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Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2005-2009

2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

NOTE. 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.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

Geography: Torrance County, New Mexico

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Number		Percent	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	5,618	+/-339	5,618	(X)
Family households (families)	3,697	+/-368	65.8%	+/-4.7
With own children under 18 years	1,649	+/-279	29.4%	+/-4.2
Married-couple family	2,774	+/-340	49.4%	+/-4.7
With own children under 18 years	1,059	+/-233	18.9%	+/-3.7
Male householder, no wife present, family	221	+/-89	3.9%	+/-1.5
With own children under 18 years	101	+/-66	1.8%	+/-1.2
Female householder, no husband present, family	702	+/-177	12.5%	+/-3.2
With own children under 18 years	489	+/-142	8.7%	+/-2.5
Nonfamily households	1,921	+/-276	34.2%	+/-4.7
Householder living alone	1,730	+/-261	30.8%	+/-4.5
65 years and over	504	+/-125	9.0%	+/-2.2
Households with one or more people under 18 years	1,909	+/-291	34.0%	+/-4.3
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	1,334	+/-90	23.7%	+/-1.5
Average household size	2.77	+/-0.14	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.46	+/-0.26	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	15,553	+/-513	15,553	(X)
Householder	5,618	+/-339	36.1%	+/-1.9
Spouse	2,771	+/-337	17.8%	+/-2.0
Child	5,277	+/-476	33.9%	+/-2.7
Other relatives	1,044	+/-313	6.7%	+/-2.0
Nonrelatives	843	+/-269	5.4%	+/-1.7
Unmarried partner	289	+/-104	1.9%	+/-0.6
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	6,840	+/-142	6,840	(X)
Never married	2,288	+/-248	33.5%	+/-3.4
Now married, except separated	3,204	+/-312	46.8%	+/-4.6
Separated	149	+/-79	2.2%	+/-1.1
Widowed	262	+/-103	3.8%	+/-1.5
Divorced	937	+/-179	13.7%	+/-2.6
Females 15 years and over	6,524	+/-140	6,524	(X)
Never married	1,871	+/-276	28.7%	+/-4.0
Now married, except separated	2,980	+/-353	45.7%	+/-5.6
Separated	59	+/-46	0.9%	+/-0.7
Widowed	658	+/-127	10.1%	+/-1.9
Divorced	956	+/-176	14.7%	+/-2.7
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	192	+/-111	192	(X)

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Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	79	+/-56	41.1%	+/-26.2
Per 1,000 unmarried women	37	+/-26	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	52	+/-30	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	37	+/-69	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	129	+/-79	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	3	+/-6	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	578	+/-233	578	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	323	+/-173	55.9%	+/-22.4
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	53	+/-39	9.2%	+/-6.9
1 or 2 years	101	+/-90	17.5%	+/-13.5
3 or 4 years	129	+/-128	22.3%	+/-21.1
5 or more years	40	+/-35	6.9%	+/-6.6
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	323	+/-173	323	(X)
Who are female	193	+/-98	59.8%	+/-8.8
Who are married	265	+/-168	82.0%	+/-14.6
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	4,300	+/-332	4,300	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	150	+/-65	3.5%	+/-1.6
Kindergarten	181	+/-108	4.2%	+/-2.6
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	1,937	+/-161	45.0%	+/-4.6
High school (grades 9-12)	1,288	+/-192	30.0%	+/-3.9
College or graduate school	744	+/-275	17.3%	+/-5.3
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	10,696	+/-167	10,696	(X)
Less than 9th grade	1,214	+/-318	11.4%	+/-2.9
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,481	+/-293	13.8%	+/-2.8
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	3,342	+/-368	31.2%	+/-3.4
Some college, no degree	2,541	+/-382	23.8%	+/-3.5
Associate's degree	795	+/-169	7.4%	+/-1.6
Bachelor's degree	874	+/-160	8.2%	+/-1.5
Graduate or professional degree	449	+/-165	4.2%	+/-1.6
Percent high school graduate or higher	74.8%	+/-4.3	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	12.4%	+/-2.3	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	12,392	+/-43	12,392	(X)
Civilian veterans	1,663	+/-233	13.4%	+/-1.9
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	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	16,437	+/-58	16,437	(X)
Same house	13,628	+/-610	82.9%	+/-3.7
Different house in the U.S.	2,421	+/-482	14.7%	+/-2.9
Same county	890	+/-376	5.4%	+/-2.3
Different county	1,531	+/-423	9.3%	+/-2.6
Same state	1,130	+/-345	6.9%	+/-2.1
Different state	401	+/-173	2.4%	+/-1.1
Abroad	388	+/-226	2.4%	+/-1.4
PLACE OF BIRTH				

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Total population	16,566	*****	16,566	(X)
Native	14,909	+/-509	90.0%	+/-3.1
Born in United States	14,823	+/-517	89.5%	+/-3.1
State of residence	8,854	+/-637	53.4%	+/-3.8
Different state	5,969	+/-478	36.0%	+/-2.9
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	86	+/-51	0.5%	+/-0.3
Foreign born	1,657	+/-509	10.0%	+/-3.1
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	1,657	+/-509	1,657	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	301	+/-165	18.2%	+/-9.5
Not a U.S. citizen	1,356	+/-472	81.8%	+/-9.5
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	1,743	+/-517	1,743	(X)
Native	86	+/-51	86	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	8	+/-13	9.3%	+/-15.0
Entered before 2000	78	+/-49	90.7%	+/-15.0
Foreign born	1,657	+/-509	1,657	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	524	+/-264	31.6%	+/-10.3
Entered before 2000	1,133	+/-342	68.4%	+/-10.3
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	1,657	+/-509	1,657	(X)
Europe	130	+/-119	7.8%	+/-7.1
Asia	88	+/-73	5.3%	+/-4.5
Africa	8	+/-13	0.5%	+/-0.9
Oceania	14	+/-23	0.8%	+/-1.4
Latin America	1,408	+/-491	85.0%	+/-8.5
Northern America	9	+/-11	0.5%	+/-0.7
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	15,626	+/-58	15,626	(X)
English only	11,515	+/-552	73.7%	+/-3.4
Language other than English	4,111	+/-522	26.3%	+/-3.4
Speak English less than "very well"	1,505	+/-418	9.6%	+/-2.7
Spanish	3,779	+/-425	24.2%	+/-2.7
Speak English less than "very well"	1,335	+/-362	8.5%	+/-2.3
Other Indo-European languages	52	+/-60	0.3%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-127	0.0%	+/-0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	44	+/-35	0.3%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	22	+/-31	0.1%	+/-0.2
Other languages	236	+/-222	1.5%	+/-1.4
Speak English less than "very well"	148	+/-160	0.9%	+/-1.0
ANCESTRY				
Total population	16,566	*****	16,566	(X)
American	350	+/-161	2.1%	+/-1.0
Arab	4	+/-6	0.0%	+/-0.1
Czech	24	+/-30	0.1%	+/-0.2
Danish	61	+/-60	0.4%	+/-0.4
Dutch	411	+/-206	2.5%	+/-1.2
English	1,773	+/-320	10.7%	+/-1.9
French (except Basque)	494	+/-227	3.0%	+/-1.4
French Canadian	4	+/-8	0.0%	+/-0.1
German	2,581	+/-476	15.6%	+/-2.9
Greek	113	+/-160	0.7%	+/-1.0
Hungarian	39	+/-47	0.2%	+/-0.3
Irish	2,086	+/-558	12.6%	+/-3.4
Italian	611	+/-248	3.7%	+/-1.5
Lithuanian	0	+/-127	0.0%	+/-0.2
Norwegian	178	+/-136	1.1%	+/-0.8
Polish	176	+/-119	1.1%	+/-0.7

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Portuguese	0	+/-127	0.0%	+/-0.2
Russian	204	+/-125	1.2%	+/-0.8
Scotch-Irish	451	+/-191	2.7%	+/-1.2
Scottish	581	+/-284	3.5%	+/-1.7
Slovak	19	+/-31	0.1%	+/-0.2
Subsaharan African	8	+/-13	0.0%	+/-0.1
Swedish	86	+/-78	0.5%	+/-0.5
Swiss	36	+/-53	0.2%	+/-0.3
Ukrainian	4	+/-6	0.0%	+/-0.1
Welsh	13	+/-16	0.1%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	30	+/-26	0.2%	+/-0.2

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:

Â-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).

Â-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.

Â-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.

Â-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.

Â-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.