

**POPULATION 60 YEARS AND OVER IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**2012 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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		Total		60 years and over	
		Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
	Total population	731,449	*****	103,070	+/-2,491
	<b>SEX AND AGE</b>				
	Male	52.1%	+/-0.2	50.3%	+/-1.1
	Female	47.9%	+/-0.2	49.7%	+/-1.1
	Median age (years)	33.8	+/-0.3	66.8	+/-0.5
	<b>RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN</b>				
	One race	92.0%	+/-0.6	97.1%	+/-0.7
	White	66.5%	+/-0.3	75.5%	+/-1.2
	Black or African American	3.6%	+/-0.2	2.8%	+/-0.7
	American Indian and Alaska Native	14.0%	+/-0.5	11.9%	+/-0.8
	Asian	5.9%	+/-0.3	5.6%	+/-0.8
	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1.1%	+/-0.1	0.6%	+/-0.6
	Some other race	0.9%	+/-0.2	0.7%	+/-0.6
	Two or more races	8.0%	+/-0.6	2.9%	+/-0.7
	Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	6.0%	+/-0.1	2.7%	+/-0.6
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	63.0%	+/-0.1	74.0%	+/-1.2
	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
	Population in households	704,798	*****	99,867	+/-2,582
	Householder or spouse	53.2%	+/-0.7	85.1%	+/-1.9
	Parent	1.4%	+/-0.3	6.4%	+/-1.3
	Other relatives	38.8%	+/-0.6	5.2%	+/-1.5
	Nonrelatives	6.7%	+/-0.5	3.3%	+/-0.9
	Unmarried partner	2.8%	+/-0.3	1.5%	+/-0.5
	<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
	Households	251,651	+/-2,883	59,465	+/-2,228
	Family households	66.1%	+/-1.3	59.1%	+/-2.6
	Married-couple family	49.0%	+/-1.4	48.0%	+/-2.7
	Female householder, no husband present, family	11.8%	+/-1.0	7.5%	+/-1.2
	Nonfamily households	33.9%	+/-1.3	40.9%	+/-2.6
	Householder living alone	26.7%	+/-1.2	37.8%	+/-2.8
	<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
	Population 15 years and over	574,398	+/-969	103,070	+/-2,491
	Now married, except separated	47.7%	+/-1.3	57.2%	+/-2.6
	Widowed	3.8%	+/-0.3	17.0%	+/-1.6
	Divorced	12.4%	+/-0.8	17.8%	+/-1.7
	Separated	2.0%	+/-0.3	1.4%	+/-0.5
	Never married	34.1%	+/-0.8	6.6%	+/-1.2
	<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
	Population 25 years and over	464,594	+/-1,995	103,070	+/-2,491
	Less than high school graduate	8.0%	+/-0.6	11.7%	+/-1.2
	High school graduate, GED, or alternative	28.0%	+/-1.0	26.2%	+/-2.3
	Some college or associate's degree	35.9%	+/-1.0	32.9%	+/-2.2
	Bachelor's degree or higher	28.0%	+/-1.1	29.2%	+/-2.3
	<b>RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>				
	Population 30 years and over	406,914	+/-1,432	103,070	+/-2,491
	Living with grandchild(ren)	4.2%	+/-0.5	7.9%	+/-1.1
	Responsible for grandchild(ren)	1.9%	+/-0.4	2.5%	+/-0.8

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<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
Civilian population 18 years and over	528,429	+/-1,591	103,070	+/-2,491
Civilian veteran	13.6%	+/-0.6	26.4%	+/-2.0
<b>DISABILITY STATUS</b>				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	708,946	+/-1,546	101,648	+/-2,494
With any disability	11.0%	+/-0.6	34.1%	+/-2.2
No disability	89.0%	+/-0.6	65.9%	+/-2.2
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
Population 1 year and over	721,186	+/-1,290	103,070	+/-2,491
Same house	82.2%	+/-1.2	94.3%	+/-1.1
Different house in the United States	17.2%	+/-1.1	5.5%	+/-1.1
Same county	10.2%	+/-0.9	3.6%	+/-0.9
Different county	7.0%	+/-0.7	2.0%	+/-0.6
Same state	2.4%	+/-0.3	0.8%	+/-0.4
Different state	4.6%	+/-0.6	1.1%	+/-0.5
Abroad	0.6%	+/-0.2	0.1%	+/-0.2
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH, NATIVITY AND CITIZENSHIP STATUS, AND YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
Total population	731,449	*****	103,070	+/-2,491
Native	679,136	+/-4,402	92,602	+/-2,620
Foreign born	52,313	+/-4,402	10,468	+/-1,383
Entered 2010 or later	11.7%	+/-5.6	1.2%	+/-1.4
Entered 2000 to 2009	30.2%	+/-4.5	12.5%	+/-6.0
Entered before 2000	58.2%	+/-5.9	86.3%	+/-5.7
Naturalized U.S. citizen	52.2%	+/-4.4	70.0%	+/-7.6
Not a U.S. citizen	47.8%	+/-4.4	30.0%	+/-7.6
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH</b>				
Population 5 years and over	677,515	+/-1,005	103,070	+/-2,491
English only	83.4%	+/-0.8	84.2%	+/-1.5
Language other than English	16.6%	+/-0.8	15.8%	+/-1.5
Speak English less than "very well"	4.8%	+/-0.5	6.9%	+/-1.1
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>				
Population 16 years and over	564,238	+/-1,510	103,070	+/-2,491
In labor force	70.4%	+/-0.8	35.8%	+/-1.8
Civilian labor force	67.6%	+/-0.9	35.8%	+/-1.8
Employed	62.3%	+/-1.0	34.8%	+/-1.8
Unemployed	5.3%	+/-0.5	0.9%	+/-0.3
Percent of civilian labor force	7.8%	+/-0.7	2.6%	+/-0.9
Armed forces	2.8%	+/-0.3	0.0%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	29.6%	+/-0.8	64.2%	+/-1.8
<b>INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>				
Households	251,651	+/-2,883	59,465	+/-2,228
With earnings	86.7%	+/-0.7	58.8%	+/-2.2
Mean earnings (dollars)	80,495	+/-1,990	73,221	+/-5,515
With Social Security income	20.4%	+/-0.9	65.5%	+/-2.5
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,122	+/-456	16,210	+/-543
With Supplemental Security Income	4.6%	+/-0.6	7.7%	+/-1.7
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,990	+/-683	8,944	+/-1,201
With cash public assistance income	6.6%	+/-0.6	9.7%	+/-1.7
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,337	+/-335	3,480	+/-457
With retirement income	18.8%	+/-1.0	46.7%	+/-2.7
Mean retirement income (dollars)	26,071	+/-1,359	28,562	+/-1,874
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	11.4%	+/-0.9	9.9%	+/-1.6
<b>POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>				
Population for whom poverty status is determined	715,608	+/-613	101,648	+/-2,494
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	10.1%	+/-0.7	5.4%	+/-0.9
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	8.3%	+/-0.9	10.1%	+/-1.6
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	81.6%	+/-1.1	84.6%	+/-1.7
Occupied housing units	251,651	+/-2,883	59,465	+/-2,228
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>				
Owner-occupied housing units	63.4%	+/-1.3	82.2%	+/-2.3
Renter-occupied housing units	36.6%	+/-1.3	17.8%	+/-2.3

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Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.91	+/-0.05	2.18	+/-0.08
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.62	+/-0.07	1.73	+/-0.18
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
No telephone service available	2.3%	+/-0.5	2.1%	+/-1.0
1.01 or more occupants per room	6.4%	+/-0.6	2.6%	+/-0.6
Owner-occupied housing units	159,427	+/-3,595	48,888	+/-2,119
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Less than 30 percent	74.4%	+/-1.4	73.7%	+/-2.5
30 percent or more	25.6%	+/-1.4	26.3%	+/-2.5
OWNER CHARACTERISTICS				
Median value (dollars)	245,100	+/-4,271	247,200	+/-9,077
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	1,831	+/-32	1,648	+/-64
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	549	+/-20	570	+/-24
Renter-occupied housing units	92,224	+/-3,507	10,577	+/-1,477
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Less than 30 percent	55.7%	+/-2.9	46.5%	+/-7.4
30 percent or more	44.3%	+/-2.9	53.5%	+/-7.4
GROSS RENT				
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,120	+/-34	867	+/-61

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 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/people/laborforce/>.

Telephone service data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See [Errata Note #93](#) for details.

While the 2012 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.