



## Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

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

Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-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>375,147</b>	<b>+/-3,969</b>	<b>375,147</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Family households (families)	232,622	+/-5,571	62.0%	+/-1.4
With own children under 18 years	118,277	+/-4,603	31.5%	+/-1.2
Married-couple family	165,194	+/-5,200	44.0%	+/-1.4
With own children under 18 years	78,468	+/-3,869	20.9%	+/-1.0
Male householder, no wife present, family	17,452	+/-2,959	4.7%	+/-0.8
With own children under 18 years	7,744	+/-2,002	2.1%	+/-0.5
Female householder, no husband present, family	49,976	+/-3,302	13.3%	+/-0.9
With own children under 18 years	32,065	+/-2,608	8.5%	+/-0.7
Nonfamily households	142,525	+/-5,592	38.0%	+/-1.4
Householder living alone	114,652	+/-5,508	30.6%	+/-1.4
65 years and over	22,208	+/-1,818	5.9%	+/-0.5
Households with one or more people under 18 years	127,972	+/-4,801	34.1%	+/-1.2
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	56,941	+/-1,274	15.2%	+/-0.3
Average household size	2.39	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.04	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
<b>Population in households</b>	<b>897,814</b>	<b>+/-3,464</b>	<b>897,814</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Householder	375,147	+/-3,969	41.8%	+/-0.4
Spouse	165,048	+/-5,074	18.4%	+/-0.6
Child	263,125	+/-5,105	29.3%	+/-0.6
Other relatives	45,506	+/-5,296	5.1%	+/-0.6
Nonrelatives	48,988	+/-4,378	5.5%	+/-0.5
Unmarried partner	22,080	+/-2,476	2.5%	+/-0.3
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
<b>Males 15 years and over</b>	<b>344,255</b>	<b>+/-595</b>	<b>344,255</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	125,464	+/-4,316	36.4%	+/-1.2
Now married, except separated	178,572	+/-5,319	51.9%	+/-1.5
Separated	7,710	+/-1,729	2.2%	+/-0.5
Widowed	5,981	+/-1,245	1.7%	+/-0.4
Divorced	26,528	+/-2,932	7.7%	+/-0.9
<b>Females 15 years and over</b>	<b>367,445</b>	<b>+/-551</b>	<b>367,445</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	118,982	+/-4,085	32.4%	+/-1.1
Now married, except separated	170,872	+/-5,364	46.5%	+/-1.5
Separated	12,385	+/-1,921	3.4%	+/-0.5
Widowed	25,191	+/-1,866	6.9%	+/-0.5
Divorced	40,015	+/-3,170	10.9%	+/-0.9

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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>14,414</b>	<b>+/-1,916</b>	<b>14,414</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	4,951	+/-1,273	34.3%	+/-7.3
Per 1,000 unmarried women	37	+/-9	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	57	+/-8	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	36	+/-18	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	90	+/-14	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	32	+/-9	(X)	(X)
<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>				
<b>Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>13,299</b>	<b>+/-2,395</b>	<b>13,299</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Responsible for grandchildren	5,799	+/-1,449	43.6%	+/-8.4
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,552	+/-819	11.7%	+/-5.2
1 or 2 years	1,706	+/-720	12.8%	+/-5.0
3 or 4 years	441	+/-309	3.3%	+/-2.3
5 or more years	2,100	+/-886	15.8%	+/-6.9
<b>Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>5,799</b>	<b>+/-1,449</b>	<b>5,799</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Who are female	4,006	+/-995	69.1%	+/-6.6
Who are married	3,775	+/-1,221	65.1%	+/-11.1
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>252,134</b>	<b>+/-5,283</b>	<b>252,134</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Nursery school, preschool	20,419	+/-2,279	8.1%	+/-0.8
Kindergarten	14,630	+/-2,061	5.8%	+/-0.8
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	102,119	+/-2,821	40.5%	+/-1.4
High school (grades 9-12)	46,066	+/-2,695	18.3%	+/-1.1
College or graduate school	68,900	+/-4,895	27.3%	+/-1.5
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>591,190</b>	<b>+/-308</b>	<b>591,190</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than 9th grade	25,186	+/-3,228	4.3%	+/-0.5
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	39,014	+/-3,243	6.6%	+/-0.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	114,377	+/-5,813	19.3%	+/-1.0
Some college, no degree	127,317	+/-6,456	21.5%	+/-1.1
Associate's degree	49,474	+/-4,030	8.4%	+/-0.7
Bachelor's degree	161,681	+/-6,196	27.3%	+/-1.0
Graduate or professional degree	74,141	+/-4,746	12.5%	+/-0.8
Percent high school graduate or higher	89.1%	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	39.9%	+/-1.2	(X)	(X)
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b>	<b>675,366</b>	<b>+/-545</b>	<b>675,366</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Civilian veterans	58,155	+/-3,775	8.6%	+/-0.6
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>				
<b>Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population</b>	<b>908,095</b>	<b>+/-1,515</b>	<b>908,095</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	72,657	+/-4,461	8.0%	+/-0.5
<b>Under 18 years</b>	<b>237,428</b>	<b>+/-356</b>	<b>237,428</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	7,754	+/-1,840	3.3%	+/-0.8
<b>18 to 64 years</b>	<b>594,988</b>	<b>+/-1,250</b>	<b>594,988</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	37,875	+/-3,367	6.4%	+/-0.6
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>75,679</b>	<b>+/-952</b>	<b>75,679</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	27,028	+/-2,143	35.7%	+/-2.8
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
<b>Population 1 year and over</b>	<b>899,088</b>	<b>+/-1,953</b>	<b>899,088</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Same house	722,552	+/-10,380	80.4%	+/-1.2
Different house in the U.S.	171,052	+/-10,727	19.0%	+/-1.2
Same county	116,030	+/-9,155	12.9%	+/-1.0

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Different county	55,022	+/-6,207	6.1%	+/-0.7
Same state	19,728	+/-3,670	2.2%	+/-0.4
Different state	35,294	+/-5,168	3.9%	+/-0.6
Abroad	5,484	+/-1,794	0.6%	+/-0.2
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>913,639</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>913,639</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Native	795,778	+/-6,036	87.1%	+/-0.7
Born in United States	786,344	+/-6,288	86.1%	+/-0.7
State of residence	385,022	+/-9,001	42.1%	+/-1.0
Different state	401,322	+/-8,978	43.9%	+/-1.0
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	9,434	+/-1,826	1.0%	+/-0.2
Foreign born	117,861	+/-6,036	12.9%	+/-0.7
<b>U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>				
<b>Foreign-born population</b>	<b>117,861</b>	<b>+/-6,036</b>	<b>117,861</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Naturalized U.S. citizen	38,174	+/-3,373	32.4%	+/-2.5
Not a U.S. citizen	79,687	+/-5,355	67.6%	+/-2.5
<b>YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
<b>Population born outside the United States</b>	<b>127,295</b>	<b>+/-6,288</b>	<b>127,295</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Native</b>	<b>9,434</b>	<b>+/-1,826</b>	<b>9,434</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Entered 2000 or later	1,644	+/-958	17.4%	+/-8.7
Entered before 2000	7,790	+/-1,509	82.6%	+/-8.7
<b>Foreign born</b>	<b>117,861</b>	<b>+/-6,036</b>	<b>117,861</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Entered 2000 or later	54,508	+/-5,311	46.2%	+/-3.2
Entered before 2000	63,353	+/-4,043	53.8%	+/-3.2
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>				
<b>Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea</b>	<b>117,861</b>	<b>+/-6,036</b>	<b>117,861</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Europe	13,957	+/-2,577	11.8%	+/-2.0
Asia	31,316	+/-2,732	26.6%	+/-2.0
Africa	9,837	+/-2,946	8.3%	+/-2.3
Oceania	206	+/-201	0.2%	+/-0.2
Latin America	59,517	+/-3,626	50.5%	+/-2.6
Northern America	3,028	+/-968	2.6%	+/-0.8
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>				
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>839,203</b>	<b>+/-221</b>	<b>839,203</b>	<b>(X)</b>
English only	704,023	+/-6,118	83.9%	+/-0.7
Language other than English	135,180	+/-6,105	16.1%	+/-0.7
Speak English less than "very well"	60,276	+/-4,163	7.2%	+/-0.5
Spanish	75,793	+/-3,599	9.0%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	40,710	+/-3,355	4.9%	+/-0.4
Other Indo-European languages	29,692	+/-4,260	3.5%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	9,190	+/-2,609	1.1%	+/-0.3
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	19,490	+/-2,824	2.3%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	8,920	+/-2,023	1.1%	+/-0.2
Other languages	10,205	+/-2,967	1.2%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	1,456	+/-916	0.2%	+/-0.1
<b>ANCESTRY</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>913,639</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>913,639</b>	<b>(X)</b>
American	43,866	+/-4,726	4.8%	+/-0.5
Arab	8,947	+/-3,915	1.0%	+/-0.4
Czech	2,777	+/-843	0.3%	+/-0.1
Danish	3,403	+/-1,560	0.4%	+/-0.2
Dutch	9,879	+/-2,460	1.1%	+/-0.3
English	84,288	+/-5,455	9.2%	+/-0.6
French (except Basque)	16,521	+/-2,582	1.8%	+/-0.3
French Canadian	3,329	+/-1,201	0.4%	+/-0.1
German	115,600	+/-7,165	12.7%	+/-0.8
Greek	5,813	+/-1,701	0.6%	+/-0.2
Hungarian	3,362	+/-1,275	0.4%	+/-0.1

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Irish	85,691	+/-6,252	9.4%	+/-0.7
Italian	43,121	+/-4,034	4.7%	+/-0.4
Lithuanian	1,622	+/-702	0.2%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	4,682	+/-1,769	0.5%	+/-0.2
Polish	16,415	+/-2,941	1.8%	+/-0.3
Portuguese	2,214	+/-831	0.2%	+/-0.1
Russian	8,406	+/-2,301	0.9%	+/-0.3
Scotch-Irish	35,010	+/-4,018	3.8%	+/-0.4
Scottish	21,087	+/-3,517	2.3%	+/-0.4
Slovak	1,561	+/-743	0.2%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	11,767	+/-3,394	1.3%	+/-0.4
Swedish	5,940	+/-1,637	0.7%	+/-0.2
Swiss	1,731	+/-957	0.2%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	3,269	+/-1,416	0.4%	+/-0.2
Welsh	5,704	+/-1,760	0.6%	+/-0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	5,018	+/-1,713	0.5%	+/-0.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 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).
- Starting in 2008, the Scotch-Irish category does not include Irish-Scotch.
- The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, comparisons of disability data from 2008 or later with data from prior years are not recommended. For more information on these questions and their evaluation 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 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 '-l' 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 '-l' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+u' 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.

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