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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME
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.

Subject	Alaska					
	Total		Percent of specified language speakers			
			Speak English "very well"		Speak English less than "very well"	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Population 5 years and over	668,687	+/-875	94.9%	+/-0.5	5.1%	+/-0.5
Speak only English	83.4%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English	16.6%	+/-0.8	69.2%	+/-2.6	30.8%	+/-2.6
Spanish or Spanish Creole	3.8%	+/-0.3	78.1%	+/-4.8	21.9%	+/-4.8
Other Indo-European languages	2.7%	+/-0.5	75.9%	+/-8.1	24.1%	+/-8.1
Asian and Pacific Island languages	5.2%	+/-0.3	54.0%	+/-5.2	46.0%	+/-5.2
Other languages	5.0%	+/-0.4	74.6%	+/-2.9	25.4%	+/-2.9
SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH						
Spanish or Spanish Creole	25,183	+/-2,159	78.1%	+/-4.8	21.9%	+/-4.8
5-17 years	4,713	+/-1,532	94.8%	+/-4.3	5.2%	+/-4.3
18-64 years	19,263	+/-1,627	74.8%	+/-5.4	25.2%	+/-5.4
65 years and over	1,207	+/-362	65.4%	+/-15.9	34.6%	+/-15.9
Other Indo-European languages	17,971	+/-3,349	75.9%	+/-8.1	24.1%	+/-8.1
5-17 years	4,197	+/-1,810	73.7%	+/-17.0	26.3%	+/-17.0
18-64 years	12,307	+/-2,155	76.4%	+/-7.2	23.6%	+/-7.2
65 years and over	1,467	+/-532	77.3%	+/-13.6	22.7%	+/-13.6
Asian and Pacific Island languages	34,518	+/-2,017	54.0%	+/-5.2	46.0%	+/-5.2
5-17 years	6,215	+/-1,325	68.2%	+/-13.5	31.8%	+/-13.5
18-64 years	24,780	+/-1,452	53.8%	+/-5.1	46.2%	+/-5.1
65 years and over	3,523	+/-823	31.0%	+/-14.3	69.0%	+/-14.3
Other languages	33,647	+/-2,824	74.6%	+/-2.9	25.4%	+/-2.9
5-17 years	6,228	+/-867	81.0%	+/-5.9	19.0%	+/-5.9
18-64 years	22,858	+/-2,007	76.8%	+/-3.4	23.2%	+/-3.4
65 years and over	4,561	+/-484	55.1%	+/-8.8	44.9%	+/-8.8
CITIZENS 18 YEARS AND OVER						
All citizens 18 years and over	512,974	+/-2,538	96.5%	+/-0.4	3.5%	+/-0.4
Speak only English	86.0%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English	14.0%	+/-0.7	74.8%	+/-2.6	25.2%	+/-2.6
Spanish or Spanish Creole	3.4%	+/-0.3	81.2%	+/-5.8	18.8%	+/-5.8
Other languages	10.6%	+/-0.7	72.8%	+/-2.8	27.2%	+/-2.8
PERCENT IMPUTED						
Language status	2.4%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Language status (speak a language other than English)	2.3%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ability to speak English	2.9%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

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.
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.

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.