



**City of Tucson, Arizona**  
**Social Characteristics: 2008**  
**2008 American Community Survey Estimates**  
**American Community Survey**

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<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
Total households	200,658	4,449	200,658	(X)
Family households (families)	110,782	4,311	55.2%	1.7
With own children under 18 years	52,853	3,503	26.3%	1.5
Married-couple family	69,391	3,988	34.6%	1.9
With own children under 18 years	29,880	2,834	14.9%	1.4
Male householder, no wife present, family	9,987	1,778	5.0%	0.9
With own children under 18 years	5,208	1,406	2.6%	0.7
Female householder, no husband present, family	31,404	2,676	15.7%	1.2
With own children under 18 years	17,765	2,187	8.9%	1.0
Nonfamily households	89,876	3,976	44.8%	1.7
Householder living alone	73,600	3,609	36.7%	1.7
65 years and over	22,343	2,204	11.1%	1.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	60,297	3,739	30.0%	1.6
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	47,764	2,493	23.8%	1.2
Average household size	2.60	0.05	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.49	0.09	(X)	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
Population in households	521,074	12,042	521,074	(X)
Householder	200,658	4,449	38.5%	0.7
Spouse	69,873	4,030	13.4%	0.7
Child	158,927	7,974	30.5%	1.1

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Other relatives	46,629	5,692	8.9%	1.1
Nonrelatives	44,987	4,501	8.6%	0.8
Unmarried partner	14,383	1,834	2.8%	0.3
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
Males 15 years and over	209,382	5,607	209,382	(X)
Never married	90,134	4,308	43.0%	1.7
Now married, except separated	80,792	4,522	38.6%	2.0
Separated	5,177	1,593	2.5%	0.8
Widowed	5,825	1,233	2.8%	0.6
Divorced	27,454	2,626	13.1%	1.2
Females 15 years and over	219,690	5,379	219,690	(X)
Never married	76,787	4,004	35.0%	1.5
Now married, except separated	76,420	4,196	34.8%	1.9
Separated	5,695	1,331	2.6%	0.6
Widowed	22,898	2,314	10.4%	1.0
Divorced	37,890	2,842	17.2%	1.2
<b>FERTILITY</b>				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	7,753	1,599	7,753	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	3,709	1,205	47.8%	11.1
Per 1,000 unmarried women	42	14	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	56	11	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	31	20	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	103	25	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	10	6	(X)	(X)
<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	13,258	2,656	13,258	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	5,365	1,434	40.5%	8.6
<b>Years responsible for grandchildren</b>				
Less than 1 year	1,480	873	11.2%	6.0
1 or 2 years	982	565	7.4%	4.3
3 or 4 years	760	454	5.7%	3.3
5 or more years	2,143	960	16.2%	6.9
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	5,365	1,434	5,365	(X)
Who are female	3,665	950	68.3%	7.6
Who are married	3,285	1,266	61.2%	11.8

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<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	152,350	6,429	152,350	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	6,433	1,456	4.2%	0.9
Kindergarten	5,289	1,264	3.5%	0.8
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	58,667	4,189	38.5%	2.0
High school (grades 9-12)	27,433	2,632	18.0%	1.6
College or graduate school	54,528	3,950	35.8%	2.1
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
Population 25 years and over	339,836	7,937	339,836	(X)
Less than 9th grade	22,601	3,306	6.7%	0.9
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	32,059	3,739	9.4%	1.0
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	87,132	5,143	25.6%	1.3
Some college, no degree	92,083	4,538	27.1%	1.3
Associate's degree	26,448	2,476	7.8%	0.7
Bachelor's degree	48,171	4,113	14.2%	1.2
Graduate or professional degree	31,342	2,900	9.2%	0.8
Percent high school graduate or higher	83.9%	1.3	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	23.4%	1.4	(X)	(X)
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
Civilian population 18 years and over	402,287	8,456	402,287	(X)
Civilian veterans	44,472	3,348	11.1%	0.8
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	525,601	11,912	525,601	(X)
With a disability	75,832	5,296	14.4%	1.0
Under 18 years	131,087	6,107	131,087	(X)
With a disability	5,853	1,411	4.5%	1.1
18 to 64 years	329,626	7,651	329,626	(X)
With a disability	42,917	3,882	13.0%	1.1
65 years and over	64,888	3,814	64,888	(X)
With a disability	27,062	2,432	41.7%	3.2
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
Population 1 year and over	530,510	12,170	530,510	(X)
Same house	393,838	13,462	74.2%	1.9
Different house in the U.S.	131,226	11,167	24.7%	2.0
Same county	94,567	10,249	17.8%	1.9
Different county	36,659	5,916	6.9%	1.1
Same state	12,959	4,777	2.4%	0.9
Different state	23,700	4,120	4.5%	0.8
Abroad	5,446	2,350	1.0%	0.4
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>				
Total population	540,104	12,430	540,104	(X)

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Native	458,419	11,809	84.9%	1.0
Born in United States	447,881	11,808	82.9%	1.0
State of residence	225,074	10,297	41.7%	1.5
Different state	222,807	8,364	41.3%	1.4
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	10,538	2,000	2.0%	0.4
Foreign born	81,685	5,660	15.1%	1.0
<b>U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>				
Foreign-born population	81,685	5,660	81,685	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	27,315	2,786	33.4%	3.4
Not a U.S. citizen	54,370	5,433	66.6%	3.4
<b>YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
Population born outside the United States	92,223	5,739	92,223	(X)
Native	10,538	2,000	10,538	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	2,197	1,238	20.8%	9.4
Entered before 2000	8,341	1,421	79.2%	9.4
Foreign born	81,685	5,660	81,685	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	30,299	4,598	37.1%	4.1
Entered before 2000	51,386	3,775	62.9%	4.1
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	81,685	5,660	81,685	(X)
Europe	5,736	1,091	7.0%	1.3
Asia	12,051	2,568	14.8%	3.1
Africa	2,586	1,246	3.2%	1.5
Oceania	90	105	0.1%	0.1
Latin America	59,895	5,225	73.3%	3.4
Northern America	1,327	644	1.6%	0.8
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>				
Population 5 years and over	499,043	11,566	499,043	(X)
English only	337,020	9,112	67.5%	1.5
Language other than English	162,023	9,312	32.5%	1.5
Speak English less than "very well"	61,647	5,127	12.4%	1.0
Spanish	139,108	8,850	27.9%	1.5
Speak English less than "very well"	51,488	4,954	10.3%	1.0
Other Indo-European languages	8,164	1,902	1.6%	0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	1,790	811	0.4%	0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	10,200	2,154	2.0%	0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	6,200	1,916	1.2%	0.4
Other languages	4,551	2,136	0.9%	0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	2,169	1,667	0.4%	0.3

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ANCESTRY				
Total population	540,104	12,430	540,104	(X)
American	12,486	2,418	2.3%	0.5
Arab	4,829	2,772	0.9%	0.5
Czech	2,834	1,019	0.5%	0.2
Danish	3,397	1,218	0.6%	0.2
Dutch	6,050	1,641	1.1%	0.3
English	43,755	4,255	8.1%	0.8
French (except Basque)	14,099	2,636	2.6%	0.5
French Canadian	2,622	927	0.5%	0.2
German	82,855	5,922	15.3%	1.0
Greek	2,258	1,053	0.4%	0.2
Hungarian	2,313	912	0.4%	0.2
Irish	56,139	5,023	10.4%	0.9
Italian	21,925	3,142	4.1%	0.6
Lithuanian	1,010	530	0.2%	0.1
Norwegian	8,140	2,041	1.5%	0.4
Polish	11,789	2,090	2.2%	0.4
Portuguese	1,003	596	0.2%	0.1
Russian	5,905	1,280	1.1%	0.2
Scotch-Irish	4,988	1,467	0.9%	0.3
Scottish	11,831	2,712	2.2%	0.5
Slovak	931	721	0.2%	0.1
Subsaharan African	3,562	1,465	0.7%	0.3
Swedish	5,215	1,426	1.0%	0.3
Swiss	1,799	794	0.3%	0.1
Ukrainian	1,323	711	0.2%	0.1
Welsh	3,431	1,058	0.6%	0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	1,201	916	0.2%	0.2

**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 <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:**

- 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.

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·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 <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/usernotes.html> 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.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
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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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