

Table 52. Population by Selected Ancestry Group and Region: 2008

[In thousands (304,060 represents 304,060,000). Covers single and multiple ancestries. Ancestry refers to a person's ethnic origin or descent, roots, or heritage; or the place of birth of the person, the person's parents, or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. The American Community Survey universe includes the household population and the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability; see text, this section and Appendix III. For composition of regions, see map, inside front cover]

Ancestry group	Total, (1,000)	Percent distribution by region				Ancestry group	Total, (1,000)	Percent distribution by region			
		North- east	Mid- west	South	West			North- east	Mid- west	South	West
Total population ¹	304,060	18	22	37	23	Iranian	440	11	7	25	57
Afghan	88	19	7	28	46	Irish	36,278	26	24	32	18
Albanian	201	54	25	15	7	Israeli	147	42	7	22	30
American	17,927	10	20	56	13	Italian	17,749	45	17	22	17
Arab	1,550	25	24	28	23	Latvian	93	27	27	21	25
Egyptian	180	36	11	25	27	Lithuanian	712	38	28	19	14
Iraqi	69	6	37	27	30	Northern European	227	12	21	20	47
Jordanian	59	24	24	32	20	Norwegian	4,643	5	49	12	33
Lebanese	502	24	27	29	20	Pennsylvania	339	58	24	12	7
Moroccan	77	39	13	34	15	German	9,887	33	37	18	12
Palestinian	86	18	27	27	28	Polish	1,419	44	3	13	39
Syrian	150	39	19	24	18	Portuguese	469	24	26	22	28
Arab	260	19	29	28	24	Romanian	3,130	36	17	21	26
Armenian	464	23	9	9	60	Russian	563	8	32	16	43
Assyrian/ Chaldean/Syriac	90	4	60	2	33	Scandinavian	3,538	12	17	51	20
Australian	99	18	18	26	39	Scottish	5,827	16	20	37	27
Austrian	772	31	23	23	23	Serbian	180	21	45	17	17
Basque	58	6	5	10	79	Slavic	138	27	27	21	25
Belgian	395	11	56	17	17	Slovak	808	44	33	14	9
Brazilian	352	45	6	35	14	Slovene	178	15	57	13	15
British	1,114	16	17	38	29	Sub-Saharan	2,891	21	19	44	16
Bulgarian	94	20	28	25	27	African ¹	99	89	1	6	3
Cajun	106	3	5	84	8	Cape Verdean	165	8	20	40	33
Canadian	716	28	17	26	29	Ethiopian	88	49	10	38	4
Croatian	427	22	41	15	21	Ghanian	266	27	16	47	10
Czech	1,594	11	45	27	17	Nigerian	83	8	46	19	27
Czechoslovakian	320	22	33	26	20	Somalian	1,858	15	20	48	17
Danish	1,459	8	32	15	45	African	4,390	13	38	16	32
Dutch	4,929	15	35	27	23	Swedish	997	16	34	19	30
Eastern European	409	44	14	21	21	Swiss	190	39	13	29	20
English	27,516	17	21	37	25	Turkish	998	40	20	18	22
European	3,006	13	20	32	35	Ukrainian	1,980	20	22	31	27
Finnish	688	13	46	13	28	Welsh	2,532	48	4	44	5
French (except Basque)	9,447	25	23	33	20	West Indian ^{1,2} British West Indian	85	70	4	23	3
French	2,079	41	20	23	16	Haitian	806	43	2	53	2
Canadian	50,272	16	39	26	20	Jamaican	950	50	5	41	5
German	1,351	34	22	24	20	Trinidadian and Tobagonian	198	60	2	34	4
Greek	215	79	2	17	2	West Indian	273	58	4	32	5
Guyanese	1,539	32	31	20	18	Yugoslavian	343	19	31	22	28

¹ Includes other groups not shown separately. ² Excludes Hispanic-origin groups.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, B04006, "People Reporting Ancestry,"

<<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>, accessed November 2009.

Table 53. Languages Spoken at Home by Language: 2008

[283,150 represents 283,150,000. The American Community Survey universe includes the household population and the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability; see text, this section and Appendix III]

Language	Number (1,000)	Language	Number (1,000)
Total population 5 years old and over	283,150		
Speak only English	227,366	Other Indic languages	653
Spanish or Spanish Creole	34,560	Other Indo-European languages	447
French (including Patois, Cajun)	1,333	Chinese	2,466
French Creole	646	Japanese	440
Italian	782	Korean	1,052
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	661	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	183
German	1,122	Hmong	190
Yiddish	169	Thai	141
Other West Germanic languages	277	Laotian	147
Scandinavian languages	134	Vietnamese	1,225
Greek	337	Other Asian languages	705
Russian	864	Tagalog	1,488
Polish	620	Other Pacific Island languages	355
Serbo-Croatian	274	Navajo	171
Other Slavic languages	332	Other Native North American languages	193
Armenian	231	Hungarian	94
Persian	379	Arabic	786
Gujarathi	333	Hebrew	213
Hindi	560	African languages	742
Urdu	353	Other and unspecified languages	126

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, B16001, "Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over," <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>, accessed November 2009.