

SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

American Community Survey 2006

Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA Metropolitan Statistical Area

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2006	Estimate	Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	216,526	+/-2,254
Family households (families)	143,618	+/-2,964
With own children under 18 years	72,722	+/-2,733
Married-couple families	113,601	+/-3,075
With own children under 18 years	52,633	+/-2,602
Male householder, no wife present	7,918	+/-1,237
With own children under 18 years	4,674	+/-1,006
Female householder, no husband present	22,099	+/-2,155
With own children under 18 years	15,415	+/-1,849
Nonfamily households	72,908	+/-3,051
Householder living alone	58,409	+/-2,980
65 years and over	17,196	+/-1,408
Households with one or more people under 18 years	76,805	+/-2,779
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	41,738	+/-1,244
Average household size	2.40	+/-0.02
Average family size	2.94	+/-0.04
RELATIONSHIP		
Household population	520,724	+/-1,970
Householder	216,526	+/-2,254
Spouse	113,221	+/-3,074
Child	150,827	+/-3,260
Other relatives	15,283	+/-2,034
Nonrelatives	24,867	+/-2,911
Unmarried partner	14,119	+/-1,891
MARITAL STATUS		
Males 15 years and over	202,209	+/-1,014
Never married	57,863	+/-2,427
Now married, except separated	118,175	+/-3,336
Separated	2,958	+/-809
Widowed	4,084	+/-824
Divorced	19,129	+/-2,136
Females 15 years and over	216,069	+/-936
Never married	51,412	+/-2,138
Now married, except separated	116,599	+/-3,151
Separated	3,416	+/-954
Widowed	17,627	+/-1,262
Divorced	27,015	+/-2,230
FERTILITY		
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	9,040	+/-1,461
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	2,503	+/-909
Per 1,000 unmarried women	41	+/-15
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	65	+/-11
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	19	+/-14
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	135	+/-24
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	18	+/-7

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GRANDPARENTS		
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	5,477	+/-1,229
Responsible for grandchildren	2,550	+/-955
Years responsible for grandchildren		
Less than 1 year	297	+/-280
1 or 2 years	633	+/-408
3 or 4 years	810	+/-467
5 or more years	810	+/-453
Characteristics of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years		
Who are female	70.7%	+/-7.2
Who are married	64.3%	+/-13.5
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	138,198	+/-3,082
Nursery school, preschool	10,910	+/-1,375
Kindergarten	6,932	+/-1,076
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	59,639	+/-1,764
High school (grades 9-12)	30,063	+/-1,820
College or graduate school	30,654	+/-2,356
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	349,639	+/-1,622
Less than 9th grade	11,423	+/-1,669
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	20,301	+/-1,956
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	103,198	+/-3,936
Some college, no degree	74,193	+/-3,729
Associate's degree	31,356	+/-2,249
Bachelor's degree	78,507	+/-3,644
Graduate or professional degree	30,661	+/-2,294
Percent high school graduate or higher	90.9%	+/-0.7
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	31.2%	+/-1.3
VETERAN STATUS		
Civilian population 18 years and over	395,313	+/-1,469
Civilian veterans	40,619	+/-2,338
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION		
Population 5 years and over	486,550	+/-1,927
With a disability	64,273	+/-3,987
Population 5 to 15 years	83,165	+/-1,244
With a disability	4,804	+/-1,152
Population 16 to 64 years	347,501	+/-1,991
With a disability	38,590	+/-2,996
Population 65 years and over	55,884	+/-1,034
With a disability	20,879	+/-1,706
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO		
Population 1 year and over	524,423	+/-2,359
Same house	425,926	+/-7,647
Different house in the U.S.	96,646	+/-7,150
Same county	59,251	+/-5,770
Different county	37,395	+/-4,554

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Same state	23,180	+/-3,543
Different state	14,215	+/-2,960
Abroad	1,851	+/-804
PLACE OF BIRTH		
Total population	532,425	+/-1,890
Native	499,155	+/-3,951
Born in United States	496,260	+/-3,949
State of residence	376,769	+/-6,260
Different state	119,491	+/-5,057
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	2,895	+/-808
Foreign born	33,270	+/-3,347
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Foreign-born population	33,270	+/-3,347
Naturalized U.S. citizen	11,131	+/-1,664
Not a U.S. citizen	22,139	+/-2,960
YEAR OF ENTRY		
Population born outside the United States	36,165	+/-3,406
Native	2,895	+/-808
Entered 2000 or later	304	+/-268
Entered before 2000	2,591	+/-823
Foreign born	33,270	+/-3,347
Entered 2000 or later	10,572	+/-2,466
Entered before 2000	22,698	+/-2,480
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN		
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	N	N
Europe	N	N
Asia	N	N
Africa	N	N
Oceania	N	N
Latin America	N	N
Northern America	N	N
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME		
Population 5 years and over	493,268	+/-1,859
English only	446,851	+/-4,033
Language other than English	46,417	+/-3,619
Speak English less than "very well"	23,046	+/-2,834
Spanish	24,559	+/-2,026
Speak English less than "very well"	13,119	+/-1,623
Other Indo-European languages	8,896	+/-2,547
Speak English less than "very well"	3,690	+/-1,625
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	10,478	+/-1,162
Speak English less than "very well"	4,535	+/-908
Other languages	2,484	+/-1,418
Speak English less than "very well"	1,702	+/-1,040
ANCESTRY		
Total population	532,425	+/-1,890
American	31,710	+/-3,752
Arab	911	+/-734
Czech	6,381	+/-1,446
Danish	7,865	+/-1,640

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Dutch	23,184	+/-3,110
English	60,473	+/-4,078
French (except Basque)	15,261	+/-2,100
French Canadian	790	+/-446
German	179,263	+/-7,272
Greek	1,928	+/-705
Hungarian	814	+/-419
Irish	85,114	+/-5,039
Italian	22,882	+/-2,863
Lithuanian	152	+/-138
Norwegian	25,494	+/-2,931
Polish	8,980	+/-1,773
Portuguese	263	+/-218
Russian	3,170	+/-1,384
Scotch-Irish	10,083	+/-1,711
Scottish	11,272	+/-2,176
Slovak	323	+/-271
Subsaharan African	4,987	+/-2,236
Swedish	20,116	+/-2,974
Swiss	2,349	+/-1,053
Ukrainian	407	+/-273
Welsh	7,330	+/-1,742
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	45	+/-75

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey