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2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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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	63,447	+/-654	63,447	(X)
Family households (families)	39,493	+/-700	62.2%	+/-1.1
With own children of the householder under 18 years	16,168	+/-623	25.5%	+/-1.0
Married-couple family	28,832	+/-774	45.4%	+/-1.2
With own children of the householder under 18 years	10,116	+/-545	15.9%	+/-0.9
Male householder, no wife present, family	2,849	+/-341	4.5%	+/-0.5
With own children of the householder under 18 years	1,381	+/-261	2.2%	+/-0.4
Female householder, no husband present, family	7,812	+/-521	12.3%	+/-0.8
With own children of the householder under 18 years	4,671	+/-417	7.4%	+/-0.7
Nonfamily households	23,954	+/-769	37.8%	+/-1.1
Householder living alone	18,974	+/-710	29.9%	+/-1.0
65 years and over	6,523	+/-388	10.3%	+/-0.6
Households with one or more people under 18 years	17,702	+/-602	27.9%	+/-0.9
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	16,474	+/-341	26.0%	+/-0.5
Average household size	2.43	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.04	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	153,986	+/-460	153,986	(X)
Householder	63,447	+/-654	41.2%	+/-0.4
Spouse	28,849	+/-769	18.7%	+/-0.5
Child	44,498	+/-870	28.9%	+/-0.5
Other relatives	7,049	+/-806	4.6%	+/-0.5
Nonrelatives	10,143	+/-619	6.6%	+/-0.4
Unmarried partner	5,388	+/-433	3.5%	+/-0.3

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MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	65,263	+/-45	65,263	(X)
Never married	25,938	+/-640	39.7%	+/-1.0
Now married, except separated	30,917	+/-795	47.4%	+/-1.2
Separated	1,094	+/-240	1.7%	+/-0.4
Widowed	2,098	+/-253	3.2%	+/-0.4
Divorced	5,216	+/-478	8.0%	+/-0.7
Females 15 years and over	67,872	+/-48	67,872	(X)
Never married	22,386	+/-601	33.0%	+/-0.9
Now married, except separated	30,231	+/-780	44.5%	+/-1.2
Separated	1,894	+/-347	2.8%	+/-0.5
Widowed	6,050	+/-372	8.9%	+/-0.5
Divorced	7,311	+/-594	10.8%	+/-0.9
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,605	+/-260	1,605	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	742	+/-190	46.2%	+/-8.7
Per 1,000 unmarried women	33	+/-8	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	42	+/-7	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	20	+/-14	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	79	+/-14	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	14	+/-6	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	2,577	+/-413	2,577	(X)
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	1,094	+/-275	42.5%	+/-7.6
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	185	+/-92	7.2%	+/-3.7
1 or 2 years	317	+/-180	12.3%	+/-6.4
3 or 4 years	142	+/-91	5.5%	+/-3.4
5 or more years	450	+/-171	17.5%	+/-5.9
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	1,094	+/-275	1,094	(X)
Who are female	665	+/-170	60.8%	+/-5.8
Who are married	844	+/-251	77.1%	+/-9.2
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	40,922	+/-665	40,922	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	2,425	+/-319	5.9%	+/-0.7
Kindergarten	1,912	+/-293	4.7%	+/-0.7
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	14,133	+/-398	34.5%	+/-1.0
High school (grades 9-12)	7,918	+/-406	19.3%	+/-1.1
College or graduate school	14,534	+/-633	35.5%	+/-1.2
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	109,306	+/-134	109,306	(X)
Less than 9th grade	2,753	+/-324	2.5%	+/-0.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	7,287	+/-583	6.7%	+/-0.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	31,735	+/-1,070	29.0%	+/-1.0
Some college, no degree	20,548	+/-907	18.8%	+/-0.8
Associate's degree	15,739	+/-821	14.4%	+/-0.8
Bachelor's degree	17,656	+/-721	16.2%	+/-0.7
Graduate or professional degree	13,588	+/-735	12.4%	+/-0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	90.8%	+/-0.6
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	28.6%	+/-1.0

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VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	127,046	+/-68	127,046	(X)
Civilian veterans	10,481	+/-549	8.2%	+/-0.4
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	158,130	+/-241	158,130	(X)
With a disability	19,778	+/-908	12.5%	+/-0.6
Under 18 years				
With a disability	1,842	+/-301	5.6%	+/-0.9
18 to 64 years				
With a disability	10,664	+/-709	10.3%	+/-0.7
65 years and over				
With a disability	7,272	+/-376	32.5%	+/-1.6
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	158,296	+/-248	158,296	(X)
Same house	134,514	+/-1,573	85.0%	+/-1.0
Different house in the U.S.	23,162	+/-1,513	14.6%	+/-1.0
Same county	11,748	+/-1,108	7.4%	+/-0.7
Different county	11,414	+/-1,034	7.2%	+/-0.7
Same state	8,370	+/-950	5.3%	+/-0.6
Different state	3,044	+/-418	1.9%	+/-0.3
Abroad	620	+/-175	0.4%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	159,900	*****	159,900	(X)
Native	152,388	+/-697	95.3%	+/-0.4
Born in United States	151,073	+/-750	94.5%	+/-0.5
State of residence	125,241	+/-1,291	78.3%	+/-0.8
Different state	25,832	+/-1,012	16.2%	+/-0.6
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	1,315	+/-274	0.8%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	7,512	+/-697	4.7%	+/-0.4
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	7,512	+/-697	7,512	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	4,056	+/-472	54.0%	+/-4.2
Not a U.S. citizen	3,456	+/-463	46.0%	+/-4.2
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	8,827	+/-750	8,827	(X)
Native				
Entered 2010 or later	80	+/-58	6.1%	+/-3.9
Entered before 2010	1,235	+/-249	93.9%	+/-3.9
Foreign born				
Entered 2010 or later	1,331	+/-270	17.7%	+/-3.3
Entered before 2010	6,181	+/-644	82.3%	+/-3.3
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	7,512	+/-697	7,512	(X)
Europe	1,598	+/-286	21.3%	+/-2.9
Asia	3,018	+/-283	40.2%	+/-3.9

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Africa	553	+/-200	7.4%	+/-2.6
Oceania	34	+/-31	0.5%	+/-0.4
Latin America	1,983	+/-432	26.4%	+/-4.4
Northern America	326	+/-114	4.3%	+/-1.5
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	151,149	+/-27	151,149	(X)
English only	140,780	+/-684	93.1%	+/-0.5
Language other than English	10,369	+/-687	6.9%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	3,696	+/-341	2.4%	+/-0.2
Spanish	4,159	+/-418	2.8%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	1,425	+/-259	0.9%	+/-0.2
Other Indo-European languages	3,341	+/-442	2.2%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	1,050	+/-202	0.7%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	2,064	+/-288	1.4%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,049	+/-210	0.7%	+/-0.1
Other languages	805	+/-295	0.5%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	172	+/-118	0.1%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	159,900	*****	159,900	(X)
American	6,540	+/-876	4.1%	+/-0.5
Arab	1,219	+/-548	0.8%	+/-0.3
Czech	485	+/-281	0.3%	+/-0.2
Danish	1,004	+/-249	0.6%	+/-0.2
Dutch	5,929	+/-552	3.7%	+/-0.3
English	16,807	+/-1,168	10.5%	+/-0.7
French (except Basque)	13,739	+/-1,167	8.6%	+/-0.7
French Canadian	4,725	+/-705	3.0%	+/-0.4
German	27,755	+/-1,686	17.4%	+/-1.1
Greek	587	+/-180	0.4%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	424	+/-164	0.3%	+/-0.1
Irish	41,833	+/-1,963	26.2%	+/-1.2
Italian	26,427	+/-1,250	16.5%	+/-0.8
Lithuanian	770	+/-238	0.5%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	810	+/-270	0.5%	+/-0.2
Polish	10,891	+/-860	6.8%	+/-0.5
Portuguese	413	+/-167	0.3%	+/-0.1
Russian	2,528	+/-479	1.6%	+/-0.3
Scotch-Irish	1,115	+/-267	0.7%	+/-0.2
Scottish	3,132	+/-372	2.0%	+/-0.2
Slovak	269	+/-166	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	690	+/-286	0.4%	+/-0.2
Swedish	1,280	+/-297	0.8%	+/-0.2
Swiss	415	+/-167	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	1,878	+/-434	1.2%	+/-0.3
Welsh	1,229	+/-220	0.8%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	930	+/-276	0.6%	+/-0.2
COMPUTERS AND INTERNET USE				
Total households	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
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.

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.

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. 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.

While the 2011-2015 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, 2011-2015 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.