




Cape May County, New Jersey
Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2005-2009
 Data Set: 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE. 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.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	46,709	+/-1,041	46,709	(X)
Family households (families)	30,447	+/-1,024	65.2%	+/-1.6
With own children under 18 years	12,330	+/-754	26.4%	+/-1.3
Married-couple family	22,803	+/-776	48.8%	+/-1.5
With own children under 18 years	7,570	+/-475	16.2%	+/-1.0
Male householder, no wife present, family	2,149	+/-502	4.6%	+/-1.0
With own children under 18 years	1,389	+/-498	3.0%	+/-1.0
Female householder, no husband present, family	5,495	+/-478	11.8%	+/-1.0
With own children under 18 years	3,371	+/-376	7.2%	+/-0.8
Nonfamily households	16,262	+/-825	34.8%	+/-1.6
Householder living alone	13,346	+/-801	28.6%	+/-1.6
65 years and over	6,234	+/-413	13.3%	+/-0.9
Households with one or more people under 18 years	13,736	+/-806	29.4%	+/-1.4
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	14,800	+/-428	31.7%	+/-1.0
Average household size	2.02	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
Average family size	2.43	+/-0.08	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	94,324	+/-886	94,324	(X)
Householder	46,709	+/-1,041	49.5%	+/-1.0
Spouse	22,722	+/-672	24.1%	+/-0.7
Child	19,082	+/-1,250	20.2%	+/-1.3
Other relatives	1,783	+/-427	1.9%	+/-0.5
Nonrelatives	4,028	+/-649	4.3%	+/-0.7
Unmarried partner	3,392	+/-631	3.6%	+/-0.7
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	39,018	+/-134	39,018	(X)
Never married	10,966	+/-577	28.1%	+/-1.5
Now married, except separated	23,316	+/-754	59.8%	+/-1.9
Separated	375	+/-124	1.0%	+/-0.3
Widowed	1,394	+/-219	3.6%	+/-0.6
Divorced	2,967	+/-405	7.6%	+/-1.0
Females 15 years and over	42,928	+/-135	42,928	(X)
Never married	8,140	+/-575	19.0%	+/-1.3

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Now married, except separated	23,709	+/-726	55.2%	+/-1.7
Separated	676	+/-203	1.6%	+/-0.5
Widowed	5,568	+/-297	13.0%	+/-0.7
Divorced	4,835	+/-413	11.3%	+/-1.0
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,145	+/-274	1,145	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	396	+/-277	34.6%	+/-18.8
Per 1,000 unmarried women	42	+/-29	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	57	+/-14	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	57	+/-81	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	108	+/-34	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	24	+/-10	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	1,072	+/-226	1,072	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	339	+/-120	31.6%	+/-10.5
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	37	+/-40	3.5%	+/-3.7
1 or 2 years	120	+/-94	11.2%	+/-8.6
3 or 4 years	67	+/-50	6.3%	+/-4.7
5 or more years	115	+/-63	10.7%	+/-5.8
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	339	+/-120	339	(X)
Who are female	233	+/-91	68.7%	+/-11.8
Who are married	187	+/-98	55.2%	+/-21.2
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	19,541	+/-602	19,541	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	1,561	+/-270	8.0%	+/-1.4
Kindergarten	861	+/-160	4.4%	+/-0.8
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	8,280	+/-265	42.4%	+/-1.7
High school (grades 9-12)	5,136	+/-258	26.3%	+/-1.5
College or graduate school	3,703	+/-568	18.9%	+/-2.5
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	70,639	+/-196	70,639	(X)
Less than 9th grade	2,263	+/-378	3.2%	+/-0.5
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	6,276	+/-501	8.9%	+/-0.7
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	25,394	+/-884	35.9%	+/-1.3
Some college, no degree	12,651	+/-660	17.9%	+/-0.9
Associate's degree	4,870	+/-459	6.9%	+/-0.7
Bachelor's degree	12,770	+/-665	18.1%	+/-0.9
Graduate or professional degree	6,415	+/-511	9.1%	+/-0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	87.9%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	27.2%	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	77,111	+/-313	77,111	(X)
Civilian veterans	11,096	+/-926	14.4%	+/-1.2
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years				
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years				
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
65 years and over				
	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

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RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	96,359	+/-166	96,359	(X)
Same house	84,005	+/-1,224	87.2%	+/-1.2
Different house in the U.S.	12,080	+/-1,180	12.5%	+/-1.2
Same county	6,094	+/-1,001	6.3%	+/-1.0
Different county	5,986	+/-1,029	6.2%	+/-1.1
Same state	2,350	+/-644	2.4%	+/-0.7
Different state	3,636	+/-780	3.8%	+/-0.8
Abroad	274	+/-169	0.3%	+/-0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	97,127	*****	97,127	(X)
Native	93,992	+/-653	96.8%	+/-0.7
Born in United States	92,869	+/-738	95.6%	+/-0.8
State of residence	45,181	+/-1,306	46.5%	+/-1.3
Different state	47,688	+/-1,185	49.1%	+/-1.2
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	1,123	+/-317	1.2%	+/-0.3
Foreign born	3,135	+/-653	3.2%	+/-0.7
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	3,135	+/-653	3,135	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,800	+/-361	57.4%	+/-10.2
Not a U.S. citizen	1,335	+/-512	42.6%	+/-10.2
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	4,258	+/-738	4,258	(X)
Native	1,123	+/-317	1,123	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	129	+/-77	11.5%	+/-6.4
Entered before 2000	994	+/-295	88.5%	+/-6.4
Foreign born	3,135	+/-653	3,135	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	896	+/-473	28.6%	+/-10.9
Entered before 2000	2,239	+/-401	71.4%	+/-10.9
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	3,135	+/-653	3,135	(X)
Europe	1,553	+/-269	49.5%	+/-9.6
Asia	340	+/-160	10.8%	+/-4.9
Africa	17	+/-27	0.5%	+/-0.9
Oceania	3	+/-5	0.1%	+/-0.2
Latin America	1,181	+/-557	37.7%	+/-11.8
Northern America	41	+/-30	1.3%	+/-1.0
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	92,460	+/-8	92,460	(X)
English only	85,104	+/-734	92.0%	+/-0.8
Language other than English	7,356	+/-735	8.0%	+/-0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	2,701	+/-595	2.9%	+/-0.6
Spanish	4,262	+/-518	4.6%	+/-0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	1,916	+/-522	2.1%	+/-0.6
Other Indo-European languages	2,771	+/-534	3.0%	+/-0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	672	+/-164	0.7%	+/-0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	277	+/-132	0.3%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	111	+/-104	0.1%	+/-0.1
Other languages	46	+/-46	0.0%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	2	+/-5	0.0%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	97,127	*****	97,127	(X)
American	4,014	+/-744	4.1%	+/-0.8

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	119	+/-68	0.1%	+/-0.1
Czech	359	+/-152	0.4%	+/-0.2
Danish	285	+/-127	0.3%	+/-0.1
Dutch	1,990	+/-416	2.0%	+/-0.4
English	11,737	+/-765	12.1%	+/-0.8
French (except Basque)	2,035	+/-398	2.1%	+/-0.4
French Canadian	172	+/-74	0.2%	+/-0.1
German	23,031	+/-1,193	23.7%	+/-1.2
Greek	701	+/-219	0.7%	+/-0.2
Hungarian	747	+/-305	0.8%	+/-0.3
Irish	30,839	+/-1,281	31.8%	+/-1.3
Italian	19,254	+/-1,093	19.8%	+/-1.1
Lithuanian	510	+/-136	0.5%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	667	+/-238	0.7%	+/-0.2
Polish	6,299	+/-728	6.5%	+/-0.7
Portuguese	382	+/-161	0.4%	+/-0.2
Russian	1,286	+/-308	1.3%	+/-0.3
Scotch-Irish	1,670	+/-268	1.7%	+/-0.3
Scottish	2,312	+/-497	2.4%	+/-0.5
Slovak	284	+/-113	0.3%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	441	+/-254	0.5%	+/-0.3
Swedish	1,408	+/-278	1.4%	+/-0.3
Swiss	285	+/-102	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	1,003	+/-284	1.0%	+/-0.3
Welsh	1,059	+/-236	1.1%	+/-0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	246	+/-144	0.3%	+/-0.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 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 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.

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 set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Because of contextual differences between the 2008-2009 disability data and disability data collected in prior years, the Census Bureau is unable to combine the 5 years of disability data in order to produce the multi-year estimate that would appear in this table. Multi-year estimates of disability status will become available once five consecutive years of data are collected. For more information about the differences between the 2008 and prior years' disability questions, see [Review of Changes to the Measurement of Disability in the 2008 ACS](#).
- 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.
- While the 2005-2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 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.

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.

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