

Education

Selected Social Characteristics: 2004	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT			
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	1,368,081	1,342,445	1,393,717
Nursery school, preschool	88,490	80,786	96,194
Kindergarten	75,101	66,882	83,320
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	601,362	588,878	613,846
High school grade (grades 9-12)	305,592	294,636	316,548
College or graduate school	297,536	271,228	323,844
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT			
Population 25 years and over	3,848,775	3,839,812	3,857,738
Less than 9th grade	285,274	268,679	301,869
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	456,667	419,412	493,922
High school graduate (including equivalency)	1,267,276	1,222,576	1,311,976
Some college, no degree	777,058	750,110	804,006
Associate degree	207,585	197,123	218,047
Bachelor's degree	552,606	518,652	586,560
Graduate or professional degree	302,309	282,467	322,151
Percent high school graduate or higher	80.7	79.6	81.8
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	22.2	21.0	23.4
MARITAL STATUS			
Males 15 years and over	2,205,722	2,198,858	2,212,586
Never married	602,838	585,266	620,410
Now married, except separated	1,272,423	1,246,303	1,298,543
Separated	35,435	29,141	41,729
Widowed	48,602	41,436	55,768
Divorced	246,424	231,181	261,667
Females 15 years and over	2,388,557	2,381,988	2,395,126
Never married	526,759	510,618	542,900
Now married, except separated	1,232,679	1,210,766	1,254,592
Separated	64,927	53,794	76,060
Widowed	235,556	226,133	244,979
Divorced	328,636	311,280	345,992
FERTILITY			
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	77,401	68,176	86,626
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	25,098	20,530	29,666
Per 1,000 unmarried women	36	29	43
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	51	45	57
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	52	31	73
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	93	83	103
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	17	12	22
GRANDPARENTS			
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years in households	134,157	121,659	146,655
Responsible for grandchildren	66,178	57,696	74,660

Years responsible for grandchildren			
Less than 1 year	14,892	10,906	18,878
1 or 2 years	16,369	11,538	21,200
3 or 4 years	8,916	6,438	11,394
5 or more years	26,001	20,771	31,231
Characteristics of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years			
Who are female	60.9	56.8	65.0
Who are married	73.9	68.3	79.5
Who are in labor force	62.6	57.3	67.9
Who are in poverty	19.2	14.4	24.0
VETERAN STATUS			
Civilian population 18 years and over	4,350,662	4,344,603	4,356,721
Civilian veterans	510,623	492,820	528,426
DISABILITY STATUS of the civilian noninstitutionalized population			
Population 5 years and over	5,347,921	5,339,308	5,356,534
With a disability	924,507	885,423	963,591
Population 5 to 15 years	851,435	843,304	859,566
With a disability	59,152	50,479	67,825
Population 16 to 64 years	3,798,189	3,786,275	3,810,103
With a disability	557,402	532,494	582,310
Population 65 years and over	698,297	692,525	704,069
With a disability	307,953	294,655	321,251
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO			
Population 1 year and over	5,666,215	5,659,089	5,673,341
Same house	4,714,723	4,654,646	4,774,800
Different house in the U.S.	929,834	872,632	987,036
Same county	613,265	565,380	661,150
Different county	316,569	287,954	345,184
Same state	154,786	140,827	168,745
Different state	161,783	139,707	183,859
Abroad	21,658	14,610	28,706
PLACE OF BIRTH			
Total population	5,748,379	*****	*****
Native	5,531,149	5,511,898	5,550,400
Born in United States	5,492,927	5,472,558	5,513,296
State of residence	3,667,505	3,607,277	3,727,733
Different state	1,825,422	1,758,488	1,892,356
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	38,222	32,209	44,235
Foreign born	217,230	197,979	236,481
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS			
Foreign-born population	217,230	197,979	236,481
Naturalized U.S. citizen	68,621	60,497	76,745
Not a U.S. citizen	148,609	131,946	165,272



YEAR OF U.S. ENTRY			
Population born outside the United States	255,452	235,083	275,821
Native	38,222	32,209	44,235
Foreign Born	217,230	197,979	236,481
Native	38,222	32,209	44,235
Entered U.S. 2000 or later	4,412	1,789	7,035
Entered U.S. before 2000	33,810	28,880	38,740
Foreign Born	217,230	197,979	236,481
Entered U.S. 2000 or later	57,678	47,710	67,646
Entered U.S. before 2000	159,552	144,282	174,822
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN			
Foreign-born population excluding population born "At sea"	217,230	197,979	236,481
Europe	32,393	25,383	39,403
Asia	65,948	57,132	74,764
Africa	8,436	4,631	12,241
Oceania	739	29	1,449
Latin America	102,985	91,556	114,414
Northern America	6,729	3,726	9,732
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME			
Population 5 years and over	5,362,078	5,354,483	5,369,673
English only	5,069,678	5,041,933	5,097,423
Language other than English	292,400	265,228	319,572
Speak English less than "very well"	143,606	125,208	162,004
Spanish	162,471	142,875	182,067
Speak English less than "very well"	99,609	85,176	114,042
Other Indo-European languages	68,191	54,856	81,526
Speak English less than "very well"	18,931	12,530	25,332
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	44,488	38,165	50,811
Speak English less than "very well"	19,766	14,575	24,957
Other languages	17,250	10,243	24,257
Speak English less than "very well"	5,300	622	9,978
ANCESTRY (TOTAL REPORTED)			
Total Population	5,748,379	*****	*****
American	1,002,497	965,102	1,039,892
Arab	22,853	11,356	34,350
Czech	9,014	5,678	12,350
Danish	9,988	6,383	13,593
Dutch	77,706	67,600	87,812
English	629,297	593,512	665,082
French (except Basque)	96,030	81,866	110,194
French Canadian	19,760	13,950	25,570
German	579,976	542,976	616,976
Greek	7,361	4,833	9,889
Hungarian	10,654	6,015	15,293
Irish	652,351	617,643	687,059
Italian	121,116	102,947	139,285
Lithuanian	4,382	2,057	6,707
Norwegian	20,556	16,658	24,454



Polish	58,030	48,731	67,329
Portuguese	2,746	1,388	4,104
Russian	12,637	8,330	16,944
Scotch-Irish	188,535	176,018	201,052
Scottish	139,494	126,946	152,042
Slovak	4,157	2,536	5,778
Subsaharan African	25,444	11,071	39,817
Swedish	25,314	19,137	31,491
Swiss	9,328	6,346	12,310
Ukrainian	4,161	1,947	6,375
Welsh	27,579	23,844	31,314
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	5,575	3,264	7,886

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 American Community Survey

NOTE: Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

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 confidence interval. The interval shown here is a 90 percent confidence interval. The stated range can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the lower and upper 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 skip pattern for the disability questions in the 2003 ACS questionnaire. This change mainly affected two individual items -- go-outside-home disability and employment disability -- and the recode for disability status, which includes the two items. Accordingly, comparisons of data from 2003 or later with data from prior years are not recommended for the relevant questions. For more information, see the ACS Subject Definitions for 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.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '*' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '**' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that no sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
3. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that no sample observations were available to compute an estimate.
4. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
6. An '***' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
7. An '*****' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
8. An 'N' entry in the estimate, lower bound, and upper bound columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.

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