DP02	Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2005
	2005 American Community Survey

NOTE. Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

Geography: Washington

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	1,543,422	+/-13,155
Nursery school, preschool	84,353	+/-4,572
Kindergarten	77,574	+/-4,714
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	644,971	+/-6,651
High school (grades 9-12)	358,464	+/-6,726
College or graduate school	378,060	+/-9,708
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	4,074,619	+/-3,453
Less than 9th grade	159,155	+/-7,365
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	295,192	+/-10,927
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,023,914	+/-16,939
Some college, no degree	996,222	+/-13,511
Associate's degree	373,534	+/-9,795
Bachelor's degree	800,293	+/-11,955
Graduate or professional degree	426,309	+/-10,580
Percent high school graduate or higher	88.8%	+/-0.3
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	30.1%	+/-0.4
MARITAL STATUS		
Males 15 years and over	2,429,262	+/-2,325
Never married	745,131	+/-10,727
Now married, except separated	1,347,785	+/-12,573
Separated	33,939	+/-3,867
Widowed	48,411	+/-3,208
Divorced	253,996	+/-8,957
Females 15 years and over	2,501,715	+/-2,706
Never married	612,723	+/-10,458
Now married, except separated	1,311,339	+/-13,207
Separated	50,243	+/-4,329
Widowed	194,110	+/-6,353
Divorced	333,300	+/-8,693
FERTILITY		
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	88,105	+/-4,927
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	23,972	+/-3,209
Per 1,000 unmarried women	32	+/-4
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	55	+/-3
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	23	+/-6
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	103	+/-6
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	24	+/-3
GRANDPARENTS		
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years in households	85,051	+/-5,517
Responsible for grandchildren	32,967	+/-3,022

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Years responsible for grandchildren		
Less than 1 year	7,018	+/-1,423
1 or 2 years	7,318	+/-1,297
3 or 4 years	6,793	+/-1,531
5 or more years	11,838	+/-2,146
Characteristics of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years		
Who are female	59.4%	+/-2.7
Who are married	71.2%	+/-4.3
VETERAN STATUS		
Civilian population 18 years and over	4,633,815	+/-3,597
Civilian veterans	628,595	+/-9,701
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION		
Population 5 years and over	5,716,164	+/-3,461
With a disability	888,881	+/-13,305
Population 5 to 15 years	908,111	+/-4,098
With a disability	61,200	+/-3,987
Population 16 to 64 years	4,124,279	+/-5,722
With a disability	544,482	+/-11,620
Population 65 years and over	683,774	+/-1,915
With a disability	283,199	+/-6,261
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO		
Population 1 year and over	6,069,413	+/-3,812
Same house	4,850,281	+/-29,406
Different house in the U.S.	1,164,901	+/-28,738
Same county	760,108	+/-23,810
Different county	404,793	+/-18,173
Same state	192,922	+/-11,606
Different state	211,871	+/-13,855
Abroad	54,231	+/-5,974
PLACE OF BIRTH		
Total population	6,146,338	*****
Native	5,396,080	+/-17,447
Born in United States	5,302,596	+/-17,910
State of residence	2,886,524	+/-23,643
Different state	2,416,072	+/-24,508
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	93,484	+/-5,548
Foreign born	750,258	+/-17,447
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Foreign-born population	750,258	+/-17,447
Naturalized U.S. citizen	312,622	+/-12,182
Not a U.S. citizen	437,636	+/-15,308
YEAR OF ENTRY		
Population born outside the United States	843,742	+/-17,910
Native	93,484	+/-5,548
Entered 2000 or later	10,750	+/-2,168
Entered before 2000	82,734	+/-5,129
Foreign born	750,258	+/-17,447
Entered 2000 or later	196,709	+/-11,486
Entered before 2000	553,549	+/-14,364
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN		
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	750,258	+/-17,447
Europe	143,490	+/-10,000
Asia	292,305	+/-8,660
Africa	34,151	+/-5,103
Oceania	10,732	+/-2,343
Latin America	224,919	+/-8,736
Northern America	44,661	+/-3,732
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME		

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Population 5 years and over	5,751,180	+/-1,544
English only	4,830,739	+/-20,759
Language other than English	920,441	+/-20,662
Speak English less than "very well"	434,044	+/-12,677
Spanish	388,118	+/-8,865
Speak English less than "very well"	196,778	+/-9,291
Other Indo-European languages	209,849	+/-15,446
Speak English less than "very well"	80,177	+/-8,563
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	278,916	+/-7,400
Speak English less than "very well"	140,824	+/-6,706
Other languages	43,558	+/-6,677
Speak English less than "very well"	16,265	+/-3,327
ANCESTRY		
Total population	6,146,338	*****
American	290,579	+/-15,266
Arab	17,703	+/-5,061
Czech	28,945	+/-2,809
Danish	71,339	+/-5,012
Dutch	148,859	+/-7,686
English	811,628	+/-17,973
French (except Basque)	239,597	+/-9,828
French Canadian	57,135	+/-6,761
German	1,319,975	+/-19,426
Greek	23,031	+/-2,994
Hungarian	22,031	+/-2,974
Irish	783,754	+/-17,322
Italian	221,510	+/-11,667
Lithuanian	9,562	+/-1,921
Norwegian	402,925	+/-13,037
Polish	109,344	+/-7,201
Portuguese	22,259	+/-3,122
Russian	74,395	+/-6,517
Scotch-Irish	157,748	+/-8,046
Scottish	204,621	+/-7,919
Slovak	6,636	+/-1,440
Subsaharan African	43,493	+/-6,852
Swedish	246,800	+/-10,511
Swiss	36,347	+/-4,588
Ukrainian	47,092	+/-6,045
Welsh	72,943	+/-6,010
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	8,018	+/-2,007

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).

The Census Bureau introduced a new skip pattern for the disability questions in the 2003 ACS questionnaire. This change mainly affected two individual items -- go-outside-home disability and employment disability -- and the recode for disability status, which includes the two items. Accordingly, comparisons of data from 2003 or later with data from prior years are not recommended for the relevant questions. For more information, see the ACS Subject Definitions for 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.

Explanation of Symbols:
1. An '*' entry in the margin of error column indicates that 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 margin of error column indicates that no sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
3. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that no 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.
4. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
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7. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

8. 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.
9. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.