



## 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](#).

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<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>3,646,095</b>	<b>+/-15,663</b>	<b>3,646,095</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Family households (families)	2,430,277	+/-20,042	66.7%	+/-0.4
With own children under 18 years	1,083,501	+/-15,374	29.7%	+/-0.4
Married-couple family	1,791,515	+/-15,390	49.1%	+/-0.3
With own children under 18 years	712,126	+/-11,403	19.5%	+/-0.3
Male householder, no wife present, family	158,268	+/-8,016	4.3%	+/-0.2
With own children under 18 years	82,230	+/-6,105	2.3%	+/-0.2
Female householder, no husband present, family	480,494	+/-11,700	13.2%	+/-0.3
With own children under 18 years	289,145	+/-9,832	7.9%	+/-0.3
Nonfamily households	1,215,818	+/-14,776	33.3%	+/-0.4
Householder living alone	1,009,821	+/-13,690	27.7%	+/-0.4
65 years and over	318,699	+/-7,831	8.7%	+/-0.2
Households with one or more people under 18 years	1,203,617	+/-15,509	33.0%	+/-0.4
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	836,822	+/-5,575	23.0%	+/-0.2
Average household size	2.49	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.06	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
<b>Population in households</b>	<b>9,091,451</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>9,091,451</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Householder	3,646,095	+/-15,663	40.1%	+/-0.2
Spouse	1,790,337	+/-15,436	19.7%	+/-0.2
Child	2,680,218	+/-21,810	29.5%	+/-0.2
Other relatives	526,467	+/-16,922	5.8%	+/-0.2
Nonrelatives	448,334	+/-14,650	4.9%	+/-0.2
Unmarried partner	187,530	+/-7,178	2.1%	+/-0.1
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
<b>Males 15 years and over</b>	<b>3,605,882</b>	<b>+/-4,708</b>	<b>3,605,882</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	1,196,976	+/-15,558	33.2%	+/-0.4
Now married, except separated	1,907,048	+/-16,999	52.9%	+/-0.5
Separated	95,694	+/-6,089	2.7%	+/-0.2
Widowed	85,406	+/-4,032	2.4%	+/-0.1
Divorced	320,758	+/-9,137	8.9%	+/-0.3
<b>Females 15 years and over</b>	<b>3,872,186</b>	<b>+/-5,781</b>	<b>3,872,186</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	1,018,434	+/-15,189	26.3%	+/-0.4
Now married, except separated	1,891,012	+/-16,700	48.8%	+/-0.4
Separated	137,278	+/-6,339	3.5%	+/-0.2
Widowed	382,343	+/-7,339	9.9%	+/-0.2
Divorced	443,119	+/-9,291	11.4%	+/-0.2

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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>131,909</b>	<b>+/-6,511</b>	<b>131,909</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	50,099	+/-3,823	38.0%	+/-2.1
Per 1,000 unmarried women	42	+/-3	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	56	+/-3	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	31	+/-6	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	105	+/-6	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	22	+/-2	(X)	(X)
<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>				
<b>Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>186,007</b>	<b>+/-9,532</b>	<b>186,007</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Responsible for grandchildren	98,493	+/-6,401	53.0%	+/-2.2
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	21,545	+/-2,550	11.6%	+/-1.3
1 or 2 years	27,222	+/-3,221	14.6%	+/-1.7
3 or 4 years	14,285	+/-2,626	7.7%	+/-1.3
5 or more years	35,441	+/-3,825	19.1%	+/-1.7
<b>Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>98,493</b>	<b>+/-6,401</b>	<b>98,493</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Who are female	61,475	+/-3,943	62.4%	+/-1.9
Who are married	71,930	+/-6,281	73.0%	+/-3.0
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>2,480,531</b>	<b>+/-16,945</b>	<b>2,480,531</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Nursery school, preschool	151,104	+/-5,726	6.1%	+/-0.2
Kindergarten	126,156	+/-4,728	5.1%	+/-0.2
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	1,005,452	+/-8,177	40.5%	+/-0.4
High school (grades 9-12)	509,062	+/-9,874	20.5%	+/-0.4
College or graduate school	688,757	+/-13,056	27.8%	+/-0.4
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>6,150,247</b>	<b>+/-8,866</b>	<b>6,150,247</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than 9th grade	364,595	+/-11,046	5.9%	+/-0.2
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	599,129	+/-13,227	9.7%	+/-0.2
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,678,361	+/-18,428	27.3%	+/-0.3
Some college, no degree	1,350,850	+/-15,743	22.0%	+/-0.3
Associate's degree	524,739	+/-11,849	8.5%	+/-0.2
Bachelor's degree	1,091,506	+/-16,836	17.7%	+/-0.3
Graduate or professional degree	541,067	+/-11,821	8.8%	+/-0.2
Percent high school graduate or higher	84.3%	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	26.5%	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b>	<b>6,996,408</b>	<b>+/-4,859</b>	<b>6,996,408</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Civilian veterans	731,015	+/-11,395	10.4%	+/-0.2
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>				
<b>Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population</b>	<b>9,149,289</b>	<b>+/-4,363</b>	<b>9,149,289</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	1,186,846	+/-16,355	13.0%	+/-0.2
<b>Under 18 years</b>	<b>2,271,175</b>	<b>+/-2,863</b>	<b>2,271,175</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	96,816	+/-5,366	4.3%	+/-0.2
<b>18 to 64 years</b>	<b>5,738,729</b>	<b>+/-6,561</b>	<b>5,738,729</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	645,821	+/-12,320	11.3%	+/-0.2
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>1,139,385</b>	<b>+/-3,310</b>	<b>1,139,385</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	444,209	+/-7,527	39.0%	+/-0.6
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
<b>Population 1 year and over</b>	<b>9,256,232</b>	<b>+/-5,729</b>	<b>9,256,232</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Same house	7,801,006	+/-29,922	84.3%	+/-0.3
Different house in the U.S.	1,403,122	+/-28,399	15.2%	+/-0.3
Same county	806,007	+/-21,445	8.7%	+/-0.2

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Different county	597,115	+/-19,423	6.5%	+/-0.2
Same state	315,440	+/-14,308	3.4%	+/-0.2
Different state	281,675	+/-13,236	3.0%	+/-0.1
Abroad	52,104	+/-6,125	0.6%	+/-0.1
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>9,380,884</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>9,380,884</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Native	8,715,614	+/-13,794	92.9%	+/-0.1
Born in United States	8,615,012	+/-15,291	91.8%	+/-0.2
State of residence	5,456,567	+/-33,681	58.2%	+/-0.4
Different state	3,158,445	+/-34,865	33.7%	+/-0.4
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	100,602	+/-6,137	1.1%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	665,270	+/-13,794	7.1%	+/-0.1
<b>U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>				
<b>Foreign-born population</b>	<b>665,270</b>	<b>+/-13,794</b>	<b>665,270</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Naturalized U.S. citizen	203,760	+/-8,162	30.6%	+/-1.1
Not a U.S. citizen	461,510	+/-12,963	69.4%	+/-1.1
<b>YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
<b>Population born outside the United States</b>	<b>765,872</b>	<b>+/-15,291</b>	<b>765,872</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Native</b>	<b>100,602</b>	<b>+/-6,137</b>	<b>100,602</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Entered 2000 or later	24,909	+/-3,736	24.8%	+/-3.0
Entered before 2000	75,693	+/-4,867	75.2%	+/-3.0
<b>Foreign born</b>	<b>665,270</b>	<b>+/-13,794</b>	<b>665,270</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Entered 2000 or later	294,174	+/-13,721	44.2%	+/-1.6
Entered before 2000	371,096	+/-10,873	55.8%	+/-1.6
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>				
<b>Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea</b>	<b>665,270</b>	<b>+/-13,794</b>	<b>665,270</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Europe	77,661	+/-4,921	11.7%	+/-0.7
Asia	147,358	+/-6,775	22.2%	+/-0.8
Africa	37,723	+/-5,405	5.7%	+/-0.8
Oceania	3,138	+/-972	0.5%	+/-0.1
Latin America	381,445	+/-9,209	57.3%	+/-1.0
Northern America	17,945	+/-2,551	2.7%	+/-0.4
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>				
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>8,726,819</b>	<b>+/-3,339</b>	<b>8,726,819</b>	<b>(X)</b>
English only	7,847,684	+/-15,111	89.9%	+/-0.2
Language other than English	879,135	+/-14,761	10.1%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	397,100	+/-10,144	4.6%	+/-0.1
Spanish	576,170	+/-9,462	6.6%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	302,263	+/-8,563	3.5%	+/-0.1
Other Indo-European languages	146,227	+/-8,535	1.7%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	35,610	+/-4,113	0.4%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	115,577	+/-5,508	1.3%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	48,369	+/-4,588	0.6%	+/-0.1
Other languages	41,161	+/-5,771	0.5%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	10,858	+/-2,551	0.1%	+/-0.1
<b>ANCESTRY</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>9,380,884</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>9,380,884</b>	<b>(X)</b>
American	1,042,577	+/-24,423	11.1%	+/-0.3
Arab	35,408	+/-6,412	0.4%	+/-0.1
Czech	19,246	+/-2,763	0.2%	+/-0.1
Danish	15,238	+/-2,780	0.2%	+/-0.1
Dutch	116,667	+/-7,518	1.2%	+/-0.1
English	998,589	+/-21,284	10.6%	+/-0.2
French (except Basque)	164,492	+/-9,306	1.8%	+/-0.1
French Canadian	32,872	+/-3,155	0.4%	+/-0.1
German	1,136,149	+/-18,389	12.1%	+/-0.2
Greek	28,333	+/-3,461	0.3%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	22,877	+/-3,382	0.2%	+/-0.1

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Irish	912,599	+/-22,836	9.7%	+/-0.2
Italian	310,718	+/-12,034	3.3%	+/-0.1
Lithuanian	10,194	+/-2,201	0.1%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	47,136	+/-3,916	0.5%	+/-0.1
Polish	140,238	+/-7,584	1.5%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	13,946	+/-2,583	0.1%	+/-0.1
Russian	43,545	+/-4,522	0.5%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	298,728	+/-12,330	3.2%	+/-0.1
Scottish	241,525	+/-10,864	2.6%	+/-0.1
Slovak	10,807	+/-2,003	0.1%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	81,135	+/-7,569	0.9%	+/-0.1
Swedish	55,589	+/-5,002	0.6%	+/-0.1
Swiss	15,298	+/-2,349	0.2%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	16,914	+/-3,464	0.2%	+/-0.1
Welsh	56,610	+/-5,737	0.6%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	34,700	+/-4,942	0.4%	+/-0.1

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 '-' 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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