SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS IN THE UNITED STATES
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:

2015
2014
2013
2012
2011
2010

Subject	Alaska			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	250,185	+/-2,685	250,185	(X)
Family households (families)	163,800	+/-3,113	65.5%	+/-1.3
With own children of the householder under 18 years	77,964	+/-3,627	31.2%	+/-1.4
Married-couple family	120,348	+/-2,954	48.1%	+/-1.2
With own children of the householder under 18 years	50,683	+/-3,115	20.3%	+/-1.3
Male householder, no wife present, family	15,109	+/-1,531	6.0%	+/-0.6
With own children of the householder under 18 years	9,074	+/-1,129	3.6%	+/-0.5
Female householder, no husband present, family	28,343	+/-2,222	11.3%	+/-0.9
With own children of the householder under 18 years	18,207	+/-2,062	7.3%	+/-0.8
Nonfamily households	86,385	+/-3,614	34.5%	+/-1.3
Householder living alone	66,763	+/-3,764	26.7%	+/-1.4
65 years and over	16,148	+/-1,528	6.5%	+/-0.6
Households with one or more people under 18 years	86,148	+/-3,619	34.4%	+/-1.4
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	50,223	+/-1,520	20.1%	+/-0.6
Average household size	2.84	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.46	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	710,491	*****	710,491	(X)
Householder	250,185	+/-2,685	35.2%	+/-0.4
Spouse	120,615	+/-2,989	17.0%	+/-0.4
Child	229,540	+/-5,092	32.3%	+/-0.7
Other relatives	52,872	+/-4,444	7.4%	+/-0.6
Nonrelatives	57,279	+/-4,467	8.1%	+/-0.6
Unmarried partner	19,062	+/-1,866	2.7%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	308,121	+/-1,381	308,121	(X)
Never married	124,335	+/-3,516	40.4%	+/-1.1
Now married, except separated	142,350	+/-3,596	46.2%	+/-1.2
Separated	5,134	+/-949	1.7%	+/-0.3
Widowed	5,558	+/-1,048	1.8%	+/-0.3
Divorced	30,744	+/-2,583	10.0%	+/-0.8
Females 15 years and over	274,498	+/-1,421	274,498	(X)
Never married	83,760	+/-3,301	30.5%	+/-1.2
Now married, except separated	132,358	+/-3,876	48.2%	+/-1.4
Separated	6,248	+/-1,326	2.3%	+/-0.5
Widowed	15,735	+/-1,634	5.7%	+/-0.6
Divorced	36,397	+/-2,542	13.3%	+/-0.9
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	11,144	+/-1,545	11,144	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	3,542	+/-929	31.8%	+/-7.0
Per 1,000 unmarried women	38	+/-10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	64	+/-9	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	22	+/-14	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	110	+/-16	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	25	+/-9	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	17,976	+/-1,926	17,976	(X)
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	6,458	+/-1,004	35.9%	+/-5.6
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,853	+/-649	10.3%	+/-3.5
1 or 2 years	1,692	+/-639	9.4%	+/-3.6
3 or 4 years	380	+/-170	2.1%	+/-1.0
5 or more years	2,533	+/-537	14.1%	+/-3.1
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	6,458	+/-1,004	6,458	(X)
Who are female	3,436	+/-593	53.2%	+/-4.0
Who are married	4,778	+/-931	74.0%	+/-5.8
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	189,880	+/-4,176	189,880	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	10,764	+/-1,273	5.7%	+/-0.6
Kindergarten	10,324	+/-1,443	5.4%	+/-0.7
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	75,593	+/-2,277	39.8%	+/-1.4
High school (grades 9-12)	41,805	+/-2,163	22.0%	+/-1.1
College or graduate school	51,394	+/-3,379	27.1%	+/-1.4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				

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Population 25 years and over	469,523	+/-1,628	469,523	(X)
Less than 9th grade	12,121	+/-1,640	2.6%	+/-0.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	22,495	+/-2,238	4.8%	+/-0.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	128,052	+/-4,768	27.3%	+/-1.0
Some college, no degree	129,326	+/-4,152	27.5%	+/-0.9
Associate's degree	38,113	+/-3,276	8.1%	+/-0.7
Bachelor's degree	87,869	+/-4,250	18.7%	+/-0.9
Graduate or professional degree	51,547	+/-3,230	11.0%	+/-0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	92.6%	+/-0.6
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	29.7%	+/-1.0
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	534,293	+/-1,841	534,293	(X)
Civilian veterans	66,785	+/-3,354	12.5%	+/-0.6
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	713,082	+/-1,787	713,082	(X)
With a disability	82,744	+/-4,197	11.6%	+/-0.6
Under 18 years	185,917	+/-591	185,917	(X)
With a disability	7,943	+/-1,456	4.3%	+/-0.8
18 to 64 years	457,079	+/-2,180	457,079	(X)
With a disability	47,039	+/-3,275	10.3%	+/-0.7
65 years and over	70,086	+/-1,161	70,086	(X)
With a disability	27,762	+/-1,715	39.6%	+/-2.4
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	727,862	+/-1,356	727,862	(X)
Same house	582,909	+/-9,527	80.1%	+/-1.3
Different house in the U.S.	140,465	+/-9,525	19.3%	+/-1.3
Same county	86,474	+/-8,425	11.9%	+/-1.2
Different county	53,991	+/-5,139	7.4%	+/-0.7
Same state	19,295	+/-2,193	2.7%	+/-0.3
Different state	34,696	+/-4,503	4.8%	+/-0.6
Abroad	4,488	+/-1,282	0.6%	+/-0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	738,432	*****	738,432	(X)
Native	679,888	+/-4,089	92.1%	+/-0.6
Born in United States	663,601	+/-4,479	89.9%	+/-0.6
State of residence	308,448	+/-8,050	41.8%	+/-1.1
Different state	355,153	+/-7,455	48.1%	+/-1.0
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	16,287	+/-2,410	2.2%	+/-0.3
Foreign born	58,544	+/-4,089	7.9%	+/-0.6
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	58,544	+/-4,089	58,544	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	32,367	+/-3,081	55.3%	+/-3.5
Not a U.S. citizen	26,177	+/-2,740	44.7%	+/-3.5
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	74,831	+/-4,479	74,831	(X)
Native	16,287	+/-2,410	16,287	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	2,910	+/-1,131	17.9%	+/-6.0
Entered before 2010	13,377	+/-2,066	82.1%	+/-6.0
Foreign born	58,544	+/-4,089	58,544	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	10,396	+/-1,606	17.8%	+/-2.4
Entered before 2010	48,148	+/-3,607	82.2%	+/-2.4
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	58,544	+/-4,089	58,544	(X)
Europe	9,045	+/-1,828	15.4%	+/-2.8
Asia	32,697	+/-2,328	55.9%	+/-3.5
Africa	2,545	+/-1,380	4.3%	+/-2.2
Oceania	1,102	+/-591	1.9%	+/-1.0
Latin America	10,556	+/-2,138	18.0%	+/-3.3
Northern America	2,599	+/-713	4.4%	+/-1.2
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	683,671	+/-934	683,671	(X)
English only	573,242	+/-5,241	83.8%	+/-0.7
Language other than English	110,429	+/-4,952	16.2%	+/-0.7
Speak English less than "very well"	34,544	+/-3,246	5.1%	+/-0.5
Spanish	27,069	+/-3,134	4.0%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	5,989	+/-1,258	0.9%	+/-0.2
Other Indo-European languages	14,864	+/-2,562	2.2%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	3,877	+/-1,117	0.6%	+/-0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	38,150	+/-2,766	5.6%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	16,482	+/-2,461	2.4%	+/-0.4
Other languages	30,346	+/-2,278	4.4%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	8,196	+/-1,223	1.2%	+/-0.2
ANCESTRY				

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Total population	738,432	*****	738,432	(X)
American	33,347	+/-4,622	4.5%	+/-0.6
Arab	665	+/-346	0.1%	+/-0.1
Czech	3,503	+/-1,133	0.5%	+/-0.2
Danish	4,204	+/-905	0.6%	+/-0.1
Dutch	9,531	+/-1,932	1.3%	+/-0.3
English	55,731	+/-4,619	7.5%	+/-0.6
French (except Basque)	21,204	+/-2,622	2.9%	+/-0.4
French Canadian	6,531	+/-1,742	0.9%	+/-0.2
German	121,197	+/-5,934	16.4%	+/-0.8
Greek	2,847	+/-1,334	0.4%	+/-0.2
Hungarian	2,063	+/-795	0.3%	+/-0.1
Irish	67,447	+/-5,492	9.1%	+/-0.7
Italian	22,043	+/-3,420	3.0%	+/-0.5
Lithuanian	1,399	+/-1,182	0.2%	+/-0.2
Norwegian	24,692	+/-3,329	3.3%	+/-0.5
Polish	17,013	+/-2,698	2.3%	+/-0.4
Portuguese	2,182	+/-992	0.3%	+/-0.1
Russian	8,916	+/-1,965	1.2%	+/-0.3
Scotch-Irish	9,735	+/-1,773	1.3%	+/-0.2
Scottish	17,820	+/-2,233	2.4%	+/-0.3
Slovak	654	+/-550	0.1%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	6,092	+/-2,753	0.8%	+/-0.4
Swedish	14,922	+/-2,283	2.0%	+/-0.3
Swiss	3,271	+/-1,049	0.4%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	4,099	+/-1,764	0.6%	+/-0.2
Welsh	5,653	+/-1,373	0.8%	+/-0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	834	+/-460	0.1%	+/-0.1
COMPUTERS AND INTERNET USE				
Total Households	250,185	+/-2,685	250,185	(X)
With a computer	231,202	+/-2,914	92.4%	+/-0.7
With a broadband Internet subscription	204,385	+/-3,683	81.7%	+/-1.3

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.

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.

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.

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 category "with a broadband Internet subscription" refers to those who said "Yes" to a DSL, cable, fiberoptic, mobile broadband, satellite, or fixed wireless subscription.

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.