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2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Data and Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

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.

Subject	Mars Hill town, North Carolina			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	709	+/-127	709	(X)
Family households (families)	301	+/-94	42.5%	+/-9.4
With own children under 18 years	116	+/-59	16.4%	+/-7.1
Married-couple family	189	+/-67	26.7%	+/-7.7
With own children under 18 years	53	+/-35	7.5%	+/-4.7
Male householder, no wife present, family	20	+/-32	2.8%	+/-4.4
With own children under 18 years	16	+/-28	2.3%	+/-3.9
Female householder, no husband present, family	92	+/-50	13.0%	+/-6.5
With own children under 18 years	47	+/-41	6.6%	+/-5.5
Nonfamily households	408	+/-88	57.5%	+/-9.4
Householder living alone	333	+/-79	47.0%	+/-9.4
65 years and over	142	+/-50	20.0%	+/-6.7
Households with one or more people under 18 years	116	+/-59	16.4%	+/-7.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	245	+/-59	34.6%	+/-7.6
Average household size	1.85	+/-0.21	(X)	(X)
Average family size	2.71	+/-0.30	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	1,314	+/-286	1,314	(X)
Householder	709	+/-127	54.0%	+/-6.1
Spouse	192	+/-63	14.6%	+/-3.6
Child	263	+/-121	20.0%	+/-6.4
Other relatives	59	+/-46	4.5%	+/-3.2
Nonrelatives	91	+/-52	6.9%	+/-3.5
Unmarried partner	40	+/-29	3.0%	+/-2.2
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	843	+/-185	843	(X)
Never married	539	+/-143	63.9%	+/-8.4
Now married, except separated	216	+/-73	25.6%	+/-8.0
Separated	3	+/-7	0.4%	+/-0.9
Widowed	16	+/-30	1.9%	+/-3.4

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Divorced	69	+/-53	8.2%	+/-5.8
Females 15 years and over	1,082	+/-195	1,082	(X)
Never married	512	+/-158	47.3%	+/-9.1
Now married, except separated	196	+/-64	18.1%	+/-5.4
Separated	42	+/-28	3.9%	+/-2.5
Widowed	165	+/-68	15.2%	+/-6.8
Divorced	167	+/-62	15.4%	+/-4.8
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	4	+/-9	4	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	4	+/-9	100.0%	+/-100.0
Per 1,000 unmarried women	8	+/-16	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	6	+/-13	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	0	+/-194	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	14	+/-30	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	0	+/-168	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	0	+/-13	0	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	0	+/-13	-	**
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	0	+/-13	-	**
1 or 2 years	0	+/-13	-	**
3 or 4 years	0	+/-13	-	**
5 or more years	0	+/-13	-	**
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	0	+/-13	0	(X)
Who are female	0	+/-13	-	**
Who are married	0	+/-13	-	**
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	975	+/-184	975	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	21	+/-26	2.2%	+/-2.6
Kindergarten	13	+/-14	1.3%	+/-1.5
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	31	+/-25	3.2%	+/-2.5
High school (grades 9-12)	97	+/-72	9.9%	+/-6.8
College or graduate school	813	+/-152	83.4%	+/-7.6
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	1,063	+/-208	1,063	(X)
Less than 9th grade	103	+/-90	9.7%	+/-7.8
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	54	+/-34	5.1%	+/-3.0
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	220	+/-60	20.7%	+/-5.4
Some college, no degree	190	+/-68	17.9%	+/-5.2
Associate's degree	130	+/-70	12.2%	+/-5.9
Bachelor's degree	263	+/-88	24.7%	+/-6.9
Graduate or professional degree	103	+/-32	9.7%	+/-3.0
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	85.2%	+/-8.5
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	34.4%	+/-6.9
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	1,845	+/-272	1,845	(X)
Civilian veterans	87	+/-46	4.7%	+/-2.4

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	2,071	+/-335	2,071	(X)
With a disability	378	+/-131	18.3%	+/-5.5
Under 18 years	226	+/-113	226	(X)
With a disability	9	+/-10	4.0%	+/-4.7
18 to 64 years	1,531	+/-252	1,531	(X)
With a disability	181	+/-111	11.8%	+/-6.4
65 years and over	314	+/-82	314	(X)
With a disability	188	+/-62	59.9%	+/-11.5
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	2,071	+/-335	2,071	(X)
Same house	1,332	+/-250	64.3%	+/-7.3
Different house in the U.S.	733	+/-202	35.4%	+/-7.2
Same county	202	+/-104	9.8%	+/-4.8
Different county	531	+/-188	25.6%	+/-7.6
Same state	421	+/-167	20.3%	+/-7.0
Different state	110	+/-72	5.3%	+/-3.3
Abroad	6	+/-8	0.3%	+/-0.4
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	2,071	+/-335	2,071	(X)
Native	2,021	+/-334	97.6%	+/-1.6
Born in United States	2,002	+/-330	96.7%	+/-1.9
State of residence	1,244	+/-268	60.1%	+/-5.8
Different state	758	+/-140	36.6%	+/-5.6
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	19	+/-21	0.9%	+/-1.0
Foreign born	50	+/-33	2.4%	+/-1.6
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	50	+/-33	50	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	3	+/-6	6.0%	+/-12.3
Not a U.S. citizen	47	+/-34	94.0%	+/-12.3
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	69	+/-39	69	(X)
Native	19	+/-21	19	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-73.1
Entered before 2010	19	+/-21	100.0%	+/-73.1
Foreign born	50	+/-33	50	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-45.1
Entered before 2010	50	+/-33	100.0%	+/-45.1
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	50	+/-33	50	(X)
Europe	9	+/-9	18.0%	+/-20.3
Asia	2	+/-4	4.0%	+/-8.6
Africa	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-45.1
Oceania	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-45.1
Latin America	37	+/-32	74.0%	+/-25.1
Northern America	2	+/-6	4.0%	+/-11.2

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	1,994	+/-306	1,994	(X)
English only	1,890	+/-307	94.8%	+/-3.1
Language other than English	104	+/-61	5.2%	+/-3.1
Speak English less than "very well"	25	+/-29	1.3%	+/-1.4
Spanish	43	+/-35	2.2%	+/-1.7
Speak English less than "very well"	25	+/-29	1.3%	+/-1.4
Other Indo-European languages	13	+/-13	0.7%	+/-0.7
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.9
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	48	+/-41	2.4%	+/-2.1
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.9
Other languages	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.9
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.9
ANCESTRY				
Total population	2,071	+/-335	2,071	(X)
American	321	+/-157	15.5%	+/-6.7
Arab	8	+/-12	0.4%	+/-0.6
Czech	3	+/-6	0.1%	+/-0.3
Danish	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.8
Dutch	28	+/-22	1.4%	+/-1.1
English	261	+/-78	12.6%	+/-3.6
French (except Basque)	43	+/-31	2.1%	+/-1.5
French Canadian	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.8
German	228	+/-104	11.0%	+/-4.3
Greek	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.8
Hungarian	3	+/-5	0.1%	+/-0.3
Irish	191	+/-76	9.2%	+/-3.5
Italian	80	+/-50	3.9%	+/-2.4
Lithuanian	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.8
Norwegian	3	+/-5	0.1%	+/-0.2
Polish	73	+/-93	3.5%	+/-4.4
Portuguese	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.8
Russian	9	+/-11	0.4%	+/-0.5
Scotch-Irish	155	+/-70	7.5%	+/-3.2
Scottish	50	+/-38	2.4%	+/-1.8
Slovak	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.8
Subsaharan African	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.8
Swedish	18	+/-17	0.9%	+/-0.8
Swiss	4	+/-6	0.2%	+/-0.3
Ukrainian	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.8
Welsh	28	+/-20	1.4%	+/-1.0
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-1.8

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.

Fertility data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #92 for details.

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.

While the 2008-2012 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 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.

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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey

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.