

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME
2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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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	689,399	+/-797	(X)	(X)	652,595	+/-3,705	94.7%	+/-0.5	36,804	+/-3,586	5.3%	+/-0.5
Speak only English	575,378	+/-5,869	83.5%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English	114,021	+/-5,766	16.5%	+/-0.8	77,217	+/-4,982	67.7%	+/-2.7	36,804	+/-3,586	32.3%	+/-2.7
SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH												
Spanish	25,759	+/-3,411	3.7%	+/-0.5	17,513	+/-2,303	68.0%	+/-7.3	8,246	+/-2,528	32.0%	+/-7.3
5 to 17 years old	3,972	+/-1,196	0.6%	+/-0.2	2,903	+/-1,064	73.1%	+/-17.0	1,069	+/-769	26.9%	+/-17.0
18 to 64 years old	20,874	+/-2,797	3.0%	+/-0.4	13,867	+/-1,827	66.4%	+/-7.2	7,007	+/-2,070	33.6%	+/-7.2
65 years old and over	913	+/-424	0.1%	+/-0.1	743	+/-400	81.4%	+/-16.8	170	+/-156	18.6%	+/-16.8
Other Indo-European languages	16,803	+/-2,838	2.4%	+/-0.4	14,068	+/-2,456	83.7%	+/-5.2	2,735	+/-1,009	16.3%	+/-5.2
5 to 17 years old	2,401	+/-998	0.3%	+/-0.1	2,282	+/-992	95.0%	+/-4.6	119	+/-99	5.0%	+/-4.6
18 to 64 years old	12,662	+/-2,457	1.8%	+/-0.4	10,439	+/-2,045	82.4%	+/-5.7	2,223	+/-878	17.6%	+/-5.7
65 years old and over	1,740	+/-749	0.3%	+/-0.1	1,347	+/-693	77.4%	+/-16.5	393	+/-299	22.6%	+/-16.5
Asian and Pacific Island languages	39,391	+/-3,081	5.7%	+/-0.4	20,572	+/-2,864	52.2%	+/-5.3	18,819	+/-2,336	47.8%	+/-5.3
5 to 17 years old	5,264	+/-1,346	0.8%	+/-0.2	4,251	+/-1,325	80.8%	+/-11.8	1,013	+/-646	19.2%	+/-11.8
18 to 64 years old	30,607	+/-2,262	4.4%	+/-0.3	15,674	+/-2,325	51.2%	+/-6.2	14,933	+/-2,048	48.8%	+/-6.2
65 years old and over	3,520	+/-660	0.5%	+/-0.1	647	+/-348	18.4%	+/-10.3	2,873	+/-717	81.6%	+/-10.3
Other languages	32,068	+/-2,445	4.7%	+/-0.4	25,064	+/-2,329	78.2%	+/-3.2	7,004	+/-1,077	21.8%	+/-3.2
5 to 17 years old	5,700	+/-851	0.8%	+/-0.1	4,651	+/-757	81.6%	+/-7.0	1,049	+/-451	18.4%	+/-7.0
18 to 64 years old	21,459	+/-1,946	3.1%	+/-0.3	17,227	+/-1,746	80.3%	+/-3.2	4,232	+/-756	19.7%	+/-3.2
65 years old and over	4,909	+/-692	0.7%	+/-0.1	3,186	+/-737	64.9%	+/-7.8	1,723	+/-320	35.1%	+/-7.8
CITIZENS 18 YEARS AND OVER												
All citizens 18 years old and over	531,845	+/-3,219	(X)	(X)	511,980	+/-3,349	96.3%	+/-0.5	19,865	+/-2,715	3.7%	+/-0.5
Speak only English	455,697	+/-4,874	85.7%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English	76,148	+/-4,562	14.3%	+/-0.8	56,283	+/-3,722	73.9%	+/-3.0	19,865	+/-2,715	26.1%	+/-3.0
Spanish	17,314	+/-2,201	3.3%	+/-0.4	13,178	+/-1,660	76.1%	+/-7.7	4,136	+/-1,624	23.9%	+/-7.7
Other languages	58,834	+/-3,995	11.1%	+/-0.7	43,105	+/-3,431	73.3%	+/-3.0	15,729	+/-2,084	26.7%	+/-3.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 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.

While the 2016 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.