

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2005-2009
Data Set: 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
Survey: American Community Survey
Geographic Area: Cortland town, Illinois

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	1,019	94	1,019	(X)
Family households (families)	835	95	81.9%	6.4
With own children under 18 years	578	82	56.7%	7.8
Married-couple family	696	81	68.3%	6.2
With own children under 18 years	500	76	49.1%	7.2
Male householder, no wife present, family	6	10	0.6%	1.0
With own children under 18 years	6	10	0.6%	1.0
Female householder, no husband present, family	133	58	13.1%	5.4
With own children under 18 years	72	44	7.1%	4.3
Nonfamily households	184	70	18.1%	6.4
Householder living alone	117	51	11.5%	4.9
65 years and over	20	18	2.0%	1.8
Households with one or more people under 18 years	578	82	56.7%	7.8
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	90	48	8.8%	4.7
Average household size	3.27	0.25	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.64	0.26	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	3,334	270	3,334	(X)
Householder	1,019	94	30.6%	2.4
Spouse	722	88	21.7%	2.0
Child	1,411	197	42.3%	3.8
Other relatives	74	46	2.2%	1.4
Nonrelatives	108	74	3.2%	2.2
Unmarried partner	90	56	2.7%	1.7
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	1,063	130	1,063	(X)
Never married	241	89	22.7%	6.7
Now married, except separated	757	96	71.2%	7.1
Separated	32	36	3.0%	3.4
Widowed	18	30	1.7%	2.8
Divorced	15	14	1.4%	1.3
Females 15 years and over	1,211	142	1,211	(X)
Never married	337	115	27.8%	7.4
Now married, except separated	697	80	57.6%	7.3
Separated	14	16	1.2%	1.3
Widowed	55	31	4.5%	2.6
Divorced	108	52	8.9%	3.9
FERTILITY				

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Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	116	65	116	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	0	119	0.0%	24.1
Per 1,000 unmarried women	0	73	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	114	66	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	0	222	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	158	113	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	102	112	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	43	40	43	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	0	119	0.0%	45.2
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	0	119	0.0%	45.2
1 or 2 years	0	119	0.0%	45.2
3 or 4 years	0	119	0.0%	45.2
5 or more years	0	119	0.0%	45.2
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	0	119	0	(X)
Who are female	0	119	-	**
Who are married	0	119	-	**
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	1,112	199	1,112	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	98	63	8.8%	5.9
Kindergarten	34	35	3.1%	3.0
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	544	145	48.9%	8.6
High school (grades 9-12)	201	76	18.1%	6.9
College or graduate school	235	90	21.1%	6.4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	1,855	185	1,855	(X)
Less than 9th grade	105	57	5.7%	3.0
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	89	39	4.8%	2.0
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	542	136	29.2%	6.4
Some college, no degree	643	125	34.7%	6.2
Associate's degree	175	56	9.4%	3.1
Bachelor's degree	217	86	11.7%	4.3
Graduate or professional degree	84	39	4.5%	2.1
Percent high school graduate or higher	89.5%	4.1	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	16.2%	5.2	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	2,176	205	2,176	(X)
Civilian veterans	148	72	6.8%	3.5

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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	3,245	266	3,245	(X)
Same house	2,864	325	88.3%	6.3
Different house in the U.S.	370	205	11.4%	6.3
Same county	50	52	1.5%	1.6
Different county	320	205	9.9%	6.3
Same state	199	119	6.1%	3.6
Different state	121	175	3.7%	5.4
Abroad	11	15	0.3%	0.5
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	3,334	270	3,334	(X)
Native	3,112	282	93.3%	3.6
Born in United States	3,096	284	92.9%	3.7
State of residence	2,685	312	80.5%	6.6
Different state	411	200	12.3%	5.9
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	16	26	0.5%	0.8
Foreign born	222	123	6.7%	3.6
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	222	123	222	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	94	59	42.3%	21.3
Not a U.S. citizen	128	94	57.7%	21.3
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	238	123	238	(X)
Native	16	26	16	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	0	119	0.0%	74.1
Entered before 2000	16	26	100.0%	74.1
Foreign born	222	123	222	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	53	63	23.9%	22.8
Entered before 2000	169	96	76.1%	22.8
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	222	123	222	(X)
Europe	6	10	2.7%	4.9
Asia	0	119	0.0%	13.6
Africa	0	119	0.0%	13.6
Oceania	0	119	0.0%	13.6
Latin America	208	122	93.7%	8.8
Northern America	8	14	3.6%	6.7
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and	2,916	276	2,916	(X)

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over				
English only	2,581	296	88.5%	5.1
Language other than English	335	151	11.5%	5.1
Speak English less than "very well"	190	95	6.5%	3.3
Spanish	329	151	11.3%	5.1
Speak English less than "very well"	190	95	6.5%	3.3
Other Indo-European languages	6	10	0.2%	0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	0	119	0.0%	1.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	0	119	0.0%	1.1
Speak English less than "very well"	0	119	0.0%	1.1
Other languages	0	119	0.0%	1.1
Speak English less than "very well"	0	119	0.0%	1.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	3,334	270	3,334	(X)
American	34	29	1.0%	0.9
Arab	0	119	0.0%	1.0
Czech	47	42	1.4%	1.3
Danish	0	119	0.0%	1.0
Dutch	28	20	0.8%	0.6
English	242	86	7.3%	2.7
French (except Basque)	122	76	3.7%	2.3
French Canadian	19	23	0.6%	0.7
German	1,537	301	46.1%	7.5
Greek	34	43	1.0%	1.3
Hungarian	0	119	0.0%	1.0
Irish	531	219	15.9%	6.4
Italian	286	135	8.6%	4.0
Lithuanian	13	23	0.4%	0.7
Norwegian	171	107	5.1%	3.2
Polish	305	152	9.1%	4.5
Portuguese	47	73	1.4%	2.2
Russian	24	34	0.7%	1.0
Scotch-Irish	14	16	0.4%	0.5
Scottish	31	28	0.9%	0.8
Slovak	5	8	0.1%	0.2
Subsaharan African	0	119	0.0%	1.0
Swedish	386	221	11.6%	6.3
Swiss	22	22	0.7%	0.6
Ukrainian	0	119	0.0%	1.0
Welsh	32	36	1.0%	1.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	0	119	0.0%	1.0

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

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/documentation_main/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.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper 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.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.