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2008-2010 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates

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.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, for 2010, the 2010 Census provides the official counts of the population and housing units for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns. For 2008 to 2009, the Population Estimates Program provides intercensal estimates of the population for the nation, states, and counties.

Subject	United States				
	Total		Percent distribution of grandparents responsible for grandchildren		
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Total		30 to 59 years
			Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate
Living with own grandchildren under 18 years	6,731,224	+/-32,034	2,722,112	+/-16,970	1,823,498
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN					
One race	98.2%	+/-0.1	98.2%	+/-0.1	98.1%
White	62.0%	+/-0.2	63.7%	+/-0.3	63.1%
Black or African American	19.1%	+/-0.2	23.3%	+/-0.3	23.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.4%	+/-0.1	1.9%	+/-0.1	1.9%
Asian	7.4%	+/-0.1	3.0%	+/-0.1	2.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.3%	+/-0.1	0.3%	+/-0.1	0.3%
Some other race	7.9%	+/-0.1	6.0%	+/-0.2	7.0%
Two or more races	1.8%	+/-0.1	1.8%	+/-0.1	1.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	24.4%	+/-0.2	19.7%	+/-0.3	21.8%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	46.6%	+/-0.2	51.1%	+/-0.3	49.4%
SEX					
Male	35.8%	+/-0.1	37.3%	+/-0.2	34.8%
Female	64.2%	+/-0.1	62.7%	+/-0.2	65.2%
MARITAL STATUS					
Now married (including separated and spouse absent)	63.3%	+/-0.2	70.6%	+/-0.3	72.2%
Unmarried (never married, widowed, and divorced)	36.7%	+/-0.2	29.4%	+/-0.3	27.8%
LABOR FORCE STATUS					
In labor force	51.7%	+/-0.2	60.9%	+/-0.3	73.0%
NATIVITY					
Native	71.2%	+/-0.2	82.8%	+/-0.3	82.6%
Foreign born	28.8%	+/-0.2	17.2%	+/-0.3	17.4%
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH					
Speak other language	33.9%	+/-0.2	23.5%	+/-0.3	24.1%
Speak English "very well"	9.7%	+/-0.1	9.3%	+/-0.2	9.8%
Speak English less than "very well"	24.1%	+/-0.2	14.2%	+/-0.2	14.2%
DISABILITY STATUS					
Civilian grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	6,728,230	+/-32,102	2,720,459	+/-17,007	1,821,862
With any disability	26.7%	+/-0.2	24.8%	+/-0.3	20.3%
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS					

Subject	United States				
	Total		Percent distribution of grandparents responsible for grandchildren		
			Total		30 to 59 years
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate
Grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years for whom poverty status is determined	6,731,187	+/-32,029	2,722,112	+/-16,970	1,823,498
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	15.3%	+/-0.2	20.2%	+/-0.3	21.4%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	84.7%	+/-0.2	79.8%	+/-0.3	78.6%
Grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years in households	6,727,820	+/-32,001	2,721,286	+/-16,977	1,822,792
PRESENCE OF PARENT(S) OF GRANDCHILDREN					
Householder or spouse responsible for grandchildren with no parent of grandchildren present	13.7%	+/-0.1	33.9%	+/-0.3	28.3%
UNITS IN STRUCTURE					
In 1-unit structures	79.2%	+/-0.2	77.0%	+/-0.3	75.3%
In 2-or-more-unit structures	13.2%	+/-0.2	13.1%	+/-0.2	14.1%
In mobile homes and all other types of units	7.5%	+/-0.1	9.8%	+/-0.2	10.6%
HOUSING TENURE					
In owner-occupied housing units	72.5%	+/-0.2	70.5%	+/-0.3	66.1%
In renter-occupied housing units	27.5%	+/-0.2	29.5%	+/-0.3	33.9%
HOUSEHOLDS					
Households	114,596,927	+/-112,092	(X)	(X)	(X)
With grandparents living with grandchildren	3.9%	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)	(X)
PERCENT IMPUTED					
Grandparents living with grandchildren	0.8%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	11.3%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

Subject	United States		
	Percent distribution of grandparents responsible for grandchildren		
	30 to 59 years	60 years and over	
	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Living with own grandchildren under 18 years	+/-14,549	898,614	+/-9,006
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN			
One race	+/-0.1	98.3%	+/-0.1
White	+/-0.4	64.8%	+/-0.5
Black or African American	+/-0.4	22.4%	+/-0.5
American Indian and Alaska Native	+/-0.1	1.8%	+/-0.1
Asian	+/-0.1	4.9%	+/-0.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	+/-0.1	0.3%	+/-0.1
Some other race	+/-0.2	4.1%	+/-0.2
Two or more races	+/-0.1	1.7%	+/-0.1
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	+/-0.3	15.3%	+/-0.4
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	+/-0.4	54.5%	+/-0.6
SEX			
Male	+/-0.2	42.2%	+/-0.4
Female	+/-0.2	57.8%	+/-0.4
MARITAL STATUS			
Now married (including separated and spouse absent)	+/-0.3	67.5%	+/-0.6
Unmarried (never married, widowed, and divorced)	+/-0.3	32.5%	+/-0.6
LABOR FORCE STATUS			
In labor force	+/-0.3	36.4%	+/-0.4
NATIVITY			
Native	+/-0.3	83.1%	+/-0.4
Foreign born	+/-0.3	16.9%	+/-0.4
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH			
Speak other language	+/-0.4	22.3%	+/-0.4
Speak English "very well"	+/-0.2	8.2%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	+/-0.3	14.2%	+/-0.4
DISABILITY STATUS			
Civilian grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	+/-14,572	898,597	+/-9,001
With any disability	+/-0.3	34.0%	+/-0.4
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS			
Grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years for whom poverty status is determined	+/-14,549	898,614	+/-9,006
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	+/-0.4	18.0%	+/-0.4
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	+/-0.4	82.0%	+/-0.4
Grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years in households	+/-14,524	898,494	+/-9,008
PRESENCE OF PARENT(S) OF GRANDCHILDREN			
Householder or spouse responsible for grandchildren with no parent of grandchildren present	+/-0.4	45.3%	+/-0.5
UNITS IN STRUCTURE			
In 1-unit structures	+/-0.4	80.6%	+/-0.5
In 2-or-more-unit structures	+/-0.3	11.2%	+/-0.4
In mobile homes and all other types of units	+/-0.3	8.2%	+/-0.3
HOUSING TENURE			
In owner-occupied housing units	+/-0.4	79.3%	+/-0.4
In renter-occupied housing units	+/-0.4	20.7%	+/-0.4
HOUSEHOLDS			
Households	(X)	(X)	(X)
With grandparents living with grandchildren	(X)	(X)	(X)
PERCENT IMPUTED			
Grandparents living with grandchildren	(X)	(X)	(X)
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	(X)	(X)	(X)

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.

Foreign born excludes people born outside the United States to a parent who is a U.S. citizen.

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.

While the 2008-2010 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 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 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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2010 American Community Survey

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.