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2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-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, 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.

Subject	Buncombe County, North Carolina			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	101,381	+/-928	101,381	(X)
Family households (families)	61,065	+/-1,283	60.2%	+/-1.1
With own children under 18 years	25,140	+/-878	24.8%	+/-0.8
Married-couple family	45,964	+/-1,273	45.3%	+/-1.2
With own children under 18 years	16,592	+/-855	16.4%	+/-0.8
Male householder, no wife present, family	4,168	+/-545	4.1%	+/-0.5
With own children under 18 years	2,312	+/-401	2.3%	+/-0.4
Female householder, no husband present, family	10,933	+/-730	10.8%	+/-0.7
With own children under 18 years	6,236	+/-601	6.2%	+/-0.6
Nonfamily households	40,316	+/-1,086	39.8%	+/-1.1
Householder living alone	32,202	+/-1,150	31.8%	+/-1.1
65 years and over	11,503	+/-618	11.3%	+/-0.6
Households with one or more people under 18 years	27,678	+/-918	27.3%	+/-0.8
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	27,435	+/-416	27.1%	+/-0.5
Average household size	2.29	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	2.88	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	232,048	+/-755	232,048	(X)
Householder	101,381	+/-928	43.7%	+/-0.4
Spouse	45,983	+/-1,279	19.8%	+/-0.5
Child	58,150	+/-1,120	25.1%	+/-0.5
Other relatives	10,422	+/-1,093	4.5%	+/-0.5
Nonrelatives	16,112	+/-1,209	6.9%	+/-0.5
Unmarried partner	6,750	+/-591	2.9%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	94,321	+/-103	94,321	(X)
Never married	30,005	+/-982	31.8%	+/-1.0
Now married, except separated	48,421	+/-1,296	51.3%	+/-1.4
Separated	2,224	+/-361	2.4%	+/-0.4
Widowed	2,931	+/-343	3.1%	+/-0.4

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Divorced	10,740	+/-739	11.4%	+/-0.8
Females 15 years and over	104,246	+/-106	104,246	(X)
Never married	26,246	+/-894	25.2%	+/-0.9
Now married, except separated	48,593	+/-1,435	46.6%	+/-1.4
Separated	2,959	+/-488	2.8%	+/-0.5
Widowed	11,118	+/-662	10.7%	+/-0.6
Divorced	15,330	+/-865	14.7%	+/-0.8
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	2,818	+/-375	2,818	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,002	+/-248	35.6%	+/-7.4
Per 1,000 unmarried women	33	+/-8	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	49	+/-7	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	20	+/-13	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	92	+/-15	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	18	+/-6	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	3,939	+/-580	3,939	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	1,551	+/-316	39.4%	+/-6.4
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	209	+/-96	5.3%	+/-2.5
1 or 2 years	422	+/-206	10.7%	+/-4.9
3 or 4 years	375	+/-166	9.5%	+/-4.2
5 or more years	545	+/-194	13.8%	+/-4.5
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	1,551	+/-316	1,551	(X)
Who are female	1,022	+/-195	65.9%	+/-6.6
Who are married	878	+/-274	56.6%	+/-9.8
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	54,058	+/-919	54,058	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	3,153	+/-374	5.8%	+/-0.7
Kindergarten	2,974	+/-437	5.5%	+/-0.8
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	21,450	+/-520	39.7%	+/-1.2
High school (grades 9-12)	10,561	+/-423	19.5%	+/-0.7
College or graduate school	15,920	+/-758	29.4%	+/-1.0
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	169,640	+/-145	169,640	(X)
Less than 9th grade	7,006	+/-734	4.1%	+/-0.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	13,131	+/-920	7.7%	+/-0.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	42,951	+/-1,418	25.3%	+/-0.8
Some college, no degree	36,816	+/-1,338	21.7%	+/-0.8
Associate's degree	14,218	+/-879	8.4%	+/-0.5
Bachelor's degree	35,845	+/-1,344	21.1%	+/-0.8
Graduate or professional degree	19,673	+/-1,007	11.6%	+/-0.6
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	88.1%	+/-0.7
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	32.7%	+/-1.0
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	189,705	+/-315	189,705	(X)
Civilian veterans	20,646	+/-1,004	10.9%	+/-0.5

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	235,076	+/-620	235,076	(X)
With a disability	34,440	+/-1,469	14.7%	+/-0.6
Under 18 years	48,715	+/-101	48,715	(X)
With a disability	1,993	+/-325	4.1%	+/-0.7
18 to 64 years	149,678	+/-483	149,678	(X)
With a disability	18,203	+/-1,109	12.2%	+/-0.7
65 years and over	36,683	+/-335	36,683	(X)
With a disability	14,244	+/-745	38.8%	+/-2.0
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	236,038	+/-367	236,038	(X)
Same house	197,629	+/-1,883	83.7%	+/-0.8
Different house in the U.S.	37,622	+/-1,849	15.9%	+/-0.8
Same county	22,710	+/-1,642	9.6%	+/-0.7
Different county	14,912	+/-1,176	6.3%	+/-0.5
Same state	6,584	+/-821	2.8%	+/-0.3
Different state	8,328	+/-890	3.5%	+/-0.4
Abroad	787	+/-277	0.3%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	239,000	*****	239,000	(X)
Native	225,650	+/-1,179	94.4%	+/-0.5
Born in United States	223,248	+/-1,112	93.4%	+/-0.5
State of residence	127,385	+/-2,312	53.3%	+/-1.0
Different state	95,863	+/-2,630	40.1%	+/-1.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	2,402	+/-349	1.0%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	13,350	+/-1,179	5.6%	+/-0.5
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	13,350	+/-1,179	13,350	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	4,300	+/-552	32.2%	+/-4.0
Not a U.S. citizen	9,050	+/-1,073	67.8%	+/-4.0
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	15,752	+/-1,112	15,752	(X)
Native	2,402	+/-349	2,402	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	13	+/-23	0.5%	+/-1.0
Entered before 2010	2,389	+/-348	99.5%	+/-1.0
Foreign born	13,350	+/-1,179	13,350	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	233	+/-157	1.7%	+/-1.2
Entered before 2010	13,117	+/-1,187	98.3%	+/-1.2
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	13,350	+/-1,179	13,350	(X)
Europe	3,935	+/-841	29.5%	+/-4.4
Asia	1,800	+/-237	13.5%	+/-1.8
Africa	423	+/-199	3.2%	+/-1.5
Oceania	202	+/-147	1.5%	+/-1.1
Latin America	6,638	+/-539	49.7%	+/-3.7
Northern America	352	+/-134	2.6%	+/-0.9

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	225,717	+/-39	225,717	(X)
English only	208,712	+/-1,204	92.5%	+/-0.5
Language other than English	17,005	+/-1,200	7.5%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	7,833	+/-821	3.5%	+/-0.4
Spanish	10,779	+/-674	4.8%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	5,720	+/-575	2.5%	+/-0.3
Other Indo-European languages	4,544	+/-934	2.0%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	1,531	+/-467	0.7%	+/-0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	1,308	+/-288	0.6%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	489	+/-165	0.2%	+/-0.1
Other languages	374	+/-164	0.2%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	93	+/-88	0.0%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	239,000	*****	239,000	(X)
American	38,243	+/-2,225	16.0%	+/-0.9
Arab	291	+/-146	0.1%	+/-0.1
Czech	650	+/-183	0.3%	+/-0.1
Danish	753	+/-212	0.3%	+/-0.1
Dutch	4,330	+/-636	1.8%	+/-0.3
English	31,814	+/-1,579	13.3%	+/-0.7
French (except Basque)	6,954	+/-803	2.9%	+/-0.3
French Canadian	1,145	+/-434	0.5%	+/-0.2
German	34,181	+/-1,586	14.3%	+/-0.7
Greek	1,007	+/-296	0.4%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	717	+/-188	0.3%	+/-0.1
Irish	29,957	+/-1,626	12.5%	+/-0.7
Italian	8,196	+/-827	3.4%	+/-0.3
Lithuanian	317	+/-181	0.1%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	1,578	+/-370	0.7%	+/-0.2
Polish	4,587	+/-582	1.9%	+/-0.2
Portuguese	939	+/-415	0.4%	+/-0.2
Russian	2,097	+/-436	0.9%	+/-0.2
Scotch-Irish	11,631	+/-1,050	4.9%	+/-0.4
Scottish	9,186	+/-846	3.8%	+/-0.4
Slovak	139	+/-77	0.1%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	903	+/-338	0.4%	+/-0.1
Swedish	2,266	+/-456	0.9%	+/-0.2
Swiss	722	+/-245	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	1,401	+/-591	0.6%	+/-0.2
Welsh	2,723	+/-490	1.1%	+/-0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	284	+/-143	0.1%	+/-0.1

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.

Fertility data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #92 for details.

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 2008-2012 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, 2008-2012 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.