



Commerce city, California

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2005-2009
Data Set: 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-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	3,306	+/-264	3,306	(X)
Family households (families)	2,687	+/-228	81.3%	+/-3.6
With own children under 18 years	1,437	+/-175	43.5%	+/-5.1
Married-couple family	1,687	+/-177	51.0%	+/-4.7
With own children under 18 years	954	+/-152	28.9%	+/-5.1
Male householder, no wife present, family	350	+/-119	10.6%	+/-3.5
With own children under 18 years	159	+/-88	4.8%	+/-2.6
Female householder, no husband present, family	650	+/-181	19.7%	+/-4.9
With own children under 18 years	324	+/-138	9.8%	+/-4.0
Nonfamily households	619	+/-135	18.7%	+/-3.6
Householder living alone	514	+/-116	15.5%	+/-3.2
65 years and over	345	+/-102	10.4%	+/-2.9
Households with one or more people under 18 years	1,864	+/-184	56.4%	+/-5.3
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	984	+/-164	29.8%	+/-4.0
Average household size	3.81	+/-0.21	(X)	(X)
Average family size	4.21	+/-0.25	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	12,594	+/-847	12,594	(X)
Householder	3,306	+/-264	26.3%	+/-1.4
Spouse	1,663	+/-169	13.2%	+/-1.2
Child	4,812	+/-482	38.2%	+/-3.0
Other relatives	2,158	+/-459	17.1%	+/-3.4
Nonrelatives	655	+/-211	5.2%	+/-1.5
Unmarried partner	264	+/-103	2.1%	+/-0.8
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	4,883	+/-387	4,883	(X)
Never married	2,304	+/-480	47.2%	+/-6.9
Now married, except separated	2,094	+/-235	42.9%	+/-6.0
Separated	156	+/-92	3.2%	+/-2.0
Widowed	160	+/-90	3.3%	+/-1.9
Divorced	169	+/-80	3.5%	+/-1.6
Females 15 years and over	5,248	+/-320	5,248	(X)
Never married	2,220	+/-257	42.3%	+/-3.9
Now married, except separated	1,935	+/-234	36.9%	+/-4.1
Separated	156	+/-83	3.0%	+/-1.6

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Widowed	481	+/-144	9.2%	+/-2.6
Divorced	456	+/-148	8.7%	+/-2.8
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	255	+/-109	255	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	122	+/-80	47.8%	+/-21.7
Per 1,000 unmarried women	52	+/-35	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	69	+/-31	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	21	+/-29	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	113	+/-60	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	53	+/-41	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	757	+/-208	757	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	210	+/-116	27.7%	+/-13.0
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	113	+/-93	14.9%	+/-11.3
1 or 2 years	41	+/-43	5.4%	+/-5.7
3 or 4 years	9	+/-15	1.2%	+/-1.9
5 or more years	47	+/-59	6.2%	+/-7.6
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	210	+/-116	210	(X)
Who are female	134	+/-82	63.8%	+/-15.0
Who are married	174	+/-107	82.9%	+/-22.3
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	4,708	+/-669	4,708	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	185	+/-68	3.9%	+/-1.6
Kindergarten	257	+/-96	5.5%	+/-2.3
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	1,636	+/-267	34.7%	+/-8.3
High school (grades 9-12)	1,888	+/-819	40.1%	+/-12.8
College or graduate school	742	+/-221	15.8%	+/-5.1
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	7,402	+/-602	7,402	(X)
Less than 9th grade	2,157	+/-347	29.1%	+/-4.0
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,332	+/-230	18.0%	+/-3.2
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,612	+/-273	21.8%	+/-2.9
Some college, no degree	1,410	+/-292	19.0%	+/-3.4
Associate's degree	449	+/-144	6.1%	+/-1.9
Bachelor's degree	403	+/-126	5.4%	+/-1.6
Graduate or professional degree	39	+/-30	0.5%	+/-0.4
Percent high school graduate or higher	52.9%	+/-3.8	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	6.0%	+/-1.8	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	8,773	+/-576	8,773	(X)
Civilian veterans	401	+/-152	4.6%	+/-1.7
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				

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Population 1 year and over	13,046	+/-117	13,046	(X)
Same house	11,357	+/-907	87.1%	+/-7.1
Different house in the U.S.	1,612	+/-929	12.4%	+/-7.1
Same county	1,545	+/-932	11.8%	+/-7.1
Different county	67	+/-59	0.5%	+/-0.5
Same state	67	+/-59	0.5%	+/-0.5
Different state	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Abroad	77	+/-76	0.6%	+/-0.6
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	13,297	+/-22	13,297	(X)
Native	8,726	+/-480	65.6%	+/-3.6
Born in United States	8,580	+/-524	64.5%	+/-3.9
State of residence	7,569	+/-521	56.9%	+/-3.9
Different state	1,011	+/-287	7.6%	+/-2.2
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	146	+/-138	1.1%	+/-1.0
Foreign born	4,571	+/-478	34.4%	+/-3.6
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	4,571	+/-478	4,571	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,944	+/-300	42.5%	+/-6.0
Not a U.S. citizen	2,627	+/-431	57.5%	+/-6.0
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	4,717	+/-524	4,717	(X)
Native	146	+/-138	146	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	85	+/-130	58.2%	+/-49.5
Entered before 2000	61	+/-48	41.8%	+/-49.5
Foreign born	4,571	+/-478	4,571	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	397	+/-197	8.7%	+/-3.9
Entered before 2000	4,174	+/-405	91.3%	+/-3.9
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	4,571	+/-478	4,571	(X)
Europe	19	+/-21	0.4%	+/-0.5
Asia	118	+/-103	2.6%	+/-2.2
Africa	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.9
Oceania	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.9
Latin America	4,434	+/-466	97.0%	+/-2.3
Northern America	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.9
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	12,355	+/-223	12,355	(X)
English only	2,552	+/-729	20.7%	+/-5.8
Language other than English	9,803	+/-683	79.3%	+/-5.8
Speak English less than "very well"	4,519	+/-669	36.6%	+/-5.5
Spanish	9,666	+/-679	78.2%	+/-5.7
Speak English less than "very well"	4,481	+/-668	36.3%	+/-5.5
Other Indo-European languages	48	+/-60	0.4%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	89	+/-96	0.7%	+/-0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	38	+/-45	0.3%	+/-0.4
Other languages	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
ANCESTRY				
Total population	13,297	+/-22	13,297	(X)
American	376	+/-315	2.8%	+/-2.4
Arab	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Czech	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Danish	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Dutch	14	+/-23	0.1%	+/-0.2
English	8	+/-14	0.1%	+/-0.1
French (except Basque)	15	+/-22	0.1%	+/-0.2

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	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
German	114	+/-85	0.9%	+/-0.6
Greek	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Hungarian	10	+/-17	0.1%	+/-0.1
Irish	105	+/-57	0.8%	+/-0.4
Italian	139	+/-110	1.0%	+/-0.8
Lithuanian	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Norwegian	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Polish	9	+/-15	0.1%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	14	+/-23	0.1%	+/-0.2
Russian	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Scotch-Irish	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Scottish	19	+/-23	0.1%	+/-0.2
Slovak	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Subsaharan African	10	+/-15	0.1%	+/-0.1
Swedish	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Swiss	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Ukrainian	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3
Welsh	14	+/-23	0.1%	+/-0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	0	+/-132	0.0%	+/-0.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 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 5 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 five 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 2005-2009 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.
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.
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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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