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**Providence County, Rhode Island
Population and Housing Narrative Profile: 2006-2008
2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
American Community Survey**



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HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES: In 2006-2008 there were 233,000 households in Providence County. The average household size was 2.6 people.

Families made up 62 percent of the households in Providence County. This figure includes both married-couple families (43 percent) and other families (19 percent). Nonfamily households made up 38 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.

NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE: Seventeen percent of the people living in Providence County in 2006-2008 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 2006-2008, 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 2006-2008, 85 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, 3 percent from another state, and 1 percent from abroad.

EDUCATION: In 2006-2008, 78 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-two percent were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

The total school enrollment in Providence County was 171,000 in 2006-2008. Nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 16,000 and elementary or high school enrollment was 96,000 children. College or graduate school enrollment was 58,000.

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INDUSTRIES: In 2006-2008, 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, 13 percent.

OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER: Among the most common occupations were: Management, professional, and related occupations, 32 percent; Sales and office occupations, 26 percent; Service occupations, 19 percent; Production, transportation, and material moving occupations, 15 percent; and Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations, 8 percent. Eighty-four percent of the people employed were Private wage and salary workers; 11 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 2006-2008, 9 percent carpoled, 4 percent took public transportation, and 5 percent used other means. The remaining 3 percent worked at home. Among those who commuted to work, it took them on average 22.7 minutes to get to work.

INCOME: The median income of households in Providence County was \$48,976. Seventy-seven percent of the households received earnings and 16 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Twenty-eight percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$14,175. 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 2006-2008, 15 percent of people were in poverty. Twenty-one percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 11 percent of people 65 years old and over. Eleven percent of all families and 31 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.

POPULATION OF Providence County: In 2006-2008, Providence County had a total population of 628,000 - 325,000 (52 percent) females and 303,000 (48 percent) males. The median age was 36.8 years. Twenty-three percent of the population was under 18 years and 13 percent was 65 years and older.

For people reporting one race alone, 75 percent was White; 8 percent was Black or African American; less than 0.5 percent was American Indian and Alaska Native; 3 percent was Asian; less than 0.5 percent was Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 11 percent was Some other race. Three percent reported Two or more races. Seventeen percent of the people in Providence County was Hispanic. Seventy percent of the people in Providence County was White non-Hispanic. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS: In 2006-2008, Providence County had a total of 256,000 housing units, 9 percent of which were vacant. Of the total housing units, 47 percent was in single-unit structures, 52 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.

OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS: In 2006-2008, Providence County had 233,000 occupied housing units - 131,000 (56 percent) owner occupied and 102,000 (44 percent) renter occupied. Five percent of the households did not have telephone service and 11 percent of the households did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Multi Vehicle households were not rare. Thirty-five percent had two vehicles and another 16 percent had three or more.

HOUSING COSTS: The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$1,824, nonmortgaged owners \$616, and renters \$842. Forty-six percent of owners with mortgages, 24 percent of owners without mortgages, and 50 percent of renters in Providence County spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 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.

ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates: 2006-2008
 Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Providence County, Rhode Island

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ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
SEX AND AGE				
Total population	627,654	*****	627,654	(X)
Male	303,095	256	48.3%	0.1
Female	324,559	256	51.7%	0.1
Under 5 years				
Under 5 years	39,954	168	6.4%	0.1
5 to 9 years	38,467	1,460	6.1%	0.2
10 to 14 years	39,416	1,448	6.3%	0.2
15 to 19 years	48,875	199	7.8%	0.1
20 to 24 years	48,095	200	7.7%	0.1
25 to 34 years	83,861	149	13.4%	0.1
35 to 44 years	91,242	173	14.5%	0.1
45 to 54 years	89,720	166	14.3%	0.1
55 to 59 years	35,646	1,134	5.7%	0.2
60 to 64 years	28,470	1,141	4.5%	0.2
65 to 74 years	38,069	200	6.1%	0.1
75 to 84 years	31,326	915	5.0%	0.1
85 years and over	14,513	905	2.3%	0.1
Median age (years)				
Median age (years)	36.8	0.2	(X)	(X)
18 years and over				
18 years and over	483,341	*****	77.0%	*****
21 years and over	448,703	1,021	71.5%	0.2
62 years and over	100,324	927	16.0%	0.1
65 years and over	83,908	93	13.4%	0.1
18 years and over				
18 years and over	483,341	*****	483,341	(X)
Male	229,276	*****	47.4%	*****
Female	254,065	*****	52.6%	*****
65 years and over				
65 years and over	83,908	93	83,908	(X)
Male	32,726	93	39.0%	0.1
Female	51,182	*****	61.0%	0.1
RACE				
Total population	627,654	*****	627,654	(X)
One race	611,491	1,757	97.4%	0.3
Two or more races	16,163	1,757	2.6%	0.3
One race				
One race	611,491	1,757	97.4%	0.3
White	472,203	3,009	75.2%	0.5
Black or African American	49,570	1,968	7.9%	0.3
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,662	537	0.4%	0.1
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	21,086	664	3.4%	0.1
Asian Indian	2,016	523	0.3%	0.1
Chinese	5,871	1,217	0.9%	0.2
Filipino	1,305	514	0.2%	0.1
Japanese	369	237	0.1%	0.1
Korean	1,082	380	0.2%	0.1
Vietnamese	923	476	0.1%	0.1
Other Asian	9,520	1,433	1.5%	0.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	165	0.0%	0.1
Native Hawaiian	N	N	N	N

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Guamanian or Chamorro	N	N	N	N
Samoa	N	N	N	N
Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N
Some other race	65,970	3,157	10.5%	0.5
Two or more races	16,163	1,757	2.6%	0.3
White and Black or African American	4,455	899	0.7%	0.1
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	2,220	722	0.4%	0.1
White and Asian	1,514	514	0.2%	0.1
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native	1,523	542	0.2%	0.1
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races				
Total population	627,654	*****	627,654	(X)
White	484,753	3,260	77.2%	0.5
Black or African American	58,157	1,877	9.3%	0.3
American Indian and Alaska Native	7,309	952	1.2%	0.2
Asian	22,956	477	3.7%	0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	226	143	0.0%	0.1
Some other race	71,449	3,175	11.4%	0.5
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE				
Total population	627,654	*****	627,654	(X)
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	108,217	*****	17.2%	*****
Mexican	5,787	1,586	0.9%	0.3
Puerto Rican	29,429	3,067	4.7%	0.5
Cuban	1,020	497	0.2%	0.1
Other Hispanic or Latino	71,981	3,024	11.5%	0.5
Not Hispanic or Latino	519,437	*****	82.8%	*****
White alone	436,260	1,015	69.5%	0.2
Black or African American alone	43,236	1,264	6.9%	0.2
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	2,015	430	0.3%	0.1
Asian alone	20,753	600	3.3%	0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	165	0.0%	0.1
Some other race alone	6,448	1,205	1.0%	0.2
Two or more races	10,725	1,301	1.7%	0.2
Two races including Some other race	1,522	451	0.2%	0.1
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	9,203	1,182	1.5%	0.2
Total housing units	256,302	578	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

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Notes:

- For more information on understanding race and Hispanic origin data, please see the Census 2000 Brief entitled, <http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/c2kbr01-1.pdf> Overview of Race and Hispanic Origin, issued March 2001. (pdf format)
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·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.

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	500,858	714	500,858	(X)
In labor force	325,392	2,775	65.0%	0.6
Civilian labor force	324,692	2,760	64.8%	0.6
Employed	299,913	3,012	59.9%	0.6
Unemployed	24,779	1,602	4.9%	0.3
Armed Forces	700	342	0.1%	0.1
Not in labor force	175,466	2,875	35.0%	0.6
Civilian labor force	324,692	2,760	324,692	(X)
Percent Unemployed	7.6%	0.5	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over				
Population 16 years and over	262,330	533	262,330	(X)
In labor force	158,421	2,196	60.4%	0.8
Civilian labor force	158,345	2,200	60.4%	0.8
Employed	146,090	2,399	55.7%	0.9
Own children under 6 years				
Population	47,277	1,037	47,277	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	32,316	1,517	68.4%	2.7
Own children 6 to 17 years				
Population	90,705	905	90,705	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	66,702	2,138	73.5%	2.2
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	288,050	3,187	288,050	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	227,552	3,352	79.0%	0.8
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	26,473	1,646	9.2%	0.6
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	10,756	1,009	3.7%	0.4
Walked	9,973	869	3.5%	0.3
Other means	5,384	919	1.9%	0.3
Worked at home	7,912	819	2.7%	0.3
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.7	0.4	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	299,913	3,012	299,913	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	96,807	2,558	32.3%	0.8
Service occupations	56,791	2,436	18.9%	0.8
Sales and office occupations	77,322	2,367	25.8%	0.7
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	510	245	0.2%	0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	23,927	1,455	8.0%	0.5

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Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	44,556	1,936	14.9%	0.6
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	299,913	3,012	299,913	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1,130	449	0.4%	0.1
Construction	18,381	1,191	6.1%	0.4
Manufacturing	40,077	1,729	13.4%	0.5
Wholesale trade	8,596	812	2.9%	0.3
Retail trade	35,182	1,856	11.7%	0.6
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	11,884	1,256	4.0%	0.4
Information	5,070	628	1.7%	0.2
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	21,649	1,282	7.2%	0.4
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	27,332	1,442	9.1%	0.5
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	77,100	2,468	25.7%	0.8
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	29,043	1,867	9.7%	0.6
Other services, except public administration	13,882	1,073	4.6%	0.4
Public administration	10,587	970	3.5%	0.3
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	299,913	3,012	299,913	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	250,735	3,350	83.6%	0.6
Government workers	32,663	1,475	10.9%	0.5
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	16,177	1,202	5.4%	0.4
Unpaid family workers	338	165	0.1%	0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	232,957	1,659	232,957	(X)
Less than \$10,000	21,528	1,508	9.2%	0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	16,236	1,101	7.0%	0.5
\$15,000 to \$24,999	26,159	1,534	11.2%	0.7
\$25,000 to \$34,999	23,181	1,224	10.0%	0.5
\$35,000 to \$49,999	31,253	1,296	13.4%	0.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	41,510	1,479	17.8%	0.6
\$75,000 to \$99,999	29,821	1,559	12.8%	0.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	28,234	1,461	12.1%	0.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	8,320	700	3.6%	0.3
\$200,000 or more	6,715	727	2.9%	0.3
Median household income (dollars)	48,976	1,066	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	64,060	1,333	(X)	(X)
With earnings	179,333	2,225	77.0%	0.7
Mean earnings (dollars)	67,427	1,456	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	65,151	1,501	28.0%	0.6
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,175	237	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	36,818	1,346	15.8%	0.6

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Mean retirement income (dollars)	18,767	851	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	15,075	1,187	6.5%	0.5
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,458	389	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	8,553	900	3.7%	0.4
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,178	364	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	22,845	1,470	9.8%	0.6
Families	144,747	1,956	144,747	(X)
Less than \$10,000	7,462	939	5.2%	0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5,465	646	3.8%	0.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	12,695	1,146	8.8%	0.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	12,956	1,119	9.0%	0.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	19,503	1,150	13.5%	0.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	27,316	1,310	18.9%	0.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	22,830	1,274	15.8%	0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	23,991	1,269	16.6%	0.9
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,901	651	4.8%	0.5
\$200,000 or more	5,628	623	3.9%	0.4
Median family income (dollars)	62,680	1,198	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	76,541	1,701	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	25,062	488	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	88,210	1,914	88,210	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	28,390	1,856	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	40,580	1,488	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	28,646	690	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	44,592	937	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	35,457	841	(X)	(X)
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	11.0%	0.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	17.8%	1.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	17.1%	3.1	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	3.9%	0.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	5.4%	1.0	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	4.4%	2.1	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	30.5%	2.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	39.3%	3.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	39.1%	6.9	(X)	(X)
All people	14.7%	0.8	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	21.5%	1.7	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18	21.3%	1.7	(X)	(X)

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years				
Related children under 5 years	25.0%	2.6	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	19.9%	1.8	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	12.6%	0.6	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	12.8%	0.7	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	11.2%	1.1	(X)	(X)
People in families	11.6%	0.9	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	26.1%	1.1	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

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Notes:

- Employment and unemployment estimates may vary from the official labor force data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics because of differences in survey design and data collection. For guidance on differences in employment and unemployment estimates from different sources go to <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/laborfor/laborguidance082504.html> Labor Force Guidance.
- Workers include members of the Armed Forces and civilians who were at work last week.
- Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2000.
- Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System 2002 and 2007. The 2006 and 2007 ACS data are coded using NAICS 2002 while the 2008 ACS data use NAICS 2007 codes. Categories that differ between 2002 and 2007 NAICS are aggregated so that the 3 years of data are consistent in display and reflect the NAICS 2007 codes. 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 of Management and Budget.
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<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/usernotes.html> ACS User Notes for details.

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2006-2008
 Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Providence County, Rhode Island

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Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	232,957	1,659	232,957	(X)
Family households (families)	144,747	1,956	62.1%	0.8
With own children under 18 years	69,284	1,489	29.7%	0.6
Married-couple family	99,781	2,013	42.8%	0.8
With own children under 18 years	42,421	1,393	18.2%	0.6
Male householder, no wife present, family	10,225	960	4.4%	0.4
With own children under 18 years	4,556	617	2.0%	0.3
Female householder, no husband present, family	34,741	1,578	14.9%	0.7
With own children under 18 years	22,307	1,296	9.6%	0.5
Nonfamily households	88,210	1,914	37.9%	0.8
Householder living alone	72,868	1,878	31.3%	0.8
65 years and over	25,542	1,195	11.0%	0.5
Households with one or more people under 18 years	75,471	1,618	32.4%	0.6
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	56,771	1,055	24.4%	0.4
Average household size	2.58	0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.28	0.04	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	600,667	1,442	600,667	(X)
Householder	232,957	1,659	38.8%	0.3
Spouse	99,671	2,042	16.6%	0.3
Child	188,223	2,788	31.3%	0.4
Other relatives	42,215	2,852	7.0%	0.5
Nonrelatives	37,601	2,291	6.3%	0.4
Unmarried partner	15,246	1,217	2.5%	0.2
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	242,787	192	242,787	(X)
Never married	98,380	1,734	40.5%	0.7
Now married, except separated	110,026	2,133	45.3%	0.9
Separated	4,678	786	1.9%	0.3
Widowed	7,241	721	3.0%	0.3
Divorced	22,462	1,248	9.3%	0.5
Females 15 years and over	267,030	179	267,030	(X)
Never married	90,499	1,823	33.9%	0.7
Now married, except separated	108,764	2,272	40.7%	0.9
Separated	7,736	865	2.9%	0.3
Widowed	28,412	1,084	10.6%	0.4
Divorced	31,619	1,493	11.8%	0.6
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	8,794	843	8,794	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	3,375	546	38.4%	4.7
Per 1,000 unmarried women	34	6	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	53	5	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	21	8	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	92	10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	30	6	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	12,767	1,303	12,767	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	2,983	498	23.4%	3.5
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	912	326	7.1%	2.5
1 or 2 years	744	259	5.8%	1.9
3 or 4 years	507	186	4.0%	1.6
5 or more years	820	291	6.4%	2.3
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	2,983	498	2,983	(X)
Who are female	2,150	372	72.1%	5.4
Who are married	1,736	405	58.2%	9.0
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	170,509	2,467	170,509	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	9,550	899	5.6%	0.5
Kindergarten	6,937	777	4.1%	0.5
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	61,553	1,149	36.1%	0.8
High school (grades 9-12)	34,171	1,219	20.0%	0.7
College or graduate school	58,298	2,314	34.2%	0.9
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	412,847	126	412,847	(X)
Less than 9th grade	41,367	2,249	10.0%	0.5
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	48,676	2,019	11.8%	0.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	123,423	2,879	29.9%	0.7
Some college, no degree	66,628	2,456	16.1%	0.6
Associate's degree	29,002	1,587	7.0%	0.4
Bachelor's degree	63,238	2,376	15.3%	0.6
Graduate or professional degree	40,513	1,742	9.8%	0.4
Percent high school graduate or higher	78.2%	0.7	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	25.1%	0.7	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	482,662	337	482,662	(X)
Civilian veterans	40,348	1,443	8.4%	0.3

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	619,414	783	619,414	(X)
Same house	529,378	4,633	85.5%	0.8
Different house in the U.S.	85,394	4,565	13.8%	0.7
Same county	62,857	4,447	10.1%	0.7
Different county	22,537	2,069	3.6%	0.3
Same state	4,706	885	0.8%	0.1
Different state	17,831	1,663	2.9%	0.3
Abroad	4,642	965	0.7%	0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	627,654	*****	627,654	(X)
Native	518,996	3,174	82.7%	0.5
Born in United States	502,406	2,791	80.0%	0.4
State of residence	367,890	4,125	58.6%	0.7
Different state	134,516	3,523	21.4%	0.6
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	16,590	1,872	2.6%	0.3
Foreign born	108,658	3,174	17.3%	0.5
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	108,658	3,174	108,658	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	46,392	2,158	42.7%	1.8
Not a U.S. citizen	62,266	2,871	57.3%	1.8
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	125,248	2,791	125,248	(X)
Native	16,590	1,872	16,590	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	4,138	1,005	24.9%	4.9
Entered before 2000	12,452	1,484	75.1%	4.9
Foreign born	108,658	3,174	108,658	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	27,631	2,450	25.4%	1.9
Entered before 2000	81,027	2,752	74.6%	1.9
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	108,658	3,174	108,658	(X)
Europe	22,549	1,573	20.8%	1.3
Asia	15,145	980	13.9%	0.9
Africa	15,810	1,412	14.6%	1.2
Oceania	180	131	0.2%	0.1
Latin America	50,239	2,497	46.2%	1.8
Northern America	4,735	1,277	4.4%	1.2
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and	587,700	168	587,700	(X)

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
over				
English only	417,784	3,586	71.1%	0.6
Language other than English	169,916	3,557	28.9%	0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	76,423	2,787	13.0%	0.5
Spanish	90,025	1,539	15.3%	0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	46,502	2,046	7.9%	0.3
Other Indo-European languages	58,649	3,076	10.0%	0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	20,531	1,656	3.5%	0.3
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	15,271	943	2.6%	0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	7,329	858	1.2%	0.1
Other languages	5,971	1,093	1.0%	0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	2,061	608	0.4%	0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	627,654	*****	627,654	(X)
American	10,921	1,408	1.7%	0.2
Arab	6,730	1,331	1.1%	0.2
Czech	633	222	0.1%	0.1
Danish	599	237	0.1%	0.1
Dutch	2,235	544	0.4%	0.1
English	59,915	3,120	9.5%	0.5
French (except Basque)	78,958	2,858	12.6%	0.5
French Canadian	36,897	2,338	5.9%	0.4
German	27,412	1,899	4.4%	0.3
Greek	4,565	1,015	0.7%	0.2
Hungarian	1,344	498	0.2%	0.1
Irish	100,260	3,764	16.0%	0.6
Italian	118,851	3,714	18.9%	0.6
Lithuanian	1,617	446	0.3%	0.1
Norwegian	1,793	442	0.3%	0.1
Polish	24,775	2,146	3.9%	0.3
Portuguese	55,290	2,973	8.8%	0.5
Russian	5,588	799	0.9%	0.1
Scotch-Irish	6,409	853	1.0%	0.1
Scottish	10,569	1,144	1.7%	0.2
Slovak	695	432	0.1%	0.1
Subsaharan African	28,739	2,341	4.6%	0.4
Swedish	8,206	1,126	1.3%	0.2
Swiss	421	180	0.1%	0.1
Ukrainian	1,601	389	0.3%	0.1
Welsh	1,414	362	0.2%	0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	4,593	1,327	0.7%	0.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

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Notes:

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- The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Because of contextual differences between the 2008 disability data and disability data collected in the previous two years, the Census Bureau is unable to combine the 3 years of disability data in order to produce the multi-year estimate that would appear in this table. Multi-year estimates of disability status will become available once three consecutive years of data are collected. For more information about the differences between the 2008 and prior year's disability questions, and the evaluation of these questions in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the [Evaluation Report Covering Disability](#).

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Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	256,302	578	256,302	(X)
Occupied housing units	232,957	1,659	90.9%	0.6
Vacant housing units	23,345	1,571	9.1%	0.6
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.7	0.4	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	8.2	0.8	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	256,302	578	256,302	(X)
1-unit, detached	112,621	1,775	43.9%	0.7
1-unit, attached	8,353	731	3.3%	0.3
2 units	38,361	1,829	15.0%	0.7
3 or 4 units	48,638	1,940	19.0%	0.8
5 to 9 units	15,801	1,213	6.2%	0.5
10 to 19 units	8,769	824	3.4%	0.3
20 or more units	22,524	1,080	8.8%	0.4
Mobile home	1,022	192	0.4%	0.1
Boat, RV, van, etc.	213	146	0.1%	0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	256,302	578	256,302	(X)
Built 2005 or later	2,216	407	0.9%	0.2
Built 2000 to 2004	6,821	674	2.7%	0.3
Built 1990 to 1999	12,808	914	5.0%	0.4
Built 1980 to 1989	23,667	1,399	9.2%	0.5
Built 1970 to 1979	27,090	1,490	10.6%	0.6
Built 1960 to 1969	24,389	1,250	9.5%	0.5
Built 1950 to 1959	28,325	1,217	11.1%	0.5
Built 1940 to 1949	19,914	1,129	7.8%	0.4
Built 1939 or earlier	111,072	2,251	43.3%	0.9
ROOMS				
Total housing units	256,302	578	256,302	(X)
1 room	5,194	789	2.0%	0.3
2 rooms	9,874	857	3.9%	0.3
3 rooms	26,485	1,396	10.3%	0.5
4 rooms	49,044	2,209	19.1%	0.9
5 rooms	61,013	1,731	23.8%	0.7
6 rooms	46,531	1,877	18.2%	0.7
7 rooms	24,556	1,363	9.6%	0.5
8 rooms	16,392	1,130	6.4%	0.4
9 rooms or more	17,213	1,072	6.7%	0.4
Median rooms	5.1	0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	256,302	578	256,302	(X)
No bedroom	5,622	759	2.2%	0.3
1 bedroom	40,937	1,685	16.0%	0.7
2 bedrooms	82,392	2,245	32.1%	0.9
3 bedrooms	94,055	2,264	36.7%	0.9
4 bedrooms	25,019	1,353	9.8%	0.5
5 or more bedrooms	8,277	776	3.2%	0.3
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	232,957	1,659	232,957	(X)

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
Owner-occupied	130,569	1,975	56.0%	0.8
Renter-occupied	102,388	2,241	44.0%	0.8
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.81	0.03	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.28	0.03	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	232,957	1,659	232,957	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	66,524	2,088	28.6%	0.9
Moved in 2000 to 2004	59,510	2,029	25.5%	0.8
Moved in 1990 to 1999	47,367	1,754	20.3%	0.8
Moved in 1980 to 1989	24,442	1,315	10.5%	0.5
Moved in 1970 to 1979	15,488	955	6.6%	0.4
Moved in 1969 or earlier	19,626	998	8.4%	0.4
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	232,957	1,659	232,957	(X)
No vehicles available	26,722	1,162	11.5%	0.5
1 vehicle available	88,938	2,025	38.2%	0.8
2 vehicles available	80,818	2,299	34.7%	0.9
3 or more vehicles available	36,479	1,191	15.7%	0.5
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	232,957	1,659	232,957	(X)
Utility gas	132,849	2,485	57.0%	0.9
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	3,511	436	1.5%	0.2
Electricity	15,813	1,095	6.8%	0.5
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	77,924	1,731	33.4%	0.7
Coal or coke	230	160	0.1%	0.1
Wood	1,892	349	0.8%	0.2
Solar energy	0	165	0.0%	0.1
Other fuel	501	167	0.2%	0.1
No fuel used	237	92	0.1%	0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	232,957	1,659	232,957	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	694	219	0.3%	0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	1,619	369	0.7%	0.2
No telephone service available	10,936	1,053	4.7%	0.4
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	232,957	1,659	232,957	(X)
1.00 or less	228,191	1,728	98.0%	0.3
1.01 to 1.50	3,934	619	1.7%	0.3
1.51 or more	832	272	0.4%	0.1
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	130,569	1,975	130,569	(X)
Less than \$50,000	1,445	299	1.1%	0.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,252	280	1.0%	0.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,851	507	2.9%	0.4
\$150,000 to \$199,999	14,570	1,096	11.2%	0.8
\$200,000 to \$299,999	58,661	1,881	44.9%	1.2
\$300,000 to \$499,999	40,566	1,548	31.1%	1.1
\$500,000 to \$999,999	9,619	690	7.4%	0.5
\$1,000,000 or more	605	182	0.5%	0.1
Median (dollars)	271,800	2,495	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	130,569	1,975	130,569	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	94,030	1,971	72.0%	0.9
Housing units without a mortgage	36,539	1,210	28.0%	0.9

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
mortgage				
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	94,030	1,971	94,030	(X)
Less than \$300	228	178	0.2%	0.2
\$300 to \$499	802	223	0.9%	0.2
\$500 to \$699	1,602	294	1.7%	0.3
\$700 to \$999	5,952	688	6.3%	0.7
\$1,000 to \$1,499	20,472	1,249	21.8%	1.3
\$1,500 to \$1,999	27,120	1,215	28.8%	1.2
\$2,000 or more	37,854	1,658	40.3%	1.5
Median (dollars)	1,824	24	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	36,539	1,210	36,539	(X)
Less than \$100	201	138	0.6%	0.4
\$100 to \$199	177	97	0.5%	0.3
\$200 to \$299	964	274	2.6%	0.7
\$300 to \$399	2,538	315	6.9%	0.8
\$400 or more	32,659	1,099	89.4%	1.1
Median (dollars)	616	12	(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)	93,338	1,993	93,338	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	24,011	1,145	25.7%	1.1
20.0 to 24.9 percent	13,977	973	15.0%	1.0
25.0 to 29.9 percent	12,483	922	13.4%	1.0
30.0 to 34.9 percent	9,163	818	9.8%	0.9
35.0 percent or more	33,704	1,469	36.1%	1.3
Not computed	692	304	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	36,292	1,202	36,292	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	9,519	765	26.2%	1.9
10.0 to 14.9 percent	7,115	624	19.6%	1.6
15.0 to 19.9 percent	4,560	540	12.6%	1.5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	3,533	484	9.7%	1.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,680	421	7.4%	1.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,228	281	3.4%	0.8
35.0 percent or more	7,657	713	21.1%	1.7
Not computed	247	122	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	99,601	2,275	99,601	(X)
Less than \$200	4,567	635	4.6%	0.6
\$200 to \$299	8,515	791	8.5%	0.8
\$300 to \$499	8,351	817	8.4%	0.8
\$500 to \$749	18,018	1,360	18.1%	1.3
\$750 to \$999	30,202	1,589	30.3%	1.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	24,806	1,562	24.9%	1.4
\$1,500 or more	5,142	615	5.2%	0.6
Median (dollars)	842	10	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	2,787	603	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	97,894	2,259	97,894	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	11,481	938	11.7%	1.0

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
15.0 to 19.9 percent	12,072	1,071	12.3%	1.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	11,632	1,033	11.9%	1.0
25.0 to 29.9 percent	13,530	1,085	13.8%	1.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	10,715	1,091	10.9%	1.1
35.0 percent or more	38,464	1,877	39.3%	1.6
Not computed	4,494	739	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 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 <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/Accuracy/Accuracy1.htm> Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

- 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.
- Due to the use of value categories rather than specific amounts collected for each individual housing unit in 2006 and 2007, property value on the 3-year file cannot be inflation adjusted. Any table providing data on property values is reported in current dollars. This is in contrast to the other monetary data on the 3-year file, which are inflated to 2008 dollars.
- The estimate for mortgage status and selected monthly owner costs, median mortgage status and selected monthly owner costs, gross rent, and median gross rent for previous years is adjusted for inflation to the current year.
- 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.