

**Alaska****Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2009**

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 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	236,597	+/-2,353	236,597	(X)
Family households (families)	159,940	+/-3,646	67.6%	+/-1.3
With own children under 18 years	79,973	+/-3,388	33.8%	+/-1.4
Married-couple family	119,143	+/-3,324	50.4%	+/-1.3
With own children under 18 years	55,160	+/-2,808	23.3%	+/-1.2
Male householder, no wife present, family	13,780	+/-1,757	5.8%	+/-0.7
With own children under 18 years	7,122	+/-1,247	3.0%	+/-0.5
Female householder, no husband present, family	27,017	+/-2,377	11.4%	+/-1.0
With own children under 18 years	17,691	+/-2,015	7.5%	+/-0.8
Nonfamily households	76,657	+/-3,236	32.4%	+/-1.3
Householder living alone	59,744	+/-3,192	25.3%	+/-1.3
65 years and over	12,607	+/-1,280	5.3%	+/-0.5
Households with one or more people under 18 years	88,388	+/-3,411	37.4%	+/-1.4
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	36,531	+/-1,326	15.4%	+/-0.5
Average household size	2.86	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.43	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	677,036	*****	677,036	(X)
Householder	236,597	+/-2,353	34.9%	+/-0.3
Spouse	119,525	+/-3,327	17.7%	+/-0.5
Child	223,750	+/-4,508	33.0%	+/-0.7
Other relatives	46,157	+/-3,814	6.8%	+/-0.6
Nonrelatives	51,007	+/-4,909	7.5%	+/-0.7
Unmarried partner	17,404	+/-1,890	2.6%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	282,361	+/-1,415	282,361	(X)
Never married	109,419	+/-4,073	38.8%	+/-1.4
Now married, except separated	134,092	+/-4,249	47.5%	+/-1.5
Separated	5,497	+/-1,065	1.9%	+/-0.4
Widowed	4,634	+/-977	1.6%	+/-0.3
Divorced	28,719	+/-2,681	10.2%	+/-0.9
Females 15 years and over	264,163	+/-1,242	264,163	(X)
Never married	76,760	+/-3,188	29.1%	+/-1.2
Now married, except separated	130,689	+/-3,863	49.5%	+/-1.5
Separated	6,248	+/-1,354	2.4%	+/-0.5
Widowed	15,198	+/-1,694	5.8%	+/-0.6
Divorced	35,268	+/-3,358	13.4%	+/-1.3

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FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	13,598	+/-1,882	13,598	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	5,214	+/-1,025	38.3%	+/-6.0
Per 1,000 unmarried women	57	+/-11	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	76	+/-10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	36	+/-15	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	137	+/-21	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	34	+/-10	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	16,036	+/-2,164	16,036	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	7,535	+/-1,755	47.0%	+/-7.6
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	3,131	+/-1,531	19.5%	+/-8.2
1 or 2 years	1,699	+/-711	10.6%	+/-4.2
3 or 4 years	877	+/-531	5.5%	+/-3.3
5 or more years	1,828	+/-498	11.4%	+/-3.4
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	7,535	+/-1,755	7,535	(X)
Who are female	4,625	+/-1,418	61.4%	+/-8.9
Who are married	4,659	+/-1,156	61.8%	+/-13.3
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	193,502	+/-4,723	193,502	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	8,797	+/-1,378	4.5%	+/-0.7
Kindergarten	8,475	+/-1,507	4.4%	+/-0.8
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	79,160	+/-2,387	40.9%	+/-1.5
High school (grades 9-12)	46,146	+/-2,566	23.8%	+/-1.2
College or graduate school	50,924	+/-4,003	26.3%	+/-1.6
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	431,178	+/-2,628	431,178	(X)
Less than 9th grade	13,094	+/-1,689	3.0%	+/-0.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	23,978	+/-2,466	5.6%	+/-0.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	119,495	+/-4,926	27.7%	+/-1.1
Some college, no degree	127,544	+/-5,118	29.6%	+/-1.2
Associate's degree	32,532	+/-2,289	7.5%	+/-0.5
Bachelor's degree	75,816	+/-4,059	17.6%	+/-0.9
Graduate or professional degree	38,719	+/-3,313	9.0%	+/-0.8
Percent high school graduate or higher	91.4%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	26.6%	+/-1.3	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	500,570	+/-2,630	500,570	(X)
Civilian veterans	70,458	+/-3,672	14.1%	+/-0.7
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	678,081	+/-2,615	678,081	(X)
With a disability	78,929	+/-5,777	11.6%	+/-0.8
Under 18 years	183,261	+/-972	183,261	(X)
With a disability	6,887	+/-1,108	3.8%	+/-0.6
18 to 64 years	443,727	+/-3,011	443,727	(X)
With a disability	48,845	+/-5,037	11.0%	+/-1.1
65 years and over	51,093	+/-1,407	51,093	(X)
With a disability	23,197	+/-1,904	45.4%	+/-3.4
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	686,081	+/-1,526	686,081	(X)
Same house	533,134	+/-8,989	77.7%	+/-1.3
Different house in the U.S.	147,477	+/-8,933	21.5%	+/-1.3
Same county	87,814	+/-7,290	12.8%	+/-1.1
Different county	59,663	+/-6,181	8.7%	+/-0.9
Same state	19,237	+/-2,898	2.8%	+/-0.4
Different state	40,426	+/-5,529	5.9%	+/-0.8
Abroad	5,470	+/-1,993	0.8%	+/-0.3

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PLACE OF BIRTH					
Total population	698,473	*****	698,473		(X)
Native	649,624	+/-3,412	93.0%		+/-0.5
Born in United States	633,393	+/-3,798	90.7%		+/-0.5
State of residence	281,461	+/-6,860	40.3%		+/-1.0
Different state	351,932	+/-6,470	50.4%		+/-0.9
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	16,231	+/-2,333	2.3%		+/-0.3
Foreign born	48,849	+/-3,412	7.0%		+/-0.5
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS					
Foreign-born population	48,849	+/-3,412	48,849		(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	25,765	+/-2,628	52.7%		+/-5.2
Not a U.S. citizen	23,084	+/-3,410	47.3%		+/-5.2
YEAR OF ENTRY					
Population born outside the United States	65,080	+/-3,798	65,080		(X)
Native	16,231	+/-2,333	16,231		(X)
Entered 2000 or later	3,990	+/-1,328	24.6%		+/-7.0
Entered before 2000	12,241	+/-1,972	75.4%		+/-7.0
Foreign born	48,849	+/-3,412	48,849		(X)
Entered 2000 or later	17,453	+/-3,312	35.7%		+/-5.5
Entered before 2000	31,396	+/-2,766	64.3%		+/-5.5
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN					
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	48,849	+/-3,412	48,849		(X)
Europe	6,480	+/-1,236	13.3%		+/-2.3
Asia	25,221	+/-1,715	51.6%		+/-3.7
Africa	1,672	+/-990	3.4%		+/-2.0
Oceania	1,265	+/-603	2.6%		+/-1.2
Latin America	11,584	+/-2,300	23.7%		+/-3.9
Northern America	2,627	+/-704	5.4%		+/-1.4
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME					
Population 5 years and over	643,692	+/-1,295	643,692		(X)
English only	538,043	+/-5,168	83.6%		+/-0.8
Language other than English	105,649	+/-4,940	16.4%		+/-0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	38,643	+/-3,294	6.0%		+/-0.5
Spanish	26,859	+/-2,944	4.2%		+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	6,992	+/-2,130	1.1%		+/-0.3
Other Indo-European languages	14,212	+/-2,386	2.2%		+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	3,159	+/-1,004	0.5%		+/-0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	31,492	+/-2,457	4.9%		+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	17,556	+/-2,071	2.7%		+/-0.3
Other languages	33,086	+/-2,345	5.1%		+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	10,936	+/-1,284	1.7%		+/-0.2
ANCESTRY					
Total population	698,473	*****	698,473		(X)
American	22,670	+/-2,880	3.2%		+/-0.4
Arab	326	+/-370	0.0%		+/-0.1
Czech	3,411	+/-1,079	0.5%		+/-0.2
Danish	6,950	+/-2,106	1.0%		+/-0.3
Dutch	15,690	+/-2,910	2.2%		+/-0.4
English	67,755	+/-5,193	9.7%		+/-0.7
French (except Basque)	23,936	+/-3,592	3.4%		+/-0.5
French Canadian	6,541	+/-1,326	0.9%		+/-0.2
German	136,828	+/-7,861	19.6%		+/-1.1
Greek	1,879	+/-841	0.3%		+/-0.1
Hungarian	1,937	+/-956	0.3%		+/-0.1
Irish	92,092	+/-6,597	13.2%		+/-0.9
Italian	28,300	+/-4,591	4.1%		+/-0.7
Lithuanian	653	+/-376	0.1%		+/-0.1
Norwegian	30,366	+/-3,369	4.3%		+/-0.5
Polish	17,239	+/-3,246	2.5%		+/-0.5
Portuguese	2,915	+/-1,570	0.4%		+/-0.2
Russian	10,705	+/-1,988	1.5%		+/-0.3

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	12,674	+/-2,362	1.8%	+/-0.3
Scottish	25,923	+/-4,180	3.7%	+/-0.6
Slovak	943	+/-542	0.1%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	3,109	+/-1,370	0.4%	+/-0.2
Swedish	18,899	+/-2,925	2.7%	+/-0.4
Swiss	2,481	+/-986	0.4%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	1,612	+/-730	0.2%	+/-0.1
Welsh	5,726	+/-1,320	0.8%	+/-0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	2,297	+/-1,131	0.3%	+/-0.2

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:

- 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.
- 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.
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6. An '****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. 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.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

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