



## Mecklenburg County, 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](#).

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>352,540</b>	<b>+/-1,804</b>	<b>352,540</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Family households (families)	220,169	+/-2,022	62.5%	+/-0.5
With own children under 18 years	111,568	+/-1,701	31.6%	+/-0.5
Married-couple family	157,880	+/-1,958	44.8%	+/-0.5
With own children under 18 years	74,899	+/-1,538	21.2%	+/-0.4
Male householder, no wife present, family	15,845	+/-928	4.5%	+/-0.3
With own children under 18 years	7,409	+/-645	2.1%	+/-0.2
Female householder, no husband present, family	46,444	+/-1,443	13.2%	+/-0.4
With own children under 18 years	29,260	+/-1,069	8.3%	+/-0.3
Nonfamily households	132,371	+/-1,830	37.5%	+/-0.5
Householder living alone	105,777	+/-1,769	30.0%	+/-0.5
65 years and over	20,557	+/-668	5.8%	+/-0.2
Households with one or more people under 18 years	121,688	+/-1,927	34.5%	+/-0.5
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	53,378	+/-542	15.1%	+/-0.2
Average household size	2.40	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.03	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
<b>Population in households</b>	<b>845,424</b>	<b>+/-1,349</b>	<b>845,424</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Householder	352,540	+/-1,804	41.7%	+/-0.2
Spouse	157,731	+/-2,018	18.7%	+/-0.2
Child	246,032	+/-2,107	29.1%	+/-0.2
Other relatives	43,232	+/-2,031	5.1%	+/-0.2
Nonrelatives	45,889	+/-1,912	5.4%	+/-0.2
Unmarried partner	19,700	+/-1,036	2.3%	+/-0.1
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
<b>Males 15 years and over</b>	<b>324,653</b>	<b>+/-34</b>	<b>324,653</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	114,544	+/-1,653	35.3%	+/-0.5
Now married, except separated	171,937	+/-1,983	53.0%	+/-0.6
Separated	7,423	+/-654	2.3%	+/-0.2
Widowed	5,527	+/-555	1.7%	+/-0.2
Divorced	25,222	+/-1,093	7.8%	+/-0.3
<b>Females 15 years and over</b>	<b>346,366</b>	<b>+/-34</b>	<b>346,366</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	108,214	+/-1,812	31.2%	+/-0.5
Now married, except separated	164,319	+/-2,169	47.4%	+/-0.6
Separated	11,163	+/-872	3.2%	+/-0.3
Widowed	24,867	+/-740	7.2%	+/-0.2
Divorced	37,803	+/-1,417	10.9%	+/-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>13,260</b>	<b>+/-853</b>	<b>13,260</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	4,108	+/-516	31.0%	+/-3.0
Per 1,000 unmarried women	33	+/-4	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	55	+/-4	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	40	+/-9	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	90	+/-7	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	27	+/-3	(X)	(X)
<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>				
<b>Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>14,294</b>	<b>+/-1,055</b>	<b>14,294</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Responsible for grandchildren	6,618	+/-642	46.3%	+/-3.7
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,212	+/-296	8.5%	+/-2.1
1 or 2 years	1,858	+/-372	13.0%	+/-2.6
3 or 4 years	894	+/-294	6.3%	+/-2.0
5 or more years	2,654	+/-499	18.6%	+/-3.2
<b>Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>6,618</b>	<b>+/-642</b>	<b>6,618</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Who are female	4,451	+/-421	67.3%	+/-3.4
Who are married	4,383	+/-594	66.2%	+/-4.6
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>233,761</b>	<b>+/-2,147</b>	<b>233,761</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Nursery school, preschool	19,751	+/-1,125	8.4%	+/-0.5
Kindergarten	13,942	+/-864	6.0%	+/-0.4
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	95,221	+/-999	40.7%	+/-0.6
High school (grades 9-12)	44,845	+/-876	19.2%	+/-0.4
College or graduate school	60,002	+/-1,726	25.7%	+/-0.6
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>558,121</b>	<b>+/-94</b>	<b>558,121</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than 9th grade	23,056	+/-1,389	4.1%	+/-0.2
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	38,020	+/-1,764	6.8%	+/-0.3
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	114,448	+/-2,490	20.5%	+/-0.4
Some college, no degree	112,568	+/-2,338	20.2%	+/-0.4
Associate's degree	44,101	+/-1,630	7.9%	+/-0.3
Bachelor's degree	155,826	+/-2,877	27.9%	+/-0.5
Graduate or professional degree	70,102	+/-1,877	12.6%	+/-0.3
Percent high school graduate or higher	89.1%	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	40.5%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b>	<b>636,113</b>	<b>+/-182</b>	<b>636,113</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Civilian veterans	55,720	+/-1,474	8.8%	+/-0.2
<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>847,826</b>	<b>+/-822</b>	<b>847,826</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Same house	660,480	+/-4,698	77.9%	+/-0.6
Different house in the U.S.	180,603	+/-4,741	21.3%	+/-0.6
Same county	110,845	+/-3,888	13.1%	+/-0.5

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Different county	69,758	+/-3,133	8.2%	+/-0.4
Same state	23,447	+/-2,049	2.8%	+/-0.2
Different state	46,311	+/-2,648	5.5%	+/-0.3
Abroad	6,743	+/-1,040	0.8%	+/-0.1
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>861,189</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>861,189</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Native	752,711	+/-2,393	87.4%	+/-0.3
Born in United States	743,999	+/-2,352	86.4%	+/-0.3
State of residence	366,641	+/-4,338	42.6%	+/-0.5
Different state	377,358	+/-4,305	43.8%	+/-0.5
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	8,712	+/-758	1.0%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	108,478	+/-2,393	12.6%	+/-0.3
<b>U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>				
<b>Foreign-born population</b>	<b>108,478</b>	<b>+/-2,393</b>	<b>108,478</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Naturalized U.S. citizen	32,509	+/-1,523	30.0%	+/-1.4
Not a U.S. citizen	75,969	+/-2,491	70.0%	+/-1.4
<b>YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
<b>Population born outside the United States</b>	<b>117,190</b>	<b>+/-2,352</b>	<b>117,190</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Native</b>	<b>8,712</b>	<b>+/-758</b>	<b>8,712</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Entered 2000 or later	1,445	+/-380	16.6%	+/-4.0
Entered before 2000	7,267	+/-685	83.4%	+/-4.0
<b>Foreign born</b>	<b>108,478</b>	<b>+/-2,393</b>	<b>108,478</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Entered 2000 or later	45,417	+/-2,377	41.9%	+/-1.7
Entered before 2000	63,061	+/-1,920	58.1%	+/-1.7
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>				
<b>Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea</b>	<b>108,478</b>	<b>+/-2,393</b>	<b>108,478</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Europe	13,093	+/-1,095	12.1%	+/-0.9
Asia	28,347	+/-947	26.1%	+/-0.9
Africa	9,955	+/-1,283	9.2%	+/-1.1
Oceania	133	+/-67	0.1%	+/-0.1
Latin America	54,328	+/-1,408	50.1%	+/-1.1
Northern America	2,622	+/-481	2.4%	+/-0.4
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>				
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>791,013</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>791,013</b>	<b>(X)</b>
English only	664,104	+/-2,540	84.0%	+/-0.3
Language other than English	126,909	+/-2,540	16.0%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	61,803	+/-1,881	7.8%	+/-0.2
Spanish	71,352	+/-1,334	9.0%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	41,226	+/-1,450	5.2%	+/-0.2
Other Indo-European languages	27,463	+/-1,896	3.5%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	8,509	+/-1,050	1.1%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	20,352	+/-1,065	2.6%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	9,843	+/-855	1.2%	+/-0.1
Other languages	7,742	+/-1,110	1.0%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	2,225	+/-619	0.3%	+/-0.1
<b>ANCESTRY</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>861,189</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>861,189</b>	<b>(X)</b>
American	44,697	+/-2,303	5.2%	+/-0.3
Arab	5,929	+/-1,149	0.7%	+/-0.1
Czech	2,382	+/-397	0.3%	+/-0.1
Danish	2,019	+/-398	0.2%	+/-0.1
Dutch	10,956	+/-942	1.3%	+/-0.1
English	84,574	+/-2,391	9.8%	+/-0.3
French (except Basque)	17,514	+/-1,213	2.0%	+/-0.1
French Canadian	4,002	+/-561	0.5%	+/-0.1
German	105,552	+/-2,472	12.3%	+/-0.3
Greek	5,511	+/-759	0.6%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	3,276	+/-585	0.4%	+/-0.1

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Irish	80,438	+/-2,811	9.3%	+/-0.3
Italian	41,720	+/-2,238	4.8%	+/-0.3
Lithuanian	1,233	+/-312	0.1%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	4,644	+/-581	0.5%	+/-0.1
Polish	17,296	+/-1,228	2.0%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	1,514	+/-475	0.2%	+/-0.1
Russian	7,562	+/-971	0.9%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	37,777	+/-1,735	4.4%	+/-0.2
Scottish	24,085	+/-1,563	2.8%	+/-0.2
Slovak	1,791	+/-380	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	12,667	+/-1,367	1.5%	+/-0.2
Swedish	5,740	+/-630	0.7%	+/-0.1
Swiss	2,282	+/-423	0.3%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	3,364	+/-721	0.4%	+/-0.1
Welsh	6,662	+/-872	0.8%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	4,561	+/-929	0.5%	+/-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.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest 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.

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