

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GROUP QUARTERS POPULATION IN THE UNITED STATES
2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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.

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the [Data and Documentation](#) section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the [Methodology](#) section.

Versions of this table are available for the following years:

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Subject	United States							
	Total population		Total group quarters population		Institutionalized group quarters population		Noninstitutionalized group quarters population	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total population	321,418,821	*****	8,070,896	*****	3,938,749	+/-1,565	4,132,147	+/-1,565
SEX AND AGE								
Male	49.2%	+/-0.1	61.3%	+/-0.3	69.1%	+/-0.3	53.7%	+/-0.4
Female	50.8%	+/-0.1	38.7%	+/-0.3	30.9%	+/-0.3	46.3%	+/-0.4
Under 15 years	19.0%	+/-0.1	0.9%	+/-0.1	1.1%	+/-0.1	0.7%	+/-0.1
15 to 17 years	3.9%	+/-0.1	1.7%	+/-0.1	2.3%	+/-0.1	1.1%	+/-0.1
18 to 24 years	9.8%	+/-0.1	41.3%	+/-0.1	9.2%	+/-0.2	71.8%	+/-0.2
25 to 34 years	13.7%	+/-0.1	12.8%	+/-0.2	19.1%	+/-0.2	6.8%	+/-0.2
35 to 44 years	12.7%	+/-0.1	9.5%	+/-0.1	14.9%	+/-0.2	4.3%	+/-0.1
45 to 54 years	13.4%	+/-0.1	8.6%	+/-0.1	11.8%	+/-0.2	5.5%	+/-0.2
55 to 64 years	12.7%	+/-0.1	6.7%	+/-0.1	8.5%	+/-0.2	4.9%	+/-0.2
65 to 74 years	8.6%	+/-0.1	4.8%	+/-0.1	7.6%	+/-0.2	2.2%	+/-0.1
75 to 84 years	4.4%	+/-0.1	5.7%	+/-0.1	10.2%	+/-0.2	1.3%	+/-0.1
85 years and over	1.9%	+/-0.1	8.1%	+/-0.1	15.1%	+/-0.2	1.4%	+/-0.1
Under 18 years	73,629,710	+/-34,141	208,313	+/-5,684	135,731	+/-2,046	72,582	+/-5,123
Male	51.1%	+/-0.1	65.6%	+/-1.3	73.2%	+/-1.5	51.6%	+/-2.6
Female	48.9%	+/-0.1	34.4%	+/-1.3	26.8%	+/-1.5	48.4%	+/-2.6
65 years and over	47,732,480	+/-20,477	1,500,440	+/-10,396	1,295,458	+/-7,439	204,982	+/-7,366
Male	44.1%	+/-0.1	35.6%	+/-0.5	34.4%	+/-0.5	43.2%	+/-1.7
Female	55.9%	+/-0.1	64.4%	+/-0.5	65.6%	+/-0.5	56.8%	+/-1.7
Median age (years)	37.8	+/-0.1	29.4	+/-0.2	47.6	+/-0.3	20.5	+/-0.1
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OR LATINO ORIGIN								
One race	311,437,291	+/-85,152	7,794,142	+/-6,821	3,823,195	+/-4,343	3,970,947	+/-5,672
White	75.4%	+/-0.1	67.6%	+/-0.2	63.7%	+/-0.3	71.4%	+/-0.3
Black or African American	13.1%	+/-0.1	23.2%	+/-0.2	29.2%	+/-0.3	17.4%	+/-0.3
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.8%	+/-0.1	1.1%	+/-0.1	1.5%	+/-0.1	0.7%	+/-0.1
Asian	5.5%	+/-0.1	4.4%	+/-0.1	1.3%	+/-0.1	7.3%	+/-0.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	+/-0.1	0.2%	+/-0.1	0.2%	+/-0.1	0.3%	+/-0.1
Some other race	4.9%	+/-0.1	3.5%	+/-0.1	4.1%	+/-0.1	2.9%	+/-0.1
Two or more races	9,981,530	+/-85,150	276,754	+/-6,821	115,554	+/-4,015	161,200	+/-5,415
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	17.6%	+/-0.1	13.0%	+/-0.2	14.7%	+/-0.2	11.4%	+/-0.2
Not Hispanic or Latino	82.4%	+/-0.1	87.0%	+/-0.2	85.3%	+/-0.2	88.6%	+/-0.2
White alone, Not Hispanic or Latino	61.5%	+/-0.1	57.0%	+/-0.2	52.6%	+/-0.3	61.2%	+/-0.4
MARITAL STATUS								
Population 15 years and over	260,415,152	+/-38,661	7,998,827	+/-3,730	3,893,803	+/-2,803	4,105,024	+/-3,988
Now married, except separated	47.5%	+/-0.1	9.2%	+/-0.1	15.1%	+/-0.3	3.6%	+/-0.1
Widowed	5.8%	+/-0.1	9.8%	+/-0.1	18.2%	+/-0.2	1.8%	+/-0.1

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Divorced	11.0%	+/-0.1	9.6%	+/-0.1	15.9%	+/-0.3	3.8%	+/-0.2
Separated	2.1%	+/-0.1	2.2%	+/-0.1	3.5%	+/-0.1	1.0%	+/-0.1
Never married	33.5%	+/-0.1	69.2%	+/-0.2	47.3%	+/-0.3	89.9%	+/-0.2
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT								
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	81,618,288	+/-87,040	3,095,783	+/-7,109	296,895	+/-4,754	2,798,888	+/-6,383
Nursery school through 12th grade	72.2%	+/-0.1	9.3%	+/-0.2	76.0%	+/-0.8	2.2%	+/-0.2
College or graduate school	27.8%	+/-0.1	90.7%	+/-0.2	24.0%	+/-0.8	97.8%	+/-0.2
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT								
Population 25 years and over	216,447,163	+/-69,294	4,531,333	+/-11,747	3,439,233	+/-7,292	1,092,100	+/-10,019
High school graduate or higher	87.1%	+/-0.1	71.0%	+/-0.3	70.5%	+/-0.3	72.6%	+/-0.6
Bachelor's degree or higher	30.6%	+/-0.1	9.8%	+/-0.2	7.5%	+/-0.2	17.1%	+/-0.6
VETERAN STATUS								
Civilian population 18 years and over	246,780,172	+/-33,719	7,549,120	+/-5,754	3,803,018	+/-2,427	3,746,102	+/-5,396
Civilian veteran	7.6%	+/-0.1	5.5%	+/-0.1	8.4%	+/-0.2	2.5%	+/-0.1
DISABILITY STATUS								
Total population	321,418,821	*****	8,070,896	*****	3,938,749	+/-1,565	4,132,147	+/-1,565
With a disability	13.1%	+/-0.1	35.0%	+/-0.2	53.3%	+/-0.3	17.6%	+/-0.2
Population under 18 years	73,629,710	+/-34,141	208,313	+/-5,684	135,731	+/-2,046	72,582	+/-5,123
With a disability	4.2%	+/-0.1	27.5%	+/-1.1	37.3%	+/-1.4	9.3%	+/-1.7
Population 18 to 64 years	200,056,631	+/-25,569	6,362,143	+/-11,428	2,507,560	+/-7,937	3,854,583	+/-8,625
With a disability	10.6%	+/-0.1	21.7%	+/-0.2	32.6%	+/-0.4	14.5%	+/-0.2
No disability	89.4%	+/-0.1	78.3%	+/-0.2	67.4%	+/-0.4	85.5%	+/-0.2
Population 65 years and over	47,732,480	+/-20,477	1,500,440	+/-10,396	1,295,458	+/-7,439	204,982	+/-7,366
With a disability	37.1%	+/-0.1	92.7%	+/-0.3	95.1%	+/-0.3	77.3%	+/-1.3
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO								
Population 1 year and over	317,635,720	+/-28,922	8,068,553	+/-693	3,938,624	+/-1,569	4,129,929	+/-1,712
Same address	85.3%	+/-0.1	53.0%	+/-0.3	58.0%	+/-0.4	48.3%	+/-0.4
Different address in the U.S.	14.1%	+/-0.1	45.2%	+/-0.3	41.4%	+/-0.3	48.8%	+/-0.4
Same county	8.5%	+/-0.1	15.5%	+/-0.2	18.4%	+/-0.3	12.8%	+/-0.3
Different county	5.6%	+/-0.1	29.6%	+/-0.2	23.0%	+/-0.3	35.9%	+/-0.3
Same state	3.2%	+/-0.1	20.3%	+/-0.2	19.9%	+/-0.3	20.8%	+/-0.3
Different state	2.4%	+/-0.1	9.3%	+/-0.1	3.2%	+/-0.1	15.1%	+/-0.2
Abroad	0.7%	+/-0.1	1.8%	+/-0.1	0.6%	+/-0.1	2.9%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH, NATIVITY AND CITIZENSHIP STATUS, AND YEAR OF ENTRY								
Total population	321,418,821	*****	8,070,896	*****	3,938,749	+/-1,565	4,132,147	+/-1,565
Native	278,128,449	+/-122,465	7,395,341	+/-12,593	3,643,570	+/-7,803	3,751,771	+/-9,158
Male	49.3%	+/-0.1	61.1%	+/-0.3	68.8%	+/-0.3	53.7%	+/-0.4
Female	50.7%	+/-0.1	38.9%	+/-0.3	31.2%	+/-0.3	46.3%	+/-0.4
Foreign born	43,290,372	+/-122,466	675,555	+/-12,593	295,179	+/-7,781	380,376	+/-9,092
Male	48.6%	+/-0.1	62.6%	+/-0.8	72.9%	+/-1.0	54.6%	+/-1.2
Female	51.4%	+/-0.1	37.4%	+/-0.8	27.1%	+/-1.0	45.4%	+/-1.2
Naturalized U.S. citizen	20,697,103	+/-82,906	220,306	+/-6,358	111,171	+/-4,680	109,135	+/-4,333
Male	45.9%	+/-0.1	50.5%	+/-1.3	50.5%	+/-1.9	50.5%	+/-2.0
Female	54.1%	+/-0.1	49.5%	+/-1.3	49.5%	+/-1.9	49.5%	+/-2.0
Not a U.S. citizen	22,593,269	+/-114,018	455,249	+/-9,959	184,008	+/-5,798	271,241	+/-8,381
Male	51.1%	+/-0.1	68.4%	+/-1.1	68.4%	+/-1.3	56.2%	+/-1.3
Female	48.9%	+/-0.1	31.6%	+/-1.1	13.6%	+/-1.3	43.8%	+/-1.3

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Entered 2010 or later	15.6%	+/-0.1	33.5%	+/-0.9	12.3%	+/-0.9	50.0%	+/-1.2
Entered 2000 to 2009	27.9%	+/-0.2	20.1%	+/-0.6	16.5%	+/-1.0	22.8%	+/-1.0
Entered before 2000	56.5%	+/-0.2	46.4%	+/-1.0	71.2%	+/-1.1	27.2%	+/-1.2
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH								
Population 5 years and over	301,625,014	+/-16,518	8,058,073	+/-1,790	3,937,036	+/-1,667	4,121,037	+/-2,249
English only	78.5%	+/-0.1	83.9%	+/-0.2	84.3%	+/-0.3	83.5%	+/-0.2
Language other than English	21.5%	+/-0.1	16.1%	+/-0.2	15.7%	+/-0.3	16.5%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	8.6%	+/-0.1	5.3%	+/-0.1	6.3%	+/-0.2	4.4%	+/-0.1
EMPLOYMENT STATUS								
Population 16 years and over	256,167,758	+/-46,054	7,973,145	+/-4,342	(X)	(X)	4,102,113	+/-4,196
In labor force	63.1%	+/-0.1	21.6%	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)	42.0%	+/-0.3
Civilian labor force	62.7%	+/-0.1	17.7%	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)	34.3%	+/-0.4
Employed	58.8%	+/-0.1	14.8%	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)	28.8%	+/-0.3
Unemployed	3.9%	+/-0.1	2.8%	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)	5.5%	+/-0.2
Percent of civilian labor force	6.3%	+/-0.1	16.1%	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)	16.1%	+/-0.5
Armed Forces	0.4%	+/-0.1	3.9%	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)	7.7%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	36.9%	+/-0.1	78.4%	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)	58.0%	+/-0.3
OCCUPATION								
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	150,534,773	+/-118,955	1,181,835	+/-12,965	(X)	(X)	1,181,835	+/-12,965
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	37.1%	+/-0.1	25.7%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)	25.7%	+/-0.6
Service occupations	18.0%	+/-0.1	32.1%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)	32.1%	+/-0.6
Sales and office occupations	23.6%	+/-0.1	29.1%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)	29.1%	+/-0.6
Natural resources, construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	9.0%	+/-0.1	4.5%	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)	4.5%	+/-0.4
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	12.3%	+/-0.1	8.6%	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)	8.6%	+/-0.4
INCOME AND BENEFITS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2015 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)								
Individuals	321,418,821	*****	8,070,896	*****	3,938,749	+/-1,565	4,132,147	+/-1,565
Per capita income (dollars)	29,979	+/-58	8,172	+/-114	8,605	+/-153	7,758	+/-161
With earnings:								
Male	88,027,905	+/-88,774	2,013,467	+/-19,476	643,977	+/-11,601	1,369,490	+/-15,340
Female	79,226,909	+/-89,423	1,283,578	+/-14,798	84,411	+/-4,151	1,199,167	+/-14,083
Mean earnings (dollars):								
Male	54,100	+/-126	12,064	+/-285	14,488	+/-551	10,925	+/-309
Female	36,074	+/-71	6,724	+/-320	12,601	+/-1,201	6,310	+/-341
Median earnings (dollars):								
Male	36,979	+/-59	6,057	+/-95	7,871	+/-249	5,422	+/-108
Female	26,316	+/-54	3,494	+/-52	6,298	+/-404	3,392	+/-52
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	(X)	(X)	655,846	+/-12,498	263,659	+/-7,031	392,187	+/-9,837

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POVERTY RATES FOR PEOPLE FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED								
All people	14.7%	+/-0.1	68.0%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)	68.0%	+/-0.7
18 years and over	12.9%	+/-0.1	67.6%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)	67.6%	+/-0.7
18 to 64 years	13.9%	+/-0.1	72.1%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)	72.1%	+/-0.7
65 years and over	9.0%	+/-0.1	47.6%	+/-1.8	(X)	(X)	47.6%	+/-1.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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.

An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.

An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.

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.

An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

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.

An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

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.

Due to methodological changes to data collection that began in data year 2013, comparisons of language estimates from that point to estimates from 2013 forward should be made with caution. For more information, see: [Language User Note](#).

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](#).

Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2010.

Note that the data in this release do not meet all of the criteria outlined in the Census Bureau *Standard Quality Requirements for Releasing Data Products* and they should be used with caution. In particular, the item response rates for certain key characteristics and the coverage rates for certain segments of the group quarters population do not meet the criteria outlined in the standard. See the [ACS User Notes](#) for a detailed description of the specific quality issues and information about the impact on the data.

While the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 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 2010 data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

