



Bell Gardens city, California

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2007-2009

Data Set: 2007-2009 American Community Survey 3-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](#).

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	10,053	+/-395	10,053	(X)
Family households (families)	8,704	+/-311	86.6%	+/-2.9
With own children under 18 years	6,351	+/-323	63.2%	+/-3.1
Married-couple family	5,556	+/-452	55.3%	+/-4.7
With own children under 18 years	4,218	+/-412	42.0%	+/-4.2
Male householder, no wife present, family	821	+/-238	8.2%	+/-2.4
With own children under 18 years	490	+/-203	4.9%	+/-2.0
Female householder, no husband present, family	2,327	+/-403	23.1%	+/-3.8
With own children under 18 years	1,643	+/-353	16.3%	+/-3.4
Nonfamily households	1,349	+/-319	13.4%	+/-2.9
Householder living alone	970	+/-270	9.6%	+/-2.5
65 years and over	420	+/-159	4.2%	+/-1.5
Households with one or more people under 18 years	6,873	+/-305	68.4%	+/-3.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	1,411	+/-269	14.0%	+/-2.6
Average household size	4.37	+/-0.17	(X)	(X)
Average family size	4.66	+/-0.16	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	43,931	+/-259	43,931	(X)
Householder	10,053	+/-395	22.9%	+/-0.9
Spouse	5,578	+/-454	12.7%	+/-1.0
Child	20,045	+/-939	45.6%	+/-2.1
Other relatives	6,237	+/-1,000	14.2%	+/-2.3
Nonrelatives	2,018	+/-537	4.6%	+/-1.2
Unmarried partner	821	+/-229	1.9%	+/-0.5
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	15,460	+/-725	15,460	(X)
Never married	7,292	+/-720	47.2%	+/-3.6
Now married, except separated	6,819	+/-540	44.1%	+/-3.8
Separated	428	+/-211	2.8%	+/-1.3
Widowed	188	+/-98	1.2%	+/-0.6
Divorced	733	+/-262	4.7%	+/-1.6
Females 15 years and over	14,984	+/-639	14,984	(X)
Never married	6,353	+/-642	42.4%	+/-3.3
Now married, except separated	6,417	+/-490	42.8%	+/-3.7
Separated	528	+/-188	3.5%	+/-1.2
Widowed	830	+/-265	5.5%	+/-1.7
Divorced	856	+/-274	5.7%	+/-1.8

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FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	839	+/-239	839	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	320	+/-150	38.1%	+/-13.9
Per 1,000 unmarried women	50	+/-23	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	73	+/-21	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	7	+/-11	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	136	+/-41	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	36	+/-26	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	1,903	+/-450	1,903	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	325	+/-147	17.1%	+/-7.0
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	0	+/-168	0.0%	+/-3.4
1 or 2 years	121	+/-97	6.4%	+/-4.8
3 or 4 years	26	+/-43	1.4%	+/-2.3
5 or more years	178	+/-125	9.4%	+/-6.4
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	325	+/-147	325	(X)
Who are female	173	+/-90	53.2%	+/-19.9
Who are married	272	+/-148	83.7%	+/-20.3
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	14,903	+/-897	14,903	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	1,136	+/-307	7.6%	+/-2.2
Kindergarten	840	+/-236	5.6%	+/-1.5
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	7,549	+/-699	50.7%	+/-3.3
High school (grades 9-12)	3,604	+/-552	24.2%	+/-3.2
College or graduate school	1,774	+/-342	11.9%	+/-2.2
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	22,989	+/-873	22,989	(X)
Less than 9th grade	9,746	+/-882	42.4%	+/-3.5
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,909	+/-587	17.0%	+/-2.4
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	4,699	+/-641	20.4%	+/-2.6
Some college, no degree	2,475	+/-417	10.8%	+/-1.8
Associate's degree	809	+/-292	3.5%	+/-1.3
Bachelor's degree	1,119	+/-395	4.9%	+/-1.7
Graduate or professional degree	232	+/-157	1.0%	+/-0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	40.6%	+/-3.6	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	5.9%	+/-1.8	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	27,608	+/-728	27,608	(X)
Civilian veterans	233	+/-137	0.8%	+/-0.5
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	43,460	+/-340	43,460	(X)
Same house	39,617	+/-1,395	91.2%	+/-2.9
Different house in the U.S.	3,786	+/-1,257	8.7%	+/-2.9
Same county	3,339	+/-1,268	7.7%	+/-2.9

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Different county	447	+/-289	1.0%	+/-0.7
Same state	417	+/-282	1.0%	+/-0.6
Different state	30	+/-47	0.1%	+/-0.1
Abroad	57	+/-66	0.1%	+/-0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	44,391	+/-37	44,391	(X)
Native	24,925	+/-953	56.1%	+/-2.1
Born in United States	24,873	+/-961	56.0%	+/-2.2
State of residence	23,915	+/-894	53.9%	+/-2.0
Different state	958	+/-272	2.2%	+/-0.6
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	52	+/-59	0.1%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	19,466	+/-951	43.9%	+/-2.1
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	19,466	+/-951	19,466	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	4,832	+/-804	24.8%	+/-3.9
Not a U.S. citizen	14,634	+/-1,051	75.2%	+/-3.9
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	19,518	+/-960	19,518	(X)
Native	52	+/-59	52	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	0	+/-168	0.0%	+/-58.2
Entered before 2000	52	+/-59	100.0%	+/-58.2
Foreign born	19,466	+/-951	19,466	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	2,976	+/-652	15.3%	+/-3.1
Entered before 2000	16,490	+/-889	84.7%	+/-3.1
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	N	N	N	(X)
Europe	N	N	N	N
Asia	N	N	N	N
Africa	N	N	N	N
Oceania	N	N	N	N
Latin America	N	N	N	N
Northern America	N	N	N	N
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	N	N	N	(X)
English only	N	N	N	N
Language other than English	N	N	N	N
Speak English less than "very well"	N	N	N	N
Spanish	N	N	N	N
Speak English less than "very well"	N	N	N	N
Other Indo-European languages	N	N	N	N
Speak English less than "very well"	N	N	N	N
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	N	N	N	N
Speak English less than "very well"	N	N	N	N
Other languages	N	N	N	N
Speak English less than "very well"	N	N	N	N
ANCESTRY				
Total population	N	N	N	(X)
American	N	N	N	N
Arab	N	N	N	N
Czech	N	N	N	N
Danish	N	N	N	N
Dutch	N	N	N	N
English	N	N	N	N
French (except Basque)	N	N	N	N
French Canadian	N	N	N	N
German	N	N	N	N
Greek	N	N	N	N
Hungarian	N	N	N	N

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Irish	N	N	N	N
Italian	N	N	N	N
Lithuanian	N	N	N	N
Norwegian	N	N	N	N
Polish	N	N	N	N
Portuguese	N	N	N	N
Russian	N	N	N	N
Scotch-Irish	N	N	N	N
Scottish	N	N	N	N
Slovak	N	N	N	N
Subsaharan African	N	N	N	N
Swedish	N	N	N	N
Swiss	N	N	N	N
Ukrainian	N	N	N	N
Welsh	N	N	N	N
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	N	N	N	N

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2009 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:

- 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).
- The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Because of contextual differences between the 2008-2009 disability data and disability data collected in prior 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 years' disability questions, see [Review of Changes to the Measurement of Disability in the 2008 ACS](#).
- 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 2007-2009 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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