

CHILDREN CHARACTERISTICS
2017 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 [Technical 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.

Alaska

Subject	Total		In married-couple family household		In male householder, no wife present, family household		In female householder, no husband present, family household	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
	Children under 18 years in households	184,438	+/-386	130,676	+/-4,229	15,619	+/-2,263	36,893
AGE								
Under 6 years	34.9%	+/-1.1	36.5%	+/-1.6	31.7%	+/-5.4	30.4%	+/-3.4
6 to 11 years	33.3%	+/-1.3	33.9%	+/-1.7	34.1%	+/-5.2	30.9%	+/-3.3
12 to 17 years	31.8%	+/-1.4	29.6%	+/-1.5	34.2%	+/-6.0	38.7%	+/-3.8
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN								
One race	84.0%	+/-1.6	85.8%	+/-1.8	79.7%	+/-7.2	79.5%	+/-4.2
White	53.6%	+/-1.1	60.6%	+/-2.1	43.0%	+/-6.9	34.1%	+/-4.9
Black or African American	2.1%	+/-0.8	1.6%	+/-0.7	0.8%	+/-1.3	4.5%	+/-2.7
American Indian and Alaska Native	19.1%	+/-1.5	14.1%	+/-2.1	29.9%	+/-5.6	31.1%	+/-4.1
Asian	6.5%	+/-0.7	6.6%	+/-1.6	5.0%	+/-3.1	7.0%	+/-4.6
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1.6%	+/-0.2	2.1%	+/-0.4	0.0%	+/-0.6	0.6%	+/-1.0
Some other race	1.1%	+/-0.7	0.8%	+/-0.8	1.2%	+/-1.4	2.2%	+/-2.1
Two or more races	16.0%	+/-1.6	14.2%	+/-1.8	20.3%	+/-7.2	20.5%	+/-4.2
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	9.3%	+/-0.1	9.4%	+/-1.1	9.5%	+/-4.6	9.1%	+/-3.2
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	48.9%	+/-0.4	55.4%	+/-1.7	40.0%	+/-7.1	30.2%	+/-4.6
RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLDER								
Own child (biological, step or adopted)	87.4%	+/-1.8	92.3%	+/-1.5	79.4%	+/-5.7	76.5%	+/-5.1
Grandchild	7.4%	+/-1.2	5.0%	+/-1.0	12.2%	+/-4.4	14.3%	+/-3.9
Other relatives	2.1%	+/-0.6	1.2%	+/-0.6	5.1%	+/-2.7	3.9%	+/-1.4
Foster child or other unrelated child	3.1%	+/-0.9	1.4%	+/-0.6	3.3%	+/-2.1	5.4%	+/-3.5
NATIVITY								
Native	97.3%	+/-0.7	97.4%	+/-0.9	98.5%	+/-1.7	96.6%	+/-2.0
Foreign born	2.7%	+/-0.7	2.6%	+/-0.9	1.5%	+/-1.7	3.4%	+/-2.0
PRESENCE OF OTHER ADULTS								
Unmarried partner of householder present	9.9%	+/-1.8	(X)	(X)	41.3%	+/-7.9	30.2%	+/-6.7
DISABILITY STATUS								
Civilian children under 18 years in households	184,438	+/-386	130,676	+/-4,229	15,619	+/-2,263	36,893	+/-4,133
With any disability	3.1%	+/-0.7	2.3%	+/-0.7	5.8%	+/-3.0	4.8%	+/-1.5
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT								
Children 3 to 17 years in households	152,057	+/-1,898	106,289	+/-4,023	13,169	+/-2,122	31,645	+/-3,634
Enrolled in school	133,506	+/-2,276	91,745	+/-3,672	12,214	+/-1,973	28,714	+/-3,526
Public	88.8%	+/-1.6	85.5%	+/-2.2	97.4%	+/-1.7	95.6%	+/-2.3
Private	11.2%	+/-1.6	14.5%	+/-2.2	2.6%	+/-1.7	4.4%	+/-2.3
Not enrolled in school	18,551	+/-2,168	14,544	+/-2,063	955	+/-289	2,931	+/-820

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Versions of this table are available for the following years:

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MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2017 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS) FOR FAMILIES WITH OWN CHILDREN								
Median income (dollars)	79,352	+/-4,879	100,499	+/-5,023	53,554	+/-9,761	35,232	+/-6,312
Children under 18 years in households	184,438	+/-386	130,676	+/-4,229	15,619	+/-2,263	36,893	+/-4,133
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS								
Children living in households with Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance income, or Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	22.4%	+/-2.5	16.8%	+/-2.8	28.2%	+/-6.1	39.9%	+/-6.2
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS								
Children in households for whom poverty status is determined	179,806	+/-1,549	129,083	+/-4,194	15,171	+/-2,199	35,245	+/-3,931
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	14.8%	+/-2.5	8.9%	+/-2.8	23.1%	+/-6.4	32.1%	+/-6.2
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	85.2%	+/-2.5	91.1%	+/-2.8	76.9%	+/-6.4	67.9%	+/-6.2
HOUSING TENURE								
Children under 18 years in occupied housing units	184,438	+/-386	130,676	+/-4,229	15,619	+/-2,263	36,893	+/-4,133
In owner-occupied housing units	63.7%	+/-2.6	68.6%	+/-3.5	54.1%	+/-7.3	50.4%	+/-6.4
In renter-occupied housing units	36.3%	+/-2.6	31.4%	+/-3.5	45.9%	+/-7.3	49.6%	+/-6.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 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.

Foreign born excludes people born outside the United States to a parent who is a U.S. citizen.

Excludes householders, spouses, and unmarried partners.

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](#).

Public assistance includes receipt of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance income, or Food Stamps.

While the 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the July 2015 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delineations 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 delineations due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

Estimates of urban and rural populations, 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.