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2015 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, 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.

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	118,208,250	+/-155,130	118,208,250	(X)
Family households (families)	77,530,756	+/-136,900	65.6%	+/-0.1
With own children of the householder under 18 years	32,999,587	+/-74,639	27.9%	+/-0.1
Married-couple family	56,715,795	+/-151,069	48.0%	+/-0.1
With own children of the householder under 18 years	22,208,234	+/-73,465	18.8%	+/-0.1
Male householder, no wife present, family	5,730,981	+/-38,862	4.8%	+/-0.1
With own children of the householder under 18 years	2,718,895	+/-27,735	2.3%	+/-0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	15,083,980	+/-58,084	12.8%	+/-0.1
With own children of the householder under 18 years	8,072,458	+/-41,427	6.8%	+/-0.1
Nonfamily households	40,677,494	+/-98,602	34.4%	+/-0.1
Householder living alone	32,962,990	+/-95,202	27.9%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	12,414,334	+/-46,839	10.5%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	37,113,984	+/-73,495	31.4%	+/-0.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	33,229,553	+/-57,924	28.1%	+/-0.1
Average household size	2.65	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.26	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	313,347,925	*****	313,347,925	(X)
Householder	118,208,250	+/-155,130	37.7%	+/-0.1
Spouse	56,681,711	+/-147,810	18.1%	+/-0.1
Child	95,198,175	+/-120,079	30.4%	+/-0.1
Other relatives	23,665,436	+/-135,158	7.6%	+/-0.1
Nonrelatives	19,594,353	+/-136,718	6.3%	+/-0.1
Unmarried partner	7,381,519	+/-45,055	2.4%	+/-0.1
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	127,013,406	+/-32,000	127,013,406	(X)
Never married	46,677,157	+/-88,060	36.7%	+/-0.1

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Now married, except separated	62,501,445	+/-136,408	49.2%	+/-0.1
Separated	2,210,794	+/-27,007	1.7%	+/-0.1
Widowed	3,280,656	+/-26,827	2.6%	+/-0.1
Divorced	12,343,354	+/-53,930	9.7%	+/-0.1
Females 15 years and over	133,401,746	+/-25,384	133,401,746	(X)
Never married	40,667,249	+/-83,240	30.5%	+/-0.1
Now married, except separated	61,291,209	+/-136,711	45.9%	+/-0.1
Separated	3,127,992	+/-32,452	2.3%	+/-0.1
Widowed	11,915,658	+/-42,961	8.9%	+/-0.1
Divorced	16,399,638	+/-68,516	12.3%	+/-0.1
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	3,931,053	+/-33,526	3,931,053	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,401,433	+/-22,872	35.7%	+/-0.4
Per 1,000 unmarried women	32	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	51	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	16	+/-1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	89	+/-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	7,292,016	+/-57,033	7,292,016	(X)
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	2,572,146	+/-29,243	35.3%	+/-0.3
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	521,089	+/-11,617	7.1%	+/-0.2
1 or 2 years	561,535	+/-15,711	7.7%	+/-0.2
3 or 4 years	418,637	+/-12,495	5.7%	+/-0.2
5 or more years	1,070,885	+/-18,037	14.7%	+/-0.2
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	2,572,146	+/-29,243	2,572,146	(X)
Who are female	1,617,283	+/-19,533	62.9%	+/-0.3
Who are married	1,782,043	+/-25,998	69.3%	+/-0.5
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	81,618,288	+/-87,040	81,618,288	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	4,886,460	+/-37,366	6.0%	+/-0.1
Kindergarten	4,118,825	+/-33,089	5.0%	+/-0.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	32,869,578	+/-54,635	40.3%	+/-0.1
High school (grades 9-12)	17,086,446	+/-37,628	20.9%	+/-0.1
College or graduate school	22,656,979	+/-75,142	27.8%	+/-0.1
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	216,447,163	+/-69,294	216,447,163	(X)
Less than 9th grade	11,988,039	+/-69,070	5.5%	+/-0.1
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	15,838,087	+/-73,009	7.3%	+/-0.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	59,662,981	+/-130,241	27.6%	+/-0.1
Some college, no degree	44,909,753	+/-88,024	20.7%	+/-0.1
Associate's degree	17,806,750	+/-69,860	8.2%	+/-0.1
Bachelor's degree	41,152,388	+/-111,280	19.0%	+/-0.1
Graduate or professional degree	25,089,165	+/-109,308	11.6%	+/-0.1
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	87.1%	+/-0.1
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	30.6%	+/-0.1
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	246,780,172	+/-33,719	246,780,172	(X)

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Civilian veterans	18,830,450	+/-68,051	7.6%	+/-0.1
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	316,450,569	+/-15,477	316,450,569	(X)
With a disability	39,906,328	+/-98,669	12.6%	+/-0.1
Under 18 years				
With a disability	73,491,931	+/-34,195	73,491,931	(X)
	3,033,788	+/-32,418	4.1%	+/-0.1
18 to 64 years				
With a disability	196,521,616	+/-29,493	196,521,616	(X)
	20,411,546	+/-69,415	10.4%	+/-0.1
65 years and over				
With a disability	46,437,022	+/-22,258	46,437,022	(X)
	16,460,994	+/-57,954	35.4%	+/-0.1
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	317,635,720	+/-28,922	317,635,720	(X)
Same house	270,873,397	+/-189,370	85.3%	+/-0.1
Different house in the U.S.	44,676,625	+/-189,791	14.1%	+/-0.1
Same county	26,861,062	+/-153,442	8.5%	+/-0.1
Different county	17,815,563	+/-94,946	5.6%	+/-0.1
Same state	10,285,434	+/-72,460	3.2%	+/-0.1
Different state	7,530,129	+/-67,868	2.4%	+/-0.1
Abroad	2,085,698	+/-39,419	0.7%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	321,418,821	*****	321,418,821	(X)
Native	278,128,449	+/-122,465	86.5%	+/-0.1
Born in United States	273,239,944	+/-119,661	85.0%	+/-0.1
State of residence	187,925,821	+/-135,066	58.5%	+/-0.1
Different state	85,314,123	+/-135,980	26.5%	+/-0.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	4,888,505	+/-45,922	1.5%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	43,290,372	+/-122,466	13.5%	+/-0.1
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	43,290,372	+/-122,466	43,290,372	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	20,697,103	+/-82,906	47.8%	+/-0.2
Not a U.S. citizen	22,593,269	+/-114,018	52.2%	+/-0.2
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	48,178,877	+/-119,662	48,178,877	(X)
Native				
Entered 2010 or later	4,888,505	+/-45,922	4,888,505	(X)
Entered before 2010	743,767	+/-20,808	15.2%	+/-0.4
	4,144,738	+/-37,718	84.8%	+/-0.4
Foreign born				
Entered 2010 or later	43,290,372	+/-122,466	43,290,372	(X)
Entered before 2010	6,746,822	+/-67,693	15.6%	+/-0.1
	36,543,550	+/-99,213	84.4%	+/-0.1
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	43,289,646	+/-122,375	43,289,646	(X)
Europe	4,789,662	+/-38,942	11.1%	+/-0.1
Asia	13,249,179	+/-52,482	30.6%	+/-0.1
Africa	2,062,257	+/-42,104	4.8%	+/-0.1
Oceania	238,663	+/-9,099	0.6%	+/-0.1
Latin America	22,111,409	+/-88,225	51.1%	+/-0.1

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Northern America	838,476	+/-17,172	1.9%	+/-0.1
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	301,625,014	+/-16,518	301,625,014	(X)
English only	236,908,935	+/-150,873	78.5%	+/-0.1
Language other than English	64,716,079	+/-142,910	21.5%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	25,867,044	+/-99,406	8.6%	+/-0.1
Spanish	40,045,795	+/-101,533	13.3%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	16,437,140	+/-75,576	5.4%	+/-0.1
Other Indo-European languages	11,137,271	+/-76,571	3.7%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	3,510,365	+/-40,163	1.2%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	10,501,131	+/-50,560	3.5%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	4,966,055	+/-44,810	1.6%	+/-0.1
Other languages	3,031,882	+/-48,372	1.0%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	953,484	+/-23,044	0.3%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	321,418,821	*****	321,418,821	(X)
American	21,844,951	+/-114,000	6.8%	+/-0.1
Arab	1,963,478	+/-37,039	0.6%	+/-0.1
Czech	1,391,020	+/-24,359	0.4%	+/-0.1
Danish	1,315,302	+/-18,683	0.4%	+/-0.1
Dutch	4,141,375	+/-40,795	1.3%	+/-0.1
English	23,959,441	+/-102,645	7.5%	+/-0.1
French (except Basque)	7,969,633	+/-64,605	2.5%	+/-0.1
French Canadian	2,072,053	+/-31,758	0.6%	+/-0.1
German	45,526,331	+/-117,284	14.2%	+/-0.1
Greek	1,280,897	+/-23,836	0.4%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	1,411,132	+/-25,080	0.4%	+/-0.1
Irish	32,713,324	+/-118,079	10.2%	+/-0.1
Italian	17,070,496	+/-81,661	5.3%	+/-0.1
Lithuanian	630,006	+/-15,681	0.2%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	4,432,738	+/-38,260	1.4%	+/-0.1
Polish	9,231,299	+/-55,652	2.9%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	1,373,147	+/-25,411	0.4%	+/-0.1
Russian	2,723,176	+/-37,115	0.8%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	2,981,519	+/-33,093	0.9%	+/-0.1
Scottish	5,510,902	+/-46,941	1.7%	+/-0.1
Slovak	704,601	+/-17,306	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	3,482,384	+/-62,454	1.1%	+/-0.1
Swedish	3,829,029	+/-41,873	1.2%	+/-0.1
Swiss	915,091	+/-19,380	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	986,698	+/-22,474	0.3%	+/-0.1
Welsh	1,776,955	+/-23,606	0.6%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	2,949,716	+/-43,250	0.9%	+/-0.1
COMPUTERS AND INTERNET USE				
Total Households	118,208,250	+/-155,130	118,208,250	(X)
With a computer	102,589,480	+/-183,220	86.8%	+/-0.1
With a broadband Internet subscription	90,645,632	+/-187,309	76.7%	+/-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.

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.

Due to methodological changes to data collection that began in data year 2013, comparisons of language estimates from that point to estimates from 2013 forward should be made with caution. 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.

The category "with a broadband Internet subscription" refers to those who said "Yes" to a DSL, cable, fiberoptic, mobile broadband, satellite, or fixed wireless subscription.

While the 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, 2015 American Community Survey 1-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.