

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME
2015 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:

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Subject	Alaska											
	Total		Percent		Percent of specified language speakers							
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Speak English only or speak English "very well"		Percent speak English only or speak English "very well"		Speak English less than "very well"		Percent speak English less than "very well"	
					Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Population 5 years and over	683,671	+/-934	(X)	(X)	649,127	+/-3,499	94.9%	+/-0.5	34,544	+/-3,246	5.1%	+/-0.5
Speak only English	573,242	+/-5,241	83.8%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English	110,429	+/-4,952	16.2%	+/-0.7	75,885	+/-4,393	68.7%	+/-2.6	34,544	+/-3,246	31.3%	+/-2.6
SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH												
Spanish	27,069	+/-3,134	4.0%	+/-0.5	21,080	+/-2,733	77.9%	+/-4.1	5,989	+/-1,258	22.1%	+/-4.1
5 to 17 years old	5,031	+/-1,436	0.7%	+/-0.2	4,494	+/-1,485	89.3%	+/-10.3	537	+/-494	10.7%	+/-10.3
18 to 64 years old	20,902	+/-2,394	3.1%	+/-0.4	15,759	+/-2,282	75.4%	+/-5.8	5,143	+/-1,274	24.6%	+/-5.8
65 years old and over	1,136	+/-454	0.2%	+/-0.1	827	+/-379	72.8%	+/-18.7	309	+/-246	27.2%	+/-18.7
Other Indo-European languages	14,864	+/-2,562	2.2%	+/-0.4	10,987	+/-1,904	73.9%	+/-5.2	3,877	+/-1,117	26.1%	+/-5.2
5 to 17 years old	2,314	+/-801	0.3%	+/-0.1	1,645	+/-695	71.1%	+/-14.0	669	+/-360	28.9%	+/-14.0
18 to 64 years old	11,302	+/-2,087	1.7%	+/-0.3	8,448	+/-1,530	74.7%	+/-6.6	2,854	+/-1,027	25.3%	+/-6.6
65 years old and over	1,248	+/-470	0.2%	+/-0.1	894	+/-395	71.6%	+/-13.2	354	+/-193	28.4%	+/-13.2
Asian and Pacific Island languages	38,150	+/-2,766	5.6%	+/-0.4	21,668	+/-2,475	56.8%	+/-5.4	16,482	+/-2,461	43.2%	+/-5.4
5 to 17 years old	5,165	+/-1,234	0.8%	+/-0.2	3,485	+/-912	67.5%	+/-13.1	1,680	+/-867	32.5%	+/-13.1
18 to 64 years old	29,860	+/-1,964	4.4%	+/-0.3	17,163	+/-2,026	57.5%	+/-5.5	12,697	+/-1,780	42.5%	+/-5.5
65 years old and over	3,125	+/-504	0.5%	+/-0.1	1,020	+/-429	32.6%	+/-11.2	2,105	+/-402	67.4%	+/-11.2
Other languages	30,346	+/-2,278	4.4%	+/-0.3	22,150	+/-1,597	73.0%	+/-2.9	8,196	+/-1,223	27.0%	+/-2.9
5 to 17 years old	4,787	+/-654	0.7%	+/-0.1	3,916	+/-612	81.8%	+/-5.5	871	+/-277	18.2%	+/-5.5
18 to 64 years old	21,401	+/-1,898	3.1%	+/-0.3	15,959	+/-1,332	74.6%	+/-4.2	5,442	+/-1,178	25.4%	+/-4.2
65 years old and over	4,158	+/-447	0.6%	+/-0.1	2,275	+/-360	54.7%	+/-6.6	1,883	+/-343	45.3%	+/-6.6
CITIZENS 18 YEARS AND OVER												
All citizens 18 years old and over	528,248	+/-2,368	(X)	(X)	509,096	+/-3,057	96.4%	+/-0.4	19,152	+/-1,908	3.6%	+/-0.4
Speak only English	455,374	+/-4,090	86.2%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English	72,874	+/-3,683	13.8%	+/-0.7	53,722	+/-3,453	73.7%	+/-2.5	19,152	+/-1,908	26.3%	+/-2.5
Spanish	19,183	+/-2,246	3.6%	+/-0.4	15,388	+/-2,187	80.2%	+/-4.9	3,795	+/-943	19.8%	+/-4.9
Other languages	53,691	+/-2,925	10.2%	+/-0.5	38,334	+/-2,670	71.4%	+/-2.5	15,357	+/-1,454	28.6%	+/-2.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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.

Due to methodological changes to data collection that began in data year 2013, comparisons of language estimates from that point to estimates from 2013 forward should be made with caution. For more information, see: [Language User Note](#).

While the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 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 2010 data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.