



# 2009 American Community Survey Fairfax County Summary

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## Using and Understanding the American Community Survey Data<sup>1</sup>

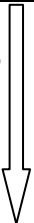
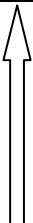
The American Community Survey (ACS) is a very different product from the decennial census despite some similarities. The subject areas covered by ACS are similar to those on the decennial census “long-form” survey and both the ACS and census “long-form” survey are samples. The “long-form” census survey was retired following the 2000 decennial census and the ACS products will replace the information previously provided by the decennial census “long-form” survey.

The most important difference between the decennial census “long-form” survey and the ACS is that the decennial census provided a single-day snapshot of the U.S. population whereas the ACS is a collection of information every day across a broader time period – one, three or five years. Because ACS data are collected continuously, they are not comparable with data collected from the decennial census. The ACS estimates describe characteristics over a period of time not for a specific point in time. However, the ACS data are not an average; they are pooled data for the time period. Data between the one, three and five-year data sets of the ACS should not be mixed together because the estimates from these different data sets also are not comparable because they reflect different time periods. Any data element that changes over time will show a different estimate depending on the ACS data set used. Dollar-value estimates in multi-year ACS products are inflation adjusted to the most recent year for the period.

Data in the one-year ACS data sets are more current than those in the three-year data sets and the three-year data sets are more current than the five-year data sets. Generally, users should use the most current ACS data set that supports the smallest level of geography being analyzed. Table 1 shows the population thresholds for geographies contained in each of the ACS data products.

Because there are fewer observations in the one-year data set than the multi-year data sets, the one-year data tends to have a wider margin of error<sup>2</sup> (MOE) than the multi-year data for the same geography. The ACS products are complex and cover a broad range of geographic areas. Because these data sets are not point-in-time snapshots, they tend to be more difficult to understand and interpret. Below is a list of key points that ACS data users should keep in mind when using the ACS products.

Table 1

ACS Data Product	Population Threshold	Reliability Increasing	Currency Increasing
One-year estimates	65,000+		
Three-year estimates	20,000+		
Five-year estimates	Census block groups+		

<sup>1</sup> The information in this summary is taken directly from the U.S. Census Bureau’s *A Compass for Understanding and Using American Community Survey Data: What General Data Users Need to Know*, issued October 2008 and materials presented to the MWCOG Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee on January 11, 2011.

<sup>2</sup> A margin of error (MOE) is the difference between an estimate and its upper or lower confidence bounds. Confidence bounds can be created by adding the MOE to the estimate (for the upper bound) and subtracting the MOE from the estimate (for the lower bound). All published ACS margins of error are based on a 90 percent confidence level.

- Use caution in comparing ACS data with data from the decennial census or other sources. Every survey uses different methods, which affects the comparability of the numbers.
- The ACS was designed to provide estimates of the *characteristics* of the population, not to provide counts of the population in different geographic or population subgroups.
- Be careful in drawing conclusions about small differences between two estimates because they may not be statistically different.
- Data users need to be careful not to interpret annual fluctuations in the data as long-term trends.
- Users of ACS data should check the margin of error associated with the estimates they are using to determine if they are acceptable. This is particularly true with the five-year data because all five-year data are published by Census regardless of the associated margin of error. Reliability can be improved by aggregating data to larger geographies or subpopulations.
- Use caution in comparing data from earlier years to later years. When comparing ACS estimates across time, be aware of factors that may affect comparability. These factors include changes in geography, questionnaire changes, and population control changes. Methodological changes have occurred and the data may be affected by these methodological changes not true changes in the population characteristics. For example, in 2006 the ACS began including samples of the population living in group quarters (dormitories, nursing homes and other institutions). In addition, how population controls have been applied to the ACS data have changed over time affecting the estimates produced.
- When comparing ACS estimates across time, only compare *non-overlapping* time periods. For example, do not compare the 2005-2007 estimates to the 2006-2008 estimates because the time periods are overlapping. It is acceptable to compare 2005-2007 estimates to 2008-2010 estimates. Data users should not rely on overlapping confidence intervals as a test for statistical significance because this method will not always provide an accurate result.
- Data users should not interpret or refer to three-year or five-year period estimates as estimates of the middle year, an average, or last year in the series. For example, a 2005-2007 estimate is not a “2006” average or a “2007” estimate. It is a 2005-2007 estimate and should be sourced as such.

For more information on the ACS, visit the ACS/PRCS website at <http://www.census.gov/acs/www>.

ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates: 2009  
Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates  
Survey: American Community Survey  
Geographic Area: Fairfax County, Virginia

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For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
SEX AND AGE				
Total population	1,037,605	*****	1,037,605	(X)
Male	514,853	482	49.6%	0.1
Female	522,752	482	50.4%	0.1
Under 5 years	76,496	205	7.4%	0.1
5 to 9 years	68,542	2,877	6.6%	0.3
10 to 14 years	71,157	2,893	6.9%	0.3
15 to 19 years	66,890	831	6.4%	0.1
20 to 24 years	65,140	840	6.3%	0.1
25 to 34 years	138,535	305	13.4%	0.1
35 to 44 years	156,783	613	15.1%	0.1
45 to 54 years	167,174	343	16.1%	0.1
55 to 59 years	70,754	3,020	6.8%	0.3
60 to 64 years	54,834	2,995	5.3%	0.3
65 to 74 years	59,390	375	5.7%	0.1
75 to 84 years	29,799	1,617	2.9%	0.2
85 years and over	12,111	1,591	1.2%	0.2
Median age (years)	37.3	0.2	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	779,876	207	75.2%	0.1
21 years and over	744,698	1,702	71.8%	0.2
62 years and over	134,111	2,203	12.9%	0.2
65 years and over	101,300	160	9.8%	0.1
18 years and over	779,876	207	779,876	(X)
Male	383,128	442	49.1%	0.1
Female	396,748	395	50.9%	0.1
65 years and over	101,300	160	101,300	(X)
Male	47,266	153	46.7%	0.1
Female	54,034	108	53.3%	0.1
RACE				
Total population	1,037,605	*****	1,037,605	(X)
One race	1,004,134	4,901	96.8%	0.5
Two or more races	33,471	4,901	3.2%	0.5
One race	1,004,134	4,901	96.8%	0.5
White	687,267	7,751	66.2%	0.7
Black or African American	96,127	2,671	9.3%	0.3
American Indian and Alaska Native	5,451	2,757	0.5%	0.3
Cherokee tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Chippewa tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Navajo tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Sioux tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Asian	170,850	2,545	16.5%	0.2
Asian Indian	40,007	4,698	3.9%	0.5
Chinese	26,220	4,034	2.5%	0.4
Filipino	13,402	3,450	1.3%	0.3
Japanese	3,664	1,749	0.4%	0.2
Korean	34,440	5,182	3.3%	0.5
Vietnamese	27,525	5,221	2.7%	0.5
Other Asian	25,592	4,776	2.5%	0.5
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,448	211	0.1%	0.1

ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
Native Hawaiian	N	N	N	N
Guamanian or Chamorro	N	N	N	N
Samoan	N	N	N	N
Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N
Some other race	42,991	6,903	4.1%	0.7
Two or more races	33,471	4,901	3.2%	0.5
White and Black or African American	6,311	1,958	0.6%	0.2
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	1,677	548	0.2%	0.1
White and Asian	10,678	1,971	1.0%	0.2
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native	1,471	960	0.1%	0.1
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races				
Total population	1,037,605	*****	1,037,605	(X)
White	713,753	7,527	68.8%	0.7
Black or African American	108,194	2,515	10.4%	0.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	11,295	3,585	1.1%	0.3
Asian	186,038	1,604	17.9%	0.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3,374	1,322	0.3%	0.1
Some other race	51,151	7,322	4.9%	0.7
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE				
Total population	1,037,605	*****	1,037,605	(X)
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	157,096	*****	15.1%	*****
Mexican	16,237	3,882	1.6%	0.4
Puerto Rican	10,044	2,283	1.0%	0.2
Cuban	3,237	1,545	0.3%	0.1
Other Hispanic or Latino	127,578	5,015	12.3%	0.5
Not Hispanic or Latino	880,509	*****	84.9%	*****
White alone	585,632	1,899	56.4%	0.2
Black or African American alone	93,538	2,347	9.0%	0.2
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1,831	456	0.2%	0.1
Asian alone	170,314	2,573	16.4%	0.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1,448	211	0.1%	0.1
Some other race alone	4,297	1,510	0.4%	0.1
Two or more races	23,449	3,651	2.3%	0.4
Two races including Some other race	2,307	1,699	0.2%	0.2
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	21,142	3,408	2.0%	0.3
Total housing units				
	393,822	1,314	(X)	(X)

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 [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/documentation\\_main/Accuracy\\_of\\_the\\_Data](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/documentation_main/Accuracy_of_the_Data)). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

•For more information on understanding race and Hispanic origin data, please see the Census 2000 Brief entitled, <http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/c2kbr01-1.pdf> Overview of Race and Hispanic Origin, issued March 2001. (pdf format)  
•The ACS questions on Hispanic origin and race were revised in 2008 to make them consistent with the Census 2010 question wording. Any changes in estimates for 2008 and beyond may be due to demographic changes, as well as factors including questionnaire changes, differences in



ACS population controls, and methodological differences in the population estimates, and therefore should be used with caution. For a summary of questionnaire changes see [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/methodology/questionnaire\\_changes/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/methodology/questionnaire_changes/). For more information about changes in the estimates see <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/hispanic/reports.html>.

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.
4. An '+' 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.

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2009  
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HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	371,129	2,704	371,129	(X)
Family households (families)	260,241	4,836	70.1%	1.3
With own children under 18 years	124,614	3,741	33.6%	1.0
Married-couple family	220,063	4,584	59.3%	1.2
With own children under 18 years	105,435	3,764	28.4%	1.0
Male householder, no wife present, family	11,854	1,879	3.2%	0.5
With own children under 18 years	4,833	1,360	1.3%	0.4
Female householder, no husband present, family	28,324	2,656	7.6%	0.7
With own children under 18 years	14,346	1,841	3.9%	0.5
Nonfamily households	110,888	4,916	29.9%	1.3
Householder living alone	86,362	4,592	23.3%	1.2
65 years and over	22,930	1,840	6.2%	0.5
Households with one or more people under 18 years	132,127	3,885	35.6%	1.0
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	73,084	1,810	19.7%	0.5
Average household size	2.77	0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.32	0.04	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	1,027,948	2,735	1,027,948	(X)
Householder	371,129	2,704	36.1%	0.3
Spouse	220,021	4,612	21.4%	0.4
Child	321,550	5,296	31.3%	0.5
Other relatives	62,081	5,077	6.0%	0.5
Nonrelatives	53,167	4,830	5.2%	0.5
Unmarried partner	13,202	1,892	1.3%	0.2
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	404,438	480	404,438	(X)
Never married	131,054	5,165	32.4%	1.3
Now married, except separated	241,139	5,526	59.6%	1.4
Separated	5,941	1,285	1.5%	0.3
Widowed	4,836	1,009	1.2%	0.2
Divorced	21,468	2,145	5.3%	0.5
Females 15 years and over	416,972	445	416,972	(X)
Never married	113,612	4,149	27.2%	1.0
Now married, except separated	234,741	5,229	56.3%	1.2
Separated	6,662	1,200	1.6%	0.3
Widowed	25,188	2,070	6.0%	0.5
Divorced	36,769	2,856	8.8%	0.7

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
<b>FERTILITY</b>				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	14,494	1,753	14,494	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	2,455	1,120	16.9%	6.8
Per 1,000 unmarried women	21	9	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	55	7	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	10	13	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	92	14	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	38	9	(X)	(X)
<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	15,586	2,369	15,586	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	4,912	1,656	31.5%	8.1
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	640	561	4.1%	3.5
1 or 2 years	519	434	3.3%	2.7
3 or 4 years	1,527	1,000	9.8%	5.9
5 or more years	2,226	1,153	14.3%	6.6
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	4,912	1,656	4,912	(X)
Who are female	3,047	1,100	62.0%	8.0
Who are married	3,564	1,497	72.6%	13.6
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	288,174	5,907	288,174	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	20,829	2,352	7.2%	0.7
Kindergarten	15,109	1,879	5.2%	0.7
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	110,239	2,171	38.3%	1.0
High school (grades 9-12)	56,793	2,536	19.7%	0.9
College or graduate school	85,204	4,839	29.6%	1.2
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
Population 25 years and over	689,380	318	689,380	(X)
Less than 9th grade	27,861	3,646	4.0%	0.5
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	28,475	3,909	4.1%	0.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	90,715	5,410	13.2%	0.8
Some college, no degree	107,046	5,318	15.5%	0.8
Associate's degree	34,667	3,092	5.0%	0.4
Bachelor's degree	207,235	7,027	30.1%	1.0
Graduate or professional degree	193,381	6,243	28.1%	0.9
Percent high school graduate or higher	91.8%	0.7	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	58.1%	1.0	(X)	(X)
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
Civilian population 18 years and over	766,992	2,067	766,992	(X)



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Civilian veterans	83,354	3,739	10.9%	0.5
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	1,022,225	2,343	1,022,225	(X)
With a disability	67,858	4,113	6.6%	0.4
Under 18 years	257,729	207	257,729	(X)
With a disability	5,557	1,337	2.2%	0.5
18 to 64 years	664,645	2,100	664,645	(X)
With a disability	34,134	3,607	5.1%	0.5
65 years and over	99,851	924	99,851	(X)
With a disability	28,167	1,785	28.2%	1.7
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	1,023,691	1,866	1,023,691	(X)
Same house	873,238	8,972	85.3%	0.9
Different house in the U.S.	135,782	9,379	13.3%	0.9
Same county	67,652	7,383	6.6%	0.7
Different county	68,130	6,206	6.7%	0.6
Same state	27,006	4,050	2.6%	0.4
Different state	41,124	5,041	4.0%	0.5
Abroad	14,671	2,940	1.4%	0.3
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	1,037,605	*****	1,037,605	(X)
Native	750,916	7,971	72.4%	0.8
Born in United States	725,029	8,060	69.9%	0.8
State of residence	271,407	8,019	26.2%	0.8
Different state	453,622	9,177	43.7%	0.9
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	25,887	2,778	2.5%	0.3
Foreign born	286,689	7,971	27.6%	0.8
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	286,689	7,971	286,689	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	137,400	6,108	47.9%	2.1
Not a U.S. citizen	149,289	8,110	52.1%	2.1
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	312,576	8,060	312,576	(X)
Native	25,887	2,778	25,887	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	4,882	1,518	18.9%	5.1
Entered before 2000	21,005	2,407	81.1%	5.1
Foreign born	286,689	7,971	286,689	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	106,911	8,144	37.3%	2.3
Entered before 2000	179,778	6,878	62.7%	2.3
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	286,689	7,971	286,689	(X)
Europe	20,532	2,580	7.2%	0.9
Asia	146,356	4,881	51.1%	1.5
Africa	24,109	4,787	8.4%	1.6
Oceania	464	330	0.2%	0.1
Latin America	91,684	4,487	32.0%	1.4
Northern America	3,544	1,376	1.2%	0.5

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	961,109	205	961,109	(X)
English only	624,556	8,425	65.0%	0.9
Language other than English	336,553	8,456	35.0%	0.9
Speak English less than "very well"	138,220	6,653	14.4%	0.7
Spanish	128,384	4,861	13.4%	0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	61,326	4,577	6.4%	0.5
Other Indo-European languages	72,825	7,043	7.6%	0.7
Speak English less than "very well"	17,723	3,368	1.8%	0.4
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	108,931	5,853	11.3%	0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	52,403	4,910	5.5%	0.5
Other languages	26,413	4,239	2.7%	0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	6,768	1,454	0.7%	0.2
ANCESTRY				
Total population	1,037,605	*****	1,037,605	(X)
American	36,025	3,578	3.5%	0.3
Arab	19,084	3,782	1.8%	0.4
Czech	5,136	1,161	0.5%	0.1
Danish	4,661	1,417	0.4%	0.1
Dutch	13,772	2,019	1.3%	0.2
English	106,424	6,228	10.3%	0.6
French (except Basque)	27,045	3,027	2.6%	0.3
French Canadian	4,947	1,430	0.5%	0.1
German	133,527	7,221	12.9%	0.7
Greek	8,483	2,039	0.8%	0.2
Hungarian	5,329	1,537	0.5%	0.1
Irish	120,031	6,533	11.6%	0.6
Italian	61,204	5,048	5.9%	0.5
Lithuanian	2,953	834	0.3%	0.1
Norwegian	9,458	2,106	0.9%	0.2
Polish	28,396	2,969	2.7%	0.3
Portuguese	2,336	736	0.2%	0.1
Russian	13,668	2,359	1.3%	0.2
Scotch-Irish	14,792	2,256	1.4%	0.2
Scottish	27,915	3,111	2.7%	0.3
Slovak	4,315	1,315	0.4%	0.1
Subsaharan African	29,868	5,670	2.9%	0.5
Swedish	10,636	1,897	1.0%	0.2
Swiss	4,043	1,352	0.4%	0.1
Ukrainian	4,462	1,297	0.4%	0.1
Welsh	8,719	1,850	0.8%	0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	5,619	2,573	0.5%	0.2

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

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·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.

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Selected Economic Characteristics: 2009  
Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates  
Survey: American Community Survey  
Geographic Area: Fairfax County, Virginia

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<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>				
Population 16 years and over	808,027	1,581	808,027	(X)
In labor force	602,452	4,870	74.6%	0.6
Civilian labor force	589,568	5,209	73.0%	0.7
Employed	556,080	5,399	68.8%	0.7
Unemployed	33,488	3,417	4.1%	0.4
Armed Forces	12,884	2,003	1.6%	0.2
Not in labor force	205,575	5,291	25.4%	0.6
Civilian labor force	589,568	5,209	589,568	(X)
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	0.6	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over	409,580	1,175	409,580	(X)
In labor force	276,633	4,098	67.5%	1.0
Civilian labor force	273,959	4,201	66.9%	1.0
Employed	257,176	4,598	62.8%	1.1
Own children under 6 years	89,065	1,999	89,065	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	56,478	4,026	63.4%	4.2
Own children 6 to 17 years	163,183	2,116	163,183	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	113,998	4,898	69.9%	2.8
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>				
Workers 16 years and over	556,333	5,897	556,333	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	402,932	7,455	72.4%	1.1
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	58,615	4,321	10.5%	0.8
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	55,274	5,122	9.9%	0.9
Walked	9,906	2,082	1.8%	0.4
Other means	6,229	1,258	1.1%	0.2
Worked at home	23,377	2,393	4.2%	0.4
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	31.4	0.5	(X)	(X)
<b>OCCUPATION</b>				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	556,080	5,399	556,080	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	316,438	6,936	56.9%	1.1
Service occupations	72,630	4,233	13.1%	0.8
Sales and office occupations	109,237	5,830	19.6%	1.0
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	298	222	0.1%	0.1

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Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	34,355	3,618	6.2%	0.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	23,122	3,110	4.2%	0.6
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	556,080	5,399	556,080	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1,294	601	0.2%	0.1
Construction	31,427	3,446	5.7%	0.6
Manufacturing	17,703	1,975	3.2%	0.4
Wholesale trade	7,887	1,692	1.4%	0.3
Retail trade	47,569	4,052	8.6%	0.7
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	17,227	2,389	3.1%	0.4
Information	20,168	2,777	3.6%	0.5
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	39,425	3,257	7.1%	0.6
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	135,097	5,433	24.3%	0.9
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	93,809	4,633	16.9%	0.8
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	44,736	3,956	8.0%	0.7
Other services, except public administration	32,450	3,004	5.8%	0.5
Public administration	67,288	4,669	12.1%	0.8
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	556,080	5,399	556,080	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	404,568	6,934	72.8%	1.0
Government workers	121,178	5,915	21.8%	1.0
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	29,573	2,332	5.3%	0.4
Unpaid family workers	761	564	0.1%	0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	371,129	2,704	371,129	(X)
Less than \$10,000	9,212	1,390	2.5%	0.4
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5,890	1,383	1.6%	0.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	13,053	1,800	3.5%	0.5
\$25,000 to \$34,999	15,537	2,161	4.2%	0.6
\$35,000 to \$49,999	27,476	3,216	7.4%	0.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	55,638	3,285	15.0%	0.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	52,384	3,461	14.1%	0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	79,135	3,670	21.3%	1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	49,422	3,230	13.3%	0.9
\$200,000 or more	63,382	2,998	17.1%	0.8
Median household income (dollars)	102,499	1,701	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	130,124	2,154	(X)	(X)
With earnings	332,752	3,674	89.7%	0.6
Mean earnings (dollars)	123,378	2,272	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	66,267	2,398	17.9%	0.7

Selected Economic Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	16,621	620	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	76,450	2,977	20.6%	0.8
Mean retirement income (dollars)	40,013	1,419	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	5,188	1,061	1.4%	0.3
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	6,403	922	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	3,808	1,077	1.0%	0.3
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,471	1,025	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	11,092	1,955	3.0%	0.5
Families	260,241	4,836	260,241	(X)
Less than \$10,000	4,136	1,021	1.6%	0.4
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,572	956	1.0%	0.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	7,699	1,620	3.0%	0.6
\$25,000 to \$34,999	9,805	1,914	3.8%	0.7
\$35,000 to \$49,999	15,277	2,385	5.9%	0.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	30,399	2,990	11.7%	1.1
\$75,000 to \$99,999	32,025	2,963	12.3%	1.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999	58,806	3,140	22.6%	1.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	41,952	2,980	16.1%	1.2
\$200,000 or more	57,570	2,736	22.1%	1.0
Median family income (dollars)	122,651	3,271	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	148,121	3,159	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	47,103	816	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	110,888	4,916	110,888	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	69,799	3,125	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	83,994	3,100	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	48,782	964	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	79,136	1,791	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	59,474	1,302	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	1,022,225	2,343	1,022,225	(X)
With health insurance coverage	913,620	7,760	89.4%	0.7
With private health insurance coverage	853,939	10,129	83.5%	1.0
With public health coverage	155,060	7,399	15.2%	0.7
No health insurance coverage	108,605	7,438	10.6%	0.7
Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population Under 18 years	257,729	207	257,729	(X)
No health insurance coverage	16,513	3,019	6.4%	1.2



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PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	3.5%	0.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	4.9%	0.9	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	4.4%	2.2	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	2.2%	0.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	3.1%	0.9	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	2.7%	2.0	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	12.2%	3.0	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	16.4%	4.9	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	20.6%	12.7	(X)	(X)
All people	5.6%	0.7	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	6.8%	1.4	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	6.6%	1.4	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	8.1%	2.3	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	6.0%	1.4	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	5.2%	0.6	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	5.3%	0.7	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	4.6%	1.2	(X)	(X)
People in families	4.2%	0.8	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	13.0%	1.7	(X)	(X)

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- Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2000.
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- Selected earnings and income data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with group quarters data collection and imputation. See the [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/user\\_notes/ACS\\_User\\_Notes](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/user_notes/ACS_User_Notes) for details.
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Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates  
Survey: American Community Survey  
Geographic Area: Fairfax County, Virginia

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<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>				
Total housing units	393,822	1,314	393,822	(X)
Occupied housing units	371,129	2,704	94.2%	0.7
Vacant housing units	22,693	2,887	5.8%	0.7
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.0	0.4	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	6.6	1.7	(X)	(X)
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>				
Total housing units	393,822	1,314	393,822	(X)
1-unit, detached	195,498	3,946	49.6%	1.0
1-unit, attached	89,041	3,520	22.6%	0.9
2 units	1,333	504	0.3%	0.1
3 or 4 units	5,618	1,429	1.4%	0.4
5 to 9 units	18,309	2,510	4.6%	0.6
10 to 19 units	36,651	3,334	9.3%	0.8
20 or more units	45,317	2,548	11.5%	0.6
Mobile home	2,016	695	0.5%	0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	39	65	0.0%	0.1
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>				
Total housing units	393,822	1,314	393,822	(X)
Built 2005 or later	15,810	1,552	4.0%	0.4
Built 2000 to 2004	29,050	3,114	7.4%	0.8
Built 1990 to 1999	61,631	3,681	15.6%	0.9
Built 1980 to 1989	93,895	3,605	23.8%	0.9
Built 1970 to 1979	84,696	3,895	21.5%	1.0
Built 1960 to 1969	53,487	3,418	13.6%	0.9
Built 1950 to 1959	39,028	2,388	9.9%	0.6
Built 1940 to 1949	10,593	1,505	2.7%	0.4
Built 1939 or earlier	5,632	1,189	1.4%	0.3
<b>ROOMS</b>				
Total housing units	393,822	1,314	393,822	(X)
1 room	2,037	873	0.5%	0.2
2 rooms	8,370	1,385	2.1%	0.4
3 rooms	35,062	3,109	8.9%	0.8
4 rooms	44,588	3,418	11.3%	0.9
5 rooms	42,562	2,815	10.8%	0.7
6 rooms	51,473	3,043	13.1%	0.8
7 rooms	48,775	3,108	12.4%	0.8
8 rooms	49,471	3,175	12.6%	0.8
9 rooms or more	111,484	3,474	28.3%	0.9
Median rooms	6.8	0.2	(X)	(X)
<b>BEDROOMS</b>				
Total housing units	393,822	1,314	393,822	(X)
No bedroom	2,558	890	0.6%	0.2
1 bedroom	40,266	3,381	10.2%	0.9
2 bedrooms	76,934	4,077	19.5%	1.0
3 bedrooms	116,192	4,498	29.5%	1.2
4 bedrooms	108,994	3,455	27.7%	0.9
5 or more bedrooms	48,878	2,890	12.4%	0.7
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>				
Occupied housing units	371,129	2,704	371,129	(X)
Owner-occupied	266,291	3,924	71.8%	1.1
Renter-occupied	104,838	4,217	28.2%	1.1

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.82	0.03	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.65	0.08	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	371,129	2,704	371,129	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	148,185	4,543	39.9%	1.1
Moved in 2000 to 2004	79,639	3,689	21.5%	1.0
Moved in 1990 to 1999	76,345	3,193	20.6%	0.8
Moved in 1980 to 1989	37,922	2,427	10.2%	0.7
Moved in 1970 to 1979	19,662	1,915	5.3%	0.5
Moved in 1969 or earlier	9,376	1,184	2.5%	0.3
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	371,129	2,704	371,129	(X)
No vehicles available	13,893	1,681	3.7%	0.5
1 vehicle available	108,371	4,840	29.2%	1.2
2 vehicles available	157,703	4,893	42.5%	1.3
3 or more vehicles available	91,162	3,827	24.6%	1.1
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	371,129	2,704	371,129	(X)
Utility gas	217,171	4,451	58.5%	1.2
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	4,770	1,134	1.3%	0.3
Electricity	137,758	4,657	37.1%	1.2
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	9,906	1,305	2.7%	0.3
Coal or coke	62	100	0.0%	0.1
Wood	1,101	590	0.3%	0.2
Solar energy	0	287	0.0%	0.1
Other fuel	156	153	0.0%	0.1
No fuel used	205	197	0.1%	0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	371,129	2,704	371,129	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	2,737	1,147	0.7%	0.3
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	3,099	1,165	0.8%	0.3
No telephone service available	2,959	945	0.8%	0.3
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	371,129	2,704	371,129	(X)
1.00 or less	361,484	3,049	97.4%	0.4
1.01 to 1.50	7,385	1,437	2.0%	0.4
1.51 or more	2,260	822	0.6%	0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	266,291	3,924	266,291	(X)
Less than \$50,000	2,039	545	0.8%	0.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,925	908	1.1%	0.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4,619	1,137	1.7%	0.4
\$150,000 to \$199,999	7,427	1,194	2.8%	0.4
\$200,000 to \$299,999	35,295	2,566	13.3%	1.0
\$300,000 to \$499,999	94,609	3,526	35.5%	1.2
\$500,000 to \$999,999	102,111	3,294	38.3%	1.1
\$1,000,000 or more	17,266	1,679	6.5%	0.6
Median (dollars)	470,400	6,100	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	266,291	3,924	266,291	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	219,960	4,053	82.6%	1.1
Housing units without a mortgage	46,331	2,976	17.4%	1.1

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)</b>				
Housing units with a mortgage	219,960	4,053	219,960	(X)
Less than \$300	0	287	0.0%	0.1
\$300 to \$499	577	247	0.3%	0.1
\$500 to \$699	2,312	862	1.1%	0.4
\$700 to \$999	5,190	1,103	2.4%	0.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	20,864	1,755	9.5%	0.7
\$1,500 to \$1,999	38,012	3,120	17.3%	1.4
\$2,000 or more	153,005	3,933	69.6%	1.4
Median (dollars)	2,508	42	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	46,331	2,976	46,331	(X)
Less than \$100	510	273	1.1%	0.6
\$100 to \$199	586	506	1.3%	1.1
\$200 to \$299	1,483	586	3.2%	1.3
\$300 to \$399	1,731	538	3.7%	1.1
\$400 or more	42,021	2,955	90.7%	1.9
Median (dollars)	708	19	(X)	(X)
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)</b>				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	219,266	4,105	219,266	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	82,026	3,109	37.4%	1.2
20.0 to 24.9 percent	38,283	2,761	17.5%	1.2
25.0 to 29.9 percent	26,767	2,463	12.2%	1.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	17,931	2,032	8.2%	0.9
35.0 percent or more	54,259	2,894	24.7%	1.3
Not computed	694	557	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	45,921	2,964	45,921	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	24,096	2,135	52.5%	3.1
10.0 to 14.9 percent	8,667	1,288	18.9%	2.5
15.0 to 19.9 percent	4,240	1,036	9.2%	2.2
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,817	837	6.1%	1.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,144	502	2.5%	1.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,118	432	2.4%	0.9
35.0 percent or more	3,839	1,033	8.4%	2.2
Not computed	410	237	(X)	(X)
<b>GROSS RENT</b>				
Occupied units paying rent	102,252	4,301	102,252	(X)
Less than \$200	986	418	1.0%	0.4
\$200 to \$299	880	532	0.9%	0.5
\$300 to \$499	1,033	439	1.0%	0.4
\$500 to \$749	2,807	983	2.7%	1.0
\$750 to \$999	4,510	1,158	4.4%	1.1
\$1,000 to \$1,499	37,940	3,145	37.1%	2.7
\$1,500 or more	54,096	3,819	52.9%	2.9
Median (dollars)	1,544	41	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	2,586	761	(X)	(X)
<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)</b>				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	101,213	4,284	101,213	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	9,747	1,610	9.6%	1.5
15.0 to 19.9 percent	12,629	2,046	12.5%	1.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	17,295	2,022	17.1%	2.0

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
25.0 to 29.9 percent	13,588	2,178	13.4%	2.0
30.0 to 34.9 percent	10,784	1,687	10.7%	1.6
35.0 percent or more	37,170	2,616	36.7%	2.4
Not computed	3,625	1,000	(X)	(X)

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 [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/documentation\\_main/Accuracy\\_of\\_the\\_Data](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/documentation_main/Accuracy_of_the_Data)). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

- Caution should be used when comparing data for Number of Rooms between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Number of Bedrooms between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "0 bedrooms" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- The 2009 plumbing data for Puerto Rico will not be shown. Research indicates that the questions on plumbing facilities that were introduced in 2008 in the stateside American Community Survey and the 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey may not have been appropriate for Puerto Rico.
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Telephone Service Availability between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "no" category and underreporting those who did not have telephone service available. For more information please see [Errata Note #53](#).
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Occupants per Room between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- In prior years, the universe included all owner-occupied units with a mortgage. It is now restricted to include only those units where SMOCAPI is computed, that is, SMOC and household income are valid values.
- In prior years, the universe included all owner-occupied units without a mortgage. It is now restricted to include only those units where SMOCAPI is computed, that is, SMOC and household income are valid values.
- In prior years, the universe included all renter-occupied units. It is now restricted to include only those units where GRAP1 is computed, that is, gross rent and household Income are valid values.
- The median gross rent excludes no cash renters.
- 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.
4. An '+' 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.