

District of Columbia Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2009
Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	249,280	3,172	249,280	(X)
Family households (families)	109,030	4,490	43.7%	1.6
With own children under 18 years	44,124	3,326	17.7%	1.3
Married-couple family	56,695	3,271	22.7%	1.3
With own children under 18 years	18,402	2,072	7.4%	0.8
Male householder, no wife present, family	8,793	1,521	3.5%	0.6
With own children under 18 years	4,034	1,184	1.6%	0.5
Female householder, no husband present, family	43,542	3,021	17.5%	1.2
With own children under 18 years	21,688	2,495	8.7%	1
Nonfamily households	140,250	4,073	56.3%	1.6
Householder living alone	116,183	4,123	46.6%	1.7
65 years and over	24,743	1,877	9.9%	0.8
Households with one or more people under 18 years	52,516	3,071	21.1%	1.2
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	51,140	1,478	20.5%	0.6
Average household size	2.26	0.03	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.38	0.1	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	564,299	*****	564,299	(X)
Householder	249,280	3,172	44.2%	0.6
Spouse	56,699	3,249	10.0%	0.6
Child	145,899	4,965	25.9%	0.9
Other relatives	56,444	5,704	10.0%	1
Nonrelatives	55,977	4,480	9.9%	0.8
Unmarried partner	14,667	1,725	2.6%	0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	233,036	576	233,036	(X)
Never married	133,082	3,536	57.1%	1.5
Now married, except separated	68,797	3,795	28.7%	1.6
Separated	7,579	1,703	3.3%	0.7
Widowed	5,922	1,177	2.5%	0.5
Divorced	19,656	2,447	8.4%	1
Females 15 years and over	271,773	687	271,773	(X)
Never married	148,273	4,181	54.6%	1.5
Now married, except separated	64,747	3,799	23.8%	1.4
Separated	7,192	1,531	2.6%	0.6
Widowed	21,887	1,897	8.1%	0.7
Divorced	29,674	2,552	10.9%	0.9
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	7,915	1,514	7,915	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	3,946	1,313	49.9%	10.1
Per 1,000 unmarried women	29	10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	45	9	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	17	16	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	54	15	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	44	15	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	12,024	1,990	12,024	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	4,061	1,201	33.8%	8.3
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	392	312	3.3%	2.6
1 or 2 years	550	363	4.6%	3
3 or 4 years	714	422	5.9%	3.4
5 or more years	2,405	908	20.0%	6.7
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	4,061	1,201	4,061	(X)
Who are female	3,267	1,000	80.4%	7.5
Who are married	2,014	823	49.6%	12.4
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	151,647	3,572	151,647	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	9,255	1,584	6.1%	1
Kindergarten	5,275	1,208	3.5%	0.8
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	46,412	1,603	30.6%	1.1
High school (grades 9-12)	27,701	2,292	18.3%	1.4
College or graduate school	63,004	2,961	41.5%	1.4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	413,396	601	413,396	(X)
Less than 9th grade	19,664	2,631	4.8%	0.6
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	33,653	3,256	8.1%	0.8
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	82,834	3,980	20.0%	1
Some college, no degree	66,135	3,916	16.0%	0.9
Associate's degree	10,728	1,935	2.6%	0.5
Bachelor's degree	84,646	4,637	20.5%	1.1
Graduate or professional degree	115,736	4,241	28.0%	1

Percent high school graduate or higher	87.10%	1	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	48.50%	1.2	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	483,664	861	483,664	(X)
Civilian veterans	32,694	2,861	6.8%	0.6
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	589,408	861	589,408	(X)
With a disability	72,366	4,868	12.3%	0.8
Under 18 years				
Under 18 years	113,710	3	113,710	(X)
With a disability	6,757	1,598	5.9%	1.4
18 to 64 years				
18 to 64 years	409,934	1,315	409,934	(X)
With a disability	41,638	4,143	10.2%	1
65 years and over				
65 years and over	65,764	1,189	65,764	(X)
With a disability	23,971	1,726	36.5%	2.8
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	592,109	1,486	592,109	(X)
Same house	498,478	7,400	84.2%	1.3
Different house in the U.S.	85,916	7,104	14.5%	1.2
Same county	47,156	5,403	8.0%	0.9
Different county	38,760	3,993	6.5%	0.7
Same state	0	296	0.0%	0.1
Different state	38,760	3,993	6.5%	0.7
Abroad	7,715	2,208	1.3%	0.4
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	599,657	*****	599,657	(X)
Native	527,547	4,747	88.0%	0.8
Born in United States	518,906	4,990	86.5%	0.8
State of residence	243,641	5,817	40.6%	1
Different state	275,265	6,449	45.9%	1.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	8,641	1,563	1.4%	0.3
Foreign born	72,110	4,747	12.0%	0.8
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	72,110	4,747	72,110	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	27,770	2,465	38.5%	3.5
Not a U.S. citizen	44,340	4,496	61.5%	3.5
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	80,751	4,990	80,751	(X)
Native				
Native	8,641	1,563	8,641	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	1,486	643	17.2%	7.7
Entered before 2000	7,155	1,602	82.8%	7.7
Foreign born				
Foreign born	72,110	4,747	72,110	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	28,565	4,003	39.6%	3.8
Entered before 2000	43,545	2,869	60.4%	3.8
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	72,110	4,747	72,110	(X)
Europe	12,204	2,065	16.9%	2.6
Asia	12,448	1,368	17.3%	2
Africa	9,426	2,603	13.1%	3.2
Oceania	851	502	1.2%	0.7
Latin America	35,338	2,914	49.0%	3.1
Northern America	1,843	690	2.6%	0.9
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	561,505	772	561,505	(X)
English only	490,979	4,473	87.4%	0.8
Language other than English	70,526	4,316	12.6%	0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	22,701	2,714	4.0%	0.5
Spanish	35,598	3,174	6.3%	0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	14,453	2,425	2.6%	0.4
Other Indo-European languages	20,465	2,225	3.6%	0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	2,977	1,050	0.5%	0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	7,724	1,288	1.4%	0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	2,445	813	0.4%	0.1
Other languages	6,739	1,653	1.2%	0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	2,826	965	0.5%	0.2
ANCESTRY				
Total population	599,657	*****	599,657	(X)
American	6,895	1,899	1.1%	0.3
Arab	3,098	986	0.5%	0.2
Czech	2,173	1,007	0.4%	0.2
Danish	2,015	1,157	0.3%	0.2
Dutch	3,044	840	0.5%	0.1
English	31,836	3,547	5.3%	0.6
French (except Basque)	9,670	1,637	1.6%	0.3

French Canadian	1,933	727	0.3%	0.1
German	42,069	3,609	7.0%	0.6
Greek	2,311	747	0.4%	0.1
Hungarian	2,554	913	0.4%	0.2
Irish	40,476	3,749	6.7%	0.6
Italian	20,589	2,751	3.4%	0.5
Lithuanian	964	469	0.2%	0.1
Norwegian	3,801	960	0.6%	0.2
Polish	11,897	2,010	2.0%	0.3
Portuguese	1,118	667	0.2%	0.1
Russian	10,596	1,987	1.8%	0.3
Scotch-Irish	3,481	984	0.6%	0.2
Scottish	8,547	1,429	1.4%	0.2
Slovak	860	340	0.1%	0.1
Subsaharan African	15,597	3,248	2.6%	0.5
Swedish	4,269	1,214	0.7%	0.2
Swiss	2,605	1,040	0.4%	0.2
Ukrainian	1,489	721	0.2%	0.1
Welsh	2,746	854	0.5%	0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	6,644	1,554	1.1%	0.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 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:

-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).

-Starting in 2008, the Scotch-Irish category does not include Irish-Scotch.

-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.

-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.

-While the 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.

-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.