

**SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-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			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
Total households	252,536	+/-1,271	252,536	(X)
Family households (families)	168,265	+/-1,656	66.6%	+/-0.6
With own children of the householder under 18 years	80,061	+/-1,212	31.7%	+/-0.5
Married-couple family	126,503	+/-1,643	50.1%	+/-0.6
With own children of the householder under 18 years	55,373	+/-1,171	21.9%	+/-0.4
Male householder, no wife present, family	14,809	+/-671	5.9%	+/-0.3
With own children of the householder under 18 years	8,498	+/-553	3.4%	+/-0.2
Female householder, no husband present, family	26,953	+/-909	10.7%	+/-0.4
With own children of the householder under 18 years	16,190	+/-790	6.4%	+/-0.3
Nonfamily households	84,271	+/-1,565	33.4%	+/-0.6
Householder living alone	64,344	+/-1,488	25.5%	+/-0.6
65 years and over	17,166	+/-640	6.8%	+/-0.3
Households with one or more people under 18 years	88,703	+/-1,135	35.1%	+/-0.4
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	52,020	+/-637	20.6%	+/-0.2
Average household size	2.81	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.39	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
Population in households	710,743	*****	710,743	(X)
Householder	252,536	+/-1,271	35.5%	+/-0.2
Spouse	126,458	+/-1,552	17.8%	+/-0.2
Child	227,117	+/-2,269	32.0%	+/-0.3
Other relatives	48,632	+/-2,058	6.8%	+/-0.3
Nonrelatives	56,000	+/-2,176	7.9%	+/-0.3
Unmarried partner	20,528	+/-932	2.9%	+/-0.1
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
Males 15 years and over	305,887	+/-348	305,887	(X)
Never married	116,830	+/-1,453	38.2%	+/-0.5
Now married, except separated	146,636	+/-1,782	47.9%	+/-0.6
Separated	4,561	+/-438	1.5%	+/-0.1
Widowed	5,870	+/-428	1.9%	+/-0.1
Divorced	31,990	+/-1,286	10.5%	+/-0.4
Females 15 years and over	276,266	+/-337	276,266	(X)
Never married	81,506	+/-1,443	29.5%	+/-0.5
Now married, except separated	137,984	+/-1,728	49.9%	+/-0.6
Separated	5,595	+/-480	2.0%	+/-0.2
Widowed	15,837	+/-712	5.7%	+/-0.3
Divorced	35,344	+/-1,179	12.8%	+/-0.4
<b>FERTILITY</b>				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	10,582	+/-662	10,582	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	2,983	+/-284	28.2%	+/-2.3
Per 1,000 unmarried women	33	+/-3	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	61	+/-4	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	18	+/-5	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	102	+/-6	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	28	+/-4	(X)	(X)

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<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	16,925	+/-866	16,925	(X)
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	7,006	+/-570	41.4%	+/-2.6
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,867	+/-317	11.0%	+/-1.8
1 or 2 years	1,508	+/-288	8.9%	+/-1.6
3 or 4 years	900	+/-225	5.3%	+/-1.3
5 or more years	2,731	+/-297	16.1%	+/-1.7
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	7,006	+/-570	7,006	(X)
Who are female	4,043	+/-349	57.7%	+/-2.4
Who are married	5,332	+/-518	76.1%	+/-3.4
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	189,481	+/-1,991	189,481	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	10,269	+/-640	5.4%	+/-0.3
Kindergarten	10,363	+/-666	5.5%	+/-0.4
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	80,045	+/-1,048	42.2%	+/-0.6
High school (grades 9-12)	41,069	+/-818	21.7%	+/-0.4
College or graduate school	47,735	+/-1,604	25.2%	+/-0.6
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
Population 25 years and over	475,442	+/-375	475,442	(X)
Less than 9th grade	12,656	+/-769	2.7%	+/-0.2
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	23,521	+/-929	4.9%	+/-0.2
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	131,293	+/-1,763	27.6%	+/-0.4
Some college, no degree	129,941	+/-2,363	27.3%	+/-0.5
Associate's degree	40,210	+/-1,323	8.5%	+/-0.3
Bachelor's degree	88,308	+/-2,025	18.6%	+/-0.4
Graduate or professional degree	49,513	+/-1,478	10.4%	+/-0.3
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	92.4%	+/-0.2
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	29.0%	+/-0.5
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
Civilian population 18 years and over	535,290	+/-655	535,290	(X)
Civilian veterans	67,004	+/-1,677	12.5%	+/-0.3
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	714,038	+/-670	714,038	(X)
With a disability	83,410	+/-1,696	11.7%	+/-0.2
Under 18 years	185,776	+/-227	185,776	(X)
With a disability	6,856	+/-523	3.7%	+/-0.3
18 to 64 years	455,069	+/-776	455,069	(X)
With a disability	47,784	+/-1,498	10.5%	+/-0.3
65 years and over	73,193	+/-300	73,193	(X)
With a disability	28,770	+/-795	39.3%	+/-1.1
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
Population 1 year and over	728,411	+/-568	728,411	(X)
Same house	591,240	+/-3,489	81.2%	+/-0.5
Different house in the U.S.	131,111	+/-3,452	18.0%	+/-0.5
Same county	79,592	+/-2,945	10.9%	+/-0.4
Different county	51,519	+/-2,402	7.1%	+/-0.3
Same state	18,741	+/-1,401	2.6%	+/-0.2
Different state	32,778	+/-1,909	4.5%	+/-0.3
Abroad	6,060	+/-780	0.8%	+/-0.1
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>				
Total population	738,565	*****	738,565	(X)
Native	682,522	+/-1,669	92.4%	+/-0.2
Born in United States	664,787	+/-1,911	90.0%	+/-0.3
State of residence	306,965	+/-3,341	41.6%	+/-0.5
Different state	357,822	+/-3,439	48.4%	+/-0.5

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Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	17,735	+/-1,169	2.4%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	56,043	+/-1,670	7.6%	+/-0.2
<b>U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>				
Foreign-born population	56,043	+/-1,670	56,043	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	31,836	+/-1,177	56.8%	+/-2.0
Not a U.S. citizen	24,207	+/-1,500	43.2%	+/-2.0
<b>YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
Population born outside the United States	73,778	+/-1,911	73,778	(X)
<b>Native</b>				
Entered 2010 or later	2,993	+/-629	16.9%	+/-3.1
Entered before 2010	14,742	+/-986	83.1%	+/-3.1
<b>Foreign born</b>				
Entered 2010 or later	10,325	+/-916	18.4%	+/-1.4
Entered before 2010	45,718	+/-1,400	81.6%	+/-1.4
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	56,043	+/-1,670	56,043	(X)
Europe	8,558	+/-703	15.3%	+/-1.1
Asia	31,240	+/-903	55.7%	+/-1.5
Africa	2,136	+/-570	3.8%	+/-1.0
Oceania	1,569	+/-368	2.8%	+/-0.6
Latin America	9,848	+/-836	17.6%	+/-1.2
Northern America	2,692	+/-364	4.8%	+/-0.7
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>				
Population 5 years and over	684,298	+/-142	684,298	(X)
English only	574,744	+/-2,334	84.0%	+/-0.3
Language other than English	109,554	+/-2,330	16.0%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	34,359	+/-1,401	5.0%	+/-0.2
Spanish	23,226	+/-1,391	3.4%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	6,160	+/-712	0.9%	+/-0.1
Other Indo-European languages	16,154	+/-1,228	2.4%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	3,663	+/-523	0.5%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	37,499	+/-1,283	5.5%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	18,416	+/-1,045	2.7%	+/-0.2
Other languages	32,675	+/-1,212	4.8%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	6,120	+/-579	0.9%	+/-0.1
<b>ANCESTRY</b>				
Total population	738,565	*****	738,565	(X)
American	29,418	+/-1,895	4.0%	+/-0.3
Arab	1,220	+/-221	0.2%	+/-0.1
Czech	3,185	+/-460	0.4%	+/-0.1
Danish	5,676	+/-727	0.8%	+/-0.1
Dutch	12,027	+/-1,115	1.6%	+/-0.2
English	58,735	+/-2,018	8.0%	+/-0.3
French (except Basque)	19,995	+/-1,301	2.7%	+/-0.2
French Canadian	5,973	+/-683	0.8%	+/-0.1
German	112,511	+/-2,602	15.2%	+/-0.4
Greek	2,286	+/-459	0.3%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	2,045	+/-373	0.3%	+/-0.1
Irish	72,256	+/-2,184	9.8%	+/-0.3
Italian	19,687	+/-1,219	2.7%	+/-0.2
Lithuanian	1,088	+/-330	0.1%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	25,845	+/-1,198	3.5%	+/-0.2
Polish	15,938	+/-1,068	2.2%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	1,993	+/-412	0.3%	+/-0.1
Russian	9,542	+/-1,080	1.3%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	9,445	+/-1,023	1.3%	+/-0.1
Scottish	17,705	+/-1,174	2.4%	+/-0.2
Slovak	684	+/-174	0.1%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	4,060	+/-965	0.5%	+/-0.1
Swedish	16,735	+/-1,094	2.3%	+/-0.1
Swiss	3,095	+/-501	0.4%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	2,931	+/-553	0.4%	+/-0.1

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Welsh	5,870	+/-632	0.8%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	1,541	+/-389	0.2%	+/-0.1
COMPUTERS AND INTERNET USE				
Total households	252,536	+/-1,271	252,536	(X)
With a computer	233,425	+/-1,275	92.4%	+/-0.3
With a broadband Internet subscription	209,236	+/-1,522	82.9%	+/-0.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-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.

Methodological changes to data collection in 2013 may have affected language data for 2013. Users should be aware of these changes when using 2013 data or multi-year data containing data from 2013. 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](#).

Data about computer and Internet use were collected by asking respondents to select "Yes" or "No" to each type of computer and each type of Internet subscription. Therefore, respondents were able to select more than one type of computer and more than one type of Internet subscription.

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.

An Internet "subscription" refers to a type of service that someone pays for to access the Internet such as a cellular data plan, broadband such as cable, fiber optic or DSL, or other type of service. This will normally refer to a service that someone is billed for directly for Internet alone or sometimes as part of a bundle.

"With a computer" includes those who said "Yes" to at least one of the following types of computers: Desktop or laptop; smartphone; tablet or other portable wireless computer; or some other type of computer.

In 2016, changes were made to the computer and Internet use questions, involving the wording as well as the response options. A crosswalk was used to map pre-2016 data to the post-2016 categories, enabling creation of 5-year data. For more detailed information about the 2016 changes, see the 2016 American Community Survey Content Test Report for Computer and Internet Use located at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/methodology/content-test.htm> or the user note regarding changes in the 2016 questions located at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation/user-notes.html>. For more detailed information about the crosswalk, see the user note regarding the crosswalk located at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation/user-notes.html>.

While the 2013-2017 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 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.