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**POPULATION 60 YEARS AND OVER IN THE UNITED STATES  
2010 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates**

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, for 2010, the 2010 Census provides the [official counts of the population and housing units for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns.](#)

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the [Data and Documentation](#) section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the [Methodology](#) section.

Subject	Alaska			
	Total		60 years and over	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total population	713,985	*****	90,709	+/-2,537
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>				
Male	52.2%	+/-0.2	48.9%	+/-1.2
Female	47.8%	+/-0.2	51.1%	+/-1.2
Median age (years)	33.8	+/-0.3	66.6	+/-0.3
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN</b>				
One race	93.0%	+/-0.6	97.7%	+/-0.6
White	67.4%	+/-0.4	77.3%	+/-1.5
Black or African American	3.5%	+/-0.2	1.9%	+/-0.5
American Indian and Alaska Native	14.6%	+/-0.5	11.3%	+/-1.0
Asian	5.5%	+/-0.5	6.4%	+/-1.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1.1%	+/-0.1	0.4%	+/-0.4
Some other race	0.9%	+/-0.2	0.4%	+/-0.3
Two or more races	7.0%	+/-0.6	2.3%	+/-0.6
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	5.7%	+/-0.2	2.0%	+/-0.6
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	64.0%	+/-0.1	76.2%	+/-1.5
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
Population in households	687,633	*****	87,707	+/-2,654
Householder or spouse	55.6%	+/-0.9	88.0%	+/-2.0
Parent	0.7%	+/-0.2	4.1%	+/-1.2
Other relatives	36.4%	+/-0.7	3.8%	+/-1.2
Nonrelatives	7.3%	+/-0.7	4.1%	+/-1.3
Unmarried partner	3.0%	+/-0.3	1.4%	+/-0.7
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
Households	254,610	+/-2,804	55,077	+/-2,392
Family households	67.1%	+/-1.6	56.4%	+/-3.0
Married-couple family	50.3%	+/-1.7	45.7%	+/-3.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	11.3%	+/-0.9	7.0%	+/-1.3
Nonfamily households	32.9%	+/-1.6	43.6%	+/-3.0
Householder living alone	25.0%	+/-1.4	38.6%	+/-3.0
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
Population 15 years and over	558,161	+/-1,252	90,709	+/-2,537
Now married, except separated	49.9%	+/-1.5	56.4%	+/-3.0
Widowed	3.8%	+/-0.3	17.0%	+/-1.7
Divorced	12.5%	+/-1.0	19.4%	+/-2.4
Separated	2.1%	+/-0.3	1.9%	+/-0.8
Never married	31.6%	+/-1.1	5.2%	+/-1.0
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
Population 25 years and over	450,577	+/-1,719	90,709	+/-2,537
Less than high school graduate	9.0%	+/-0.7	14.0%	+/-1.5
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	25.3%	+/-1.0	26.7%	+/-2.1
Some college or associate's degree	37.8%	+/-1.2	31.6%	+/-2.3
Bachelor's degree or higher	27.9%	+/-1.3	27.8%	+/-2.2
<b>RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>				
Population 30 years and over	395,738	+/-1,935	90,709	+/-2,537

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Living with grandchild(ren)	3.5%	+/-0.5	6.8%	+/-1.5
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	1.3%	+/-0.2	2.1%	+/-0.5
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
Civilian population 18 years and over	507,439	+/-1,991	90,623	+/-2,518
Civilian veteran	14.1%	+/-0.8	28.1%	+/-1.6
<b>DISABILITY STATUS</b>				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	689,249	+/-1,872	88,985	+/-2,529
With any disability	10.9%	+/-0.6	31.3%	+/-2.3
No disability	89.1%	+/-0.6	68.7%	+/-2.3
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
Population 1 year and over	702,974	+/-1,600	90,709	+/-2,537
Same house	80.4%	+/-1.1	93.0%	+/-1.3
Different house in the United States	18.8%	+/-1.1	6.4%	+/-1.4
Same county	10.9%	+/-1.0	4.0%	+/-1.1
Different county	8.0%	+/-0.6	2.4%	+/-0.8
Same state	2.8%	+/-0.4	1.0%	+/-0.5
Different state	5.2%	+/-0.5	1.4%	+/-0.7
Abroad	0.8%	+/-0.2	0.6%	+/-0.5
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
Total population	713,985	*****	90,709	+/-2,537
Native	664,666	+/-3,920	81,913	+/-2,356
Foreign born	49,319	+/-3,920	8,796	+/-1,563
Entered 2000 or later	35.1%	+/-4.3	14.9%	+/-6.9
Entered 1990 to 1999	29.7%	+/-3.7	20.1%	+/-7.2
Entered before 1990	35.2%	+/-4.4	64.9%	+/-9.0
Naturalized U.S. citizen	48.9%	+/-4.4	66.5%	+/-8.5
Not a U.S. citizen	51.1%	+/-4.4	33.5%	+/-8.5
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH</b>				
Population 5 years and over	660,403	+/-1,218	90,709	+/-2,537
English only	83.5%	+/-0.8	83.6%	+/-1.6
Language other than English	16.5%	+/-0.8	16.4%	+/-1.6
Speak English less than "very well"	5.7%	+/-0.5	8.3%	+/-1.3
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>				
Population 16 years and over	546,981	+/-1,582	90,709	+/-2,537
In labor force	71.6%	+/-0.9	38.7%	+/-2.3
Civilian labor force	68.3%	+/-0.9	38.6%	+/-2.2
Employed	61.7%	+/-1.0	36.5%	+/-2.3
Unemployed	6.6%	+/-0.5	2.1%	+/-0.7
Percent of civilian labor force	9.6%	+/-0.7	5.3%	+/-1.8
Armed forces	3.3%	+/-0.3	0.1%	+/-0.2
Not in labor force	28.4%	+/-0.9	61.3%	+/-2.3
<b>INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2010 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>				
Households	254,610	+/-2,804	55,077	+/-2,392
With earnings	87.0%	+/-0.9	61.1%	+/-2.7
Mean earnings (dollars)	77,072	+/-2,017	57,357	+/-4,194
With Social Security income	18.2%	+/-0.8	66.2%	+/-2.6
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,252	+/-547	15,250	+/-617
With Supplemental Security Income	4.2%	+/-0.6	7.9%	+/-1.8
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,631	+/-769	8,372	+/-1,556
With cash public assistance income	6.7%	+/-0.7	10.1%	+/-1.6
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,858	+/-419	4,113	+/-811
With retirement income	17.4%	+/-1.1	47.6%	+/-3.3
Mean retirement income (dollars)	30,784	+/-3,831	29,416	+/-2,941
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	10.6%	+/-0.8	7.3%	+/-1.5
<b>POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>				
Population for whom poverty status is determined	696,822	+/-1,573	89,071	+/-2,549
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	9.9%	+/-0.9	6.2%	+/-1.4
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	8.4%	+/-0.8	7.5%	+/-1.1
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	81.6%	+/-1.0	86.3%	+/-1.8
Occupied housing units	254,610	+/-2,804	55,077	+/-2,392
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>				
Owner-occupied housing units	63.9%	+/-1.4	80.0%	+/-2.2
Renter-occupied housing units	36.1%	+/-1.4	20.0%	+/-2.2
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.81	+/-0.05	2.13	+/-0.10

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Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.50	+/-0.08	1.70	+/-0.18
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
No telephone service available	1.7%	+/-0.4	1.6%	+/-0.7
1.01 or more occupants per room	6.2%	+/-0.6	2.7%	+/-0.8
<b>Owner-occupied housing units</b>				
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Less than 30 percent	73.7%	+/-1.6	73.2%	+/-3.4
30 percent or more	26.3%	+/-1.6	26.8%	+/-3.4
<b>OWNER CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
Median value (dollars)	241,400	+/-5,365	234,300	+/-10,474
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	1,772	+/-43	1,481	+/-97
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	499	+/-20	504	+/-22
<b>Renter-occupied housing units</b>				
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Less than 30 percent	58.5%	+/-3.0	48.5%	+/-7.1
30 percent or more	41.5%	+/-3.0	51.5%	+/-7.1
<b>GROSS RENT</b>				
Median gross rent (dollars)	981	+/-21	802	+/-52

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey

**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.

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.

The 60 years and over column of data refers to the age of the householder for the estimates of households, occupied housing units, owner-occupied housing units, and renter-occupied housing units lines.

The age specified on the population 15 years and over, population 25 years and over, population 30 years and over, civilian population 18 years and over, civilian population 5 years and over, population 1 years and over, population 5 years and over, and population 16 years and over lines refer to the data shown in the "Total" column while the second column is limited to the population 60 years and over.

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](#).

The Census Bureau introduced an improved sequence of labor force questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, we recommend using caution when making labor force data comparisons from 2008 or later with data from prior years. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the "Evaluation Report Covering Employment Status" at [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/content\\_test/P6a\\_Employment\\_Status.pdf](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/content_test/P6a_Employment_Status.pdf), and the "Evaluation Report Covering Weeks Worked" at [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/content\\_test/P6b\\_Weeks\\_Worked\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/content_test/P6b_Weeks_Worked_Final_Report.pdf). Additional information can also be found at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/laborfor/laborforce.html>.

While the 2010 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 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.