

United States

S0201. Selected Population Profile in the United States

Population Group: **Total population**

Data Set: **2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates**

Survey: **American Community Survey**

NOTE: For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Subject	Total population	Margin of Error
TOTAL NUMBER OF RACES REPORTED		
Total population	301,237,703	*****
One race	97.8%	+/-0.1
Two races	2.0%	+/-0.1
Three races	0.1%	+/-0.1
Four or more races	0.0%	+/-0.1
SEX AND AGE		
Total population	301,237,703	*****
Male	49.3%	+/-0.1
Female	50.7%	+/-0.1
Under 5 years	6.9%	+/-0.1
5 to 17 years	17.6%	+/-0.1
18 to 24 years	9.8%	+/-0.1
25 to 34 years	13.3%	+/-0.1
35 to 44 years	14.3%	+/-0.1
45 to 54 years	14.6%	+/-0.1
55 to 64 years	10.8%	+/-0.1
65 to 74 years	6.5%	+/-0.1
75 years and over	6.1%	+/-0.1
Median age (years)	36.7	+/-0.1
18 years and over	75.5%	+/-0.1
21 years and over	71.1%	+/-0.1
62 years and over	15.3%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	12.6%	+/-0.1
Under 18 years	73,806,575	+/-13,423
Male	51.2%	+/-0.1
Female	48.8%	+/-0.1
18 years and over	227,431,128	+/-13,385
Male	48.6%	+/-0.1
Female	51.4%	+/-0.1
18 to 34 years	69,762,524	+/-13,255
Male	51.1%	+/-0.1
Female	48.9%	+/-0.1
35 to 64 years	119,688,468	+/-18,899
Male	49.3%	+/-0.1
Female	50.7%	+/-0.1

65 years and over	37,980,136	+/-7,120
Male	42.2%	+/-0.1
Female	57.8%	+/-0.1
RELATIONSHIP		
Population in households	293,015,322	****
Householder or spouse	57.3%	+/-0.1
Child	30.5%	+/-0.1
Other relatives	6.7%	+/-0.1
Nonrelatives	5.5%	+/-0.1
Unmarried partner	2.1%	+/-0.1
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Households	112,386,298	+/-100,058
Family households	66.6%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	31.0%	+/-0.1
Married-couple family	49.6%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	21.4%	+/-0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	12.5%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	7.4%	+/-0.1
Nonfamily households	33.4%	+/-0.1
Male householder	15.5%	+/-0.1
Living alone	12.1%	+/-0.1
Not living alone	3.4%	+/-0.1
Female householder	17.9%	+/-0.1
Living alone	15.4%	+/-0.1
Not living alone	2.5%	+/-0.1
Average household size	2.61	+/-0.01
Average family size	3.20	+/-0.01
MARITAL STATUS		
Population 15 years and over	240,365,012	+/-14,807
Now married, except separated	50.2%	+/-0.1
Widowed	6.3%	+/-0.1
Divorced	10.6%	+/-0.1
Separated	2.2%	+/-0.1
Never married	30.8%	+/-0.1
Male 15 years and over		
Male 15 years and over	117,272,059	+/-12,566
Now married, except separated	52.2%	+/-0.1
Widowed	2.5%	+/-0.1
Divorced	9.3%	+/-0.1
Separated	1.8%	+/-0.1
Never married	34.1%	+/-0.1
Female 15 years and over		
Female 15 years and over	123,092,953	+/-10,747
Now married, except separated	48.2%	+/-0.1
Widowed	9.9%	+/-0.1
Divorced	11.7%	+/-0.1
Separated	2.5%	+/-0.1
Never married	27.6%	+/-0.1
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	79,256,513	+/-57,354
Nursery school, preschool	6.3%	+/-0.1
Kindergarten	5.1%	+/-0.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	40.5%	+/-0.1
High school (grades 9-12)	21.8%	+/-0.1
College or graduate school	26.3%	+/-0.1

Male 3 years and over enrolled in school	39,119,730	+/-40,323
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	70.1%	+/-0.1
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	23.3%	+/-0.1
Female 3 years and over enrolled in school	40,136,783	+/-42,101
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	64.8%	+/-0.1
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	29.2%	+/-0.1
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	197,794,576	+/-28,830
Less than high school diploma	15.5%	+/-0.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	29.6%	+/-0.1
Some college or associate's degree	27.5%	+/-0.1
Bachelor's degree	17.3%	+/-0.1
Graduate or professional degree	10.1%	+/-0.1
High school graduate or higher	84.5%	+/-0.1
Male, high school graduate or higher	83.9%	+/-0.1
Female, high school graduate or higher	85.1%	+/-0.1
Bachelor's degree or higher	27.4%	+/-0.1
Male, bachelor's degree or higher	28.2%	+/-0.1
Female, bachelor's degree or higher	26.7%	+/-0.1
FERTILITY		
Women 15 to 50 years	75,860,506	+/-14,624
Women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,260,731	+/-16,994
Unmarried women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,427,673	+/-12,220
As a percent of all women with a birth in the past 12 months	33.5%	+/-0.3
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS		
Population 30 years and over	177,110,502	+/-21,737
Living with grandchild(ren)	3.5%	+/-0.1
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	40.6%	+/-0.2
VETERAN STATUS		
Civilian population 18 years and over	226,353,941	+/-14,634
Civilian veteran	10.1%	+/-0.1
DISABILITY STATUS		
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 65 years and older	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO		
Population 1 year and over	297,141,281	+/-15,321
Same house	83.8%	+/-0.1
Different house in the U.S.	15.5%	+/-0.1
Same county	9.5%	+/-0.1
Different county	6.0%	+/-0.1
Same state	3.4%	+/-0.1
Different state	2.6%	+/-0.1
Abroad	0.6%	+/-0.1

PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY		
Native	263,558,111	+/-78,951
Male	49.1%	+/-0.1
Female	50.9%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	37,679,592	+/-78,975
Male	50.3%	+/-0.1
Female	49.7%	+/-0.1
Foreign born; naturalized U.S. citizen	16,028,758	+/-35,384
Male	46.6%	+/-0.1
Female	53.4%	+/-0.1
Foreign born; not a U.S. citizen	21,650,834	+/-74,931
Male	53.1%	+/-0.1
Female	46.9%	+/-0.1
Population born outside the United States	37,679,592	+/-78,975
Entered 2000 or later	27.6%	+/-0.1
Entered 1990 to 1999	29.4%	+/-0.1
Entered before 1990	43.1%	+/-0.1
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN		
Foreign-born population excluding population born at sea	37,679,349	+/-78,949
Europe	13.2%	+/-0.1
Asia	26.9%	+/-0.1
Africa	3.7%	+/-0.1
Oceania	0.6%	+/-0.1
Latin America	53.4%	+/-0.1
Northern America	2.2%	+/-0.1
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH		
Population 5 years and over	280,564,877	+/-7,708
English only	80.4%	+/-0.1
Language other than English	19.6%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	8.6%	+/-0.1
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	236,078,754	+/-22,883
In labor force	65.2%	+/-0.1
Civilian labor force	64.8%	+/-0.1
Employed	60.7%	+/-0.1
Unemployed	4.1%	+/-0.1
Percent of civilian labor force	6.4%	+/-0.1
Armed Forces	0.5%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	34.8%	+/-0.1
Females 16 years and over	121,002,984	+/-14,061
In labor force	59.2%	+/-0.1
Civilian labor force	59.0%	+/-0.1
Employed	55.3%	+/-0.1
Unemployed	3.7%	+/-0.1
Percent of civilian labor force	6.3%	+/-0.1
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	140,261,584	+/-82,647
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	75.8%	+/-0.1
Car, truck, or van - carpoled	10.6%	+/-0.1
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	4.9%	+/-0.1
Walked	2.8%	+/-0.1
Other means	1.7%	+/-0.1

Worked at home	4.0%	+/-0.1
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.3	+/-0.1
OCCUPATION		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	143,195,793	+/-78,938
Management, professional, and related occupations	34.5%	+/-0.1
Service occupations	16.8%	+/-0.1
Sales and office occupations	25.6%	+/-0.1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.7%	+/-0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	9.6%	+/-0.1
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	12.7%	+/-0.1
Male civilian employed population 16 years and over		
Male civilian employed population 16 years and over	76,270,433	+/-47,227
Management, professional, and related occupations	31.6%	+/-0.1
Service occupations	13.7%	+/-0.1
Sales and office occupations	17.8%	+/-0.1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1.0%	+/-0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	17.5%	+/-0.1
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	18.4%	+/-0.1
Female civilian employed population 16 years and over		
Female civilian employed population 16 years and over	66,925,360	+/-52,853
Management, professional, and related occupations	37.9%	+/-0.1
Service occupations	20.3%	+/-0.1
Sales and office occupations	34.6%	+/-0.1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.3%	+/-0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	0.7%	+/-0.1
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	6.2%	+/-0.1
INDUSTRY		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	143,195,793	+/-78,938
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1.8%	+/-0.1
Construction	7.7%	+/-0.1
Manufacturing	11.3%	+/-0.1
Wholesale trade	3.2%	+/-0.1
Retail trade	11.5%	+/-0.1
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	5.1%	+/-0.1
Information	2.5%	+/-0.1
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	7.1%	+/-0.1
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	10.3%	+/-0.1
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	21.3%	+/-0.1
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	8.7%	+/-0.1
Other services (except public administration)	4.8%	+/-0.1
Public administration	4.7%	+/-0.1
CLASS OF WORKER		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	143,195,793	+/-78,938
Private wage and salary workers	78.7%	+/-0.1
Government workers	14.5%	+/-0.1
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	6.6%	+/-0.1
Unpaid family workers	0.2%	+/-0.1
INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)		
Households	112,386,298	+/-100,058
Median household income (dollars)	52,175	+/-59
With earnings		
With earnings	80.3%	+/-0.1
Mean earnings (dollars)	72,100	+/-74
With Social Security income		
With Social Security income	26.9%	+/-0.1
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,956	+/-12
With Supplemental Security Income		
With Supplemental Security Income	3.8%	+/-0.1
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,920	+/-21

With cash public assistance income	2.3%	+/-0.1
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,330	+/-24
With retirement income	17.4%	+/-0.1
Mean retirement income (dollars)	20,982	+/-52
With Food Stamp benefits	8.1%	+/-0.1
Families	74,870,525	+/-101,406
Median family income (dollars)	63,211	+/-83
Married-couple family	74.4%	+/-0.1
Median income (dollars)	74,732	+/-74
Male householder, no spouse present, family	6.9%	+/-0.1
Median income (dollars)	44,643	+/-195
Female householder, no husband present, family	18.7%	+/-0.1
Median income (dollars)	31,107	+/-109
Individuals	301,237,703	*****
Per capita income (dollars)	27,466	+/-38
With earnings for full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	57,375,253	+/-51,475
Female	40,113,165	+/-52,925
Mean earnings (dollars) for full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	62,163	+/-95
Female	44,020	+/-59
Median earnings (dollars) full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	45,425	+/-75
Female	35,269	+/-40
POVERTY RATES FOR FAMILIES AND PEOPLE FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED		
All families	9.6%	+/-0.1
With related children under 18 years	14.9%	+/-0.1
With related children under 5 years only	16.1%	+/-0.1
Married-couple family	4.6%	+/-0.1
With related children under 18 years	6.4%	+/-0.1
With related children under 5 years only	5.9%	+/-0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	28.2%	+/-0.1
With related children under 18 years	36.5%	+/-0.2
With related children under 5 years only	44.9%	+/-0.4
All people	13.2%	+/-0.1
Under 18 years	18.2%	+/-0.1
Related children under 18 years	17.8%	+/-0.1
Related children under 5 years	21.0%	+/-0.2
Related children 5 to 17 years	16.5%	+/-0.1
18 years and over	11.5%	+/-0.1
18 to 64 years	11.8%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	9.8%	+/-0.1
People in families	10.7%	+/-0.1
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	24.0%	+/-0.1
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	112,386,298	+/-100,058
Owner-occupied housing units	67.1%	+/-0.1
Renter-occupied housing units	32.9%	+/-0.1
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.70	+/-0.01
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.42	+/-0.01
UNITS IN STRUCTURE		
Occupied housing units	112,386,298	+/-100,058
1-unit, detached or attached	69.0%	+/-0.1

2 to 4 units	8.1%	+/-0.1
5 or more units	16.6%	+/-0.1
Mobile home, boat, RV, van, etc.	6.3%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT		
Occupied housing units	112,386,298	+/-100,058
Built 2000 or later	11.6%	+/-0.1
Built 1990 to 1999	14.4%	+/-0.1
Built 1980 to 1989	14.3%	+/-0.1
Built 1960 to 1979	28.3%	+/-0.1
Built 1940 to 1959	17.5%	+/-0.1
Built 1939 or earlier	13.9%	+/-0.1
VEHICLES AVAILABLE		
Occupied housing units	112,386,298	+/-100,058
None	8.8%	+/-0.1
1 or more	91.2%	+/-0.1
HOUSE HEATING FUEL		
Occupied housing units	112,386,298	+/-100,058
Gas	55.8%	+/-0.1
Electricity	33.5%	+/-0.1
All other fuels	9.8%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	0.9%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS		
Occupied housing units	112,386,298	+/-100,058
No telephone service available	4.3%	+/-0.1
1.01 or more occupants per room	3.0%	+/-0.1
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOC cannot be computed)	51,285,918	+/-114,842
Less than 30 percent	62.5%	+/-0.1
30 percent or more	37.5%	+/-0.1
OWNER CHARACTERISTICS		
Owner-occupied housing units	75,363,085	+/-166,604
Median value (dollars)	192,400	+/-327
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	1,508	+/-2
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	425	+/-1
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAP cannot be computed)	34,245,079	+/-77,667
Less than 30 percent	50.4%	+/-0.1
30 percent or more	49.6%	+/-0.1
GROSS RENT		
Occupied units paying rent	34,852,880	+/-78,647
Median gross rent (dollars)	819	+/-1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

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.

Notes:

Data for the households, families, occupied housing units, owner-occupied housing units, and renter-occupied housing units lines refer to the specified race, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, or ancestry of the householder shown in the table. Data in the "Total population" column are shown regardless of the race, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, or ancestry of the person.

The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Because of contextual differences between the 2008 disability data and disability data collected in the previous two years, the Census Bureau is unable to combine the 3 years of disability data in order to produce the multi-year estimate that would appear in this table. Multi-year estimates of disability status will become available once three consecutive years of data are collected. For more information about the differences between the 2008 and prior year's disability questions, and the evaluation of these questions in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the [Evaluation Report Covering Disability](#).

Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2000.

Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System 2002 and 2007. The 2006 and 2007 ACS data are coded using NAICS 2002 while the 2008 ACS data use NAICS 2007 codes. Categories that differ between 2002 and 2007 NAICS are aggregated so that the 3 years of data are consistent in display and reflect the NAICS 2007 codes. The Industry categories adhere to the guidelines issued in Clarification Memorandum No. 2, "NAICS Alternate Aggregation Structure for Use By U.S. Statistical Agencies," issued by the Office of Management and Budget.

Due to the use of value categories rather than specific amounts collected for each individual housing unit in 2006 and 2007, property value on the 3-year file cannot be inflation adjusted. Any table providing data on property values is reported in current dollars. This is in contrast to the other monetary data on the 3-year file, which are inflated to 2008 dollars.

The estimate for median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage, median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage, and median gross rent for previous years is adjusted for inflation to the current year.


See the Glossary for more information on the definition of the following population groups: [Arab](#), [Arab/Arabic](#), [European](#), [Subsaharan African](#), [African](#), [American](#), and [All Other Hispanic or Latino](#).

While the 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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. The 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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 PRCS 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.

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.
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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.
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8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

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