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SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS IN THE UNITED STATES
2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, for 2010, the 2010 Census provides the official counts of the population and housing units for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns. For 2006 to 2009, the Population Estimates Program provides intercensal estimates of the population for the nation, states, and counties.

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the [Data and Documentation](#) section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the [Methodology](#) section.

Subject	Mercer County, Kentucky			
	Estimate	Estimate Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	8,464	+/-338	8,464	(X)
Family households (families)	5,959	+/-347	70.4%	+/-3.0
With own children under 18 years	2,289	+/-285	27.0%	+/-3.1
Married-couple family	4,781	+/-273	56.5%	+/-2.8
With own children under 18 years	1,721	+/-204	20.3%	+/-2.2
Male householder, no wife present, family	342	+/-95	4.0%	+/-1.1
With own children under 18 years	116	+/-67	1.4%	+/-0.8
Female householder, no husband present, family	836	+/-202	9.9%	+/-2.3
With own children under 18 years	452	+/-186	5.3%	+/-2.2
Nonfamily households	2,505	+/-275	29.6%	+/-3.0
Householder living alone	2,219	+/-251	26.2%	+/-2.8
65 years and over	972	+/-179	11.5%	+/-2.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	2,554	+/-293	30.2%	+/-3.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	2,391	+/-171	28.2%	+/-1.8
Average household size	2.51	+/-0.10	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.04	+/-0.16	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	21,209	+/-112	21,209	(X)
Householder	8,464	+/-338	39.9%	+/-1.5
Spouse	4,775	+/-274	22.5%	+/-1.3
Child	6,129	+/-388	28.9%	+/-1.9
Other relatives	1,228	+/-303	5.8%	+/-1.4
Nonrelatives	613	+/-173	2.9%	+/-0.8
Unmarried partner	370	+/-128	1.7%	+/-0.6
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over				
Never married	1,775	+/-213	21.8%	+/-2.6
Now married, except separated	4,846	+/-306	59.5%	+/-3.8
Separated	103	+/-63	1.3%	+/-0.8
Widowed	277	+/-97	3.4%	+/-1.2
Divorced	1,138	+/-194	14.0%	+/-2.4
Females 15 years and over				
Never married	1,420	+/-166	16.0%	+/-1.9
Now married, except separated	4,908	+/-296	55.4%	+/-3.3
Separated	156	+/-101	1.8%	+/-1.1
Widowed	1,263	+/-174	14.2%	+/-1.9
Divorced	1,118	+/-218	12.6%	+/-2.4
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	308	+/-120	308	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	66	+/-60	21.4%	+/-16.2
Per 1,000 unmarried women	34	+/-31	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	64	+/-24	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	0	+/-59	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	139	+/-58	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	30	+/-22	(X)	(X)

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GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	348	+/-124	348	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	131	+/-76	37.6%	+/-14.4
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	20	+/-22	5.7%	+/-6.5
1 or 2 years	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-9.6
3 or 4 years	39	+/-50	11.2%	+/-13.0
5 or more years	72	+/-50	20.7%	+/-10.9
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	131	+/-76	131	(X)
Who are female	93	+/-51	71.0%	+/-13.5
Who are married	85	+/-71	64.9%	+/-25.3
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	4,891	+/-303	4,891	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	386	+/-120	7.9%	+/-2.2
Kindergarten	351	+/-121	7.2%	+/-2.5
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	2,245	+/-160	45.9%	+/-3.4
High school (grades 9-12)	1,127	+/-136	23.0%	+/-2.9
College or graduate school	782	+/-199	16.0%	+/-3.4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	14,718	+/-104	14,718	(X)
Less than 9th grade	950	+/-172	6.5%	+/-1.2
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,650	+/-303	11.2%	+/-2.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	5,964	+/-489	40.5%	+/-3.2
Some college, no degree	2,768	+/-322	18.8%	+/-2.2
Associate's degree	889	+/-190	6.0%	+/-1.3
Bachelor's degree	1,465	+/-249	10.0%	+/-1.7
Graduate or professional degree	1,032	+/-192	7.0%	+/-1.3
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	82.3%	+/-2.5
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	17.0%	+/-2.3
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	16,121	+/-84	16,121	(X)
Civilian veterans	1,632	+/-192	10.1%	+/-1.2
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	21,000	+/-97	21,000	(X)
Same house	18,001	+/-592	85.7%	+/-2.8
Different house in the U.S.	2,985	+/-590	14.2%	+/-2.8
Same county	1,614	+/-486	7.7%	+/-2.3
Different county	1,371	+/-393	6.5%	+/-1.9
Same state	1,195	+/-374	5.7%	+/-1.8
Different state	176	+/-120	0.8%	+/-0.6
Abroad	14	+/-17	0.1%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	21,272	*****	21,272	(X)
Native	21,130	+/-81	99.3%	+/-0.4
Born in United States	21,033	+/-117	98.9%	+/-0.6
State of residence	17,894	+/-407	84.1%	+/-1.9
Different state	3,139	+/-437	14.8%	+/-2.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent (s)	97	+/-76	0.5%	+/-0.4
Foreign born	142	+/-81	0.7%	+/-0.4
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	142	+/-81	142	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	95	+/-71	66.9%	+/-25.8

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Not a U.S. citizen	47	+/-41	33.1%	+/-25.8
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	239	+/-117	239	(X)
Native	97	+/-76	97	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-29.4
Entered before 2000	97	+/-76	100.0%	+/-29.4
Foreign born	142	+/-81	142	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	15	+/-25	10.6%	+/-17.1
Entered before 2000	127	+/-78	89.4%	+/-17.1
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	142	+/-81	142	(X)
Europe	71	+/-51	50.0%	+/-29.6
Asia	51	+/-57	35.9%	+/-31.7
Africa	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-21.6
Oceania	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-21.6
Latin America	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-21.6
Northern America	20	+/-25	14.1%	+/-17.7
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	19,859	+/-138	19,859	(X)
English only	19,491	+/-194	98.1%	+/-0.8
Language other than English	368	+/-161	1.9%	+/-0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	125	+/-76	0.6%	+/-0.4
Spanish	216	+/-96	1.1%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	48	+/-42	0.2%	+/-0.2
Other Indo-European languages	134	+/-114	0.7%	+/-0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	59	+/-51	0.3%	+/-0.3
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	18	+/-30	0.1%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	18	+/-30	0.1%	+/-0.2
Other languages	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.2
ANCESTRY				
Total population	21,272	*****	21,272	(X)
American	6,534	+/-810	30.7%	+/-3.8
Arab	85	+/-122	0.4%	+/-0.6
Czech	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.2
Danish	11	+/-14	0.1%	+/-0.1
Dutch	460	+/-163	2.2%	+/-0.8
English	2,378	+/-390	11.2%	+/-1.8
French (except Basque)	362	+/-144	1.7%	+/-0.7
French Canadian	20	+/-25	0.1%	+/-0.1
German	2,521	+/-523	11.9%	+/-2.5
Greek	17	+/-19	0.1%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	7	+/-11	0.0%	+/-0.1
Irish	2,965	+/-521	13.9%	+/-2.4
Italian	295	+/-147	1.4%	+/-0.7
Lithuanian	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.2
Norwegian	27	+/-30	0.1%	+/-0.1
Polish	110	+/-82	0.5%	+/-0.4
Portuguese	15	+/-24	0.1%	+/-0.1
Russian	9	+/-14	0.0%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	629	+/-266	3.0%	+/-1.2
Scottish	409	+/-128	1.9%	+/-0.6
Slovak	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.2
Subsaharan African	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.2
Swedish	107	+/-101	0.5%	+/-0.5
Swiss	20	+/-29	0.1%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.2
Welsh	200	+/-131	0.9%	+/-0.6
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey

Explanation of Symbols:

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.

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.

An "-" following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.

An "+" following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.

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.

An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

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.

An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

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.

While the 2006-2010 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 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.

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