

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 Metropolitan Statistical Area

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HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	32,208	639	32,208	(X)
Family households (families)	17,603	454	54.7%	1.5
With own children under 18 years	7,324	460	22.7%	1.4
Married-couple family	14,691	548	45.6%	1.8
With own children under 18 years	5,621	434	17.5%	1.3
Male householder, no wife present, family	734	239	2.3%	0.7
With own children under 18 years	503	223	1.6%	0.7
Female householder, no husband present, family	2,178	316	6.8%	1
With own children under 18 years	1,200	290	3.7%	0.9
Nonfamily households	14,605	673	45.3%	1.5
Householder living alone	9,350	824	29.0%	2.5
65 years and over	2,334	347	7.2%	1.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	7,687	458	23.9%	1.4
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	5,752	344	17.9%	1.1
Average household size	2.41	0.04	(X)	(X)
Average family size	2.95	0.06	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	77,606	1,222	77,606	(X)
Householder	32,208	639	41.5%	0.7
Spouse	14,787	560	19.1%	0.8
Child	17,754	730	22.9%	0.9
Other relatives	1,809	491	2.3%	0.6
Nonrelatives	11,048	1,050	14.2%	1.3

Unmarried partner	2,133	471	2.7%	0.6
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	37,112	163	37,112	(X)
Never married	19,089	627	51.4%	1.6
Now married, except separated	15,175	613	40.9%	1.7
Separated	334	210	0.9%	0.6
Widowed	518	155	1.4%	0.4
Divorced	1,996	379	5.4%	1
Females 15 years and over				
Females 15 years and over	35,079	135	35,079	(X)
Never married	14,009	531	39.9%	1.5
Now married, except separated	15,675	631	44.7%	1.8
Separated	255	105	0.7%	0.3
Widowed	2,268	264	6.5%	0.8
Divorced	2,872	393	8.2%	1.1
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,005	247	1,005	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	186	95	18.5%	8.6
Per 1,000 unmarried women	12	6	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	41	10	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	24	24	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	62	16	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	12	10	(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	114	54	70.4%	13.5
Who are married	N	N	N	N
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	36,215	951	36,215	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	1,240	263	3.4%	0.7
Kindergarten	662	162	1.8%	0.5
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	6,592	314	18.2%	0.9
High school (grades 9-12)	3,361	339	9.3%	1
College or graduate school	24,360	994	67.3%	1.4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	45,827	234	45,827	(X)
Less than 9th grade	741	215	1.6%	0.5
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,623	336	3.5%	0.7
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	9,271	767	20.2%	1.7
Some college, no degree	9,063	717	19.8%	1.5
Associate's degree	3,619	454	7.9%	1
Bachelor's degree	12,853	585	28.0%	1.3
Graduate or professional degree	8,657	636	18.9%	1.4
Percent high school graduate or higher	94.8%	0.8	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	46.9%	1.9	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	69,511	117	69,511	(X)
Civilian veterans	4,651	480	6.7%	0.7
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	84,299	213	84,299	(X)
Same house	58,944	1,529	69.9%	1.8
Different house in the U.S.	24,293	1,603	28.8%	1.9
Same county	12,991	1,284	15.4%	1.5
Different county	11,302	1,380	13.4%	1.6
Same state	6,925	982	8.2%	1.2
Different state	4,377	984	5.2%	1.2
Abroad	1,062	405	1.3%	0.5
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	85,188	****	85,188	(X)
Native	78,285	669	91.9%	0.8
Born in United States	77,955	691	91.5%	0.8
State of residence	53,733	1,314	63.1%	1.5
Different state	24,222	1,283	28.4%	1.5
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	330	153	0.4%	0.2
Foreign born	6,903	669	8.1%	0.8
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	6,903	669	6,903	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,308	341	18.9%	5
Not a U.S. citizen	5,595	711	81.1%	5
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	7,233	691	7,233	(X)
Native	330	153	330	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	18	30	5.5%	9.4
Entered before 2000	312	151	94.5%	9.4
Foreign born	6,903	669	6,903	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	4,499	604	65.2%	5.3
Entered before 2000	2,404	409	34.8%	5.3

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	80,551	76	80,551	(X)
English only	73,628	680	91.4%	0.8
Language other than English	6,923	674	8.6%	0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	2,675	524	3.3%	0.7
Spanish	1,305	304	1.6%	0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	512	226	0.6%	0.3
Other Indo-European languages	1,928	546	2.4%	0.7
Speak English less than "very well"	470	229	0.6%	0.3
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	3,195	445	4.0%	0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	1,571	391	2.0%	0.5
Other languages	495	263	0.6%	0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	122	100	0.2%	0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	85,188	*****	85,188	(X)
American	2,508	480	2.9%	0.6
Arab	441	255	0.5%	0.3
Czech	1,168	372	1.4%	0.4
Danish	2,868	656	3.4%	0.8
Dutch	3,022	533	3.5%	0.6
English	10,099	985	11.9%	1.2
French (except Basque)	2,764	630	3.2%	0.7
French Canadian	146	89	0.2%	0.1
German	30,686	1,476	36.0%	1.7
Greek	240	162	0.3%	0.2
Hungarian	153	102	0.2%	0.1
Irish	10,513	972	12.3%	1.1

Italian	2,185	604	2.6%	0.7
Lithuanian	22	27	0.0%	0.1
Norwegian	9,631	992	11.3%	1.2
Polish	1,717	434	2.0%	0.5
Portuguese	182	95	0.2%	0.1
Russian	711	283	0.8%	0.3
Scotch-Irish	1,351	353	1.6%	0.4
Scottish	2,386	528	2.8%	0.6
Slovak	17	22	0.0%	0.1
Subsaharan African	846	358	1.0%	0.4
Swedish	4,263	743	5.0%	0.9
Swiss	587	239	0.7%	0.3
Ukrainian	148	105	0.2%	0.1
Welsh	612	184	0.7%	0.2
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	71	87	0.1%	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	71,359	158	71,359	(X)
In labor force	51,149	932	71.7%	1.3
Civilian labor force	51,029	911	71.5%	1.3
Employed	48,927	990	68.6%	1.4
Unemployed	2,102	453	2.9%	0.6
Armed Forces	120	112	0.2%	0.2
Not in labor force	20,210	970	28.3%	1.3
Civilian labor force	51,029	911	51,029	(X)
Percent Unemployed	4.1%	0.9	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over	34,716	183	34,716	(X)
In labor force	23,774	584	68.5%	1.7
Civilian labor force	23,711	566	68.3%	1.6
Employed	22,669	592	65.3%	1.7
Own children under 6 years	5,228	269	5,228	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	3,508	401	67.1%	6.3
Own children 6 to 17 years	9,641	246	9,641	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	7,349	470	76.2%	4.7
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	47,405	1,024	47,405	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	34,014	1,312	71.8%	2.1
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	4,578	537	9.7%	1.1
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	2,738	603	5.8%	1.3
Walked	3,741	605	7.9%	1.3
Other means	1,163	317	2.5%	0.7
Worked at home	1,171	266	2.5%	0.6

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	16.8	0.6	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	48,927	990	48,927	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	20,831	1,087	42.6%	2.2
Service occupations	8,334	901	17.0%	1.7
Sales and office occupations	11,626	799	23.8%	1.6
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	636	256	1.3%	0.5
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	2,760	364	5.6%	0.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	4,740	701	9.7%	1.4
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	48,927	990	48,927	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1,387	380	2.8%	0.8
Construction	2,693	417	5.5%	0.8
Manufacturing	4,230	525	8.6%	1.1
Wholesale trade	1,040	265	2.1%	0.5
Retail trade	5,219	700	10.7%	1.4
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	1,455	320	3.0%	0.6
Information	524	155	1.1%	0.3
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	2,697	459	5.5%	0.9
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	3,432	392	7.0%	0.8
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	17,148	1,076	35.0%	2.2
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	5,027	786	10.3%	1.5
Other services, except public administration	1,768	391	3.6%	0.8
Public administration	2,307	435	4.7%	0.9

CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	48,927	990	48,927	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	32,315	1,175	66.0%	1.9
Government workers	14,673	932	30.0%	1.8
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	1,883	343	3.8%	0.7
Unpaid family workers	56	55	0.1%	0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	32,208	639	32,208	(X)
Less than \$10,000	2,570	442	8.0%	1.4
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,973	429	6.1%	1.3
\$15,000 to \$24,999	3,784	560	11.7%	1.6
\$25,000 to \$34,999	3,823	519	11.9%	1.6
\$35,000 to \$49,999	4,484	552	13.9%	1.7
\$50,000 to \$74,999	6,162	521	19.1%	1.6
\$75,000 to \$99,999	4,022	419	12.5%	1.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,631	337	11.3%	1.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	973	227	3.0%	0.7
\$200,000 or more	786	207	2.4%	0.6
Median household income (dollars)	48,094	2,180	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	62,136	2,332	(X)	(X)
With earnings	27,753	726	86.2%	1.4
Mean earnings (dollars)	58,596	2,498	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	6,319	428	19.6%	1.3
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	17,195	823	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	4,171	375	13.0%	1.2
Mean retirement income (dollars)	24,120	3,117	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	525	148	1.6%	0.5
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,338	1,485	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	520	183	1.6%	0.6
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,556	1,718	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	1,323	281	4.1%	0.9

Families	17,603	454	17,603	(X)
Less than \$10,000	380	122	2.2%	0.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999	301	118	1.7%	0.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,161	268	6.6%	1.5
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,340	308	7.6%	1.7
\$35,000 to \$49,999	2,203	326	12.5%	1.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3,809	361	21.6%	2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,447	407	19.6%	2.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,290	332	18.7%	1.8
\$150,000 to \$199,999	901	193	5.1%	1.1
\$200,000 or more	771	206	4.4%	1.2
Median family income (dollars)	73,293	1,928	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	85,636	3,792	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	24,701	839	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	14,605	673	14,605	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	27,185	1,918	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	32,880	2,039	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	18,425	1,176	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	45,337	3,134	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	33,325	1,713	(X)	(X)
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	5.7%	1.3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	9.2%	2.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	11.7%	5	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	2.8%	1	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	4.5%	2.4	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	3.4%	3.2	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	22.9%	7.4	(X)	(X)

With related children under 18 years	28.8%	9.7	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	45.7%	29.1	(X)	(X)
All people	17.7%	1.4	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	9.6%	2.8	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	8.9%	2.7	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	10.7%	4.1	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	8.1%	3.2	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	19.7%	1.4	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	21.6%	1.6	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	7.3%	2.1	(X)	(X)
People in families	6.2%	1.5	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	41.5%	3.1	(X)	(X)

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HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	34,142	504	34,142	(X)
Occupied housing units	32,208	639	94.3%	1.5
Vacant housing units	1,934	513	5.7%	1.5
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.5	1.3	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	3.1	1.6	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	34,142	504	34,142	(X)
1-unit, detached	18,296	566	53.6%	1.7
1-unit, attached	1,674	302	4.9%	0.9
2 units	1,483	329	4.3%	1
3 or 4 units	1,398	283	4.1%	0.8
5 to 9 units	2,174	376	6.4%	1.1
10 to 19 units	3,329	467	9.8%	1.4
20 or more units	4,234	464	12.4%	1.3
Mobile home	1,554	277	4.6%	0.8
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	127	0.0%	0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	34,142	504	34,142	(X)
Built 2005 or later	1,904	334	5.6%	1
Built 2000 to 2004	4,189	524	12.3%	1.5
Built 1990 to 1999	6,113	658	17.9%	1.9
Built 1980 to 1989	2,848	422	8.3%	1.2
Built 1970 to 1979	5,843	480	17.1%	1.3
Built 1960 to 1969	3,429	371	10.0%	1.1
Built 1950 to 1959	2,493	356	7.3%	1
Built 1940 to 1949	1,114	239	3.3%	0.7
Built 1939 or earlier	6,209	549	18.2%	1.6
ROOMS				
Total housing units	34,142	504	34,142	(X)
1 room	698	268	2.0%	0.8
2 rooms	1,769	461	5.2%	1.3

3 rooms	3,589	527	10.5%	1.5
4 rooms	6,455	628	18.9%	1.9
5 rooms	5,646	538	16.5%	1.6
6 rooms	4,374	560	12.8%	1.6
7 rooms	3,742	431	11.0%	1.3
8 rooms	3,702	463	10.8%	1.3
9 rooms or more	4,167	449	12.2%	1.3
Median rooms	5.3	0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	34,142	504	34,142	(X)
No bedroom	778	290	2.3%	0.8
1 bedroom	3,963	547	11.6%	1.6
2 bedrooms	10,473	782	30.7%	2.2
3 bedrooms	11,700	674	34.3%	2
4 bedrooms	5,840	528	17.1%	1.5
5 or more bedrooms	1,388	284	4.1%	0.8
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	32,208	639	32,208	(X)
Owner-occupied	18,003	572	55.9%	2
Renter-occupied	14,205	826	44.1%	2
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	32,208	639	32,208	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	13,944	752	43.3%	1.9
Moved in 2000 to 2004	6,903	564	21.4%	1.8
Moved in 1990 to 1999	5,768	508	17.9%	1.5
Moved in 1980 to 1989	2,434	297	7.6%	0.9
Moved in 1970 to 1979	1,860	209	5.8%	0.6
Moved in 1969 or earlier	1,299	233	4.0%	0.7
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	32,208	639	32,208	(X)
No vehicles available	1,843	310	5.7%	1
1 vehicle available	9,777	784	30.4%	2.4
2 vehicles available	14,032	771	43.6%	2.2
3 or more vehicles available	6,556	574	20.4%	1.8
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	32,208	639	32,208	(X)

Utility gas	24,350	743	75.6%	2
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	2,637	280	8.2%	0.9
Electricity	4,614	564	14.3%	1.7
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	84	59	0.3%	0.2
Coal or coke	15	28	0.0%	0.1
Wood	178	90	0.6%	0.3
Solar energy	0	127	0.0%	0.1
Other fuel	280	138	0.9%	0.4
No fuel used	50	56	0.2%	0.2
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	32,208	639	32,208	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	305	191	0.9%	0.6
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	319	191	1.0%	0.6
No telephone service available	1,223	229	3.8%	0.7
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	32,208	639	32,208	(X)
1.00 or less	31,811	647	98.8%	0.7
1.01 to 1.50	371	208	1.2%	0.6
1.51 or more	26	30	0.1%	0.1
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	18,003	572	18,003	(X)
Less than \$50,000	1,239	200	6.9%	1.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,016	253	11.2%	1.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5,387	387	29.9%	2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4,089	431	22.7%	2.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,733	396	20.7%	2.2
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,249	217	6.9%	1.2
\$500,000 to \$999,999	272	133	1.5%	0.7
\$1,000,000 or more	18	24	0.1%	0.1
Median (dollars)	153,800	4,257	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	18,003	572	18,003	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	12,100	532	67.2%	2.4
Housing units without a mortgage	5,903	489	32.8%	2.4
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	12,100	532	12,100	(X)
Less than \$300	71	81	0.6%	0.7
\$300 to \$499	81	80	0.7%	0.7

\$500 to \$699	486	156	4.0%	1.3
\$700 to \$999	2,039	318	16.9%	2.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	4,522	433	37.4%	3.2
\$1,500 to \$1,999	2,980	392	24.6%	3.2
\$2,000 or more	1,921	294	15.9%	2.3
Median (dollars)	1,373	43	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage				
	5,903	489	5,903	(X)
Less than \$100	47	43	0.8%	0.7
\$100 to \$199	153	80	2.6%	1.3
\$200 to \$299	707	167	12.0%	2.7
\$300 to \$399	1,357	298	23.0%	4.7
\$400 or more	3,639	412	61.6%	4.8
Median (dollars)	444	16	(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)				
	12,089	528	12,089	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	5,223	458	43.2%	3.1
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,794	302	23.1%	2.4
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,566	269	13.0%	2.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	955	186	7.9%	1.5
35.0 percent or more	1,551	258	12.8%	2.1
Not computed	11	19	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)				
	5,866	487	5,866	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	2,725	309	46.5%	3.8
10.0 to 14.9 percent	1,085	220	18.5%	3.4
15.0 to 19.9 percent	607	188	10.3%	3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	322	110	5.5%	1.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	255	103	4.3%	1.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	213	99	3.6%	1.7
35.0 percent or more	659	181	11.2%	2.9
Not computed	37	44	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	13,606	798	13,606	(X)

Less than \$200	207	90	1.5%	0.7
\$200 to \$299	274	164	2.0%	1.2
\$300 to \$499	1,256	315	9.2%	2.2
\$500 to \$749	6,226	621	45.8%	3.5
\$750 to \$999	3,387	490	24.9%	3.4
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,935	383	14.2%	2.8
\$1,500 or more	321	143	2.4%	1
Median (dollars)	710	17	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	599	217	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	13,304	806	13,304	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	1,260	300	9.5%	2.2
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,126	402	16.0%	2.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,682	426	12.6%	3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,525	332	11.5%	2.4
30.0 to 34.9 percent	822	269	6.2%	2
35.0 percent or more	5,889	605	44.3%	4.1
Not computed	901	305	(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 Metropolitan Statistical 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	85,188	*****	85,188	(X)
Male	43,837	191	51.5%	0.2
Female	41,351	191	48.5%	0.2
Under 5 years	4,637	76	5.4%	0.1
5 to 9 years	4,187	340	4.9%	0.4
10 to 14 years	4,173	345	4.9%	0.4
15 to 19 years	9,129	242	10.7%	0.3
20 to 24 years	17,235	271	20.2%	0.3
25 to 34 years	12,302	224	14.4%	0.3
35 to 44 years	8,538	281	10.0%	0.3
45 to 54 years	9,401	205	11.0%	0.2
55 to 59 years	4,041	384	4.7%	0.5
60 to 64 years	2,797	385	3.3%	0.5
65 to 74 years	4,160	71	4.9%	0.1
75 to 84 years	3,092	247	3.6%	0.3
85 years and over	1,496	237	1.8%	0.3
Median age (years)	27	0.3	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	69,631	27	81.7%	0.1
21 years and over	58,998	646	69.3%	0.8
62 years and over	10,474	363	12.3%	0.4
65 years and over	8,748	84	10.3%	0.1
18 years and over	69,631	27	69,631	(X)
Male	35,804	126	51.4%	0.2
Female	33,827	118	48.6%	0.2
65 years and over	8,748	84	8,748	(X)
Male	3,579	33	40.9%	0.5
Female	5,169	82	59.1%	0.5
RACE				
Total population	85,188	*****	85,188	(X)
One race	84,405	217	99.1%	0.3
Two or more races	783	217	0.9%	0.3
One race	84,405	217	99.1%	0.3
White	76,480	221	89.8%	0.3
Black or African American	1,876	203	2.2%	0.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	99	95	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	5,105	129	6.0%	0.2
Asian Indian	941	361	1.1%	0.4
Chinese	1,941	510	2.3%	0.6
Filipino	104	101	0.1%	0.1
Japanese	172	119	0.2%	0.1
Korean	1,067	432	1.3%	0.5
Vietnamese	335	215	0.4%	0.3
Other Asian	545	205	0.6%	0.2
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	845	301	1.0%	0.4
Two or more races	783	217	0.9%	0.3
White and Black or African American	173	118	0.2%	0.1
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	251	47	0.3%	0.1
White and Asian	188	129	0.2%	0.2
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	85,188	*****	85,188	(X)
White	77,202	295	90.6%	0.3
Black or African American	2,120	198	2.5%	0.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	421	106	0.5%	0.1
Asian	5,293	127	6.2%	0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N
Some other race	945	298	1.1%	0.4
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE				
Total population	85,188	*****	85,188	(X)
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,792	*****	2.1%	*****
Mexican	1,197	237	1.4%	0.3

Puerto Rican	94	62	0.1%	0.1
Cuban	106	81	0.1%	0.1
Other Hispanic or Latino	395	208	0.5%	0.2
Not Hispanic or Latino	83,396	****	97.9%	****
White alone	75,423	139	88.5%	0.2
Black or African American alone	1,831	197	2.1%	0.2
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	52	47	0.1%	0.1
Asian alone	5,105	129	6.0%	0.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	127	0.0%	0.1
Some other race alone	303	171	0.4%	0.2
Two or more races	682	201	0.8%	0.2
Two races including Some other race	52	87	0.1%	0.1
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	630	186	0.7%	0.2
Total housing units	34,142	504	(X)	(X)

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