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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	Norfolk city, Virginia			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	85,247	+/-1,296	85,247	(X)
Family households (families)	49,451	+/-961	58.0%	+/-0.8
With own children under 18 years	23,314	+/-757	27.3%	+/-0.7
Married-couple family	29,626	+/-785	34.8%	+/-0.8
With own children under 18 years	12,047	+/-591	14.1%	+/-0.6
Male householder, no wife present, family	4,730	+/-509	5.5%	+/-0.6
With own children under 18 years	2,166	+/-324	2.5%	+/-0.4
Female householder, no husband present, family	15,095	+/-560	17.7%	+/-0.6
With own children under 18 years	9,101	+/-515	10.7%	+/-0.6
Nonfamily households	35,796	+/-923	42.0%	+/-0.8
Householder living alone	28,063	+/-886	32.9%	+/-0.9
65 years and over	7,515	+/-425	8.8%	+/-0.5
Households with one or more people under 18 years	27,102	+/-789	31.8%	+/-0.7
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	16,635	+/-375	19.5%	+/-0.4
Average household size	2.60	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.35	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	221,894	+/-2,312	221,894	(X)
Householder	85,247	+/-1,296	38.4%	+/-0.4
Spouse	29,572	+/-796	13.3%	+/-0.3
Child	65,638	+/-1,248	29.6%	+/-0.5
Other relatives	21,205	+/-1,315	9.6%	+/-0.6
Nonrelatives	20,232	+/-1,174	9.1%	+/-0.5
Unmarried partner	5,060	+/-426	2.3%	+/-0.2
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	103,724	+/-73	103,724	(X)
Never married	51,168	+/-931	49.3%	+/-0.9
Now married, except separated	36,688	+/-952	35.4%	+/-0.9
Separated	3,475	+/-471	3.4%	+/-0.5
Widowed	2,271	+/-300	2.2%	+/-0.3

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Divorced	10,122	+/-622	9.8%	+/-0.6
Females 15 years and over	95,720	+/-64	95,720	(X)
Never married	37,532	+/-799	39.2%	+/-0.8
Now married, except separated	32,786	+/-794	34.3%	+/-0.8
Separated	4,518	+/-381	4.7%	+/-0.4
Widowed	8,271	+/-403	8.6%	+/-0.4
Divorced	12,613	+/-701	13.2%	+/-0.7
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,109	+/-425	4,109	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,947	+/-299	47.4%	+/-4.6
Per 1,000 unmarried women	47	+/-7	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	64	+/-7	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	38	+/-15	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	103	+/-11	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	16	+/-4	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	5,913	+/-473	5,913	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	2,786	+/-345	47.1%	+/-4.8
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	552	+/-167	9.3%	+/-2.7
1 or 2 years	886	+/-208	15.0%	+/-3.2
3 or 4 years	456	+/-133	7.7%	+/-2.1
5 or more years	892	+/-182	15.1%	+/-3.2
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	2,786	+/-345	2,786	(X)
Who are female	1,997	+/-260	71.7%	+/-4.1
Who are married	1,570	+/-273	56.4%	+/-6.4
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	68,202	+/-1,562	68,202	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	3,889	+/-363	5.7%	+/-0.6
Kindergarten	3,287	+/-310	4.8%	+/-0.5
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	21,264	+/-465	31.2%	+/-0.9
High school (grades 9-12)	10,367	+/-488	15.2%	+/-0.8
College or graduate school	29,395	+/-1,561	43.1%	+/-1.4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	144,060	+/-129	144,060	(X)
Less than 9th grade	5,581	+/-494	3.9%	+/-0.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	15,561	+/-768	10.8%	+/-0.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	39,425	+/-1,194	27.4%	+/-0.8
Some college, no degree	37,095	+/-1,256	25.7%	+/-0.9
Associate's degree	9,795	+/-697	6.8%	+/-0.5
Bachelor's degree	21,697	+/-803	15.1%	+/-0.6
Graduate or professional degree	14,906	+/-707	10.3%	+/-0.5
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	85.3%	+/-0.6
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	25.4%	+/-0.7
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	169,148	+/-1,956	169,148	(X)
Civilian veterans	27,391	+/-916	16.2%	+/-0.6

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	217,933	+/-2,029	217,933	(X)
With a disability	26,516	+/-889	12.2%	+/-0.4
Under 18 years	51,179	+/-78	51,179	(X)
With a disability	2,373	+/-358	4.6%	+/-0.7
18 to 64 years	144,537	+/-2,029	144,537	(X)
With a disability	14,586	+/-794	10.1%	+/-0.5
65 years and over	22,217	+/-251	22,217	(X)
With a disability	9,557	+/-400	43.0%	+/-1.7
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	239,535	+/-376	239,535	(X)
Same house	185,550	+/-2,356	77.5%	+/-1.0
Different house in the U.S.	52,472	+/-2,346	21.9%	+/-1.0
Same county	25,607	+/-1,745	10.7%	+/-0.7
Different county	26,865	+/-1,846	11.2%	+/-0.8
Same state	14,697	+/-1,455	6.1%	+/-0.6
Different state	12,168	+/-1,162	5.1%	+/-0.5
Abroad	1,513	+/-349	0.6%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	243,056	*****	243,056	(X)
Native	227,025	+/-1,072	93.4%	+/-0.4
Born in United States	222,805	+/-1,221	91.7%	+/-0.5
State of residence	120,431	+/-2,087	49.5%	+/-0.9
Different state	102,374	+/-1,887	42.1%	+/-0.8
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	4,220	+/-546	1.7%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	16,031	+/-1,072	6.6%	+/-0.4
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	16,031	+/-1,072	16,031	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	6,996	+/-645	43.6%	+/-2.9
Not a U.S. citizen	9,035	+/-785	56.4%	+/-2.9
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	20,251	+/-1,221	20,251	(X)
Native	4,220	+/-546	4,220	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	40	+/-28	0.9%	+/-0.7
Entered before 2010	4,180	+/-548	99.1%	+/-0.7
Foreign born	16,031	+/-1,072	16,031	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	615	+/-230	3.8%	+/-1.4
Entered before 2010	15,416	+/-1,041	96.2%	+/-1.4
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	16,031	+/-1,072	16,031	(X)
Europe	1,887	+/-268	11.8%	+/-1.6
Asia	6,486	+/-532	40.5%	+/-2.7
Africa	1,399	+/-437	8.7%	+/-2.4
Oceania	225	+/-141	1.4%	+/-0.9
Latin America	5,675	+/-602	35.4%	+/-3.2
Northern America	359	+/-146	2.2%	+/-0.9

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	226,213	+/-38	226,213	(X)
English only	205,194	+/-1,075	90.7%	+/-0.5
Language other than English	21,019	+/-1,072	9.3%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	7,382	+/-806	3.3%	+/-0.4
Spanish	10,489	+/-621	4.6%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	3,875	+/-634	1.7%	+/-0.3
Other Indo-European languages	4,508	+/-644	2.0%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	1,101	+/-324	0.5%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	4,553	+/-438	2.0%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,782	+/-284	0.8%	+/-0.1
Other languages	1,469	+/-434	0.6%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	624	+/-219	0.3%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	243,056	*****	243,056	(X)
American	24,741	+/-1,804	10.2%	+/-0.7
Arab	1,189	+/-336	0.5%	+/-0.1
Czech	475	+/-135	0.2%	+/-0.1
Danish	426	+/-181	0.2%	+/-0.1
Dutch	2,017	+/-346	0.8%	+/-0.1
English	16,953	+/-993	7.0%	+/-0.4
French (except Basque)	5,091	+/-541	2.1%	+/-0.2
French Canadian	726	+/-185	0.3%	+/-0.1
German	20,862	+/-1,098	8.6%	+/-0.5
Greek	1,002	+/-250	0.4%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	824	+/-211	0.3%	+/-0.1
Irish	19,421	+/-941	8.0%	+/-0.4
Italian	8,800	+/-796	3.6%	+/-0.3
Lithuanian	415	+/-158	0.2%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	1,262	+/-261	0.5%	+/-0.1
Polish	4,010	+/-489	1.6%	+/-0.2
Portuguese	688	+/-238	0.3%	+/-0.1
Russian	1,269	+/-290	0.5%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	2,785	+/-348	1.1%	+/-0.1
Scottish	4,204	+/-522	1.7%	+/-0.2
Slovak	330	+/-168	0.1%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	8,444	+/-1,261	3.5%	+/-0.5
Swedish	1,283	+/-254	0.5%	+/-0.1
Swiss	174	+/-82	0.1%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	300	+/-151	0.1%	+/-0.1
Welsh	1,170	+/-230	0.5%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	3,038	+/-642	1.2%	+/-0.3

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.