

District of Columbia Selected Social Characteristics				
Data Set: 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates				
Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	250,723	1,237	250,723	(X)
Family households (families)	110,035	1,691	43.9%	0.7
With own children under 18 years	45,878	1,231	18.3%	0.5
Married-couple family	56,144	1,214	22.4%	0.5
With own children under 18 years	19,345	822	7.7%	0.3
Male householder, no wife present, family	9,377	690	3.7%	0.3
With own children under 18 years	3,716	452	1.5%	0.2
Female householder, no husband present, family	44,514	1,216	17.8%	0.5
With own children under 18 years	22,817	954	9.1%	0.4
Nonfamily households	140,688	2,056	56.1%	0.7
Householder living alone	117,435	2,029	46.8%	0.8
65 years and over	25,493	907	10.2%	0.4
Households with one or more people under 18 years	55,490	1,310	22.1%	0.5
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	51,944	657	20.7%	0.3
Average household size	2.21	0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.27	0.04	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	553,169	*****	553,169	(X)
Householder	250,723	1,237	45.3%	0.2
Spouse	56,018	1,314	10.1%	0.2
Child	139,192	2,251	25.2%	0.4
Other relatives	54,434	2,069	9.8%	0.4
Nonrelatives	52,802	1,840	9.5%	0.3
Unmarried partner	13,905	880	2.5%	0.2
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	229,164	163	229,164	(X)
Never married	129,517	1,568	56.5%	0.7
Now married, except separated	66,985	1,555	29.2%	0.7
Separated	7,711	746	3.4%	0.3
Widowed	5,443	454	2.4%	0.2
Divorced	19,508	846	8.5%	0.4
Females 15 years and over	264,539	128	264,539	(X)
Never married	138,382	1,752	52.3%	0.7
Now married, except separated	64,031	1,513	24.2%	0.6
Separated	8,391	671	3.2%	0.3
Widowed	24,759	856	9.4%	0.3
Divorced	28,976	1,129	11.0%	0.4
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	8,174	695	8,174	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	4,355	601	53.3%	4.4
Per 1,000 unmarried women	34	5	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	48	4	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	33	10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	64	7	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	33	5	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	12,338	797	12,338	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	5,693	523	46.1%	3.4
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	734	218	5.9%	1.7
1 or 2 years	1,182	234	9.6%	1.9
3 or 4 years	879	228	7.1%	1.8
5 or more years	2,898	443	23.5%	3.3
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	5,693	523	5,693	(X)
Who are female	4,517	441	79.3%	2.9
Who are married	2,506	395	44.0%	5
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	152,037	1,894	152,037	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	9,011	620	5.9%	0.4
Kindergarten	6,082	515	4.0%	0.3
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	48,007	774	31.6%	0.6
High school (grades 9-12)	27,219	1,039	17.9%	0.6
College or graduate school	61,718	1,543	40.6%	0.7
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	404,543	255	404,543	(X)
Less than 9th grade	22,482	1,110	5.6%	0.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	36,182	1,678	8.9%	0.4
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	83,834	1,832	20.7%	0.5
Some college, no degree	58,228	1,704	14.4%	0.4
Associate's degree	13,109	989	3.2%	0.2

Bachelor's degree	83,995	1,672	20.8%	0.4
Graduate or professional degree	106,713	1,749	26.4%	0.4
Percent high school graduate or higher	85.5%	0.4	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	47.1%	0.5	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	471,582	390	471,582	(X)
Civilian veterans	34,551	988	7.3%	0.2
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				
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years				
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
65 years and over				
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	580,260	623	580,260	(X)
Same house	470,630	3,352	81.1%	0.6
Different house in the U.S.	101,930	3,074	17.6%	0.5
Same county	56,228	2,453	9.7%	0.4
Different county	45,702	1,909	7.9%	0.3
Same state	0	132	0.0%	0.1
Different state	45,702	1,909	7.9%	0.3
Abroad	7,700	769	1.3%	0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	588,433	*****	588,433	(X)
Native	514,763	1,998	87.5%	0.3
Born in United States	507,165	2,089	86.2%	0.4
State of residence	236,369	2,066	40.2%	0.4
Different state	270,796	2,456	46.0%	0.4
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	7,598	652	1.3%	0.1
Foreign born	73,670	1,998	12.5%	0.3
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	73,670	1,998	73,670	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	25,364	1,068	34.4%	1.4
Not a U.S. citizen	48,306	1,904	65.6%	1.4
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	81,268	2,089	81,268	(X)
Native				
Entered 2000 or later	1,102	256	14.5%	3.3
Entered before 2000	6,496	650	85.5%	3.3
Foreign born				
Entered 2000 or later	26,282	1,287	35.7%	1.4
Entered before 2000	47,388	1,597	64.3%	1.4
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	73,670	1,998	73,670	(X)
Europe	12,671	930	17.2%	1.1
Asia	12,965	737	17.6%	0.9
Africa	10,243	1,155	13.9%	1.4
Oceania	634	199	0.9%	0.3
Latin America	35,489	1,210	48.2%	1.5
Northern America	1,668	289	2.3%	0.4
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	552,624	88	552,624	(X)
English only	474,092	2,184	85.8%	0.4
Language other than English	78,532	2,188	14.2%	0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	26,389	1,163	4.8%	0.2
Spanish	40,741	1,221	7.4%	0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	17,058	925	3.1%	0.2
Other Indo-European languages	21,343	1,222	3.9%	0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	3,970	563	0.7%	0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	8,538	853	1.5%	0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	3,040	447	0.6%	0.1
Other languages	7,910	942	1.4%	0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	2,321	407	0.4%	0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	588,433	*****	588,433	(X)
American	9,466	964	1.6%	0.2
Arab	3,357	531	0.6%	0.1
Czech	1,390	276	0.2%	0.1

Danish	1,430	332	0.2%	0.1
Dutch	3,565	480	0.6%	0.1
English	30,545	1,263	5.2%	0.2
French (except Basque)	9,105	737	1.5%	0.1
French Canadian	1,746	326	0.3%	0.1
German	37,768	1,300	6.4%	0.2
Greek	1,865	287	0.3%	0.1
Hungarian	2,103	336	0.4%	0.1
Irish	38,209	1,647	6.5%	0.3
Italian	16,720	951	2.8%	0.2
Lithuanian	1,237	230	0.2%	0.1
Norwegian	3,617	358	0.6%	0.1
Polish	11,297	723	1.9%	0.1
Portuguese	1,357	337	0.2%	0.1
Russian	9,129	805	1.6%	0.1
Scotch-Irish	6,193	607	1.1%	0.1
Scottish	7,221	538	1.2%	0.1
Slovak	988	297	0.2%	0.1
Subsaharan African	15,373	1,285	2.6%	0.2
Swedish	3,554	437	0.6%	0.1
Swiss	1,613	342	0.3%	0.1
Ukrainian	1,840	288	0.3%	0.1
Welsh	2,429	318	0.4%	0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	8,083	881	1.4%	0.1

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.
5. 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.
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.