

American Community Survey 2007-2011 Estimate

Boston

About the American Community Survey

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an annual survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. The ACS asks a host of demographic, economic, and housing related questions that were historically associated with the now discontinued long-form of the Census.

The ACS is a sample of the total population. As a result, the data are subject to sampling error. All counts displayed in the ACS are **estimates** with a plus/minus factor for all counts and percentages. Additionally, because of the small sample sizes of the ACS, it is not possible to estimate characteristics for small geographies with the one-year data collections. In order to look at small areas within a city, such as neighborhoods, data users need to use the 5-year ACS estimates. It is important to note that the 2007-2011 ACS data <u>are not</u> Census counts, but rather estimates of population characteristics. As a result, counts estimated in this report will not match those corresponding population counts observed in the 2010 Census.

Please note that subcategory percentages in this report reflect the percentage within the category it is associated with and not the percentage within the total. Major categories are typically highlighted in purple in this report. Subcategories are distinguished by indented text. A glossary of select terms is included at the end of this report.

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Demographic Characteristics

Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	%
Total population:	609,942	100.0%
Male	291,879	47.9%
Female	318,063	52.1%

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	% [†]
Total population:	609,942	100.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino:	504,458	82.7%
White alone	287,554	47.1%
Black or African American alone	140,612	23.1%
Asian alone	1,069	0.2%
Two or more races	54,868	9.0%
Other	20,355	3.3%
Hispanic or Latino	105,484	17.3%

^{*&}quot;Hispanic" is not considered a racial category by the Federal Office of Management and Budget. For this analysis, we removed people of Hispanic origin from each racial group and created a separate category of "Hispanic or Latino".

Age

Age	Estimate	%		Estimate	%
Total population:	609,942	100.0%	40 to 44 years	38,968	6.4%
Under 5 years	31,957	5.2%	45 to 49 years	35,354	5.8%
5 to 9 years	26,416	4.3%	50 to 54 years	33,536	5.5%
10 to 14 years	26,945	4.4%	55 to 59 years	29,943	4.9%
15 to 17 years	18,829	3.1%	60 to 64 years	25,312	4.1%
18 and 19 years	32,724	5.4%	65 to 69 years	17,265	2.8%
20 to 24 years	83,154	13.6%	70 to 74 years	14,209	2.3%
25 to 29 years	74,304	12.2%	75 to 79 years	11,489	1.9%
30 to 34 years	52,185	8.6%	80 to 84 years	8,803	1.4%
35 to 39 years	38,964	6.4%	85 years and over	9,585	1.6%

[†]All percentages in this table are of the total population.

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total population:	609,942	100.0%
Native:	444,548	72.9%
Born in Massachusetts	275,719	62.0%
Born in other state in the United States:	150,252	33.8%
Northeast	76,155	
Midwest	19,545	
South	38,842	
West	15,710	
Born outside the United States:	18,577	4.2%
Puerto Rico	11,757	
U.S. Island Areas	404	
Born abroad of American parent(s)	6,416	
Foreign born:	165,394	27.1%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	73,319	44.3%
Not a U.S. citizen	92,075	55.7%

Citizenship Status by Year of Entry in the United States

Citizenship Status by Year of Entry in the U.S.	Estimate	%
Total population born outside the United States:	183,971	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	67,574	36.7%
Native*	5,085	7.5%
Foreign born:	62,489	92.5%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	8,764	
Not a U.S. citizen	53,725	
Entered 1990 to 1999:	52,036	28.3%
Native*	4,263	8.2%
Foreign born:	47,773	91.8%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	24,866	
Not a U.S. citizen	22,907	
Entered 1980 to 1989:	35,231	19.2%
Native*	3,397	9.6%
Foreign born:	31,834	90.4%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	21,161	
Not a U.S. citizen	10,673	
Entered before 1980:	29,130	15.8%
Native*	5,832	20.0%
Foreign born:	23,298	80.0%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	18,528	
Not a U.S. citizen	4,770	

^{*} Born in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Island Areas, or born abroad of American parent(s)

Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population

Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population (Top 10 Countries)	Estimate	%
Total population born outside the United States*:	165,382	100.0%
Dominican Republic	16,721	10.1%
China	16,668	10.1%
Haiti	13,825	8.4%
Vietnam	8,344	5.0%
El Salvador	7,421	4.5%
Cape Verde	6,566	4.0%
Colombia	6,315	3.8%
Jamaica	6,114	3.7%
Brazil	4,622	2.8%
Guatemala	4,229	2.6%

^{*} The total number of foreign-born by place of birth is slightly different than the total foreign-born population. The reason is 12 residents of East Boston were born "at sea" and not attributed to any country in the place of birth data.

Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	577,985	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	72,190	12.5%
Speak only English	40,695	56.4%
Speak Spanish	17,964	24.9%
Speak other Indo-European languages	7,775	10.8%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	4,060	5.6%
Speak other languages	1,696	2.3%
18 to 64 years:	444,444	76.9%
Speak only English	287,821	64.8%
Speak Spanish	66,273	14.9%
Speak other Indo-European languages	49,452	11.1%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	31,429	7.1%
Speak other languages	9,469	2.1%
65 years and over:	61,351	10.6%
Speak only English	40,919	66.7%
Speak Spanish	5,117	8.3%
Speak other Indo-European languages	9,926	16.2%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	4,950	8.1%
Speak other languages	439	0.7%

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total households:	247,621	100.0%
English only	158,417	64.0%
Spanish:	36,010	14.5%
Linguistically isolated	12,407	34.5%
Not linguistically isolated	23,603	65.5%
Other Indo-European languages:	31,011	12.5%
Linguistically isolated	7,991	25.8%
Not linguistically isolated	23,020	74.2%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	17,065	6.9%
Linguistically isolated	7,423	43.5%
Not linguistically isolated	9,642	56.5%
Other languages:	5,118	2.1%
Linguistically isolated	1,000	19.5%
Not linguistically isolated	4,118	80.5%

Marital Status by Sex

Marital Status by Sex for the Population 15 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	524,624	100.0%
Male:	248,298	47.3%
Never married	144,691	58.3%
Married:	84,226	33.9%
Married, spouse present	68,404	
Married, spouse absent:	15,822	
Separated	5,900	
Other	9,922	
Widowed	4,298	1.7%
Divorced	15,083	6.1%
Female:	276,326	52.7%
Never married	150,842	54.6%
Married:	83,592	30.3%
Married, spouse present	65,436	
Married, spouse absent:	18,156	
Separated	9,568	
Other	8,588	
Widowed	18,537	6.7%
Divorced	23,355	8.5%

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total families:	116,315	100.0%
Married-couple family:	65,125	56.0%
With related children under 18 years:	26,837	41.2%
Under 6 years only	10,168	
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	4,814	
6 to 17 years only	11,855	
No related children under 18 years	38,288	58.8%
Other family:	51,190	44.0%
Male householder, no wife present:	10,887	21.3%
With related children under 18 years:	4,898	
Under 6 years only	1,356	
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	709	
6 to 17 years only	2,833	
No related children under 18 years	5,989	
Female householder, no husband present:	40,303	78.7%
With related children under 18 years:	27,065	
Under 6 years only	5,640	
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	5,687	
6 to 17 years only	15,738	
No related children under 18 years	13,238	

Educational Attainment by Sex

Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total population:	389,917	100.0%	183,689	100.0%	206,228	100.0%
Less than high school diploma	61,454	15.8%	28,649	15.6%	32,805	15.9%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	89,373	22.9%	42,709	23.3%	46,664	22.6%
Some college	54,274	13.9%	25,007	13.6%	29,267	14.2%
Associate's degree	17,825	4.6%	7,084	3.9%	10,741	5.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	166,991	42.8%	80,240	43.7%	86,751	42.1%

Veteran Status

Veteran Status for the Population 18 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	505,795	100.0%
Veteran	19,804	3.9%
Non-veteran	485,581	96.0% Pa 0.1%
Active	410	0.1%

Economic Characteristics

Employment Status

Work Status by Sex

Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years	Estimate	%
Total population:	457,211	100.0%
Male:	220,788	48.3%
Worked in the past 12 months	180,102	81.6%
Did not work in the past 12 months	40,686	18.4%
Female:	236,423	51.7%
Worked in the past 12 months	183,471	77.6%
Did not work in the past 12 months	52,952	22.4%

Class of Worker

Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	319,146	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	211,498	66.3%
Employee of private company workers	205,895	97.4%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	5,603	2.6%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	55,378	17.4%
Local government workers	21,277	6.7%
State government workers	11,741	3.7%
Federal government workers	4,602	1.4%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	14,290	4.5%
Unpaid family workers	360	0.1%

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	319,146	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	430	0.1%
Construction	10,240	3.2%
Manufacturing	14,432	4.5%
Wholesale trade	5,103	1.6%
Retail trade	27,170	8.5%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	9,983	3.1%
Information	8,902	2.8%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	31,035	9.7%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	48,334	15.1%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	98,317	30.8%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	35,845	11.2%
Other services, except public administration	14,871	4.7%
Public administration	14,484	4.5%

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	319,146	100.0%
Management, business, science, and arts occupations:	146,175	45.8%
Management, business, and financial occupations	57,102	39.1%
Computer, engineering, and science occupations	23,402	16.0%
Education, legal, community service, arts, and media occupations	47,059	32.2%
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	18,612	12.7%
Service occupations:	67,913	21.3%
Healthcare support occupations	9,284	13.7%
Protective service occupations	8,502	12.5%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	23,832	35.1%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	14,499	21.3%
Personal care and service occupations	11,796	17.4%
Sales and office occupations:	71,285	22.3%
Sales and related occupations	29,606	41.5%
Office and administrative support occupations	41,679	58.5%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations:	13,420	4.2%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	320	2.4%
Construction and extraction occupations	8,709	64.9%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	4,391	32.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	20,353	6.4%
Production occupations	8,661	42.6%
Transportation and material moving occupations	7,694	37.8%
Material moving occupations	3,998	19.6%

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months*	Estimate
Per capita income	\$33,158

^{*} In 2011 inflation-adjusted dollars

Household Income

Family Income

Household Income in the Past 12 Months*	Estimate	%	Family Income in the Past 12 Months*	Estimate	%
Total households:	247,621	100.0%	Total families:	116,315	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	32,370	13.1%	Less than \$10,000	9,569	8.2%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	17,100	6.9%	\$10,000 to \$14,999	6,059	5.2%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	12,765	5.2%	\$15,000 to \$19,999	5,529	4.8%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10,206	4.1%	\$20,000 to \$24,999	4,616	4.0%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	9,501	3.8%	\$25,000 to \$29,999	4,614	4.0%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	10,643	4.3%	\$30,000 to \$34,999	5,392	4.6%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	9,400	3.8%	\$35,000 to \$39,999	5,111	4.4%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	9,763	3.9%	\$40,000 to \$44,999	4,880	4.2%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	8,607	3.5%	\$45,000 to \$49,999	4,130	3.6%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	16,731	6.8%	\$50,000 to \$59,999	7,558	6.5%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	21,180	8.6%	\$60,000 to \$74,999	9,460	8.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	27,927	11.3%	\$75,000 to \$99,999	14,281	12.3%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	18,894	7.6%	\$100,000 to \$124,999	10,093	8.7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	12,243	4.9%	\$125,000 to \$149,999	6,377	5.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	13,912	5.6%	\$150,000 to \$199,999	7,893	6.8%
\$200,000 or more	16,379	6.6%	\$200,000 or more	10,753	9.2%
Median Household Income	\$52,065		Median Family Income	\$61,109	

^{*} In 2011 inflation-adjusted dollars

Receipt of Food Stamps/SNAP by Poverty Status for Households

Receipt of Food Stamps/SNAP in the Past 12 Months by Poverty Status for Households	Estimate	%
Total households:	247,621	100.0%
Household received Food Stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months:	38,535	15.6%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	22,749	59.0%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	15,786	41.0%
Household did NOT receive Food Stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months:	209,086	84.4%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	29,675	14.2%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	179,411	85.8%

Poverty Status by Household

Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Household Type	Total Estimate	%	Households in Poverty Estimate	% of Households in Poverty*	Poverty Rate [†]
Total households:	247,621	100.0%	52,424	100.0%	21.2%
Family households	116,315	47.0%	18,642	35.6%	16.0%
Non-family households:	131,306	53.0%	33,782	64.4%	25.7%
Male householder	60,958	46.4%	14,178	27.0%	23.3%
Female householder	70,348	53.6%	19,604	37.4%	27.9%

Poverty Status by Family

Poverty Status by Family Type	Total Estimate	%	Families in Poverty Estimate	% of all Families in Poverty*	Poverty Rate [†]
Total families:	116,315	100.0%	18,642	100.0%	16.0%
Married-couple family:	65,125	56.0%	3,773	20.2%	5.8%
With related children under 18 years:	26,837	41.2%	1,971	10.6%	7.3%
Under 5 years only	8,997		445		4.9%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	4,932		581		11.8%
5 to 17 years only	12,908		945		7.3%
No related children under 18 years	38,288	58.8%	1,802	9.7%	4.7%
Other family:	51,190	44.0%	14,869	79.8%	29.0%
Male householder, no wife present:	10,887	21.3%	1,532	8.2%	14.1%
With related children under 18 years:	4,898		1,017		20.8%
Under 5 years only	1,116		152		13.6%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	696		185		26.6%
5 to 17 years only	3,086		680		22.0%
No related children under 18 years	5,989		515		8.6%
Female householder, no husband present:	40,303	78.7%	13,337	71.5%	33.1%
With related children under 18 years:	27,065		11,126		41.1%
Under 5 years only	4,326		2,021		46.7%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	5,226		2,703		51.7%
5 to 17 years only	17,513		6,402		36.6%
No related children under 18 years	13,238		2,211		16.7%

^{*} Percentages represented are of all households/families in poverty.

[†] Poverty rate is the total number of households/families in poverty for a particular group divided by the total number of households/families for that group.

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income in the	Estimate	%	Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income in the	Estimate	%
Total households:	161,865	100.0%			
Less than \$10,000:	30,031	18.6%	\$50,000 to \$74,999:	23,758	14.7%
Less than 20.0 percent	557	1.9%	Less than 20.0 percent	3,910	16.5%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	458	1.5%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	5,192	21.9%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,379	11.3%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	5,407	22.8%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,366	7.9%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	3,670	15.4%
35.0 percent or more	16,657	55.5%	35.0 percent or more	5,119	21.5%
Not computed	6,614	22.0%	Not computed	460	1.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999:	25,758	15.9%	\$75,000 to \$99,999:	15,318	9.5%
Less than 20.0 percent	1,905	7.4%	Less than 20.0 percent	6,577	42.9%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,669	6.5%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,310	28.1%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	4,266	16.6%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,188	14.3%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,425	9.4%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	999	6.5%
35.0 percent or more	15,071	58.5%	35.0 percent or more	933	6.1%
Not computed	422	1.6%	Not computed	311	2.0%
\$20,000 to \$34,999:	24,601	15.2%	\$100,000 or more:	22,147	13.7%
Less than 20.0 percent	2,506	10.2%	Less than 20.0 percent	16,389	74.0%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	835	3.4%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	3,553	16.0%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,945	7.9%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,247	5.6%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,860	7.6%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	391	1.8%
35.0 percent or more	17,016	69.2%	35.0 percent or more	237	1.1%
Not computed	439	1.8%	Not computed	330	1.5%
\$35,000 to \$49,999:	20,252	12.5%			
Less than 20.0 percent	2,419	11.9%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,362	6.7%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,677	13.2%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	3,688	18.2%			
35.0 percent or more	9,772	48.3%			
Not computed	334	1.6%			

Household Income by Race*

Household Income in the Past 12 Months	White Alone, not Hispanic or Latino	%	Black or African American	%	Hispanic or Latino	%	Asian Alone	%	Other	%
Total households:	133,752	100.0%	56,417	100.0%	34,253	100.0%	20,681	100.0%	23,725	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	11,583	8.7%	9,727	17.2%	6,946	20.3%	4,413	21.3%	4,378	18.5%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7,080	5.3%	5,169		3,117	9.1%	1,712	8.3%	2,030	8.6%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	4,841	3.6%	3,908		2,653	7.7%	1,334	6.5%	1,493	6.3%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4,699	3.5%	2,398	4.3%	2,261	%9.9	738	3.6%	1,540	6.5%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	4,299	3.2%	2,593	4.6%	1,898	5.5%	542	2.6%	1,409	5.9%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	4,096	3.1%	3,398	%0'9	1,998	5.8%	864	4.2%	1,524	6.4%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	4,244	3.2%	2,933	5.2%	1,363	4.0%	825	4.0%	263	3.2%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	4,289	3.2%	2,688	4.8%	1,802	5.3%	843	4.1%	1,245	5.2%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	4,411	3.3%	2,260	4.0%	1,151	3.4%	540	2.6%	880	3.7%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	9,187	%6.9	4,138	7.3%	1,937	5.7%	1,212	5.9%	1,397	5.9%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	12,857	89.6	4,050	7.2%	2,370	%6.9	1,607	7.8%	1,781	7.5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16,854	12.6%	5,635	10.0%	3,024	8.8%	2,095	10.1%	2,192	9.2%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	12,440	9.3%	3,210	5.7%	1,808	5.3%	1,226	5.9%	1,356	5.7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	8,746	6.5%	1,779	3.2%	633	1.8%	798	3.9%	735	3.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,546	7.9%	1,624	2.9%	653	1.9%	838	4.1%	602	2.5%
\$200,000 or more	13,580	10.2%	206	1.6%	639	1.9%	1,094	5.3%	400	1.7%
Median Household Income	\$69,505		\$36,731		\$30,629		\$39,470		\$33,322	

* In 2011 inflation-adjusted dollars.

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Due to data reporting limitation, it is not possible to separate the Hispanic or Latino population from any racial group except for white. As a result, the aggregate number of all races in the table will exceed the total number of households.

Housing Characteristics

Occupancy Status

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Total housing units:	272,007	100.0%
Occupied	247,621	91.0%
Vacant:	24,386	9.0%
For rent	9,278	38.0%
Rented, not occupied	3,006	12.3%
For sale only	1,971	8.1%
Sold, not occupied	625	2.6%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	1,719	7.0%
For migrant workers	0	0.0%
Other vacant	7,787	31.9%

Vacancy Rates

Vacancy Rates	Estimate
Total rental housing stock	174,149
Rental vacancy rate*	5.3%
Total ownership housing stock	88,352
Ownership vacancy rate*	2.2%
"Second homes" as % of housing stock [†]	0.6%

^{*}Vacancy rate is vacant units (for rent or for sale) divided by housing stock.

Gross Rent

Median Gross Rent	Estimate
Median gross rent	\$1,238

[†]Seasonal, recreational or occasional use housing units are always counted as vacant. Part-time residents are counted at their usual place of residence.

Housing Tenure

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Occupied housing units:	247,621	100.0%
Average household size of all occupied housing units	2.3	
Owner-occupied housing units:	85,756	34.6%
Population in owner-occupied housing units	209,263	
Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.4	
Number of 1-person households	27,382	
Renter-occupied housing units:	161,865	65.4%
Population in renter-occupied housing units	357,890	
Average household size of renter-occupied units	2.2	
Number of 1-person households	66,450	

Household Type

Population by Household Type	Estimate	%
Total population:	609,942	100.0%
In households:	567,153	93.0%
In family households	374,914	66.1%
In non-family households	192,239	33.9%
In group quarters	42,789	7.0%

Household Type by Age	Estimate	%
Total households:	247,621	100.0%
Households with one or more people under 18 years:	59,276	23.9%
Family households:	58,921	99.4%
Married-couple family	26,870	
Male householder, no wife present	4,951	
Female householder, no husband present	27,100	
Non-family households	355	0.6%
Households with no people under 18 years:	188,345	76.1%
Family households:	57,394	30.5%
Married-couple family	38,255	
Male householder, no wife present	5,936	
Female householder, no husband present	13,203	
Non-family households:	130,951	69.5%
Male householder	60,784	
Female Householder	70,167	
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	46,374	18.7%

Glossary

Family

A group of two or more people who reside together and who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption.

Gross Rent

The amount of the contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities (electricity, gas, and water and sewer) and fuels (oil, coal, kerosene, wood, etc.) if these are paid for by the renter (or paid for the renter by someone else). Gross rent is intended to eliminate differentials that result from varying practices with respect to the inclusion of utilities and fuels as part of the rental payment.

Household

A household includes all the people, related or otherwise, who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence.

Linguistic Isolation

A household that is linguistically isolated is one in which no one 14 years of age and over speaks English very well.

Related Children

Includes all people in a household under the age of 18, regardless of marital status, who are related to the householder. Does not include householder's spouse or foster children, regardless of age.

SNAP

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamps program, provides eligible households with coupons that can be used to purchase food. It is administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) through state and local welfare offices. SNAP is the major national income support program for which all low-income and low-resource households, regardless of household characteristics, are eligible. In general, households must meet certain tests, including resources and income tests, to be eligible for SNAP benefits. For example, through September 2013, a household of four earning up to a net monthly income of \$1,921 would be eligible for a maximum monthly allotment of \$668.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Agriculture