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American FactFinder



United States

Selected Social Characteristics: 2004

Data Set: 2004 American Community Survey

NOTE: Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Selected Social Characteristics: 2004	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT			
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	75,475,565	75,271,151	75,679,979
Nursery school, preschool	4,673,868	4,613,899	4,733,837
Kindergarten	4,018,983	3,952,138	4,085,828
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	32,500,451	32,407,483	32,593,419
High school grade (grades 9-12)	16,626,365	16,534,987	16,717,743
College or graduate school	17,655,898	17,474,771	17,837,025
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT			
Population 25 years and over	186,534,177	186,453,787	186,614,567
Less than 9th grade	11,698,807	11,517,573	11,880,041
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	18,277,242	18,114,384	18,440,100
High school graduate (including equivalency)	55,055,121	54,796,261	55,313,981
Some college, no degree	37,875,025	37,667,169	38,082,881
Associate degree	13,216,578	13,097,708	13,335,448
Bachelor's degree	32,030,270	31,818,126	32,242,414
Graduate or professional degree	18,381,134	18,197,092	18,565,176
Percent high school graduate or higher	83.9	83.8	84.0
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	27.0	26.8	27.2
MARITAL STATUS			
Males 15 years and over	108,732,377	108,681,842	108,782,912
Never married	33,290,195	33,166,192	33,414,198
Now married, except separated	61,315,221	61,124,948	61,505,494
Separated	1,852,825	1,808,118	1,897,532
Widowed	2,626,726	2,584,380	2,669,072
Divorced	9,647,410	9,544,504	9,750,316
Females 15 years and over	116,207,251	116,157,062	116,257,440
Never married	29,204,857	29,090,048	29,319,666
Now married, except separated	59,727,165	59,551,100	59,903,230
Separated	2,962,912	2,898,454	3,027,370
Widowed	11,030,558	10,957,651	11,103,465
Divorced	13,281,759	13,187,134	13,376,384
FERTILITY			
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,088,512	4,021,942	4,155,082
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,170,797	1,128,285	1,213,309
Per 1,000 unmarried women	34	33	35

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Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	55	54	56
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	30	28	32
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	105	103	107
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	22	21	23
GRANDPARENTS			
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years in households	5,675,375	5,581,586	5,769,164
Responsible for grandchildren	2,374,694	2,322,983	2,426,405
Years responsible for grandchildren			
Less than 1 year	531,984	506,547	557,421
1 or 2 years	536,072	508,999	563,145
3 or 4 years	383,420	361,938	404,902
5 or more years	923,218	895,216	951,220
Characteristics of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years			
Who are female	62.8	62.1	63.5
Who are married	71.7	70.7	72.7
Who are in labor force	58.9	58.1	59.7
Who are in poverty	19.5	18.6	20.4
VETERAN STATUS			
Civilian population 18 years and over	212,052,116	211,986,654	212,117,578
Civilian veterans	23,756,268	23,601,981	23,910,555
DISABILITY STATUS of the civilian noninstitutionalized population			
Population 5 years and over	264,965,834	264,900,653	265,031,015
With a disability	37,858,580	37,607,092	38,110,068
Population 5 to 15 years	44,889,036	44,825,989	44,952,083
With a disability	2,824,147	2,766,111	2,882,183
Population 16 to 64 years	185,871,497	185,779,741	185,963,253
With a disability	21,495,471	21,306,847	21,684,095
Population 65 years and over	34,205,301	34,167,815	34,242,787
With a disability	13,538,962	13,442,298	13,635,626
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO			
Population 1 year and over	281,761,953	281,705,244	281,818,662
Same house	237,517,689	237,017,313	238,018,065
Different house in the U.S.	42,548,139	42,064,855	43,031,423
Same county	27,417,194	27,039,303	27,795,085
Different county	15,130,945	14,896,296	15,365,594
Same state	8,518,584	8,369,381	8,667,787
Different state	6,612,361	6,436,465	6,788,257
Abroad	1,696,125	1,630,686	1,761,564
PLACE OF BIRTH			
Total population	285,691,501	*****	*****
Native	251,411,745	251,166,409	251,657,081
Born in United States	247,866,360	247,616,366	248,116,354
State of residence	169,678,117	168,980,450	170,375,784
Different state	78,188,243	77,564,265	78,812,221
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	3,545,385	3,472,404	3,618,366
Foreign born	34,279,756	34,034,420	34,525,092
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS			
Foreign-born population	34,279,756	34,034,420	34,525,092
Naturalization U.S. citizen	14,399,448	14,260,071	14,538,825
Not a U.S. citizen	19,880,308	19,652,085	20,108,531

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YEAR OF U.S. ENTRY			
Population born outside the United States	37,825,141	37,575,147	38,075,135
Native	3,545,385	3,472,404	3,618,366
Foreign Born	34,279,756	34,034,420	34,525,092
Native	3,545,385	3,472,404	3,618,366
Entered U.S. 2000 or later	394,826	364,110	425,542
Entered U.S. before 2000	3,150,559	3,081,914	3,219,204
Foreign Born	34,279,756	34,034,420	34,525,092
Entered U.S. 2000 or later	6,281,567	6,149,227	6,413,907
Entered U.S. before 2000	27,998,189	27,809,530	28,186,848
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN			
Foreign-born population excluding population born "At sea"	34,279,584	34,034,294	34,524,874
Europe	4,890,431	4,814,494	4,966,368
Asia	9,254,705	9,164,328	9,345,082
Africa	1,147,378	1,096,916	1,197,840
Oceania	189,596	170,127	209,065
Latin America	17,973,287	17,776,734	18,169,840
Northern America	824,187	792,854	855,520
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME			
Population 5 years and over	265,683,349	265,653,531	265,713,167
English only	216,050,424	215,701,751	216,399,097
Language other than English	49,632,925	49,293,034	49,972,816
Speak English less than "very well"	22,305,496	22,063,030	22,547,962
Spanish	30,521,800	30,335,657	30,707,943
Speak English less than "very well"	14,636,751	14,449,493	14,824,009
Other Indo-European languages	9,633,742	9,383,472	9,884,012
Speak English less than "very well"	3,316,723	3,195,306	3,438,140
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	7,614,353	7,535,141	7,693,565
Speak English less than "very well"	3,807,072	3,742,644	3,871,500
Other languages	1,863,030	1,787,717	1,938,343
Speak English less than "very well"	544,950	512,984	576,916
ANCESTRY (TOTAL REPORTED)			
Total Population	285,691,501	*****	*****
American	20,061,233	19,730,407	20,392,059
Arab	1,304,485	1,249,209	1,359,761
Czech	1,462,413	1,391,029	1,533,797
Danish	1,477,096	1,409,388	1,544,804
Dutch	5,087,191	4,914,827	5,259,555
English	28,410,295	28,145,536	28,675,054
French (except Basque)	9,496,451	9,323,499	9,669,403
French Canadian	2,233,999	2,166,938	2,301,060
German	48,202,654	47,751,571	48,653,737
Greek	1,309,766	1,257,142	1,362,390
Hungarian	1,527,156	1,476,346	1,577,966
Irish	34,487,790	34,220,644	34,754,936
Italian	16,817,286	16,627,415	17,007,157
Lithuanian	719,280	687,865	750,695
Norwegian	4,585,209	4,333,687	4,836,731
Polish	9,385,233	9,189,276	9,581,190
Portuguese	1,335,171	1,287,608	1,382,734
Russian	3,016,988	2,933,276	3,100,700
Scotch-Irish	5,323,888	5,229,497	5,418,279
Scottish	5,752,571	5,670,060	5,835,082
Slovak	809,066	773,395	844,737
Subsaharan African	2,072,057	2,002,953	2,141,161
Swedish	1,033,014	981,175	1,084,853
Swiss	149,556	129,801	169,311

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Ukrainian	1,913,101	1,864,308	1,961,894
Welsh	26,569	20,826	32,312
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	59,445	47,377	71,513

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 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 confidence interval. The interval shown here is a 90 percent confidence interval. The stated range can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the lower and upper 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).
- The Census Bureau introduced a new skip pattern for the disability questions in the 2003 ACS questionnaire. This change mainly affected two individual items -- go-outside-home disability and employment disability -- and the recode for disability status, which includes the two items. Accordingly, comparisons of data from 2003 or later with data from prior years are not recommended for the relevant questions. For more information, see the [ACS Subject Definitions](#) for 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.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '**' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '***' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that no sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
3. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that no sample observations were available to compute an estimate.
4. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
6. An '****' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
7. An '*****' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
8. An 'N' entry in the estimate, lower bound, and upper bound columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.