

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2006-2008
 Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Ames, IA Urbanized Area

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HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	20,171	626	20,171	(X)
Family households (families)	9,153	436	45.4%	2
With own children under 18 years	3,645	429	18.1%	2.1
Married-couple family	7,403	444	36.7%	2.2
With own children under 18 years	2,741	358	13.6%	1.7
Male householder, no wife present, family	423	184	2.1%	0.9
With own children under 18 years	268	169	1.3%	0.8
Female householder, no husband present, family	1,327	292	6.6%	1.4
With own children under 18 years	636	236	3.2%	1.2
Nonfamily households	11,018	600	54.6%	2
Householder living alone	6,528	668	32.4%	3.2
65 years and over	1,148	252	5.7%	1.3
Households with one or more people under 18 years	3,745	439	18.6%	2.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	2,923	230	14.5%	1.3
Average household size	2.31	0.06	(X)	(X)
Average family size	2.87	0.09	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	46,604	1,291	46,604	(X)
Householder	20,171	626	43.3%	1
Spouse	7,511	427	16.1%	1
Child	8,677	658	18.6%	1.2
Other relatives	905	326	1.9%	0.7
Nonrelatives	9,340	877	20.0%	1.7

Unmarried partner	1,417	384	3.0%	0.8
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	25,580	559	25,580	(X)
Never married	16,405	789	64.1%	2.3
Now married, except separated	7,689	489	30.1%	2
Separated	282	203	1.1%	0.8
Widowed	268	116	1.0%	0.5
Divorced	936	267	3.7%	1
Females 15 years and over				
Females 15 years and over	21,953	518	21,953	(X)
Never married	11,304	583	51.5%	2.2
Now married, except separated	7,973	465	36.3%	2.1
Separated	195	103	0.9%	0.5
Widowed	929	200	4.2%	0.9
Divorced	1,552	305	7.1%	1.4
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	613	199	613	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	79	64	12.9%	9.2
Per 1,000 unmarried women	7	5	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	37	12	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	29	31	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	50	17	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	5	9	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	N	N	N	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	N	N	N	N
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	N	N	N	N
1 or 2 years	N	N	N	N
3 or 4 years	N	N	N	N
5 or more years	N	N	N	N

Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	N	N	N	(X)
Who are female	N	N	N	N
Who are married	N	N	N	N
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	28,064	1,171	28,064	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	667	178	2.4%	0.6
Kindergarten	266	112	0.9%	0.4
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	2,739	363	9.8%	1.2
High school (grades 9-12)	1,471	265	5.2%	1
College or graduate school	22,921	1,077	81.7%	1.8
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	24,951	545	24,951	(X)
Less than 9th grade	145	116	0.6%	0.5
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	795	265	3.2%	1.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	3,148	542	12.6%	2.1
Some college, no degree	4,730	667	19.0%	2.5
Associate's degree	1,494	276	6.0%	1.1
Bachelor's degree	8,150	524	32.7%	2.1
Graduate or professional degree	6,489	554	26.0%	2.3
Percent high school graduate or higher	96.2%	1.1	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	58.7%	3	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	46,353	713	46,353	(X)
Civilian veterans	2,356	372	5.1%	0.8
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	53,207	1,022	53,207	(X)
Same house	31,925	1,317	60.0%	2.2
Different house in the U.S.	20,309	1,299	38.2%	2.3
Same county	10,525	1,109	19.8%	2.1
Different county	9,784	1,208	18.4%	2.1
Same state	5,870	915	11.0%	1.7
Different state	3,914	793	7.4%	1.5
Abroad	973	400	1.8%	0.8
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	53,753	1,009	53,753	(X)
Native	47,713	1,159	88.8%	1.2
Born in United States	47,493	1,196	88.4%	1.3
State of residence	29,499	1,147	54.9%	2
Different state	17,994	1,278	33.5%	2.2
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	220	141	0.4%	0.3
Foreign born	6,040	634	11.2%	1.2
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	6,040	634	6,040	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	974	293	16.1%	4.8
Not a U.S. citizen	5,066	656	83.9%	4.8
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	6,260	669	6,260	(X)
Native	220	141	220	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	18	30	8.2%	14.5
Entered before 2000	202	137	91.8%	14.5
Foreign born	6,040	634	6,040	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	4,259	631	70.5%	6
Entered before 2000	1,781	369	29.5%	6

WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	N	N	N	(X)
Europe	N	N	N	N
Asia	N	N	N	N
Africa	N	N	N	N
Oceania	N	N	N	N
Latin America	N	N	N	N
Northern America	N	N	N	N
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	51,146	924	51,146	(X)
English only	45,351	1,155	88.7%	1.3
Language other than English	5,795	646	11.3%	1.3
Speak English less than "very well"	2,129	470	4.2%	0.9
Spanish	659	262	1.3%	0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	233	154	0.5%	0.3
Other Indo-European languages	1,662	542	3.2%	1.1
Speak English less than "very well"	357	209	0.7%	0.4
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	3,044	461	6.0%	0.9
Speak English less than "very well"	1,439	393	2.8%	0.8
Other languages	430	248	0.8%	0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	100	92	0.2%	0.2
ANCESTRY				
Total population	53,753	1,009	53,753	(X)
American	1,256	339	2.3%	0.6
Arab	362	237	0.7%	0.4
Czech	725	279	1.3%	0.5
Danish	1,816	494	3.4%	0.9
Dutch	1,795	397	3.3%	0.7
English	5,698	779	10.6%	1.4
French (except Basque)	1,633	531	3.0%	1
French Canadian	62	54	0.1%	0.1
German	18,842	1,261	35.1%	2.3
Greek	198	152	0.4%	0.3
Hungarian	72	55	0.1%	0.1
Irish	6,854	803	12.8%	1.5

Italian	1,411	434	2.6%	0.8
Lithuanian	12	20	0.0%	0.1
Norwegian	4,521	614	8.4%	1.1
Polish	1,350	396	2.5%	0.7
Portuguese	182	95	0.3%	0.2
Russian	612	254	1.1%	0.5
Scotch-Irish	851	283	1.6%	0.5
Scottish	1,302	389	2.4%	0.7
Slovak	13	21	0.0%	0.1
Subsaharan African	957	383	1.8%	0.7
Swedish	2,845	609	5.3%	1.1
Swiss	471	217	0.9%	0.4
Ukrainian	148	105	0.3%	0.2
Welsh	455	152	0.8%	0.3
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	0	127	0.0%	0.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 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:

-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 set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Because of contextual differences between the 2008 disability data and disability data collected in the previous two years, the Census Bureau is unable to combine the 3 years of disability data in order to produce the multi-year estimate that would appear in this table. Multi-year estimates of disability status will become available once three consecutive years of data are collected. For more information about the differences between the 2008 and prior year's disability questions, and the evaluation of these questions in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the Evaluation Report Covering 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.

-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

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	47,141	723	47,141	(X)
In labor force	33,630	949	71.3%	1.9
Civilian labor force	33,529	949	71.1%	1.9
Employed	31,792	989	67.4%	2.1
Unemployed	1,737	448	3.7%	0.9
Armed Forces	101	110	0.2%	0.2
Not in labor force	13,511	956	28.7%	1.9
Civilian labor force	33,529	949	33,529	(X)
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	1.3	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over	21,808	516	21,808	(X)
In labor force	15,125	624	69.4%	2.4
Civilian labor force	15,062	611	69.1%	2.4
Employed	14,222	607	65.2%	2.6
Own children under 6 years	2,936	325	2,936	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	1,835	343	62.5%	7.6
Own children 6 to 17 years	4,251	442	4,251	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	2,981	485	70.1%	6.8
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	30,626	952	30,626	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	20,617	1,068	67.3%	3.1
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	2,528	482	8.3%	1.6
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	2,625	603	8.6%	2
Walked	3,415	580	11.2%	1.8
Other means	962	318	3.1%	1
Worked at home	479	171	1.6%	0.6

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	15	0.7	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	31,792	989	31,792	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	14,498	885	45.6%	2.7
Service occupations	5,636	831	17.7%	2.5
Sales and office occupations	7,290	744	22.9%	2.1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	309	177	1.0%	0.6
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	1,429	310	4.5%	1
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	2,630	585	8.3%	1.8
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	31,792	989	31,792	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	534	237	1.7%	0.7
Construction	1,409	308	4.4%	0.9
Manufacturing	2,205	407	6.9%	1.3
Wholesale trade	492	232	1.5%	0.7
Retail trade	3,543	605	11.1%	1.8
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	668	242	2.1%	0.8
Information	356	131	1.1%	0.4
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	1,215	330	3.8%	1
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	2,226	384	7.0%	1.2
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	12,630	996	39.7%	3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	3,993	733	12.6%	2.2
Other services, except public administration	1,167	335	3.7%	1.1
Public administration	1,354	358	4.3%	1.1

CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	31,792	989	31,792	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	20,015	957	63.0%	2.5
Government workers	10,830	856	34.1%	2.4
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	930	268	2.9%	0.8
Unpaid family workers	17	28	0.1%	0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	20,171	626	20,171	(X)
Less than \$10,000	2,152	447	10.7%	2.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,520	396	7.5%	1.9
\$15,000 to \$24,999	2,709	484	13.4%	2.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	2,688	446	13.3%	2.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999	2,792	441	13.8%	2.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3,536	435	17.5%	2.1
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,925	327	9.5%	1.6
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,767	284	8.8%	1.5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	617	197	3.1%	1
\$200,000 or more	465	156	2.3%	0.8
Median household income (dollars)	39,964	2,969	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	56,346	2,704	(X)	(X)
With earnings	17,668	699	87.6%	1.7
Mean earnings (dollars)	51,584	2,846	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	3,231	287	16.0%	1.5
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	18,233	1,202	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	2,272	260	11.3%	1.3
Mean retirement income (dollars)	26,917	4,244	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	274	105	1.4%	0.5
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	5,859	1,597	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	278	155	1.4%	0.8
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,959	2,688	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	701	219	3.5%	1.1

Families	9,153	436	9,153	(X)
Less than \$10,000	208	98	2.3%	1.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	224	112	2.4%	1.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	726	238	7.9%	2.5
\$25,000 to \$34,999	836	269	9.1%	2.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,153	264	12.6%	2.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,828	244	20.0%	2.6
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,605	312	17.5%	3.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,578	266	17.2%	2.9
\$150,000 to \$199,999	545	155	6.0%	1.7
\$200,000 or more	450	154	4.9%	1.7
Median family income (dollars)	71,720	5,049	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	85,449	5,247	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	22,740	1,018	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	11,018	600	11,018	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	25,772	2,374	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	31,600	2,458	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	13,053	1,007	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	43,105	3,828	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	32,684	2,734	(X)	(X)
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	7.5%	2.3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	12.9%	4.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	11.5%	6.6	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	3.4%	1.7	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	6.5%	4.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	3.4%	3.7	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	28.6%	11.5	(X)	(X)

With related children under 18 years	39.6%	18	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	54.9%	34.2	(X)	(X)
All people	25.7%	2.1	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	13.5%	4.7	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	13.1%	4.7	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	11.4%	5.5	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	14.0%	5.8	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	28.0%	2.1	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	30.7%	2.3	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	5.4%	2.5	(X)	(X)
People in families	8.8%	2.7	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	47.6%	3.6	(X)	(X)

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HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	21,407	541	21,407	(X)
Occupied housing units	20,171	626	94.2%	2.1
Vacant housing units	1,236	456	5.8%	2.1
Homeowner vacancy rate	2	1.7	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	3.5	2	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	21,407	541	21,407	(X)
1-unit, detached	8,726	438	40.8%	2.3
1-unit, attached	1,363	266	6.4%	1.2
2 units	1,134	288	5.3%	1.4
3 or 4 units	1,024	268	4.8%	1.2
5 to 9 units	1,804	368	8.4%	1.7
10 to 19 units	3,034	473	14.2%	2.1
20 or more units	3,774	441	17.6%	2
Mobile home	548	161	2.6%	0.7
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	127	0.0%	0.2
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	21,407	541	21,407	(X)
Built 2005 or later	1,372	332	6.4%	1.5
Built 2000 to 2004	2,795	468	13.1%	2.2
Built 1990 to 1999	4,522	586	21.1%	2.7
Built 1980 to 1989	1,875	355	8.8%	1.7
Built 1970 to 1979	3,437	398	16.1%	1.8
Built 1960 to 1969	2,080	299	9.7%	1.4
Built 1950 to 1959	1,863	334	8.7%	1.6
Built 1940 to 1949	683	159	3.2%	0.7
Built 1939 or earlier	2,780	395	13.0%	1.9
ROOMS				
Total housing units	21,407	541	21,407	(X)
1 room	580	243	2.7%	1.1
2 rooms	1,607	466	7.5%	2.1

3 rooms	2,845	442	13.3%	2
4 rooms	4,745	536	22.2%	2.4
5 rooms	3,604	499	16.8%	2.3
6 rooms	2,349	448	11.0%	2.1
7 rooms	1,702	281	8.0%	1.3
8 rooms	1,853	349	8.7%	1.6
9 rooms or more	2,122	321	9.9%	1.5
Median rooms	4.8	0.2	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	21,407	541	21,407	(X)
No bedroom	655	267	3.1%	1.2
1 bedroom	3,340	514	15.6%	2.3
2 bedrooms	7,241	685	33.8%	3
3 bedrooms	6,492	573	30.3%	2.7
4 bedrooms	2,956	390	13.8%	1.8
5 or more bedrooms	723	215	3.4%	1
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	20,171	626	20,171	(X)
Owner-occupied	8,704	474	43.2%	2.6
Renter-occupied	11,467	754	56.8%	2.6
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE				
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.47	0.09	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.19	0.1	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	20,171	626	20,171	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	10,682	722	53.0%	2.6
Moved in 2000 to 2004	3,953	437	19.6%	2.2
Moved in 1990 to 1999	2,873	366	14.2%	1.8
Moved in 1980 to 1989	1,219	232	6.0%	1.2
Moved in 1970 to 1979	809	183	4.0%	0.9
Moved in 1969 or earlier	635	164	3.1%	0.8
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	20,171	626	20,171	(X)
No vehicles available	1,306	262	6.5%	1.3
1 vehicle available	7,081	688	35.1%	3.3
2 vehicles available	8,450	691	41.9%	3.1
3 or more vehicles available	3,334	483	16.5%	2.3
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	20,171	626	20,171	(X)

Utility gas	N	N	N	N
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	N	N	N	N
Electricity	N	N	N	N
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	N	N	N	N
Coal or coke	N	N	N	N
Wood	N	N	N	N
Solar energy	N	N	N	N
Other fuel	N	N	N	N
No fuel used	N	N	N	N
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	20,171	626	20,171	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	265	180	1.3%	0.9
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	265	180	1.3%	0.9
No telephone service available	872	204	4.3%	1
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	20,171	626	20,171	(X)
1.00 or less	19,864	625	98.5%	1
1.01 to 1.50	307	200	1.5%	1
1.51 or more	0	127	0.0%	0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	8,704	474	8,704	(X)
Less than \$50,000	543	165	6.2%	1.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	564	165	6.5%	1.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,654	299	30.5%	3.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,425	349	27.9%	3.6
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,938	301	22.3%	3.3
\$300,000 to \$499,999	499	135	5.7%	1.5
\$500,000 to \$999,999	68	56	0.8%	0.6
\$1,000,000 or more	13	23	0.1%	0.3
Median (dollars)	160,300	4,286	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	8,704	474	8,704	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	5,729	410	65.8%	3.4
Housing units without a mortgage	2,975	351	34.2%	3.4
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	5,729	410	5,729	(X)
Less than \$300	17	29	0.3%	0.5
\$300 to \$499	33	39	0.6%	0.7

\$500 to \$699	254	129	4.4%	2.2
\$700 to \$999	957	258	16.7%	4.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	2,319	313	40.5%	4.7
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,433	222	25.0%	3.8
\$2,000 or more	716	160	12.5%	2.6
Median (dollars)	1,339	54	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage				
	2,975	351	2,975	(X)
Less than \$100	43	42	1.4%	1.4
\$100 to \$199	109	66	3.7%	2.2
\$200 to \$299	324	120	10.9%	3.9
\$300 to \$399	718	206	24.1%	6.4
\$400 or more	1,781	301	59.9%	6.9
Median (dollars)	436	23	(X)	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)				
	5,729	410	5,729	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	2,551	319	44.5%	4.5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,344	236	23.5%	3.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	822	204	14.3%	3.4
30.0 to 34.9 percent	390	144	6.8%	2.5
35.0 percent or more	622	184	10.9%	3.1
Not computed	0	127	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)				
	2,975	351	2,975	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	1,645	240	55.3%	5.2
10.0 to 14.9 percent	424	136	14.3%	4.2
15.0 to 19.9 percent	225	111	7.6%	3.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	145	83	4.9%	2.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	121	71	4.1%	2.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	83	69	2.8%	2.3
35.0 percent or more	332	134	11.2%	4.2
Not computed	0	127	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	11,149	754	11,149	(X)

Less than \$200	87	52	0.8%	0.5
\$200 to \$299	186	153	1.7%	1.4
\$300 to \$499	954	276	8.6%	2.4
\$500 to \$749	5,111	551	45.8%	3.8
\$750 to \$999	2,844	489	25.5%	4.1
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,708	368	15.3%	3.2
\$1,500 or more	259	122	2.3%	1.1
Median (dollars)	721	17	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	318	167	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	10,859	748	10,859	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	861	282	7.9%	2.5
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,676	335	15.4%	3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,214	384	11.2%	3.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,262	313	11.6%	2.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	677	256	6.2%	2.3
35.0 percent or more	5,169	549	47.6%	4.7
Not computed	608	273	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates: 2006-2008
 Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Ames, IA Urbanized Area

NOTE. Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties. For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

ACS Demographic	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
SEX AND AGE				
Total population	53,753	1,009	53,753	(X)
Male	28,552	691	53.1%	0.9
Female	25,201	684	46.9%	0.9
Under 5 years	2,607	255	4.8%	0.4
5 to 9 years	1,865	330	3.5%	0.6
10 to 14 years	1,748	282	3.3%	0.5
15 to 19 years	7,189	481	13.4%	0.8
20 to 24 years	15,393	440	28.6%	0.9
25 to 34 years	8,678	475	16.1%	0.9
35 to 44 years	4,246	484	7.9%	0.9
45 to 54 years	4,249	390	7.9%	0.7
55 to 59 years	2,334	311	4.3%	0.6
60 to 64 years	1,173	256	2.2%	0.5
65 to 74 years	2,204	234	4.1%	0.4
75 to 84 years	1,535	260	2.9%	0.5
85 years and over	532	141	1.0%	0.3
Median age (years)	23.8	0.2	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	46,454	704	86.4%	0.8
21 years and over	36,601	885	68.1%	1.6
62 years and over	4,947	342	9.2%	0.6
65 years and over	4,271	276	7.9%	0.5
18 years and over	46,454	704	46,454	(X)
Male	24,974	537	53.8%	0.8
Female	21,480	497	46.2%	0.8
65 years and over	4,271	276	4,271	(X)
Male	1,771	140	41.5%	2.6
Female	2,500	216	58.5%	2.6
RACE				
Total population	53,753	1,009	53,753	(X)
One race	53,283	1,029	99.1%	0.4
Two or more races	470	210	0.9%	0.4
One race	53,283	1,029	99.1%	0.4
White	46,128	1,092	85.8%	0.8
Black or African American	1,963	245	3.7%	0.4
American Indian and Alaska Native	40	42	0.1%	0.1

Cherokee tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Chippewa tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Navajo tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Sioux tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Asian	4,715	267	8.8%	0.5
Asian Indian	903	371	1.7%	0.7
Chinese	1,868	482	3.5%	0.9
Filipino	92	98	0.2%	0.2
Japanese	172	119	0.3%	0.2
Korean	817	398	1.5%	0.7
Vietnamese	323	209	0.6%	0.4
Other Asian	540	204	1.0%	0.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	127	0.0%	0.1
Native Hawaiian	N	N	N	N
Guamanian or Chamorro	N	N	N	N
Samoan	N	N	N	N
Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N
Some other race	437	185	0.8%	0.3
Two or more races	470	210	0.9%	0.4
White and Black or African American	149	124	0.3%	0.2
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	84	72	0.2%	0.1
White and Asian	114	68	0.2%	0.1
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native	24	43	0.0%	0.1
<i>Race alone or in combination with one or more other races</i>				
Total population	53,753	1,009	53,753	(X)
White	46,537	1,082	86.6%	0.7
Black or African American	2,173	254	4.0%	0.5
American Indian and Alaska Native	185	119	0.3%	0.2
Asian	4,829	251	9.0%	0.5
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N
Some other race	499	192	0.9%	0.4
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE				
Total population	53,753	1,009	53,753	(X)
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,149	155	2.1%	0.3
Mexican	616	191	1.1%	0.4

Puerto Rican	79	58	0.1%	0.1
Cuban	106	81	0.2%	0.1
Other Hispanic or Latino	348	195	0.6%	0.4
Not Hispanic or Latino	52,604	1,028	97.9%	0.3
White alone	45,282	1,054	84.2%	0.7
Black or African American alone	1,918	241	3.6%	0.4
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	40	42	0.1%	0.1
Asian alone	4,715	267	8.8%	0.5
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	127	0.0%	0.1
Some other race alone	242	161	0.5%	0.3
Two or more races	407	191	0.8%	0.4
Two races including Some other race	52	87	0.1%	0.2
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	355	174	0.7%	0.3
Total housing units	21,407	541	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey