

POPULATION 65 YEARS AND OVER IN THE UNITED STATES
2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the [Data and Documentation](#) section.

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.

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Subject	Alaska			
	Total		65 years and over	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total population	741,894	*****	75,832	+/-1,040
SEX AND AGE				
Male	52.6%	+/-0.3	49.8%	+/-0.7
Female	47.4%	+/-0.3	50.2%	+/-0.7
Median age (years)	33.5	+/-0.3	71.2	+/-0.4
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN				
One race	91.4%	+/-0.7	97.0%	+/-0.9
White	64.4%	+/-0.4	76.5%	+/-1.0
Black or African American	3.2%	+/-0.3	2.4%	+/-0.7
American Indian and Alaska Native	14.6%	+/-0.5	11.6%	+/-0.9
Asian	6.1%	+/-0.4	5.8%	+/-0.7
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1.3%	+/-0.1	0.4%	+/-0.2
Some other race	1.7%	+/-0.4	0.2%	+/-0.2
Two or more races	8.6%	+/-0.7	3.0%	+/-0.9
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	6.9%	+/-0.1	1.1%	+/-0.5
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	61.0%	+/-0.1	75.6%	+/-1.1
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	714,068	*****	73,883	+/-1,058
Householder or spouse	51.9%	+/-0.7	85.9%	+/-2.6
Parent	0.9%	+/-0.2	4.3%	+/-1.0
Other relatives	38.2%	+/-0.7	3.3%	+/-1.0
Nonrelatives	9.0%	+/-0.7	6.5%	+/-2.4
Unmarried partner	3.1%	+/-0.3	1.3%	+/-0.5
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Households	248,468	+/-2,841	45,375	+/-1,841
Family households	66.0%	+/-1.5	56.4%	+/-3.2
Married-couple family	49.2%	+/-1.5	43.7%	+/-3.0
Female householder, no husband present, family	11.1%	+/-0.9	9.0%	+/-1.7
Nonfamily households	34.0%	+/-1.5	43.6%	+/-3.2
Householder living alone	25.1%	+/-1.4	39.3%	+/-3.0
MARITAL STATUS				
Population 15 years and over	584,670	+/-1,134	75,832	+/-1,040
Now married, except separated	47.5%	+/-1.2	55.7%	+/-2.6
Widowed	3.5%	+/-0.3	18.7%	+/-1.9
Divorced	11.2%	+/-0.7	18.3%	+/-2.1
Separated	1.8%	+/-0.3	1.3%	+/-0.6
Never married	36.0%	+/-0.9	6.0%	+/-1.3
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	478,951	+/-1,792	75,832	+/-1,040
Less than high school graduate	6.9%	+/-0.5	10.7%	+/-1.2
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	28.0%	+/-1.0	25.5%	+/-2.2
Some college or associate's degree	35.6%	+/-1.2	32.5%	+/-2.4
Bachelor's degree or higher	29.6%	+/-1.1	31.3%	+/-2.6
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Population 30 years and over	414,910	+/-1,824	75,832	+/-1,040
Living with grandchild(ren)	4.0%	+/-0.5	7.0%	+/-1.1
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	1.7%	+/-0.3	2.4%	+/-0.8

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VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	538,882	+/-1,796	75,832	+/-1,040
Civilian veteran	12.2%	+/-0.7	24.3%	+/-1.8
DISABILITY STATUS				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	718,419	+/-1,649	74,396	+/-1,042
With any disability	12.1%	+/-0.6	39.6%	+/-3.0
No disability	87.9%	+/-0.6	60.4%	+/-3.0
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	731,760	+/-1,282	75,832	+/-1,040
Same house	81.2%	+/-1.1	90.6%	+/-1.7
Different house in the United States	17.9%	+/-1.0	9.2%	+/-1.7
Same county	10.8%	+/-0.8	4.8%	+/-1.4
Different county	7.2%	+/-0.6	4.5%	+/-1.3
Same state	2.9%	+/-0.4	1.6%	+/-0.7
Different state	4.3%	+/-0.5	2.9%	+/-1.1
Abroad	0.9%	+/-0.3	0.2%	+/-0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH, NATIVITY AND CITIZENSHIP STATUS, AND YEAR OF ENTRY				
Total population	741,894	*****	75,832	+/-1,040
Native	684,530	+/-4,460	68,980	+/-1,190
Foreign born	57,364	+/-4,460	6,852	+/-1,085
Entered 2010 or later	24.1%	+/-4.2	7.2%	+/-4.2
Entered 2000 to 2009	24.8%	+/-3.4	17.3%	+/-7.6
Entered before 2000	51.1%	+/-4.6	75.5%	+/-8.9
Naturalized U.S. citizen	57.1%	+/-5.0	79.2%	+/-7.0
Not a U.S. citizen	42.9%	+/-5.0	20.8%	+/-7.0
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH				
Population 5 years and over	689,399	+/-797	75,832	+/-1,040
English only	83.5%	+/-0.8	85.4%	+/-1.6
Language other than English	16.5%	+/-0.8	14.6%	+/-1.6
Speak English less than "very well"	5.3%	+/-0.5	6.8%	+/-1.1
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Civilian population 16 years and over	559,372	+/-2,245	75,832	+/-1,040
In labor force	69.4%	+/-0.9	25.7%	+/-2.1
Employed	63.8%	+/-1.0	24.9%	+/-2.1
Unemployed	5.5%	+/-0.6	0.8%	+/-0.4
Percent of civilian labor force	8.0%	+/-0.8	3.3%	+/-1.7
Not in labor force	30.6%	+/-0.9	74.3%	+/-2.1
INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2016 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Households	248,468	+/-2,841	45,375	+/-1,841
With earnings	86.0%	+/-0.9	50.6%	+/-3.1
Mean earnings (dollars)	88,274	+/-2,590	59,681	+/-7,491
With Social Security income	22.4%	+/-0.9	85.2%	+/-2.3
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	17,715	+/-664	19,233	+/-886
With Supplemental Security Income	4.0%	+/-0.5	8.5%	+/-1.8
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	9,789	+/-822	8,170	+/-929
With cash public assistance income	5.9%	+/-0.7	9.7%	+/-1.8
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,636	+/-488	3,843	+/-712
With retirement income	19.4%	+/-0.9	55.7%	+/-2.5
Mean retirement income (dollars)	29,775	+/-2,228	32,571	+/-3,544
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	10.5%	+/-1.1	8.0%	+/-1.3
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Population for whom poverty status is determined	723,968	+/-1,193	74,396	+/-1,042
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	9.9%	+/-0.9	4.2%	+/-1.0
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	6.8%	+/-0.7	8.3%	+/-1.5
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	83.3%	+/-1.1	87.5%	+/-1.7
Occupied housing units	248,468	+/-2,841	45,375	+/-1,841
HOUSING TENURE				
Owner-occupied housing units	64.5%	+/-1.3	80.9%	+/-2.6
Renter-occupied housing units	35.5%	+/-1.3	19.1%	+/-2.6
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.97	+/-0.05	2.33	+/-0.12
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.69	+/-0.07	1.63	+/-0.14

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SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
No telephone service available	2.5%	+/-0.5	2.1%	+/-1.0
1.01 or more occupants per room	6.8%	+/-0.7	2.8%	+/-0.7
Owner-occupied housing units	160,215	+/-3,268	36,724	+/-1,614
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Less than 30 percent	78.1%	+/-1.6	79.3%	+/-3.0
30 percent or more	21.9%	+/-1.6	20.7%	+/-3.0
OWNER CHARACTERISTICS				
Median value (dollars)	267,800	+/-5,996	271,300	+/-14,018
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	1,851	+/-33	1,638	+/-78
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	547	+/-18	525	+/-32
Renter-occupied housing units	88,253	+/-3,611	8,651	+/-1,303
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Less than 30 percent	61.8%	+/-2.3	56.5%	+/-6.5
30 percent or more	38.2%	+/-2.3	43.5%	+/-6.5
GROSS RENT				
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,208	+/-34	908	+/-101

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Explanation of Symbols:

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.

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.

An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.

An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.

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An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

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.

An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

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.

The 65 years and over column of data refers to the age of the householder for the estimates of households, occupied housing units, owner-occupied housing units, and renter-occupied housing units lines.

The age specified on the population 15 years and over, population 25 years and over, population 30 years and over, civilian population 18 years and over, civilian population 5 years and over, population 1 years and over, population 5 years and over, and population 16 years and over lines refer to the data shown in the "Total" column while the second column is limited to the population 65 years and over.

The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, comparisons of disability data from 2008 or later with data from prior years are not recommended. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the [Evaluation Report Covering Disability](#).

Telephone service data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection of this question that occurred in 2015 and 2016. Both ACS 1-year and ACS 5-year files were affected. It may take several years in the ACS 5-year files until the estimates are available for the geographic areas affected.

While the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 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 2010 data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.