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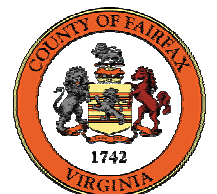
Using and Understanding the American Community Survey Data[1]

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[2] (MOE) than the multi-year data for the same geography. The ACS products are complex and cover a broad

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+		

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.

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[1] 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.
[2] 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: 2008
Data Set: 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
Geographic Area: Fairfax County, Virginia

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ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
SEX AND AGE				
Total population	**1,015,302**	*****	**1,015,302**	**(X)**
Male	502,270	220	49.5%	0.1
Female	513,032	220	50.5%	0.1
Under 5 years	70,491	166	6.9%	0.1
5 to 9 years	64,486	2,997	6.4%	0.3
10 to 14 years	68,843	3,014	6.8%	0.3
15 to 19 years	67,609	836	6.7%	0.1
20 to 24 years	62,557	846	6.2%	0.1
25 to 34 years	107,719	219	10.6%	0.1
35 to 44 years	157,134	314	15.5%	0.1
45 to 54 years	174,248	286	17.2%	0.1
55 to 59 years	77,327	3,436	7.6%	0.3
60 to 64 years	64,676	3,439	6.4%	0.3
65 to 74 years	63,440	502	6.2%	0.1
75 to 84 years	27,979	1,254	2.8%	0.1
85 years and over	8,793	1,107	0.9%	0.1
Median age (years)	39.7	0.2	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	768,671	*****	75.7%	*****
21 years and over	731,670	2,076	72.1%	0.2
62 years and over	133,197	2,555	13.1%	0.3
65 years and over	100,212	120	9.9%	0.1
18 years and over	**768,671**	*****	**768,671**	**(X)**
Male	376,025	132	48.9%	0.1
Female	392,646	132	51.1%	0.1
65 years and over	**100,212**	**120**	**100,212**	**(X)**
Male	46,271	71	46.2%	0.1
Female	53,941	109	53.8%	0.1
RACE				
Total population	**1,015,302**	*****	**1,015,302**	**(X)**
One race	983,767	4,070	96.9%	0.4
Two or more races	31,535	4,070	3.1%	0.4
One race	983,767	4,070	96.9%	0.4
White	677,625	7,207	66.7%	0.7
Black or African American	96,036	2,477	9.5%	0.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	3,979	1,877	0.4%	0.2
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	160,559	3,075	15.8%	0.3
Asian Indian	31,917	4,580	3.1%	0.5

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Chinese	23,297	4,242	2.3%	0.4
Filipino	13,369	2,756	1.3%	0.3
Japanese	5,558	1,886	0.5%	0.2
Korean	34,763	5,466	3.4%	0.5
Vietnamese	27,278	4,481	2.7%	0.4
Other Asian	24,377	4,599	2.4%	0.5
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	183	227	0.0%	0.1
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	45,385	7,311	4.5%	0.7
Two or more races	31,535	4,070	3.1%	0.4
White and Black or African American	4,853	1,476	0.5%	0.1
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	2,408	665	0.2%	0.1
White and Asian	13,343	2,629	1.3%	0.3
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native	593	405	0.1%	0.1
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races				
Total population	**1,015,302**	*****	**1,015,302**	**(X)**
White	705,766	7,271	69.5%	0.7
Black or African American	104,850	2,541	10.3%	0.3
American Indian and Alaska Native	9,216	2,368	0.9%	0.2
Asian	177,924	1,022	17.5%	0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	653	395	0.1%	0.1
Some other race	51,814	7,523	5.1%	0.7
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE				
Total population	**1,015,302**	*****	**1,015,302**	**(X)**
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	143,159	*****	14.1%	*****
Mexican	16,890	4,010	1.7%	0.4
Puerto Rican	6,952	2,341	0.7%	0.2
Cuban	3,433	1,692	0.3%	0.2
Other Hispanic or Latino	115,884	4,407	11.4%	0.4
Not Hispanic or Latino	872,143	*****	85.9%	*****
White alone	590,645	1,267	58.2%	0.1
Black or African American alone	93,034	1,882	9.2%	0.2
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1,211	419	0.1%	0.1
Asian alone	159,863	2,963	15.7%	0.3
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	60	98	0.0%	0.1
Some other race alone	3,026	1,228	0.3%	0.1
Two or more races	24,304	3,631	2.4%	0.4
Two races including Some other race	1,582	810	0.2%	0.1
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	22,722	3,381	2.2%	0.3
Total housing units	**393,365**	**1,030**	**(X)**	**(X)**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 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 nonsampling variability, see 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, Overview of Race and Hispanic Origin, issued March 2001. (pdf format)

·The 2008 questions on Hispanic origin and race were changed from 2007 in order to make the ACS consistent with Census 2010 question wording. For a summary of questionnaire changes see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/ACS%20Mail%20Questionnaire%20(2008).pdf. The change in estimates from 2007 to 2008 may be due to several factors including questionnaire changes, population controls, methodological changes, and therefore should be used with caution. For more information about changes in the estimates see http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/hispanic/reports.html.

·While the 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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. The 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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 PRCS 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: 2008
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HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	**371,414**	**3,463**	**371,414**	**(X)**
Family households (families)	261,120	4,764	70.3%	1.2
With own children under 18 years	124,824	3,794	33.6%	1
Married-couple family	214,836	5,550	57.8%	1.4
With own children under 18 years	102,893	3,889	27.7%	1
Male householder, no wife present, family	14,006	2,298	3.8%	0.6
With own children under 18 years	4,793	1,232	1.3%	0.3
Female householder, no husband present, family	32,278	2,920	8.7%	0.8
With own children under 18 years	17,138	2,112	4.6%	0.6
Nonfamily households	110,294	4,587	29.7%	1.2
Householder living alone	91,450	4,172	24.6%	1.1
65 years and over	21,521	1,800	5.8%	0.5
Households with one or more people under 18 years	132,869	4,337	35.8%	1.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	72,687	2,158	19.6%	0.6
Average household size	2.71	0.03	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.25	0.04	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	**1,008,055**	**2,793**	**1,008,055**	**(X)**
Householder	371,414	3,463	36.8%	0.3
Spouse	214,681	5,588	21.3%	0.6
Child	308,864	5,554	30.6%	0.5
Other relatives	62,827	5,974	6.2%	0.6
Nonrelatives	50,269	5,638	5.0%	0.6
Unmarried partner	10,304	2,126	1.0%	0.2
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	**397,913**	**151**	**397,913**	**(X)**
Never married	124,618	3,735	31.3%	0.9
Now married, except separated	238,701	5,054	60.0%	1.3
Separated	5,637	1,596	1.4%	0.4
Widowed	5,611	984	1.4%	0.2
Divorced	23,346	2,654	5.9%	0.7
Females 15 years and over	**413,569**	**132**	**413,569**	**(X)**
Never married	109,742	3,926	26.5%	0.9
Now married, except separated	230,049	5,892	55.6%	1.4
Separated	9,361	1,852	2.3%	0.4
Widowed	23,088	1,933	5.6%	0.5
Divorced	41,329	2,841	10.0%	0.7
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	**11,961**	**1,581**	**11,961**	**(X)**
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,972	901	16.5%	7
Per 1,000 unmarried women	17	8	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	47	6	(X)	(X)

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Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	20	17	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	93	17	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	27	6	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	**18,777**	**2,500**	**18,777**	**(X)**
Responsible for grandchildren	4,932	1,829	26.3%	8.4
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,142	621	6.1%	3.2
1 or 2 years	1,533	1,151	8.2%	5.7
3 or 4 years	1,047	1,073	5.6%	5.6
5 or more years	1,210	858	6.4%	4.6
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	**4,932**	**1,829**	**4,932**	**(X)**
Who are female	2,978	1,033	60.4%	5.3
Who are married	4,394	1,777	89.1%	7.1
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	**277,131**	**5,158**	**277,131**	**(X)**
Nursery school, preschool	19,802	2,049	7.1%	0.7
Kindergarten	13,966	1,695	5.0%	0.6
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	106,449	2,437	38.4%	1.1
High school (grades 9-12)	59,249	2,248	21.4%	0.8
College or graduate school	77,665	4,538	28.0%	1.2
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	**681,316**	**226**	**681,316**	**(X)**
Less than 9th grade	33,444	3,878	4.9%	0.6
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	24,816	2,857	3.6%	0.4
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	85,442	4,349	12.5%	0.6
Some college, no degree	104,176	4,792	15.3%	0.7
Associate's degree	34,517	3,207	5.1%	0.5
Bachelor's degree	209,414	5,453	30.7%	0.8
Graduate or professional degree	189,507	5,779	27.8%	0.8
Percent high school graduate or higher	91.4%	0.7	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	58.6%	0.9	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	**757,710**	**1,718**	**757,710**	**(X)**
Civilian veterans	83,867	3,741	11.1%	0.5
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	**1,001,115**	**2,238**	**1,001,115**	**(X)**
With a disability	65,511	4,108	6.5%	0.4
Under 18 years	**246,433**	**346**	**246,433**	**(X)**
With a disability	6,656	1,573	2.7%	0.6
18 to 64 years	**656,251**	**1,709**	**656,251**	**(X)**
With a disability	31,623	3,002	4.8%	0.5
65 years and over	**98,431**	**1,011**	**98,431**	**(X)**
With a disability	27,232	1,958	27.7%	1.9

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RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	**1,001,233**	**1,749**	**1,001,233**	**(X)**
Same house	865,837	9,810	86.5%	1
Different house in the U.S.	121,751	9,221	12.2%	0.9
Same county	59,461	8,050	5.9%	0.8
Different county	62,290	6,415	6.2%	0.6
Same state	28,544	4,565	2.9%	0.5
Different state	33,746	4,354	3.4%	0.4
Abroad	13,645	3,033	1.4%	0.3
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	**1,015,302**	*****	**1,015,302**	**(X)**
Native	729,954	8,870	71.9%	0.9
Born in United States	703,861	9,046	69.3%	0.9
State of residence	253,100	8,616	24.9%	0.8
Different state	450,761	10,545	44.4%	1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	26,093	2,441	2.6%	0.2
Foreign born	285,348	8,870	28.1%	0.9
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	**285,348**	**8,870**	**285,348**	**(X)**
Naturalized U.S. citizen	142,060	6,696	49.8%	2.3
Not a U.S. citizen	143,288	8,897	50.2%	2.3
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	**311,441**	**9,046**	**311,441**	**(X)**
Native	**26,093**	**2,441**	**26,093**	**(X)**
Entered 2000 or later	5,874	1,742	22.5%	5.7
Entered before 2000	20,219	2,013	77.5%	5.7
Foreign born	**285,348**	**8,870**	**285,348**	**(X)**
Entered 2000 or later	85,551	8,001	30.0%	2.3
Entered before 2000	199,797	6,656	70.0%	2.3
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	**285,348**	**8,870**	**285,348**	**(X)**
Europe	23,666	3,137	8.3%	1
Asia	147,666	4,999	51.7%	1.1
Africa	27,726	4,280	9.7%	1.4
Oceania	667	580	0.2%	0.2
Latin America	83,192	3,374	29.2%	1.1
Northern America	2,431	902	0.9%	0.3
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	**944,811**	**166**	**944,811**	**(X)**
English only	615,171	11,471	65.1%	1.2
Language other than English	329,640	11,454	34.9%	1.2
Speak English less than "very well"	137,744	7,132	14.6%	0.8
Spanish	115,889	4,444	12.3%	0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	55,825	4,032	5.9%	0.4
Other Indo-European languages	73,809	7,830	7.8%	0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	18,983	2,852	2.0%	0.3
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	103,810	6,581	11.0%	0.7
Speak English less than "very well"	50,704	4,459	5.4%	0.5
Other languages	36,132	6,153	3.8%	0.7
Speak English less than "very well"	12,232	2,715	1.3%	0.3

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ANCESTRY				
Total population	**1,015,302**	*****	**1,015,302**	**(X)**
American	29,031	3,534	2.9%	0.3
Arab	22,919	4,873	2.3%	0.5
Czech	4,539	1,244	0.4%	0.1
Danish	3,470	1,032	0.3%	0.1
Dutch	8,508	1,787	0.8%	0.2
English	117,852	6,362	11.6%	0.6
French (except Basque)	20,888	2,748	2.1%	0.3
French Canadian	4,848	1,190	0.5%	0.1
German	139,542	7,389	13.7%	0.7
Greek	6,288	1,658	0.6%	0.2
Hungarian	6,729	1,892	0.7%	0.2
Irish	119,616	8,084	11.8%	0.8
Italian	52,721	5,392	5.2%	0.5
Lithuanian	4,538	1,221	0.4%	0.1
Norwegian	10,673	3,293	1.1%	0.3
Polish	33,896	3,989	3.3%	0.4
Portuguese	2,064	799	0.2%	0.1
Russian	14,179	2,191	1.4%	0.2
Scotch-Irish	16,763	2,170	1.7%	0.2
Scottish	27,584	4,422	2.7%	0.4
Slovak	4,937	1,748	0.5%	0.2
Subsaharan African	40,402	5,083	4.0%	0.5
Swedish	10,486	1,833	1.0%	0.2
Swiss	3,226	1,252	0.3%	0.1
Ukrainian	4,842	1,414	0.5%	0.1
Welsh	8,597	1,583	0.8%	0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	2,365	848	0.2%	0.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey

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·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.

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Selected Economic Characteristics: 2008
Data Set: 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
Geographic Area: Fairfax County, Virginia

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Selected Economic Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	**798,345**	**1,291**	**798,345**	**(X)**
In labor force	589,623	4,597	73.9%	0.6
Civilian labor force	578,662	4,483	72.5%	0.6
Employed	557,311	4,874	69.8%	0.6
Unemployed	21,351	2,554	2.7%	0.3
Armed Forces	10,961	1,719	1.4%	0.2
Not in labor force	208,722	4,691	26.1%	0.6
Civilian labor force	**578,662**	**4,483**	**578,662**	**(X)**
Percent Unemployed	3.7%	0.4	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over	**407,648**	**842**	**407,648**	**(X)**
In labor force	272,104	3,414	66.7%	0.9
Civilian labor force	269,873	3,340	66.2%	0.8
Employed	260,503	3,669	63.9%	0.9
Own children under 6 years	**81,032**	**2,323**	**81,032**	**(X)**
All parents in family in labor force	51,199	2,666	63.2%	3.5
Own children 6 to 17 years	**157,451**	**2,385**	**157,451**	**(X)**
All parents in family in labor force	110,436	4,587	70.1%	2.8
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	**556,152**	**5,005**	**556,152**	**(X)**
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	400,582	6,951	72.0%	1.1
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	61,345	4,756	11.0%	0.8
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	48,222	4,046	8.7%	0.7
Walked	9,919	1,998	1.8%	0.4
Other means	6,515	1,481	1.2%	0.3
Worked at home	29,569	2,741	5.3%	0.5
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	30.5	0.5	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	**557,311**	**4,874**	**557,311**	**(X)**
Management, professional, and related occupations	307,728	6,427	55.2%	1.1
Service occupations	73,321	4,926	13.2%	0.9
Sales and office occupations	115,244	4,956	20.7%	0.8
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	311	390	0.1%	0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	33,493	3,423	6.0%	0.6
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	27,214	2,926	4.9%	0.5
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	**557,311**	**4,874**	**557,311**	**(X)**
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1,278	717	0.2%	0.1
Construction	32,920	3,545	5.9%	0.6
Manufacturing	17,189	2,493	3.1%	0.4
Wholesale trade	6,759	1,761	1.2%	0.3
Retail trade	47,276	4,418	8.5%	0.8

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Selected Economic Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	20,272	3,171	3.6%	0.6
Information	21,485	2,478	3.9%	0.4
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	37,954	3,219	6.8%	0.6
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	136,957	6,447	24.6%	1.1
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	87,125	4,170	15.6%	0.8
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	42,859	3,653	7.7%	0.6
Other services, except public administration	35,882	2,955	6.4%	0.5
Public administration	69,355	4,538	12.4%	0.8
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	**557,311**	**4,874**	**557,311**	**(X)**
Private wage and salary workers	403,469	7,732	72.4%	1.2
Government workers	119,664	5,269	21.5%	0.9
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	33,444	3,378	6.0%	0.6
Unpaid family workers	734	447	0.1%	0.1
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE STATUS BY AGE FOR THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Persons:	**1,001,115**	**2,238**	**1,001,115**	**(X)**
Under 18 years:	246,433	346		(X)
With health insurance coverage	229,331	3,743	93.1%	(X)
Without health insurance coverage	17,102	3,721	6.9%	(X)
18 to 64 years:	656,251	1,709		(X)
With health insurance coverage	568,192	6,222	86.6%	(X)
Without health insurance coverage	88,059	6,000	13.4%	(X)
65 years or over:	98,431	1,011		(X)
With health insurance coverage	95,504	1,327	97.0%	(X)
Without health insurance coverage	2,927	875	3.0%	(X)
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	**371,414**	**3,463**	**371,414**	**(X)**
Less than $10,000	7,987	1,327	2.2%	0.4
$10,000 to $14,999	4,681	1,283	1.3%	0.3
$15,000 to $24,999	13,693	1,854	3.7%	0.5
$25,000 to $34,999	14,918	2,160	4.0%	0.6
$35,000 to $49,999	29,438	2,933	7.9%	0.8
$50,000 to $74,999	51,531	2,877	13.9%	0.8
$75,000 to $99,999	47,406	3,291	12.8%	0.9
$100,000 to $149,999	83,630	3,679	22.5%	1
$150,000 to $199,999	50,968	2,928	13.7%	0.8
$200,000 or more	67,162	3,381	18.1%	0.9
Median household income (dollars)	107,448	1,952	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	134,774	2,852	(X)	(X)
With earnings	334,106	3,953	90.0%	0.6
Mean earnings (dollars)	126,349	2,916	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	64,079	2,655	17.3%	0.7
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,638	522	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	78,908	2,836	21.2%	0.8
Mean retirement income (dollars)	42,150	1,601	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	5,621	1,032	1.5%	0.3
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,544	641	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	2,990	831	0.8%	0.2
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,955	852	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	7,374	1,559	2.0%	0.4

Selected Economic Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
Families	**261,120**	**4,764**	**261,120**	**(X)**
Less than $10,000	3,468	974	1.3%	0.4
$10,000 to $14,999	1,951	750	0.7%	0.3
$15,000 to $24,999	6,269	1,314	2.4%	0.5
$25,000 to $34,999	8,441	1,496	3.2%	0.6
$35,000 to $49,999	16,302	2,435	6.2%	0.9
$50,000 to $74,999	30,955	2,329	11.9%	0.8
$75,000 to $99,999	30,677	2,202	11.7%	0.9
$100,000 to $149,999	59,455	3,327	22.8%	1.2
$150,000 to $199,999	42,456	2,707	16.3%	1
$200,000 or more	61,146	3,333	23.4%	1.2
Median family income (dollars)	126,910	2,385	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	154,242	3,647	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	49,927	1,007	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	**110,294**	**4,587**	**110,294**	**(X)**
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	71,852	2,811	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	84,668	3,592	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	50,154	1,057	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	80,899	2,564	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	60,499	1,098	(X)	(X)
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	3.1%	0.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	4.5%	1.1	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	6.0%	2.8	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	1.9%	0.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	2.6%	1	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	4.3%	2.5	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	9.4%	3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	13.9%	4.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	19.2%	16	(X)	(X)
All people	4.8%	0.7	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	6.3%	1.5	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	5.9%	1.5	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	7.1%	2.8	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	5.4%	1.5	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	4.2%	0.5	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	4.4%	0.6	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	3.1%	1	(X)	(X)
People in families	3.5%	0.8	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	11.3%	1.5	(X)	(X)

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·Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System 2007. The Industry categories adhere to the guidelines issued in Clarification Memorandum No. 2, "NAICS Alternate Aggregation Structure for Use By U.S. Statistical Agencies," issued by the Office Management and Budget.

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Selected Housing Characteristics: 2008
Data Set: 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
Geographic Area: Fairfax County, Virginia

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Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	**393,365**	**1,030**	**393,365**	**(X)**
Occupied housing units	371,414	3,463	94.4%	0.9
Vacant housing units	21,951	3,457	5.6%	0.9
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.5	0.5	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	5.5	1.6	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	**393,365**	**1,030**	**393,365**	**(X)**
1-unit, detached	199,123	3,739	50.6%	0.9
1-unit, attached	92,419	3,610	23.5%	0.9
2 units	815	357	0.2%	0.1
3 or 4 units	3,447	802	0.9%	0.2
5 to 9 units	16,256	2,278	4.1%	0.6
10 to 19 units	39,927	3,277	10.2%	0.8
20 or more units	39,702	2,382	10.1%	0.6
Mobile home	1,621	654	0.4%	0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	55	92	0.0%	0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	**393,365**	**1,030**	**393,365**	**(X)**
Built 2005 or later	9,289	1,263	2.4%	0.3
Built 2000 to 2004	28,613	2,400	7.3%	0.6
Built 1990 to 1999	63,341	3,605	16.1%	0.9
Built 1980 to 1989	94,651	4,499	24.1%	1.1
Built 1970 to 1979	89,964	3,517	22.9%	0.9
Built 1960 to 1969	54,365	3,110	13.8%	0.8
Built 1950 to 1959	40,159	2,951	10.2%	0.8
Built 1940 to 1949	8,633	1,234	2.2%	0.3
Built 1939 or earlier	4,350	1,116	1.1%	0.3
ROOMS				
Total housing units	**393,365**	**1,030**	**393,365**	**(X)**
1 room	3,544	941	0.9%	0.2
2 rooms	5,399	1,034	1.4%	0.3
3 rooms	29,877	2,551	7.6%	0.7
4 rooms	43,648	3,738	11.1%	1
5 rooms	43,086	3,377	11.0%	0.9
6 rooms	44,858	3,405	11.4%	0.9
7 rooms	54,756	3,980	13.9%	1
8 rooms	51,171	3,008	13.0%	0.8
9 rooms or more	117,026	3,790	29.7%	1
Median rooms	7	0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	**393,365**	**1,030**	**393,365**	**(X)**
No bedroom	4,126	936	1.0%	0.2
1 bedroom	38,396	3,195	9.8%	0.8

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
2 bedrooms	72,772	3,898	18.5%	1
3 bedrooms	112,640	4,545	28.6%	1.2
4 bedrooms	114,805	3,722	29.2%	0.9
5 or more bedrooms	50,626	3,228	12.9%	0.8
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	**371,414**	**3,463**	**371,414**	**(X)**
Owner-occupied	269,992	3,769	72.7%	0.9
Renter-occupied	101,422	3,719	27.3%	0.9
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.78	0.03	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.53	0.08	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	**371,414**	**3,463**	**371,414**	**(X)**
Moved in 2005 or later	124,129	4,368	33.4%	1.2
Moved in 2000 to 2004	94,280	4,217	25.4%	1.1
Moved in 1990 to 1999	80,926	3,665	21.8%	1
Moved in 1980 to 1989	43,237	2,384	11.6%	0.6
Moved in 1970 to 1979	18,524	1,898	5.0%	0.5
Moved in 1969 or earlier	10,318	1,385	2.8%	0.4
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	**371,414**	**3,463**	**371,414**	**(X)**
No vehicles available	12,483	1,763	3.4%	0.5
1 vehicle available	111,076	4,934	29.9%	1.3
2 vehicles available	156,376	4,441	42.1%	1.1
3 or more vehicles available	91,479	3,723	24.6%	1
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	**371,414**	**3,463**	**371,414**	**(X)**
Utility gas	227,170	4,600	61.2%	1.1
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	3,343	750	0.9%	0.2
Electricity	127,917	3,906	34.4%	1
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	11,328	1,688	3.0%	0.5
Coal or coke	0	285	0.0%	0.1
Wood	827	553	0.2%	0.1
Solar energy	0	285	0.0%	0.1
Other fuel	262	215	0.1%	0.1
No fuel used	567	312	0.2%	0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	**371,414**	**3,463**	**371,414**	**(X)**
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	765	533	0.2%	0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	1,370	670	0.4%	0.2
No telephone service available	1,651	765	0.4%	0.2
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	**371,414**	**3,463**	**371,414**	**(X)**
1.00 or less	363,346	3,524	97.8%	0.4
1.01 to 1.50	4,991	1,016	1.3%	0.3
1.51 or more	3,077	995	0.8%	0.3
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	**269,992**	**3,769**	**269,992**	**(X)**
Less than $50,000	2,801	703	1.0%	0.3
$50,000 to $99,999	1,971	638	0.7%	0.2

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
$100,000 to $149,999	2,237	620	0.8%	0.2
$150,000 to $199,999	3,200	907	1.2%	0.3
$200,000 to $299,999	19,932	2,118	7.4%	0.8
$300,000 to $499,999	96,180	3,768	35.6%	1.3
$500,000 to $999,999	123,361	3,822	45.7%	1.4
$1,000,000 or more	20,310	1,592	7.5%	0.6
Median (dollars)	523,600	9,337	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	**269,992**	**3,769**	**269,992**	**(X)**
Housing units with a mortgage	227,381	3,873	84.2%	0.9
Housing units without a mortgage	42,611	2,597	15.8%	0.9
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	**227,381**	**3,873**	**227,381**	**(X)**
Less than $300	389	270	0.2%	0.1
$300 to $499	1,672	610	0.7%	0.3
$500 to $699	1,634	673	0.7%	0.3
$700 to $999	4,821	1,035	2.1%	0.4
$1,000 to $1,499	20,232	2,083	8.9%	0.9
$1,500 to $1,999	36,730	2,768	16.2%	1.2
$2,000 or more	161,903	4,094	71.2%	1.4
Median (dollars)	2,543	47	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	**42,611**	**2,597**	**42,611**	**(X)**
Less than $100	122	140	0.3%	0.3
$100 to $199	239	200	0.6%	0.5
$200 to $299	1,377	596	3.2%	1.4
$300 to $399	1,577	579	3.7%	1.4
$400 or more	39,296	2,520	92.2%	1.9
Median (dollars)	698	18	(X)	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	**227,189**	**3,903**	**227,189**	**(X)**
Less than 20.0 percent	84,760	3,944	37.3%	1.5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	35,226	2,598	15.5%	1.1
25.0 to 29.9 percent	27,879	2,418	12.3%	1.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	18,995	2,053	8.4%	0.9
35.0 percent or more	60,329	3,656	26.6%	1.5
Not computed	192	219	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	**42,328**	**2,596**	**42,328**	**(X)**
Less than 10.0 percent	22,769	1,802	53.8%	3.3
10.0 to 14.9 percent	8,410	1,289	19.9%	2.7
15.0 to 19.9 percent	3,759	836	8.9%	1.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,933	616	4.6%	1.4
25.0 to 29.9 percent	994	390	2.3%	0.9
30.0 to 34.9 percent	863	494	2.0%	1.1
35.0 percent or more	3,600	895	8.5%	2
Not computed	283	195	(X)	(X)

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	**97,547**	**3,654**	**97,547**	**(X)**
Less than $200	563	337	0.6%	0.3
$200 to $299	1,629	729	1.7%	0.7
$300 to $499	1,872	611	1.9%	0.6
$500 to $749	2,629	966	2.7%	1
$750 to $999	6,815	1,566	7.0%	1.6
$1,000 to $1,499	33,588	3,156	34.4%	2.8
$1,500 or more	50,451	3,187	51.7%	2.9
Median (dollars)	1,529	47	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	3,875	1,126	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	**96,693**	**3,680**	**96,693**	**(X)**
Less than 15.0 percent	12,735	1,869	13.2%	2
15.0 to 19.9 percent	13,959	1,825	14.4%	1.8
20.0 to 24.9 percent	14,442	2,217	14.9%	2.2
25.0 to 29.9 percent	12,025	1,839	12.4%	1.8
30.0 to 34.9 percent	9,328	1,425	9.6%	1.4
35.0 percent or more	34,204	2,843	35.4%	2.6
Not computed	4,729	1,219	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 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 discussic nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

·Caution should be used when comparing data for Rooms between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Rooms question involving the wording as well as the response option resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in "1 room" category and as a decrease in the "2 rooms" to "6 rooms" categories. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Rooms section of the Subject Definitions at: http://www/census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=21.

·Caution should be used when comparing data for Bedrooms between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Bedrooms question involving the wording as well as the response option resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in "No bedroom" category and as a decrease in the "1 bedroom" to "3 bedrooms" categories. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Bedrooms section of the Subject Definitions at: http://www/census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=9.

·Caution should be used when comparing data for Occupants per Room between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Rooms question involving the wording as well as the response option resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in "1 room" category and as a decrease in the "2 rooms" to "6 rooms" categories. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Rooms section of the Subject Definitions at: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=21.

·Caution should be used when comparing data for Telephone Service Availability between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Telephone Service Availability question involving the structure of the question as well as including an instruction to include cell phones resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in respondents answering "yes" to the question. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Telephone Service Available section of the Subject Definitions at: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=24.

·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 GRAPI is computed, that is, gross rent and household Income are valid values.

·The median gross rent excludes no cash renters.

·While the 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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. The 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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 PRCS 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. The data on plumbing and kitchen facilities for Puerto Rico will not be shown because the results of a cognitive evaluation of the Spanish language translation of the questions on plumbing and kitchen facilities indicated that respondents in the Puerto Rico Community Survey may not have clearly understood the intent of these revised questions introduced in 2008.