



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: [2009 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](#).

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	Alaska	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	643,692	+/-1,295
5 to 17 years:	128,731	+/-1,234
Speak only English	107,941	+/-2,384
Speak Spanish:	6,065	+/-1,262
Speak English "very well"	5,741	+/-1,269
Speak English "well"	292	+/-279
Speak English "not well"	32	+/-59
Speak English "not at all"	0	+/-244
Speak other Indo-European languages:	2,726	+/-937
Speak English "very well"	2,358	+/-863
Speak English "well"	207	+/-181
Speak English "not well"	126	+/-162
Speak English "not at all"	35	+/-62
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	5,283	+/-1,040
Speak English "very well"	3,232	+/-958
Speak English "well"	1,813	+/-764
Speak English "not well"	238	+/-232
Speak English "not at all"	0	+/-244
Speak other languages:	6,716	+/-735
Speak English "very well"	4,605	+/-647
Speak English "well"	1,943	+/-376
Speak English "not well"	153	+/-112
Speak English "not at all"	15	+/-24
18 to 64 years:	463,018	+/-1,545
Speak only English	386,238	+/-3,965
Speak Spanish:	19,725	+/-2,382
Speak English "very well"	13,605	+/-1,971
Speak English "well"	4,403	+/-1,644
Speak English "not well"	1,563	+/-689
Speak English "not at all"	154	+/-100
Speak other Indo-European languages:	10,394	+/-1,975
Speak English "very well"	8,028	+/-1,708
Speak English "well"	2,046	+/-897
Speak English "not well"	320	+/-252
Speak English "not at all"	0	+/-244
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	23,370	+/-1,963
Speak English "very well"	9,716	+/-1,852
Speak English "well"	9,558	+/-1,562
Speak English "not well"	3,976	+/-1,114
Speak English "not at all"	120	+/-131
Speak other languages:	23,291	+/-2,021
Speak English "very well"	16,316	+/-1,714
Speak English "well"	5,929	+/-929
Speak English "not well"	924	+/-385
Speak English "not at all"	122	+/-175
65 years and over:	51,943	+/-1,368
Speak only English	43,864	+/-1,025
Speak Spanish:	1,069	+/-405
Speak English "very well"	521	+/-352
Speak English "well"	245	+/-235
Speak English "not well"	177	+/-168
Speak English "not at all"	126	+/-149

Speak other Indo-European languages:	1,092	+/-542
Speak English "very well"	667	+/-383
Speak English "well"	177	+/-200
Speak English "not well"	248	+/-325
Speak English "not at all"	0	+/-244
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	2,839	+/-770
Speak English "very well"	988	+/-572
Speak English "well"	858	+/-536
Speak English "not well"	328	+/-231
Speak English "not at all"	665	+/-400
Speak other languages:	3,079	+/-287
Speak English "very well"	1,229	+/-268
Speak English "well"	985	+/-240
Speak English "not well"	771	+/-203
Speak English "not at all"	94	+/-88

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.

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:

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](#)