

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: Chico city, 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	33,818	783	33,818	(X)
Family households (families)	16,624	839	49.2%	2.3
With own children under 18 years	8,286	734	24.5%	2.1
Married-couple family	11,044	689	32.7%	1.9
With own children under 18 years	4,656	486	13.8%	1.4
Male householder, no wife present, family	1,535	409	4.5%	1.2
With own children under 18 years	830	354	2.5%	1.0
Female householder, no husband present, family	4,045	488	12.0%	1.5
With own children under 18 years	2,800	445	8.3%	1.3
Nonfamily households	17,194	895	50.8%	2.3
Householder living alone	10,832	735	32.0%	2.1
65 years and over	3,050	386	9.0%	1.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	8,958	753	26.5%	2.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	5,719	361	16.9%	1.1
Average household size	2.40	0.05	(X)	(X)
Average family size	2.99	0.08	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	81,003	1,922	81,003	(X)
Householder	33,818	783	41.7%	0.9
Spouse	11,129	727	13.7%	0.8
Child	18,679	1,241	23.1%	1.3
Other relatives	3,191	771	3.9%	0.9
Nonrelatives	14,186	1,301	17.5%	1.5
Unmarried partner	3,299	574	4.1%	0.7
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	34,387	1,258	34,387	(X)
Never married	18,657	1,364	54.3%	2.8
Now married, except separated	11,825	760	34.4%	2.4
Separated	850	378	2.5%	1.1
Widowed	572	192	1.7%	0.6
Divorced	2,483	449	7.2%	1.3
Females 15 years and over	36,294	1,032	36,294	(X)
Never married	16,496	1,025	45.5%	2.2
Now married, except separated	12,014	798	33.1%	2.1
Separated	807	294	2.2%	0.8
Widowed	2,500	374	6.9%	1.0
Divorced	4,477	570	12.3%	1.6
FERTILITY				

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Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,617	444	1,617	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	740	342	45.8%	16.1
Per 1,000 unmarried women	40	18	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	61	17	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	15	18	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	86	27	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	32	19	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	N	N	N	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	N	N	N	N
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	N	N	N	N
1 or 2 years	N	N	N	N
3 or 4 years	N	N	N	N
5 or more years	N	N	N	N
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	N	N	N	(X)
Who are female	235	139	81.3%	15.5
Who are married	236	161	81.7%	17.8
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	36,737	1,886	36,737	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	682	209	1.9%	0.6
Kindergarten	665	168	1.8%	0.5
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	7,047	863	19.2%	2.2
High school (grades 9-12)	3,641	527	9.9%	1.3
College or graduate school	24,702	1,624	67.2%	2.4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	44,651	1,345	44,651	(X)
Less than 9th grade	1,421	445	3.2%	1.0
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,015	587	6.8%	1.3
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	7,542	842	16.9%	1.8
Some college, no degree	12,848	1,032	28.8%	2.2
Associate's degree	4,014	607	9.0%	1.4
Bachelor's degree	11,315	934	25.3%	2.1
Graduate or professional degree	4,496	729	10.1%	1.5
Percent high school graduate or higher	90.1%	1.5	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	35.4%	2.4	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	67,930	1,473	67,930	(X)
Civilian veterans	5,325	529	7.8%	0.8

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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	82,095	1,954	82,095	(X)
Same house	52,153	2,384	63.5%	2.7
Different house in the U.S.	29,073	2,412	35.4%	2.7
Same county	19,211	2,287	23.4%	2.7
Different county	9,862	1,701	12.0%	2.0
Same state	8,060	1,433	9.8%	1.7
Different state	1,802	646	2.2%	0.8
Abroad	869	556	1.1%	0.7
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	83,569	1,891	83,569	(X)
Native	75,711	2,094	90.6%	1.3
Born in United States	74,897	2,147	89.6%	1.3
State of residence	59,536	2,170	71.2%	1.9
Different state	15,361	1,151	18.4%	1.3
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	814	295	1.0%	0.4
Foreign born	7,858	1,090	9.4%	1.3
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	7,858	1,090	7,858	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	3,481	686	44.3%	7.1
Not a U.S. citizen	4,377	877	55.7%	7.1
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	8,672	1,096	8,672	(X)
Native	814	295	814	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	262	191	32.2%	19.6
Entered before 2000	552	236	67.8%	19.6
Foreign born	7,858	1,090	7,858	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	2,455	762	31.2%	7.6
Entered before 2000	5,403	822	68.8%	7.6
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	78,918	1,856	78,918	(X)

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over				
English only	66,287	2,079	84.0%	1.8
Language other than English	12,631	1,446	16.0%	1.8
Speak English less than "very well"	4,407	932	5.6%	1.2
Spanish	7,096	1,143	9.0%	1.4
Speak English less than "very well"	2,438	637	3.1%	0.8
Other Indo-European languages	2,402	727	3.0%	0.9
Speak English less than "very well"	214	193	0.3%	0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	2,622	817	3.3%	1.0
Speak English less than "very well"	1,685	725	2.1%	0.9
Other languages	511	474	0.6%	0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	70	110	0.1%	0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	83,569	1,891	83,569	(X)
American	6,490	1,337	7.8%	1.6
Arab	417	210	0.5%	0.3
Czech	613	210	0.7%	0.3
Danish	976	285	1.2%	0.3
Dutch	2,070	629	2.5%	0.7
English	11,561	1,357	13.8%	1.6
French (except Basque)	4,199	873	5.0%	1.1
French Canadian	437	229	0.5%	0.3
German	17,758	1,726	21.2%	1.9
Greek	896	357	1.1%	0.4
Hungarian	253	178	0.3%	0.2
Irish	13,552	1,529	16.2%	1.8
Italian	6,636	1,092	7.9%	1.3
Lithuanian	259	184	0.3%	0.2
Norwegian	2,182	609	2.6%	0.7
Polish	1,784	511	2.1%	0.6
Portuguese	2,684	637	3.2%	0.8
Russian	953	314	1.1%	0.4
Scotch-Irish	2,626	790	3.1%	1.0
Scottish	3,063	664	3.7%	0.8
Slovak	95	115	0.1%	0.1
Subsaharan African	429	273	0.5%	0.3
Swedish	2,055	601	2.5%	0.7
Swiss	485	205	0.6%	0.2
Ukrainian	376	283	0.4%	0.3
Welsh	527	226	0.6%	0.3
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	114	106	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.