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	2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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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.

Subject	Houston city, Texas			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	831,166	+/-3,026	831,166	(X)
Family households (families)	503,996	+/-3,241	60.6%	+/-0.4
With own children of the householder under 18 years	244,917	+/-2,446	29.5%	+/-0.3
Married-couple family	318,488	+/-3,577	38.3%	+/-0.4
With own children of the householder under 18 years	146,959	+/-2,611	17.7%	+/-0.3
Male householder, no wife present, family	49,273	+/-2,152	5.9%	+/-0.3
With own children of the householder under 18 years	20,678	+/-1,238	2.5%	+/-0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	136,235	+/-2,141	16.4%	+/-0.3
With own children of the householder under 18 years	77,280	+/-1,685	9.3%	+/-0.2
Nonfamily households	327,170	+/-3,432	39.4%	+/-0.4
Householder living alone	269,401	+/-3,141	32.4%	+/-0.3
65 years and over	63,265	+/-1,401	7.6%	+/-0.2
Households with one or more people under 18 years	277,873	+/-2,495	33.4%	+/-0.3
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	161,690	+/-1,557	19.5%	+/-0.2
Average household size	2.66	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.46	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	2,207,408	+/-1,553	2,207,408	(X)
Householder	831,166	+/-3,026	37.7%	+/-0.1
Spouse	317,948	+/-3,549	14.4%	+/-0.2
Child	705,403	+/-4,478	32.0%	+/-0.2
Other relatives	217,233	+/-5,044	9.8%	+/-0.2
Nonrelatives	135,658	+/-3,241	6.1%	+/-0.1
Unmarried partner	55,084	+/-1,798	2.5%	+/-0.1

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MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	876,491	+/-3,826	876,491	(X)
Never married	381,893	+/-4,890	43.6%	+/-0.5
Now married, except separated	376,661	+/-4,107	43.0%	+/-0.5
Separated	24,877	+/-1,322	2.8%	+/-0.1
Widowed	17,879	+/-957	2.0%	+/-0.1
Divorced	75,181	+/-2,166	8.6%	+/-0.2
Females 15 years and over	881,016	+/-3,425	881,016	(X)
Never married	325,208	+/-4,086	36.9%	+/-0.4
Now married, except separated	351,934	+/-3,651	39.9%	+/-0.4
Separated	34,135	+/-1,543	3.9%	+/-0.2
Widowed	66,730	+/-1,449	7.6%	+/-0.2
Divorced	103,009	+/-2,010	11.7%	+/-0.2
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	35,502	+/-1,291	35,502	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	14,208	+/-974	40.0%	+/-2.0
Per 1,000 unmarried women	42	+/-3	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	61	+/-2	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	36	+/-6	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	91	+/-4	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	32	+/-3	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	58,821	+/-2,016	58,821	(X)
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	22,653	+/-1,498	38.5%	+/-2.1
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	5,051	+/-565	8.6%	+/-0.9
1 or 2 years	4,729	+/-681	8.0%	+/-1.2
3 or 4 years	3,794	+/-500	6.5%	+/-0.8
5 or more years	9,079	+/-930	15.4%	+/-1.4
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	22,653	+/-1,498	22,653	(X)
Who are female	15,344	+/-1,024	67.7%	+/-1.8
Who are married	14,364	+/-1,268	63.4%	+/-3.2
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	597,728	+/-4,371	597,728	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	39,637	+/-1,485	6.6%	+/-0.2
Kindergarten	35,112	+/-1,503	5.9%	+/-0.3
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	247,905	+/-3,186	41.5%	+/-0.5
High school (grades 9-12)	112,783	+/-2,177	18.9%	+/-0.4
College or graduate school	162,291	+/-3,801	27.2%	+/-0.5
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	1,440,346	+/-3,268	1,440,346	(X)
Less than 9th grade	189,576	+/-3,203	13.2%	+/-0.2
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	136,465	+/-3,077	9.5%	+/-0.2
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	327,017	+/-4,207	22.7%	+/-0.3
Some college, no degree	268,223	+/-3,432	18.6%	+/-0.2
Associate's degree	70,354	+/-2,431	4.9%	+/-0.2
Bachelor's degree	274,496	+/-3,717	19.1%	+/-0.3
Graduate or professional degree	174,215	+/-2,984	12.1%	+/-0.2
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	77.4%	+/-0.3
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	31.2%	+/-0.3

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VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	1,672,804	+/-3,347	1,672,804	(X)
Civilian veterans	74,266	+/-2,055	4.4%	+/-0.1
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	2,226,641	+/-853	2,226,641	(X)
With a disability	217,466	+/-3,545	9.8%	+/-0.2
Under 18 years	566,808	+/-3,345	566,808	(X)
With a disability	20,032	+/-1,280	3.5%	+/-0.2
18 to 64 years	1,444,645	+/-3,311	1,444,645	(X)
With a disability	116,661	+/-2,602	8.1%	+/-0.2
65 years and over	215,188	+/-1,719	215,188	(X)
With a disability	80,773	+/-1,692	37.5%	+/-0.7
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	2,207,668	+/-1,454	2,207,668	(X)
Same house	1,767,934	+/-8,235	80.1%	+/-0.4
Different house in the U.S.	404,874	+/-7,833	18.3%	+/-0.4
Same county	306,258	+/-7,379	13.9%	+/-0.3
Different county	98,616	+/-4,214	4.5%	+/-0.2
Same state	53,809	+/-3,149	2.4%	+/-0.1
Different state	44,807	+/-2,795	2.0%	+/-0.1
Abroad	34,860	+/-2,762	1.6%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	2,240,582	+/-222	2,240,582	(X)
Native	1,590,748	+/-6,829	71.0%	+/-0.3
Born in United States	1,564,591	+/-6,739	69.8%	+/-0.3
State of residence	1,161,633	+/-7,201	51.8%	+/-0.3
Different state	402,958	+/-5,381	18.0%	+/-0.2
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	26,157	+/-1,725	1.2%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	649,834	+/-6,830	29.0%	+/-0.3
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	649,834	+/-6,830	649,834	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	186,825	+/-3,550	28.7%	+/-0.5
Not a U.S. citizen	463,009	+/-6,589	71.3%	+/-0.5
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	675,991	+/-6,753	675,991	(X)
Native	26,157	+/-1,725	26,157	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	4,615	+/-695	17.6%	+/-2.1
Entered before 2010	21,542	+/-1,379	82.4%	+/-2.1
Foreign born	649,834	+/-6,830	649,834	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	108,588	+/-4,099	16.7%	+/-0.5
Entered before 2010	541,246	+/-5,529	83.3%	+/-0.5
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	649,834	+/-6,830	649,834	(X)
Europe	25,961	+/-1,475	4.0%	+/-0.2
Asia	131,956	+/-3,387	20.3%	+/-0.5

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Africa	35,814	+/-2,789	5.5%	+/-0.4
Oceania	1,513	+/-376	0.2%	+/-0.1
Latin America	449,974	+/-5,250	69.2%	+/-0.5
Northern America	4,616	+/-629	0.7%	+/-0.1
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	2,065,415	+/-2,609	2,065,415	(X)
English only	1,074,198	+/-6,846	52.0%	+/-0.3
Language other than English	991,217	+/-6,328	48.0%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	480,028	+/-5,838	23.2%	+/-0.3
Spanish	792,378	+/-5,622	38.4%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	404,130	+/-5,354	19.6%	+/-0.3
Other Indo-European languages	69,417	+/-3,061	3.4%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	19,223	+/-1,535	0.9%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	93,758	+/-3,057	4.5%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	45,686	+/-2,209	2.2%	+/-0.1
Other languages	35,664	+/-2,526	1.7%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	10,989	+/-1,477	0.5%	+/-0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	2,240,582	+/-222	2,240,582	(X)
American	91,301	+/-3,822	4.1%	+/-0.2
Arab	18,689	+/-1,801	0.8%	+/-0.1
Czech	9,792	+/-899	0.4%	+/-0.1
Danish	2,627	+/-436	0.1%	+/-0.1
Dutch	10,060	+/-861	0.4%	+/-0.1
English	86,697	+/-2,919	3.9%	+/-0.1
French (except Basque)	36,806	+/-1,703	1.6%	+/-0.1
French Canadian	4,794	+/-579	0.2%	+/-0.1
German	115,889	+/-3,104	5.2%	+/-0.1
Greek	5,868	+/-780	0.3%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	3,613	+/-616	0.2%	+/-0.1
Irish	83,973	+/-2,614	3.7%	+/-0.1
Italian	34,909	+/-2,071	1.6%	+/-0.1
Lithuanian	1,137	+/-226	0.1%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	6,921	+/-714	0.3%	+/-0.1
Polish	19,781	+/-1,246	0.9%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	2,705	+/-567	0.1%	+/-0.1
Russian	10,141	+/-945	0.5%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	13,819	+/-970	0.6%	+/-0.1
Scottish	20,019	+/-1,213	0.9%	+/-0.1
Slovak	887	+/-215	0.0%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	42,754	+/-3,009	1.9%	+/-0.1
Swedish	8,318	+/-923	0.4%	+/-0.1
Swiss	2,334	+/-347	0.1%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	2,419	+/-441	0.1%	+/-0.1
Welsh	5,500	+/-598	0.2%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	8,260	+/-1,111	0.4%	+/-0.1
COMPUTERS AND INTERNET USE				
Total households	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a computer	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a broadband Internet subscription	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

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).

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The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

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).

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.

Fertility data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #92 for details.

Methodological changes to data collection in 2013 may have affected language data for 2013. Users should be aware of these changes when using 2013 data or multi-year data containing data from 2013. For more information, see: Language User Note.

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.

While the 2012-2016 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 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 2010 data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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.
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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.