



## Charlotte city, North Carolina

### Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2005-2009

Data Set: 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

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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<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>277,768</b>	<b>+/-1,819</b>	<b>277,768</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Family households (families)	167,795	+/-1,696	60.4%	+/-0.5
With own children under 18 years	84,752	+/-1,471	30.5%	+/-0.5
Married-couple family	115,255	+/-1,746	41.5%	+/-0.6
With own children under 18 years	54,242	+/-1,304	19.5%	+/-0.5
Male householder, no wife present, family	13,472	+/-854	4.9%	+/-0.3
With own children under 18 years	6,017	+/-597	2.2%	+/-0.2
Female householder, no husband present, family	39,068	+/-1,286	14.1%	+/-0.5
With own children under 18 years	24,493	+/-1,040	8.8%	+/-0.4
Nonfamily households	109,973	+/-1,731	39.6%	+/-0.5
Householder living alone	87,649	+/-1,721	31.6%	+/-0.5
65 years and over	16,540	+/-651	6.0%	+/-0.2
Households with one or more people under 18 years	93,368	+/-1,671	33.6%	+/-0.6
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	41,838	+/-723	15.1%	+/-0.3
Average household size	2.36	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.02	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
<b>Population in households</b>	<b>655,290</b>	<b>+/-1,167</b>	<b>655,290</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Householder	277,768	+/-1,819	42.4%	+/-0.3
Spouse	115,172	+/-1,767	17.6%	+/-0.3
Child	186,861	+/-2,011	28.5%	+/-0.3
Other relatives	36,735	+/-1,791	5.6%	+/-0.3
Nonrelatives	38,754	+/-1,757	5.9%	+/-0.3
Unmarried partner	16,103	+/-955	2.5%	+/-0.1
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
<b>Males 15 years and over</b>	<b>253,317</b>	<b>+/-1,057</b>	<b>253,317</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	95,151	+/-1,612	37.6%	+/-0.6
Now married, except separated	127,319	+/-1,725	50.3%	+/-0.7
Separated	6,198	+/-637	2.4%	+/-0.2
Widowed	4,587	+/-518	1.8%	+/-0.2
Divorced	20,062	+/-961	7.9%	+/-0.4
<b>Females 15 years and over</b>	<b>270,942</b>	<b>+/-991</b>	<b>270,942</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	90,635	+/-1,762	33.5%	+/-0.6
Now married, except separated	120,470	+/-1,890	44.5%	+/-0.7
Separated	9,238	+/-754	3.4%	+/-0.3
Widowed	20,197	+/-730	7.5%	+/-0.3
Divorced	30,402	+/-1,112	11.2%	+/-0.4

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<b>FERTILITY</b>				
<b>Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months</b>	<b>10,805</b>	<b>+/-772</b>	<b>10,805</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Unmarried (widowed, divorced, and never married)	3,529	+/-501	32.7%	+/-3.5
Per 1,000 unmarried women	35	+/-5	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	57	+/-4	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	45	+/-11	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	88	+/-8	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	30	+/-4	(X)	(X)
<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>				
<b>Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>11,818</b>	<b>+/-983</b>	<b>11,818</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Responsible for grandchildren	5,381	+/-551	45.5%	+/-3.8
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,002	+/-285	8.5%	+/-2.4
1 or 2 years	1,610	+/-346	13.6%	+/-2.9
3 or 4 years	735	+/-262	6.2%	+/-2.1
5 or more years	2,034	+/-376	17.2%	+/-3.1
<b>Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>5,381</b>	<b>+/-551</b>	<b>5,381</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Who are female	3,781	+/-390	70.3%	+/-3.8
Who are married	3,338	+/-498	62.0%	+/-5.3
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>181,439</b>	<b>+/-2,142</b>	<b>181,439</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Nursery school, preschool	14,871	+/-929	8.2%	+/-0.5
Kindergarten	10,877	+/-767	6.0%	+/-0.4
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	71,340	+/-1,257	39.3%	+/-0.7
High school (grades 9-12)	34,434	+/-749	19.0%	+/-0.5
College or graduate school	49,917	+/-1,638	27.5%	+/-0.7
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>432,508</b>	<b>+/-1,313</b>	<b>432,508</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than 9th grade	20,094	+/-1,408	4.6%	+/-0.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	31,524	+/-1,538	7.3%	+/-0.4
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	89,325	+/-2,263	20.7%	+/-0.5
Some college, no degree	86,428	+/-2,158	20.0%	+/-0.5
Associate's degree	32,897	+/-1,420	7.6%	+/-0.3
Bachelor's degree	117,421	+/-2,504	27.1%	+/-0.6
Graduate or professional degree	54,819	+/-1,647	12.7%	+/-0.4
Percent high school graduate or higher	88.1%	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	39.8%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b>	<b>497,290</b>	<b>+/-1,104</b>	<b>497,290</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Civilian veterans	42,745	+/-1,423	8.6%	+/-0.3
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>				
<b>Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>Under 18 years</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>18 to 64 years</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
<b>Population 1 year and over</b>	<b>658,218</b>	<b>+/-837</b>	<b>658,218</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Same house	502,807	+/-4,436	76.4%	+/-0.7
Different house in the U.S.	149,406	+/-4,359	22.7%	+/-0.7
Same county	93,862	+/-3,479	14.3%	+/-0.5

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Different county	55,544	+/-2,641	8.4%	+/-0.4
Same state	18,347	+/-1,819	2.8%	+/-0.3
Different state	37,197	+/-2,278	5.7%	+/-0.3
Abroad	6,005	+/-1,036	0.9%	+/-0.2
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>669,064</b>	<b>+/-120</b>	<b>669,064</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Native	578,109	+/-2,199	86.4%	+/-0.3
Born in United States	571,427	+/-2,208	85.4%	+/-0.3
State of residence	287,850	+/-3,687	43.0%	+/-0.5
Different state	283,577	+/-3,505	42.4%	+/-0.5
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	6,682	+/-705	1.0%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	90,955	+/-2,183	13.6%	+/-0.3
<b>U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>				
<b>Foreign-born population</b>	<b>90,955</b>	<b>+/-2,183</b>	<b>90,955</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Naturalized U.S. citizen	24,867	+/-1,243	27.3%	+/-1.5
Not a U.S. citizen	66,088	+/-2,518	72.7%	+/-1.5
<b>YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
<b>Population born outside the United States</b>	<b>97,637</b>	<b>+/-2,192</b>	<b>97,637</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Native</b>	<b>6,682</b>	<b>+/-705</b>	<b>6,682</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Entered 2000 or later	1,127	+/-353	16.9%	+/-4.6
Entered before 2000	5,555	+/-593	83.1%	+/-4.6
<b>Foreign born</b>	<b>90,955</b>	<b>+/-2,183</b>	<b>90,955</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Entered 2000 or later	39,737	+/-2,317	43.7%	+/-1.9
Entered before 2000	51,218	+/-1,543	56.3%	+/-1.9
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>				
<b>Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea</b>	<b>90,955</b>	<b>+/-2,183</b>	<b>90,955</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Europe	10,189	+/-982	11.2%	+/-1.0
Asia	23,665	+/-1,020	26.0%	+/-1.1
Africa	8,825	+/-1,189	9.7%	+/-1.2
Oceania	90	+/-60	0.1%	+/-0.1
Latin America	46,169	+/-1,504	50.8%	+/-1.4
Northern America	2,017	+/-441	2.2%	+/-0.5
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>				
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>614,064</b>	<b>+/-775</b>	<b>614,064</b>	<b>(X)</b>
English only	508,186	+/-2,678	82.8%	+/-0.4
Language other than English	105,878	+/-2,512	17.2%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	53,492	+/-1,892	8.7%	+/-0.3
Spanish	59,777	+/-1,520	9.7%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	35,715	+/-1,488	5.8%	+/-0.2
Other Indo-European languages	22,067	+/-1,793	3.6%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	7,107	+/-953	1.2%	+/-0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	17,186	+/-1,040	2.8%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	8,639	+/-756	1.4%	+/-0.1
Other languages	6,848	+/-1,024	1.1%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	2,031	+/-611	0.3%	+/-0.1
<b>ANCESTRY</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>669,064</b>	<b>+/-120</b>	<b>669,064</b>	<b>(X)</b>
American	30,566	+/-1,643	4.6%	+/-0.2
Arab	4,534	+/-1,002	0.7%	+/-0.1
Czech	1,723	+/-330	0.3%	+/-0.1
Danish	1,415	+/-287	0.2%	+/-0.1
Dutch	7,828	+/-790	1.2%	+/-0.1
English	59,970	+/-1,990	9.0%	+/-0.3
French (except Basque)	12,947	+/-1,028	1.9%	+/-0.2
French Canadian	2,661	+/-439	0.4%	+/-0.1
German	72,566	+/-2,149	10.8%	+/-0.3
Greek	4,429	+/-666	0.7%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	2,109	+/-423	0.3%	+/-0.1

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Irish	56,929	+/-2,176	8.5%	+/-0.3
Italian	29,041	+/-1,846	4.3%	+/-0.3
Lithuanian	923	+/-287	0.1%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	3,359	+/-465	0.5%	+/-0.1
Polish	12,249	+/-1,052	1.8%	+/-0.2
Portuguese	1,127	+/-397	0.2%	+/-0.1
Russian	5,940	+/-936	0.9%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	26,890	+/-1,570	4.0%	+/-0.2
Scottish	17,267	+/-1,179	2.6%	+/-0.2
Slovak	1,288	+/-289	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	11,562	+/-1,299	1.7%	+/-0.2
Swedish	4,079	+/-531	0.6%	+/-0.1
Swiss	1,711	+/-369	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	2,273	+/-663	0.3%	+/-0.1
Welsh	4,074	+/-643	0.6%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	3,712	+/-817	0.6%	+/-0.1

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 [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.
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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.
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