



S0102 POPULATION 60 YEARS AND OVER IN THE UNITED STATES
2011 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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.

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.

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Subject	Alaska			
	Total		60 years and over	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total population	722,718	*****	96,770	+/-2,507
SEX AND AGE				
Male	51.6%	+/-0.2	49.9%	+/-1.3
Female	48.4%	+/-0.2	50.1%	+/-1.3
Median age (years)	33.9	+/-0.3	67.1	+/-0.4
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN				
One race	91.7%	+/-0.7	98.2%	+/-0.5
White	66.8%	+/-0.4	78.0%	+/-1.2
Black or African American	3.2%	+/-0.3	1.7%	+/-0.6
American Indian and Alaska Native	14.2%	+/-0.5	12.3%	+/-0.8
Asian	5.3%	+/-0.3	5.3%	+/-1.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1.1%	+/-0.1	0.5%	+/-0.4
Some other race	1.2%	+/-0.3	0.3%	+/-0.2
Two or more races	8.3%	+/-0.7	1.8%	+/-0.5
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	5.8%	+/-0.1	2.4%	+/-0.6
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	63.6%	+/-0.1	76.1%	+/-1.2
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	696,365	*****	93,693	+/-2,505
Householder or spouse	55.2%	+/-0.9	90.6%	+/-1.6
Parent	0.6%	+/-0.2	2.3%	+/-0.8
Other relatives	37.2%	+/-0.8	4.6%	+/-1.3
Nonrelatives	7.0%	+/-0.5	2.5%	+/-0.9
Unmarried partner	3.2%	+/-0.3	1.0%	+/-0.5
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Households	257,330	+/-3,380	60,267	+/-2,091
Family households	67.3%	+/-1.5	58.2%	+/-2.7
Married-couple family	49.5%	+/-1.5	46.6%	+/-2.4
Female householder, no husband present, family	11.8%	+/-0.8	7.9%	+/-1.2
Nonfamily households	32.7%	+/-1.5	41.8%	+/-2.7
Householder living alone	25.2%	+/-1.4	37.8%	+/-2.9
MARITAL STATUS				
Population 15 years and over	565,162	+/-1,193	96,770	+/-2,507
Now married, except separated	49.5%	+/-1.3	59.6%	+/-2.4
Widowed	3.8%	+/-0.3	16.1%	+/-1.6
Divorced	12.4%	+/-0.8	17.1%	+/-2.0
Separated	2.1%	+/-0.4	1.5%	+/-0.5
Never married	32.3%	+/-0.9	5.7%	+/-1.0
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	456,862	+/-1,804	96,770	+/-2,507
Less than high school graduate	8.2%	+/-0.6	14.2%	+/-1.5
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	28.1%	+/-1.0	27.0%	+/-2.1
Some college or associate's degree	37.3%	+/-1.2	32.2%	+/-2.1
Bachelor's degree or higher	26.4%	+/-1.3	26.6%	+/-1.9
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Population 30 years and over	399,515	+/-1,588	96,770	+/-2,507
Living with grandchild(ren)	3.8%	+/-0.5	7.3%	+/-1.2
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	1.5%	+/-0.3	2.9%	+/-0.8
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	517,799	+/-1,913	96,770	+/-2,507
Civilian veteran	14.0%	+/-0.7	29.1%	+/-2.1
DISABILITY STATUS				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	699,272	+/-1,868	95,279	+/-2,516
With any disability	10.5%	+/-0.5	33.2%	+/-2.1
No disability	89.5%	+/-0.5	66.8%	+/-2.1
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				

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	Total		60 years and over	
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Population 1 year and over	711,962	+/-1,401	96,770	+/-2,507
Same house	80.3%	+/-1.2	92.7%	+/-1.7
Different house in the United States	19.0%	+/-1.2	7.2%	+/-1.7
Same county	11.4%	+/-1.0	4.5%	+/-1.2
Different county	7.7%	+/-0.7	2.8%	+/-0.9
Same state	2.7%	+/-0.5	1.5%	+/-0.7
Different state	4.9%	+/-0.6	1.3%	+/-0.6
Abroad	0.7%	+/-0.2	0.1%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH, NATIVITY AND CITIZENSHIP STATUS, AND YEAR OF ENTRY				
Total population	722,718	*****	96,770	+/-2,507
Native	671,115	+/-4,006	87,671	+/-2,595
Foreign born	51,603	+/-4,006	9,099	+/-1,354
Entered 2000 or later	38.3%	+/-5.4	11.6%	+/-6.5
Entered 1990 to 1999	25.9%	+/-3.4	17.1%	+/-7.1
Entered before 1990	35.9%	+/-4.6	71.3%	+/-8.1
Naturalized U.S. citizen	51.6%	+/-4.9	73.1%	+/-7.7
Not a U.S. citizen	48.4%	+/-4.9	26.9%	+/-7.7
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH				
Population 5 years and over	668,687	+/-875	96,770	+/-2,507
English only	83.4%	+/-0.8	83.3%	+/-1.5
Language other than English	16.6%	+/-0.8	16.7%	+/-1.5
Speak English less than "very well"	5.1%	+/-0.5	7.4%	+/-1.2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	554,678	+/-1,587	96,770	+/-2,507
In labor force	71.1%	+/-1.0	36.5%	+/-2.1
Civilian labor force	68.1%	+/-1.0	36.5%	+/-2.1
Employed	62.1%	+/-1.0	35.2%	+/-2.0
Unemployed	6.0%	+/-0.5	1.3%	+/-0.4
Percent of civilian labor force	8.8%	+/-0.7	3.5%	+/-1.1
Armed forces	3.0%	+/-0.3	0.0%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	28.9%	+/-1.0	63.5%	+/-2.1
INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2011 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Households	257,330	+/-3,380	60,267	+/-2,091
With earnings	86.1%	+/-0.9	58.7%	+/-2.8
Mean earnings (dollars)	79,350	+/-2,276	64,161	+/-4,196
With Social Security income	19.6%	+/-0.7	65.3%	+/-2.3
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,157	+/-499	14,972	+/-522
With Supplemental Security Income	4.2%	+/-0.6	7.0%	+/-1.3
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,940	+/-764	7,939	+/-1,007
With cash public assistance income	6.1%	+/-0.7	9.3%	+/-1.7
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,005	+/-398	3,429	+/-375
With retirement income	17.2%	+/-1.1	44.8%	+/-2.9
Mean retirement income (dollars)	28,459	+/-1,520	31,381	+/-1,976
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	10.4%	+/-0.9	9.3%	+/-1.5
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Population for whom poverty status is determined	706,860	+/-918	95,279	+/-2,516
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	10.5%	+/-0.8	6.8%	+/-1.1
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	8.4%	+/-1.0	7.5%	+/-1.2
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	81.1%	+/-1.3	85.7%	+/-1.6
Occupied housing units	257,330	+/-3,380	60,267	+/-2,091
HOUSING TENURE				
Owner-occupied housing units	63.1%	+/-1.5	79.4%	+/-2.4
Renter-occupied housing units	36.9%	+/-1.5	20.6%	+/-2.4
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.79	+/-0.05	2.10	+/-0.06
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.57	+/-0.08	1.67	+/-0.16
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
No telephone service available	1.9%	+/-0.4	1.7%	+/-0.6
1.01 or more occupants per room	6.9%	+/-0.7	2.5%	+/-0.8
Owner-occupied housing units	162,312	+/-3,867	47,827	+/-2,049
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Less than 30 percent	74.7%	+/-1.7	76.3%	+/-2.6
30 percent or more	25.3%	+/-1.7	23.7%	+/-2.6
OWNER CHARACTERISTICS				
Median value (dollars)	238,300	+/-5,520	242,100	+/-10,393
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	1,794	+/-37	1,755	+/-93
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	529	+/-17	530	+/-28
Renter-occupied housing units	95,018	+/-4,471	12,440	+/-1,554
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Less than 30 percent	59.4%	+/-2.3	52.2%	+/-6.3
30 percent or more	40.6%	+/-2.3	47.8%	+/-6.3
GROSS RENT				
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,049	+/-37	813	+/-50

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 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.
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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, and the "Evaluation Report Covering Weeks Worked" at 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 2011 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.