



Providence County, Rhode Island
Population and Housing Narrative Profile: 2008
 Data Set: **2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates**
 Survey: **American Community Survey**

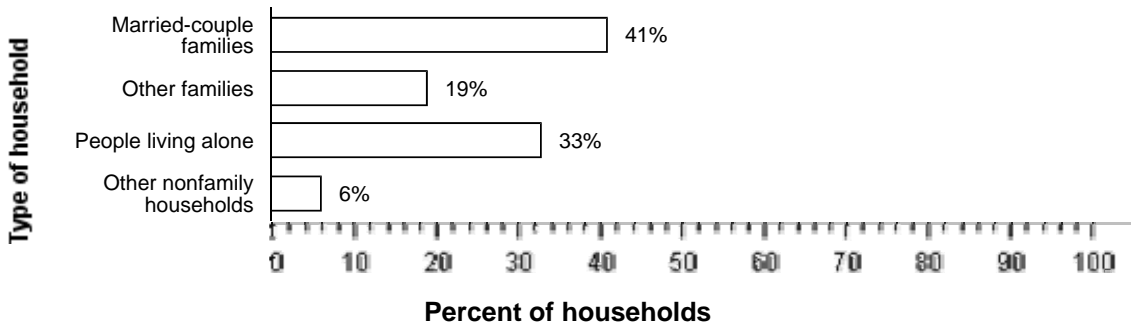
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HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES: In 2008 there were 231,000 households in Providence County. The average household size was 2.6 people.

Families made up 61 percent of the households in Providence County. This figure includes both married-couple families (41 percent) and other families (19 percent). Nonfamily households made up 39 percent of all households in Providence County. Most of the nonfamily households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

The Types of Households in Providence County, Rhode Island in 2008



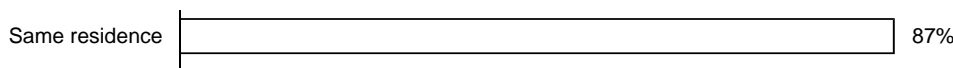
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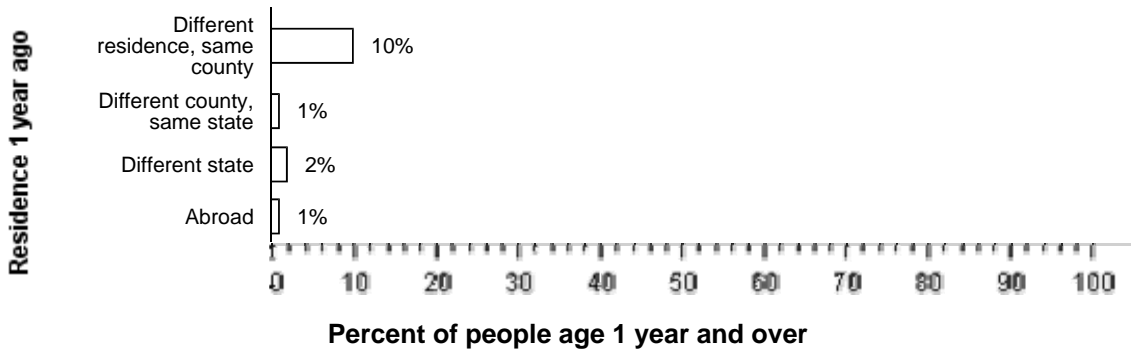
NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE: Seventeen percent of the people living in Providence County in 2008 were foreign born. Eighty-three percent was native, including 59 percent who were born in Rhode Island.

Among people at least five years old living in Providence County in 2008, 29 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 53 percent spoke Spanish and 47 percent spoke some other language; 45 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY: In 2008, 87 percent of the people at least one year old living in Providence County were living in the same residence one year earlier; 10 percent had moved during the past year from another residence in the same county, 1 percent from another county in the same state, 2 percent from another state, and 1 percent from abroad.

Geographic Mobility of Residents of Providence County, Rhode Island in 2008



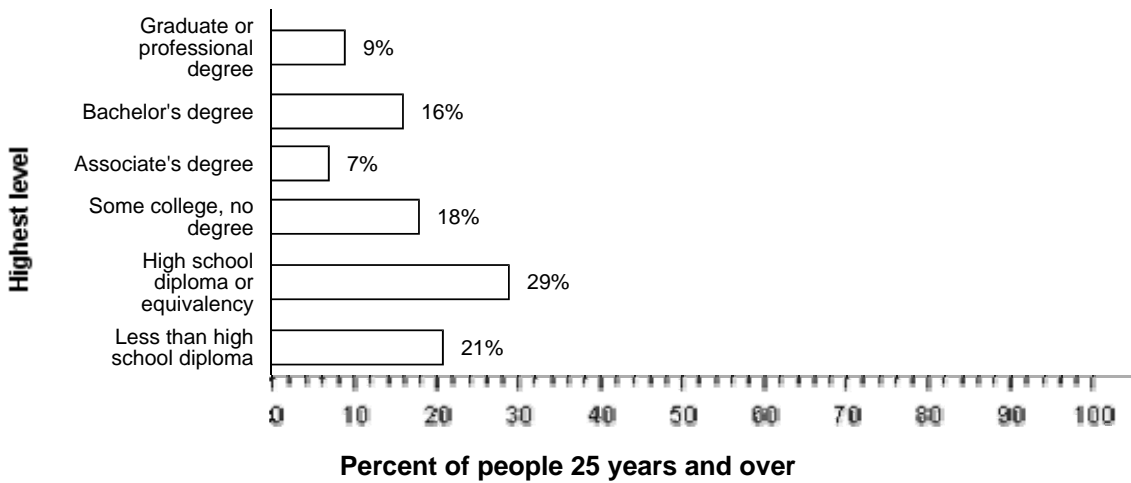


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EDUCATION: In 2008, 79 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 25 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Twenty-one percent were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

The total school enrollment in Providence County was 169,000 in 2008. Nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 17,000 and elementary or high school enrollment was 95,000 children. College or graduate school enrollment was 57,000.

The Educational Attainment of People in Providence County, Rhode Island in 2008

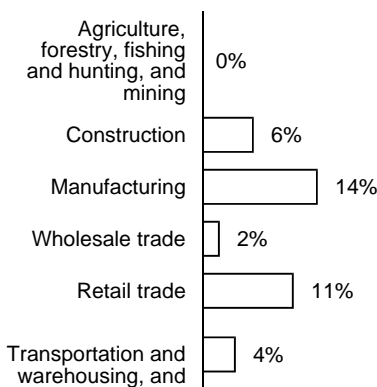


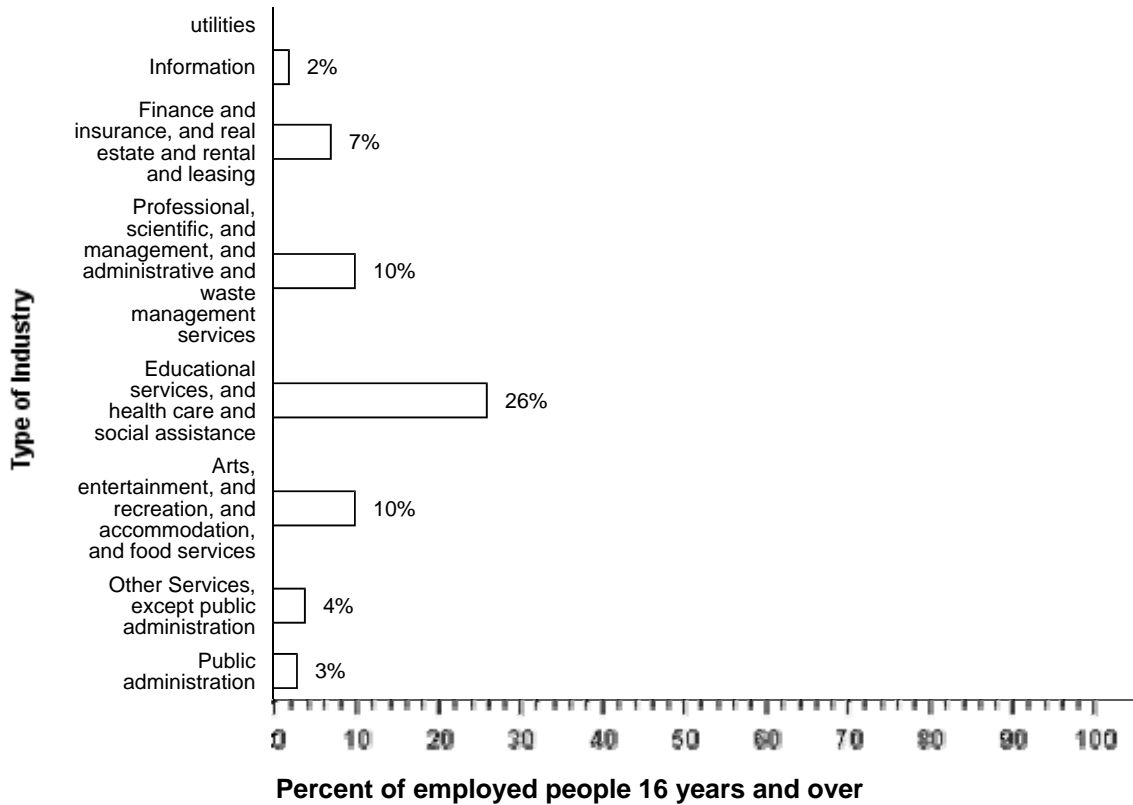
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DISABILITY: In Providence County, among people at least five years old in 2008, 14 percent reported a disability. The likelihood of having a disability varied by age - from 6 percent of people 5 to 15 years old, to 12 percent of people 16 to 64 years old, and to 40 percent of those 65 and older.

INDUSTRIES: In 2008, for the employed population 16 years and older, the leading industries in Providence County were Educational services, and health care, and social assistance, 26 percent, and Manufacturing, 14 percent.

Employment by Industry in Providence County, Rhode Island in 2008





Source: American Community Survey, 2008

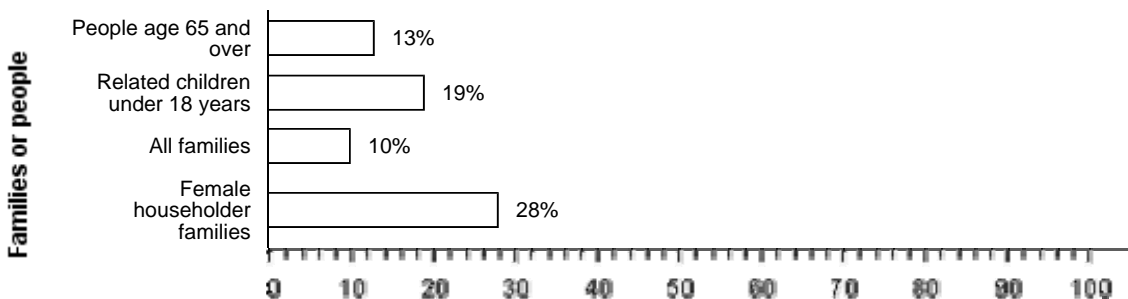
OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER: Among the most common occupations were: Management, professional, and related occupations, 33 percent; Sales and office occupations, 26 percent; Service occupations, 19 percent; Production, transportation, and material moving occupations, 14 percent; and Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations, 8 percent. Eighty-five percent of the people employed were Private wage and salary workers; 10 percent was Federal, state, or local government workers; and 5 percent was Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers.

TRAVEL TO WORK: Seventy-nine percent of Providence County workers drove to work alone in 2008, 8 percent carpooled, 4 percent took public transportation, and 6 percent used other means. The remaining 3 percent worked at home. Among those who commuted to work, it took them on average 22.8 minutes to get to work.

INCOME: The median income of households in Providence County was \$47,327. Seventy-seven percent of the households received earnings and 15 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Twenty-eight percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$13,876. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: In 2008, 14 percent of people were in poverty. Nineteen percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 13 percent of people 65 years old and over. Ten percent of all families and 28 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.

Poverty Rates in Providence County, Rhode Island in 2008

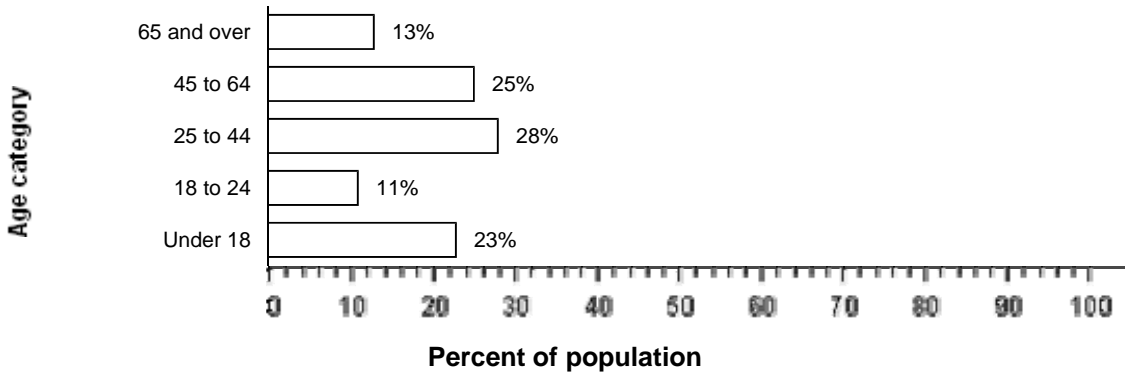


Percent below poverty level

Source: American Community Survey, 2008

POPULATION OF Providence County: In 2008, Providence County had a total population of 626,000 - 324,000 (52 percent) females and 302,000 (48 percent) males. The median age was 37 years. Twenty-three percent of the population was under 18 years and 13 percent was 65 years and older.

The Age Distribution of People in Providence County, Rhode Island in 2008

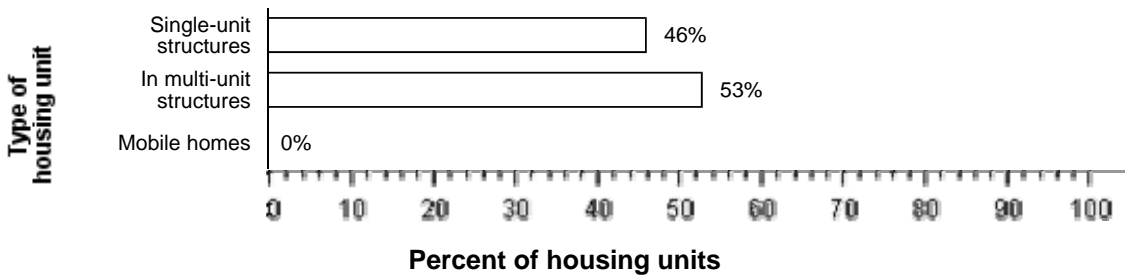


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For people reporting one race alone, 76 percent was White; 8 percent was Black or African American; 1 percent was American Indian and Alaska Native; 3 percent was Asian; less than 0.5 percent was Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 10 percent was Some other race. Two percent reported Two or more races. Eighteen percent of the people in Providence County was Hispanic. Sixty-nine percent of the people in Providence County was White non-Hispanic. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS: In 2008, Providence County had a total of 257,000 housing units, 10 percent of which were vacant. Of the total housing units, 46 percent was in single-unit structures, 53 percent was in multi-unit structures, and less than 0.5 percent was mobile homes. Nine percent of the housing units were built since 1990.

The Types of Housing Units in Providence County, Rhode Island in 2008

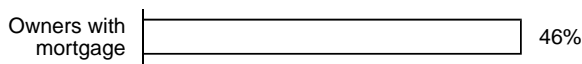


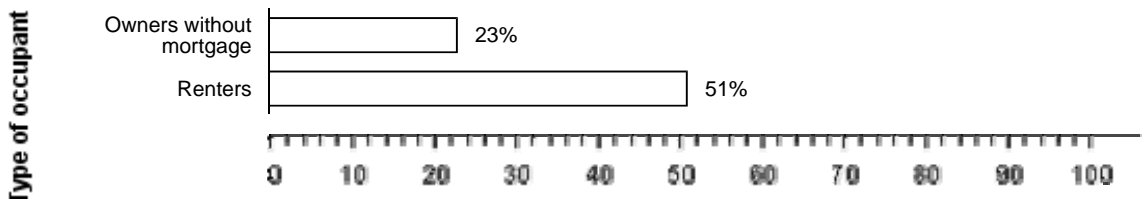
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OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS: In 2008, Providence County had 231,000 occupied housing units - 128,000 (56 percent) owner occupied and 103,000 (44 percent) renter occupied. Three percent of the households did not have telephone service and 12 percent of the households did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Thirty-five percent had two vehicles and another 14 percent had three or more.

HOUSING COSTS: The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$1,839, nonmortgaged owners \$620, and renters \$820. Forty-six percent of owners with mortgages, 23 percent of owners without mortgages, and 51 percent of renters in Providence County spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.

Occupants with a Housing Cost Burden in Providence County, Rhode Island in 2008





Percent paying 30 percent or more of income for housing

Source: American Community Survey, 2008

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

The U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program produces the [official population estimates for the nation, states, counties and places](#), and the [official estimates of housing units for states and counties](#). The population and housing characteristics included above are derived from the American Community Survey.

Notes:

- Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.
- Percentages are based on unrounded numbers.



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Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2008

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| Selected Social Characteristics in the United States | Estimate | Margin of Error | Percent | Margin of Error |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE | | | | |
| Total households | 231,224 | +/-3,471 | 231,224 | (X) |
| Family households (families) | 139,948 | +/-4,275 | 60.5% | +/-1.5 |
| With own children under 18 years | 67,917 | +/-3,208 | 29.4% | +/-1.2 |
| Married-couple family | 94,885 | +/-4,014 | 41.0% | +/-1.5 |
| With own children under 18 years | 41,062 | +/-2,967 | 17.8% | +/-1.2 |
| Male householder, no wife present, family | 10,792 | +/-1,618 | 4.7% | +/-0.7 |
| With own children under 18 years | 5,262 | +/-1,300 | 2.3% | +/-0.6 |
| Female householder, no husband present, family | 34,271 | +/-2,915 | 14.8% | +/-1.2 |
| With own children under 18 years | 21,593 | +/-2,346 | 9.3% | +/-1.0 |
| Nonfamily households | 91,276 | +/-3,636 | 39.5% | +/-1.5 |
| Householder living alone | 76,468 | +/-3,633 | 33.1% | +/-1.6 |
| 65 years and over | 26,122 | +/-1,840 | 11.3% | +/-0.8 |
| Households with one or more people under 18 years | 73,990 | +/-3,463 | 32.0% | +/-1.4 |
| Households with one or more people 65 years and over | 57,274 | +/-1,541 | 24.8% | +/-0.6 |
| Average household size | 2.60 | +/-0.03 | (X) | (X) |
| Average family size | 3.38 | +/-0.08 | (X) | (X) |
| RELATIONSHIP | | | | |
| Population in households | 601,391 | +/-4,169 | 601,391 | (X) |
| Householder | 231,224 | +/-3,471 | 38.4% | +/-0.5 |
| Spouse | 94,564 | +/-4,049 | 15.7% | +/-0.6 |
| Child | 195,030 | +/-5,801 | 32.4% | +/-0.9 |
| Other relatives | 43,975 | +/-4,087 | 7.3% | +/-0.7 |
| Nonrelatives | 36,598 | +/-4,218 | 6.1% | +/-0.7 |
| Unmarried partner | 15,609 | +/-2,199 | 2.6% | +/-0.4 |
| MARITAL STATUS | | | | |
| Males 15 years and over | 242,623 | +/-560 | 242,623 | (X) |
| Never married | 98,864 | +/-3,099 | 40.7% | +/-1.3 |
| Now married, except separated | 107,886 | +/-4,001 | 44.5% | +/-1.7 |
| Separated | 5,212 | +/-1,435 | 2.1% | +/-0.6 |
| Widowed | 7,235 | +/-1,285 | 3.0% | +/-0.5 |
| Divorced | 23,426 | +/-2,589 | 9.7% | +/-1.1 |
| Females 15 years and over | 267,366 | +/-489 | 267,366 | (X) |
| Never married | 92,167 | +/-3,496 | 34.5% | +/-1.3 |
| Now married, except separated | 102,831 | +/-4,609 | 38.5% | +/-1.7 |
| Separated | 8,861 | +/-1,632 | 3.3% | +/-0.6 |
| Widowed | 28,866 | +/-1,769 | 10.8% | +/-0.7 |
| Divorced | 34,641 | +/-2,882 | 13.0% | +/-1.1 |
| FERTILITY | | | | |

| Selected Social Characteristics in the United States | Estimate | Margin of Error | Percent | Margin of Error |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months | 11,029 | +/-1,811 | 11,029 | (X) |
| Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married) | 4,791 | +/-1,231 | 43.4% | +/-7.3 |
| Per 1,000 unmarried women | 48 | +/-13 | (X) | (X) |
| Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old | 67 | +/-11 | (X) | (X) |
| Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old | 26 | +/-15 | (X) | (X) |
| Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old | 114 | +/-23 | (X) | (X) |
| Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old | 38 | +/-11 | (X) | (X) |
| GRANDPARENTS | | | | |
| Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years | 14,872 | +/-2,540 | 14,872 | (X) |
| Responsible for grandchildren | 2,880 | +/-1,149 | 19.4% | +/-6.7 |
| Years responsible for grandchildren | | | | |
| Less than 1 year | 1,306 | +/-825 | 8.8% | +/-5.2 |
| 1 or 2 years | 784 | +/-491 | 5.3% | +/-3.2 |
| 3 or 4 years | 421 | +/-323 | 2.8% | +/-2.1 |
| 5 or more years | 369 | +/-338 | 2.5% | +/-2.2 |
| Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years | 2,880 | +/-1,149 | 2,880 | (X) |
| Who are female | 2,032 | +/-871 | 70.6% | +/-10.6 |
| Who are married | 1,827 | +/-909 | 63.4% | +/-17.2 |
| SCHOOL ENROLLMENT | | | | |
| Population 3 years and over enrolled in school | 169,259 | +/-4,764 | 169,259 | (X) |
| Nursery school, preschool | 10,600 | +/-1,804 | 6.3% | +/-1.0 |
| Kindergarten | 6,134 | +/-1,219 | 3.6% | +/-0.7 |
| Elementary school (grades 1-8) | 60,550 | +/-1,998 | 35.8% | +/-1.5 |
| High school (grades 9-12) | 34,848 | +/-1,906 | 20.6% | +/-1.3 |
| College or graduate school | 57,127 | +/-4,618 | 33.8% | +/-1.9 |
| EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT | | | | |
| Population 25 years and over | 412,397 | +/-618 | 412,397 | (X) |
| Less than 9th grade | 40,215 | +/-3,606 | 9.8% | +/-0.9 |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 46,887 | +/-4,107 | 11.4% | +/-1.0 |
| High school graduate (includes equivalency) | 119,270 | +/-5,889 | 28.9% | +/-1.4 |
| Some college, no degree | 73,227 | +/-4,113 | 17.8% | +/-1.0 |
| Associate's degree | 28,768 | +/-3,022 | 7.0% | +/-0.7 |
| Bachelor's degree | 64,965 | +/-3,856 | 15.8% | +/-0.9 |
| Graduate or professional degree | 39,065 | +/-3,299 | 9.5% | +/-0.8 |
| Percent high school graduate or higher | 78.9% | +/-1.3 | (X) | (X) |
| Percent bachelor's degree or higher | 25.2% | +/-1.2 | (X) | (X) |
| VETERAN STATUS | | | | |
| Civilian population 18 years and over | 482,354 | +/-976 | 482,354 | (X) |
| Civilian veterans | 41,969 | +/-2,692 | 8.7% | +/-0.6 |
| DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION | | | | |
| Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population | 615,093 | +/-1,240 | 615,093 | (X) |
| With a disability | 85,995 | +/-4,886 | 14.0% | +/-0.8 |
| Under 18 years | 142,194 | +/-537 | 142,194 | (X) |
| With a disability | 8,882 | +/-1,709 | 6.2% | +/-1.2 |
| 18 to 64 years | 394,093 | +/-1,149 | 394,093 | (X) |
| With a disability | 45,654 | +/-3,697 | 11.6% | +/-0.9 |
| 65 years and over | 78,806 | +/-974 | 78,806 | (X) |
| With a disability | 31,459 | +/-2,087 | 39.9% | +/-2.7 |
| RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO | | | | |
| Population 1 year and over | 617,742 | +/-1,265 | 617,742 | (X) |
| Same house | 534,811 | +/-7,658 | 86.6% | +/-1.2 |
| Different house in the U.S. | 78,829 | +/-7,585 | 12.8% | +/-1.2 |
| Same county | 59,940 | +/-7,169 | 9.7% | +/-1.2 |
| Different county | 18,889 | +/-2,838 | 3.1% | +/-0.5 |
| Same state | 4,755 | +/-1,524 | 0.8% | +/-0.2 |
| Different state | 14,134 | +/-2,564 | 2.3% | +/-0.4 |
| Abroad | 4,102 | +/-1,199 | 0.7% | +/-0.2 |
| PLACE OF BIRTH | | | | |

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|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Native | 519,710 | +/-5,152 | 83.0% | +/-0.8 |
| Born in United States | 502,655 | +/-5,312 | 80.3% | +/-0.8 |
| State of residence | 367,183 | +/-7,269 | 58.6% | +/-1.2 |
| Different state | 135,472 | +/-7,224 | 21.6% | +/-1.2 |
| Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s) | 17,055 | +/-2,969 | 2.7% | +/-0.5 |
| Foreign born | 106,440 | +/-5,152 | 17.0% | +/-0.8 |
| U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS | | | | |
| Foreign-born population | 106,440 | +/-5,152 | 106,440 | (X) |
| Naturalized U.S. citizen | 47,820 | +/-4,335 | 44.9% | +/-3.4 |
| Not a U.S. citizen | 58,620 | +/-4,619 | 55.1% | +/-3.4 |
| YEAR OF ENTRY | | | | |
| Population born outside the United States | 123,495 | +/-5,312 | 123,495 | (X) |
| Native | 17,055 | +/-2,969 | 17,055 | (X) |
| Entered 2000 or later | 4,127 | +/-1,475 | 24.2% | +/-7.2 |
| Entered before 2000 | 12,928 | +/-2,472 | 75.8% | +/-7.2 |
| Foreign born | 106,440 | +/-5,152 | 106,440 | (X) |
| Entered 2000 or later | 26,999 | +/-3,833 | 25.4% | +/-3.1 |
| Entered before 2000 | 79,441 | +/-4,446 | 74.6% | +/-3.1 |
| WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN | | | | |
| Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea | 106,440 | +/-5,152 | 106,440 | (X) |
| Europe | 20,219 | +/-3,138 | 19.0% | +/-2.7 |
| Asia | 14,272 | +/-1,788 | 13.4% | +/-1.7 |
| Africa | 16,572 | +/-2,743 | 15.6% | +/-2.4 |
| Oceania | 256 | +/-303 | 0.2% | +/-0.3 |
| Latin America | 52,865 | +/-3,855 | 49.7% | +/-3.0 |
| Northern America | 2,256 | +/-995 | 2.1% | +/-0.9 |
| LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME | | | | |
| Population 5 years and over | 586,456 | +/-5 | 586,456 | (X) |
| English only | 418,288 | +/-7,137 | 71.3% | +/-1.2 |
| Language other than English | 168,168 | +/-7,137 | 28.7% | +/-1.2 |
| Speak English less than "very well" | 75,631 | +/-5,105 | 12.9% | +/-0.9 |
| Spanish | 88,753 | +/-3,020 | 15.1% | +/-0.5 |
| Speak English less than "very well" | 47,181 | +/-3,251 | 8.0% | +/-0.6 |
| Other Indo-European languages | 59,913 | +/-5,157 | 10.2% | +/-0.9 |
| Speak English less than "very well" | 20,678 | +/-3,214 | 3.5% | +/-0.5 |
| Asian and Pacific Islander languages | 14,166 | +/-1,731 | 2.4% | +/-0.3 |
| Speak English less than "very well" | 5,996 | +/-1,470 | 1.0% | +/-0.3 |
| Other languages | 5,336 | +/-1,603 | 0.9% | +/-0.3 |
| Speak English less than "very well" | 1,776 | +/-1,329 | 0.3% | +/-0.2 |
| ANCESTRY | | | | |
| Total population | 626,150 | ***** | 626,150 | (X) |
| American | 9,020 | +/-2,079 | 1.4% | +/-0.3 |
| Arab | 6,415 | +/-2,083 | 1.0% | +/-0.3 |
| Czech | 714 | +/-400 | 0.1% | +/-0.1 |
| Danish | 900 | +/-623 | 0.1% | +/-0.1 |
| Dutch | 1,992 | +/-1,426 | 0.3% | +/-0.2 |
| English | 60,609 | +/-5,901 | 9.7% | +/-0.9 |
| French (except Basque) | 84,079 | +/-7,336 | 13.4% | +/-1.2 |
| French Canadian | 35,158 | +/-4,069 | 5.6% | +/-0.6 |
| German | 25,068 | +/-3,360 | 4.0% | +/-0.5 |
| Greek | 5,050 | +/-1,608 | 0.8% | +/-0.3 |
| Hungarian | 962 | +/-550 | 0.2% | +/-0.1 |
| Irish | 95,431 | +/-6,387 | 15.2% | +/-1.0 |
| Italian | 122,502 | +/-6,783 | 19.6% | +/-1.1 |
| Lithuanian | 1,968 | +/-958 | 0.3% | +/-0.2 |
| Norwegian | 2,285 | +/-982 | 0.4% | +/-0.2 |
| Polish | 23,224 | +/-3,483 | 3.7% | +/-0.6 |
| Portuguese | 51,163 | +/-5,356 | 8.2% | +/-0.9 |
| Russian | 6,046 | +/-1,677 | 1.0% | +/-0.3 |
| Scotch-Irish | 1,583 | +/-580 | 0.3% | +/-0.1 |
| Scottish | 9,115 | +/-2,068 | 1.5% | +/-0.3 |
| Slovak | 709 | +/-950 | 0.1% | +/-0.2 |

| Selected Social Characteristics in the United States | Estimate | Margin of Error | Percent | Margin of Error |
|--|----------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| | 30,008 | +/-3,896 | 4.8% | +/-0.6 |
| Swedish | 8,340 | +/-1,987 | 1.3% | +/-0.3 |
| Swiss | 306 | +/-307 | 0.0% | +/-0.1 |
| Ukrainian | 1,554 | +/-653 | 0.2% | +/-0.1 |
| Welsh | 1,492 | +/-575 | 0.2% | +/-0.1 |
| West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups) | 4,234 | +/-2,037 | 0.7% | +/-0.3 |

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 of nonsampling variability, see [Accuracy of the Data](#)). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

- Ancestry listed in this table refers to the total number of people who responded with a particular ancestry; for example, the estimate given for Russian represents the number of people who listed Russian as either their first or second ancestry. This table lists only the largest ancestry groups; see the Detailed Tables for more categories. Race and Hispanic origin groups are not included in this table because official data for those groups come from the Race and Hispanic origin questions rather than the ancestry question (see Demographic Table).
- Starting in 2008, the Scotch-Irish category does not include Irish-Scotch.
- The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, comparisons of disability data from 2008 or later with data from prior years are not recommended. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the [Evaluation Report Covering Disability](#).
- Data for year of entry of the native population reflect the year of entry into the U.S. by people who were born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island Areas or born outside the U.S. to a U.S. citizen parent and who subsequently moved to the U.S.
- Due to a reduction in the Failed Edit Follow-up (FEFU) operation for 4-months in 2008, there was an increase in the amount of missing data and an increase in item allocation rates. For more information see the [ACS User Notes](#).
- 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.
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3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
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Providence County, Rhode Island

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|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| EMPLOYMENT STATUS | | | | |
| Population 16 years and over | 500,374 | +/-1,319 | 500,374 | (X) |
| In labor force | 327,296 | +/-4,978 | 65.4% | +/-1.0 |
| Civilian labor force | 326,123 | +/-4,970 | 65.2% | +/-1.0 |
| Employed | 297,396 | +/-5,587 | 59.4% | +/-1.1 |
| Unemployed | 28,727 | +/-3,477 | 5.7% | +/-0.7 |
| Armed Forces | 1,173 | +/-844 | 0.2% | +/-0.2 |
| Not in labor force | 173,078 | +/-5,049 | 34.6% | +/-1.0 |
| Civilian labor force | 326,123 | +/-4,970 | 326,123 | (X) |
| Percent Unemployed | 8.8% | +/-1.1 | (X) | (X) |
| Females 16 years and over | | | | |
| Population 16 years and over | 262,611 | +/-1,058 | 262,611 | (X) |
| In labor force | 161,706 | +/-3,625 | 61.6% | +/-1.4 |
| Civilian labor force | 161,623 | +/-3,613 | 61.5% | +/-1.4 |
| Employed | 148,457 | +/-3,663 | 56.5% | +/-1.4 |
| Own children under 6 years | | | | |
| Population 16 years and over | 47,042 | +/-1,522 | 47,042 | (X) |
| All parents in family in labor force | 33,950 | +/-2,638 | 72.2% | +/-4.9 |
| Own children 6 to 17 years | | | | |
| Population 16 years and over | 89,980 | +/-1,689 | 89,980 | (X) |
| All parents in family in labor force | 67,924 | +/-3,356 | 75.5% | +/-3.3 |
| COMMUTING TO WORK | | | | |
| Workers 16 years and over | 287,471 | +/-5,613 | 287,471 | (X) |
| Car, truck, or van -- drove alone | 227,797 | +/-6,577 | 79.2% | +/-1.5 |
| Car, truck, or van -- carpooled | 23,325 | +/-2,558 | 8.1% | +/-0.9 |
| Public transportation (excluding taxicab) | 10,321 | +/-1,855 | 3.6% | +/-0.6 |
| Walked | 10,252 | +/-1,938 | 3.6% | +/-0.7 |
| Other means | 6,686 | +/-1,844 | 2.3% | +/-0.6 |
| Worked at home | 9,090 | +/-1,336 | 3.2% | +/-0.5 |
| Mean travel time to work (minutes) | 22.8 | +/-0.6 | (X) | (X) |
| OCCUPATION | | | | |
| Civilian employed population 16 years and over | 297,396 | +/-5,587 | 297,396 | (X) |
| Management, professional, and related occupations | 97,074 | +/-4,666 | 32.6% | +/-1.5 |
| Service occupations | 56,824 | +/-4,035 | 19.1% | +/-1.2 |
| Sales and office occupations | 77,517 | +/-3,651 | 26.1% | +/-1.2 |
| Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations | 937 | +/-588 | 0.3% | +/-0.2 |
| Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations | 24,050 | +/-2,410 | 8.1% | +/-0.8 |
| Production, transportation, and material moving occupations | 40,994 | +/-3,607 | 13.8% | +/-1.2 |
| INDUSTRY | | | | |
| Civilian employed population 16 years and over | 297,396 | +/-5,587 | 297,396 | (X) |

| Selected Economic Characteristics | Estimate | Margin of Error | Percent | Margin of Error |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining | 1,184 | +/-781 | 0.4% | +/-0.3 |
| Construction | 17,389 | +/-2,453 | 5.8% | +/-0.8 |
| Manufacturing | 40,324 | +/-3,505 | 13.6% | +/-1.2 |
| Wholesale trade | 7,132 | +/-1,454 | 2.4% | +/-0.5 |
| Retail trade | 33,148 | +/-2,988 | 11.1% | +/-1.0 |
| Transportation and warehousing, and utilities | 12,608 | +/-2,330 | 4.2% | +/-0.8 |
| Information | 4,967 | +/-1,023 | 1.7% | +/-0.3 |
| Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing | 21,522 | +/-2,338 | 7.2% | +/-0.8 |
| Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services | 29,649 | +/-3,231 | 10.0% | +/-1.1 |
| Educational services, and health care and social assistance | 77,922 | +/-4,020 | 26.2% | +/-1.2 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services | 28,447 | +/-3,443 | 9.6% | +/-1.1 |
| Other services, except public administration | 12,887 | +/-2,057 | 4.3% | +/-0.7 |
| Public administration | 10,217 | +/-1,672 | 3.4% | +/-0.6 |
| CLASS OF WORKER | | | | |
| Civilian employed population 16 years and over | 297,396 | +/-5,587 | 297,396 | (X) |
| Private wage and salary workers | 252,394 | +/-5,481 | 84.9% | +/-0.9 |
| Government workers | 29,520 | +/-2,714 | 9.9% | +/-0.9 |
| Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business | 15,301 | +/-1,845 | 5.1% | +/-0.6 |
| Unpaid family workers | 181 | +/-184 | 0.1% | +/-0.1 |
| INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS) | | | | |
| Total households | 231,224 | +/-3,471 | 231,224 | (X) |
| Less than \$10,000 | 22,915 | +/-2,113 | 9.9% | +/-0.9 |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 14,319 | +/-1,724 | 6.2% | +/-0.8 |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999 | 25,489 | +/-2,613 | 11.0% | +/-1.1 |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 22,124 | +/-1,957 | 9.6% | +/-0.9 |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 34,391 | +/-2,958 | 14.9% | +/-1.2 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 40,746 | +/-3,216 | 17.6% | +/-1.4 |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 28,653 | +/-2,556 | 12.4% | +/-1.1 |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 25,981 | +/-2,354 | 11.2% | +/-1.0 |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 9,480 | +/-1,360 | 4.1% | +/-0.6 |
| \$200,000 or more | 7,126 | +/-1,257 | 3.1% | +/-0.5 |
| Median household income (dollars) | 47,327 | +/-2,268 | (X) | (X) |
| Mean household income (dollars) | 64,066 | +/-2,080 | (X) | (X) |
| With earnings | 176,967 | +/-4,390 | 76.5% | +/-1.3 |
| Mean earnings (dollars) | 67,890 | +/-2,510 | (X) | (X) |
| With Social Security | 65,604 | +/-2,539 | 28.4% | +/-1.1 |
| Mean Social Security income (dollars) | 13,876 | +/-361 | (X) | (X) |
| With retirement income | 34,896 | +/-2,687 | 15.1% | +/-1.2 |
| Mean retirement income (dollars) | 20,059 | +/-2,592 | (X) | (X) |
| With Supplemental Security Income | 12,483 | +/-1,764 | 5.4% | +/-0.8 |
| Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars) | 7,973 | +/-621 | (X) | (X) |
| With cash public assistance income | 7,752 | +/-1,236 | 3.4% | +/-0.5 |
| Mean cash public assistance income (dollars) | 3,973 | +/-537 | (X) | (X) |
| With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months | 24,517 | +/-2,403 | 10.6% | +/-1.1 |
| Families | 139,948 | +/-4,275 | 139,948 | (X) |
| Less than \$10,000 | 7,334 | +/-1,272 | 5.2% | +/-0.9 |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 3,787 | +/-1,015 | 2.7% | +/-0.7 |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999 | 11,484 | +/-1,691 | 8.2% | +/-1.2 |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 13,148 | +/-1,843 | 9.4% | +/-1.3 |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 21,122 | +/-1,978 | 15.1% | +/-1.4 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 25,960 | +/-2,703 | 18.5% | +/-1.8 |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 21,610 | +/-2,218 | 15.4% | +/-1.5 |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 21,976 | +/-2,106 | 15.7% | +/-1.4 |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 7,577 | +/-1,234 | 5.4% | +/-0.9 |
| \$200,000 or more | 5,950 | +/-1,158 | 4.3% | +/-0.8 |
| Median family income (dollars) | 62,273 | +/-2,162 | (X) | (X) |
| Mean family income (dollars) | 77,219 | +/-2,628 | (X) | (X) |
| Per capita income (dollars) | 25,355 | +/-753 | (X) | (X) |
| Nonfamily households | 91,276 | +/-3,636 | 91,276 | (X) |
| Median nonfamily income (dollars) | 28,790 | +/-2,687 | (X) | (X) |
| Mean nonfamily income (dollars) | 41,106 | +/-2,453 | (X) | (X) |
| Median earnings for workers (dollars) | 30,203 | +/-679 | (X) | (X) |

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|--|----------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| | 45,401 | +/-1,804 | (X) | (X) |
| Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars) | 34,482 | +/-1,266 | (X) | (X) |
| PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL | | | | |
| All families | 10.3% | +/-1.1 | (X) | (X) |
| With related children under 18 years | 16.1% | +/-1.9 | (X) | (X) |
| With related children under 5 years only | 16.4% | +/-4.7 | (X) | (X) |
| Married couple families | 3.6% | +/-1.0 | (X) | (X) |
| With related children under 18 years | 4.0% | +/-1.5 | (X) | (X) |
| With related children under 5 years only | 2.7% | +/-2.7 | (X) | (X) |
| Families with female householder, no husband present | 27.8% | +/-3.7 | (X) | (X) |
| With related children under 18 years | 36.6% | +/-4.9 | (X) | (X) |
| With related children under 5 years only | 38.7% | +/-13.1 | (X) | (X) |
| All people | 14.0% | +/-1.1 | (X) | (X) |
| Under 18 years | 19.3% | +/-2.4 | (X) | (X) |
| Related children under 18 years | 19.1% | +/-2.4 | (X) | (X) |
| Related children under 5 years | 22.7% | +/-3.9 | (X) | (X) |
| Related children 5 to 17 years | 17.6% | +/-2.6 | (X) | (X) |
| 18 years and over | 12.3% | +/-1.0 | (X) | (X) |
| 18 to 64 years | 12.3% | +/-1.2 | (X) | (X) |
| 65 years and over | 12.7% | +/-1.9 | (X) | (X) |
| People in families | 10.8% | +/-1.2 | (X) | (X) |
| Unrelated individuals 15 years and over | 25.8% | +/-2.2 | (X) | (X) |

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|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | | | |
| Total housing units | 256,544 | +/-1,604 | 256,544 | (X) |
| Occupied housing units | 231,224 | +/-3,471 | 90.1% | +/-1.1 |
| Vacant housing units | 25,320 | +/-2,927 | 9.9% | +/-1.1 |
| Homeowner vacancy rate | 2.5 | +/-0.9 | (X) | (X) |
| Rental vacancy rate | 7.8 | +/-1.5 | (X) | (X) |
| UNITS IN STRUCTURE | | | | |
| Total housing units | 256,544 | +/-1,604 | 256,544 | (X) |
| 1-unit, detached | 112,075 | +/-3,968 | 43.7% | +/-1.5 |
| 1-unit, attached | 7,205 | +/-1,243 | 2.8% | +/-0.5 |
| 2 units | 37,581 | +/-3,036 | 14.6% | +/-1.2 |
| 3 or 4 units | 49,319 | +/-3,816 | 19.2% | +/-1.5 |
| 5 to 9 units | 17,120 | +/-2,178 | 6.7% | +/-0.9 |
| 10 to 19 units | 8,204 | +/-1,405 | 3.2% | +/-0.5 |
| 20 or more units | 23,819 | +/-1,940 | 9.3% | +/-0.8 |
| Mobile home | 1,221 | +/-555 | 0.5% | +/-0.2 |
| Boat, RV, van, etc. | 0 | +/-287 | 0.0% | +/-0.1 |
| YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT | | | | |
| Total housing units | 256,544 | +/-1,604 | 256,544 | (X) |
| Built 2005 or later | 2,988 | +/-793 | 1.2% | +/-0.3 |
| Built 2000 to 2004 | 6,437 | +/-1,279 | 2.5% | +/-0.5 |
| Built 1990 to 1999 | 14,332 | +/-1,872 | 5.6% | +/-0.7 |
| Built 1980 to 1989 | 25,690 | +/-2,330 | 10.0% | +/-0.9 |
| Built 1970 to 1979 | 27,492 | +/-2,476 | 10.7% | +/-1.0 |
| Built 1960 to 1969 | 25,134 | +/-2,587 | 9.8% | +/-1.0 |
| Built 1950 to 1959 | 27,394 | +/-1,966 | 10.7% | +/-0.8 |
| Built 1940 to 1949 | 19,147 | +/-2,005 | 7.5% | +/-0.8 |
| Built 1939 or earlier | 107,930 | +/-4,044 | 42.1% | +/-1.6 |
| ROOMS | | | | |
| Total housing units | 256,544 | +/-1,604 | 256,544 | (X) |
| 1 room | 10,406 | +/-1,612 | 4.1% | +/-0.6 |
| 2 rooms | 8,365 | +/-1,436 | 3.3% | +/-0.6 |
| 3 rooms | 26,804 | +/-2,444 | 10.4% | +/-1.0 |
| 4 rooms | 44,719 | +/-2,578 | 17.4% | +/-1.0 |
| 5 rooms | 58,851 | +/-3,370 | 22.9% | +/-1.3 |
| 6 rooms | 47,105 | +/-3,206 | 18.4% | +/-1.2 |
| 7 rooms | 24,257 | +/-2,372 | 9.5% | +/-0.9 |
| 8 rooms | 16,270 | +/-2,089 | 6.3% | +/-0.8 |
| 9 rooms or more | 19,767 | +/-2,087 | 7.7% | +/-0.8 |
| Median rooms | 5.1 | +/-0.2 | (X) | (X) |

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|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| BEDROOMS | | | | |
| Total housing units | 256,544 | +/-1,604 | 256,544 | (X) |
| No bedroom | 11,094 | +/-1,694 | 4.3% | +/-0.7 |
| 1 bedroom | 39,698 | +/-2,802 | 15.5% | +/-1.1 |
| 2 bedrooms | 81,783 | +/-4,194 | 31.9% | +/-1.6 |
| 3 bedrooms | 93,984 | +/-4,060 | 36.6% | +/-1.6 |
| 4 bedrooms | 23,821 | +/-2,539 | 9.3% | +/-1.0 |
| 5 or more bedrooms | 6,164 | +/-1,254 | 2.4% | +/-0.5 |
| HOUSING TENURE | | | | |
| Occupied housing units | 231,224 | +/-3,471 | 231,224 | (X) |
| Owner-occupied | 128,399 | +/-3,800 | 55.5% | +/-1.6 |
| Renter-occupied | 102,825 | +/-4,364 | 44.5% | +/-1.6 |
| Average household size of owner-occupied unit | 2.89 | +/-0.06 | (X) | (X) |
| Average household size of renter-occupied unit | 2.25 | +/-0.06 | (X) | (X) |
| YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT | | | | |
| Occupied housing units | 231,224 | +/-3,471 | 231,224 | (X) |
| Moved in 2005 or later | 82,146 | +/-3,737 | 35.5% | +/-1.4 |
| Moved in 2000 to 2004 | 51,597 | +/-3,249 | 22.3% | +/-1.3 |
| Moved in 1990 to 1999 | 42,097 | +/-3,031 | 18.2% | +/-1.3 |
| Moved in 1980 to 1989 | 22,184 | +/-1,990 | 9.6% | +/-0.9 |
| Moved in 1970 to 1979 | 15,168 | +/-1,943 | 6.6% | +/-0.8 |
| Moved in 1969 or earlier | 18,032 | +/-1,817 | 7.8% | +/-0.8 |
| VEHICLES AVAILABLE | | | | |
| Occupied housing units | 231,224 | +/-3,471 | 231,224 | (X) |
| No vehicles available | 27,003 | +/-2,605 | 11.7% | +/-1.1 |
| 1 vehicle available | 90,697 | +/-3,766 | 39.2% | +/-1.6 |
| 2 vehicles available | 80,470 | +/-3,896 | 34.8% | +/-1.6 |
| 3 or more vehicles available | 33,054 | +/-2,474 | 14.3% | +/-1.0 |
| HOUSE HEATING FUEL | | | | |
| Occupied housing units | 231,224 | +/-3,471 | 231,224 | (X) |
| Utility gas | 133,594 | +/-3,782 | 57.8% | +/-1.4 |
| Bottled, tank, or LP gas | 3,732 | +/-776 | 1.6% | +/-0.3 |
| Electricity | 16,880 | +/-2,136 | 7.3% | +/-0.9 |
| Fuel oil, kerosene, etc. | 73,391 | +/-3,077 | 31.7% | +/-1.3 |
| Coal or coke | 495 | +/-324 | 0.2% | +/-0.1 |
| Wood | 1,991 | +/-529 | 0.9% | +/-0.2 |
| Solar energy | 0 | +/-287 | 0.0% | +/-0.1 |
| Other fuel | 663 | +/-295 | 0.3% | +/-0.1 |
| No fuel used | 478 | +/-269 | 0.2% | +/-0.1 |
| SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS | | | | |
| Occupied housing units | 231,224 | +/-3,471 | 231,224 | (X) |
| Lacking complete plumbing facilities | 511 | +/-297 | 0.2% | +/-0.1 |
| Lacking complete kitchen facilities | 1,991 | +/-685 | 0.9% | +/-0.3 |
| No telephone service available | 7,552 | +/-1,585 | 3.3% | +/-0.7 |
| OCCUPANTS PER ROOM | | | | |
| Occupied housing units | 231,224 | +/-3,471 | 231,224 | (X) |
| 1.00 or less | 226,332 | +/-3,567 | 97.9% | +/-0.4 |
| 1.01 to 1.50 | 3,444 | +/-889 | 1.5% | +/-0.4 |
| 1.51 or more | 1,448 | +/-655 | 0.6% | +/-0.3 |
| VALUE | | | | |
| Owner-occupied units | 128,399 | +/-3,800 | 128,399 | (X) |
| Less than \$50,000 | 2,178 | +/-626 | 1.7% | +/-0.5 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 853 | +/-437 | 0.7% | +/-0.3 |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 4,485 | +/-850 | 3.5% | +/-0.6 |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 13,098 | +/-1,468 | 10.2% | +/-1.1 |
| \$200,000 to \$299,999 | 64,506 | +/-3,479 | 50.2% | +/-2.1 |
| \$300,000 to \$499,999 | 34,033 | +/-2,060 | 26.5% | +/-1.6 |
| \$500,000 to \$999,999 | 8,690 | +/-1,389 | 6.8% | +/-1.1 |
| \$1,000,000 or more | 556 | +/-296 | 0.4% | +/-0.2 |
| Median (dollars) | 267,200 | +/-3,819 | (X) | (X) |
| MORTGAGE STATUS | | | | |

| Selected Housing Characteristics | Estimate | Margin of Error | Percent | Margin of Error |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| | 128,399 | +/-3,800 | 128,399 | (X) |
| Housing units with a mortgage | 92,591 | +/-3,694 | 72.1% | +/-1.6 |
| Housing units without a mortgage | 35,808 | +/-2,229 | 27.9% | +/-1.6 |
| SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC) | | | | |
| Housing units with a mortgage | 92,591 | +/-3,694 | 92,591 | (X) |
| Less than \$300 | 346 | +/-400 | 0.4% | +/-0.4 |
| \$300 to \$499 | 820 | +/-350 | 0.9% | +/-0.4 |
| \$500 to \$699 | 1,512 | +/-519 | 1.6% | +/-0.6 |
| \$700 to \$999 | 5,994 | +/-1,183 | 6.5% | +/-1.2 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499 | 18,085 | +/-1,876 | 19.5% | +/-1.8 |
| \$1,500 to \$1,999 | 28,117 | +/-2,635 | 30.4% | +/-2.5 |
| \$2,000 or more | 37,717 | +/-2,465 | 40.7% | +/-2.3 |
| Median (dollars) | 1,839 | +/-38 | (X) | (X) |
| Housing units without a mortgage | 35,808 | +/-2,229 | 35,808 | (X) |
| Less than \$100 | 105 | +/-131 | 0.3% | +/-0.4 |
| \$100 to \$199 | 108 | +/-132 | 0.3% | +/-0.4 |
| \$200 to \$299 | 760 | +/-423 | 2.1% | +/-1.2 |
| \$300 to \$399 | 2,037 | +/-589 | 5.7% | +/-1.6 |
| \$400 or more | 32,798 | +/-2,090 | 91.6% | +/-1.9 |
| Median (dollars) | 620 | +/-14 | (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) | 91,861 | +/-3,574 | 91,861 | (X) |
| Less than 20.0 percent | 23,095 | +/-1,991 | 25.1% | +/-2.0 |
| 20.0 to 24.9 percent | 14,742 | +/-1,763 | 16.0% | +/-1.8 |
| 25.0 to 29.9 percent | 11,798 | +/-1,612 | 12.8% | +/-1.7 |
| 30.0 to 34.9 percent | 8,071 | +/-1,404 | 8.8% | +/-1.5 |
| 35.0 percent or more | 34,155 | +/-2,774 | 37.2% | +/-2.4 |
| Not computed | 730 | +/-659 | (X) | (X) |
| Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed) | 35,550 | +/-2,225 | 35,550 | (X) |
| Less than 10.0 percent | 8,544 | +/-1,277 | 24.0% | +/-2.9 |
| 10.0 to 14.9 percent | 7,736 | +/-979 | 21.8% | +/-2.7 |
| 15.0 to 19.9 percent | 4,706 | +/-1,037 | 13.2% | +/-2.7 |
| 20.0 to 24.9 percent | 3,794 | +/-828 | 10.7% | +/-2.2 |
| 25.0 to 29.9 percent | 2,628 | +/-800 | 7.4% | +/-2.2 |
| 30.0 to 34.9 percent | 1,158 | +/-425 | 3.3% | +/-1.2 |
| 35.0 percent or more | 6,984 | +/-1,209 | 19.6% | +/-3.4 |
| Not computed | 258 | +/-189 | (X) | (X) |
| GROSS RENT | | | | |
| Occupied units paying rent | 100,314 | +/-4,299 | 100,314 | (X) |
| Less than \$200 | 5,362 | +/-1,216 | 5.3% | +/-1.2 |
| \$200 to \$299 | 7,979 | +/-1,260 | 8.0% | +/-1.3 |
| \$300 to \$499 | 8,833 | +/-1,544 | 8.8% | +/-1.5 |
| \$500 to \$749 | 19,241 | +/-2,438 | 19.2% | +/-2.2 |
| \$750 to \$999 | 30,269 | +/-3,280 | 30.2% | +/-2.8 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499 | 24,621 | +/-2,549 | 24.5% | +/-2.4 |
| \$1,500 or more | 4,009 | +/-882 | 4.0% | +/-0.8 |
| Median (dollars) | 820 | +/-22 | (X) | (X) |
| No rent paid | 2,511 | +/-748 | (X) | (X) |
| GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI) | | | | |
| Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed) | 98,349 | +/-4,293 | 98,349 | (X) |
| Less than 15.0 percent | 10,584 | +/-1,618 | 10.8% | +/-1.6 |
| 15.0 to 19.9 percent | 12,408 | +/-1,846 | 12.6% | +/-1.9 |
| 20.0 to 24.9 percent | 11,528 | +/-2,016 | 11.7% | +/-1.9 |
| 25.0 to 29.9 percent | 13,230 | +/-1,770 | 13.5% | +/-1.8 |
| 30.0 to 34.9 percent | 12,706 | +/-2,117 | 12.9% | +/-2.0 |
| 35.0 percent or more | 37,893 | +/-3,084 | 38.5% | +/-2.8 |
| Not computed | 4,476 | +/-1,149 | (X) | (X) |

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Providence County, Rhode Island

ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates: 2008

Data Set: 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE. Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

| ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates | Estimate | Margin of Error | Percent | Margin of Error |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| SEX AND AGE | | | | |
| Total population | 626,150 | ***** | 626,150 | (X) |
| Male | 301,974 | +/-509 | 48.2% | +/-0.1 |
| Female | 324,176 | +/-509 | 51.8% | +/-0.1 |
| Under 5 years | 39,694 | +/-5 | 6.3% | +/-0.1 |
| 5 to 9 years | 36,843 | +/-2,139 | 5.9% | +/-0.3 |
| 10 to 14 years | 39,624 | +/-2,053 | 6.3% | +/-0.3 |
| 15 to 19 years | 48,674 | +/-831 | 7.8% | +/-0.1 |
| 20 to 24 years | 48,918 | +/-833 | 7.8% | +/-0.1 |
| 25 to 34 years | 83,158 | +/-589 | 13.3% | +/-0.1 |
| 35 to 44 years | 89,914 | +/-968 | 14.4% | +/-0.2 |
| 45 to 54 years | 89,939 | +/-740 | 14.4% | +/-0.1 |
| 55 to 59 years | 36,825 | +/-2,271 | 5.9% | +/-0.4 |
| 60 to 64 years | 28,163 | +/-2,312 | 4.5% | +/-0.4 |
| 65 to 74 years | 39,452 | +/-671 | 6.3% | +/-0.1 |
| 75 to 84 years | 30,277 | +/-1,499 | 4.8% | +/-0.2 |
| 85 years and over | 14,669 | +/-1,498 | 2.3% | +/-0.2 |
| Median age (years) | 37.0 | +/-0.3 | (X) | (X) |
| 18 years and over | 483,527 | +/-537 | 77.2% | +/-0.1 |
| 21 years and over | 449,298 | +/-2,199 | 71.8% | +/-0.4 |
| 62 years and over | 101,314 | +/-2,030 | 16.2% | +/-0.3 |
| 65 years and over | 84,398 | +/-502 | 13.5% | +/-0.1 |
| 18 years and over | 483,527 | +/-537 | 483,527 | (X) |
| Male | 229,650 | +/-561 | 47.5% | +/-0.1 |
| Female | 253,877 | +/-201 | 52.5% | +/-0.1 |
| 65 years and over | 84,398 | +/-502 | 84,398 | (X) |
| Male | 32,900 | +/-267 | 39.0% | +/-0.2 |
| Female | 51,498 | +/-341 | 61.0% | +/-0.2 |
| RACE | | | | |
| Total population | 626,150 | ***** | 626,150 | (X) |
| One race | 610,591 | +/-2,840 | 97.5% | +/-0.5 |
| Two or more races | 15,559 | +/-2,840 | 2.5% | +/-0.5 |
| One race | 610,591 | +/-2,840 | 97.5% | +/-0.5 |
| White | 475,167 | +/-5,765 | 75.9% | +/-0.9 |
| Black or African American | 49,380 | +/-3,045 | 7.9% | +/-0.5 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 3,515 | +/-1,126 | 0.6% | +/-0.2 |
| Cherokee tribal grouping | N | N | N | N |
| Chippewa tribal grouping | N | N | N | N |

| ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates | Estimate | Margin of Error | Percent | Margin of Error |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Navajo tribal grouping | N | N | N | N |
| Sioux tribal grouping | N | N | N | N |
| Asian | 21,197 | +/-1,068 | 3.4% | +/-0.2 |
| Asian Indian | 1,026 | +/-664 | 0.2% | +/-0.1 |
| Chinese | 4,776 | +/-1,622 | 0.8% | +/-0.3 |
| Filipino | 1,039 | +/-837 | 0.2% | +/-0.1 |
| Japanese | 816 | +/-728 | 0.1% | +/-0.1 |
| Korean | 909 | +/-615 | 0.1% | +/-0.1 |
| Vietnamese | 747 | +/-627 | 0.1% | +/-0.1 |
| Other Asian | 11,884 | +/-2,235 | 1.9% | +/-0.4 |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 0 | +/-287 | 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 | 61,332 | +/-5,944 | 9.8% | +/-0.9 |
| Two or more races | 15,559 | +/-2,840 | 2.5% | +/-0.5 |
| White and Black or African American | 3,829 | +/-1,771 | 0.6% | +/-0.3 |
| White and American Indian and Alaska Native | 2,364 | +/-1,492 | 0.4% | +/-0.2 |
| White and Asian | 1,660 | +/-837 | 0.3% | +/-0.1 |
| Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native | 1,428 | +/-813 | 0.2% | +/-0.1 |
| Race alone or in combination with one or more other races | | | | |
| Total population | 626,150 | ***** | 626,150 | (X) |
| White | 487,450 | +/-6,037 | 77.8% | +/-1.0 |
| Black or African American | 56,794 | +/-2,560 | 9.1% | +/-0.4 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 8,370 | +/-1,962 | 1.3% | +/-0.3 |
| Asian | 23,170 | +/-708 | 3.7% | +/-0.1 |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | N | N | N | N |
| Some other race | 66,875 | +/-6,128 | 10.7% | +/-1.0 |
| HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE | | | | |
| Total population | 626,150 | ***** | 626,150 | (X) |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 111,152 | ***** | 17.8% | ***** |
| Mexican | 7,392 | +/-3,167 | 1.2% | +/-0.5 |
| Puerto Rican | 30,964 | +/-4,456 | 4.9% | +/-0.7 |
| Cuban | 1,302 | +/-918 | 0.2% | +/-0.1 |
| Other Hispanic or Latino | 71,494 | +/-4,912 | 11.4% | +/-0.8 |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 514,998 | ***** | 82.2% | ***** |
| White alone | 431,956 | +/-1,853 | 69.0% | +/-0.3 |
| Black or African American alone | 42,377 | +/-2,307 | 6.8% | +/-0.4 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone | 2,172 | +/-711 | 0.3% | +/-0.1 |
| Asian alone | 20,854 | +/-980 | 3.3% | +/-0.2 |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone | 0 | +/-287 | 0.0% | +/-0.1 |
| Some other race alone | 7,373 | +/-2,330 | 1.2% | +/-0.4 |
| Two or more races | 10,266 | +/-2,414 | 1.6% | +/-0.4 |
| Two races including Some other race | 1,387 | +/-600 | 0.2% | +/-0.1 |
| Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races | 8,879 | +/-2,307 | 1.4% | +/-0.4 |
| Total housing units | 256,544 | +/-1,604 | (X) | (X) |

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- 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](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>.
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