



United States

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2009

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HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE							
Total households	113,616,229	113,097,835	*	112,377,977	*	111,617,402	*
Family households (families)	66.5%	66.6%	*	66.8%	*	66.8%	*
With own children under 18 years	30.3%	30.8%	*	31.1%	*	31.3%	*
Married-couple family	49.1%	49.4%	*	49.7%	*	49.7%	*
With own children under 18 years	20.6%	21.2%	*	21.4%	*	21.6%	*
Male householder, no wife present, family	4.6%	4.6%		4.6%		4.6%	
With own children under 18 years	2.3%	2.3%		2.3%		2.2%	
Female householder, no husband present, family	12.7%	12.6%	*	12.5%	*	12.5%	*
With own children under 18 years	7.4%	7.4%		7.4%		7.4%	*
Nonfamily households	33.5%	33.4%	*	33.2%	*	33.2%	*
Householder living alone	27.5%	27.5%		27.3%	*	27.3%	*
65 years and over	9.4%	9.3%	*	9.1%	*	9.1%	*
Households with one or more people under 18 years	33.5%	34.0%	*	34.4%	*	34.6%	*
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	24.2%	23.8%	*	23.4%	*	23.2%	*
Average household size	2.63	2.62	*	2.61	*	2.61	*
Average family size	3.23	3.21	*	3.20	*	3.20	*
RELATIONSHIP							
Population in households	298,729,438	295,812,889	c	293,499,975	c	291,332,841	c
Householder	38.0%	38.2%	*	38.3%	*	38.3%	*
Spouse	18.7%	18.9%	*	19.0%	*	19.0%	*
Child	30.8%	30.7%	*	30.5%	*	30.5%	*
Other relatives	6.9%	6.8%	*	6.7%	*	6.7%	*
Nonrelatives	5.6%	5.4%	*	5.5%	*	5.4%	*
Unmarried partner	2.2%	2.1%	*	2.1%	*	2.1%	*
MARITAL STATUS							
Males 15 years and over	119,715,944	118,563,663	*	117,459,139	*	116,327,232	*
Never married	35.2%	34.6%	*	34.0%	*	33.9%	*
Now married, except separated	51.2%	51.8%	*	52.3%	*	52.4%	*
Separated	1.8%	1.8%	*	1.8%		1.9%	*
Widowed	2.5%	2.5%		2.5%	*	2.5%	*
Divorced	9.3%	9.3%		9.3%		9.3%	
Females 15 years and over	125,439,899	124,388,606	*	123,264,879	*	122,258,450	*

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Never married	28.6%	28.0%	*	27.6%	*	27.3%	*
Now married, except separated	47.4%	47.9%	*	48.3%	*	48.4%	*
Separated	2.5%	2.5%	*	2.5%		2.6%	*
Widowed	9.6%	9.7%	*	9.9%	*	10.0%	*
Divorced	11.9%	11.9%		11.7%	*	11.6%	*
FERTILITY							
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,333,485	4,445,571	*	4,183,633	*	4,182,942	*
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	35.2%	34.3%	*	33.5%	*	32.8%	*
Per 1,000 unmarried women	38	39		36	*	35	*
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	57	59	*	55	*	55	*
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	29	29		27	*	26	*
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	103	108	*	104		104	
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	25	25		23	*	23	*
GRANDPARENTS							
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	6,687,495	6,436,722	*	6,210,076	*	6,062,034	*
Responsible for grandchildren	40.3%	40.8%		40.5%		40.5%	
Years responsible for grandchildren							
Less than 1 year	9.1%	9.5%	*	9.2%		9.1%	
1 or 2 years	9.9%	9.5%	*	9.5%	*	9.7%	
3 or 4 years	6.8%	6.6%		6.8%		6.5%	*
5 or more years	14.6%	15.2%	*	15.0%	*	15.1%	*
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	2,696,053	2,625,584	*	2,514,256	*	2,455,102	*
Who are female	62.9%	62.5%		62.9%		63.5%	*
Who are married	70.6%	70.8%		70.5%		70.1%	
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT							
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	81,173,053	79,845,430	*	79,329,527	*	79,121,944	*
Nursery school, preschool	6.3%	6.4%		6.2%	*	6.2%	*
Kindergarten	5.1%	5.1%		5.1%		5.1%	*
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	40.0%	40.3%	*	40.5%	*	40.8%	*
High school (grades 9-12)	21.1%	21.6%	*	22.0%	*	22.1%	*
College or graduate school	27.4%	26.7%	*	26.2%	*	25.8%	*
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT							
Population 25 years and over	201,952,383	200,029,554	*	197,892,369	*	195,932,824	*
Less than 9th grade	6.3%	6.4%	*	6.4%	*	6.5%	*
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	8.5%	8.7%	*	9.1%	*	9.4%	*
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	28.5%	28.5%		30.1%	*	30.2%	*
Some college, no degree	21.3%	21.3%		19.5%	*	19.5%	*
Associate's degree	7.5%	7.5%		7.4%	*	7.4%	*
Bachelor's degree	17.6%	17.5%	*	17.4%	*	17.1%	*
Graduate or professional degree	10.3%	10.2%	*	10.1%	*	9.9%	*
Percent high school graduate or higher	85.3%	84.9%	*	84.5%	*	84.1%	*
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	27.9%	27.7%	*	27.5%	*	27.0%	*
VETERAN STATUS							
Civilian population 18 years and over	231,222,799	228,897,124	*	226,715,104	*	224,648,294	*
Civilian veterans	9.5%	9.8%	*	10.1%	*	10.4%	*
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION							
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	301,472,074	298,571,319	*	(X)		(X)	
With a disability	12.0%	12.1%	*	(X)		(X)	
Under 18 years	74,358,353	73,786,956	*	(X)		(X)	
With a disability	3.9%	3.9%		(X)		(X)	
18 to 64 years	189,181,224	187,573,812	*	(X)		(X)	
With a disability	10.1%	10.1%		(X)		(X)	
65 years and over	37,932,497	37,210,551	*	(X)		(X)	

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With a disability	37.4%	38.1%	*	(X)		(X)	
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO							
Population 1 year and over	302,951,552	299,925,416	*	297,545,149	*	295,345,172	*
Same house	84.6%	84.4%	*	84.0%	*	83.2%	*
Different house in the U.S.	14.9%	15.0%		15.4%	*	16.2%	*
Same county	9.4%	9.2%	*	9.4%		9.9%	*
Different county	5.5%	5.7%	*	5.9%	*	6.3%	*
Same state	3.2%	3.3%	*	3.4%	*	3.6%	*
Different state	2.3%	2.4%	*	2.5%	*	2.7%	*
Abroad	0.6%	0.6%	*	0.6%	*	0.6%	*
PLACE OF BIRTH							
Total population	307,006,556	304,059,727	c	301,621,159	c	299,398,485	c
Native	87.5%	87.5%		87.4%	*	87.5%	
Born in United States	86.1%	86.2%	*	86.1%		86.2%	*
State of residence	59.0%	58.9%	*	58.9%	*	58.9%	*
Different state	27.1%	27.3%	*	27.3%	*	27.3%	*
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	1.3%	1.3%		1.3%	*	1.3%	*
Foreign born	12.5%	12.5%		12.6%	*	12.5%	
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS							
Foreign-born population	38,517,234	38,028,048	*	38,059,694	*	37,547,789	*
Naturalized U.S. citizen	43.7%	43.0%	*	42.5%	*	42.0%	*
Not a U.S. citizen	56.3%	57.0%	*	57.5%	*	58.0%	*
YEAR OF ENTRY							
Population born outside the United States	42,639,300	42,058,258	*	41,858,574	*	41,294,468	*
Native	4,122,066	4,030,210	*	3,798,880	*	3,746,679	*
Entered 2000 or later	20.9%	19.8%	*	16.9%	*	14.6%	*
Entered before 2000	79.1%	80.2%	*	83.1%	*	85.4%	*
Foreign born	38,517,234	38,028,048	*	38,059,694	*	37,547,789	*
Entered 2000 or later	31.6%	29.5%	*	27.7%	*	25.3%	*
Entered before 2000	68.4%	70.5%	*	72.3%	*	74.7%	*
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN							
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	38,517,104	38,027,830	*	38,059,555	*	37,547,315	*
Europe	12.7%	13.0%	*	13.1%	*	13.3%	*
Asia	27.7%	27.3%	*	26.8%	*	26.8%	*
Africa	3.9%	3.8%	*	3.7%	*	3.7%	*
Oceania	0.5%	0.6%	*	0.6%	*	0.5%	*
Latin America	53.1%	53.1%		53.6%	*	53.5%	*
Northern America	2.1%	2.2%		2.2%	*	2.3%	*
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME							
Population 5 years and over	285,797,349	283,156,079	*	280,950,438	*	279,012,712	*
English only	80.0%	80.3%	*	80.3%	*	80.3%	*
Language other than English	20.0%	19.7%	*	19.7%	*	19.7%	*
Speak English less than "very well"	8.6%	8.7%	*	8.7%	*	8.7%	*
Spanish	12.4%	12.2%	*	12.3%	*	12.2%	*
Speak English less than "very well"	5.7%	5.7%	*	5.8%	*	5.8%	*
Other Indo-European languages	3.7%	3.7%		3.7%		3.7%	
Speak English less than "very well"	1.2%	1.2%	*	1.2%	*	1.2%	*
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	3.0%	3.0%	*	3.0%	*	3.0%	*
Speak English less than "very well"	1.5%	1.5%	*	1.4%	*	1.4%	*
Other languages	0.9%	0.8%	*	0.8%	*	0.8%	*
Speak English less than "very well"	0.3%	0.2%	*	0.2%	*	0.2%	*
ANCESTRY							
Total population	307,006,556	304,059,727	c	301,621,159	c	299,398,485	c
American	6.1%	5.9%	*	6.4%	*	6.8%	*
Arab	0.5%	0.5%	*	0.5%	*	0.5%	*
Czech	0.5%	0.5%		0.5%	*	0.5%	*
Danish	0.5%	0.5%		0.5%		0.5%	*
Dutch	1.6%	1.6%		1.7%	*	1.7%	*

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English	9.0%	9.0%		9.3%	*	9.4%	*
French (except Basque)	3.1%	3.1%	*	3.2%	*	3.2%	*
French Canadian	0.7%	0.7%	*	0.7%	*	0.7%	*
German	16.5%	16.5%		16.8%	*	17.0%	*
Greek	0.5%	0.4%		0.5%		0.5%	
Hungarian	0.5%	0.5%		0.5%	*	0.5%	*
Irish	12.0%	11.9%	*	12.1%	*	12.0%	
Italian	5.9%	5.8%	*	5.9%		6.0%	*
Lithuanian	0.2%	0.2%		0.2%	*	0.2%	
Norwegian	1.5%	1.5%		1.5%	*	1.6%	*
Polish	3.3%	3.2%	*	3.3%		3.3%	*
Portuguese	0.5%	0.5%	*	0.5%		0.5%	
Russian	1.0%	1.0%		1.0%		1.0%	
Scotch-Irish	1.2%	1.2%		1.8%	*	1.8%	*
Scottish	1.9%	1.9%		2.0%	*	2.0%	*
Slovak	0.3%	0.3%		0.3%	*	0.3%	*
Subsaharan African	0.9%	0.9%		0.9%	*	0.8%	*
Swedish	1.4%	1.4%	*	1.4%	*	1.5%	*
Swiss	0.3%	0.3%		0.3%		0.3%	
Ukrainian	0.3%	0.3%		0.3%		0.3%	
Welsh	0.6%	0.7%		0.6%		0.7%	
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	0.8%	0.8%		0.8%		0.8%	

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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:

- 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).
- Starting in 2008, the Scotch-Irish category does not include Irish-Scotch.
- 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](#).
- Selected migration data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with group quarters data collection and imputation. See [Errata Note #44](#) for details.
- 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.
- 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.

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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.
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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.

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS							
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In labor force	65.3%	65.8%	*	64.8%	*	65.0%	*
Civilian labor force	64.7%	65.3%	*	64.4%	*	64.5%	*
Employed	58.3%	61.2%	*	60.3%	*	60.4%	*
Unemployed	6.4%	4.2%	*	4.1%	*	4.1%	*
Armed Forces	0.5%	0.5%	*	0.4%	*	0.4%	*
Not in labor force	34.7%	34.2%	*	35.2%	*	35.0%	*
Civilian labor force	156,044,453	155,950,067		152,211,303	*	151,203,992	*
Percent Unemployed	9.9%	6.4%	*	6.3%	*	6.4%	*
Females 16 years and over							
Population 16 years and over	123,417,091	122,340,276	*	121,166,623	*	120,141,345	*
In labor force	59.8%	60.0%	*	58.6%	*	58.7%	*
Civilian labor force	59.7%	59.9%	*	58.5%	*	58.6%	*
Employed	54.3%	56.2%	*	54.8%	*	54.8%	*
Own children under 6 years							
Population 16 years and over	24,308,646	23,963,885	*	23,480,451	*	23,210,775	*
All parents in family in labor force	64.4%	64.2%		61.7%	*	61.6%	*
Own children 6 to 17 years							
Population 16 years and over	46,642,970	46,400,064	*	45,995,823	*	45,942,524	*
All parents in family in labor force	71.7%	71.8%		70.0%	*	69.7%	*
COMMUTING TO WORK							
Workers 16 years and over	138,591,804	143,775,328	*	139,259,684	*	138,265,905	*
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	76.1%	75.5%	*	76.1%		76.0%	*
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	10.0%	10.7%	*	10.4%	*	10.7%	*
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	5.0%	5.0%		4.9%	*	4.8%	*
Walked	2.9%	2.8%		2.8%		2.9%	
Other means	1.7%	1.8%	*	1.7%		1.7%	*
Worked at home	4.3%	4.1%	*	4.1%	*	3.9%	*
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.1	25.4	*	25.3	*	25.0	*
OCCUPATION							
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	140,602,470	146,027,219	*	142,588,118	*	141,501,434	*
Management, professional, and related occupations	35.7%	34.8%	*	34.6%	*	34.0%	*
Service occupations	17.8%	17.2%	*	16.7%	*	16.5%	*

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Sales and office occupations	25.2%	25.4%	*	25.6%	*	25.9%	*
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.7%	0.7%		0.7%		0.7%	
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	8.7%	9.3%	*	9.7%	*	10.0%	*
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	11.9%	12.5%	*	12.7%	*	13.0%	*
INDUSTRY							
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	140,602,470	146,027,219	*	142,588,118	*	141,501,434	*
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1.8%	1.8%		1.8%		1.8%	
Construction	6.8%	7.4%	*	7.7%	*	7.9%	*
Manufacturing	10.5%	11.2%	*	11.3%	*	11.6%	*
Wholesale trade	2.9%	3.0%	*	3.2%	*	3.4%	*
Retail trade	11.6%	11.6%		11.4%	*	11.5%	
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	5.0%	5.2%	*	5.2%	*	5.0%	
Information	2.3%	2.4%	*	2.5%	*	2.5%	*
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	6.9%	6.9%		7.2%	*	7.2%	*
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	10.6%	10.4%	*	10.3%	*	10.1%	*
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	22.7%	21.7%	*	21.2%	*	20.8%	*
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	9.2%	8.8%	*	8.8%	*	8.6%	*
Other services, except public administration	5.0%	4.9%	*	4.8%	*	4.8%	*
Public administration	4.8%	4.7%	*	4.7%	*	4.7%	*
CLASS OF WORKER							
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	140,602,470	146,027,219	*	142,588,118	*	141,501,434	*
Private wage and salary workers	78.6%	79.1%	*	78.6%		78.6%	
Government workers	14.8%	14.4%	*	14.5%	*	14.4%	*
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	6.4%	6.4%	*	6.7%	*	6.8%	*
Unpaid family workers	0.1%	0.2%	*	0.2%	*	0.2%	*
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)							
Total households	113,616,229	113,097,835	*	112,377,977	*	111,617,402	*
Less than \$10,000	7.8%	7.3%	*	7.0%	*	7.4%	*
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5.7%	5.5%	*	5.5%	*	5.5%	*
\$15,000 to \$24,999	11.2%	10.8%	*	10.5%	*	10.7%	*
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10.7%	10.4%	*	10.6%	*	10.8%	*
\$35,000 to \$49,999	14.4%	14.3%	*	14.2%	*	14.3%	*
\$50,000 to \$74,999	18.3%	18.7%	*	18.9%	*	18.7%	*
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12.0%	12.4%	*	12.3%	*	12.5%	*
\$100,000 to \$149,999	11.7%	12.1%	*	12.3%	*	12.0%	*
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4.1%	4.3%	*	4.3%	*	4.1%	*
\$200,000 or more	3.9%	4.2%	*	4.3%	*	3.9%	*
Median household income (dollars)	50,221	51,726	*	52,384	*	51,530	*
Mean household income (dollars)	68,914	71,089	*	71,579	*	69,709	*
With earnings	79.5%	80.3%	*	80.3%	*	80.3%	*
Mean earnings (dollars)	69,918	71,797	*	72,385	*	70,992	*
With Social Security	27.7%	27.0%	*	26.9%	*	26.8%	*
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,443	14,956	*	14,993	*	14,763	*
With retirement income	17.4%	17.2%	*	17.5%	*	17.4%	*
Mean retirement income (dollars)	21,383	21,202	*	21,064	*	20,363	*
With Supplemental Security Income	3.6%	3.5%	*	4.1%	*	4.0%	*
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,908	7,787	*	8,024	*	7,860	*
With cash public assistance income	2.6%	2.3%	*	2.1%	*	2.4%	*
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,539	3,249	*	3,359	*	3,339	*
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	10.3%	8.6%	*	7.7%	*	8.1%	*
Families							
Families	75,530,746	75,315,125	*	75,119,260	*	74,564,066	*
Less than \$10,000	4.9%	4.4%	*	4.3%	*	4.5%	*
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3.5%	3.3%	*	3.2%	*	3.2%	*

Selected Economic Characteristics	2009 Estimate	2008 Estimate	2009 - 2008 Statistical Significance	2007 Estimate	2009 - 2007 Statistical Significance	2006 Estimate	2009 - 2006 Statistical Significance
\$15,000 to \$24,999	8.7%	8.4%	*	8.1%	*	8.4%	*
\$25,000 to \$34,999	9.5%	9.2%	*	9.3%	*	9.5%	
\$35,000 to \$49,999	14.0%	13.7%	*	13.7%	*	13.9%	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	19.8%	20.1%	*	20.4%	*	20.3%	*
\$75,000 to \$99,999	14.4%	14.7%	*	14.6%	*	14.8%	*
\$100,000 to \$149,999	14.8%	15.2%	*	15.4%	*	15.0%	*
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5.4%	5.6%	*	5.5%	*	5.3%	
\$200,000 or more	5.1%	5.5%	*	5.5%	*	5.1%	
Median family income (dollars)	61,082	62,754	*	63,308	*	62,262	*
Mean family income (dollars)	80,155	82,710	*	83,033	*	80,989	*
Per capita income (dollars)	26,409	27,417	*	27,608	*	26,880	*
Nonfamily households	38,085,483	37,782,710	*	37,258,717	*	37,053,336	*
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	30,402	31,474	*	31,617	*	31,077	*
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	43,859	45,157	*	45,582	*	44,165	*
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	28,365	29,300	*	29,442	*	28,776	*
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	45,485	45,161	*	45,323		44,781	*
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	35,549	35,104	*	35,191	*	34,701	*
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE							
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	301,472,074	298,571,319	*	(X)		(X)	
With health insurance coverage	84.9%	85.4%	*	(X)		(X)	
With private health insurance coverage	67.4%	69.6%	*	(X)		(X)	
With public health insurance coverage	28.5%	27.3%	*	(X)		(X)	
No health insurance coverage	15.1%	14.6%	*	(X)		(X)	
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	74,358,353	73,786,956	*	(X)		(X)	
No health insurance coverage	8.6%	9.3%	*	(X)		(X)	
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL							
All families	10.5%	9.8%	*	9.5%	*	9.8%	*
With related children under 18 years	16.6%	15.2%	*	14.9%	*	15.0%	*
With related children under 5 years only	17.9%	16.5%	*	16.0%	*	15.9%	*
Married couple families	5.1%	4.7%	*	4.5%	*	4.7%	*
With related children under 18 years	7.5%	6.6%	*	6.4%	*	6.5%	*
With related children under 5 years only	6.9%	6.0%	*	5.9%	*	6.1%	*
Families with female householder, no husband present	29.4%	28.1%	*	28.2%	*	28.6%	*
With related children under 18 years	38.2%	36.5%	*	36.5%	*	36.9%	*
With related children under 5 years only	45.6%	45.3%		44.8%		45.2%	
All people	14.3%	13.3%	*	13.0%	*	13.3%	*
Under 18 years	20.0%	18.3%	*	18.0%	*	18.3%	*
Related children under 18 years	19.7%	18.0%	*	17.6%	*	17.9%	*
Related children under 5 years	23.2%	21.4%	*	20.8%	*	21.0%	*
Related children 5 to 17 years	18.2%	16.6%	*	16.4%	*	16.7%	*
18 years and over	12.5%	11.6%	*	11.3%	*	11.6%	*
18 to 64 years	13.1%	12.0%	*	11.6%	*	12.0%	*
65 years and over	9.5%	9.9%	*	9.5%		9.9%	*
People in families	11.8%	10.8%	*	10.6%	*	10.8%	*
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	25.4%	24.3%	*	23.6%	*	24.4%	*

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:

-Employment and unemployment estimates may vary from the official labor force data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics because of differences in survey design and data collection. For guidance on differences in employment and unemployment estimates from different sources go to [Labor Force Guidance](#).

-Workers include members of the Armed Forces and civilians who were at work last week.

-The Census Bureau introduced an improved sequence of labor force questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, we recommend using caution when making labor force data comparisons from 2008 or later with data from prior years. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the "Evaluation Report Covering Employment Status" at

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/content_test/P6a_Employment_Status.pdf, and the "Evaluation Report Covering Weeks Worked" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/content_test/P6b_Weeks_Worked_Final_Report.pdf. Additional information can also be found at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/laborfor/laborforce.html>.

•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 2007. 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.

•Selected earnings and income data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with group quarters data collection and imputation. See the [ACS User Notes](#) for details.

•Logical coverage edits applying a rules-based assignment of Medicaid, Medicare and military health coverage were added in 2009 -- please see http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/publications/coverage_edits_final.pdf for more details. The corresponding 2008 data table in American FactFinder does not incorporate these edits and is therefore not comparable to this table. Select geographies of 2008 data comparable to the 2009 tables are accessible at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/data/acs/2008/re-run.html>.

•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:

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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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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United States

Selected Housing Characteristics: 2009

Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE. 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.

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

An * indicates that the estimate is significantly different (at a 90% confidence level) than the estimate from the most current year. A 'c' indicates the estimates for that year and the current year are both controlled; a statistical test is not appropriate.

Selected Housing Characteristics	2009 Estimate	2008 Estimate	2009 - 2008 Statistical Significance	2007 Estimate	2009 - 2007 Statistical Significance	2006 Estimate	2009 - 2006 Statistical Significance
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	129,949,960	129,059,978	*	127,895,430	*	126,311,823	*
Occupied housing units	87.4%	87.6%	*	87.9%	*	88.4%	*
Vacant housing units	12.6%	12.4%	*	12.1%	*	11.6%	*
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.5	2.7	*	2.5		2.2	*
Rental vacancy rate	8.4	7.9	*	7.9	*	7.7	*
UNITS IN STRUCTURE							
Total housing units	129,949,960	129,059,978	*	127,895,430	*	126,311,823	*
1-unit, detached	61.6%	61.9%	*	61.7%	*	61.4%	*
1-unit, attached	5.8%	5.7%	*	5.7%	*	5.7%	*
2 units	3.9%	3.9%	*	4.0%	*	4.0%	*
3 or 4 units	4.5%	4.5%		4.5%		4.6%	*
5 to 9 units	4.9%	4.9%		4.9%		4.9%	
10 to 19 units	4.6%	4.5%	*	4.5%	*	4.5%	*
20 or more units	8.2%	8.0%	*	7.9%	*	7.9%	*
Mobile home	6.5%	6.6%	*	6.7%	*	6.9%	*
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%		0.1%	
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT							
Total housing units	129,949,960	129,059,978	*	127,895,430	*	126,311,823	*
Built 2005 or later	4.8%	3.8%	*	3.3%	*	1.8%	*
Built 2000 to 2004	8.5%	8.5%	*	8.6%	*	8.6%	*
Built 1990 to 1999	13.9%	14.2%	*	13.9%	*	14.3%	*
Built 1980 to 1989	14.0%	14.2%	*	14.3%	*	14.5%	*
Built 1970 to 1979	16.3%	16.5%	*	16.6%	*	16.8%	*
Built 1960 to 1969	11.4%	11.4%		11.5%	*	11.7%	*
Built 1950 to 1959	11.3%	11.4%	*	11.4%	*	11.6%	*
Built 1940 to 1949	5.8%	5.9%		5.8%		6.0%	*
Built 1939 or earlier	14.0%	14.2%	*	14.5%	*	14.6%	*
ROOMS							
Total housing units	129,949,960	129,059,978	*	127,895,430	*	126,311,823	*
1 room	1.9%	2.0%	*	1.0%	*	1.0%	*
2 rooms	2.2%	2.2%	*	3.1%	*	3.2%	*
3 rooms	8.9%	8.6%	*	9.2%	*	9.3%	*
4 rooms	16.6%	16.4%	*	17.3%	*	17.4%	*
5 rooms	20.4%	20.4%		21.8%	*	21.9%	*
6 rooms	18.3%	18.4%	*	19.0%	*	18.9%	*

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7 rooms	12.4%	12.5%	*	12.4%		12.3%	*
8 rooms	8.6%	8.7%	*	8.0%	*	8.0%	*
9 rooms or more	10.5%	10.8%	*	8.2%	*	8.1%	*
Median rooms	5.5	5.5		5.4		5.4	
BEDROOMS							
Total housing units	129,949,960	129,059,978	*	127,895,430	*	126,311,823	*
No bedroom	2.1%	2.3%	*	1.3%	*	1.3%	*
1 bedroom	11.1%	10.9%	*	11.5%	*	11.8%	*
2 bedrooms	27.0%	27.0%		27.5%	*	27.8%	*
3 bedrooms	39.7%	39.7%		40.0%	*	39.8%	*
4 bedrooms	15.9%	15.9%	*	15.7%	*	15.5%	*
5 or more bedrooms	4.2%	4.1%		3.9%	*	3.9%	*
HOUSING TENURE							
Occupied housing units	113,616,229	113,097,835	*	112,377,977	*	111,617,402	*
Owner-occupied	65.9%	66.6%	*	67.2%	*	67.3%	*
Renter-occupied	34.1%	33.4%	*	32.8%	*	32.7%	*
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.71	2.70		2.70		2.71	
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.48	2.44	*	2.42	*	2.41	*
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT							
Occupied housing units	113,616,229	113,097,835	*	112,377,977	*	111,617,402	*
Moved in 2005 or later	40.5%	36.9%	*	30.1%	*	21.5%	*
Moved in 2000 to 2004	19.8%	22.3%	*	25.7%	*	31.1%	*
Moved in 1990 to 1999	19.4%	20.4%	*	22.2%	*	24.1%	*
Moved in 1980 to 1989	9.1%	9.2%	*	9.8%	*	10.4%	*
Moved in 1970 to 1979	6.0%	6.1%	*	6.5%	*	6.8%	*
Moved in 1969 or earlier	5.1%	5.2%	*	5.7%	*	6.1%	*
VEHICLES AVAILABLE							
Occupied housing units	113,616,229	113,097,835	*	112,377,977	*	111,617,402	*
No vehicles available	8.9%	8.8%	*	8.7%	*	8.8%	*
1 vehicle available	33.7%	33.4%	*	33.1%	*	33.2%	*
2 vehicles available	37.6%	37.8%	*	38.1%	*	38.0%	*
3 or more vehicles available	19.9%	20.1%	*	20.1%	*	20.0%	*
HOUSE HEATING FUEL							
Occupied housing units	113,616,229	113,097,835	*	112,377,977	*	111,617,402	*
Utility gas	49.8%	50.2%	*	50.2%	*	50.5%	*
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	5.1%	5.2%	*	5.5%	*	5.8%	*
Electricity	34.8%	34.1%	*	33.6%	*	32.8%	*
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	6.7%	7.1%	*	7.4%	*	7.7%	*
Coal or coke	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%		0.1%	
Wood	2.1%	2.0%	*	1.8%	*	1.8%	*
Solar energy	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	
Other fuel	0.4%	0.4%		0.4%		0.4%	
No fuel used	0.9%	0.9%		0.9%	*	0.9%	*
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS							
Occupied housing units	113,616,229	113,097,835	*	112,377,977	*	111,617,402	*
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	0.6%	0.7%	*	0.4%	*	0.4%	*
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	0.9%	1.0%	*	0.6%	*	0.6%	*
No telephone service available	2.3%	2.6%	*	5.4%	*	5.9%	*
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM							
Occupied housing units	113,616,229	113,097,835	*	112,377,977	*	111,617,402	*
1.00 or less	96.8%	97.0%	*	97.1%	*	97.0%	*
1.01 to 1.50	2.2%	2.1%	*	2.3%	*	2.3%	*
1.51 or more	1.0%	1.0%		0.7%	*	0.7%	*
VALUE							
Owner-occupied units	74,843,004	75,342,138	*	75,515,104	*	75,086,485	*
Less than \$50,000	8.5%	8.2%	*	7.4%	*	8.1%	*
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14.7%	13.8%	*	14.7%	*	15.9%	*
\$100,000 to \$149,999	15.4%	14.5%	*	15.6%	*	16.0%	*
\$150,000 to \$199,999	15.0%	14.2%	*	13.6%	*	13.4%	*
\$200,000 to \$299,999	18.7%	18.6%		16.9%	*	15.9%	*

Selected Housing Characteristics	2009 Estimate	2008 Estimate	2009 - 2008 Statistical Significance	2007 Estimate	2009 - 2007 Statistical Significance	2006 Estimate	2009 - 2006 Statistical Significance
\$500,000 to \$999,999	16.5%	17.6%	*	17.6%	*	17.0%	*
\$1,000,000 or more	8.9%	10.5%	*	11.5%	*	11.3%	*
Median (dollars)	2.2%	2.7%	*	2.6%	*	2.4%	*
185,200	196,700	*	201,000	*	197,000	*	
MORTGAGE STATUS							
Owner-occupied units	74,843,004	75,342,138	*	75,515,104	*	75,086,485	*
Housing units with a mortgage	67.8%	68.4%	*	68.4%	*	68.2%	*
Housing units without a mortgage	32.2%	31.6%	*	31.6%	*	31.8%	*
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)							
Housing units with a mortgage	50,747,854	51,557,616	*	51,615,003	*	51,234,170	*
Less than \$300	0.2%	0.3%	*	0.2%	*	0.2%	*
\$300 to \$499	1.9%	2.1%	*	1.9%	*	2.0%	*
\$500 to \$699	5.7%	5.8%	*	5.7%	*	5.7%	*
\$700 to \$999	14.8%	14.7%	*	14.7%	*	15.1%	*
\$1,000 to \$1,499	27.2%	26.9%	*	27.0%	*	27.8%	*
\$1,500 to \$1,999	19.7%	19.5%	*	19.6%	*	19.9%	*
\$2,000 or more	30.5%	30.8%	*	30.9%	*	29.4%	*
Median (dollars)	1,505	1,507	*	1,513	*	1,486	*
Housing units without a mortgage	24,095,150	23,784,522	*	23,900,101	*	23,852,315	*
Less than \$100	1.4%	1.4%	*	1.4%	*	1.3%	*
\$100 to \$199	8.0%	8.3%	*	7.9%	*	7.8%	*
\$200 to \$299	17.2%	17.4%	*	17.4%	*	17.0%	*
\$300 to \$399	19.4%	19.5%	*	19.9%	*	19.7%	*
\$400 or more	54.0%	53.4%	*	53.5%	*	54.1%	*
Median (dollars)	425	421	*	422	*	425	*
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)							
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	50,532,625	51,352,683	*	51,427,983	*	51,032,625	*
Less than 20.0 percent	33.9%	33.8%	*	33.9%	*	34.0%	*
20.0 to 24.9 percent	16.0%	16.0%	*	15.9%	*	16.3%	*
25.0 to 29.9 percent	12.5%	12.5%	*	12.5%	*	12.7%	*
30.0 to 34.9 percent	9.0%	9.0%	*	9.0%	*	9.1%	*
35.0 percent or more	28.7%	28.8%	*	28.6%	*	28.0%	*
Not computed	215,229	204,933	*	187,020	*	201,545	*
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	23,836,559	23,540,235	*	23,692,382	*	23,628,272	*
Less than 10.0 percent	39.6%	40.1%	*	39.9%	*	38.0%	*
10.0 to 14.9 percent	20.1%	19.9%	*	19.9%	*	20.1%	*
15.0 to 19.9 percent	12.1%	12.0%	*	12.2%	*	12.4%	*
20.0 to 24.9 percent	7.6%	7.5%	*	7.7%	*	7.9%	*
25.0 to 29.9 percent	5.1%	5.0%	*	5.1%	*	5.3%	*
30.0 to 34.9 percent	3.5%	3.4%	*	3.5%	*	3.5%	*
35.0 percent or more	12.0%	12.0%	*	11.8%	*	12.7%	*
Not computed	258,591	244,287	*	207,719	*	224,043	*
GROSS RENT							
Occupied units paying rent	36,601,338	35,640,160	*	34,674,969	*	34,319,711	*
Less than \$200	2.2%	2.6%	*	2.5%	*	2.6%	*
\$200 to \$299	3.4%	3.5%	*	3.5%	*	3.6%	*
\$300 to \$499	9.8%	10.8%	*	10.8%	*	10.8%	*
\$500 to \$749	25.0%	25.9%	*	26.1%	*	26.5%	*
\$750 to \$999	24.2%	24.1%	*	24.4%	*	24.3%	*
\$1,000 to \$1,499	23.4%	22.3%	*	22.0%	*	22.3%	*
\$1,500 or more	12.0%	10.9%	*	10.6%	*	9.9%	*
Median (dollars)	842	818	*	815	*	809	*
No rent paid	2,171,887	2,115,537	*	2,187,904	*	2,211,206	*
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)							
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	35,865,739	34,993,244	*	34,081,869	*	33,729,402	*
Less than 15.0 percent	11.8%	12.7%	*	13.1%	*	12.9%	*

Selected Housing Characteristics	2009 Estimate	2008 Estimate	2009 - 2008 Statistical Significance	2007 Estimate	2009 - 2007 Statistical Significance	2006 Estimate	2009 - 2006 Statistical Significance
15.0 to 19.9 percent	12.3%	12.6%	*	12.8%	*	12.8%	*
20.0 to 24.9 percent	12.7%	13.0%	*	13.1%	*	12.9%	
25.0 to 29.9 percent	11.7%	11.7%		11.7%		11.7%	
30.0 to 34.9 percent	9.1%	9.2%		9.1%		9.0%	
35.0 percent or more	42.5%	40.8%	*	40.2%	*	40.8%	*
Not computed	2,907,486	2,762,453	*	2,781,004	*	2,801,515	*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey

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- The 2009 plumbing data for Puerto Rico will not be shown. Research indicates that the questions on plumbing facilities that were introduced in 2008 in the stateside American Community Survey and the 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey may not have been appropriate for Puerto Rico.
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United States

ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates: 2009

Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE: 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.

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

An * indicates that the estimate is significantly different (at a 90% confidence level) than the estimate from the most current year. A 'c' indicates the estimates for that year and the current year are both controlled; a statistical test is not appropriate.

ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates	2009 Estimate	2008 Estimate	2009 - 2008 Statistical Significance	2007 Estimate	2009 - 2007 Statistical Significance	2006 Estimate	2009 - 2006 Statistical Significance
SEX AND AGE							
Total population	307,006,556	304,059,727	c	301,621,159	c	299,398,485	c
Male	49.3%	49.3%	*	49.3%	*	49.2%	*
Female	50.7%	50.7%	*	50.7%	*	50.8%	*
Under 5 years	6.9%	6.9%	*	6.9%	*	6.8%	*
5 to 9 years	6.6%	6.5%		6.6%		6.6%	*
10 to 14 years	6.7%	6.7%		6.8%	*	6.9%	*
15 to 19 years	7.1%	7.2%	*	7.3%	*	7.2%	*
20 to 24 years	7.0%	6.9%	*	6.9%	*	7.0%	*
25 to 34 years	13.5%	13.3%	*	13.3%	*	13.3%	*
35 to 44 years	13.6%	14.1%	*	14.4%	*	14.7%	*
45 to 54 years	14.5%	14.6%	*	14.6%	*	14.5%	*
55 to 59 years	6.1%	6.1%	*	6.0%	*	6.0%	*
60 to 64 years	5.2%	5.0%	*	4.8%	*	4.5%	*
65 to 74 years	6.8%	6.6%	*	6.4%	*	6.3%	*
75 to 84 years	4.3%	4.4%	*	4.4%	*	4.4%	*
85 years and over	1.8%	1.8%	*	1.7%	*	1.7%	*
Median age (years)	36.8	36.9		36.7		36.4	*
18 years and over	75.7%	75.7%	*	75.5%	*	75.4%	*
21 years and over	71.2%	71.2%	*	71.1%	*	70.9%	*
62 years and over	15.8%	15.4%	*	15.2%	*	15.1%	*
65 years and over	12.9%	12.8%	*	12.5%	*	12.4%	*
18 years and over	232,509,573	230,136,974	*	227,713,184	*	225,633,342	*
Male	48.7%	48.7%	*	48.6%	*	48.6%	*
Female	51.3%	51.3%	*	51.4%	*	51.4%	*
65 years and over	39,506,648	38,813,564	*	37,840,558	*	37,191,004	*
Male	42.5%	42.3%	*	42.1%	*	42.0%	*
Female	57.5%	57.7%	*	57.9%	*	58.0%	*
RACE							
Total population	307,006,556	304,059,727	c	301,621,159	c	299,398,485	c
One race	97.6%	97.7%	*	97.8%	*	98.0%	*
Two or more races	2.4%	2.3%	*	2.2%	*	2.0%	*
One race	97.6%	97.7%	*	97.8%	*	98.0%	*

ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates	2009 Estimate	2008 Estimate	2009 - 2008 Statistical Significance	2007 Estimate	2009 - 2007 Statistical Significance	2006 Estimate	2009 - 2006 Statistical Significance
White	74.8%	75.1%	*	73.9%	*	73.9%	*
Black or African American	12.4%	12.4%	*	12.4%	*	12.4%	*
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.8%	0.8%		0.8%	*	0.8%	
Cherokee tribal grouping	0.1%	0.1%	*	0.1%	*	0.1%	*
Chippewa tribal grouping	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	
Navajo tribal grouping	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%		0.1%	
Sioux tribal grouping	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	*	0.0%	
Asian	4.5%	4.4%	*	4.4%	*	4.4%	*
Asian Indian	0.8%	0.8%	*	0.9%		0.8%	
Chinese	1.0%	1.0%	*	1.0%	*	1.0%	
Filipino	0.8%	0.8%		0.8%		0.8%	*
Japanese	0.2%	(X)		0.3%	*	0.3%	*
Korean	0.4%	(X)		0.4%		0.4%	
Vietnamese	0.5%	(X)		(X)		(X)	
Other Asian	0.6%	(X)		0.5%	*	0.5%	*
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%		0.1%	*
Native Hawaiian	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	
Guamanian or Chamorro	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	*	0.0%	*
Samoan	0.0%	0.0%		(X)		(X)	
Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	*
Some other race	4.9%	4.9%		6.2%	*	6.3%	*
Two or more races	2.4%	2.3%	*	2.2%	*	2.0%	*
White and Black or African American	0.6%	0.6%	*	0.5%	*	0.4%	*
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	0.6%	0.5%	*	0.5%	*	0.5%	*
White and Asian	0.4%	0.4%	*	0.4%	*	0.3%	*
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%		0.1%	*
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races							
Total population	307,006,556	304,059,727	c	301,621,159	c	299,398,485	c
White	77.0%	77.0%	*	75.8%	*	75.7%	*
Black or African American	13.3%	13.2%	*	13.1%	*	13.1%	*
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.6%	1.6%	*	1.5%	*	1.4%	*
Asian	5.1%	5.0%	*	5.0%	*	4.9%	*
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.3%	0.3%	*	0.3%	*	0.3%	*
Some other race	5.3%	5.4%		6.7%	*	6.8%	*
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE							
Total population	307,006,556	304,059,727	c	301,621,159	c	299,398,485	c
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	15.8%	15.4%	*	15.1%	*	14.8%	*
Mexican	10.3%	10.1%	*	9.7%	*	9.5%	*
Puerto Rican	1.4%	1.4%	*	1.4%	*	1.3%	*
Cuban	0.6%	0.5%	*	0.5%	*	0.5%	*
Other Hispanic or Latino	3.4%	3.4%	*	3.5%	*	3.5%	*
Not Hispanic or Latino	84.2%	84.6%	*	84.9%	*	85.2%	*
White alone	64.9%	65.4%	*	65.8%	*	66.2%	*
Black or African American alone	12.1%	12.1%	*	12.2%	*	12.2%	*
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.6%	0.7%	*	0.7%	*	0.7%	*
Asian alone	4.4%	4.4%	*	4.3%	*	4.3%	*
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%	*	0.1%	*
Some other race alone	0.2%	0.2%	*	0.2%	*	0.3%	*
Two or more races	1.8%	1.7%	*	1.6%	*	1.5%	*
Two races including Some other race	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%	*	0.1%	
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	1.7%	1.6%	*	1.5%	*	1.4%	*
Total housing units	129,949,960	129,059,978	*	127,895,430	*	126,311,823	*

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·For more information on understanding race and Hispanic origin data, please see the Census 2000 Brief entitled, [Overview of Race and Hispanic Origin](#), issued March 2001. (pdf format)

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