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Gowanda village, 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 Erro
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	1,248	+/-95	1,248	(X
Family households (families)	801	+/-95	64.2%	+/-6.7
With own children under 18 years	359	+/-62	28.8%	+/-4.4
Married-couple family	605	+/-93	48.5%	+/-6.6
With own children under 18 years	222	+/-55	17.8%	+/-4.0
Male householder, no wife present, family	61	+/-43	4.9%	+/-3.4
With own children under 18 years	55	+/-43	4.4%	+/-3.
Female householder, no husband present, family	135	+/-63	10.8%	+/-5.2
With own children under 18 years	82	+/-44	6.6%	+/-3.0
Nonfamily households	447	+/-97	35.8%	+/-6.7
Householder living alone	405	+/-89	32.5%	+/-6.3
65 years and over	118	+/-38	9.5%	+/-2.8
Households with one or more people under 18 years	379	+/-59	30.4%	+/-4.
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	252	+/-43	20.2%	+/-3.3
Average household size	2.22	+/-0.14	(X)	(X
Average family size	2.71	+/-0.13	(X)	
RELATIONSHIP Population in households	2,772	+/-251	2,772	/
•		+/-231	45.0%	(X +/-2.8
Householder	1,248	+/-95	45.0% 22.2%	+/-2.5
Spouse Child	731	+/-94	26.4%	+/-2.:
Other relatives	28	+/-21	1.0%	+/-0.7
Nonrelatives	151	+/-56	5.4%	+/-1.9
Unmarried partner	102	+/-46	3.7%	+/-1.7
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	1,121	+/-143	1,121	(X
Never married	271	+/-76	24.2%	+/-6.1
Now married, except separated	647	+/-102	57.7%	+/-6.
Separated	17	+/-20	1.5%	+/-1.
Widowed	29	+/-21	2.6%	+/-1.9
Divorced	157	+/-60	14.0%	+/-5.
Females 15 years and over	1,404	+/-158	1,404	(X
Never married	416	+/-87	29.6%	+/-5.2
Now married, except separated	638	+/-107	45.4%	+/-6.
Separated	21	+/-16	1.5%	+/-1.2
Widowed	126	+/-60	9.0%	+/-3.8
Divorced	203	+/-68	14.5%	+/-4.7

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FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	72	+/-48	72	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	29	+/-32	40.3%	+/-34.7
Per 1,000 unmarried women	60	+/-66	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	86	+/-57	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	59	+/-94	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	218	+/-140	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	0	+/-89	(X)	
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	0	+/-123	0	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	0	+/-123	-	**
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	0	+/-123	-	**
1 or 2 years	0	+/-123	-	**
3 or 4 years	0	+/-123	-	**
5 or more years	0	+/-123	-	**
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	0	+/-123	0	(X)
Who are female	0	+/-123	-	**
Who are married	0	+/-123	-	**
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	582	+/-117	582	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	25	+/-21	4.3%	+/-3.7
Kindergarten	6	+/-11	1.0%	+/-1.8
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	276	+/-97	47.4%	
High school (grades 9-12)	217	+/-65		+/-10.8
College or graduate school	58	+/-32	10.0%	+/-10.6
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
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Population 25 years and over	2,122	+/-238	2,122	(X
Less than 9th grade	80	+/-46	3.8%	+/-2.1
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	179	+/-96	8.4%	+/-3.9
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	723	+/-113		+/-5.1
Some college, no degree	435	+/-97	20.5%	+/-4.0
Associate's degree	264	+/-75	12.4%	+/-3.5
Bachelor's degree	255	+/-89	12.0%	+/-3.9
Graduate or professional degree	186	+/-78	8.8%	+/-3.6
Percent high school graduate or higher	87.8%	+/-4.0	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	20.8%	+/-4.7		
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	2,311	+/-260	2,311	(X)
Civilian veterans	321	+/-83		
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATIO	N			
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)		
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	(X)	(Х
With a disability	(X)			
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RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO Population 1 year and over	2,870	+/-305	2,870	(X
Same house		+/-245	-	
	2,413			
Different house in the U.S.	457	+/-202		
Same county	315	+/-131	11.0%	+/-4

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Same state	131	+/-98	4.6%	+/-3.
Different state	11	+/-11		+/-0.4
Abroad	0	+/-123		+/-1.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	2,916	+/-312	2,916	(X
Native	2,874	+/-312		+/-1.5
Born in United States	2,866			+/-1.0
State of residence	2,419	+/-265	83.0%	+/-3.
Different state	447	+/-125	15.3%	+/-3.
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	8	+/-13	0.3%	+/-0.:
Foreign born	42	+/-44	1.4%	+/-1.
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	42	+/-44	42	(X
Naturalized U.S. citizen	42	+/-44		+/-47.5
Not a U.S. citizen	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-47.
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	50	+/-46	50	(Х
Native	8	+/-13	8	(X
Entered 2000 or later	0	+/-13	_	+/-100.
Entered 2000 of faler Entered before 2000	8	+/-123		+/-100. +/-100.
Facility Laws				
Foreign born	42	+/-44		(X
Entered 2000 or later	18	+/-25	42.9%	+/-46.
Entered before 2000	24	+/-30	57.1%	+/-46.
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN		T		
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	42	+/-44		(X
Europe	23	+/-27	54.8%	+/-44.8
Asia	0	+/-123		+/-47.
Africa	0	+/-123		+/-47.
Oceania	0	+/-123 +/-123		+/-47.5 +/-47.5
Latin America Northern America	19	+/-123		+/-47.
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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	2,789	+/-302	-	(X
English only	2,665		95.6%	+/-2.
Language other than English	124	+/-83		+/-2.
Speak English less than "very well"	6	+/-19		+/-0.
Spanish Speak English less than "very well"	22	+/-24 +/-123		+/-0.5 +/-1.5
Other Indo-European languages	102	+/-79	3.7%	+/-1
Speak English less than "very well"	6	+/-19	0.2%	+/-2.5
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	0	+/-123		+/-1.:
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-123		+/-1.2
Other languages	0			+/-1.:
Speak English less than "very well"	0			+/-1.2
ANCESTRY				
Total population	2,916	+/-312	2,916	(х
American	74	+/-44		+/-1.
Arab	0			+/-1.:
Czech	14	+/-22	0.5%	+/-0.
Danish	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.:
Dutch	49	+/-42		+/-1.
English	437	+/-118	15.0%	+/-3.
French (except Basque)	127	+/-52	4.4%	+/-1.
French Canadian	29	+/-35		+/-1.:
German	1,032			+/-4.
Greek	0	+/-123		+/-1.
Hungarian	30	+/-30	1.0%	+/-1.

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Irish	537	+/-140	18.4%	+/-4.2
Italian	435	+/-123	14.9%	+/-4.4
Lithuanian	6	+/-11	0.2%	+/-0.4
Norwegian	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.2
Polish	438	+/-115	15.0%	+/-3.7
Portuguese	30	+/-36	1.0%	+/-1.2
Russian	44	+/-52	1.5%	+/-1.8
Scotch-Irish	14	+/-14	0.5%	+/-0.5
Scottish	53	+/-49	1.8%	+/-1.6
Slovak	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.2
Subsaharan African	10	+/-12	0.3%	+/-0.4
Swedish	30	+/-28	1.0%	+/-0.9
Swiss	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.2
Ukrainian	33	+/-24	1.1%	+/-0.8
Welsh	75	+/-81	2.6%	+/-2.7
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.2

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.
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