

S0201: Selected Population Profile in the United States

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Survey: American Community Survey

Alabama

Population Group: Black or African American alone or in combination with one or more other races

Subject	Total population	Black or African American alone or in combination with one or more other races
TOTAL NUMBER OF RACES REPORTED		
Total population	4,661,900	1,248,573
One race	98.7%	97.8%
Two races	1.2%	1.8%
Three races	0.1%	0.4%
Four or more races	0.0%	0.0%
SEX AND AGE		
Total population	4,661,900	1,248,573
Male	48.5%	46.5%
Female	51.5%	53.5%

Under 5 years	6.6%	7.7%
5 to 17 years	17.5%	20.9%
18 to 24 years	9.9%	12.5%
25 to 34 years	12.8%	13.6%
35 to 44 years	13.5%	13.0%
45 to 54 years	14.4%	13.6%
55 to 64 years	11.6%	9.4%
65 to 74 years	7.4%	5.1%
75 years and over	6.3%	4.2%
Median age (years)	37.4	31.1
18 years and over	75.9%	71.4%
21 years and over	71.4%	65.2%
62 years and over	16.5%	11.4%
65 years and over	13.7%	9.3%
Under 18 years	1,121,210	357,675
Male	51.2%	50.2%
Female	48.8%	49.8%

18 years and over	3,540,690	890,898
Male	47.6%	45.0%
Female	52.4%	55.0%
18 to 34 years	1,060,608	325,090
Male	50.2%	48.1%
Female	49.8%	51.9%
35 to 64 years	1,841,325	450,241
Male	48.4%	44.9%
Female	51.6%	55.1%
65 years and over	638,757	115,567
Male	41.2%	36.4%
Female	58.8%	63.6%
RELATIONSHIP		
Population in households	4,541,656	1,196,841
Householder or spouse	59.5%	49.4%
Child	30.2%	36.0%

Other relatives	6.6%	10.8%
Nonrelatives	3.7%	3.8%
Unmarried partner	1.4%	1.7%
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Households	1,815,865	457,161
Family households	67.0%	63.3%
With own children under 18 years	29.2%	32.1%
Married-couple family	48.8%	29.4%
With own children under 18 years	19.4%	12.8%
Female householder, no husband present, family	14.2%	29.4%
With own children under 18 years	8.0%	17.5%
Nonfamily households	33.0%	36.7%
Male householder	14.5%	15.6%
Living alone	12.3%	13.9%
Not living alone	2.3%	1.7%
Female householder	18.5%	21.1%
Living alone	16.7%	19.3%
Not living alone	1.7%	1.7%
Average household size		
Average household size	2.5	2.57

Average family size	3.1	3.35
MARITAL STATUS		
Population 15 years and over	3,735,070	955,524
Now married, except separated	50.4%	31.2%
Widowed	7.6%	7.7%
Divorced	12.0%	12.4%
Separated	2.5%	4.9%
Never married	27.5%	43.8%
Male 15 years and over	1,784,934	433,151
Now married, except separated	53.2%	35.6%
Widowed	2.9%	3.1%
Divorced	11.2%	11.0%
Separated	2.0%	3.9%
Never married	30.8%	46.4%
Female 15 years and over	1,950,136	522,373
Now married, except separated	47.8%	27.6%
Widowed	11.9%	11.5%
Divorced	12.8%	13.6%

Separated	2.9%	5.7%
Never married	24.6%	41.7%
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	1,171,385	383,652
Nursery school, preschool	6.0%	6.2%
Kindergarten	5.2%	5.0%
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	43.2%	42.1%
High school (grades 9-12)	21.2%	22.9%
College or graduate school	24.3%	23.9%
Male 3 years and over enrolled in school		
Male 3 years and over enrolled in school	574,157	178,988
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	73.3%	75.2%
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	20.4%	18.1%
Female 3 years and over enrolled in school		
Female 3 years and over enrolled in school	597,228	204,664
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	66.2%	65.4%
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	28.0%	29.0%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	3,078,499	735,137
Less than high school diploma	18.1%	23.0%

Responsible for grandchild(ren)	57.1%	61.5%
VETERAN STATUS		
Civilian population 18 years and over	3,521,323	886,409
Civilian veteran	11.4%	9.6%
DISABILITY STATUS		
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population	4,574,185	1,214,269
With a disability	16.3%	17.4%
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	1,119,732	357,121
With a disability	4.6%	5.4%
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	2,840,491	746,882
With a disability	14.6%	17.4%
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 65 years and older	613,962	110,266
With a disability	45.0%	55.5%
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO		
Population 1 year and over	4,600,656	1,227,260

Same house	84.6%	82.3%
Different house in the U.S.	15.1%	17.4%
Same county	9.1%	12.2%
Different county	6.0%	5.2%
Same state	3.3%	3.2%
Different state	2.6%	2.0%
Abroad	0.4%	0.3%
PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY		
Native	4,530,205	1,239,387
Male	48.3%	46.4%
Female	51.7%	53.6%
Foreign born	131,695	9,186
Male	53.6%	52.7%
Female	46.4%	47.3%
Foreign born; naturalized U.S. citizen	39,634	2,858
Male	45.5%	60.8%
Female	54.5%	39.2%

Foreign born; not a U.S. citizen	92,061	6,328
Male	57.1%	49.0%
Female	42.9%	51.0%
Population born outside the United States	131,695	9,186
Entered 2000 or later	46.8%	39.1%
Entered 1990 to 1999	24.4%	35.0%
Entered before 1990	28.8%	25.9%
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN		
Foreign-born population excluding population born at sea	131,695	9,186
Europe	14.2%	N
Asia	27.3%	N
Africa	4.7%	N
Oceania	0.6%	N
Latin America	50.8%	N
Northern America	2.5%	N
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH		
Population 5 years and over	4,354,717	1,151,868
English only	95.9%	98.4%

Language other than English	4.1%	1.6%
Speak English less than "very well"	1.8%	0.4%
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	3,669,691	933,840
In labor force	61.5%	60.7%
Civilian labor force	60.9%	60.2%
Employed	56.7%	53.1%
Unemployed	4.2%	7.2%
Percent of civilian labor force	7.0%	11.9%
Armed Forces	0.5%	0.5%
Not in labor force	38.5%	39.3%
Females 16 years and over	1,919,385	512,660
In labor force	55.3%	59.4%
Civilian labor force	55.1%	59.1%
Employed	51.3%	52.8%
Unemployed	3.8%	6.3%
Percent of civilian labor force	6.9%	10.7%
COMMUTING TO WORK		

Workers 16 years and over	2,051,673	484,945
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	83.0%	80.3%
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	11.8%	13.7%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	0.5%	1.4%
Walked	1.3%	1.9%
Other means	1.1%	1.6%
Worked at home	2.3%	1.1%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24	22.3
OCCUPATION		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	2,079,965	495,434
Management, professional, and related occupations	30.8%	22.2%
Service occupations	15.5%	23.5%
Sales and office occupations	26.1%	25.8%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.6%	0.7%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	10.8%	6.8%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	16.1%	20.9%
Male civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,095,340	224,868
Management, professional, and related occupations	27.0%	16.4%
Service occupations	12.0%	20.2%

Sales and office occupations	17.4%	17.3%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.9%	1.2%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	19.7%	13.9%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	23.0%	31.0%
Female civilian employed population 16 years and over	984,625	270,566
Management, professional, and related occupations	35.1%	27.1%
Service occupations	19.5%	26.3%
Sales and office occupations	35.7%	32.8%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.2%	0.3%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	0.9%	1.0%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	8.5%	12.5%
INDUSTRY		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	2,079,965	495,434
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1.6%	1.2%
Construction	7.9%	4.1%
Manufacturing	14.7%	15.5%
Wholesale trade	3.3%	2.0%
Retail trade	12.2%	12.5%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	5.6%	4.9%

Information	1.9%	2.0%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	5.6%	4.9%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	8.4%	6.0%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	20.9%	25.7%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	7.4%	9.7%
Other services (except public administration)	5.1%	4.6%
Public administration	5.5%	6.9%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	2,079,965	495,434
Private wage and salary workers	77.5%	75.5%
Government workers	16.6%	21.0%
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	5.9%	3.4%
Unpaid family workers	0.1%	0.1%
INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)		
Households	1,815,865	457,161
Median household income (dollars)	42,666	27,724
With earnings	76.3%	75.8%
Mean earnings (dollars)	59,272	39,988

With Social Security income	31.9%	29.0%
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,376	11,362
With Supplemental Security Income	4.7%	8.2%
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	6,798	6,626
With cash public assistance income	1.3%	2.5%
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,587	2,398
With retirement income	19.3%	15.4%
Mean retirement income (dollars)	19,647	16,500
With Food Stamp benefits	10.3%	22.0%
Families	1,216,612	289,603
Median family income (dollars)	54,270	34,685
Married-couple family	72.9%	46.4%
Median income (dollars)	65,704	57,342
Male householder, no spouse present, family	5.9%	7.2%
Median income (dollars)	36,724	29,144
Female householder, no husband present, family	21.2%	46.4%
Median income (dollars)	24,794	21,337
Individuals	4,661,900	1,248,573
Per capita income (dollars)	23,336	15,104

With earnings for full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	885,366	171,077
Female	652,903	184,540
Mean earnings (dollars) for full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	54,630	37,962
Female	36,454	30,366
Median earnings (dollars) full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	41,411	31,752
Female	30,681	25,330
POVERTY RATES FOR FAMILIES AND PEOPLE FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED		
All families	12.0%	24.8%
With related children under 18 years	18.6%	33.2%
With related children under 5 years only	23.1%	44.8%
Married-couple family	5.1%	7.4%
With related children under 18 years	6.9%	8.5%
With related children under 5 years only	8.0%	12.1%
Female householder, no husband present, family	34.5%	41.7%
With related children under 18 years	43.5%	49.8%
With related children under 5 years only	55.3%	63.2%

All people	15.7%	27.9%
Under 18 years	21.7%	38.2%
Related children under 18 years	21.4%	37.9%
Related children under 5 years	26.5%	47.6%
Related children 5 to 17 years	19.4%	34.4%
18 years and over	13.7%	23.5%
18 to 64 years	14.1%	23.4%
65 years and over	12.1%	24.1%
People in families	13.1%	26.0%
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	28.6%	36.4%
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	1,815,865	457,161
Owner-occupied housing units	71.0%	54.7%
Renter-occupied housing units	29.0%	45.3%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.56	2.67
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.37	2.46
UNITS IN STRUCTURE		

Occupied housing units	1,815,865	457,161
1-unit, detached or attached	72.4%	65.6%
2 to 4 units	4.8%	9.7%
5 or more units	9.2%	15.0%
Mobile home, boat, RV, van, etc.	13.6%	9.7%
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT		
Occupied housing units	1,815,865	457,161
Built 2000 or later	13.1%	9.3%
Built 1990 to 1999	19.9%	14.3%
Built 1980 to 1989	16.5%	16.5%
Built 1960 to 1979	30.2%	35.2%
Built 1940 to 1959	14.5%	18.4%
Built 1939 or earlier	5.8%	6.3%
VEHICLES AVAILABLE		
Occupied housing units	1,815,865	457,161
None	6.7%	14.2%
1 or more	93.3%	85.8%
HOUSE HEATING FUEL		

Occupied housing units	1,815,865	457,161
Gas	41.7%	48.6%
Electricity	56.5%	50.1%
All other fuels	1.6%	1.0%
No fuel used	0.2%	0.2%
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS		
Occupied housing units	1,815,865	457,161
No telephone service available	2.0%	3.4%
1.01 or more occupants per room	2.1%	2.8%
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)	786,549	158,224
Less than 30 percent	71.1%	58.2%
30 percent or more	28.9%	41.8%
OWNER CHARACTERISTICS		
Owner-occupied housing units	1,289,155	250,129
Median value (dollars)	121,500	82,600
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	1,089	1,003
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	315	323

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAP I cannot be computed)	452,148	182,210
Less than 30 percent	51.9%	41.9%
30 percent or more	48.1%	58.1%
GROSS RENT		
Occupied units paying rent	461,292	187,047
Median gross rent (dollars)	631	616

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