



District of Columbia

STATE DATA CENTER

2005-2009 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

KEY DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS

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Key Indicators	United States	District Wide	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8
Total Population	301,461,533	588,433	71,198	68,845	76,698	76,926	74,673	74,782	72,918	72,393
Population by Sex										
Male	49.3%	47.2%	50.7%	51.1%	44.9%	46.6%	47.8%	49.2%	43.2%	44.3%
Female	50.7%	52.8%	49.3%	48.9%	55.1%	53.4%	52.2%	50.8%	56.8%	55.7%
Population by Age										
Under 5 Years	6.9%	6.1%	6.2%	2.8%	5.9%	6.1%	5.7%	5.5%	6.6%	9.7%
Youths - Under 18 Years	24.6%	19.4%	15.6%	7.0%	16.3%	20.0%	19.9%	15.2%	27.2%	33.4%
18 – 64 Years	80.5%	82.1%	86.4%	87.9%	78.2%	77.6%	78.5%	84.9%	80.2%	84.0%
Seniors - 65 Years & Over	12.6%	11.8%	7.4%	9.3%	15.9%	16.3%	15.8%	9.6%	13.2%	6.3%
Median Age (years)	36.5	35.4	32.9	33.0	38.1	40.9	39.1	36.4	35.3	28.1
Population by Race										
White	74.5%	35.9%	46.0%	71.8%	83.0%	23.3%	12.4%	45.1%	2.0%	3.9%
Black	12.4%	55.2%	36.8%	15.8%	5.8%	63.4%	81.2%	47.3%	96.0%	94.4%
American Indian & Alaska Native	0.8%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Asian	4.4%	3.0%	4.2%	7.4%	6.2%	1.2%	0.9%	3.4%	0.3%	0.3%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%
Some Other Race	5.6%	4.1%	11.1%	2.9%	2.3%	9.6%	3.4%	1.6%	1.0%	0.4%
Two or More Races	2.2%	1.6%	1.3%	1.5%	2.3%	2.0%	1.9%	2.3%	0.6%	0.9%
Hispanic/Latino Population (# and %)	45,476,938 (15.1%)	49,813 (8.5%)	15,517 (21.8%)	6,968 (10.1%)	5,877 (7.7%)	11,262 (14.6%)	3,907 (5.2%)	3,741 (5.0%)	1,300 (1.8%)	1,241 (1.7%)
Foreign-born Population (%)	12.4%	12.5%	24.6%	19.2%	17.3%	18.7%	7.2%	8.1%	2.7%	2.5%
Commuting to Work (workers 16 yrs + over)										
Private vehicle (drove alone)	75.9%	36.9%	27.1%	23.6%	40.9%	49.2%	43.7%	32.8%	46.1%	39.4%
Private vehicle (carpooled)	10.5%	6.9%	5.8%	4.0%	5.3%	8.7%	8.8%	4.9%	10.4%	11.2%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	5.0%	37.1%	44.9%	27.3%	36.1%	32.4%	37.1%	39.4%	39.2%	43.9%
Walked	2.9%	11.3%	12.7%	34.5%	6.9%	3.0%	5.8%	13.6%	1.6%	2.5%
Other Means	1.7%	3.1%	4.4%	4.4%	3.1%	2.5%	2.2%	4.1%	0.6%	1.2%
Worked at home	4.0%	4.7%	5.1%	6.2%	7.6%	4.2%	2.4%	5.2%	2.1%	1.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)	25.2	29.4	28.8	23.4	26.3	32.0	30.3	26.7	35.9	38.3
Households with Vehicle (%)	91.2%	64.5%	58.3%	54.3%	78.9%	78.2%	66.8%	65.4%	59.2%	52.3%
% Unemployed	7.2%	9.2%	7.2%	3.9%	3.4%	7.6%	13.2%	8.4%	18.7%	17.4%
Educational Attainment										
Population 25 Years and Over	197,440,772	404,543	51,052	48,833	54,630	55,488	51,087	56,825	46,630	39,998
% High School Graduate or Higher	84.6%	85.5%	81.2%	91.8%	96.3%	83.6%	81.2%	87.8%	80.5%	79.2%
% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	27.5%	47.1%	54.6%	72.7%	82.3%	41.4%	28.9%	57.3%	16.9%	10.4%
Income										
Median Household Income	\$51,425	\$56,519	\$60,998	\$76,592	\$97,690	\$60,642	\$45,627	\$73,190	\$34,965	\$31,188
Mean Household Income	\$70,096	\$90,580	\$86,290	\$114,926	\$156,014	\$94,456	\$61,775	\$98,463	\$46,404	\$40,466
Per Capita Income	\$27,041	\$40,846	\$40,853	\$60,491	\$74,716	\$38,435	\$27,017	\$47,962	\$20,771	\$15,972
Poverty										
% Families in Poverty	9.9%	14.9%	13.2%	5.6%	2.6%	6.9%	15.0%	15.8%	24.0%	30.4%
% Individuals in Poverty	13.5%	18.3%	16.5%	14.9%	7.1%	9.7%	19.2%	17.6%	26.4%	34.7%
% Under 18 years in Poverty	18.6%	29.0%	23.1%	17.2%	3.2%	12.3%	29.4%	30.6%	40.0%	47.9%
Housing Occupancy										
Total Housing Units (#)	127,699,712	283,590	34,458	40,222	38,942	31,677	33,274	39,116	33,953	30,948
Occupied Housing Unit	112,611,029	250,723	31,309	34,891	36,040	29,029	29,340	34,449	29,838	25,827
Vacant Housing Units	15,088,683	32,867	4,149	5,331	2,902	2,648	3,934	4,667	4,115	5,121
% Owner-occupied Units	66.9%	45.1%	37.3%	39.6%	56.3%	63.4%	49.5%	47.1%	40.1%	24.0%
% Renter-occupied Units	33.1%	54.9%	62.7%	60.4%	43.7%	36.6%	50.5%	52.9%	59.9%	76.0%
% Homeowner Vacancy Rate	2.3%	2.8%	2.8%	3.3%	1.5%	2.2%	3.6%	4.3%	3.1%	1.8%
% Renter Vacancy Rate	7.8%	5.9%	3.8%	7.2%	5.6%	6.4%	8.1%	4.4%	5.0%	6.9%
Median Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units	\$185,400	\$440,500	\$499,900	\$584,100	\$738,600	\$467,700	\$355,400	\$487,200	\$239,900	\$247,000
Median Monthly Gross Rent	\$817	\$971	\$1,037	\$1,290	\$1,409	\$869	\$815	\$1,072	\$761	\$768
Households by Type										
Total Households (#)	112,611,029	250,723	31,309	34,891	36,040	29,029	29,340	34,449	29,838	25,827
Family Households (%)	66.7%	43.9%	34.9%	24.2%	40.2%	58.0%	46.8%	38.6%	54.0%	62.5%
Married-couples	49.7%	22.4%	19.4%	18.5%	35.1%	33.2%	18.8%	21.7%	15.7%	14.2%
Female Householder (no husband)	12.4%	17.8%	10.9%	4.2%	3.8%	19.5%	23.3%	14.1%	33.7%	42.1%
Male Householder (no wife)	4.5%	3.7%	4.7%	1.6%	1.4%	5.3%	4.7%	2.8%	4.5%	6.3%
Non-family Households (%)	33.3%	56.1%	65.1%	75.8%	59.8%	42.0%	53.2%	61.4%	46.0%	37.5%
Living Alone	27.3%	46.8%	50.5%	61.6%	50.4%	35.0%	46.2%	49.4%	42.0%	33.7%
Average Household Size	2.60	2.21	2.15	1.66	1.95	2.61	2.36	2.01	2.43	2.7
Average Family Size	3.19	3.27	3.24	2.66	2.90	3.47	3.15	3.01	3.43	3.54
Language Spoken at Home										
Population 5 years and over (#)	280,601,189	552,624	66,816	66,949	72,163	72,201	70,400	70,664	68,081	65,350
English Only (%)	80.4%	85.8%	73.6%	78.9%	79.8%	79.6%	92.1%	89.4%	96.6%	96.7%
Language Other Than English	19.6%	14.2%	26.4%	21.1%	20.2%	20.4%	7.9%	10.6%	3.4%	3.3%
Spanish	12.1%	7.4%	16.7%	8.1%	7.2%	13.2%	4.9%	4.7%	2.1%	1.8%

DC Ward Data at a Glance

The Census Bureau has now released its first five-year (2005-2009) data from the American Community Survey (ACS), and it contains information on the characteristics of the population of the District eight wards. This release is based on sample data collected over the course of the 2005 through 2009 calendar years (not an average of the five individual years) and it provides data on the socioeconomic, housing, and demographic characteristics of the nation and states, down to the block group level. The District of Columbia’s ward characteristics are included as part of the State Legislative District (SLD) products. The data provided are not from the 2010 Census which will be released on a phased basis beginning in December 2010. However, both the ACS and the census data are collectively important components of the nation’s information infrastructure, providing data that are essential to our economy, communities and neighborhoods.

Focusing on the population’s characteristics, the ACS complements, but is different from, the 2010 Census population data. As a complete count of the population, the 2010 Census data are critical for people who need to know how many people live in the United States and where they live. The ACS data, on the other hand, are based on a sample survey of the nation and describe how we live by providing estimates of key social and economic characteristics.

What is the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is the successor to the former census “long form” that historically produced demographic, housing and socioeconomic data for the nation as part of the once-a-decade census. The decennial census program, which includes the ACS and the 2010 Census, serves as the basis for the allocation of more than \$400 billion in federal funds to state, local and tribal governments every year. These vital data also guide planning in the private sector as well as the work done by policymakers at all levels of government and in communities of all sizes. All survey responses are strictly confidential and protected by law.

The ACS samples nearly 3 million addresses each year, resulting in nearly 2 million final interviews. The annual ACS sample is smaller than that of the Census 2000 long-form sample, which included about 18 million housing units. As a result, the ACS needs to combine population or housing data from multiple years to produce reliable numbers for small counties, neighborhoods, and other local areas. To provide information for communities each year, the ACS will provide 1-, 3-, and 5-year estimates. ACS data are very timely because they are released in the year immediately following the year in which they are collected. Starting with the data collected in 2005, ACS information has been published for areas with populations of 65,000 or more. In the fall of 2008, the first 3-year estimates were released based on data from the 2005, 2006, and 2007 surveys. In December 2010, the ACS provided the first 5-year estimates of demographic, housing, social, and economic characteristics for the nation, states, cities, counties, and other small geographic areas. These 5-year estimates will be updated annually by removing the earliest year and replacing it with the latest one, and will provide, for the first time, the ability to monitor social and economic trends in local communities.

As is the case with all surveys, statistics from sample surveys are subject to sampling and nonsampling errors. All comparisons made in the reports have been tested and found to be statistically significant at the 90 percent confidence level, unless otherwise noted.

Please see Key Demographic Indicators for the District of Columbia from the 2005-2009 American Community Survey on the next page.

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