	+/-0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	91.6%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	27.3%	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	**486,235**	**+/-3,292**	**486,235**	**(X)**
Civilian veterans	67,833	+/-3,941	14.0%	+/-0.8
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	**659,084**	**+/-2,654**	**659,084**	**(X)**
With a disability	78,893	+/-4,637	12.0%	+/-0.7
Under 18 years	**180,431**	**+/-1,224**	**180,431**	**(X)**
With a disability	6,960	+/-1,364	3.9%	+/-0.8
18 to 64 years	**430,938**	**+/-3,005**	**430,938**	**(X)**
With a disability	52,686	+/-3,987	12.2%	+/-0.9
65 years and over	**47,715**	**+/-912**	**47,715**	**(X)**
With a disability	19,247	+/-1,534	40.3%	+/-3.2
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	**674,678**	**+/-1,535**	**674,678**	**(X)**
Same house	518,662	+/-9,439	76.9%	+/-1.4
Different house in the U.S.	150,412	+/-8,904	22.3%	+/-1.3
Same county	89,771	+/-7,464	13.3%	+/-1.1
Different county	60,641	+/-5,980	9.0%	+/-0.9
Same state	20,434	+/-3,452	3.0%	+/-0.5
Different state	40,207	+/-4,845	6.0%	+/-0.7
Abroad	5,604	+/-1,377	0.8%	+/-0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	**686,293**	*****	**686,293**	**(X)**
Native	641,997	+/-3,230	93.5%	+/-0.5
Born in United States	628,411	+/-3,269	91.6%	+/-0.5
State of residence	262,695	+/-6,089	38.3%	+/-0.9
Different state	365,716	+/-6,393	53.3%	+/-0.9
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	13,586	+/-1,811	2.0%	+/-0.3
Foreign born	44,296	+/-3,230	6.5%	+/-0.5
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	**44,296**	**+/-3,230**	**44,296**	**(X)**
Naturalized U.S. citizen	23,196	+/-2,519	52.4%	+/-4.4
Not a U.S. citizen	21,100	+/-2,513	47.6%	+/-4.4
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	**57,882**	**+/-3,269**	**57,882**	**(X)**
Native	**13,586**	**+/-1,811**	**13,586**	**(X)**
Entered 2000 or later	2,997	+/-1,070	22.1%	+/-6.9
Entered before 2000	10,589	+/-1,583	77.9%	+/-6.9
Foreign born	**44,296**	**+/-3,230**	**44,296**	**(X)**
Entered 2000 or later	12,912	+/-2,074	29.1%	+/-3.8
Entered before 2000	31,384	+/-2,608	70.9%	+/-3.8
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	**44,296**	**+/-3,230**	**44,296**	**(X)**
Europe	6,758	+/-1,443	15.3%	+/-3.0
Asia	23,509	+/-2,089	53.1%	+/-4.3
Africa	1,275	+/-607	2.9%	+/-1.3
Oceania	1,447	+/-572	3.3%	+/-1.3
Latin America	8,216	+/-2,161	18.5%	+/-4.4
Northern America	3,091	+/-1,086	7.0%	+/-2.3

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	**634,669**	**+/-976**	**634,669**	**(X)**
English only	541,009	+/-4,439	85.2%	+/-0.7
Language other than English	93,660	+/-4,326	14.8%	+/-0.7
Speak English less than "very well"	30,183	+/-2,189	4.8%	+/-0.3
Spanish	22,705	+/-2,734	3.6%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	5,002	+/-1,334	0.8%	+/-0.2
Other Indo-European languages	12,381	+/-2,240	2.0%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	2,011	+/-724	0.3%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	28,536	+/-2,278	4.5%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	13,535	+/-1,784	2.1%	+/-0.3
Other languages	30,038	+/-2,402	4.7%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	9,635	+/-1,168	1.5%	+/-0.2
ANCESTRY				
Total population	**686,293**	*****	**686,293**	**(X)**
American	19,507	+/-2,815	2.8%	+/-0.4
Arab	1,882	+/-885	0.3%	+/-0.1
Czech	3,867	+/-1,356	0.6%	+/-0.2
Danish	7,285	+/-2,403	1.1%	+/-0.4
Dutch	18,619	+/-2,845	2.7%	+/-0.4
English	75,042	+/-6,725	10.9%	+/-1.0
French (except Basque)	24,288	+/-3,398	3.5%	+/-0.5
French Canadian	5,044	+/-1,243	0.7%	+/-0.2
German	147,045	+/-7,592	21.4%	+/-1.1
Greek	3,501	+/-1,671	0.5%	+/-0.2
Hungarian	1,427	+/-493	0.2%	+/-0.1
Irish	87,889	+/-6,510	12.8%	+/-0.9
Italian	24,361	+/-3,325	3.5%	+/-0.5
Lithuanian	563	+/-266	0.1%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	31,732	+/-3,658	4.6%	+/-0.5
Polish	15,612	+/-2,646	2.3%	+/-0.4
Portuguese	3,708	+/-1,388	0.5%	+/-0.2
Russian	6,983	+/-1,639	1.0%	+/-0.2
Scotch-Irish	8,295	+/-1,605	1.2%	+/-0.2
Scottish	21,321	+/-3,222	3.1%	+/-0.5
Slovak	1,369	+/-873	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	4,455	+/-2,278	0.6%	+/-0.3
Swedish	22,242	+/-3,328	3.2%	+/-0.5
Swiss	2,948	+/-965	0.4%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	2,297	+/-1,626	0.3%	+/-0.2
Welsh	7,988	+/-1,628	1.2%	+/-0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	2,639	+/-1,627	0.4%	+/-0.2

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:
·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).
·Starting in 2008, the Scotch-Irish category does not include Irish-Scotch.
·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.
·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.
·Due to a reduction in the Failed Edit Follow-up (FEFU) operation for 4-months in 2008, there was an increase in the amount of missing data and an increase in item allocation rates. For more information see the ACS User Notes.
·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.
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