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District of Columbia and the United States
American Community Survey 5-year Estimates 2011-2015
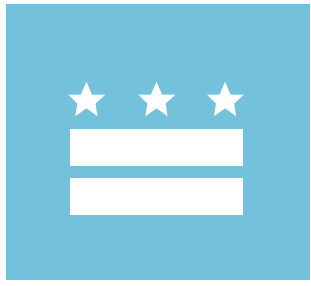

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2011-2015 American Community Survey, Key Demographic Indicators

Key Indicators	United States	District Total	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8
Total Population	316,515,021	647,484	82,859	77,645	83,152	83,066	82,049	84,290	73,290	81,133
Population by Sex (%)										
Male	49.2%	47.4%	49.9%	50.5%	44.7%	48.6%	47.2%	47.9%	46.3%	43.8%
Female	50.8%	52.6%	50.1%	49.5%	55.3%	51.4%	52.8%	52.1%	53.7%	56.2%
Population by Age (%)										
Under 5 years	6.3%	6.2%	5.7%	2.8%	5.1%	6.7%	7.0%	5.7%	7.1%	9.7%
Youths, Under 18 years	23.3%	17.2%	12.7%	5.6%	15.3%	20.1%	17.9%	12.9%	23.2%	30.2%
18-64 years	62.6%	71.5%	80.1%	85.8%	68.8%	65.6%	68.4%	76.9%	63.9%	62.1%
Seniors, 65 years and over	14.1%	11.3%	7.2%	8.6%	15.9%	14.3%	13.7%	10.2%	12.9%	7.7%
Median Age (years)	37.6	33.7	31.3	30.9	37.0	39.3	35.4	33.9	37.0	29.3
Population by Race (%)										
White	73.6%	40.2%	54.3%	74.2%	80.4%	26.4%	20.3%	55.4%	2.3%	4.8%
Black	12.6%	48.9%	30.3%	8.8%	6.9%	56.4%	70.4%	35.5%	94.2%	92.8%
American Indian & Alaska Native	0.8%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%
Asian	5.1%	3.7%	4.2%	9.8%	6.2%	2.1%	2.0%	4.2%	0.3%	0.4%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	4.7%	4.2%	7.6%	3.2%	2.2%	11.6%	4.6%	1.5%	1.7%	0.9%
Two or More Races	3.0%	2.7%	3.1%	3.7%	4.0%	2.8%	2.3%	3.0%	1.2%	1.1%
Hispanic/Latino Population (# and %)	54,232,205	65,803	17,104	8,116	8,208	16,501	6,991	5,290	2,303	1,290
	17.1%	10.2%	20.6%	10.5%	9.9%	19.9%	8.5%	6.3%	3.1%	1.6%
Foreign-born Population (%)	13.2%	14.1%	22.2%	21.3%	19.3%	23.0%	11.2%	8.8%	3.6%	2.7%
Commuting to Work Population 16 years and over (#)	143,621,171	335,224	52,149	50,623	47,913	42,046	37,049	52,812	26,453	26,179
% Private vehicle (drove alone)	76.4%	33.7%	19.9%	19.0%	39.2%	45.9%	42.7%	29.3%	47.2%	43.2%
% Private vehicle (carpooled)	9.5%	5.7%	5.4%	1.8%	7.7%	7.5%	6.6%	4.6%	7.3%	7.4%
% Public transportation	5.1%	37.4%	47.8%	29.2%	34.9%	35.6%	35.6%	37.9%	39.1%	40.1%
% Walked	2.8%	12.9%	12.6%	38.6%	7.7%	2.2%	6.2%	15.8%	2.5%	4.5%
% Other Means	1.8%	5.2%	8.7%	5.8%	3.6%	3.8%	5.8%	6.6%	2.1%	1.8%
% Worked at home	4.4%	5.0%	5.6%	5.6%	7.0%	5.0%	3.1%	5.9%	1.8%	2.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)	25.9	29.7	30.1	23.8	28.8	32.6	30.5	27.0	35.3	35.9
Households with Vehicle (%)	90.9%	63.6%	53.4%	50.7%	77.5%	77.6%	69.7%	66.8%	60.7%	52.0%
% Unemployed	8.3%	9.6%	6.6%	3.7%	3.7%	9.9%	14.1%	6.3%	19.1%	22.9%
Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Over (#)	211,462,522	453,952	61,184	53,794	60,043	60,758	57,633	65,957	48,512	46,071
% High School Graduate or Higher	86.7%	89.3%	87.7%	94.9%	97.6%	87.1%	86.3%	92.6%	83.0%	83.0%
% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	29.8%	54.6%	65.5%	83.2%	86.1%	46.8%	39.4%	68.9%	16.9%	13.9%

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Income										
Median Household Income	$53,889	$70,848	$82,159	$100,388	$112,873	$74,600	$57,554	$94,343	$39,165	$30,910
Mean Household Income	$75,558	$107,594	$106,388	$140,459	$176,921	$111,933	$77,329	$117,002	$53,093	$44,245
Per Capita Income	$28,930	$47,675	$47,982	$72,388	$83,452	$43,880	$32,449	$58,354	$22,917	$17,596
Poverty (%)										
Families in Poverty	11.3%	14.3%	11.0%	4.7%	1.9%	8.7%	13.5%	9.6%	23.6%	35.3%
Individuals in Poverty	15.5%	18.0%	13.5%	13.4%	9.4%	11.9%	19.0%	12.5%	27.2%	37.7%
Under 18 years in Poverty	21.7%	26.7%	23.7%	6.1%	2.9%	16.3%	21.3%	16.5%	39.9%	49.6%
Housing Occupancy										
Total Housing Units (#)	133,351840	303,312	37,673	43,695	41,582	32,900	35,751	43,638	33,717	34,356
Vacant Housing Units (%)	12.3%	9.9%	7.3%	11.0%	7.2%	7.2%	11.5%	8.1%	13.2%	14.2%
Occupied Housing Unit (%)	87.7%	90.1%	92.7%	89.0%	92.8%	92.8%	88.5%	91.9%	86.8%	85.8%
% Owner-occupied Units	63.9%	41.2%	34.1%	35.1%	51.6%	59.8%	47.2%	42.2%	38.0%	20.5%
% Renter-occupied Units	36.1%	58.8%	65.9%	64.9%	48.4%	40.2%	52.8%	57.8%	62.0%	79.5%
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	1.9	1.8	0.7	1.9	0.7	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.6	4.2
Renter Vacancy Rate	6.4	5.5	3.1	6.1	4.7	4.1	7.4	4.8	7.3	6.7
Median Value of Owner-occupied Housing	$178,600	$475,800	$542,100	$623,500	$823,800	$491,300	$379,800	$573,200	$238,900	$229,900
Median Monthly Gross Rent	$928	$1,327	$1,459	$1,871	$1,772	$1,124	$1,088	$1,574	$911	$960
Households by Type										
Total Households (#)	116,926,305	273,390	34,907	38,870	38,582	30,539	31,656	40,100	29,266	29,470
Family Households (#)	77,260,546	118,737	12,253	9,071	16,390	17,699	14,893	15,110	15,574	17,747
Married-couples (%)	48.3%	23.9%	21.4%	20.2%	36.6%	35.0%	20.8%	25.0%	15.0%	14.3%
Female Householder, no husband (%)	13.0%	15.7%	9.0%	1.9%	3.9%	17.7%	21.2%	10.4%	32.5%	39.5%
Male Householder, no wife (%)	4.8%	3.8%	4.7%	1.2%	1.9%	5.2%	5.0%	2.4%	5.7%	6.4%
Non-family Households (#)	39,665,759	154,653	22,654	29,799	22,192	12,840	16,763	24,990	13,692	11,723
Living Alone (%)	27.6%	43.8%	43.3%	57.8%	45.0%	33.6%	42.1%	45.5%	42.2%	36.1%
Average Household Size	2.64	2.22	2.21	1.68	2.03	2.68	2.41	2.03	2.38	2.62
Average Family Size	3.24	3.19	3.17	2.54	2.80	3.48	3.43	2.89	3.35	3.49
Language Spoken at Home										
Population 5 years and over (#)	296,603,003	607,051	78,126	75,472	78,893	77,464	76,271	79,511	68,060	73,254
English Only (%)	79.0%	83.0%	74.0%	76.9%	76.2%	72.3%	85.9%	89.4%	94.9%	96.3%
Language Other Than English (%)	21.0%	17.0%	26.0%	23.1%	23.8%	27.7%	14.1%	10.6%	5.1%	3.7%
Spanish (%)	13.0%	8.4%	15.9%	7.7%	8.3%	17.1%	7.3%	4.4%	3.3%	1.9%

DC Ward Data

The American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015 5-year estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau contains information on the characteristics of the population of the District of Columbia's eight wards. This release is based on sample data collected on a monthly basis from January 2011 through December 2015 and covers socio-economic, housing and demographic characteristics of the nation and states, down to the census tract level. The District of Columbia's ward characteristics are included under the State Legislative District (SLD) products. The ACS and other Census Bureau products are collectively important components of the nation's information infrastructure, providing data that are essential to our economy, communities and neighborhoods.

What is the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is the successor to the former census "long form." The ACS is a nationwide survey that collects and produces information on demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics about our nation's population every year. This information provides an important tool for communities to use to see how they are changing. When people fill out the ACS form, they are helping to ensure that decisions about the future of their community can be made using the best data available. Decision makers require a clear picture of their population so that scarce resources can be allocated efficiently and effectively. The decennial census program, which includes the ACS and the 2010 Census, serves as the basis for the allocation of more than $400 billion in federal funds to state, local and tribal governments every year. These vital data also guide planning in the private sector as well as the work done by policymakers at all levels of government and in communities of all sizes. All survey responses are strictly confidential and protected by law. The ACS samples nearly over 3.5 million addresses each year, resulting in nearly 3 million final interviews.

As is the case with all surveys, statistics from sample surveys are subject to sampling and nonsampling errors. All comparisons made in the reports have been tested and found to be statistically significant at the 90 percent confidence level, unless otherwise noted.

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