

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2009
 Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Ames, IA Metro Area

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HOUSEHOLDS BY				
Total households	32,434	1,178	32,434	(X)
(families)	17,085	1,431	52.7%	3.5
under 18 years	6,999	920	21.6%	2.5
Married-couple family	14,859	1,488	45.8%	3.9
under 18 years	5,449	920	16.8%	2.6
wife present, family	522	267	1.6%	0.8
under 18 years	265	188	0.8%	0.6
no husband present,	1,704	612	5.3%	1.9
under 18 years	1,285	542	4.0%	1.6
Nonfamily households	15,349	1,113	47.3%	3.5
alone	9,362	1,426	28.9%	4.7
65 years and over	2,189	698	6.7%	2.2
more people under 18	7,385	850	22.8%	2.3
more people 65 years	5,537	726	17.1%	2.2
Average household size	2.46	0.07	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.02	0.13	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
households	79,681	2,136	79,681	(X)
Householder	32,434	1,178	40.7%	1.2
Spouse	14,981	1,538	18.8%	1.8
Child	17,851	1,200	22.4%	1.3
Other relatives	1,640	985	2.1%	1.3
Nonrelatives	12,775	1,977	16.0%	2.4
Unmarried partner	1,536	611	1.9%	0.8
MARITAL STATUS				
over	38,300	998	38,300	(X)
Never married	20,379	1,371	53.2%	2.7
separated	15,125	1,290	39.5%	3.6
Separated	133	141	0.3%	0.4

Widowed	719	340	1.9%	0.9
Divorced	1,944	605	5.1%	1.6
and over	36,032	573	36,032	(X)
Never married	15,022	1,090	41.7%	3
separated	16,247	1,727	45.1%	4.7
Separated	150	188	0.4%	0.5
Widowed	2,228	611	6.2%	1.7
Divorced	2,385	719	6.6%	2
FERTILITY				
15 to 50 years old	1,207	510	1,207	(X)
(widowed, divorced, and women	238	287	19.7%	18.6
50 years old	15	18	(X)	(X)
to 19 years old	49	20	(X)	(X)
to 34 years old	0	32	(X)	(X)
to 50 years old	75	31	(X)	(X)
	13	18	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
grandparents living	N	N	N	(X)
grandchildren	N	N	N	N
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
grandparents	N	N	N	(X)
Who are female	N	N	N	N
Who are married	N	N	N	N
SCHOOL				
and over enrolled in	39,993	1,569	39,993	(X)
preschool	1,607	542	4.0%	1.3
Kindergarten	635	291	1.6%	0.7
(grades 1-8)	6,203	713	15.5%	1.8
12)	3,805	723	9.5%	1.9
school	27,743	1,701	69.4%	2.3
EDUCATIONAL				
and over	43,648	685	43,648	(X)
Less than 9th grade	465	217	1.1%	0.5
diploma	1,165	542	2.7%	1.2
(includes equivalency)	9,258	1,247	21.2%	2.9
degree	8,754	1,449	20.1%	3.2
Associate's degree	4,356	889	10.0%	2
Bachelor's degree	11,643	1,109	26.7%	2.6
professional degree	8,007	1,120	18.3%	2.6

graduate or higher	96.3%	1.4	(X)	(X)
degree or higher	45.0%	3.5	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
18 years and over	71,762	437	71,762	(X)
Civilian veterans	5,083	735	7.1%	1
DISABILITY STATUS				
Noninstitutionalized	86,409	895	86,409	(X)
With a disability	5,731	1,199	6.6%	1.4
Under 18 years				
Under 18 years	15,161	627	15,161	(X)
With a disability	399	243	2.6%	1.6
18 to 64 years				
18 to 64 years	62,783	494	62,783	(X)
With a disability	3,015	1,034	4.8%	1.7
65 years and over				
65 years and over	8,465	864	8,465	(X)
With a disability	2,317	676	27.4%	6.9
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR				
and over	85,755	524	85,755	(X)
Same house	58,390	2,702	68.1%	3.1
U.S.	26,327	2,723	30.7%	3.2
Same county	15,320	2,540	17.9%	3
Different county	11,007	2,389	12.8%	2.8
Same state	6,654	1,865	7.8%	2.2
Different state	4,353	1,151	5.1%	1.3
Abroad	1,038	546	1.2%	0.6
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	87,214	****	87,214	(X)
Native	81,253	865	93.2%	1
Born in United States	80,720	927	92.6%	1.1
State of residence	57,295	2,248	65.7%	2.6
Different state	23,425	2,187	26.9%	2.5
U.S. Island areas, or	533	505	0.6%	0.6
Foreign born	5,961	865	6.8%	1
U.S. CITIZENSHIP				
population	5,961	865	5,961	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,948	724	32.7%	11
Not a U.S. citizen	4,013	842	67.3%	11
YEAR OF ENTRY				
outside the United	6,494	927	6,494	(X)
Native				
Native	N	N	N	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	N	N	N	N
Entered before 2000	N	N	N	N

Foreign born	N	N	N	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	N	N	N	N
Entered before 2000	N	N	N	N
WORLD REGION OF				
population,	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				
and over	N	N	N	(X)
English only	N	N	N	N
English	N	N	N	N
than "very well"	N	N	N	N
Spanish	N	N	N	N
than "very well"	N	N	N	N
languages	N	N	N	N
than "very well"	N	N	N	N
Islander languages	N	N	N	N
than "very well"	N	N	N	N
Other languages	N	N	N	N
than "very well"	N	N	N	N
ANCESTRY				
Total population	87,214	*****	87,214	(X)
American	2,073	773	2.4%	0.9
Arab	231	236	0.3%	0.3
Czech	1,886	807	2.2%	0.9
Danish	2,399	729	2.8%	0.8
Dutch	3,095	757	3.5%	0.9
English	10,226	1,910	11.7%	2.2
French (except Basque)	2,161	717	2.5%	0.8
French Canadian	559	598	0.6%	0.7
German	32,129	2,782	36.8%	3.2
Greek	70	118	0.1%	0.1
Hungarian	389	292	0.4%	0.3
Irish	13,085	2,325	15.0%	2.7
Italian	2,548	1,327	2.9%	1.5
Lithuanian	27	48	0.0%	0.1
Norwegian	9,188	1,492	10.5%	1.7
Polish	906	422	1.0%	0.5
Portuguese	139	248	0.2%	0.3
Russian	475	387	0.5%	0.4
Scotch-Irish	859	405	1.0%	0.5
Scottish	2,321	961	2.7%	1.1

Slovak	110	186	0.1%	0.2
Subsaharan African	1,159	573	1.3%	0.7
Swedish	3,994	1,186	4.6%	1.4
Swiss	624	473	0.7%	0.5
Ukrainian	221	328	0.3%	0.4
Welsh	810	368	0.9%	0.4
Hispanic origin groups)	0	228	0.0%	0.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey

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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).

-Starting in 2008, the Scotch-Irish category does not include Irish-Scotch.

-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.

-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 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 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.

-Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based

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EMPLOYMENT				
years and over	73,857	707	73,857	(X)
In labor force	51,575	2,470	69.8%	3.2
Civilian labor force	51,284	2,441	69.4%	3.2
Employed	48,253	2,280	65.3%	3
Unemployed	3,031	696	4.1%	0.9
Armed Forces	291	264	0.4%	0.4
Not in labor force	22,282	2,356	30.2%	3.2
Civilian labor force	51,284	2,441	51,284	(X)
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	1.3	(X)	(X)
and over	35,804	576	35,804	(X)
In labor force	24,734	1,313	69.1%	3.2
Civilian labor force	24,734	1,313	69.1%	3.2
Employed	23,948	1,297	66.9%	3.3
6 years	5,433	525	5,433	(X)
labor force	3,940	801	72.5%	10.7
years	9,388	665	9,388	(X)
labor force	7,156	733	76.2%	7.9
COMMUTING TO				
and over	47,156	2,326	47,156	(X)
drove alone	33,302	1,988	70.6%	3
carpooled	4,285	1,080	9.1%	2.3
(excluding taxicab)	2,888	842	6.1%	1.7
Walked	4,796	1,366	10.2%	2.8
Other means	648	277	1.4%	0.6
Worked at home	1,237	375	2.6%	0.8
work (minutes)	17.5	1	(X)	(X)

OCCUPATION				
population 16 years	48,253	2,280	48,253	(X)
professional, and	22,116	1,724	45.8%	3.5
Service occupations	7,182	1,429	14.9%	2.8
occupations	10,826	1,613	22.4%	2.9
forestry occupations	511	316	1.1%	0.6
maintenance, and repair	3,185	880	6.6%	1.9
transportation, and	4,433	1,130	9.2%	2.2
INDUSTRY				
population 16 years	48,253	2,280	48,253	(X)
fishing and hunting, and	1,336	524	2.8%	1
Construction	2,344	705	4.9%	1.5
Manufacturing	4,981	1,034	10.3%	2.1
Wholesale trade	769	497	1.6%	1
Retail trade	3,508	813	7.3%	1.6
warehousing, and	990	367	2.1%	0.8
Information	1,341	552	2.8%	1.1
and real estate and	2,425	767	5.0%	1.6
and management, and	3,481	900	7.2%	1.8
and health care and	18,991	2,111	39.4%	3.9
recreation, and	3,268	910	6.8%	1.9
public administration	2,602	1,064	5.4%	2.2
Public administration	2,217	541	4.6%	1.1
CLASS OF WORKER				
population 16 years	48,253	2,280	48,253	(X)
workers	28,824	2,262	59.7%	4.1
Government workers	17,319	2,159	35.9%	4
not incorporated	2,060	751	4.3%	1.5
Unpaid family workers	50	84	0.1%	0.2
INCOME AND				
Total households	32,434	1,178	32,434	(X)
Less than \$10,000	2,909	717	9.0%	2.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,945	692	6.0%	2.1
\$15,000 to \$24,999	4,122	911	12.7%	2.7
\$25,000 to \$34,999	3,396	777	10.5%	2.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	5,081	939	15.7%	2.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	5,534	1,025	17.1%	3.1
\$75,000 to \$99,999	4,245	845	13.1%	2.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,536	638	10.9%	2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,082	390	3.3%	1.2
\$200,000 or more	584	301	1.8%	0.9
income (dollars)	45,516	4,667	(X)	(X)
(dollars)	61,801	5,921	(X)	(X)
With earnings	28,005	1,290	86.3%	2.4
(dollars)	56,907	6,241	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	6,136	831	18.9%	2.5

income (dollars)	18,119	1,482	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	3,947	781	12.2%	2.4
income (dollars)	24,221	4,513	(X)	(X)
Security Income	477	340	1.5%	1
Security Income	9,489	4,265	(X)	(X)
assistance income	396	253	1.2%	0.8
assistance income	7,094	4,557	(X)	(X)
benefits in the past 12	1,794	643	5.5%	2
Families	17,085	1,431	17,085	(X)
Less than \$10,000	247	219	1.4%	1.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	394	318	2.3%	1.8
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,326	458	7.8%	2.7
\$25,000 to \$34,999	751	333	4.4%	1.9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	2,301	751	13.5%	4.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3,584	733	21.0%	3.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,756	805	22.0%	4.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,306	620	19.4%	3.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	895	363	5.2%	2.1
\$200,000 or more	525	291	3.1%	1.7
(dollars)	74,094	5,625	(X)	(X)
(dollars)	86,753	10,596	(X)	(X)
(dollars)	24,428	2,288	(X)	(X)
households	15,349	1,113	15,349	(X)
income (dollars)	27,218	3,951	(X)	(X)
(dollars)	33,163	3,516	(X)	(X)
workers (dollars)	15,225	1,739	(X)	(X)
male full-time, year-	46,922	3,228	(X)	(X)
female full-time, year-	33,870	4,728	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE				
Noninstitutionalized	86,409	895	86,409	(X)
coverage	82,658	1,201	95.7%	1.2
insurance coverage	78,428	1,778	90.8%	2
coverage	13,105	1,603	15.2%	1.8
coverage	3,751	1,004	4.3%	1.2
Noninstitutionalized	15,161	627	15,161	(X)
coverage	67	114	0.4%	0.8
PERCENTAGE OF				
All families	3.8%	2.2	(X)	(X)
under 18 years	7.6%	4.8	(X)	(X)
under 5 years only	20.5%	15.6	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	0.8%	0.8	(X)	(X)
under 18 years	0.4%	0.7	(X)	(X)
under 5 years only	0.0%	7.8	(X)	(X)

householder, no	28.0%	16.6	(X)	(X)
under 18 years	34.4%	21	(X)	(X)
under 5 years only	100.0%	26.5	(X)	(X)
All people	18.3%	2.4	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	6.5%	4.1	(X)	(X)
18 years	5.8%	3.9	(X)	(X)
under 5 years	12.3%	8.7	(X)	(X)
17 years	2.7%	2.3	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	21.0%	2.6	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	23.1%	3	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	6.9%	3.6	(X)	(X)
People in families	3.0%	1.7	(X)	(X)
years and over	46.4%	5.7	(X)	(X)

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·Workers include members of the Armed Forces and civilians who were at work last week.

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·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.

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HOUSING				
Total housing units	34,835	870	34,835	(X)
Occupied housing units	32,434	1,178	93.1%	2.7
Vacant housing units	2,401	937	6.9%	2.7
rate	3.4	2.7	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	4.4	3.2	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	34,835	870	34,835	(X)
1-unit, detached	18,118	1,216	52.0%	3.4
1-unit, attached	1,870	546	5.4%	1.6
2 units	1,593	595	4.6%	1.7
3 or 4 units	1,233	502	3.5%	1.4
5 to 9 units	2,606	794	7.5%	2.3
10 to 19 units	2,915	674	8.4%	1.9
20 or more units	4,943	1,046	14.2%	3
Mobile home	1,557	569	4.5%	1.6
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	228	0.0%	0.3
YEAR STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	34,835	870	34,835	(X)
Built 2005 or later	2,190	570	6.3%	1.7
Built 2000 to 2004	4,355	1,006	12.5%	2.9
Built 1990 to 1999	6,204	1,026	17.8%	2.8
Built 1980 to 1989	2,100	490	6.0%	1.4
Built 1970 to 1979	5,981	938	17.2%	2.7
Built 1960 to 1969	4,205	806	12.1%	2.3
Built 1950 to 1959	3,453	785	9.9%	2.2
Built 1940 to 1949	1,193	382	3.4%	1.1
Built 1939 or earlier	5,154	1,002	14.8%	2.9
ROOMS				
Total housing units	34,835	870	34,835	(X)

1 room	192	249	0.6%	0.7
2 rooms	1,482	693	4.3%	2
3 rooms	4,523	1,055	13.0%	3
4 rooms	6,732	1,306	19.3%	3.7
5 rooms	5,011	1,079	14.4%	3.1
6 rooms	4,696	922	13.5%	2.6
7 rooms	3,601	829	10.3%	2.4
8 rooms	3,333	787	9.6%	2.3
9 rooms or more	5,265	960	15.1%	2.7
Median rooms	5.4	0.3	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	34,835	870	34,835	(X)
No bedroom	210	252	0.6%	0.7
1 bedroom	4,452	1,089	12.8%	3.1
2 bedrooms	11,320	1,324	32.5%	3.6
3 bedrooms	12,120	1,271	34.8%	3.7
4 bedrooms	5,208	773	15.0%	2.2
5 or more bedrooms	1,525	568	4.4%	1.6
HOUSING TENURE				
units	32,434	1,178	32,434	(X)
Owner-occupied	18,537	1,022	57.2%	3.2
Renter-occupied	13,897	1,296	42.8%	3.2
of owner-occupied unit	2.64	0.12	(X)	(X)
of renter-occupied unit	2.21	0.18	(X)	(X)
YEAR				
units	32,434	1,178	32,434	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	17,881	1,283	55.1%	3.2
Moved in 2000 to 2004	4,857	907	15.0%	2.7
Moved in 1990 to 1999	4,179	678	12.9%	2.1
Moved in 1980 to 1989	2,381	514	7.3%	1.6
Moved in 1970 to 1979	1,917	567	5.9%	1.7
Moved in 1969 or earlier	1,219	376	3.8%	1.1
VEHICLES				
units	32,434	1,178	32,434	(X)
No vehicles available	2,071	629	6.4%	1.9
1 vehicle available	9,472	1,206	29.2%	3.7
2 vehicles available	14,005	1,435	43.2%	3.8
available	6,886	1,177	21.2%	3.6
HOUSE HEATING				
units	32,434	1,178	32,434	(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				
units	32,434	1,178	32,434	(X)
plumbing facilities	0	228	0.0%	0.4
kitchen facilities	79	99	0.2%	0.3
available	1,040	410	3.2%	1.3
OCCUPANTS PER				
units	32,434	1,178	32,434	(X)
1.00 or less	32,267	1,171	99.5%	0.6
1.01 to 1.50	87	122	0.3%	0.4
1.51 or more	80	136	0.2%	0.4
VALUE				
units	18,537	1,022	18,537	(X)
Less than \$50,000	1,138	505	6.1%	2.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,271	578	12.3%	3.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5,359	1,010	28.9%	4.8
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4,143	802	22.3%	4.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,643	736	19.7%	3.8
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,476	414	8.0%	2.3
\$500,000 to \$999,999	404	260	2.2%	1.4
\$1,000,000 or more	103	130	0.6%	0.7
Median (dollars)	156,200	10,727	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
units	18,537	1,022	18,537	(X)
mortgage	12,500	1,110	67.4%	4.6
mortgage	6,037	919	32.6%	4.6
SELECTED MONTHLY				
mortgage	12,500	1,110	12,500	(X)
Less than \$300	0	228	0.0%	1
\$300 to \$499	153	121	1.2%	1
\$500 to \$699	664	356	5.3%	2.8
\$700 to \$999	1,747	528	14.0%	3.9
\$1,000 to \$1,499	5,636	905	45.1%	5.5
\$1,500 to \$1,999	2,348	629	18.8%	4.6
\$2,000 or more	1,952	506	15.6%	4.4
Median (dollars)	1,243	78	(X)	(X)
without a mortgage				
without a mortgage	6,037	919	6,037	(X)
Less than \$100	41	68	0.7%	1.1
\$100 to \$199	10	18	0.2%	0.3
\$200 to \$299	726	360	12.0%	5.8

\$300 to \$399	1,538	530	25.5%	7.4
\$400 or more	3,722	711	61.7%	7.9
Median (dollars)	440	24	(X)	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY				
mortgage (excluding	12,500	1,110	12,500	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	5,231	813	41.8%	5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,798	539	22.4%	4.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,233	388	9.9%	3.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,320	576	10.6%	4.3
35.0 percent or more	1,918	590	15.3%	4.3
Not computed	0	228	(X)	(X)
a mortgage				
6,037	919	6,037	(X)	
Less than 10.0 percent	2,697	506	44.7%	6.9
10.0 to 14.9 percent	1,341	433	22.2%	6.3
15.0 to 19.9 percent	626	331	10.4%	5.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	269	185	4.5%	3.1
25.0 to 29.9 percent	279	264	4.6%	4.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	36	44	0.6%	0.7
35.0 percent or more	789	393	13.1%	5.7
Not computed	0	228	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
paying rent	13,515	1,279	13,515	(X)
Less than \$200	121	151	0.9%	1.1
\$200 to \$299	80	107	0.6%	0.8
\$300 to \$499	1,459	608	10.8%	4.2
\$500 to \$749	6,550	1,147	48.5%	6.6
\$750 to \$999	3,097	702	22.9%	5.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,649	739	12.2%	5.3
\$1,500 or more	559	385	4.1%	2.8
Median (dollars)	682	28	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	382	237	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A				
paying rent	13,471	1,277	13,471	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	1,195	516	8.9%	3.5
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,513	607	11.2%	4.4
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,387	559	10.3%	4.1
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,002	745	14.9%	5.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	783	330	5.8%	2.5
35.0 percent or more	6,591	1,016	48.9%	6
Not computed	426	264	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey

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Notes:

·Caution should be used when comparing data for Number of Rooms between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see Errata Note #54.

·Caution should be used when comparing data for Number of Bedrooms between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "0 bedrooms" category. For more information please see Errata Note #54.

·The 2009 plumbing data for Puerto Rico will not be shown. Research indicates that the questions on plumbing facilities that were introduced in 2008 in the stateside American Community Survey and the 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey may not have been appropriate for Puerto Rico.

·Caution should be used when comparing data for Telephone Service Availability between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "no" category and underreporting those who did not have telephone service available. For more information please see Errata Note #53.

·Caution should be used when comparing data for Occupants per Room between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see Errata Note #54.

·In prior years, the universe included all owner-occupied units with a mortgage. It is now restricted to include only those units where SMOCAPI is computed, that is, SMOCA and household income are valid values.

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ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates: 2009
 Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Ames, IA Metro 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 and Housing Estimates	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
SEX AND AGE				
Total population	87,214	****	87,214	(X)
Male	44,945	633	51.5%	0.7
Female	42,269	633	48.5%	0.7
Under 5 years	4,761	380	5.5%	0.4
5 to 9 years	4,334	696	5.0%	0.8
10 to 14 years	3,787	687	4.3%	0.8
15 to 19 years	8,791	1,088	10.1%	1.2
20 to 24 years	21,893	1,067	25.1%	1.2
25 to 34 years	10,374	822	11.9%	0.9
35 to 44 years	7,814	435	9.0%	0.5
45 to 54 years	9,057	493	10.4%	0.6
55 to 59 years	3,933	601	4.5%	0.7
60 to 64 years	3,491	540	4.0%	0.6
65 to 74 years	4,349	178	5.0%	0.2
75 to 84 years	2,745	548	3.1%	0.6
85 years and over	1,885	549	2.2%	0.6
Median age (years)	25	0.4	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	72,053	627	82.6%	0.7
21 years and over	58,415	1,727	67.0%	2
62 years and over	10,997	552	12.6%	0.6
65 years and over	8,979	182	10.3%	0.2
18 years and over	72,053	627	72,053	(X)
Male	37,129	978	51.5%	1
Female	34,924	556	48.5%	1
65 years and over	8,979	182	8,979	(X)
Male	3,743	119	41.7%	1
Female	5,236	140	58.3%	1

RACE				
Total population	87,214	*****	87,214	(X)
One race	86,011	477	98.6%	0.5
Two or more races	1,203	477	1.4%	0.5
One race	86,011	477	98.6%	0.5
White	78,851	283	90.4%	0.3
American	1,751	214	2.0%	0.2
Alaska Native	0	228	0.0%	0.1
grouping	N	N	N	N
grouping	N	N	N	N
grouping	N	N	N	N
Sioux tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Asian	5,105	333	5.9%	0.4
Asian Indian	858	533	1.0%	0.6
Chinese	2,765	799	3.2%	0.9
Filipino	59	109	0.1%	0.1
Japanese	62	84	0.1%	0.1
Korean	834	589	1.0%	0.7
Vietnamese	18	36	0.0%	0.1
Other Asian	509	448	0.6%	0.5
Other Pacific Islander	0	228	0.0%	0.1
Native Hawaiian	N	N	N	N
Chamorro	N	N	N	N
Samoan	N	N	N	N
Islander	N	N	N	N
Some other race	304	245	0.3%	0.3
Two or more races	1,203	477	1.4%	0.5
African American	N	N	N	N
Indian and Alaska	N	N	N	N
White and Asian	N	N	N	N
American and	N	N	N	N
combination with one				
Total population	87,214	*****	87,214	(X)
White	80,054	461	91.8%	0.5
American	2,595	384	3.0%	0.4
Alaska Native	N	N	N	N
Asian	5,439	216	6.2%	0.2
Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N
Some other race	304	245	0.3%	0.3
HISPANIC OR LATINO				
Total population	87,214	*****	87,214	(X)
any race)	1,954	*****	2.2%	*****
Mexican	N	N	N	N
Puerto Rican	N	N	N	N
Cuban	N	N	N	N
Latino	N	N	N	N
Not Hispanic or Latino	85,260	*****	97.8%	*****

White alone	77,405	18	88.8%	0.1
American alone	1,751	214	2.0%	0.2
Alaska Native alone	0	228	0.0%	0.1
Asian alone	5,105	333	5.9%	0.4
Other Pacific Islander	0	228	0.0%	0.1
alone	10	18	0.0%	0.1
Two or more races	989	404	1.1%	0.5
Some other race	0	228	0.0%	0.1
Some other race,	989	404	1.1%	0.5
Total housing units	34,835	870	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey

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Notes:

-For more information on understanding race and Hispanic origin data, please see the Census 2000 Brief entitled, Overview of Race and Hispanic Origin, issued March 2001. (pdf format)

-The ACS questions on Hispanic origin and race were revised in 2008 to make them consistent with the Census 2010 question wording. Any changes in estimates for 2008 and beyond may be due to demographic changes, as well as factors including questionnaire changes, differences in ACS population controls, and methodological differences in the population estimates, and therefore should be used with caution. For a summary of questionnaire changes see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/methodology/questionnaire_changes/. For more information about changes in the estimates see <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/hispanic/reports.html>.

-While the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 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.

-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: