

United States

S0201. Selected Population Profile in the United States

Population Group: Laotian alone or in any combination

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Subject	Total population	Margin of Error	Laotian alone or in any combination	Margin of Error
TOTAL NUMBER OF RACES REPORTED				
Total population	304,059,728	*****	217,175	+/-13,203
One race	97.7%	+/-0.1	93.6%	+/-1.2
Two races	2.1%	+/-0.1	6.1%	+/-1.2
Three races	0.2%	+/-0.1	0.3%	+/-0.2
Four or more races	0.0%	+/-0.1	0.0%	+/-0.1
SEX AND AGE				
Total population	304,059,728	*****	217,175	+/-13,203
Male	49.3%	+/-0.1	49.6%	+/-1.6
Female	50.7%	+/-0.1	50.4%	+/-1.6
Under 5 years	6.9%	+/-0.1	9.8%	+/-1.2
5 to 17 years	17.4%	+/-0.1	21.0%	+/-1.5
18 to 24 years	9.9%	+/-0.1	10.9%	+/-1.0
25 to 34 years	13.3%	+/-0.1	18.4%	+/-1.3
35 to 44 years	14.1%	+/-0.1	15.6%	+/-1.2
45 to 54 years	14.6%	+/-0.1	12.4%	+/-1.4
55 to 64 years	11.1%	+/-0.1	7.0%	+/-0.9
65 to 74 years	6.6%	+/-0.1	3.7%	+/-0.7
75 years and over	6.1%	+/-0.1	1.3%	+/-0.5
Median age (years)	36.9	+/-0.1	29.2	+/-1.4
18 years and over	75.7%	+/-0.1	69.2%	+/-2.0
21 years and over	71.2%	+/-0.1	64.2%	+/-1.9
62 years and over	15.4%	+/-0.1	6.8%	+/-1.0
65 years and over	12.8%	+/-0.1	4.9%	+/-0.9
Under 18 years	73,921,896	+/-30,232	66,939	+/-6,399
Male	51.2%	+/-0.1	51.0%	+/-3.3
Female	48.8%	+/-0.1	49.0%	+/-3.3
18 years and over	230,137,832	+/-30,221	150,236	+/-9,316
Male	48.7%	+/-0.1	49.0%	+/-1.8
Female	51.3%	+/-0.1	51.0%	+/-1.8
18 to 34 years	70,427,260	+/-41,835	63,619	+/-4,546
Male	51.1%	+/-0.1	48.9%	+/-3.0
Female	48.9%	+/-0.1	51.1%	+/-3.0
35 to 64 years	120,898,319	+/-55,358	75,918	+/-5,918
Male	49.3%	+/-0.1	49.3%	+/-2.3
Female	50.7%	+/-0.1	50.7%	+/-2.3
65 years and over	38,812,253	+/-16,868	10,699	+/-2,057
Male	42.3%	+/-0.1	47.4%	+/-6.2
Female	57.7%	+/-0.1	52.6%	+/-6.2
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	295,812,890	*****	213,728	+/-13,196
Householder or spouse	57.0%	+/-0.1	41.2%	+/-1.5

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Child	30.7%	+/-0.1	36.6%	+/-1.9
Other relatives	6.8%	+/-0.1	16.5%	+/-2.0
Nonrelatives	5.5%	+/-0.1	5.6%	+/-0.9
Unmarried partner	2.1%	+/-0.1	2.3%	+/-0.5
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Households	113,101,329	+/-146,859	52,381	+/-3,680
Family households	66.3%	+/-0.1	86.3%	+/-2.8
With own children under 18 years	30.7%	+/-0.1	51.0%	+/-4.1
Married-couple family	49.2%	+/-0.1	59.7%	+/-3.5
With own children under 18 years	21.1%	+/-0.1	34.9%	+/-3.6
Female householder, no husband present, family	12.5%	+/-0.1	16.6%	+/-2.5
With own children under 18 years	7.4%	+/-0.1	11.5%	+/-2.2
Nonfamily households	33.7%	+/-0.1	13.7%	+/-2.8
Male householder	15.6%	+/-0.1	7.2%	+/-2.0
Living alone	12.3%	+/-0.1	5.0%	+/-1.6
Not living alone	3.4%	+/-0.1	2.1%	+/-1.1
Female householder	18.0%	+/-0.1	6.6%	+/-1.9
Living alone	15.5%	+/-0.1	4.0%	+/-1.5
Not living alone	2.5%	+/-0.1	2.6%	+/-1.1
Average household size	2.62	+/-0.01	3.77	+/-0.16
Average family size	3.22	+/-0.01	3.99	+/-0.15
MARITAL STATUS				
Population 15 years and over	242,953,407	+/-33,197	161,068	+/-10,083
Now married, except separated	49.7%	+/-0.1	50.5%	+/-2.1
Widowed	6.2%	+/-0.1	3.5%	+/-0.8
Divorced	10.7%	+/-0.1	5.4%	+/-0.8
Separated	2.1%	+/-0.1	2.2%	+/-0.7
Never married	31.2%	+/-0.1	38.3%	+/-2.2
Male 15 years and over	118,573,007	+/-29,399	79,593	+/-5,766
Now married, except separated	51.7%	+/-0.1	50.5%	+/-2.9
Widowed	2.5%	+/-0.1	0.5%	+/-0.4
Divorced	9.4%	+/-0.1	4.3%	+/-0.9
Separated	1.8%	+/-0.1	1.5%	+/-0.7
Never married	34.6%	+/-0.1	43.2%	+/-2.9
Female 15 years and over	124,380,400	+/-27,664	81,475	+/-5,962
Now married, except separated	47.8%	+/-0.1	50.5%	+/-2.3
Widowed	9.7%	+/-0.1	6.4%	+/-1.4
Divorced	11.9%	+/-0.1	6.5%	+/-1.4
Separated	2.5%	+/-0.1	3.0%	+/-1.1
Never married	28.1%	+/-0.1	33.6%	+/-2.8
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	79,854,557	+/-76,091	66,034	+/-5,863
Nursery school, preschool	6.4%	+/-0.1	3.8%	+/-1.1
Kindergarten	5.1%	+/-0.1	5.6%	+/-1.4
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	40.3%	+/-0.1	42.5%	+/-3.8
High school (grades 9-12)	21.5%	+/-0.1	23.5%	+/-2.7
College or graduate school	26.7%	+/-0.1	24.6%	+/-2.9
Male 3 years and over enrolled in school	39,402,748	+/-61,305	33,208	+/-3,915
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	69.6%	+/-0.1	74.7%	+/-3.7
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	23.6%	+/-0.1	20.1%	+/-3.4
Female 3 years and over enrolled in school	40,451,809	+/-57,324	32,826	+/-3,388
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	64.2%	+/-0.1	68.5%	+/-4.2
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	29.7%	+/-0.1	29.1%	+/-4.0
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	200,030,018	+/-72,891	126,620	+/-8,117
Less than high school diploma	15.0%	+/-0.1	31.6%	+/-2.4
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	28.5%	+/-0.1	30.0%	+/-2.6
Some college or associate's degree	28.8%	+/-0.1	24.6%	+/-1.9
Bachelor's degree	17.5%	+/-0.1	11.3%	+/-1.7
Graduate or professional degree	10.2%	+/-0.1	2.6%	+/-0.8

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High school graduate or higher	85.0%	+/-0.1	68.4%	+/-2.4
Male, high school graduate or higher	84.3%	+/-0.1	70.5%	+/-3.1
Female, high school graduate or higher	85.6%	+/-0.1	66.4%	+/-3.1
Bachelor's degree or higher	27.7%	+/-0.1	13.8%	+/-1.9
Male, bachelor's degree or higher	28.4%	+/-0.1	14.6%	+/-2.6
Female, bachelor's degree or higher	27.0%	+/-0.1	13.1%	+/-2.5
FERTILITY				
Women 15 to 50 years	75,960,920	+/-33,035	64,670	+/-4,676
Women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,436,577	+/-37,288	5,185	+/-1,213
Unmarried women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,521,094	+/-24,852	1,484	+/-645
As a percent of all women with a birth in the past 12 months	34.3%	+/-0.4	28.6%	+/-10.1
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Population 30 years and over	179,103,425	+/-59,966	106,246	+/-7,653
Living with grandchild(ren)	3.6%	+/-0.1	10.4%	+/-1.7
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	40.7%	+/-0.4	22.7%	+/-7.1
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	228,901,197	+/-34,693	149,648	+/-9,288
Civilian veteran	9.8%	+/-0.1	2.0%	+/-0.5
DISABILITY STATUS				
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population	298,574,528	+/-19,717	214,852	+/-13,260
With a disability	12.1%	+/-0.1	7.9%	+/-1.2
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	73,786,055	+/-31,254	66,888	+/-6,395
With a disability	3.9%	+/-0.1	0.9%	+/-0.5
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	187,579,233	+/-35,025	137,295	+/-8,598
With a disability	10.1%	+/-0.1	7.8%	+/-1.6
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 65 years and older	37,209,240	+/-21,280	10,669	+/-2,061
With a disability	38.1%	+/-0.1	52.7%	+/-9.2
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	299,925,887	+/-30,818	212,037	+/-13,020
Same house	84.4%	+/-0.1	84.6%	+/-2.0
Different house in the U.S.	15.0%	+/-0.1	14.8%	+/-2.0
Same county	9.2%	+/-0.1	10.6%	+/-1.9
Different county	5.7%	+/-0.1	4.1%	+/-1.1
Same state	3.3%	+/-0.1	1.9%	+/-0.5
Different state	2.4%	+/-0.1	2.2%	+/-0.8
Abroad	0.6%	+/-0.1	0.6%	+/-0.3
PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY				
Native	266,098,793	+/-122,962	93,844	+/-7,374
Male	49.2%	+/-0.1	49.8%	+/-2.8
Female	50.8%	+/-0.1	50.2%	+/-2.8
Foreign born	37,960,935	+/-122,968	123,331	+/-8,263
Male	50.1%	+/-0.1	49.5%	+/-1.7
Female	49.9%	+/-0.1	50.5%	+/-1.7
Foreign born; naturalized U.S. citizen	16,329,909	+/-68,667	79,022	+/-6,109
Male	46.3%	+/-0.1	50.2%	+/-2.1
Female	53.7%	+/-0.1	49.8%	+/-2.1
Foreign born; not a U.S. citizen	21,631,026	+/-118,223	44,309	+/-4,778
Male	53.1%	+/-0.2	48.3%	+/-3.6
Female	46.9%	+/-0.2	51.7%	+/-3.6
Population born outside the United States	37,960,935	+/-122,968	123,331	+/-8,263
Entered 2000 or later	29.5%	+/-0.2	8.3%	+/-1.4
Entered 1990 to 1999	28.6%	+/-0.2	14.3%	+/-2.5
Entered before 1990	41.9%	+/-0.2	77.4%	+/-2.9
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				

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Foreign-born population excluding population born at sea	37,960,773	+/-122,987	123,331	+/-8,263
Europe	13.1%	+/-0.1	0.3%	+/-0.3
Asia	27.3%	+/-0.1	98.5%	+/-0.7
Africa	3.8%	+/-0.1	0.1%	+/-0.1
Oceania	0.6%	+/-0.1	0.0%	+/-0.1
Latin America	53.1%	+/-0.2	1.0%	+/-0.5
Northern America	2.2%	+/-0.1	0.1%	+/-0.1
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH				
Population 5 years and over	283,149,507	+/-17,858	195,795	+/-12,061
English only	80.3%	+/-0.1	18.7%	+/-2.2
Language other than English	19.7%	+/-0.1	81.3%	+/-2.2
Speak English less than "very well"	8.6%	+/-0.1	41.8%	+/-2.4
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	238,764,455	+/-39,230	156,894	+/-9,690
In labor force	65.9%	+/-0.1	73.4%	+/-2.2
Civilian labor force	65.4%	+/-0.1	73.0%	+/-2.2
Employed	61.3%	+/-0.1	66.7%	+/-2.1
Unemployed	4.2%	+/-0.1	6.3%	+/-1.2
Percent of civilian labor force	6.4%	+/-0.1	8.6%	+/-1.6
Armed Forces	0.5%	+/-0.1	0.4%	+/-0.2
Not in labor force	34.1%	+/-0.1	26.6%	+/-2.2
Females 16 years and over	122,336,107	+/-29,149	79,671	+/-5,801
In labor force	60.2%	+/-0.1	68.3%	+/-2.9
Civilian labor force	60.0%	+/-0.1	68.2%	+/-2.9
Employed	56.3%	+/-0.1	64.6%	+/-2.8
Unemployed	3.7%	+/-0.1	3.6%	+/-1.1
Percent of civilian labor force	6.2%	+/-0.1	5.3%	+/-1.5
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	143,995,967	+/-139,905	104,007	+/-6,995
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	75.5%	+/-0.1	77.6%	+/-2.7
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	10.7%	+/-0.1	14.9%	+/-2.4
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	5.0%	+/-0.1	2.3%	+/-0.8
Walked	2.8%	+/-0.1	2.3%	+/-1.0
Other means	1.8%	+/-0.1	1.0%	+/-0.5
Worked at home	4.1%	+/-0.1	1.9%	+/-0.9
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.5	+/-0.1	25.0	+/-1.1
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	146,266,253	+/-139,763	104,697	+/-7,073
Management, professional, and related occupations	34.9%	+/-0.1	16.7%	+/-2.0
Service occupations	17.1%	+/-0.1	17.7%	+/-2.0
Sales and office occupations	25.5%	+/-0.1	21.7%	+/-2.0
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.7%	+/-0.1	0.2%	+/-0.2
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	9.3%	+/-0.1	6.9%	+/-1.4
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	12.5%	+/-0.1	36.7%	+/-3.0
Male civilian employed population 16 years and over	77,404,053	+/-93,158	53,248	+/-4,239
Management, professional, and related occupations	31.9%	+/-0.1	17.1%	+/-2.6
Service occupations	14.0%	+/-0.1	16.2%	+/-2.6
Sales and office occupations	17.7%	+/-0.1	14.1%	+/-2.5
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1.0%	+/-0.1	0.2%	+/-0.3
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	17.0%	+/-0.1	11.9%	+/-2.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	18.3%	+/-0.1	40.4%	+/-3.9
Female civilian employed population 16 years and over	68,862,200	+/-81,708	51,449	+/-3,957
Management, professional, and related occupations	38.3%	+/-0.1	16.3%	+/-2.5
Service occupations	20.7%	+/-0.1	19.3%	+/-2.8
Sales and office occupations	34.2%	+/-0.1	29.5%	+/-2.7
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.3%	+/-0.1	0.1%	+/-0.1
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	0.6%	+/-0.1	1.8%	+/-1.0
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	5.9%	+/-0.1	32.9%	+/-3.8
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	146,266,253	+/-139,763	104,697	+/-7,073
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1.8%	+/-0.1	1.5%	+/-0.7

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Construction	7.4%	+/-0.1	2.1%	+/-0.8
Manufacturing	11.2%	+/-0.1	37.8%	+/-2.8
Wholesale trade	3.0%	+/-0.1	2.5%	+/-0.8
Retail trade	11.6%	+/-0.1	10.6%	+/-1.4
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	5.2%	+/-0.1	3.0%	+/-1.0
Information	2.4%	+/-0.1	1.8%	+/-0.7
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	6.9%	+/-0.1	4.3%	+/-1.0
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	10.4%	+/-0.1	5.9%	+/-1.6
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	21.7%	+/-0.1	12.0%	+/-1.7
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	8.8%	+/-0.1	11.7%	+/-1.8
Other services (except public administration)	4.8%	+/-0.1	4.2%	+/-1.1
Public administration	4.7%	+/-0.1	2.6%	+/-0.9
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	146,266,253	+/-139,763	104,697	+/-7,073
Private wage and salary workers	79.0%	+/-0.1	88.0%	+/-1.9
Government workers	14.5%	+/-0.1	8.6%	+/-1.7
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	6.4%	+/-0.1	3.3%	+/-1.0
Unpaid family workers	0.2%	+/-0.1	0.1%	+/-0.1
INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Households	113,101,329	+/-146,859	52,381	+/-3,680
Median household income (dollars)	52,029	+/-73	59,132	+/-3,568
With earnings	80.3%	+/-0.1	92.3%	+/-2.0
Mean earnings (dollars)	72,235	+/-134	66,053	+/-3,379
With Social Security income	27.0%	+/-0.1	14.7%	+/-2.8
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,010	+/-19	10,438	+/-1,105
With Supplemental Security Income	3.5%	+/-0.1	8.3%	+/-2.0
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,808	+/-40	9,103	+/-1,429
With cash public assistance income	2.3%	+/-0.1	7.2%	+/-2.2
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,255	+/-40	5,417	+/-2,913
With retirement income	17.2%	+/-0.1	4.0%	+/-1.3
Mean retirement income (dollars)	21,407	+/-91	13,613	+/-6,461
With Food Stamp benefits	8.6%	+/-0.1	12.9%	+/-2.7
Families	75,030,551	+/-141,041	45,185	+/-3,557
Median family income (dollars)	63,366	+/-122	60,477	+/-3,411
Married-couple family	74.2%	+/-0.1	69.2%	+/-3.2
Median income (dollars)	75,387	+/-96	67,392	+/-4,020
Male householder, no spouse present, family	6.9%	+/-0.1	11.5%	+/-2.8
Median income (dollars)	44,066	+/-344	49,409	+/-9,690
Female householder, no husband present, family	18.9%	+/-0.1	19.2%	+/-2.8
Median income (dollars)	31,325	+/-140	33,454	+/-8,290
Individuals	304,059,728	*****	217,175	+/-13,203
Per capita income (dollars)	27,589	+/-58	17,746	+/-1,360
With earnings for full-time, year-round workers:				
Male	60,407,447	+/-93,189	41,286	+/-3,689
Female	43,726,356	+/-72,470	37,306	+/-3,622
Mean earnings (dollars) for full-time, year-round workers:				
Male	62,069	+/-163	43,912	+/-5,404
Female	43,938	+/-89	30,995	+/-1,777
Median earnings (dollars) full-time, year-round workers:				
Male	45,556	+/-73	36,747	+/-1,247
Female	35,471	+/-58	26,610	+/-1,239
POVERTY RATES FOR FAMILIES AND PEOPLE FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED				
All families	9.7%	+/-0.1	10.3%	+/-2.4
With related children under 18 years	15.0%	+/-0.1	13.2%	+/-3.5
With related children under 5 years only	16.3%	+/-0.2	7.5%	+/-6.0
Married-couple family	4.6%	+/-0.1	6.1%	+/-2.2
With related children under 18 years	6.5%	+/-0.1	6.6%	+/-3.1
With related children under 5 years only	5.9%	+/-0.2	N	N
Female householder, no husband present, family	28.0%	+/-0.2	25.7%	+/-9.6
With related children under 18 years	36.3%	+/-0.3	30.7%	+/-11.4

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With related children under 5 years only	44.8%	+/-0.6	51.8%	+/-29.3
All people	13.2%	+/-0.1	12.0%	+/-2.2
Under 18 years	18.2%	+/-0.2	13.9%	+/-3.5
Related children under 18 years	17.8%	+/-0.2	13.8%	+/-3.4
Related children under 5 years	21.2%	+/-0.3	15.5%	+/-5.1
Related children 5 to 17 years	16.5%	+/-0.2	13.0%	+/-3.5
18 years and over	11.6%	+/-0.1	11.2%	+/-1.9
18 to 64 years	11.9%	+/-0.1	10.5%	+/-1.9
65 years and over	9.9%	+/-0.1	19.4%	+/-7.7
People in families	10.7%	+/-0.1	9.9%	+/-2.2
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	24.2%	+/-0.1	34.6%	+/-6.4
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	113,101,329	+/-146,859	52,381	+/-3,680
Owner-occupied housing units	66.6%	+/-0.1	63.2%	+/-3.8
Renter-occupied housing units	33.4%	+/-0.1	36.8%	+/-3.8
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.70	+/-0.01	4.09	+/-0.21
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.44	+/-0.01	3.20	+/-0.25
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Occupied housing units	113,101,329	+/-146,859	52,381	+/-3,680
1-unit, detached or attached	69.2%	+/-0.1	71.6%	+/-3.8
2 to 4 units	8.0%	+/-0.1	9.5%	+/-2.1
5 or more units	16.6%	+/-0.1	15.2%	+/-2.9
Mobile home, boat, RV, van, etc.	6.2%	+/-0.1	3.7%	+/-1.6
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Occupied housing units	113,101,329	+/-146,859	52,381	+/-3,680
Built 2000 or later	12.4%	+/-0.1	20.8%	+/-3.5
Built 1990 to 1999	14.4%	+/-0.1	14.8%	+/-2.4
Built 1980 to 1989	14.1%	+/-0.1	12.4%	+/-2.1
Built 1960 to 1979	27.9%	+/-0.1	29.2%	+/-3.7
Built 1940 to 1959	17.5%	+/-0.1	12.6%	+/-2.4
Built 1939 or earlier	13.7%	+/-0.1	10.2%	+/-2.4
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	113,101,329	+/-146,859	52,381	+/-3,680
None	8.8%	+/-0.1	5.8%	+/-1.8
1 or more	91.2%	+/-0.1	94.2%	+/-1.8
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	113,101,329	+/-146,859	52,381	+/-3,680
Gas	55.4%	+/-0.1	56.3%	+/-3.1
Electricity	34.1%	+/-0.1	36.9%	+/-3.2
All other fuels	9.6%	+/-0.1	5.4%	+/-1.4
No fuel used	0.9%	+/-0.1	1.4%	+/-0.9
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	113,101,329	+/-146,859	52,381	+/-3,680
No telephone service available	1.8%	+/-0.1	1.8%	+/-1.0
1.01 or more occupants per room	3.2%	+/-0.1	10.6%	+/-2.5
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOC cannot be computed)	51,361,562	+/-155,133	28,141	+/-2,877
Less than 30 percent	62.3%	+/-0.1	50.5%	+/-5.3
30 percent or more	37.7%	+/-0.1	49.5%	+/-5.3
OWNER CHARACTERISTICS				
Owner-occupied housing units	75,373,053	+/-224,087	33,085	+/-3,001
Median value (dollars)	197,600	+/-453	205,400	+/-14,875
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	1,514	+/-2	1,647	+/-100
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	424	+/-2	525	+/-79
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAP cannot be computed)	34,969,703	+/-109,772	18,753	+/-2,475

Subject	Total population	Margin of Error	Laotian alone or in any combination	Margin of Error
Less than 30 percent	50.2%	+/-0.2	47.9%	+/-5.5
30 percent or more	49.8%	+/-0.2	52.1%	+/-5.5
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	35,618,466	+/-109,928	18,947	+/-2,469
Median gross rent (dollars)	824	+/-2	861	+/-37

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:

- Data for the households, families, occupied housing units, owner-occupied housing units, and renter-occupied housing units lines refer to the specified race, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, or ancestry of the householder shown in the table. Data in the "Total population" column are shown regardless of the race, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, or ancestry of the person.
- 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](#).
- The Census Bureau introduced an improved sequence of labor force questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, we recommend using caution when making labor force data comparisons from 2008 or later with data from prior years. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the "Evaluation Report Covering Employment Status" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/AdvMeth/content_test/P6a_Employment_Status.pdf, and the "Evaluation Report Covering Weeks Worked" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/AdvMeth/content_test/P6b_Weeks_Worked_Final_Report.pdf. Additional information can also be found at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/laborfor/laborforce.html>.
- Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2000.
- Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System 2007. The Industry categories adhere to the guidelines issued in Clarification Memorandum No. 2, "NAICS Alternate Aggregation Structure for Use By U.S. Statistical Agencies," issued by the Office of Management and Budget.
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Occupants per Room between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Rooms question involving the wording as well as the response option resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in "1 room" category and as a decrease in the "2 rooms" to "6 rooms" categories. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Rooms section of the Subject Definitions at: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=21.
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Telephone Service Availability between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Telephone Service Availability question involving the structure of the question as well as including an instruction to include cell phones resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in respondents answering "yes" to the question. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Telephone Service Available section of the Subject Definitions at: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=24.
- See the Glossary for more information on the definition of the following population groups: [Arab](#), [Arab/Arabic](#), [European](#), [Subsaharan African](#), [African](#), [American](#), and [All Other Hispanic or Latino](#).
- 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.
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.

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