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2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**Note:** This is a modified view of the original table.

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	Essex County, Massachusetts		Methuen Town city, Essex County, Massachusetts	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
Total households	286,896	286,896	17,584	17,584
Family households (families)	191,407	66.7%	12,434	70.7%
With own children under 18 years	85,874	29.9%	5,714	32.5%
Married-couple family	138,192	48.2%	9,377	53.3%
With own children under 18 years	57,940	20.2%	3,962	22.5%
Male householder, no wife present, family	13,075	4.6%	629	3.6%
With own children under 18 years	5,508	1.9%	303	1.7%
Female householder, no husband present, family	40,140	14.0%	2,428	13.8%
With own children under 18 years	22,426	7.8%	1,449	8.2%
Nonfamily households	95,489	33.3%	5,150	29.3%
Householder living alone	79,431	27.7%	4,542	25.8%
65 years and over	32,722	11.4%	1,917	10.9%
Households with one or more people under 18 years	94,285	32.9%	6,364	36.2%
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	79,821	27.8%	4,893	27.8%
Average household size	2.58	(X)	2.71	(X)
Average family size	3.17	(X)	3.29	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
Population in households	739,766	739,766	47,709	47,709
Householder	286,896	38.8%	17,584	36.9%
Spouse	138,176	18.7%	9,355	19.6%
Child	229,860	31.1%	15,468	32.4%
Other relatives	47,680	6.4%	3,615	7.6%
Nonrelatives	37,154	5.0%	1,687	3.5%
Unmarried partner	17,924	2.4%	1,009	2.1%
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
Males 15 years and over	293,039	293,039	18,749	18,749
Never married	105,344	35.9%	7,150	38.1%
Now married, except separated	151,241	51.6%	9,937	53.0%

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Separated	4,975	1.7%	153	0.8%
Widowed	7,453	2.5%	434	2.3%
Divorced	24,026	8.2%	1,075	5.7%
<b>Females 15 years and over</b>	<b>325,324</b>	<b>325,324</b>	<b>20,081</b>	<b>20,081</b>
Never married	98,691	30.3%	5,375	26.8%
Now married, except separated	149,893	46.1%	10,190	50.7%
Separated	8,440	2.6%	476	2.4%
Widowed	30,647	9.4%	1,945	9.7%
Divorced	37,653	11.6%	2,095	10.4%
<b>FERTILITY</b>				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	8,755	8,755	584	584
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	3,072	35.1%	102	17.5%
Per 1,000 unmarried women	31	(X)	18	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	48	(X)	51	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	12	(X)	9	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	88	(X)	91	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	27	(X)	31	(X)
<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	14,866	14,866	1,375	1,375
Responsible for grandchildren	4,303	28.9%	369	26.8%
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,042	7.0%	191	13.9%
1 or 2 years	968	6.5%	62	4.5%
3 or 4 years	778	5.2%	60	4.4%
5 or more years	1,515	10.2%	56	4.1%
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	4,303	4,303	369	369
Who are female	2,756	64.0%	247	66.9%
Who are married	2,852	66.3%	291	78.9%
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	194,703	194,703	12,852	12,852
Nursery school, preschool	13,388	6.9%	609	4.7%
Kindergarten	9,390	4.8%	700	5.4%
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	76,888	39.5%	5,156	40.1%
High school (grades 9-12)	41,623	21.4%	2,758	21.5%
College or graduate school	53,414	27.4%	3,629	28.2%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
Population 25 years and over	517,701	517,701	32,691	32,691
Less than 9th grade	27,897	5.4%	1,960	6.0%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	27,756	5.4%	1,871	5.7%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	135,660	26.2%	10,197	31.2%
Some college, no degree	90,778	17.5%	6,058	18.5%
Associate's degree	42,829	8.3%	3,212	9.8%
Bachelor's degree	114,809	22.2%	6,138	18.8%
Graduate or professional degree	77,972	15.1%	3,255	10.0%
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	89.2%	(X)	88.3%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	37.2%	(X)	28.7%
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
Civilian population 18 years and over	586,853	586,853	36,859	36,859
Civilian veterans	41,374	7.1%	2,595	7.0%

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<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	749,939	749,939	47,861	47,861
With a disability	86,374	11.5%	5,432	11.3%
<b>Under 18 years</b>				
Under 18 years	169,921	169,921	11,262	11,262
With a disability	6,853	4.0%	516	4.6%
<b>18 to 64 years</b>				
18 to 64 years	472,126	472,126	29,969	29,969
With a disability	43,267	9.2%	2,734	9.1%
<b>65 years and over</b>				
65 years and over	107,892	107,892	6,630	6,630
With a disability	36,254	33.6%	2,182	32.9%
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
Population 1 year and over	749,132	749,132	47,682	47,682
Same house	657,676	87.8%	43,273	90.8%
Different house in the U.S.	86,402	11.5%	4,155	8.7%
Same county	60,718	8.1%	2,899	6.1%
Different county	25,684	3.4%	1,256	2.6%
Same state	14,315	1.9%	728	1.5%
Different state	11,369	1.5%	528	1.1%
Abroad	5,054	0.7%	254	0.5%
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>				
Total population	757,395	757,395	48,159	48,159
Native	641,277	84.7%	40,956	85.0%
Born in United States	620,644	81.9%	39,231	81.5%
State of residence	500,510	66.1%	34,202	71.0%
Different state	120,134	15.9%	5,029	10.4%
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	20,633	2.7%	1,725	3.6%
Foreign born	116,118	15.3%	7,203	15.0%
<b>U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>				
Foreign-born population	116,118	116,118	7,203	7,203
Naturalized U.S. citizen	60,836	52.4%	4,421	61.4%
Not a U.S. citizen	55,282	47.6%	2,782	38.6%
<b>YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
Population born outside the United States	136,751	136,751	8,928	8,928
<b>Native</b>				
Native	20,633	20,633	1,725	1,725
Entered 2010 or later	1,474	7.1%	222	12.9%
Entered before 2010	19,159	92.9%	1,503	87.1%
<b>Foreign born</b>				
Foreign born	116,118	116,118	7,203	7,203
Entered 2010 or later	9,635	8.3%	258	3.6%
Entered before 2010	106,483	91.7%	6,945	96.4%
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	116,118	116,118	7,203	7,203
Europe	21,660	18.7%	963	13.4%
Asia	20,153	17.4%	1,816	25.2%
Africa	6,397	5.5%	300	4.2%
Oceania	267	0.2%	0	0.0%
Latin America	64,348	55.4%	3,812	52.9%
Northern America	3,293	2.8%	312	4.3%

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<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>				
Population 5 years and over	713,963	713,963	45,346	45,346
English only	538,633	75.4%	32,415	71.5%
Language other than English	175,330	24.6%	12,931	28.5%
Speak English less than "very well"	71,324	10.0%	4,582	10.1%
Spanish	108,015	15.1%	8,419	18.6%
Speak English less than "very well"	48,333	6.8%	2,899	6.4%
Other Indo-European languages	43,020	6.0%	2,177	4.8%
Speak English less than "very well"	13,275	1.9%	738	1.6%
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	17,206	2.4%	1,337	2.9%
Speak English less than "very well"	7,527	1.1%	622	1.4%
Other languages	7,089	1.0%	998	2.2%
Speak English less than "very well"	2,189	0.3%	323	0.7%
<b>ANCESTRY</b>				
Total population	757,395	757,395	48,159	48,159
American	34,989	4.6%	1,432	3.0%
Arab	8,027	1.1%	1,883	3.9%
Czech	1,415	0.2%	27	0.1%
Danish	1,526	0.2%	37	0.1%
Dutch	5,058	0.7%	135	0.3%
English	83,823	11.1%	4,188	8.7%
French (except Basque)	54,917	7.3%	4,647	9.6%
French Canadian	30,460	4.0%	2,721	5.7%
German	40,965	5.4%	2,043	4.2%
Greek	15,957	2.1%	467	1.0%
Hungarian	1,899	0.3%	72	0.1%
Irish	166,223	21.9%	9,637	20.0%
Italian	129,193	17.1%	9,835	20.4%
Lithuanian	3,910	0.5%	480	1.0%
Norwegian	3,737	0.5%	260	0.5%
Polish	31,676	4.2%	1,771	3.7%
Portuguese	18,818	2.5%	1,429	3.0%
Russian	12,043	1.6%	408	0.8%
Scotch-Irish	5,288	0.7%	262	0.5%
Scottish	19,485	2.6%	670	1.4%
Slovak	336	0.0%	10	0.0%
Subsaharan African	6,898	0.9%	362	0.8%
Swedish	10,350	1.4%	430	0.9%
Swiss	834	0.1%	36	0.1%
Ukrainian	2,322	0.3%	191	0.4%
Welsh	2,705	0.4%	90	0.2%
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	5,882	0.8%	527	1.1%
<b>COMPUTERS AND INTERNET USE</b>				
Total Households	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a computer	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a broadband Internet subscription	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

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.

Methodological changes to data collection in 2013 may have affected language data for 2013. Users should be aware of these changes when using multi-year data containing data from 2013.

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 2010-2014 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 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 2010 data. 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, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

#### 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.