

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2006-2008
 Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Butte County, California

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.

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HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	85,984	1,054	85,984	(X)
Family households (families)	51,699	1,157	60.1%	1.3
With own children under 18 years	22,779	941	26.5%	1.1
Married-couple family	38,024	1,204	44.2%	1.5
With own children under 18 years	14,711	842	17.1%	1.0
Male householder, no wife present, family	4,058	647	4.7%	0.8
With own children under 18 years	2,118	454	2.5%	0.5
Female householder, no husband present, family	9,617	945	11.2%	1.1
With own children under 18 years	5,950	785	6.9%	0.9
Nonfamily households	34,285	1,310	39.9%	1.3
Householder living alone	24,738	1,139	28.8%	1.3
65 years and over	9,492	706	11.0%	0.8
Households with one or more people under 18 years	25,485	947	29.6%	1.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	23,009	565	26.8%	0.7
Average household size	2.49	0.03	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.04	0.05	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	213,699	1,411	213,699	(X)
Householder	85,984	1,054	40.2%	0.4
Spouse	37,956	1,196	17.8%	0.5
Child	55,914	1,677	26.2%	0.8
Other relatives	11,492	1,374	5.4%	0.6
Nonrelatives	22,353	1,692	10.5%	0.8
Unmarried partner	6,923	805	3.2%	0.4
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	88,180	199	88,180	(X)
Never married	34,562	1,187	39.2%	1.3
Now married, except separated	40,020	1,279	45.4%	1.5
Separated	2,142	559	2.4%	0.6
Widowed	2,542	428	2.9%	0.5
Divorced	8,914	870	10.1%	1.0
Females 15 years and over	93,063	142	93,063	(X)
Never married	28,195	877	30.3%	0.9
Now married, except separated	40,591	1,352	43.6%	1.5
Separated	2,060	430	2.2%	0.5
Widowed	9,229	713	9.9%	0.8
Divorced	12,988	962	14.0%	1.0
FERTILITY				

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Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	3,244	561	3,244	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,259	407	38.8%	9.5
Per 1,000 unmarried women	38	12	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	57	10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	24	20	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	98	20	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	18	7	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	3,789	691	3,789	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	1,446	322	38.2%	7.9
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	151	125	4.0%	3.2
1 or 2 years	357	169	9.4%	4.5
3 or 4 years	324	188	8.6%	5.2
5 or more years	614	256	16.2%	6.3
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	1,446	322	1,446	(X)
Who are female	930	214	64.3%	8.0
Who are married	1,038	335	71.8%	12.9
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	70,125	1,996	70,125	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	2,876	461	4.1%	0.6
Kindergarten	2,112	375	3.0%	0.5
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	20,552	536	29.3%	1.1
High school (grades 9-12)	12,160	570	17.3%	1.0
College or graduate school	32,425	1,828	46.2%	1.4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	137,724	413	137,724	(X)
Less than 9th grade	7,506	947	5.5%	0.7
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	14,338	1,091	10.4%	0.8
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	31,977	1,353	23.2%	1.0
Some college, no degree	38,879	1,493	28.2%	1.1
Associate's degree	12,008	853	8.7%	0.6
Bachelor's degree	22,766	1,396	16.5%	1.0
Graduate or professional degree	10,250	1,009	7.4%	0.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	84.1%	1.0	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	24.0%	1.2	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	172,196	161	172,196	(X)
Civilian veterans	19,744	856	11.5%	0.5

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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	215,538	468	215,538	(X)
Same house	165,979	2,987	77.0%	1.3
Different house in the U.S.	48,499	2,869	22.5%	1.3
Same county	32,496	2,653	15.1%	1.2
Different county	16,003	2,018	7.4%	0.9
Same state	12,415	1,687	5.8%	0.8
Different state	3,588	904	1.7%	0.4
Abroad	1,060	574	0.5%	0.3
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	218,551	*****	218,551	(X)
Native	200,187	1,278	91.6%	0.6
Born in United States	198,650	1,323	90.9%	0.6
State of residence	149,703	2,085	68.5%	1.0
Different state	48,947	1,838	22.4%	0.8
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	1,537	388	0.7%	0.2
Foreign born	18,364	1,278	8.4%	0.6
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	18,364	1,278	18,364	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	8,086	884	44.0%	4.7
Not a U.S. citizen	10,278	1,261	56.0%	4.7
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	19,901	1,323	19,901	(X)
Native	1,537	388	1,537	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	301	192	19.6%	11.6
Entered before 2000	1,236	362	80.4%	11.6
Foreign born	18,364	1,278	18,364	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	4,027	1,031	21.9%	4.8
Entered before 2000	14,337	993	78.1%	4.8
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	N	N	N	(X)
Europe	N	N	N	N
Asia	N	N	N	N
Africa	N	N	N	N
Oceania	N	N	N	N
Latin America	N	N	N	N
Northern America	N	N	N	N
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and	206,199	140	206,199	(X)

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over				
English only	176,090	1,634	85.4%	0.8
Language other than English	30,109	1,627	14.6%	0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	13,132	1,191	6.4%	0.6
Spanish	18,738	1,270	9.1%	0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	8,106	874	3.9%	0.4
Other Indo-European languages	4,551	890	2.2%	0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	746	356	0.4%	0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	6,200	853	3.0%	0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	4,174	844	2.0%	0.4
Other languages	620	481	0.3%	0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	106	120	0.1%	0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	218,551	*****	218,551	(X)
American	17,734	1,936	8.1%	0.9
Arab	499	227	0.2%	0.1
Czech	1,288	383	0.6%	0.2
Danish	3,030	577	1.4%	0.3
Dutch	5,542	1,025	2.5%	0.5
English	29,797	2,089	13.6%	1.0
French (except Basque)	10,483	1,600	4.8%	0.7
French Canadian	1,387	497	0.6%	0.2
German	46,321	2,343	21.2%	1.1
Greek	1,248	448	0.6%	0.2
Hungarian	732	368	0.3%	0.2
Irish	33,306	2,326	15.2%	1.1
Italian	13,776	1,530	6.3%	0.7
Lithuanian	519	341	0.2%	0.2
Norwegian	4,621	877	2.1%	0.4
Polish	3,546	743	1.6%	0.3
Portuguese	5,757	1,089	2.6%	0.5
Russian	1,899	437	0.9%	0.2
Scotch-Irish	6,957	1,276	3.2%	0.6
Scottish	6,152	938	2.8%	0.4
Slovak	146	126	0.1%	0.1
Subsaharan African	528	302	0.2%	0.1
Swedish	5,269	869	2.4%	0.4
Swiss	1,433	404	0.7%	0.2
Ukrainian	550	317	0.3%	0.1
Welsh	1,816	537	0.8%	0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	231	166	0.1%	0.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 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 <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/Accuracy/Accuracy1.htm> 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 disability data and disability data collected in the previous two years, the Census Bureau is unable to combine the 3 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 three consecutive years of data are collected. For more information about the differences between the 2008 and prior year's disability questions, and the evaluation of these questions 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.

-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.