



Long Beach 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	159,026	+/-2,304	159,026	(X)
Family households (families)	95,447	+/-1,731	60.0%	+/-0.9
With own children under 18 years	51,660	+/-1,427	32.5%	+/-0.9
Married-couple family	59,585	+/-1,601	37.5%	+/-1.0
With own children under 18 years	31,153	+/-1,293	19.6%	+/-0.8
Male householder, no wife present, family	10,452	+/-917	6.6%	+/-0.6
With own children under 18 years	5,447	+/-643	3.4%	+/-0.4
Female householder, no husband present, family	25,410	+/-1,427	16.0%	+/-0.9
With own children under 18 years	15,060	+/-1,184	9.5%	+/-0.7
Nonfamily households	63,579	+/-1,924	40.0%	+/-0.9
Householder living alone	48,990	+/-1,980	30.8%	+/-1.0
65 years and over	11,550	+/-799	7.3%	+/-0.5
Households with one or more people under 18 years	57,647	+/-1,359	36.3%	+/-0.9
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	28,242	+/-977	17.8%	+/-0.6
Average household size	2.84	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.67	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	451,196	+/-1,954	451,196	(X)
Householder	159,026	+/-2,304	35.2%	+/-0.5
Spouse	59,427	+/-1,606	13.2%	+/-0.4
Child	146,617	+/-3,313	32.5%	+/-0.7
Other relatives	48,918	+/-3,140	10.8%	+/-0.7
Nonrelatives	37,208	+/-2,647	8.2%	+/-0.6
Unmarried partner	13,327	+/-903	3.0%	+/-0.2
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	175,009	+/-2,865	175,009	(X)
Never married	79,374	+/-2,773	45.4%	+/-1.2
Now married, except separated	71,381	+/-1,794	40.8%	+/-1.2
Separated	4,712	+/-746	2.7%	+/-0.4
Widowed	3,533	+/-514	2.0%	+/-0.3
Divorced	16,009	+/-1,344	9.1%	+/-0.7
Females 15 years and over	181,592	+/-2,487	181,592	(X)
Never married	71,729	+/-2,416	39.5%	+/-1.1
Now married, except separated	68,596	+/-1,805	37.8%	+/-1.0
Separated	7,009	+/-839	3.9%	+/-0.5

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Widowed	13,672	+/-1,069	7.5%	+/-0.6
Divorced	20,586	+/-1,246	11.3%	+/-0.7
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	7,991	+/-856	7,991	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	3,566	+/-574	44.6%	+/-4.9
Per 1,000 unmarried women	47	+/-8	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	63	+/-7	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	36	+/-14	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	95	+/-13	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	40	+/-10	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	13,757	+/-1,351	13,757	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	4,131	+/-797	30.0%	+/-4.7
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	637	+/-245	4.6%	+/-1.7
1 or 2 years	817	+/-356	5.9%	+/-2.5
3 or 4 years	857	+/-360	6.2%	+/-2.5
5 or more years	1,820	+/-541	13.2%	+/-3.6
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	4,131	+/-797	4,131	(X)
Who are female	2,558	+/-454	61.9%	+/-5.4
Who are married	2,616	+/-683	63.3%	+/-7.5
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	143,948	+/-2,950	143,948	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	8,672	+/-1,014	6.0%	+/-0.7
Kindergarten	6,512	+/-749	4.5%	+/-0.5
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	52,328	+/-2,002	36.4%	+/-1.2
High school (grades 9-12)	30,469	+/-1,532	21.2%	+/-1.0
College or graduate school	45,967	+/-2,234	31.9%	+/-1.2
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	286,221	+/-3,131	286,221	(X)
Less than 9th grade	33,874	+/-1,730	11.8%	+/-0.6
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	27,527	+/-1,897	9.6%	+/-0.7
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	56,585	+/-2,071	19.8%	+/-0.7
Some college, no degree	66,604	+/-2,297	23.3%	+/-0.8
Associate's degree	21,440	+/-1,353	7.5%	+/-0.5
Bachelor's degree	52,859	+/-2,273	18.5%	+/-0.8
Graduate or professional degree	27,332	+/-1,478	9.5%	+/-0.5
Percent high school graduate or higher	78.5%	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	28.0%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	334,912	+/-2,449	334,912	(X)
Civilian veterans	23,335	+/-1,154	7.0%	+/-0.3
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				

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
Population 1 year and over	452,867	+/-972	452,867	(X)
Same house	364,209	+/-5,079	80.4%	+/-1.1
Different house in the U.S.	85,869	+/-4,949	19.0%	+/-1.1
Same county	66,480	+/-4,604	14.7%	+/-1.0
Different county	19,389	+/-2,382	4.3%	+/-0.5
Same state	13,805	+/-2,028	3.0%	+/-0.4
Different state	5,584	+/-1,198	1.2%	+/-0.3
Abroad	2,789	+/-708	0.6%	+/-0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	460,874	+/-63	460,874	(X)
Native	334,720	+/-3,849	72.6%	+/-0.8
Born in United States	327,973	+/-4,060	71.2%	+/-0.9
State of residence	250,774	+/-4,162	54.4%	+/-0.9
Different state	77,199	+/-3,027	16.8%	+/-0.7
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	6,747	+/-1,100	1.5%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	126,154	+/-3,851	27.4%	+/-0.8
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	126,154	+/-3,851	126,154	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	50,423	+/-2,286	40.0%	+/-1.7
Not a U.S. citizen	75,731	+/-3,578	60.0%	+/-1.7
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	132,901	+/-4,064	132,901	(X)
Native	6,747	+/-1,100	6,747	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	1,080	+/-418	16.0%	+/-5.5
Entered before 2000	5,667	+/-977	84.0%	+/-5.5
Foreign born	126,154	+/-3,851	126,154	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	26,543	+/-2,235	21.0%	+/-1.5
Entered before 2000	99,611	+/-3,321	79.0%	+/-1.5
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	126,154	+/-3,851	126,154	(X)
Europe	5,072	+/-775	4.0%	+/-0.6
Asia	39,284	+/-2,294	31.1%	+/-1.6
Africa	2,222	+/-924	1.8%	+/-0.7
Oceania	1,048	+/-475	0.8%	+/-0.4
Latin America	76,935	+/-3,073	61.0%	+/-1.6
Northern America	1,593	+/-347	1.3%	+/-0.3
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	422,510	+/-2,027	422,510	(X)
English only	230,795	+/-4,237	54.6%	+/-1.0
Language other than English	191,715	+/-4,170	45.4%	+/-1.0
Speak English less than "very well"	91,761	+/-3,203	21.7%	+/-0.7
Spanish	136,456	+/-4,138	32.3%	+/-1.0
Speak English less than "very well"	65,589	+/-2,724	15.5%	+/-0.6
Other Indo-European languages	8,631	+/-1,198	2.0%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	2,520	+/-541	0.6%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	43,864	+/-2,145	10.4%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	22,835	+/-1,584	5.4%	+/-0.4
Other languages	2,764	+/-893	0.7%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	817	+/-463	0.2%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	460,874	+/-63	460,874	(X)
American	6,362	+/-1,055	1.4%	+/-0.2
Arab	2,637	+/-1,074	0.6%	+/-0.2
Czech	968	+/-323	0.2%	+/-0.1
Danish	1,363	+/-367	0.3%	+/-0.1
Dutch	5,321	+/-954	1.2%	+/-0.2
English	23,808	+/-1,817	5.2%	+/-0.4
French (except Basque)	8,524	+/-1,227	1.8%	+/-0.3

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	1,088	+/-334	0.2%	+/-0.1
German	33,443	+/-2,457	7.3%	+/-0.5
Greek	1,759	+/-438	0.4%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	1,696	+/-533	0.4%	+/-0.1
Irish	28,492	+/-2,015	6.2%	+/-0.4
Italian	14,437	+/-1,433	3.1%	+/-0.3
Lithuanian	495	+/-222	0.1%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	3,927	+/-582	0.9%	+/-0.1
Polish	5,932	+/-917	1.3%	+/-0.2
Portuguese	1,333	+/-470	0.3%	+/-0.1
Russian	4,766	+/-738	1.0%	+/-0.2
Scotch-Irish	4,824	+/-685	1.0%	+/-0.1
Scottish	6,479	+/-996	1.4%	+/-0.2
Slovak	249	+/-139	0.1%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	12,135	+/-1,680	2.6%	+/-0.4
Swedish	3,846	+/-663	0.8%	+/-0.1
Swiss	559	+/-201	0.1%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	354	+/-152	0.1%	+/-0.1
Welsh	1,626	+/-502	0.4%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	1,753	+/-639	0.4%	+/-0.1

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.
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.
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