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2012-2016 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	United States			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	117,716,237	+/-222,078	117,716,237	(X)
Family households (families)	77,608,829	+/-218,458	65.9%	+/-0.1
With own children of the householder under 18 years	33,567,476	+/-172,044	28.5%	+/-0.1
Married-couple family	56,781,405	+/-282,234	48.2%	+/-0.1
With own children of the householder under 18 years	22,632,647	+/-202,737	19.2%	+/-0.1
Male householder, no wife present, family	5,681,312	+/-34,594	4.8%	+/-0.1
With own children of the householder under 18 years	2,702,220	+/-17,335	2.3%	+/-0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	15,146,112	+/-40,842	12.9%	+/-0.1
With own children of the householder under 18 years	8,232,609	+/-26,072	7.0%	+/-0.1
Nonfamily households	40,107,408	+/-32,057	34.1%	+/-0.1
Householder living alone	32,595,486	+/-46,684	27.7%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	12,195,777	+/-95,886	10.4%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	37,648,651	+/-171,326	32.0%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	32,279,776	+/-92,822	27.4%	+/-0.1
Average household size	2.64	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.24	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	310,482,947	*****	310,482,947	(X)
Householder	117,716,237	+/-222,078	37.9%	+/-0.1
Spouse	56,757,535	+/-275,201	18.3%	+/-0.1
Child	94,371,031	+/-85,945	30.4%	+/-0.1
Other relatives	22,824,262	+/-235,024	7.4%	+/-0.1
Nonrelatives	18,813,882	+/-196,730	6.1%	+/-0.1
Unmarried partner	7,174,482	+/-20,186	2.3%	+/-0.1

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MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	125,586,899	+/-5,570	125,586,899	(X)
Never married	45,477,830	+/-162,764	36.2%	+/-0.1
Now married, except separated	62,562,595	+/-247,733	49.8%	+/-0.2
Separated	2,215,166	+/-19,056	1.8%	+/-0.1
Widowed	3,254,612	+/-11,890	2.6%	+/-0.1
Divorced	12,076,696	+/-71,073	9.6%	+/-0.1
Females 15 years and over				
Never married	39,563,948	+/-127,291	30.0%	+/-0.1
Now married, except separated	61,208,339	+/-208,012	46.4%	+/-0.2
Separated	3,156,996	+/-25,771	2.4%	+/-0.1
Widowed	11,871,137	+/-20,898	9.0%	+/-0.1
Divorced	16,130,983	+/-65,240	12.2%	+/-0.1
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,001,559	+/-21,444	4,001,559	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,413,586	+/-11,167	35.3%	+/-0.3
Per 1,000 unmarried women	33	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	52	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	17	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	92	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	25	+/-1	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	7,243,142	+/-31,841	7,243,142	(X)
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	2,646,027	+/-15,427	36.5%	+/-0.2
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	530,979	+/-7,478	7.3%	+/-0.1
1 or 2 years	588,391	+/-7,605	8.1%	+/-0.1
3 or 4 years	437,792	+/-5,726	6.0%	+/-0.1
5 or more years	1,088,865	+/-8,047	15.0%	+/-0.1
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	2,646,027	+/-15,427	2,646,027	(X)
Who are female	1,653,986	+/-9,479	62.5%	+/-0.1
Who are married	1,851,722	+/-13,601	70.0%	+/-0.2
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	82,148,370	+/-80,530	82,148,370	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	4,959,823	+/-23,192	6.0%	+/-0.1
Kindergarten	4,181,764	+/-15,488	5.1%	+/-0.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	32,831,750	+/-23,475	40.0%	+/-0.1
High school (grades 9-12)	16,985,786	+/-17,863	20.7%	+/-0.1
College or graduate school	23,189,247	+/-64,315	28.2%	+/-0.1
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	213,649,147	+/-15,761	213,649,147	(X)
Less than 9th grade	11,913,913	+/-60,796	5.6%	+/-0.1
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	15,904,467	+/-70,156	7.4%	+/-0.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	58,820,411	+/-182,369	27.5%	+/-0.1
Some college, no degree	44,772,845	+/-41,794	21.0%	+/-0.1
Associate's degree	17,469,724	+/-41,879	8.2%	+/-0.1
Bachelor's degree	40,189,920	+/-142,140	18.8%	+/-0.1
Graduate or professional degree	24,577,867	+/-151,189	11.5%	+/-0.1
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	87.0%	+/-0.1
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	30.3%	+/-0.1

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VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	243,935,157	+/-7,019	243,935,157	(X)
Civilian veterans	19,535,341	+/-38,684	8.0%	+/-0.1
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	313,576,137	+/-10,365	313,576,137	(X)
With a disability	39,272,529	+/-64,673	12.5%	+/-0.1
Under 18 years				
With a disability	73,475,378	+/-8,041	73,475,378	(X)
With a disability	3,042,011	+/-14,693	4.1%	+/-0.1
18 to 64 years				
With a disability	195,226,024	+/-10,224	195,226,024	(X)
With a disability	20,188,257	+/-46,196	10.3%	+/-0.1
65 years and over				
With a disability	44,874,735	+/-6,103	44,874,735	(X)
With a disability	16,042,261	+/-25,709	35.7%	+/-0.1
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	314,813,229	+/-13,481	314,813,229	(X)
Same house	268,263,124	+/-219,041	85.2%	+/-0.1
Different house in the U.S.	44,537,373	+/-214,266	14.1%	+/-0.1
Same county	27,132,847	+/-160,345	8.6%	+/-0.1
Different county	17,404,526	+/-68,278	5.5%	+/-0.1
Same state	10,122,178	+/-51,137	3.2%	+/-0.1
Different state	7,282,348	+/-36,162	2.3%	+/-0.1
Abroad	2,012,732	+/-15,831	0.6%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	318,558,162	*****	318,558,162	(X)
Native	276,363,808	+/-109,174	86.8%	+/-0.1
Born in United States	271,639,606	+/-103,914	85.3%	+/-0.1
State of residence	186,708,691	+/-77,829	58.6%	+/-0.1
Different state	84,930,915	+/-100,073	26.7%	+/-0.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	4,724,202	+/-19,116	1.5%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	42,194,354	+/-109,226	13.2%	+/-0.1
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	42,194,354	+/-109,226	42,194,354	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	19,979,407	+/-36,359	47.4%	+/-0.2
Not a U.S. citizen	22,214,947	+/-118,995	52.6%	+/-0.2
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	46,918,556	+/-103,966	46,918,556	(X)
Native				
Entered 2010 or later	4,724,202	+/-19,116	4,724,202	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	576,137	+/-7,220	12.2%	+/-0.1
Entered before 2010	4,148,065	+/-16,452	87.8%	+/-0.1
Foreign born				
Entered 2010 or later	42,194,354	+/-109,226	42,194,354	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	5,335,842	+/-33,411	12.6%	+/-0.1
Entered before 2010	36,858,512	+/-84,553	87.4%	+/-0.1
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	42,193,781	+/-109,231	42,193,781	(X)
Europe	4,781,379	+/-18,324	11.3%	+/-0.1
Asia	12,688,938	+/-34,621	30.1%	+/-0.1

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Africa	1,924,254	+/-15,615	4.6%	+/-0.1
Oceania	246,208	+/-4,884	0.6%	+/-0.1
Latin America	21,728,921	+/-71,069	51.5%	+/-0.1
Northern America	824,081	+/-7,934	2.0%	+/-0.1
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	298,691,202	+/-3,594	298,691,202	(X)
English only	235,519,143	+/-154,409	78.9%	+/-0.1
Language other than English	63,172,059	+/-152,504	21.1%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	25,440,956	+/-80,242	8.5%	+/-0.1
Spanish	39,145,066	+/-94,571	13.1%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	16,268,850	+/-52,357	5.4%	+/-0.1
Other Indo-European languages	10,827,536	+/-46,335	3.6%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	3,423,686	+/-23,946	1.1%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	10,172,370	+/-22,561	3.4%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	4,815,252	+/-17,663	1.6%	+/-0.1
Other languages	3,027,087	+/-23,302	1.0%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	933,168	+/-11,123	0.3%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	318,558,162	*****	318,558,162	(X)
American	21,961,129	+/-59,333	6.9%	+/-0.1
Arab	1,883,456	+/-23,581	0.6%	+/-0.1
Czech	1,435,359	+/-8,933	0.5%	+/-0.1
Danish	1,297,738	+/-11,493	0.4%	+/-0.1
Dutch	4,210,787	+/-18,159	1.3%	+/-0.1
English	24,426,623	+/-61,981	7.7%	+/-0.1
French (except Basque)	8,151,499	+/-25,958	2.6%	+/-0.1
French Canadian	2,084,903	+/-16,683	0.7%	+/-0.1
German	45,879,360	+/-63,843	14.4%	+/-0.1
Greek	1,282,655	+/-10,617	0.4%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	1,423,144	+/-11,154	0.4%	+/-0.1
Irish	33,093,550	+/-63,173	10.4%	+/-0.1
Italian	17,174,741	+/-43,172	5.4%	+/-0.1
Lithuanian	648,514	+/-6,851	0.2%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	4,454,964	+/-21,861	1.4%	+/-0.1
Polish	9,344,126	+/-31,376	2.9%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	1,367,476	+/-12,740	0.4%	+/-0.1
Russian	2,795,443	+/-13,370	0.9%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	3,056,848	+/-16,473	1.0%	+/-0.1
Scottish	5,457,798	+/-21,555	1.7%	+/-0.1
Slovak	714,557	+/-6,055	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	3,232,142	+/-30,196	1.0%	+/-0.1
Swedish	3,908,762	+/-14,349	1.2%	+/-0.1
Swiss	937,376	+/-8,106	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	986,597	+/-10,491	0.3%	+/-0.1
Welsh	1,805,577	+/-12,352	0.6%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	2,881,007	+/-20,368	0.9%	+/-0.1
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 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.

While the 2012-2016 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, 2012-2016 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.
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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.