



District of Columbia

STATE DATA CENTER

2008-2012 ACS

KEY DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS



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2008-2012 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY, KEY DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS

Key Indicators	United States	District Wide	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8
Total Population	309,138,711	605,759	75,814	75,116	80,344	76,851	75,470	79,119	68,035	75,010
Population by Sex (%)										
Male	49.2%	47.3%	49.0%	51.2%	44.9%	47.5%	47.0%	48.6%	45.3%	44.7%
Female	50.8%	52.7%	51.0%	48.8%	55.1%	52.5%	53.0%	51.4%	54.7%	55.3%
Population by Age (%)										
Under 5 years	6.5%	5.7%	5.1%	2.9%	4.4%	6.2%	5.3%	5.5%	6.3%	10.2%
Youths, Under 18 years	23.9%	17.2%	12.2%	5.4%	13.4%	19.9%	18.1%	14.0%	25.0%	30.3%
18-64 years	62.9%	71.4%	80.9%	86.0%	71.2%	64.8%	67.7%	76.0%	61.6%	62.4%
Seniors, 65 years and over	13.2%	11.4%	6.9%	8.6%	15.4%	15.3%	14.2%	10.0%	13.4%	7.3%
Median Age (years)	37.2	33.9	31.5	30.6	36.2	39.9	37.6	34.4	37.8	28.2
Population by Race (%)										
White	74.2%	39.5%	53.6%	76.2%	83.2%	24.6%	14.7%	50.8%	2.0%	4.1%
Black	12.6%	51.1%	33.3%	9.2%	5.2%	60.5%	77.4%	40.6%	95.9%	94.1%
American Indian & Alaska Native	0.8%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%
Asian	4.8%	3.5%	4.5%	9.1%	6.3%	1.5%	1.4%	4.4%	0.3%	0.3%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	4.8%	3.4%	6.0%	2.5%	1.5%	10.4%	4.2%	1.3%	0.7%	0.5%
Two or More Races	2.7%	2.1%	1.9%	2.5%	3.4%	2.3%	2.1%	2.3%	1.0%	0.8%
Hispanic/Latino Population (# and %)	50,545,275 16.4%	56,259 9.3%	16,654 22.0%	7,037 9.4%	6,333 7.9%	14,051 18.3%	5,425 7.2%	4,292 5.4%	1,358 2.0%	1,109 1.5%
Foreign-born Population (%)	12.9%	13.5%	23.9%	18.6%	18.0%	21.2%	10.2%	9.2%	3.6%	2.4%
Commuting to Work										
Population 16 years and over (#)	139,893,639	306,336	48,031	46,822	46,430	37,161	32,695	47,494	23,922	23,781
% Private vehicle (drove alone)	76.1%	34.7%	23.8%	22.1%	38.4%	46.0%	42.9%	31.6%	45.0%	41.6%
% Private vehicle (carpooled)	10.0%	6.2%	5.7%	3.0%	6.5%	7.8%	7.7%	4.7%	8.5%	9.3%
% Public transportation	5.0%	37.8%	45.5%	28.9%	36.8%	36.8%	36.3%	38.0%	41.5%	41.2%
% Walked	2.8%	12.1%	12.0%	35.2%	7.8%	2.4%	6.5%	14.9%	1.5%	3.1%
% Other Means	1.8%	4.3%	7.4%	5.0%	3.5%	2.8%	4.2%	5.3%	1.2%	1.4%
% Worked at home	4.3%	4.9%	5.6%	5.7%	7.0%	4.2%	2.4%	5.5%	2.3%	3.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)	25.4	29.6	29.5	23.7	27.7	32.6	30.5	26.4	37.0	37.4
Households with Vehicle (%)	91.0%	63.5%	57.8%	52.2%	77.1%	74.5%	66.5%	66.5%	60.2%	52.0%
% Unemployed	6.0%	7.1%	5.7%	2.5%	2.8%	7.7%	10.2%	5.9%	11.6%	12.9%
Educational Attainment										
Population 25 Years and Over (#)	204,336,017	417,432	54,907	51,083	57,594	55,233	52,497	60,032	44,357	41,729
% High School Graduate or Higher	85.7%	87.5%	84.5%	94.2%	97.4%	84.6%	83.2%	90.7%	82.4%	80.0%
% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	28.5%	51.2%	59.9%	80.7%	85.0%	42.6%	31.6%	63.0%	17.1%	12.4%
Income										
Median Household Income	\$53,046	\$64,267	\$73,006	\$90,859	\$103,936	\$63,085	\$51,970	\$86,612	\$38,807	\$31,422
Mean Household Income	\$73,034	\$99,511	\$93,093	\$133,559	\$161,760	\$99,436	\$66,903	\$109,395	\$52,162	\$43,084
Per Capita Income	\$28,051	\$45,004	\$43,799	\$70,094	\$78,711	\$40,223	\$28,874	\$53,530	\$22,762	\$17,304
Poverty (%)										
Families in Poverty	10.9%	14.2%	11.1%	2.3%	1.2%	8.8%	16.4%	10.9%	23.2%	33.6%
Individuals in Poverty	14.9%	18.5%	14.3%	12.6%	8.4%	13.4%	21.2%	14.9%	26.1%	37.5%
Under 18 years in Poverty	20.8%	28.9%	24.4%	2.9%	1.6%	18.6%	27.1%	23.6%	39.3%	50.9%
Housing Occupancy										
Total Housing Units (#)	131,642,457	296,671	36,810	43,993	41,776	31,987	34,597	41,669	32,761	33,078
Vacant Housing Units (%)	12.5%	12.0%	9.6%	13.1%	8.3%	8.5%	13.3%	11.2%	15.9%	16.7%
Occupied Housing Unit (%)	87.5%	88.0%	90.4%	86.9%	91.7%	91.5%	86.7%	88.8%	84.1%	83.3%
% Owner-occupied Units	65.5%	42.4%	33.7%	35.9%	50.6%	59.8%	48.3%	45.7%	41.0%	22.9%
% Renter-occupied Units	34.5%	57.6%	66.3%	64.1%	49.4%	40.2%	51.7%	54.3%	59.0%	77.1%
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	2.3	3.0	1.5	2.9	1.3	2.2	3.6	4.7	3.9	4.5
Renter Vacancy Rate	7.5	6.4	3.3	7.6	5.8	7.3	10.3	4.0	7.6	6.6
Median Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units	\$181,400	\$443,000	\$488,700	\$602,800	\$771,300	\$460,400	\$355,000	\$504,700	\$245,500	\$254,100
Median Monthly Gross Rent	\$889	\$1,200	\$1,281	\$1,699	\$1,605	\$1,038	\$947	\$1,304	\$849	\$885
Households by Type										
Total Households (#)	115,226,802	261,192	33,269	38,228	38,326	29,284	29,981	36,994	27,543	27,567
Family Households (#)	76,595,548	109,643	10,809	8,502	15,466	16,499	13,762	14,302	14,199	16,104
Married-couples (%)	49.0%	22.3%	18.3%	18.9%	35.1%	32.5%	18.4%	22.9%	15.2%	13.4%
Female Householder, no husband (%)	12.9%	16.1%	10.0%	2.0%	3.8%	19.1%	22.7%	12.7%	31.3%	39.1%
Male Householder, no wife (%)	4.6%	3.6%	4.2%	1.4%	1.5%	4.7%	4.8%	3.1%	5.1%	5.9%
Non-family Households (#)	38,631,254	151,549	22,460	29,726	22,860	12,785	16,219	22,692	13,344	11,463
Living Alone (%)	27.5%	46.4%	48.0%	60.8%	47.5%	35.4%	45.6%	46.6%	44.8%	37.4%
Average Household Size	2.61	2.17	2.13	1.65	1.94	2.58	2.32	2.06	2.34	2.6
Average Family Size	3.21	3.2	3.23	2.63	2.75	3.4	3.44	2.96	3.42	3.53
Language Spoken at Home										
Population 5 years and over (#)	289,000,827	571,041	71,940	72,930	76,773	72,099	71,450	74,739	63,716	67,394
English Only (%)	79.5%	85.1%	76.7%	79.6%	80.0%	76.1%	89.4%	88.7%	95.8%	97.0%
Language Other Than English (%)	20.5%	14.9%	23.3%	20.4%	20.0%	23.9%	10.6%	11.3%	4.2%	3.0%
Spanish (%)	12.7%	7.1%	13.0%	6.7%	6.3%	15.4%	5.9%	4.8%	2.2%	1.7%

DC Ward Data at a Glance

The U.S. Census Bureau has released its fourth five-year (2008-2012) data product from the American Community Survey (ACS) that contains information on the characteristics of the population of the District of Columbia's eight wards. This release is based on sample data collected on a monthly basis from January 2008 through December 2012 and covers socio-economic, housing and demographic characteristics of the nation and states, down to the census tract level. The District of Columbia's ward characteristics are included under the State Legislative District (SLD) products. The ACS and other Census Bureau products are collectively important components of the nation's information infrastructure, providing data that are essential to our economy, communities and neighborhoods.

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 full implementation of the ACS, which began in 2005, originally sampled approximately 2.9 million housing unit addresses annually stateside. In 2011 the ACS sampled approximately 3.3 million housing unit addresses - this corresponds to an increase in the targeted annual sample size of 3.54 million addresses that began with the June 2011 ACS sample. The 2012 ACS sample is approximately 3.54 million housing unit addresses. 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 produces 1-year, 3-year and 5-year estimates. ACS data are very timely because the 1-year data products, for instant, are released in the year immediately following the year in which the data 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. The 5-year estimates are updated annually by removing the earliest year and replacing it with the latest one, and provide 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 2008-2012 American Community Survey on the next page.

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