

Hawaii

S1603. Characteristics of People by Language Spoken at Home

Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

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

Subject	Total	Margin of Error	People who speak only English at home	Margin of Error	Percent distribution of people who speak a language other than English at home			
					Total	Margin of Error	Spanish or Spanish Creole	Margin of Error
Total population 5 years and over	1,206,732	+/-578	906,731	+/-10,998	300,001	+/-10,943	23,763	+/-3,132
AGE								
5 to 17 years	16.7%	+/-0.1	18.8%	+/-0.3	10.6%	+/-1.0	11.6%	+/-2.9
18 to 64 years	67.6%	+/-0.1	67.3%	+/-0.4	68.8%	+/-1.1	84.0%	+/-3.3
65 years and over	15.6%	+/-0.1	14.0%	+/-0.3	20.6%	+/-1.0	4.4%	+/-1.9
CITIZENSHIP STATUS								
Native population 5 years and over	81.5%	+/-0.8	96.3%	+/-0.4	36.7%	+/-1.8	68.5%	+/-5.6
Foreign-born population 5 years and over	18.5%	+/-0.8	3.7%	+/-0.4	63.3%	+/-1.8	31.5%	+/-5.6
Naturalized U.S. citizen	10.7%	+/-0.5	2.3%	+/-0.3	36.1%	+/-1.8	19.0%	+/-5.3
Not a U.S. citizen	7.8%	+/-0.6	1.3%	+/-0.2	27.2%	+/-1.7	12.4%	+/-4.9
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS								
Population 5 years and over for whom poverty status is determined	1,176,730	+/-2,235	883,161	+/-10,818	293,569	+/-10,813	22,939	+/-3,115
Below poverty level	10.1%	+/-0.7	9.4%	+/-0.8	12.3%	+/-1.6	13.3%	+/-5.1
At or above poverty level	89.9%	+/-0.7	90.6%	+/-0.8	87.7%	+/-1.6	86.7%	+/-5.1
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT								
Population 25 years and over	882,883	+/-2,461	638,969	+/-8,932	243,914	+/-8,415	18,877	+/-2,573
Less than high school graduate	9.6%	+/-0.5	6.1%	+/-0.5	18.7%	+/-1.2	9.2%	+/-3.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	28.9%	+/-0.8	29.4%	+/-1.0	27.4%	+/-1.5	21.7%	+/-7.4
Some college or associate's degree	32.0%	+/-0.8	33.5%	+/-0.9	28.0%	+/-1.6	32.7%	+/-7.2
Bachelor's degree or higher	29.6%	+/-0.8	31.0%	+/-0.9	25.9%	+/-1.6	36.4%	+/-7.6
PERCENT IMPUTED								
Language status	2.2%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Language status (speak a language other than English)	2.5%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 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:

- While the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 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 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:

- 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.
- 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.