

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME
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.

Versions of this table are available for the following years:
2017
2016
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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	686,876	+/-844	(X)	(X)	653,491	+/-4,556	95.1%	+/-0.6	33,385	+/-4,372	4.9%	+/-0.6
Speak only English	577,422	+/-5,800	84.1%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English	109,454	+/-5,775	15.9%	+/-0.8	76,069	+/-4,642	69.5%	+/-3.3	33,385	+/-4,372	30.5%	+/-3.3
SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH												
Spanish	19,892	+/-2,779	2.9%	+/-0.4	15,136	+/-2,293	76.1%	+/-6.5	4,756	+/-1,552	23.9%	+/-6.5
5 to 17 years old	2,956	+/-881	0.4%	+/-0.1	2,432	+/-819	82.3%	+/-13.5	524	+/-431	17.7%	+/-13.5
18 to 64 years old	15,403	+/-2,172	2.2%	+/-0.3	11,681	+/-1,801	75.8%	+/-7.1	3,722	+/-1,298	24.2%	+/-7.1
65 years old and over	1,533	+/-644	0.2%	+/-0.1	1,023	+/-472	66.7%	+/-18.4	510	+/-380	33.3%	+/-18.4
Other Indo-European languages	15,829	+/-2,995	2.3%	+/-0.4	12,944	+/-2,485	81.8%	+/-5.6	2,885	+/-1,118	18.2%	+/-5.6
5 to 17 years old	2,695	+/-809	0.4%	+/-0.1	2,468	+/-818	91.6%	+/-8.6	227	+/-223	8.4%	+/-8.6
18 to 64 years old	10,840	+/-2,279	1.6%	+/-0.3	9,119	+/-1,917	84.1%	+/-5.8	1,721	+/-780	15.9%	+/-5.8
65 years old and over	2,294	+/-761	0.3%	+/-0.1	1,357	+/-497	59.2%	+/-18.3	937	+/-614	40.8%	+/-18.3
Asian and Pacific Island languages	40,744	+/-3,618	5.9%	+/-0.5	20,356	+/-2,688	50.0%	+/-6.6	20,388	+/-3,659	50.0%	+/-6.6
5 to 17 years old	6,470	+/-1,936	0.9%	+/-0.3	3,769	+/-1,473	58.3%	+/-26.7	2,701	+/-2,175	41.7%	+/-26.7
18 to 64 years old	30,113	+/-2,382	4.4%	+/-0.3	15,218	+/-1,883	50.5%	+/-5.2	14,895	+/-2,054	49.5%	+/-5.2
65 years old and over	4,161	+/-771	0.6%	+/-0.1	1,369	+/-553	32.9%	+/-12.7	2,792	+/-784	67.1%	+/-12.7
Other languages	32,989	+/-3,666	4.8%	+/-0.5	27,633	+/-3,050	83.8%	+/-3.2	5,356	+/-1,312	16.2%	+/-3.2
5 to 17 years old	5,972	+/-1,615	0.9%	+/-0.2	5,489	+/-1,493	91.9%	+/-6.4	483	+/-417	8.1%	+/-6.4
18 to 64 years old	22,526	+/-2,586	3.3%	+/-0.4	18,933	+/-2,067	84.0%	+/-3.8	3,593	+/-1,054	16.0%	+/-3.8
65 years old and over	4,491	+/-553	0.7%	+/-0.1	3,211	+/-591	71.5%	+/-6.6	1,280	+/-263	28.5%	+/-6.6
CITIZENS 18 YEARS AND OVER												
All citizens 18 years old and over	531,653	+/-3,005	(X)	(X)	513,974	+/-3,459	96.7%	+/-0.4	17,679	+/-2,228	3.3%	+/-0.4
Speak only English	460,445	+/-4,561	86.6%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English	71,208	+/-4,208	13.4%	+/-0.8	53,529	+/-3,618	75.2%	+/-2.7	17,679	+/-2,228	24.8%	+/-2.7
Spanish	14,866	+/-2,160	2.8%	+/-0.4	12,064	+/-1,944	81.2%	+/-5.9	2,802	+/-972	18.8%	+/-5.9
Other languages	56,342	+/-3,426	10.6%	+/-0.6	41,465	+/-2,828	73.6%	+/-3.0	14,877	+/-2,033	26.4%	+/-3.0

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.

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.