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General Demographic 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](#).

An * indicates that the estimate is significantly different (at a 90% confidence level) than the estimate from the most current year. A 'c' indicates the estimates for that year and the current year are both controlled; a statistical test is not appropriate.

General Demographic Characteristics	2004 Percent Distribution	2003 Percent Distribution		2002 Percent Distribution		2001 Percent Distribution		2000 Percent Distribution	
Total population	285,691,501	282,909,885	c	280,540,330	c	277,017,622	c	273,643,273	c
SEX AND AGE									
Male	48.9%	48.9%		48.9%	*	48.8%	*	48.8%	*
Female	51.1%	51.1%		51.1%	*	51.2%	*	51.2%	*
Under 5 years	7.0%	7.0%	*	7.0%	*	7.0%	*	7.0%	*
5 to 9 years	6.9%	7.0%	*	7.1%	*	7.3%	*	7.4%	*
10 to 14 years	7.4%	7.5%	*	7.5%	*	7.5%	*	7.6%	*
15 to 19 years	6.7%	6.7%		6.7%		6.7%	*	6.8%	*
20 to 24 years	6.8%	6.7%		6.6%	*	6.5%	*	6.4%	*
25 to 34 years	13.5%	13.7%	*	13.8%	*	13.9%	*	14.1%	*
35 to 44 years	15.3%	15.5%	*	15.8%	*	16.0%	*	16.3%	*
45 to 54 years	14.4%	14.3%	*	14.2%	*	14.0%	*	13.6%	*
55 to 59 years	5.7%	5.5%	*	5.3%	*	5.0%	*	4.9%	*
60 to 64 years	4.4%	4.3%	*	4.1%	*	4.0%	*	3.9%	*
65 to 74 years	6.4%	6.4%	*	6.4%	*	6.5%	*	6.6%	*
75 to 84 years	4.3%	4.4%		4.3%		4.3%	*	4.3%	*
85 years and over	1.3%	1.2%		1.2%	*	1.2%	*	1.2%	*
Median age (years)	36.2	36.0		35.9	*	35.7	*	35.5	*
18 years and over	74.5%	74.3%	*	74.2%	*	74.0%	*	73.7%	*
21 years and over	70.7%	70.6%	*	70.5%	*	70.2%	*	70.0%	*
62 years and over	14.4%	14.4%	*	14.3%	*	14.3%	*	14.3%	*
65 years and over	12.0%	12.0%		12.0%		12.0%	*	12.1%	*
18 years and over	212,767,197	210,275,463	*	208,079,182	*	204,874,402	*	201,806,999	*
Male	48.2%	48.2%	*	48.1%	*	48.0%	*	47.9%	*
Female	51.8%	51.8%	*	51.9%	*	52.0%	*	52.1%	*
65 years and over	34,205,301	33,896,172	*	33,589,853	*	33,259,002	*	32,999,708	*
Male	42.5%	42.4%	*	42.3%	*	42.0%	*	42.0%	*
Female	57.5%	57.6%	*	57.7%	*	58.0%	*	58.0%	*
RACE									
One race	280,285,784	277,555,200	*	274,034,883	*	270,661,898	*	267,760,586	*
Two or more races	5,405,717	5,354,685		6,505,447	*	6,355,724	*	5,882,687	*

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One race	98.1%	98.1%		97.7%	*	97.7%	*	97.9%	*
White	77.1%	77.6%	*	77.6%	*	78.3%	*	79.0%	*
Black or African American	12.4%	12.4%		12.3%	*	12.2%	*	12.2%	*
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.8%	0.8%		0.7%	*	0.7%	*	0.8%	
Cherokee tribal grouping	15.4%	16.2%		12.0%	*	13.1%	*	15.8%	
Chippewa tribal grouping	4.3%	3.8%		4.0%		4.2%		4.3%	
Navajo tribal grouping	10.7%	10.0%		10.4%		10.1%		9.4%	
Sioux tribal grouping	3.1%	3.5%		2.9%		3.6%		4.3%	
Asian	4.3%	4.2%	*	4.1%	*	3.9%	*	3.8%	*
Asian Indian	18.6%	18.7%		18.1%		17.6%	*	16.7%	*
Chinese, except Taiwanese	23.4%	22.6%		22.6%		23.1%		22.5%	*
Filipino	17.8%	17.7%		17.6%		17.7%		17.6%	
Japanese	6.9%	7.2%		7.0%		7.5%	*	8.1%	*
Korean	10.3%	10.3%		10.1%		10.2%		10.4%	
Vietnamese	10.5%	11.0%		10.3%		10.4%		10.3%	
Other Asian	12.6%	12.6%		14.3%	*	13.5%	*	14.5%	*
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%		0.1%		0.2%	
Native Hawaiian	38.3%	36.3%		37.9%		37.2%		37.6%	
Guamanian or Chamorro	16.9%	18.9%		16.2%		16.4%		20.1%	
Samoan	15.0%	17.3%		17.0%		19.0%		17.2%	
Other Pacific Islander	28.5%	26.6%		27.4%		26.6%		23.6%	*
Some other race	5.3%	4.9%	*	5.2%	*	4.7%	*	4.0%	*
Two or more races	1.9%	1.9%		2.3%	*	2.3%	*	2.1%	*
White and Black or African American	21.1%	21.6%		17.8%	*	17.4%	*	17.8%	*
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	25.4%	23.5%	*	22.7%	*	24.2%	*	23.8%	*
White and Asian	16.3%	16.4%		14.4%	*	14.5%	*	13.4%	*
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native	3.8%	3.6%		4.4%	*	4.0%		4.5%	*
Race alone or in combination with one or more races:									
Total population	285,691,501	282,909,885	c	280,540,330	c	277,017,622	c	273,643,273	c
White	77.3%	77.8%	*	77.7%	*	78.5%	*	79.1%	*
Black or African American	12.8%	12.8%		12.8%	*	12.7%	*	12.6%	*
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.4%	1.4%		1.5%	*	1.5%	*	1.5%	*
Asian	4.7%	4.6%	*	4.5%	*	4.3%	*	4.2%	*
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.3%	0.3%		0.3%	*	0.3%	*	0.3%	*
Some other race	5.6%	5.2%	*	5.7%	*	5.2%	*	4.6%	*
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE									
Total population	285,691,501	282,909,885	c	280,540,330	c	277,017,622	c	273,643,273	c
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	14.2%	13.9%	*	13.5%	*	13.1%	*	12.6%	*
Mexican	9.1%	8.9%	*	8.6%	*	8.2%	*	7.9%	*
Puerto Rican	1.4%	1.3%	*	1.3%	*	1.3%		1.3%	*
Cuban	0.5%	0.5%		0.5%		0.5%		0.5%	*
Other Hispanic or Latino	3.2%	3.1%	*	3.2%		3.1%	*	3.0%	*
Not Hispanic or Latino	85.8%	86.1%	*	86.5%	*	86.9%	*	87.4%	*
White alone	67.3%	67.8%	*	68.2%	*	68.8%	*	69.4%	*
Black or African American alone	12.0%	11.9%	*	11.8%	*	11.8%	*	11.8%	*
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.6%	0.7%		0.6%	*	0.6%	*	0.6%	
Asian alone	4.2%	4.1%	*	4.0%	*	3.8%	*	3.7%	*
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%		0.1%		0.1%	
Some other race alone	0.2%	0.2%		0.2%	*	0.2%		0.2%	
Two or more races:	1.4%	1.4%		1.6%	*	1.6%	*	1.5%	*
Two races including Some other race	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%	*	0.1%	*	0.1%	*
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	1.3%	1.3%		1.5%	*	1.5%	*	1.4%	*

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RELATIONSHIP									
Household population	285,691,501	282,909,885	c	280,540,330	c	277,017,622	c	273,643,273	c
Householder	39.7%	39.6%	*	39.6%	*	39.6%	*	39.1%	*
Spouse	20.0%	20.0%		20.0%	*	20.0%	*	19.8%	*
Child	29.8%	29.9%	*	29.7%		29.7%		29.9%	*
Other relatives	5.7%	5.8%		5.9%	*	5.8%		6.1%	*
Nonrelatives	4.8%	4.8%		4.8%		4.8%		5.0%	*
Unmarried partner	2.1%	2.0%	*	1.9%	*	2.0%	*	2.0%	*
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE									
Total households	109,902,090	108,419,506	*	107,366,878	*	106,428,857	*	104,819,002	*
Family households (families)	67.2%	67.4%		67.5%		67.4%		67.7%	*
With own children under 18 years	31.8%	32.2%	*	32.2%	*	32.2%	*	32.4%	*
Married-couple families	50.2%	50.4%		50.7%	*	50.6%	*	50.7%	*
With own children under 18 years	22.1%	22.4%	*	22.5%	*	22.5%	*	22.6%	*
Female householder, no husband present	12.6%	12.6%		12.4%	*	12.4%	*	12.6%	
With own children under 18 years	7.6%	7.6%		7.6%		7.5%		7.7%	*
Nonfamily households	32.8%	32.6%		32.5%	*	32.6%		32.3%	*
Householder living alone	26.9%	26.8%		26.7%		26.8%		26.4%	*
65 years and over	9.1%	9.1%		9.2%	*	9.3%	*	9.3%	*
Households with one or more people under 18 years	35.2%	35.4%	*	35.6%	*	35.6%	*	35.9%	*
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	22.9%	23.0%	*	23.0%		23.0%		23.3%	*
Average household size	2.60	2.61	*	2.61	*	2.60		2.61	*
Average family size	3.18	3.19		3.19		3.18		3.18	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 American Community Survey

Estimates from two years are "significantly different" if their difference is large enough to infer that there was a less than 10 percent chance that the difference came entirely from random variation.

Notes:

- . The number of householders does not necessarily equal the number of households because of differences in the weighting schemes for the population and occupied housing units.
- . For more information on understanding race and Hispanic origin data, please see the Census 2000 Brief entitled, [Overview of Race and Hispanic Origin](#), issued March 2001. (pdf format)

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '-' entry in an Estimate column indicates that no sample observations were available to compute an estimate.
2. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An 'N' entry in an Estimate column indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.