

SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS 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.

Versions of this table are available for the following years:
2013
2012
2011
2010

Subject	Alaska			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	251,651	+/-2,883	251,651	(X)
Family households (families)	166,400	+/-3,894	66.1%	+/-1.3
With own children under 18 years	82,259	+/-3,610	32.7%	+/-1.3
Married-couple family	123,248	+/-3,766	49.0%	+/-1.4
With own children under 18 years	54,673	+/-2,715	21.7%	+/-1.0
Male householder, no wife present, family	13,531	+/-1,406	5.4%	+/-0.6
With own children under 18 years	7,327	+/-1,172	2.9%	+/-0.5
Female householder, no husband present, family	29,621	+/-2,492	11.8%	+/-1.0
With own children under 18 years	20,259	+/-2,544	8.1%	+/-1.0
Nonfamily households	85,251	+/-3,436	33.9%	+/-1.3
Householder living alone	67,265	+/-3,173	26.7%	+/-1.2
65 years and over	14,983	+/-1,489	6.0%	+/-0.6
Households with one or more people under 18 years	89,989	+/-3,684	35.8%	+/-1.3
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	43,850	+/-1,338	17.4%	+/-0.5
Average household size	2.80	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.44	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	704,798	*****	704,798	(X)
Householder	251,651	+/-2,883	35.7%	+/-0.4
Spouse	123,493	+/-3,606	17.5%	+/-0.5
Child	231,367	+/-5,036	32.8%	+/-0.7
Other relatives	51,387	+/-4,591	7.3%	+/-0.7
Nonrelatives	46,900	+/-3,715	6.7%	+/-0.5
Unmarried partner	19,715	+/-1,960	2.8%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	300,043	+/-1,307	300,043	(X)
Never married	117,582	+/-3,747	39.2%	+/-1.2
Now married, except separated	137,457	+/-4,239	45.8%	+/-1.4
Separated	4,449	+/-1,056	1.5%	+/-0.4
Widowed	5,821	+/-1,034	1.9%	+/-0.3
Divorced	34,734	+/-2,702	11.6%	+/-0.9
Females 15 years and over	274,355	+/-1,371	274,355	(X)
Never married	78,101	+/-3,111	28.5%	+/-1.1
Now married, except separated	136,624	+/-4,134	49.8%	+/-1.5
Separated	6,795	+/-1,679	2.5%	+/-0.6
Widowed	16,279	+/-1,486	5.9%	+/-0.5
Divorced	36,556	+/-3,015	13.3%	+/-1.1
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	10,721	+/-1,462	10,721	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	4,200	+/-1,023	39.2%	+/-7.4
Per 1,000 unmarried women	47	+/-11	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	60	+/-8	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	19	+/-17	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	101	+/-15	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	29	+/-11	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	16,935	+/-1,972	16,935	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	7,768	+/-1,442	45.9%	+/-6.0
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,893	+/-624	11.2%	+/-3.3
1 or 2 years	2,395	+/-1,174	14.1%	+/-6.5
3 or 4 years	1,234	+/-494	7.3%	+/-3.0
5 or more years	2,246	+/-686	13.3%	+/-3.7
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	7,768	+/-1,442	7,768	(X)
Who are female	4,728	+/-1,081	60.9%	+/-6.1
Who are married	5,206	+/-1,108	67.0%	+/-10.8
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	195,535	+/-4,290	195,535	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	10,865	+/-1,440	5.6%	+/-0.7
Kindergarten	10,665	+/-1,512	5.5%	+/-0.8

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Elementary school (grades 1-8)	81,495	+/-2,074	41.7%	+/-1.4
High school (grades 9-12)	40,906	+/-2,277	20.9%	+/-1.1
College or graduate school	51,604	+/-3,866	26.4%	+/-1.5
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	464,594	+/-1,995	464,594	(X)
Less than 9th grade	13,726	+/-1,960	3.0%	+/-0.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	23,460	+/-2,583	5.0%	+/-0.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	130,277	+/-4,634	28.0%	+/-1.0
Some college, no degree	128,720	+/-4,690	27.7%	+/-1.0
Associate's degree	38,287	+/-2,609	8.2%	+/-0.6
Bachelor's degree	79,559	+/-4,131	17.1%	+/-0.9
Graduate or professional degree	50,565	+/-3,325	10.9%	+/-0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	92.0%	+/-0.6
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	28.0%	+/-1.1
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	528,429	+/-1,591	528,429	(X)
Civilian veterans	71,831	+/-3,398	13.6%	+/-0.6
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	708,946	+/-1,546	708,946	(X)
With a disability	77,964	+/-4,091	11.0%	+/-0.6
Under 18 years	187,072	+/-303	187,072	(X)
With a disability	4,638	+/-964	2.5%	+/-0.5
18 to 64 years	460,946	+/-1,786	460,946	(X)
With a disability	48,882	+/-3,637	10.6%	+/-0.8
65 years and over	60,928	+/-1,056	60,928	(X)
With a disability	24,444	+/-1,591	40.1%	+/-2.4
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	721,186	+/-1,290	721,186	(X)
Same house	592,551	+/-8,741	82.2%	+/-1.2
Different house in the U.S.	124,028	+/-8,253	17.2%	+/-1.1
Same county	73,247	+/-6,713	10.2%	+/-0.9
Different county	50,781	+/-5,370	7.0%	+/-0.7
Same state	17,366	+/-2,513	2.4%	+/-0.3
Different state	33,415	+/-4,385	4.6%	+/-0.6
Abroad	4,607	+/-1,235	0.6%	+/-0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	731,449	*****	731,449	(X)
Native	679,136	+/-4,402	92.8%	+/-0.6
Born in United States	662,902	+/-4,957	90.6%	+/-0.7
State of residence	295,280	+/-6,705	40.4%	+/-0.9
Different state	367,622	+/-7,475	50.3%	+/-1.0
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	16,234	+/-2,019	2.2%	+/-0.3
Foreign born	52,313	+/-4,402	7.2%	+/-0.6
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	52,313	+/-4,402	52,313	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	27,288	+/-2,623	52.2%	+/-4.4
Not a U.S. citizen	25,025	+/-3,586	47.8%	+/-4.4
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	68,547	+/-4,957	68,547	(X)
Native	16,234	+/-2,019	16,234	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	548	+/-427	3.4%	+/-2.6
Entered before 2010	15,686	+/-1,997	96.6%	+/-2.6
Foreign born	52,313	+/-4,402	52,313	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	6,103	+/-3,281	11.7%	+/-5.6
Entered before 2010	46,210	+/-3,094	88.3%	+/-5.6
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	52,313	+/-4,402	52,313	(X)
Europe	6,898	+/-1,453	13.2%	+/-2.5
Asia	30,577	+/-3,064	58.5%	+/-3.2
Africa	1,817	+/-904	3.5%	+/-1.7
Oceania	2,148	+/-841	4.1%	+/-1.6
Latin America	8,910	+/-1,722	17.0%	+/-3.0
Northern America	1,963	+/-590	3.8%	+/-1.1
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	677,515	+/-1,005	677,515	(X)
English only	565,366	+/-5,792	83.4%	+/-0.8
Language other than English	112,149	+/-5,666	16.6%	+/-0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	32,450	+/-3,134	4.8%	+/-0.5
Spanish	23,925	+/-2,713	3.5%	+/-0.4

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Speak English less than "very well"	6,731	+/-1,649	1.0%
Other Indo-European languages	14,091	+/-2,913	2.1%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,735	+/-686	0.3%
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	40,522	+/-2,931	6.0%
Speak English less than "very well"	16,854	+/-2,120	2.5%
Other languages	33,611	+/-2,674	5.0%
Speak English less than "very well"	7,130	+/-816	1.1%
ANCESTRY			
Total population	731,449	*****	731,449 (X)
American	34,697	+/-4,035	4.7%
Arab	1,137	+/-937	0.2%
Czech	4,391	+/-1,174	0.6%
Danish	5,544	+/-1,620	0.8%
Dutch	12,034	+/-2,323	1.6%
English	65,872	+/-5,179	9.0%
French (except Basque)	17,942	+/-2,708	2.5%
French Canadian	4,483	+/-1,157	0.6%
German	127,103	+/-6,180	17.4%
Greek	2,316	+/-955	0.3%
Hungarian	3,332	+/-1,519	0.5%
Irish	80,249	+/-6,465	11.0%
Italian	25,994	+/-3,419	3.6%
Lithuanian	879	+/-514	0.1%
Norwegian	26,922	+/-3,455	3.7%
Polish	13,999	+/-1,967	1.9%
Portuguese	3,777	+/-1,593	0.5%
Russian	11,054	+/-1,854	1.5%
Scotch-Irish	8,786	+/-1,594	1.2%
Scottish	19,997	+/-3,228	2.7%
Slovak	1,016	+/-753	0.1%
Subsaharan African	4,842	+/-2,052	0.7%
Swedish	15,158	+/-2,103	2.1%
Swiss	3,979	+/-1,101	0.5%
Ukrainian	1,500	+/-674	0.2%
Welsh	9,105	+/-2,165	1.2%
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	960	+/-686	0.1%

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.

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).

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.

Fertility data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See [Errata Note #92](#) for details.

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](#).

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.