



Cattaraugus County, New York

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	32,639	+/-462	32,639	(X)
Family households (families)	21,433	+/-468	65.7%	+/-1.2
With own children under 18 years	9,137	+/-335	28.0%	+/-1.0
Married-couple family	15,974	+/-450	48.9%	+/-1.2
With own children under 18 years	5,750	+/-285	17.6%	+/-0.8
Male householder, no wife present, family	1,553	+/-174	4.8%	+/-0.5
With own children under 18 years	893	+/-146	2.7%	+/-0.5
Female householder, no husband present, family	3,906	+/-289	12.0%	+/-0.9
With own children under 18 years	2,494	+/-245	7.6%	+/-0.7
Nonfamily households	11,206	+/-440	34.3%	+/-1.2
Householder living alone	9,311	+/-362	28.5%	+/-1.0
65 years and over	3,766	+/-256	11.5%	+/-0.8
Households with one or more people under 18 years	10,108	+/-318	31.0%	+/-0.9
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	8,719	+/-238	26.7%	+/-0.6
Average household size	2.37	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average family size	2.88	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	77,341	+/-607	77,341	(X)
Householder	32,639	+/-462	42.2%	+/-0.5
Spouse	15,968	+/-447	20.6%	+/-0.5
Child	21,718	+/-424	28.1%	+/-0.5
Other relatives	2,533	+/-319	3.3%	+/-0.4
Nonrelatives	4,483	+/-340	5.8%	+/-0.4
Unmarried partner	2,498	+/-271	3.2%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	31,634	+/-94	31,634	(X)
Never married	9,799	+/-365	31.0%	+/-1.1
Now married, except separated	16,644	+/-426	52.6%	+/-1.4
Separated	756	+/-113	2.4%	+/-0.4
Widowed	980	+/-140	3.1%	+/-0.4
Divorced	3,455	+/-279	10.9%	+/-0.9
Females 15 years and over	33,463	+/-70	33,463	(X)
Never married	8,519	+/-389	25.5%	+/-1.2
Now married, except separated	16,456	+/-496	49.2%	+/-1.5
Separated	995	+/-183	3.0%	+/-0.5
Widowed	3,678	+/-220	11.0%	+/-0.7
Divorced	3,815	+/-277	11.4%	+/-0.8
FERTILITY				

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Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,197	+/-198	1,197	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	534	+/-167	44.6%	+/-9.2
Per 1,000 unmarried women	55	+/-17	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	64	+/-10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	43	+/-18	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	132	+/-25	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	19	+/-7	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	1,227	+/-218	1,227	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	638	+/-162	52.0%	+/-9.1
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	164	+/-67	13.4%	+/-5.0
1 or 2 years	143	+/-82	11.7%	+/-6.7
3 or 4 years	98	+/-70	8.0%	+/-5.2
5 or more years	233	+/-92	19.0%	+/-6.5
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	638	+/-162	638	(X)
Who are female	376	+/-85	58.9%	+/-5.5
Who are married	529	+/-147	82.9%	+/-6.1
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	20,220	+/-455	20,220	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	1,187	+/-175	5.9%	+/-0.8
Kindergarten	1,016	+/-147	5.0%	+/-0.7
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	8,420	+/-217	41.6%	+/-1.2
High school (grades 9-12)	4,499	+/-233	22.3%	+/-1.2
College or graduate school	5,098	+/-375	25.2%	+/-1.4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	53,117	+/-113	53,117	(X)
Less than 9th grade	2,316	+/-264	4.4%	+/-0.5
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4,886	+/-337	9.2%	+/-0.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	22,278	+/-526	41.9%	+/-1.0
Some college, no degree	8,505	+/-409	16.0%	+/-0.8
Associate's degree	5,705	+/-347	10.7%	+/-0.6
Bachelor's degree	5,114	+/-302	9.6%	+/-0.6
Graduate or professional degree	4,313	+/-272	8.1%	+/-0.5
Percent high school graduate or higher	86.4%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	17.7%	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	61,400	+/-27	61,400	(X)
Civilian veterans	7,926	+/-317	12.9%	+/-0.5
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	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	79,374	+/-150	79,374	(X)
Same house	68,164	+/-825	85.9%	+/-1.0
Different house in the U.S.	11,031	+/-821	13.9%	+/-1.0
Same county	6,801	+/-646	8.6%	+/-0.8
Different county	4,230	+/-618	5.3%	+/-0.8
Same state	2,805	+/-467	3.5%	+/-0.6
Different state	1,425	+/-325	1.8%	+/-0.4
Abroad	179	+/-138	0.2%	+/-0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				

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	80,349	*****	80,349	(X)
Native	78,941	+/-198	98.2%	+/-0.2
Born in United States	78,517	+/-247	97.7%	+/-0.3
State of residence	65,702	+/-728	81.8%	+/-0.9
Different state	12,815	+/-669	15.9%	+/-0.8
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	424	+/-106	0.5%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	1,408	+/-198	1.8%	+/-0.2
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	1,408	+/-198	1,408	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	812	+/-114	57.7%	+/-7.6
Not a U.S. citizen	596	+/-167	42.3%	+/-7.6
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	1,832	+/-247	1,832	(X)
Native	424	+/-106	424	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	153	+/-77	36.1%	+/-12.8
Entered before 2000	271	+/-68	63.9%	+/-12.8
Foreign born	1,408	+/-198	1,408	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	314	+/-160	22.3%	+/-9.5
Entered before 2000	1,094	+/-150	77.7%	+/-9.5
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	1,408	+/-198	1,408	(X)
Europe	349	+/-81	24.8%	+/-5.4
Asia	499	+/-157	35.4%	+/-8.7
Africa	7	+/-8	0.5%	+/-0.6
Oceania	20	+/-24	1.4%	+/-1.7
Latin America	234	+/-91	16.6%	+/-5.9
Northern America	299	+/-84	21.2%	+/-5.8
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	75,541	+/-27	75,541	(X)
English only	71,560	+/-482	94.7%	+/-0.6
Language other than English	3,981	+/-482	5.3%	+/-0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	1,402	+/-322	1.9%	+/-0.4
Spanish	1,073	+/-158	1.4%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	262	+/-75	0.3%	+/-0.1
Other Indo-European languages	2,269	+/-421	3.0%	+/-0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	905	+/-270	1.2%	+/-0.4
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	145	+/-49	0.2%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	94	+/-44	0.1%	+/-0.1
Other languages	494	+/-157	0.7%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	141	+/-120	0.2%	+/-0.2
ANCESTRY				
Total population	80,349	*****	80,349	(X)
American	3,500	+/-435	4.4%	+/-0.5
Arab	551	+/-200	0.7%	+/-0.2
Czech	242	+/-78	0.3%	+/-0.1
Danish	119	+/-48	0.1%	+/-0.1
Dutch	2,229	+/-259	2.8%	+/-0.3
English	10,360	+/-501	12.9%	+/-0.6
French (except Basque)	2,618	+/-277	3.3%	+/-0.3
French Canadian	609	+/-189	0.8%	+/-0.2
German	25,736	+/-902	32.0%	+/-1.1
Greek	224	+/-104	0.3%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	346	+/-122	0.4%	+/-0.2
Irish	16,152	+/-692	20.1%	+/-0.9
Italian	8,706	+/-631	10.8%	+/-0.8
Lithuanian	132	+/-62	0.2%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	302	+/-107	0.4%	+/-0.1
Polish	9,347	+/-650	11.6%	+/-0.8
Portuguese	57	+/-35	0.1%	+/-0.1
Russian	292	+/-113	0.4%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	1,192	+/-258	1.5%	+/-0.3
Scottish	1,655	+/-249	2.1%	+/-0.3
Slovak	96	+/-49	0.1%	+/-0.1

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	68	+/-55	0.1%	+/-0.1
Swedish	2,353	+/-274	2.9%	+/-0.3
Swiss	320	+/-154	0.4%	+/-0.2
Ukrainian	339	+/-117	0.4%	+/-0.1
Welsh	769	+/-177	1.0%	+/-0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	82	+/-56	0.1%	+/-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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