



Machias town, 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	1,059	+/-124	1,059	(X)
Family households (families)	740	+/-93	69.9%	+/-8.5
With own children under 18 years	338	+/-75	31.9%	+/-7.0
Married-couple family	559	+/-91	52.8%	+/-8.1
With own children under 18 years	222	+/-70	21.0%	+/-6.3
Male householder, no wife present, family	85	+/-55	8.0%	+/-5.2
With own children under 18 years	66	+/-53	6.2%	+/-5.0
Female householder, no husband present, family	96	+/-46	9.1%	+/-4.5
With own children under 18 years	50	+/-24	4.7%	+/-2.4
Nonfamily households	319	+/-113	30.1%	+/-8.5
Householder living alone	223	+/-96	21.1%	+/-7.8
65 years and over	132	+/-76	12.5%	+/-6.6
Households with one or more people under 18 years	404	+/-81	38.1%	+/-7.2
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	281	+/-81	26.5%	+/-6.8
Average household size	2.47	+/-0.20	(X)	(X)
Average family size	2.83	+/-0.19	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	2,618	+/-284	2,618	(X)
Householder	1,059	+/-124	40.5%	+/-3.2
Spouse	577	+/-98	22.0%	+/-2.9
Child	682	+/-141	26.1%	+/-4.0
Other relatives	92	+/-48	3.5%	+/-1.8
Nonrelatives	208	+/-96	7.9%	+/-3.5
Unmarried partner	128	+/-63	4.9%	+/-2.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	1,070	+/-130	1,070	(X)
Never married	296	+/-88	27.7%	+/-6.6
Now married, except separated	601	+/-87	56.2%	+/-7.4
Separated	34	+/-36	3.2%	+/-3.3
Widowed	37	+/-28	3.5%	+/-2.5
Divorced	102	+/-44	9.5%	+/-3.9
Females 15 years and over	1,264	+/-191	1,264	(X)
Never married	294	+/-107	23.3%	+/-6.6
Now married, except separated	587	+/-97	46.4%	+/-9.0
Separated	19	+/-18	1.5%	+/-1.5
Widowed	192	+/-89	15.2%	+/-5.8
Divorced	172	+/-66	13.6%	+/-4.4

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FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	8	+/-12	8	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	8	+/-12	100.0%	+/-100.0
Per 1,000 unmarried women	29	+/-42	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	13	+/-18	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	0	+/-385	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	28	+/-40	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	0	+/-117	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	35	+/-30	35	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	16	+/-26	45.7%	+/-49.2
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	16	+/-26	45.7%	+/-49.2
1 or 2 years	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-52.0
3 or 4 years	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-52.0
5 or more years	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-52.0
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	16	+/-26	16	(X)
Who are female	8	+/-13	50.0%	+/-9.7
Who are married	8	+/-13	50.0%	+/-9.7
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	581	+/-127	581	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	47	+/-41	8.1%	+/-6.6
Kindergarten	16	+/-16	2.8%	+/-2.7
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	272	+/-85	46.8%	+/-11.1
High school (grades 9-12)	180	+/-65	31.0%	+/-8.6
College or graduate school	66	+/-36	11.4%	+/-5.8
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	1,949	+/-249	1,949	(X)
Less than 9th grade	71	+/-43	3.6%	+/-2.0
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	232	+/-114	11.9%	+/-5.3
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	996	+/-193	51.1%	+/-7.2
Some college, no degree	243	+/-59	12.5%	+/-3.1
Associate's degree	195	+/-64	10.0%	+/-3.1
Bachelor's degree	91	+/-34	4.7%	+/-1.9
Graduate or professional degree	121	+/-56	6.2%	+/-2.8
Percent high school graduate or higher	84.5%	+/-6.6	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	10.9%	+/-3.2	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	2,206	+/-267	2,206	(X)
Civilian veterans	257	+/-58	11.7%	+/-2.6
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	2,838	+/-339	2,838	(X)
Same house	2,266	+/-326	79.8%	+/-8.1
Different house in the U.S.	572	+/-249	20.2%	+/-8.1
Same county	386	+/-209	13.6%	+/-7.1

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Different county	186	+/-134	6.6%	+/-4.6
Same state	154	+/-127	5.4%	+/-4.4
Different state	32	+/-39	1.1%	+/-1.4
Abroad	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	2,843	+/-339	2,843	(X)
Native	2,820	+/-333	99.2%	+/-0.8
Born in United States	2,814	+/-332	99.0%	+/-0.9
State of residence	2,483	+/-301	87.3%	+/-3.1
Different state	331	+/-98	11.6%	+/-3.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	6	+/-10	0.2%	+/-0.3
Foreign born	23	+/-23	0.8%	+/-0.8
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	23	+/-23	23	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-64.2
Not a U.S. citizen	23	+/-23	100.0%	+/-64.2
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	29	+/-25	29	(X)
Native	6	+/-10	6	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-100.0
Entered before 2000	6	+/-10	100.0%	+/-100.0
Foreign born	23	+/-23	23	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	10	+/-16	43.5%	+/-47.7
Entered before 2000	13	+/-17	56.5%	+/-47.7
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	23	+/-23	23	(X)
Europe	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-64.2
Asia	10	+/-16	43.5%	+/-47.7
Africa	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-64.2
Oceania	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-64.2
Latin America	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-64.2
Northern America	13	+/-17	56.5%	+/-47.7
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	2,681	+/-318	2,681	(X)
English only	2,592	+/-310	96.7%	+/-2.1
Language other than English	89	+/-58	3.3%	+/-2.1
Speak English less than "very well"	26	+/-20	1.0%	+/-0.8
Spanish	24	+/-29	0.9%	+/-1.1
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.3
Other Indo-European languages	59	+/-36	2.2%	+/-1.3
Speak English less than "very well"	26	+/-20	1.0%	+/-0.8
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.3
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.3
Other languages	6	+/-8	0.2%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.3
ANCESTRY				
Total population	2,843	+/-339	2,843	(X)
American	104	+/-59	3.7%	+/-2.1
Arab	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.2
Czech	24	+/-18	0.8%	+/-0.6
Danish	6	+/-10	0.2%	+/-0.3
Dutch	40	+/-32	1.4%	+/-1.1
English	315	+/-101	11.1%	+/-3.6
French (except Basque)	106	+/-58	3.7%	+/-2.1
French Canadian	78	+/-88	2.7%	+/-3.0
German	1,260	+/-218	44.3%	+/-5.9
Greek	57	+/-85	2.0%	+/-2.9
Hungarian	8	+/-12	0.3%	+/-0.4

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Irish	505	+/-158	17.8%	+/-5.3
Italian	99	+/-70	3.5%	+/-2.5
Lithuanian	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.2
Norwegian	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.2
Polish	262	+/-91	9.2%	+/-3.2
Portuguese	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.2
Russian	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.2
Scotch-Irish	34	+/-37	1.2%	+/-1.3
Scottish	45	+/-28	1.6%	+/-1.0
Slovak	7	+/-10	0.2%	+/-0.4
Subsaharan African	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-1.2
Swedish	18	+/-22	0.6%	+/-0.7
Swiss	29	+/-25	1.0%	+/-0.9
Ukrainian	50	+/-70	1.8%	+/-2.4
Welsh	8	+/-11	0.3%	+/-0.4
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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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.
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