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2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-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, 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.

Subject	Rensselaer County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	63,995	+/-662	63,995	(X)
Family households (families)	39,416	+/-749	61.6%	+/-1.3
With own children under 18 years	16,195	+/-618	25.3%	+/-1.0
Married-couple family	28,987	+/-749	45.3%	+/-1.3
With own children under 18 years	10,218	+/-517	16.0%	+/-0.8
Male householder, no wife present, family	2,660	+/-372	4.2%	+/-0.6
With own children under 18 years	1,187	+/-260	1.9%	+/-0.4
Female householder, no husband present, family	7,769	+/-508	12.1%	+/-0.8
With own children under 18 years	4,790	+/-438	7.5%	+/-0.7
Nonfamily households	24,579	+/-930	38.4%	+/-1.3
Householder living alone	19,093	+/-843	29.8%	+/-1.2
65 years and over	6,335	+/-427	9.9%	+/-0.6
Households with one or more people under 18 years	17,721	+/-606	27.7%	+/-0.9
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	16,098	+/-322	25.2%	+/-0.5
Average household size	2.40	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.01	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	153,706	+/-536	153,706	(X)

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Householder	63,995	+/-662	41.6%	+/-0.4
Spouse	28,959	+/-764	18.8%	+/-0.5
Child	43,830	+/-878	28.5%	+/-0.5
Other relatives	6,463	+/-762	4.2%	+/-0.5
Nonrelatives	10,459	+/-657	6.8%	+/-0.4
Unmarried partner	5,571	+/-402	3.6%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	65,102	+/-34	65,102	(X)
Never married	25,867	+/-604	39.7%	+/-0.9
Now married, except separated	30,984	+/-797	47.6%	+/-1.2
Separated	1,051	+/-193	1.6%	+/-0.3
Widowed	2,020	+/-258	3.1%	+/-0.4
Divorced	5,180	+/-449	8.0%	+/-0.7
Females 15 years and over	67,625	+/-32	67,625	(X)
Never married	22,043	+/-619	32.6%	+/-0.9
Now married, except separated	30,095	+/-814	44.5%	+/-1.2
Separated	2,055	+/-328	3.0%	+/-0.5
Widowed	6,267	+/-440	9.3%	+/-0.7
Divorced	7,165	+/-508	10.6%	+/-0.8
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,680	+/-263	1,680	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	780	+/-202	46.4%	+/-9.1
Per 1,000 unmarried women	35	+/-9	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	44	+/-7	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	22	+/-12	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	87	+/-15	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	10	+/-5	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	2,437	+/-445	2,437	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	1,072	+/-304	44.0%	+/-7.8
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	188	+/-88	7.7%	+/-3.4
1 or 2 years	283	+/-149	11.6%	+/-5.2
3 or 4 years	160	+/-102	6.6%	+/-4.0
5 or more years	441	+/-184	18.1%	+/-6.7
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	1,072	+/-304	1,072	(X)
Who are female	661	+/-174	61.7%	+/-6.6

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Who are married	768	+/-264	71.6%	+/-11.9
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	41,330	+/-761	41,330	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	2,412	+/-284	5.8%	+/-0.6
Kindergarten	1,883	+/-311	4.6%	+/-0.7
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	14,546	+/-386	35.2%	+/-1.2
High school (grades 9-12)	7,756	+/-266	18.8%	+/-0.7
College or graduate school	14,733	+/-705	35.6%	+/-1.2
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	108,705	+/-133	108,705	(X
Less than 9th grade	2,964	+/-310	2.7%	+/-0.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	7,095	+/-599	6.5%	+/-0.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	32,251	+/-940	29.7%	+/-0.9
Some college, no degree	20,034	+/-940	18.4%	+/-0.9
Associate's degree	15,334	+/-932	14.1%	+/-0.9
Bachelor's degree	17,711	+/-899	16.3%	+/-0.8
Graduate or professional degree	13,316	+/-708	12.2%	+/-0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	90.7%	+/-0.7
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	28.5%	+/-0.9
VETERAN STATUS				
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Civilian population 18 years and over Civilian veterans	126,382	+/-113	126,382	(X
Civilian veterans	11,287	+/-631	8.9%	+/-0.5
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	157,653	+/-337	157,653	(X
With a disability	19,160	+/-860	12.2%	+/-0.5
Under 18 years	32,945	+/-32	32,945	(X
With a disability	1,780	+/-338	5.4%	+/-1.0
18 to 64 years	103,110	+/-275	103,110	(X
With a disability	10,238	+/-567	9.9%	+/-0.5
65 years and over	21,598	+/-239	21,598	(X
With a disability	7,142	+/-400	33.1%	+/-1.7
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	158,181	+/-250	158,181	/V
Same house	135,956	+/-250	85.9%	+/-0.8

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Different house in the U.S.	21,759	+/-1,290	13.8%	+/-0.8
Same county	10,893	+/-1,125	6.9%	+/-0.7
Different county	10,866	+/-1,015	6.9%	+/-0.6
Same state	7,770	+/-865	4.9%	+/-0.5
Different state	3,096	+/-532	2.0%	+/-0.3
Abroad	466	+/-151	0.3%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	159,600	****	159,600	(X)
Native	151,644	+/-677	95.0%	+/-0.4
Born in United States	150,256	+/-696	94.1%	+/-0.4
State of residence	123,897	+/-1,279	77.6%	+/-0.8
Different state	26,359	+/-1,216	16.5%	+/-0.8
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	1,388	+/-266	0.9%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	7,956	+/-677	5.0%	+/-0.4
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	7,956	+/-677	7,956	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	4,079	+/-385	51.3%	+/-4.4
Not a U.S. citizen	3,877	+/-572	48.7%	+/-4.4
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	9,344	+/-696	9,344	(X)
Native	1,388	+/-266	1,388	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	60	+/-50	4.3%	+/-3.5
Entered before 2010	1,328	+/-263	95.7%	+/-3.5
Foreign born	7,956	+/-677	7,956	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	1,014	+/-264	12.7%	+/-2.8
Entered before 2010	6,942	+/-560	87.3%	+/-2.8
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	7,956	+/-677	7,956	(X)
Europe	1,733	+/-261	21.8%	+/-3.1
Asia	3,157	+/-358	39.7%	+/-3.4
Africa	548	+/-174	6.9%	+/-2.1
Oceania	43	+/-43	0.5%	+/-0.5
Latin America	2,062	+/-373	25.9%	+/-3.6
Northern America	413	+/-144	5.2%	+/-1.8
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	150,971	****	150,971	(X)

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error	
English only	140,800	+/-620	93.3%	+/-0.4	
Language other than English	10,171	+/-620	6.7%	+/-0.4	
Speak English less than "very well"	3,804	+/-444	2.5%	+/-0.3	
Spanish	3,975	+/-390	2.6%	+/-0.3	
Speak English less than "very well"	1,465	+/-308	1.0%	+/-0.2	
Other Indo-European languages	3,594	+/-486	2.4%	+/-0.3	
Speak English less than "very well"	1,168	+/-239	0.8%	+/-0.2	
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	1,819	+/-285	1.2%	+/-0.2	
Speak English less than "very well"	976	+/-255	0.6%	+/-0.2	
Other languages	783	+/-288	0.5%	+/-0.2	
Speak English less than "very well"	195	+/-137	0.1%	+/-0.1	
ANCESTRY					
Total population	159,600	****	159,600	(X)	
American	6,990	+/-771	4.4%	+/-0.5	
Arab	1,085	+/-377	0.7%	+/-0.2	
Czech	612	+/-294	0.4%	+/-0.2	
Danish	1,176	+/-312	0.7%	+/-0.2	
Dutch	6,348	+/-590	4.0%	+/-0.4	
English	16,823	+/-1,224	10.5%	+/-0.8	
French (except Basque)	13,803	+/-1,214	8.6%	+/-0.8	
French Canadian	4,760	+/-736	3.0%	+/-0.5	
German	27,637	+/-1,336	17.3%	+/-0.8	
Greek	712	+/-249	0.4%	+/-0.2	
Hungarian	371	+/-136	0.2%	+/-0.1	
Irish	41,791	+/-1,649	26.2%	+/-1.0	
Italian	25,602	+/-1,299	16.0%	+/-0.8	
Lithuanian	734	+/-244	0.5%	+/-0.2	
Norwegian	672	+/-235	0.4%	+/-0.1	
Polish	10,968	+/-961	6.9%	+/-0.6	
Portuguese	391	+/-163	0.2%	+/-0.1	
Russian	2,290	+/-514	1.4%	+/-0.3	
Scotch-Irish	969	+/-251	0.6%	+/-0.2	
Scottish	3,344	+/-422	2.1%	+/-0.3	
Slovak	236	+/-146	0.1%	+/-0.1	
Subsaharan African	656	+/-260	0.4%	+/-0.2	
Swedish	1,300	+/-288	0.8%	+/-0.2	
Swiss	416	+/-142	0.3%	+/-0.1	
Ukrainian	1,785	+/-444	1.1%	+/-0.3	
Welsh	1,186	+/-217	0.7%	+/-0.1	
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	1,006	+/-287	0.6%	+/-0.2	
COMPUTERS AND INTERNET USE					
Total Households	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
With a computer	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a broadband Internet subscription	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

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.

Fertility data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #92 for details.

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

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 2010-2014 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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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.
 - 5. 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.
 - 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.

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