



U.S. CENSUS BUREAU OVERVIEW

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Census Bureau Overview

Mission

To measure America's people and economy.

Every 10 Years (Decennial Census)

Count every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.

Every Year

Produce annual demographic statistics through the American Community Survey, Current Population Survey, population estimates, and other surveys/programs.

Collect economic data through monthly and annual surveys, as well as the Economic Census every 5 years.

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Press Release

Population Growth Slows Due to Decline in Net International Migration

January 27, 2026

U.S. population growth slowed to 0.5% between July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025, according to the newly released Vintage 2025 population estimates.



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State Lottery Ticket Sales Soar as Prizes Get Larger

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Sales of Lottery Tickets Nearly Doubled and Prizes More Than Doubled From 2008 to 2024

Highlighting Census Business Builder's Geography Features



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Filter Geographies, Create Custom Regions and Get the Data You Need

Some Like it Hot: County Domestic Migration Trends From 2011 to 2025

Unexpected Workforce Trends in Post-Pandemic Manhattan

Census Bureau Surveys and Programs

More than the decennial census

We continuously gather data between census years with various household surveys and programs.

- American Community Survey
- Current Population Survey
- Population Estimates Program

Beyond household data collection, the Census Bureau is a premier source for economic data and statistics.

American Community Survey

- Ongoing monthly survey sent to 3.5 million addresses/year.
- Produces timely data for small areas and population groups previously collected on the decennial long form.
- Covers 35+ topics (employment, occupation, veteran status, commuting, etc.) and supports 300+ known federal government uses.
- Annual releases of 1-year and 5-year estimates.
- Data goes back to 2005.

[American Community Survey \(ACS\) \(census.gov\)](#)

[Press Kit: 2024 American Community Survey Single Year Estimates \(census.gov\)](#)

[American Community Survey 2020-2024 5-Year Data Release \(census.gov\)](#)

Key Dates

- September 2026: 2025 ACS 1-Year Estimates
- December 2026: 2021-2025 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Current Population Survey

- One of the oldest, largest and most well-recognized surveys in the United States.
- Primary source of monthly labor force statistics and monthly demographic statistics on 30+ topics such as:
 - [Educational Attainment](#)
 - [Families and Living Arrangements](#)
 - [Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance](#)

[Current Population Survey \(CPS\) \(census.gov\)](#)

Key Releases

- Educational Attainment
- Families and Living Arrangements
- Geographic Mobility
- Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance (Sept.)
- School Enrollment

Population Estimates

- Produces most up-to-date population numbers between decennial censuses.
- Provides population counts for nation, state, counties, and incorporated places.
- Housing unit totals are available at national and state levels.

[Population and Housing Unit Estimates \(census.gov\)](https://www.census.gov)

Key Dates

- March: County, Metro/Micro and Puerto Rico Municipios
- April: National by age and sex
- May: Cities and towns
- May: National, state, and county housing units
- June: National, state, county, and Puerto Rico demographics
- December: National, state, and Puerto Rico

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