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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	Portsmouth city, Virginia			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	36,788	+/-731	36,788	(X)
Family households (families)	23,716	+/-664	64.5%	+/-1.4
With own children under 18 years	10,095	+/-532	27.4%	+/-1.3
Married-couple family	13,581	+/-588	36.9%	+/-1.5
With own children under 18 years	4,577	+/-390	12.4%	+/-1.1
Male householder, no wife present, family	2,116	+/-342	5.8%	+/-0.9
With own children under 18 years	1,087	+/-288	3.0%	+/-0.8
Female householder, no husband present, family	8,019	+/-474	21.8%	+/-1.3
With own children under 18 years	4,431	+/-414	12.0%	+/-1.1
Nonfamily households	13,072	+/-609	35.5%	+/-1.4
Householder living alone	11,057	+/-634	30.1%	+/-1.6
65 years and over	3,763	+/-302	10.2%	+/-0.8
Households with one or more people under 18 years	12,185	+/-527	33.1%	+/-1.3
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	9,635	+/-251	26.2%	+/-0.7
Average household size	2.48	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.11	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	91,401	+/-1,416	91,401	(X)
Householder	36,788	+/-731	40.2%	+/-0.5
Spouse	13,609	+/-556	14.9%	+/-0.6
Child	27,381	+/-882	30.0%	+/-0.8
Other relatives	8,984	+/-809	9.8%	+/-0.9
Nonrelatives	4,639	+/-559	5.1%	+/-0.6
Unmarried partner	2,182	+/-350	2.4%	+/-0.4
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	36,311	+/-86	36,311	(X)
Never married	14,471	+/-511	39.9%	+/-1.4
Now married, except separated	15,445	+/-596	42.5%	+/-1.7
Separated	1,394	+/-251	3.8%	+/-0.7
Widowed	1,137	+/-203	3.1%	+/-0.6

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Divorced	3,864	+/-418	10.6%	+/-1.1
Females 15 years and over	40,322	+/-91	40,322	(X)
Never married	13,409	+/-516	33.3%	+/-1.3
Now married, except separated	14,742	+/-643	36.6%	+/-1.6
Separated	2,010	+/-355	5.0%	+/-0.9
Widowed	4,759	+/-343	11.8%	+/-0.8
Divorced	5,402	+/-495	13.4%	+/-1.2
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,712	+/-303	1,712	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	858	+/-216	50.1%	+/-7.9
Per 1,000 unmarried women	58	+/-14	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	71	+/-12	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	34	+/-23	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	120	+/-25	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	27	+/-12	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	3,171	+/-448	3,171	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	1,319	+/-302	41.6%	+/-6.2
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	171	+/-99	5.4%	+/-3.2
1 or 2 years	193	+/-102	6.1%	+/-3.2
3 or 4 years	155	+/-91	4.9%	+/-2.8
5 or more years	800	+/-275	25.2%	+/-7.0
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	1,319	+/-302	1,319	(X)
Who are female	806	+/-177	61.1%	+/-6.4
Who are married	932	+/-272	70.7%	+/-9.0
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	25,129	+/-704	25,129	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	2,249	+/-365	8.9%	+/-1.4
Kindergarten	1,115	+/-253	4.4%	+/-1.0
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	9,644	+/-393	38.4%	+/-1.8
High school (grades 9-12)	5,107	+/-366	20.3%	+/-1.4
College or graduate school	7,014	+/-533	27.9%	+/-1.6
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	62,604	+/-146	62,604	(X)
Less than 9th grade	3,521	+/-370	5.6%	+/-0.6
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	7,533	+/-607	12.0%	+/-1.0
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	18,468	+/-931	29.5%	+/-1.5
Some college, no degree	16,518	+/-867	26.4%	+/-1.4
Associate's degree	4,685	+/-480	7.5%	+/-0.8
Bachelor's degree	7,647	+/-472	12.2%	+/-0.8
Graduate or professional degree	4,232	+/-409	6.8%	+/-0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	82.3%	+/-1.2
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	19.0%	+/-1.0
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	69,140	+/-1,217	69,140	(X)
Civilian veterans	10,571	+/-536	15.3%	+/-0.8

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	90,123	+/-1,274	90,123	(X)
With a disability	13,863	+/-805	15.4%	+/-0.9
Under 18 years	22,655	+/-47	22,655	(X)
With a disability	960	+/-268	4.2%	+/-1.2
18 to 64 years	54,990	+/-1,288	54,990	(X)
With a disability	7,320	+/-634	13.3%	+/-1.2
65 years and over	12,478	+/-110	12,478	(X)
With a disability	5,583	+/-315	44.7%	+/-2.5
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	94,322	+/-242	94,322	(X)
Same house	76,418	+/-1,543	81.0%	+/-1.6
Different house in the U.S.	17,748	+/-1,511	18.8%	+/-1.6
Same county	9,388	+/-1,043	10.0%	+/-1.1
Different county	8,360	+/-1,012	8.9%	+/-1.1
Same state	5,939	+/-869	6.3%	+/-0.9
Different state	2,421	+/-570	2.6%	+/-0.6
Abroad	156	+/-70	0.2%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	95,786	*****	95,786	(X)
Native	93,166	+/-386	97.3%	+/-0.4
Born in United States	92,403	+/-385	96.5%	+/-0.4
State of residence	60,855	+/-1,553	63.5%	+/-1.6
Different state	31,548	+/-1,604	32.9%	+/-1.7
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	763	+/-216	0.8%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	2,620	+/-386	2.7%	+/-0.4
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	2,620	+/-386	2,620	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,503	+/-230	57.4%	+/-6.8
Not a U.S. citizen	1,117	+/-281	42.6%	+/-6.8
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	3,383	+/-385	3,383	(X)
Native	763	+/-216	763	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	18	+/-31	2.4%	+/-3.9
Entered before 2010	745	+/-208	97.6%	+/-3.9
Foreign born	2,620	+/-386	2,620	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	18	+/-19	0.7%	+/-0.7
Entered before 2010	2,602	+/-378	99.3%	+/-0.7
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	2,620	+/-386	2,620	(X)
Europe	318	+/-135	12.1%	+/-4.8
Asia	789	+/-142	30.1%	+/-4.8
Africa	416	+/-193	15.9%	+/-6.5
Oceania	15	+/-18	0.6%	+/-0.7
Latin America	1,024	+/-228	39.1%	+/-6.4
Northern America	58	+/-47	2.2%	+/-1.9

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	88,717	+/-20	88,717	(X)
English only	84,767	+/-532	95.5%	+/-0.6
Language other than English	3,950	+/-529	4.5%	+/-0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	890	+/-222	1.0%	+/-0.3
Spanish	2,061	+/-293	2.3%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	500	+/-184	0.6%	+/-0.2
Other Indo-European languages	1,045	+/-299	1.2%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	225	+/-118	0.3%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	569	+/-149	0.6%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	161	+/-95	0.2%	+/-0.1
Other languages	275	+/-157	0.3%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	4	+/-7	0.0%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	95,786	*****	95,786	(X)
American	10,191	+/-1,243	10.6%	+/-1.3
Arab	64	+/-57	0.1%	+/-0.1
Czech	189	+/-102	0.2%	+/-0.1
Danish	80	+/-67	0.1%	+/-0.1
Dutch	645	+/-289	0.7%	+/-0.3
English	6,506	+/-662	6.8%	+/-0.7
French (except Basque)	1,159	+/-265	1.2%	+/-0.3
French Canadian	377	+/-151	0.4%	+/-0.2
German	5,666	+/-540	5.9%	+/-0.6
Greek	178	+/-118	0.2%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	120	+/-87	0.1%	+/-0.1
Irish	6,706	+/-635	7.0%	+/-0.7
Italian	2,161	+/-412	2.3%	+/-0.4
Lithuanian	35	+/-41	0.0%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	396	+/-202	0.4%	+/-0.2
Polish	885	+/-241	0.9%	+/-0.3
Portuguese	47	+/-45	0.0%	+/-0.1
Russian	186	+/-126	0.2%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	796	+/-238	0.8%	+/-0.2
Scottish	1,312	+/-342	1.4%	+/-0.4
Slovak	72	+/-55	0.1%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	1,358	+/-384	1.4%	+/-0.4
Swedish	404	+/-162	0.4%	+/-0.2
Swiss	130	+/-69	0.1%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	180	+/-69	0.2%	+/-0.1
Welsh	659	+/-282	0.7%	+/-0.3
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	641	+/-225	0.7%	+/-0.2

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.