

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2005-2009
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DATA SUMMARY FOR MASSACHUSETTS

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-) on Number	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-) on Percent
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	2,465,654	5001	(X)	(X)
Family households (families)	1,574,530	6071	63.9%	0.2
With own children under 18 years	735,493	4942	29.8%	0.2
Married-couple family	1,182,848	7446	48.0%	0.2
With own children under 18 years	524,961	5522	21.3%	0.2
Male householder, no wife present, family	98,630	2502	4.0%	0.1
With own children under 18 years	43,436	1685	1.8%	0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	293,052	3971	11.9%	0.2
With own children under 18 years	167,096	2785	6.8%	0.1
Nonfamily households	891,124	4443	36.1%	0.2
Householder living alone	717,991	4357	29.1%	0.2
65 years and over	258,724	3857	10.5%	0.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	793,335	4659	32.2%	0.2
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	604,491	2803	24.5%	0.1
Average household size	3	0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3	0.01	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	6,267,197	*****	(X)	(X)
Householder	2,465,654	5001	39.3%	0.1
Spouse	1,182,418	7296	18.9%	0.1
Child	1,888,106	5650	30.1%	0.1
Other relatives	340,194	6088	5.4%	0.1
Nonrelatives	390,825	7218	6.2%	0.1
Unmarried partner	144,350	2412	2.3%	0.1

MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	2,553,193	450	(X)	(X)
Never married	963,300	5693	37.7%	0.2
Now married, except separated	1,287,023	7104	50.4%	0.3
Separated	40,294	1722	1.6%	0.1
Widowed	67,389	1393	2.6%	0.1
Divorced	195,187	3157	7.6%	0.1

Females 15 years and over	2,771,769	400	(X)	(X)
Never married	888,277	5418	32.0%	0.2
Now married, except separated	1,259,195	6746	45.4%	0.2
Separated	63,029	2062	2.3%	0.1
Widowed	272,711	2362	9.8%	0.1
Divorced	288,557	4009	10.4%	0.1

FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	78,226	1848	(X)	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	22,419	1183	28.7%	1.3
Per 1,000 unmarried women	24	1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	46	1	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	14	2	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	80	2	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	29	1	(X)	(X)

GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	107,254	2782	(X)	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	30,182	1739	28.1%	1.4
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	7,289	917	6.8%	0.8
1 or 2 years	6,849	685	6.4%	0.6
3 or 4 years	4,657	563	4.3%	0.5
5 or more years	11,387	905	10.6%	0.8

Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	30,182	1739	(X)	(X)
Who are female	18,968	1065	62.8%	1.5
Who are married	21,504	1468	71.2%	2.1

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	1,730,089	5944	(X)	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	117,565	2442	6.8%	0.1
Kindergarten	80,190	2190	4.6%	0.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	639,584	2727	37.0%	0.2
High school (grades 9-12)	352,773	2323	20.4%	0.1
College or graduate school	539,977	4639	31.2%	0.2

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	4,416,135	731	(X)	(X)
Less than 9th grade	217,790	3578	4.9%	0.1
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	296,592	3864	6.7%	0.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,200,061	9024	27.2%	0.2
Some college, no degree	698,933	5557	15.8%	0.1
Associate's degree	334,486	3523	7.6%	0.1
Bachelor's degree	957,797	6242	21.7%	0.1
Graduate or professional degree	710,476	6240	16.1%	0.1

Percent high school graduate or higher	88.4%	0.1	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	37.8%	0.2	(X)	(X)

VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	5,054,608	687	(X)	(X)
Civilian veterans	440,732	3586	8.7%	0.1

RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	6,436,497	1621	(X)	(X)
Same house	5,546,582	12169	86.2%	0.2
Different house in the U.S.	834,351	11865	13.0%	0.2
Same county	508,827	9405	7.9%	0.1
Different county	325,524	6780	5.1%	0.1
Same state	182,287	4970	2.8%	0.1
Different state	143,237	4356	2.2%	0.1
Abroad	55,564	2899	0.9%	0.1

PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	6,511,176	*****	(X)	(X)
Native	5,590,862	7502	85.9%	0.1
Born in United States	5,440,584	7871	83.6%	0.1
State of residence	4,156,168	10507	63.8%	0.2
Different state	1,284,416	8272	19.7%	0.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	150,278	3062	2.3%	0.1
Foreign born	920,314	7502	14.1%	0.1

U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	920,314	7502	(X)	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	436,048	4631	47.4%	0.5
Not a U.S. citizen	484,266	7658	52.6%	0.5

YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	1,070,592	7871	(X)	(X)

Native	150,278	3062	(X)	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	31,166	2088	20.7%	1.1
Entered before 2000	119,112	2260	79.3%	1.1

Foreign born	920,314	7502	(X)	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	275,603	6870	29.9%	0.6
Entered before 2000	644,711	6455	70.1%	0.6

WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	920,282	7506	(X)	(X)
Europe	241,750	4766	26.3%	0.5
Asia	250,116	3057	27.2%	0.3
Africa	70,182	3153	7.6%	0.3
Oceania	2,953	436	0.3%	0.1
Latin America	321,268	6106	34.9%	0.5
Northern America	34,013	1415	3.7%	0.2

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	6,125,623	267	(X)	(X)
English only	4,877,834	8784	79.6%	0.1
Language other than English	1,247,789	8821	20.4%	0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	523,499	6284	8.5%	0.1
Spanish	431,636	3256	7.0%	0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	192,416	3203	3.1%	0.1
Other Indo-European languages	549,594	7813	9.0%	0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	209,075	4985	3.4%	0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	206,028	3300	3.4%	0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	102,151	2616	1.7%	0.1
Other languages	60,531	3093	1.0%	0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	19,857	1587	0.3%	0.1

ANCESTRY				
Total population	6,511,176	*****	(X)	(X)
American	222,364	5283	3.4%	0.1
Arab	63,097	3371	1.0%	0.1
Czech	14,515	1042	0.2%	0.1
Danish	16,757	1174	0.3%	0.1
Dutch	48,053	1783	0.7%	0.1
English	776,089	6943	11.9%	0.1
French (except Basque)	562,440	7697	8.6%	0.1
French Canadian	277,285	5077	4.3%	0.1
German	440,049	5762	6.8%	0.1
Greek	87,547	3462	1.3%	0.1
Hungarian	21,663	1300	0.3%	0.1
Irish	1,541,660	8737	23.7%	0.1
Italian	919,291	9340	14.1%	0.1
Lithuanian	55,097	1953	0.8%	0.1
Norwegian	34,508	1790	0.5%	0.1
Polish	345,259	5540	5.3%	0.1
Portuguese	320,172	5440	4.9%	0.1
Russian	120,334	2850	1.8%	0.1
Scotch-Irish	126,648	3228	1.9%	0.1
Scottish	178,680	3601	2.7%	0.1

Slovak	7,876	858	0.1%	0.1
Subsaharan African	101,776	4229	1.6%	0.1
Swedish	127,701	3205	2.0%	0.1
Swiss	12,390	894	0.2%	0.1
Ukrainian	23,997	1437	0.4%	0.1
Welsh	27,695	1388	0.4%	0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	101,917	3366	1.6%	0.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey

See Notes for all explanations