

SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS IN THE UNITED STATES
2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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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:

2016
2015
2014
2013
2012
2011
2010

Subject	Alaska			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	248,468	+/-2,841	248,468	(X)
Family households (families)	164,102	+/-4,083	66.0%	+/-1.5
With own children of the householder under 18 years	76,055	+/-3,280	30.6%	+/-1.3
Married-couple family	122,168	+/-3,732	49.2%	+/-1.5
With own children of the householder under 18 years	52,831	+/-2,937	21.3%	+/-1.2
Male householder, no wife present, family	14,394	+/-1,737	5.8%	+/-0.7
With own children of the householder under 18 years	7,964	+/-1,322	3.2%	+/-0.5
Female householder, no husband present, family	27,540	+/-2,382	11.1%	+/-0.9
With own children of the householder under 18 years	15,260	+/-1,806	6.1%	+/-0.7
Nonfamily households	84,366	+/-4,018	34.0%	+/-1.5
Householder living alone	62,482	+/-3,477	25.1%	+/-1.4
65 years and over	17,849	+/-1,767	7.2%	+/-0.7
Households with one or more people under 18 years	85,742	+/-3,346	34.5%	+/-1.4
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	53,342	+/-1,534	21.5%	+/-0.6
Average household size	2.87	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.45	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	714,068	*****	714,068	(X)
Householder	248,468	+/-2,841	34.8%	+/-0.4
Spouse	121,833	+/-3,778	17.1%	+/-0.5
Child	231,173	+/-5,311	32.4%	+/-0.7
Other relatives	48,579	+/-4,580	6.8%	+/-0.6
Nonrelatives	64,015	+/-4,925	9.0%	+/-0.7
Unmarried partner	22,101	+/-1,965	3.1%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	307,284	+/-1,996	307,284	(X)
Never married	124,922	+/-3,884	40.7%	+/-1.2
Now married, except separated	141,805	+/-4,009	46.1%	+/-1.3
Separated	5,196	+/-1,215	1.7%	+/-0.4
Widowed	5,596	+/-1,005	1.8%	+/-0.3
Divorced	29,765	+/-2,548	9.7%	+/-0.8
Females 15 years and over	277,386	+/-2,129	277,386	(X)
Never married	85,832	+/-3,203	30.9%	+/-1.1
Now married, except separated	135,750	+/-4,547	48.9%	+/-1.6
Separated	5,364	+/-1,149	1.9%	+/-0.4
Widowed	14,861	+/-1,435	5.4%	+/-0.5
Divorced	35,579	+/-3,036	12.8%	+/-1.1
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	9,728	+/-1,473	9,728	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	3,340	+/-851	34.3%	+/-6.6
Per 1,000 unmarried women	35	+/-9	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	55	+/-8	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	13	+/-6	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	94	+/-16	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	24	+/-7	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	16,460	+/-2,221	16,460	(X)
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	6,874	+/-1,417	41.8%	+/-7.6
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,282	+/-579	7.8%	+/-3.5
1 or 2 years	916	+/-384	5.6%	+/-2.3
3 or 4 years	1,403	+/-661	8.5%	+/-4.1

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5 or more years	3,273	+/-931	19.9%	+/-4.9
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	6,874	+/-1,417	6.874	(X)
Who are female	3,939	+/-742	57.3%	+/-5.7
Who are married	5,560	+/-1,360	80.9%	+/-6.0
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	187,359	+/-4,358	187,359	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	10,070	+/-1,328	5.4%	+/-0.7
Kindergarten	8,488	+/-1,159	4.5%	+/-0.6
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	83,788	+/-2,033	44.7%	+/-1.4
High school (grades 9-12)	41,622	+/-2,409	22.2%	+/-1.3
College or graduate school	43,391	+/-3,990	23.2%	+/-1.7
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	478,951	+/-1,792	478,951	(X)
Less than 9th grade	10,392	+/-1,761	2.2%	+/-0.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	22,585	+/-1,782	4.7%	+/-0.4
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	133,928	+/-4,871	28.0%	+/-1.0
Some college, no degree	129,650	+/-5,031	27.1%	+/-1.0
Associate's degree	40,819	+/-3,685	8.5%	+/-0.8
Bachelor's degree	90,861	+/-4,162	19.0%	+/-0.9
Graduate or professional degree	50,716	+/-3,438	10.6%	+/-0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	93.1%	+/-0.5
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	29.6%	+/-1.1
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	538,882	+/-1,796	538,882	(X)
Civilian veterans	65,814	+/-3,622	12.2%	+/-0.7
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	718,419	+/-1,649	718,419	(X)
With a disability	87,152	+/-4,534	12.1%	+/-0.6
Under 18 years	186,839	+/-591	186,839	(X)
With a disability	7,335	+/-1,294	3.9%	+/-0.7
18 to 64 years	457,184	+/-2,276	457,184	(X)
With a disability	50,330	+/-3,788	11.0%	+/-0.8
65 years and over	74,396	+/-1,042	74,396	(X)
With a disability	29,487	+/-2,324	39.6%	+/-3.0
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	731,760	+/-1,282	731,760	(X)
Same house	593,897	+/-7,921	81.2%	+/-1.1
Different house in the U.S.	131,304	+/-7,396	17.9%	+/-1.0
Same county	78,966	+/-6,119	10.8%	+/-0.8
Different county	52,338	+/-4,482	7.2%	+/-0.6
Same state	21,038	+/-2,800	2.9%	+/-0.4
Different state	31,300	+/-3,641	4.3%	+/-0.5
Abroad	6,559	+/-1,959	0.9%	+/-0.3
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	741,894	*****	741,894	(X)
Native	684,530	+/-4,460	92.3%	+/-0.6
Born in United States	664,942	+/-4,475	89.6%	+/-0.6
State of residence	301,971	+/-6,699	40.7%	+/-0.9
Different state	362,971	+/-7,072	48.9%	+/-1.0
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	19,588	+/-2,463	2.6%	+/-0.3
Foreign born	57,364	+/-4,460	7.7%	+/-0.6
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	57,364	+/-4,460	57,364	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	32,772	+/-3,526	57.1%	+/-5.0
Not a U.S. citizen	24,592	+/-3,640	42.9%	+/-5.0
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	76,952	+/-4,475	76,952	(X)
Native	19,588	+/-2,463	19,588	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	4,437	+/-1,995	22.7%	+/-8.5
Entered before 2010	15,151	+/-1,796	77.3%	+/-8.5

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Foreign born	57,364	+/-4,460	57,364	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	13,845	+/-2,827	24.1%	+/-4.2
Entered before 2010	43,519	+/-3,755	75.9%	+/-4.2
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	57,364	+/-4,460	57,364	(X)
Europe	7,711	+/-1,642	13.4%	+/-2.5
Asia	33,156	+/-2,836	57.8%	+/-3.7
Africa	1,513	+/-730	2.6%	+/-1.3
Oceania	1,343	+/-615	2.3%	+/-1.1
Latin America	11,375	+/-2,716	19.8%	+/-4.1
Northern America	2,266	+/-1,070	4.0%	+/-1.8
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	689,399	+/-797	689,399	(X)
English only	575,378	+/-5,869	83.5%	+/-0.8
Language other than English	114,021	+/-5,766	16.5%	+/-0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	36,804	+/-3,586	5.3%	+/-0.5
Spanish	25,759	+/-3,411	3.7%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	8,246	+/-2,528	1.2%	+/-0.4
Other Indo-European languages	16,803	+/-2,838	2.4%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	2,735	+/-1,009	0.4%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	39,391	+/-3,081	5.7%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	18,819	+/-2,336	2.7%	+/-0.3
Other languages	32,068	+/-2,445	4.7%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	7,004	+/-1,077	1.0%	+/-0.2
ANCESTRY				
Total population	741,894	*****	741,894	(X)
American	26,193	+/-3,924	3.5%	+/-0.5
Arab	2,006	+/-943	0.3%	+/-0.1
Czech	3,362	+/-1,290	0.5%	+/-0.2
Danish	4,892	+/-1,412	0.7%	+/-0.2
Dutch	10,536	+/-1,911	1.4%	+/-0.3
English	58,936	+/-5,295	7.9%	+/-0.7
French (except Basque)	20,895	+/-3,210	2.8%	+/-0.4
French Canadian	5,321	+/-1,434	0.7%	+/-0.2
German	108,811	+/-7,193	14.7%	+/-1.0
Greek	3,804	+/-1,454	0.5%	+/-0.2
Hungarian	1,872	+/-910	0.3%	+/-0.1
Irish	70,790	+/-4,933	9.5%	+/-0.7
Italian	20,779	+/-3,078	2.8%	+/-0.4
Lithuanian	953	+/-379	0.1%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	24,996	+/-3,264	3.4%	+/-0.4
Polish	15,702	+/-2,859	2.1%	+/-0.4
Portuguese	1,691	+/-830	0.2%	+/-0.1
Russian	8,722	+/-1,670	1.2%	+/-0.2
Scotch-Irish	9,889	+/-1,837	1.3%	+/-0.2
Scottish	20,063	+/-2,840	2.7%	+/-0.4
Slovak	1,135	+/-615	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	2,807	+/-959	0.4%	+/-0.1
Swedish	17,945	+/-3,024	2.4%	+/-0.4
Swiss	3,009	+/-1,084	0.4%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	1,648	+/-651	0.2%	+/-0.1
Welsh	6,600	+/-1,543	0.9%	+/-0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	1,890	+/-970	0.3%	+/-0.1
COMPUTERS AND INTERNET USE				
Total households	248,468	+/-2,841	248,468	(X)
With a computer	233,222	+/-2,964	93.9%	+/-0.7
With a broadband Internet subscription	213,002	+/-3,456	85.7%	+/-1.1

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.

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](#).

The category "with a broadband Internet subscription" refers to those who said "Yes" to at least one of the following types of Internet subscriptions: Broadband such as cable, fiber optic, or DSL; a cellular data plan; satellite; or a fixed wireless subscription.

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.