

S1601: LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

Universe: None

2024 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables

	Alaska												
	Total		Percent		Percent of specified language speakers								
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Speak English only or speak English "very well"		Percent speak English only or speak English "very well"		Speak English less than "very well"		Percent speak English less than "very well"		
				Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Population 5 years and over	695,211	±1,672	(X)	(X)	666,948	±3,059	95.9%	±0.4	28,263	±2,440	4.1%	±0.4	
Speak only English	596,828	±5,786	85.8%	±0.7	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	
Speak a language other than English	98,383	±5,056	14.2%	±0.7	70,120	±4,614	71.3%	±2.3	28,263	±2,440	28.7%	±2.3	
SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH													
Spanish	21,273	±2,588	3.1%	±0.4	15,182	±2,124	71.4%	±6.2	6,091	±1,594	28.6%	±6.2	
5 to 17 years old	2,706	±1,037	0.4%	±0.1	2,145	±996	79.3%	±17.0	561	±471	20.7%	±17.0	
18 to 64 years old	16,816	±1,963	2.4%	±0.3	11,834	±1,569	70.4%	±7.1	4,982	±1,444	29.6%	±7.1	
65 years old and over	1,751	±432	0.3%	±0.1	1,203	±455	68.7%	±16.5	548	±283	31.3%	±16.5	
Other Indo-European languages	14,351	±2,561	2.1%	±0.4	10,743	±1,972	74.9%	±5.6	3,608	±1,099	25.1%	±5.6	
5 to 17 years old	1,718	±847	0.2%	±0.1	1,444	±755	84.1%	±11.3	274	±224	15.9%	±11.3	
18 to 64 years old	10,573	±2,231	1.5%	±0.3	7,696	±1,618	72.8%	±6.8	2,877	±1,044	27.2%	±6.8	
65 years old and over	2,060	±600	0.3%	±0.1	1,603	±500	77.8%	±13.4	457	±321	22.2%	±13.4	
Asian and Pacific Island languages	34,210	±3,868	4.9%	±0.6	20,788	±3,531	60.8%	±5.9	13,422	±2,120	39.2%	±5.9	
5 to 17 years old	4,094	±1,993	0.6%	±0.3	3,729	±1,875	91.1%	±9.3	365	±388	8.9%	±9.3	
18 to 64 years old	24,672	±2,505	3.5%	±0.4	15,292	±1,815	62.0%	±5.7	9,380	±1,897	38.0%	±5.7	
65 years old and over	5,444	±762	0.8%	±0.1	1,767	±795	32.5%	±13.1	3,677	±775	67.5%	±13.1	
Other languages	28,549	±2,115	4.1%	±0.3	23,407	±1,985	82.0%	±2.7	5,142	±826	18.0%	±2.7	
5 to 17 years old	3,530	±518	0.5%	±0.1	3,137	±457	88.9%	±3.4	393	±142	11.1%	±3.4	
18 to 64 years old	19,692	±1,752	2.8%	±0.3	15,944	±1,718	81.0%	±3.3	3,748	±636	19.0%	±3.3	
65 years old and over	5,327	±655	0.8%	±0.1	4,326	±549	81.2%	±7.1	1,001	±427	18.8%	±7.1	
CITIZENS 18 YEARS AND OVER													
All citizens 18 years old and over	546,656	±2,769	(X)	(X)	528,941	±3,124	96.8%	±0.3	17,715	±1,807	3.2%	±0.3	
Speak only English	476,427	±4,138	87.2%	±0.6	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	
Speak a language other than English	70,229	±3,506	12.8%	±0.6	52,514	±3,477	74.8%	±2.5	17,715	±1,807	25.2%	±2.5	
Spanish	15,832	±1,827	2.9%	±0.3	12,278	±1,670	77.6%	±6.0	3,554	±1,039	22.4%	±6.0	
Other languages	54,397	±2,893	10.0%	±0.5	40,236	±2,872	74.0%	±3.1	14,161	±1,769	26.0%	±3.1	

Source :

U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates

Dataset Universe :

The dataset universe of the American Community Survey (ACS) is the U.S. resident population and housing. For more information about ACS residence rules, see the ACS Design and Methodology Report. Note that each table describes the specific universe of interest for that set of estimates.

Unit(s) of Observation :

American Community Survey (ACS) data are collected from individuals living in housing units and group quarters, and about housing units whether occupied or vacant. For more information about ACS sampling and data collection, see the ACS Design and Methodology Report.

Geography Coverage :

ACS data generally reflect the geographic boundaries of legal and statistical areas as of January 1 of the estimate year. For more information, see Geography Boundaries by Year.

Estimates of urban and rural populations, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on 2020 Census data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Sampling :

The ACS consists of two separate samples: housing unit addresses and group quarters facilities. Independent housing unit address samples are selected for each county or county-equivalent in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, with sampling rates depending on a measure of size for the area. For more information on sampling in the ACS, see the Accuracy of the Data document.

Confidentiality :

The Census Bureau has modified or suppressed some estimates in ACS data products to protect respondents' confidentiality. Title 13 United States Code, Section 9, prohibits the Census Bureau from publishing results in which an individual's data can be identified. For more information on confidentiality protection in the ACS, see the Accuracy of the Data document.

Technical Documentation/Methodology:

Information about the American Community Survey (ACS) can be found on the ACS website. Supporting documentation including code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing, and a full list of ACS tables and table shells (without estimates) can be found on the Technical Documentation section of the ACS website.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

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 ACS Technical Documentation). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Users must consider potential differences in geographic boundaries, questionnaire content or coding, or other methodological issues when comparing ACS data from different years. Statistically significant differences shown in ACS Comparison Profiles, or in data users' own analysis, may be the result of these differences and thus might not necessarily reflect changes to the social, economic, housing, or demographic characteristics being compared. For more information, see Comparing ACS Data.

Weights :

ACS estimates are obtained from a raking ratio estimation procedure that results in the assignment of two sets of weights: a weight to each sample person record and a weight to each sample housing unit record. Estimates of person characteristics are based on the person weight. Estimates of family, household, and housing unit characteristics are based on the housing unit weight. For any given geographic area, a characteristic total is estimated by summing the weights assigned to the persons, households, families or housing units possessing the characteristic in the geographic area. For more information on weighting and estimation in the ACS, see the Accuracy of the Data document.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, the decennial census is the official source of population totals for April 1st of each decennial year. In between censuses, the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities, and towns and estimates of housing units and the group quarters population for states and counties.

API Information :

American Community Survey (ACS) data is available via API.

For more information on available APIs, please see Census Developers page at API Information.

Explanation of Symbols :

- The estimate could not be computed because there were an insufficient number of sample observations. For a ratio of medians estimate, one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or highest interval of an open-ended distribution. For a 5-year median estimate, the margin of error associated with a median was larger than the median itself.

N The estimate or margin of error cannot be displayed because there were an insufficient number of sample cases in the selected geographic area.

(X) The estimate or margin of error is not applicable or not available.

median- The median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution (for example "2,500-").

median+ The median falls in the highest interval of an open-ended distribution (for example "250,000+").

** The margin of error could not be computed because there were an insufficient number of sample observations.

*** The margin of error could not be computed because the median falls in the lowest interval or highest interval of an open-ended distribution.

***** A margin of error is not appropriate because the corresponding estimate is controlled to an independent population or housing estimate.

Effectively, the corresponding estimate has no sampling error and the margin of error may be treated as zero.

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