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SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS IN THE UNITED STATES

2010 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, for 2010, the 2010 Census provides the official counts of the population and housing units for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns.

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	Estimate	Estimate Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	114,567,419	+/-163,249	114,567,419	(X)
Family households (families)	76,089,045	+/-141,318	66.4%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	34,031,758	+/-85,177	29.7%	+/-0.1
Married-couple family	55,704,781	+/-151,621	48.6%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	22,924,853	+/-85,871	20.0%	+/-0.1
Male householder, no wife present, family	5,385,788	+/-41,922	4.7%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	2,585,091	+/-29,148	2.3%	+/-0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	14,998,476	+/-60,796	13.1%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	8,521,814	+/-52,252	7.4%	+/-0.1
Nonfamily households	38,478,374	+/-96,945	33.6%	+/-0.1
Householder living alone	31,403,342	+/-104,608	27.4%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	10,908,469	+/-53,782	9.5%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	37,895,042	+/-81,717	33.1%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	28,455,263	+/-57,918	24.8%	+/-0.1
Average household size	2.63	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.23	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	301,362,366	*****	301,362,366	(X)
Householder	114,567,419	+/-163,249	38.0%	+/-0.1
Spouse	55,680,099	+/-148,586	18.5%	+/-0.1
Child	92,136,494	+/-127,601	30.6%	+/-0.1
Other relatives	21,610,953	+/-135,012	7.2%	+/-0.1
Nonrelatives	17,367,401	+/-148,811	5.8%	+/-0.1
Unmarried partner	6,792,607	+/-41,525	2.3%	+/-0.1
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	120,742,609	+/-25,786	120,742,609	(X)
Never married	42,741,179	+/-100,944	35.4%	+/-0.1
Now married, except separated	61,022,288	+/-135,207	50.5%	+/-0.1

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Separated	2,269,129	+/-28,534	1.9%	+/-0.1
Widowed	3,076,524	+/-27,380	2.5%	+/-0.1
Divorced	11,633,489	+/-59,432	9.6%	+/-0.1
Females 15 years and over	127,313,337	+/-27,921	127,313,337	(X)
Never married	36,898,838	+/-85,983	29.0%	+/-0.1
Now married, except separated	59,921,913	+/-131,587	47.1%	+/-0.1
Separated	3,232,503	+/-30,007	2.5%	+/-0.1
Widowed	11,867,843	+/-41,775	9.3%	+/-0.1
Divorced	15,392,240	+/-50,758	12.1%	+/-0.1
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,168,720	+/-39,147	4,168,720	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,501,872	+/-23,440	36.0%	+/-0.4
Per 1,000 unmarried women	37	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	55	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	26	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	98	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	24	+/-1	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	7,010,181	+/-61,714	7,010,181	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	2,738,300	+/-34,601	39.1%	+/-0.3
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	610,937	+/-15,389	8.7%	+/-0.2
1 or 2 years	684,997	+/-18,706	9.8%	+/-0.2
3 or 4 years	454,184	+/-14,696	6.5%	+/-0.2
5 or more years	988,182	+/-17,100	14.1%	+/-0.2
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	2,738,300	+/-34,601	2,738,300	(X)
Who are female	1,724,246	+/-22,926	63.0%	+/-0.3
Who are married	1,918,581	+/-31,205	70.1%	+/-0.5
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	82,724,222	+/-89,374	82,724,222	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	4,949,546	+/-37,799	6.0%	+/-0.1
Kindergarten	4,182,694	+/-32,333	5.1%	+/-0.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	32,905,277	+/-48,809	39.8%	+/-0.1
High school (grades 9-12)	17,235,496	+/-43,364	20.8%	+/-0.1
College or graduate school	23,451,209	+/-76,529	28.3%	+/-0.1
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	204,288,933	+/-73,003	204,288,933	(X)
Less than 9th grade	12,452,952	+/-65,958	6.1%	+/-0.1
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	17,010,063	+/-71,713	8.3%	+/-0.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	58,225,602	+/-122,051	28.5%	+/-0.1
Some college, no degree	43,469,168	+/-101,814	21.3%	+/-0.1
Associate's degree	15,553,106	+/-65,380	7.6%	+/-0.1
Bachelor's degree	36,244,474	+/-119,630	17.7%	+/-0.1
Graduate or professional degree	21,333,568	+/-96,706	10.4%	+/-0.1
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	85.6%	+/-0.1
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	28.2%	+/-0.1
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	234,137,287	+/-29,961	234,137,287	(X)
Civilian veterans	21,798,077	+/-63,662	9.3%	+/-0.1

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	304,287,836	+/-15,169	304,287,836	(X)
With a disability	36,354,712	+/-101,731	11.9%	+/-0.1
Under 18 years				
Under 18 years	74,017,524	+/-32,680	74,017,524	(X)
With a disability	2,954,635	+/-36,749	4.0%	+/-0.1
18 to 64 years				
18 to 64 years	191,138,060	+/-27,917	191,138,060	(X)
With a disability	19,048,426	+/-72,658	10.0%	+/-0.1
65 years and over				
65 years and over	39,132,252	+/-22,473	39,132,252	(X)
With a disability	14,351,651	+/-46,080	36.7%	+/-0.1
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	305,628,607	+/-29,823	305,628,607	(X)
Same house	258,552,348	+/-236,128	84.6%	+/-0.1
Different house in the U.S.	45,326,114	+/-222,388	14.8%	+/-0.1
Same county	28,850,018	+/-197,369	9.4%	+/-0.1
Different county	16,476,096	+/-116,383	5.4%	+/-0.1
Same state	9,732,867	+/-92,019	3.2%	+/-0.1
Different state	6,743,229	+/-69,387	2.2%	+/-0.1
Abroad	1,750,145	+/-36,993	0.6%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	309,349,689	*****	309,349,689	(X)
Native	269,393,835	+/-115,157	87.1%	+/-0.1
Born in United States	265,166,046	+/-113,575	85.7%	+/-0.1
State of residence	181,747,947	+/-164,433	58.8%	+/-0.1
Different state	83,418,099	+/-144,037	27.0%	+/-0.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	4,227,789	+/-46,435	1.4%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	39,955,854	+/-115,157	12.9%	+/-0.1
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	39,955,854	+/-115,157	39,955,854	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	17,476,082	+/-81,705	43.7%	+/-0.2
Not a U.S. citizen	22,479,772	+/-120,443	56.3%	+/-0.2
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	44,183,643	+/-113,575	44,183,643	(X)
Native				
Native	4,227,789	+/-46,435	4,227,789	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	1,017,308	+/-23,761	24.1%	+/-0.4
Entered before 2000	3,210,481	+/-36,752	75.9%	+/-0.4
Foreign born				
Foreign born	39,955,854	+/-115,157	39,955,854	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	13,863,080	+/-99,490	34.7%	+/-0.2
Entered before 2000	26,092,774	+/-91,271	65.3%	+/-0.2
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	39,955,673	+/-115,146	39,955,673	(X)
Europe	4,817,437	+/-43,994	12.1%	+/-0.1
Asia	11,283,574	+/-46,957	28.2%	+/-0.1
Africa	1,606,914	+/-32,680	4.0%	+/-0.1
Oceania	216,736	+/-10,114	0.5%	+/-0.1
Latin America	21,224,087	+/-89,776	53.1%	+/-0.1
Northern America	806,925	+/-15,810	2.0%	+/-0.1

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	289,215,746	+/-20,568	289,215,746	(X)
English only	229,673,150	+/-131,558	79.4%	+/-0.1
Language other than English	59,542,596	+/-126,136	20.6%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	25,223,045	+/-93,479	8.7%	+/-0.1
Spanish	36,995,602	+/-84,138	12.8%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	16,523,718	+/-84,110	5.7%	+/-0.1
Other Indo-European languages	10,666,771	+/-84,288	3.7%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	3,440,904	+/-43,673	1.2%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	9,340,583	+/-57,117	3.2%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	4,471,496	+/-36,987	1.5%	+/-0.1
Other languages	2,539,640	+/-39,541	0.9%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	786,927	+/-22,463	0.3%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	309,349,689	*****	309,349,689	(X)
American	19,975,875	+/-105,096	6.5%	+/-0.1
Arab	1,646,371	+/-36,587	0.5%	+/-0.1
Czech	1,525,187	+/-25,310	0.5%	+/-0.1
Danish	1,375,506	+/-24,059	0.4%	+/-0.1
Dutch	4,645,131	+/-40,097	1.5%	+/-0.1
English	25,926,451	+/-117,804	8.4%	+/-0.1
French (except Basque)	8,761,496	+/-55,528	2.8%	+/-0.1
French Canadian	2,042,808	+/-28,673	0.7%	+/-0.1
German	47,901,779	+/-110,936	15.5%	+/-0.1
Greek	1,315,775	+/-29,760	0.4%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	1,501,736	+/-28,060	0.5%	+/-0.1
Irish	34,669,616	+/-132,430	11.2%	+/-0.1
Italian	17,235,941	+/-89,274	5.6%	+/-0.1
Lithuanian	660,071	+/-18,202	0.2%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	4,470,081	+/-44,484	1.4%	+/-0.1
Polish	9,569,207	+/-81,176	3.1%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	1,405,909	+/-27,954	0.5%	+/-0.1
Russian	2,971,599	+/-42,579	1.0%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	3,257,161	+/-37,878	1.1%	+/-0.1
Scottish	5,460,679	+/-50,422	1.8%	+/-0.1
Slovak	762,030	+/-17,141	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	2,789,129	+/-44,560	0.9%	+/-0.1
Swedish	4,088,555	+/-36,876	1.3%	+/-0.1
Swiss	961,380	+/-20,027	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	939,746	+/-23,848	0.3%	+/-0.1
Welsh	1,793,356	+/-25,237	0.6%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	2,624,392	+/-41,889	0.8%	+/-0.1

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.

Starting in 2008, the Scotch-Irish category does not include Irish-Scotch. People who reported Irish-Scotch ancestry are classified under "Other groups," whereas in 2007 and earlier they were classified as Scotch-Irish.

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.

While the 2010 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 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 2000 data. Boundaries for urban areas have not been updated since Census 2000. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey

Explanation of Symbols:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
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6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. 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.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.