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**Congressional District 6, Illinois (110th Congress)****Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 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](#).

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>238,654</b>	<b>+/-4,976</b>	<b>238,654</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Family households (families)	169,266	+/-5,072	70.9%	+/-1.2
With own children under 18 years	84,480	+/-3,951	35.4%	+/-1.4
Married-couple family	133,778	+/-4,593	56.1%	+/-1.5
With own children under 18 years	64,806	+/-3,138	27.2%	+/-1.1
Male householder, no wife present, family	9,566	+/-1,782	4.0%	+/-0.7
With own children under 18 years	4,646	+/-1,345	1.9%	+/-0.6
Female householder, no husband present, family	25,922	+/-2,774	10.9%	+/-1.1
With own children under 18 years	15,028	+/-2,407	6.3%	+/-1.0
Nonfamily households	69,388	+/-2,910	29.1%	+/-1.2
Householder living alone	58,801	+/-2,743	24.6%	+/-1.1
65 years and over	20,086	+/-1,659	8.4%	+/-0.7
Households with one or more people under 18 years	88,649	+/-3,975	37.1%	+/-1.4
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	52,688	+/-2,734	22.1%	+/-1.1
Average household size	2.74	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.32	+/-0.07	(X)	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
<b>Population in households</b>	<b>654,486</b>	<b>+/-15,955</b>	<b>654,486</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Householder	238,654	+/-4,976	36.5%	+/-0.6
Spouse	134,969	+/-4,450	20.6%	+/-0.5
Child	222,942	+/-9,480	34.1%	+/-1.0
Other relatives	34,409	+/-5,014	5.3%	+/-0.7
Nonrelatives	23,512	+/-2,837	3.6%	+/-0.4
Unmarried partner	10,234	+/-1,886	1.6%	+/-0.3
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
<b>Males 15 years and over</b>	<b>260,615</b>	<b>+/-7,334</b>	<b>260,615</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	85,765	+/-5,593	32.9%	+/-1.7
Now married, except separated	150,802	+/-5,939	57.9%	+/-1.8
Separated	1,387	+/-702	0.5%	+/-0.3
Widowed	5,455	+/-1,079	2.1%	+/-0.4
Divorced	17,206	+/-2,539	6.6%	+/-1.0
<b>Females 15 years and over</b>	<b>266,404</b>	<b>+/-6,634</b>	<b>266,404</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Never married	68,058	+/-4,387	25.5%	+/-1.4
Now married, except separated	142,392	+/-5,348	53.4%	+/-1.6
Separated	3,832	+/-974	1.4%	+/-0.4
Widowed	23,167	+/-2,085	8.7%	+/-0.8
Divorced	28,955	+/-3,171	10.9%	+/-1.2

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<b>FERTILITY</b>				
<b>Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months</b>	<b>9,916</b>	<b>+/-1,859</b>	<b>9,916</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,397	+/-696	14.1%	+/-6.6
Per 1,000 unmarried women	18	+/-9	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	60	+/-11	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	14	+/-15	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	127	+/-26	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	27	+/-10	(X)	(X)
<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>				
<b>Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>12,480</b>	<b>+/-3,024</b>	<b>12,480</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Responsible for grandchildren	2,961	+/-982	23.7%	+/-7.2
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	631	+/-451	5.1%	+/-3.9
1 or 2 years	526	+/-546	4.2%	+/-4.3
3 or 4 years	796	+/-509	6.4%	+/-3.9
5 or more years	1,008	+/-466	8.1%	+/-3.5
<b>Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years</b>	<b>2,961</b>	<b>+/-982</b>	<b>2,961</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Who are female	1,950	+/-692	65.9%	+/-14.6
Who are married	1,541	+/-654	52.0%	+/-17.1
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>180,970</b>	<b>+/-7,843</b>	<b>180,970</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Nursery school, preschool	14,443	+/-1,891	8.0%	+/-1.0
Kindergarten	9,682	+/-1,668	5.4%	+/-0.9
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	70,923	+/-5,006	39.2%	+/-1.8
High school (grades 9-12)	41,936	+/-3,299	23.2%	+/-1.5
College or graduate school	43,986	+/-4,030	24.3%	+/-2.1
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>438,767</b>	<b>+/-10,018</b>	<b>438,767</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than 9th grade	23,819	+/-3,303	5.4%	+/-0.7
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	23,648	+/-3,188	5.4%	+/-0.7
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	107,942	+/-5,668	24.6%	+/-1.2
Some college, no degree	92,092	+/-5,772	21.0%	+/-1.1
Associate's degree	29,767	+/-2,667	6.8%	+/-0.6
Bachelor's degree	107,573	+/-4,890	24.5%	+/-1.1
Graduate or professional degree	53,926	+/-3,967	12.3%	+/-0.9
Percent high school graduate or higher	89.2%	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	36.8%	+/-1.2	(X)	(X)
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b>	<b>497,121</b>	<b>+/-11,229</b>	<b>497,121</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Civilian veterans	34,342	+/-2,564	6.9%	+/-0.5
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>				
<b>Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population</b>	<b>659,629</b>	<b>+/-15,362</b>	<b>659,629</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	53,112	+/-4,188	8.1%	+/-0.6
<b>Under 18 years</b>	<b>166,610</b>	<b>+/-7,907</b>	<b>166,610</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	4,612	+/-1,250	2.8%	+/-0.7
<b>18 to 64 years</b>	<b>421,549</b>	<b>+/-10,988</b>	<b>421,549</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	28,497	+/-3,283	6.8%	+/-0.7
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>71,470</b>	<b>+/-3,792</b>	<b>71,470</b>	<b>(X)</b>
With a disability	20,003	+/-1,768	28.0%	+/-2.4
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
<b>Population 1 year and over</b>	<b>653,586</b>	<b>+/-15,269</b>	<b>653,586</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Same house	582,420	+/-16,230	89.1%	+/-1.3
Different house in the U.S.	66,352	+/-8,903	10.2%	+/-1.3
Same county	38,467	+/-5,635	5.9%	+/-0.9

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Different county	27,885	+/-5,129	4.3%	+/-0.8
Same state	19,074	+/-4,256	2.9%	+/-0.6
Different state	8,811	+/-2,636	1.3%	+/-0.4
Abroad	4,814	+/-1,905	0.7%	+/-0.3
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>664,005</b>	<b>+/-15,263</b>	<b>664,005</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Native	519,259	+/-12,081	78.2%	+/-1.3
Born in United States	510,287	+/-11,891	76.8%	+/-1.3
State of residence	410,490	+/-10,629	61.8%	+/-1.2
Different state	99,797	+/-5,474	15.0%	+/-0.8
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	8,972	+/-1,735	1.4%	+/-0.3
Foreign born	144,746	+/-10,303	21.8%	+/-1.3
<b>U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>				
<b>Foreign-born population</b>	<b>144,746</b>	<b>+/-10,303</b>	<b>144,746</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Naturalized U.S. citizen	72,352	+/-6,077	50.0%	+/-3.3
Not a U.S. citizen	72,394	+/-7,799	50.0%	+/-3.3
<b>YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
<b>Population born outside the United States</b>	<b>153,718</b>	<b>+/-10,050</b>	<b>153,718</b>	<b>(X)</b>
<b>Native</b>	<b>8,972</b>	<b>+/-1,735</b>	<b>8,972</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Entered 2000 or later	1,799	+/-809	20.1%	+/-8.5
Entered before 2000	7,173	+/-1,638	79.9%	+/-8.5
<b>Foreign born</b>	<b>144,746</b>	<b>+/-10,303</b>	<b>144,746</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Entered 2000 or later	41,131	+/-5,896	28.4%	+/-3.1
Entered before 2000	103,615	+/-7,733	71.6%	+/-3.1
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>				
<b>Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea</b>	<b>144,746</b>	<b>+/-10,303</b>	<b>144,746</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Europe	39,844	+/-5,069	27.5%	+/-3.0
Asia	48,521	+/-5,722	33.5%	+/-3.4
Africa	1,162	+/-563	0.8%	+/-0.4
Oceania	176	+/-222	0.1%	+/-0.2
Latin America	53,799	+/-6,667	37.2%	+/-3.3
Northern America	1,244	+/-454	0.9%	+/-0.3
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>				
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>618,625</b>	<b>+/-14,695</b>	<b>618,625</b>	<b>(X)</b>
English only	424,174	+/-10,282	68.6%	+/-1.7
Language other than English	194,451	+/-13,409	31.4%	+/-1.7
Speak English less than "very well"	101,053	+/-9,584	16.3%	+/-1.4
Spanish	87,034	+/-9,033	14.1%	+/-1.3
Speak English less than "very well"	49,980	+/-7,118	8.1%	+/-1.1
Other Indo-European languages	79,033	+/-8,242	12.8%	+/-1.2
Speak English less than "very well"	38,839	+/-5,372	6.3%	+/-0.8
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	25,699	+/-5,020	4.2%	+/-0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	11,109	+/-2,642	1.8%	+/-0.4
Other languages	2,685	+/-1,473	0.4%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,125	+/-894	0.2%	+/-0.1
<b>ANCESTRY</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>664,005</b>	<b>+/-15,263</b>	<b>664,005</b>	<b>(X)</b>
American	14,076	+/-3,588	2.1%	+/-0.5
Arab	4,013	+/-2,768	0.6%	+/-0.4
Czech	11,110	+/-2,163	1.7%	+/-0.3
Danish	4,017	+/-1,127	0.6%	+/-0.2
Dutch	10,676	+/-2,074	1.6%	+/-0.3
English	38,510	+/-3,893	5.8%	+/-0.6
French (except Basque)	15,574	+/-3,217	2.3%	+/-0.5
French Canadian	2,008	+/-690	0.3%	+/-0.1
German	151,698	+/-9,796	22.8%	+/-1.4
Greek	9,543	+/-2,402	1.4%	+/-0.4
Hungarian	4,413	+/-1,571	0.7%	+/-0.2

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Irish	105,704	+/-8,246	15.9%	+/-1.2
Italian	78,786	+/-5,911	11.9%	+/-0.9
Lithuanian	5,537	+/-1,542	0.8%	+/-0.2
Norwegian	11,424	+/-2,425	1.7%	+/-0.4
Polish	86,249	+/-6,972	13.0%	+/-1.1
Portuguese	496	+/-510	0.1%	+/-0.1
Russian	8,486	+/-2,255	1.3%	+/-0.3
Scotch-Irish	4,013	+/-1,084	0.6%	+/-0.2
Scottish	7,002	+/-1,356	1.1%	+/-0.2
Slovak	2,742	+/-819	0.4%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	1,483	+/-945	0.2%	+/-0.1
Swedish	18,824	+/-2,537	2.8%	+/-0.4
Swiss	1,181	+/-655	0.2%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	4,619	+/-1,314	0.7%	+/-0.2
Welsh	3,046	+/-961	0.5%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	953	+/-664	0.1%	+/-0.1

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.
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.
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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.
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