

Rhode Island

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: **2008**

Data Set: 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

Social - Education, Marital Status, Relationships, Fertility, Grandparents...

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	399,107	+/-3,931	399,107	(X)
Family households (families)	247,759	+/-5,390	62.1%	+/-1.3
With own children under 18 years	113,673	+/-3,993	28.5%	+/-1.0
Married-couple family	180,723	+/-5,284	45.3%	+/-1.2
With own children under 18 years	74,975	+/-3,631	18.8%	+/-0.9
Male householder, no wife present, family	17,763	+/-2,212	4.5%	+/-0.6
With own children under 18 years	8,627	+/-1,623	2.2%	+/-0.4
Female householder, no husband present, family	49,273	+/-3,319	12.3%	+/-0.8
With own children under 18 years	30,071	+/-2,815	7.5%	+/-0.7
Nonfamily households	151,348	+/-5,362	37.9%	+/-1.3
Householder living alone	124,927	+/-4,811	31.3%	+/-1.2
65 years and over	43,953	+/-2,359	11.0%	+/-0.6
Households with one or more people under 18 years	122,380	+/-4,197	30.7%	+/-1.0
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	102,125	+/-1,744	25.6%	+/-0.4
Average household size	2.54	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.24	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	1,012,433	*****	1,012,433	(X)
Householder	399,107	+/-3,931	39.4%	+/-0.4
Spouse	180,881	+/-5,346	17.9%	+/-0.5
Child	316,351	+/-6,442	31.2%	+/-0.6
Other relatives	58,272	+/-5,141	5.8%	+/-0.5
Nonrelatives	57,822	+/-5,534	5.7%	+/-0.5
Unmarried partner	24,573	+/-2,576	2.4%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	412,459	+/-1,406	412,459	(X)
Never married	155,275	+/-4,764	37.6%	+/-1.2
Now married, except separated	198,746	+/-5,326	48.2%	+/-1.3
Separated	7,388	+/-1,517	1.8%	+/-0.4
Widowed	12,067	+/-1,268	2.9%	+/-0.3
Divorced	38,983	+/-3,012	9.5%	+/-0.7

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Females 15 years and over	453,321	+/-1,394	453,321	(X)
Never married	142,834	+/-4,296	31.5%	+/-0.9
Now married, except separated	193,697	+/-5,914	42.7%	+/-1.3
Separated	11,257	+/-1,937	2.5%	+/-0.4
Widowed	49,337	+/-2,426	10.9%	+/-0.5
Divorced	56,196	+/-3,650	12.4%	+/-0.8
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	14,722	+/-2,284	14,722	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	5,687	+/-1,364	38.6%	+/-6.6
Per 1,000 unmarried women	36	+/-9	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	54	+/-8	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	19	+/-10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	97	+/-19	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	30	+/-8	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	18,887	+/-2,767	18,887	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	4,061	+/-1,313	21.5%	+/-5.9
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,398	+/-843	7.4%	+/-4.2
1 or 2 years	1,058	+/-590	5.6%	+/-2.9
3 or 4 years	680	+/-402	3.6%	+/-2.0
5 or more years	925	+/-682	4.9%	+/-3.5
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	4,061	+/-1,313	4,061	(X)
Who are female	2,797	+/-944	68.9%	+/-9.2
Who are married	2,587	+/-1,090	63.7%	+/-15.2
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	280,378	+/-5,585	280,378	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	18,762	+/-2,265	6.7%	+/-0.8
Kindergarten	11,098	+/-1,705	4.0%	+/-0.6
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	98,142	+/-2,627	35.0%	+/-1.1
High school (grades 9-12)	57,660	+/-2,381	20.6%	+/-0.9
College or graduate school	94,716	+/-4,918	33.8%	+/-1.2
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	708,746	+/-1,821	708,746	(X)
Less than 9th grade	48,453	+/-4,365	6.8%	+/-0.6
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	67,025	+/-4,846	9.5%	+/-0.7
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	197,197	+/-6,540	27.8%	+/-0.9

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Some college, no degree	129,543	+/-5,315	18.3%	+/-0.7
Associate's degree	53,648	+/-3,433	7.6%	+/-0.5
Bachelor's degree	132,534	+/-4,966	18.7%	+/-0.7
Graduate or professional degree	80,346	+/-4,592	11.3%	+/-0.6
Percent high school graduate or higher	83.7%	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	30.0%	+/-1.0	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	815,584	+/-3,972	815,584	(X)
Civilian veterans	82,464	+/-3,659	10.1%	+/-0.5
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	1,030,284	+/-4,423	1,030,284	(X)
With a disability	132,428	+/-6,037	12.9%	+/-0.6
Under 18 years	228,072	+/-1,255	228,072	(X)
With a disability	11,651	+/-1,957	5.1%	+/-0.9
18 to 64 years	661,768	+/-4,081	661,768	(X)
With a disability	69,287	+/-4,359	10.5%	+/-0.7
65 years and over	140,444	+/-1,064	140,444	(X)
With a disability	51,490	+/-2,921	36.7%	+/-2.1
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	1,039,134	+/-1,655	1,039,134	(X)
Same house	908,730	+/-8,882	87.5%	+/-0.9
Different house in the U.S.	123,577	+/-8,809	11.9%	+/-0.8
Same county	80,711	+/-7,309	7.8%	+/-0.7
Different county	42,866	+/-4,472	4.1%	+/-0.4
Same state	14,738	+/-2,122	1.4%	+/-0.2
Different state	28,128	+/-3,901	2.7%	+/-0.4
Abroad	6,827	+/-1,568	0.7%	+/-0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	1,050,788	*****	1,050,788	(X)
Native	922,335	+/-5,565	87.8%	+/-0.5
Born in United States	900,557	+/-5,578	85.7%	+/-0.5
State of residence	618,360	+/-9,485	58.8%	+/-0.9
Different state	282,197	+/-9,349	26.9%	+/-0.9
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	21,778	+/-3,159	2.1%	+/-0.3
Foreign born	128,453	+/-5,565	12.2%	+/-0.5
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	128,453	+/-5,565	128,453	(X)

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Naturalized U.S. citizen	62,275	+/-4,961	48.5%	+/-3.1
Not a U.S. citizen	66,178	+/-4,712	51.5%	+/-3.1
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	150,231	+/-5,578	150,231	(X)
Native	21,778	+/-3,159	21,778	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	4,455	+/-1,546	20.5%	+/-6.3
Entered before 2000	17,323	+/-2,807	79.5%	+/-6.3
Foreign born	128,453	+/-5,565	128,453	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	31,040	+/-4,097	24.2%	+/-2.8
Entered before 2000	97,413	+/-4,765	75.8%	+/-2.8
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	128,453	+/-5,565	128,453	(X)
Europe	29,514	+/-3,819	23.0%	+/-2.7
Asia	20,381	+/-2,107	15.9%	+/-1.6
Africa	17,754	+/-2,783	13.8%	+/-2.0
Oceania	479	+/-398	0.4%	+/-0.3
Latin America	56,916	+/-3,976	44.3%	+/-2.7
Northern America	3,409	+/-1,124	2.7%	+/-0.9
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	990,203	+/-948	990,203	(X)
English only	791,852	+/-6,956	80.0%	+/-0.7
Language other than English	198,351	+/-6,776	20.0%	+/-0.7
Speak English less than "very well"	85,177	+/-5,371	8.6%	+/-0.5
Spanish	96,708	+/-3,465	9.8%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	49,469	+/-3,322	5.0%	+/-0.3
Other Indo-European languages	77,154	+/-5,419	7.8%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	25,830	+/-3,460	2.6%	+/-0.3
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	18,662	+/-2,088	1.9%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	8,102	+/-1,693	0.8%	+/-0.2
Other languages	5,827	+/-1,630	0.6%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,776	+/-1,329	0.2%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	1,050,788	*****	1,050,788	(X)
American	20,389	+/-3,304	1.9%	+/-0.3
Arab	8,079	+/-2,349	0.8%	+/-0.2
Czech	1,429	+/-612	0.1%	+/-0.1
Danish	1,866	+/-990	0.2%	+/-0.1
Dutch	5,739	+/-1,982	0.5%	+/-0.2
English	138,656	+/-8,252	13.2%	+/-0.8
French (except Basque)	140,540	+/-8,715	13.4%	+/-0.8

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French Canadian	51,083	+/-4,937	4.9%	+/-0.5
German	65,087	+/-4,377	6.2%	+/-0.4
Greek	8,663	+/-2,253	0.8%	+/-0.2
Hungarian	2,089	+/-806	0.2%	+/-0.1
Irish	207,189	+/-8,834	19.7%	+/-0.8
Italian	204,976	+/-8,939	19.5%	+/-0.9
Lithuanian	4,113	+/-1,282	0.4%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	6,044	+/-1,440	0.6%	+/-0.1
Polish	43,203	+/-4,958	4.1%	+/-0.5
Portuguese	93,782	+/-7,841	8.9%	+/-0.7
Russian	11,673	+/-2,414	1.1%	+/-0.2
Scotch-Irish	5,247	+/-1,728	0.5%	+/-0.2
Scottish	22,052	+/-3,105	2.1%	+/-0.3
Slovak	1,010	+/-992	0.1%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	31,002	+/-3,871	3.0%	+/-0.4
Swedish	18,566	+/-2,849	1.8%	+/-0.3
Swiss	824	+/-463	0.1%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	2,176	+/-747	0.2%	+/-0.1
Welsh	2,782	+/-809	0.3%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	5,396	+/-2,263	0.5%	+/-0.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 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).
- Starting in 2008, the Scotch-Irish category does not include Irish-Scotch.
- 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](#).
- 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.
- Due to a reduction in the Failed Edit Follow-up (FEFU) operation for 4-months in 2008, there was an increase in the amount of missing data and an increase in item allocation rates. For more

information see the [ACS User Notes](#).

·While the 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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. The 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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 PRCS 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.