

**District of Columbia Social Characteristics in the United States: 2006-2008**  
**Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates**

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>250,423</b>	<b>1,754</b>	<b>250,423</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Family households (families)	107,697	2,405	43.0%	0.9
With own children under 18 years	44,118	1,865	17.6%	0.7
Married-couple family	54,918	1,663	21.9%	0.7
With own children under 18 years	18,413	996	7.4%	0.4
Male householder, no wife present, family	9,607	921	3.8%	0.4
With own children under 18 years	3,547	662	1.4%	0.3
Female householder, no husband present, family	43,172	1,576	17.2%	0.6
With own children under 18 years	22,158	1,449	8.8%	0.6
Nonfamily households	142,726	2,457	57.0%	0.9
Householder living alone	118,812	2,226	47.4%	0.8
65 years and over	26,154	1,171	10.4%	0.5
Households with one or more people under 18 years	53,697	1,780	21.4%	0.7
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	52,446	905	20.9%	0.3
Average household size	2.21	0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.31	0.05	(X)	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
<b>Population in households</b>	<b>553,133</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>553,133</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Householder	250,423	1,754	45.3%	0.3
Spouse	54,777	1,702	9.9%	0.3
Child	139,277	2,453	25.2%	0.4
Other relatives	54,263	2,859	9.8%	0.5
Nonrelatives	54,393	2,277	9.8%	0.4
Unmarried partner	13,664	920	2.5%	0.2
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
<b>Males 15 years and over</b>	<b>230,269</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>230,269</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	131,548	2,224	57.1%	0.9
Now married, except separated	66,595	2,119	28.9%	0.9
Separated	7,680	877	3.3%	0.4
Widowed	5,039	541	2.2%	0.2
Divorced	19,407	1,348	8.4%	0.6

<b>Females 15 years and over</b>	<b>264,517</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>264,517</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	139,035	1,808	52.6%	0.7
Now married, except separated	62,604	1,848	23.7%	0.7
Separated	8,893	958	3.4%	0.4
Widowed	25,618	1,425	9.7%	0.5
Divorced	28,367	1,321	10.7%	0.5
<b>FERTILITY</b>				
<b>Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months</b>	<b>7,450</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>7,450</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	4,080	725	54.8%	5.9
Per 1,000 unmarried women	31	5	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	43	5	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	39	13	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	60	10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	24	5	(X)	(X)
<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>				
<b>Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>12,048</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>12,048</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Responsible for grandchildren	5,492	719	45.6%	5.3
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	728	240	6.0%	2
1 or 2 years	1,020	309	8.5%	2.4
3 or 4 years	812	291	6.7%	2.4
5 or more years	2,932	555	24.3%	4.4
<b>Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>5,492</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>5,492</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Who are female	4,347	657	79.2%	4.3
Who are married	2,351	510	42.8%	7.2
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>150,417</b>	<b>3,739</b>	<b>150,417</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Nursery school, preschool	9,881	957	6.6%	0.6
Kindergarten	5,942	709	4.0%	0.5
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	47,314	991	31.5%	0.9
High school (grades 9-12)	26,838	1,210	17.8%	0.9
College or graduate school	60,442	3,557	40.2%	1.5

<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>401,222</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>401,222</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than 9th grade	22,948	1,498	5.7%	0.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	36,179	2,000	9.0%	0.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	83,044	2,763	20.7%	0.7
Some college, no degree	56,078	2,271	14.0%	0.6
Associate's degree	13,578	1,272	3.4%	0.3
Bachelor's degree	85,275	2,337	21.3%	0.6
Graduate or professional degree	104,120	2,041	26.0%	0.5
Percent high school graduate or higher	85.3%	0.6	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	47.2%	0.6	(X)	(X)
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b>	<b>469,389</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>469,389</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Civilian veterans	35,570	1,905	7.6%	0.4
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>				
<b>Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>Under 18 years</b>				
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>18 to 64 years</b>				
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>65 years and over</b>				
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
<b>Population 1 year and over</b>	<b>580,147</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>580,147</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Same house	463,781	4,559	79.9%	0.8
Different house in the U.S.	108,534	4,314	18.7%	0.7
Same county	60,011	3,618	10.3%	0.6
Different county	48,523	2,413	8.4%	0.4
Same state	0	171	0.0%	0.1
Different state	48,523	2,413	8.4%	0.4
Abroad	7,832	1,291	1.4%	0.2

<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>588,373</b>	<b>****</b>	<b>588,373</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Native	512,957	2,403	87.2%	0.4
Born in United States	505,546	2,430	85.9%	0.4
State of residence	234,505	3,474	39.9%	0.6
Different state	271,041	3,967	46.1%	0.7
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	7,411	936	1.3%	0.2
Foreign born	75,416	2,403	12.8%	0.4
<b>U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>				
<b>Foreign-born population</b>	<b>75,416</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>75,416</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Naturalized U.S. citizen	26,057	1,556	34.6%	1.6
Not a U.S. citizen	49,359	1,901	65.4%	1.6
<b>YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
<b>Population born outside the United States</b>	<b>82,827</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>82,827</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Native</b>	<b>7,411</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>7,411</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Entered 2000 or later	1,289	401	17.4%	4.3
Entered before 2000	6,122	734	82.6%	4.3
<b>Foreign born</b>	<b>75,416</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>75,416</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Entered 2000 or later	27,382	2,015	36.3%	2.4
Entered before 2000	48,034	2,358	63.7%	2.4
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>				
<b>Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea</b>	<b>75,416</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>75,416</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Europe	12,578	1,188	16.7%	1.5
Asia	13,851	1,089	18.4%	1.4
Africa	10,771	1,295	14.3%	1.5
Oceania	577	268	0.8%	0.4
Latin America	36,001	1,687	47.7%	1.9
Northern America	1,638	450	2.2%	0.6
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>				
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>552,746</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>552,746</b>	<b>(X)</b>
English only	472,111	3,002	85.4%	0.5
Language other than English	80,635	2,970	14.6%	0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	26,321	1,610	4.8%	0.3
Spanish	40,766	2,279	7.4%	0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	16,912	1,379	3.1%	0.2
Other Indo-European languages	22,101	1,926	4.0%	0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	4,050	798	0.7%	0.1

Asian and Pacific Islander languages	8,785	805	1.6%	0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	3,127	564	0.6%	0.1
Other languages	8,983	1,322	1.6%	0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	2,232	535	0.4%	0.1
<b>ANCESTRY</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>588,373</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>588,373</b>	<b>(X)</b>
American	10,283	1,285	1.7%	0.2
Arab	3,701	850	0.6%	0.1
Czech	1,477	355	0.3%	0.1
Danish	1,505	472	0.3%	0.1
Dutch	4,004	631	0.7%	0.1
English	29,972	1,743	5.1%	0.3
French (except Basque)	9,313	1,098	1.6%	0.2
French Canadian	2,093	493	0.4%	0.1
German	37,395	1,969	6.4%	0.3
Greek	1,985	483	0.3%	0.1
Hungarian	1,702	347	0.3%	0.1
Irish	39,006	2,008	6.6%	0.3
Italian	17,598	1,383	3.0%	0.2
Lithuanian	1,436	377	0.2%	0.1
Norwegian	3,982	690	0.7%	0.1
Polish	12,125	1,263	2.1%	0.2
Portuguese	1,377	439	0.2%	0.1
Russian	8,854	1,087	1.5%	0.2
Scotch-Irish	6,035	890	1.0%	0.2
Scottish	7,623	793	1.3%	0.1
Slovak	1,181	571	0.2%	0.1
Subsaharan African	15,181	1,535	2.6%	0.3
Swedish	3,757	596	0.6%	0.1
Swiss	1,479	341	0.3%	0.1
Ukrainian	2,215	483	0.4%	0.1
Welsh	2,556	435	0.4%	0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	8,596	1,306	1.5%	0.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 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 disability data and disability data collected in the previous two 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 year's disability questions, and the evaluation of these questions in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the Evaluation Report Covering Disability.

·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 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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. The 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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 PRCS 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.