

SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS 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.

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	257,330	+/-3,380	257,330	(X)
Family households (families)	173,279	+/-4,602	67.3%	+/-1.5
With own children under 18 years	86,512	+/-3,943	33.6%	+/-1.4
Married-couple family	127,277	+/-4,123	49.5%	+/-1.5
With own children under 18 years	56,973	+/-3,252	22.1%	+/-1.2
Male householder, no wife present, family	15,744	+/-1,682	6.1%	+/-0.6
With own children under 18 years	10,324	+/-1,527	4.0%	+/-0.6
Female householder, no husband present, family	30,258	+/-2,250	11.8%	+/-0.8
With own children under 18 years	19,215	+/-2,045	7.5%	+/-0.8
Nonfamily households	84,051	+/-3,827	32.7%	+/-1.5
Householder living alone	64,846	+/-3,636	25.2%	+/-1.4
65 years and over	14,864	+/-1,523	5.8%	+/-0.6
Households with one or more people under 18 years	94,781	+/-3,935	36.8%	+/-1.4
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	42,090	+/-1,473	16.4%	+/-0.6
Average household size	2.71	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.25	+/-0.07	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	696,365	*****	696,365	(X)
Householder	257,330	+/-3,380	37.0%	+/-0.5
Spouse	126,798	+/-4,126	18.2%	+/-0.6
Child	221,905	+/-4,422	31.9%	+/-0.6
Other relatives	41,495	+/-4,143	6.0%	+/-0.6
Nonrelatives	48,837	+/-3,596	7.0%	+/-0.5
Unmarried partner	22,112	+/-2,023	3.2%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over				
Never married	105,171	+/-3,936	36.0%	+/-1.3
Now married, except separated	142,537	+/-4,477	48.8%	+/-1.5
Separated	5,827	+/-1,384	2.0%	+/-0.5
Widowed	5,370	+/-1,080	1.8%	+/-0.4
Divorced	33,255	+/-2,789	11.4%	+/-1.0
Females 15 years and over				
Never married	77,471	+/-3,228	28.4%	+/-1.2
Now married, except separated	136,936	+/-4,052	50.2%	+/-1.5
Separated	5,828	+/-1,312	2.1%	+/-0.5
Widowed	15,959	+/-1,220	5.8%	+/-0.5
Divorced	36,808	+/-3,078	13.5%	+/-1.1
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	12,883	+/-2,123	12,883	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	4,573	+/-1,154	35.5%	+/-7.7
Per 1,000 unmarried women	50	+/-13	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	72	+/-12	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	22	+/-12	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	118	+/-20	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	42	+/-20	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	15,120	+/-1,947	15,120	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	6,047	+/-1,001	40.0%	+/-5.6
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,882	+/-804	12.4%	+/-4.8
1 or 2 years	1,117	+/-443	7.4%	+/-2.9
3 or 4 years	873	+/-333	5.8%	+/-2.3
5 or more years	2,175	+/-566	14.4%	+/-4.0
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	6,047	+/-1,001	6,047	(X)
Who are female	3,806	+/-705	62.9%	+/-4.7
Who are married	4,263	+/-905	70.5%	+/-7.6
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	196,240	+/-4,645	196,240	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	9,140	+/-1,394	4.7%	+/-0.7
Kindergarten	10,259	+/-1,208	5.2%	+/-0.6

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Elementary school (grades 1-8)	83,021	+/-1,907	42.3%	+/-1.3
High school (grades 9-12)	42,751	+/-2,061	21.8%	+/-1.0
College or graduate school	51,069	+/-3,794	26.0%	+/-1.4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	456,862	+/-1,804	456,862	(X)
Less than 9th grade	13,994	+/-1,535	3.1%	+/-0.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	23,627	+/-2,428	5.2%	+/-0.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	128,373	+/-4,664	28.1%	+/-1.0
Some college, no degree	136,407	+/-5,441	29.9%	+/-1.2
Associate's degree	34,000	+/-2,884	7.4%	+/-0.6
Bachelor's degree	77,153	+/-3,956	16.9%	+/-0.9
Graduate or professional degree	43,308	+/-3,306	9.5%	+/-0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	91.8%	+/-0.6
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	26.4%	+/-1.3
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	517,799	+/-1,913	517,799	(X)
Civilian veterans	72,407	+/-3,845	14.0%	+/-0.7
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	699,272	+/-1,868	699,272	(X)
With a disability	73,731	+/-3,469	10.5%	+/-0.5
Under 18 years	187,708	+/-459	187,708	(X)
With a disability	5,509	+/-1,414	2.9%	+/-0.8
18 to 64 years	454,580	+/-2,067	454,580	(X)
With a disability	44,003	+/-3,001	9.7%	+/-0.7
65 years and over	56,984	+/-1,124	56,984	(X)
With a disability	24,219	+/-1,752	42.5%	+/-3.0
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	711,962	+/-1,401	711,962	(X)
Same house	571,857	+/-8,892	80.3%	+/-1.2
Different house in the U.S.	135,364	+/-8,618	19.0%	+/-1.2
Same county	80,837	+/-7,416	11.4%	+/-1.0
Different county	54,527	+/-5,336	7.7%	+/-0.7
Same state	19,443	+/-3,529	2.7%	+/-0.5
Different state	35,084	+/-4,168	4.9%	+/-0.6
Abroad	4,741	+/-1,264	0.7%	+/-0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	722,718	*****	722,718	(X)
Native	671,115	+/-4,006	92.9%	+/-0.6
Born in United States	656,034	+/-4,126	90.8%	+/-0.6
State of residence	287,822	+/-6,395	39.8%	+/-0.9
Different state	368,212	+/-6,103	50.9%	+/-0.8
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	15,081	+/-2,369	2.1%	+/-0.3
Foreign born	51,603	+/-4,006	7.1%	+/-0.6
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	51,603	+/-4,006	51,603	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	26,602	+/-2,801	51.6%	+/-4.9
Not a U.S. citizen	25,001	+/-3,535	48.4%	+/-4.9
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	66,684	+/-4,126	66,684	(X)
Native	15,081	+/-2,369	15,081	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	4,104	+/-1,463	27.2%	+/-7.5
Entered before 2000	10,977	+/-1,782	72.8%	+/-7.5
Foreign born	51,603	+/-4,006	51,603	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	19,742	+/-3,599	38.3%	+/-5.4
Entered before 2000	31,861	+/-2,965	61.7%	+/-5.4
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	51,603	+/-4,006	51,603	(X)
Europe	10,905	+/-2,758	21.1%	+/-4.3
Asia	26,822	+/-1,629	52.0%	+/-3.9
Africa	1,633	+/-595	3.2%	+/-1.1
Oceania	1,425	+/-531	2.8%	+/-1.0
Latin America	8,316	+/-1,776	16.1%	+/-3.1
Northern America	2,502	+/-763	4.8%	+/-1.5
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	668,687	+/-875	668,687	(X)
English only	557,368	+/-5,537	83.4%	+/-0.8
Language other than English	111,319	+/-5,264	16.6%	+/-0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	34,257	+/-3,303	5.1%	+/-0.5
Spanish	25,183	+/-2,159	3.8%	+/-0.3

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Speak English less than "very well"	5,513	+/-1,158	0.8%	+/-0.2
Other Indo-European languages	17,971	+/-3,349	2.7%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	4,339	+/-1,833	0.6%	+/-0.3
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	34,518	+/-2,017	5.2%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	15,865	+/-2,087	2.4%	+/-0.3
Other languages	33,647	+/-2,824	5.0%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	8,540	+/-1,223	1.3%	+/-0.2
ANCESTRY				
Total population	722,718	*****	722,718	(X)
American	34,315	+/-4,235	4.7%	+/-0.6
Arab	1,413	+/-1,099	0.2%	+/-0.2
Czech	4,680	+/-1,314	0.6%	+/-0.2
Danish	7,133	+/-1,778	1.0%	+/-0.2
Dutch	12,535	+/-2,490	1.7%	+/-0.3
English	56,722	+/-5,031	7.8%	+/-0.7
French (except Basque)	19,658	+/-2,692	2.7%	+/-0.4
French Canadian	5,881	+/-1,828	0.8%	+/-0.3
German	140,068	+/-8,355	19.4%	+/-1.2
Greek	1,650	+/-1,135	0.2%	+/-0.2
Hungarian	3,079	+/-1,444	0.4%	+/-0.2
Irish	77,544	+/-6,672	10.7%	+/-0.9
Italian	20,926	+/-3,451	2.9%	+/-0.5
Lithuanian	869	+/-449	0.1%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	29,818	+/-3,801	4.1%	+/-0.5
Polish	12,586	+/-2,142	1.7%	+/-0.3
Portuguese	2,168	+/-922	0.3%	+/-0.1
Russian	9,650	+/-2,368	1.3%	+/-0.3
Scotch-Irish	9,958	+/-2,346	1.4%	+/-0.3
Scottish	22,414	+/-2,711	3.1%	+/-0.4
Slovak	1,386	+/-688	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	2,534	+/-984	0.4%	+/-0.1
Swedish	20,513	+/-3,663	2.8%	+/-0.5
Swiss	4,566	+/-1,594	0.6%	+/-0.2
Ukrainian	5,140	+/-2,431	0.7%	+/-0.3
Welsh	5,056	+/-1,071	0.7%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	1,038	+/-763	0.1%	+/-0.1

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.

Starting in 2008, the Scotch-Irish category does not include Irish-Scotch. People who reported Irish-Scotch ancestry are classified under "Other groups," whereas in 2007 and earlier they were classified as Scotch-Irish.

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.

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 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.