

Table 52. Population by Selected Ancestry Group and Region: 2009

[In thousands (307,007 represents 307,007,000), except percent. Covers single and multiple ancestries. Ancestry refers to a person's ethnic origin or descent, "roots," or heritage; or the place of birth of the person, the person's parents, or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. The American Community Survey universe includes the household population and the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability; see text, this section, and Appendix III. For composition of regions of the United States, see map, inside front cover]

Ancestry group	Total, (1,000)	Percent distribution by region				Ancestry group	Total, (1,000)	Percent distribution by region			
		North- east	Mid- west	South	West			North- east	Mid- west	South	West
Total population ¹ . . .	307,007	18	22	37	23	Iranian	470	12	6	25	57
Afghan	87	20	6	26	47	Irish	36,915	25	24	32	18
Albanian	182	55	28	11	7	Israeli	139	43	9	23	25
American	18,699	11	20	56	12	Italian	18,085	44	17	22	17
Arab ¹	1,680	25	24	27	23	Latvian	96	27	23	21	29
Egyptian	197	36	12	25	27	Lithuanian	727	38	28	19	15
Iraqi	101	9	44	18	29	Northern European	222	12	20	23	45
Jordanian	68	16	21	31	32	Norwegian	4,643	6	49	12	33
Lebanese	504	25	26	29	20	Pennsylvania					
Moroccan	78	40	14	31	15	German	344	55	27	11	7
Palestinian	104	17	31	29	23	Polish	10,091	33	37	18	12
Syrian	159	38	19	25	18	Portuguese	1,477	47	4	12	37
Arab	286	21	28	28	23	Romanian	519	24	28	22	27
Armenian	485	20	8	10	62	Russian	3,163	36	17	21	25
Assyrian/ Chaldean/Syriac	96	3	58	4	35	Scandinavian	581	7	31	19	43
Australian	93	19	16	28	37	Scotch-Irish	3,570	12	17	51	20
Austrian	765	30	23	24	23	Scottish	5,847	17	20	37	27
Basque	58	4	4	11	80	Serbian	177	20	42	17	21
Belgian	398	12	54	17	17	Slavic	132	27	25	26	22
Brazilian	373	44	4	39	13	Slovak	801	43	34	15	8
British	1,172	16	17	38	29	Slovene	180	15	59	12	14
Bulgarian	84	17	28	24	31	Sub-Saharan African ¹	2,855	21	18	45	16
Cajun	104	4	5	81	10	Cape Verdean	91	83	1	11	4
Canadian	715	27	17	27	29	Ethiopian	186	10	14	47	29
Croatian	434	23	40	15	23	Ghanian	85	53	12	29	6
Czech	1,615	12	45	27	17	Nigerian	253	26	15	47	12
Czechoslovakian	332	24	32	24	20	Somalian	103	11	49	12	28
Danish	1,487	8	31	15	46	African	1,793	15	19	50	16
Dutch	5,024	16	35	27	23	Swedish	4,348	13	39	16	32
Eastern European	457	45	14	22	19	Swiss	1,018	15	33	21	31
English	27,658	17	21	37	25	Turkish	187	36	12	31	20
European	3,197	13	19	34	34	Ukrainian	976	39	21	18	22
Finnish	695	12	47	13	27	Welsh	1,987	20	23	30	27
French (except Basque)	9,412	25	23	33	20	West Indian ^{1,2}	2,540	48	3	44	5
French Canadian	2,151	42	20	23	15	British West Indian	97	70	2	23	5
German	50,708	16	39	26	19	Haitian	830	42	2	54	2
Greek	1,390	34	23	24	19	Jamaican	951	49	4	43	5
Guyanese	202	72	4	21	3	Trinidadian and Tobagonian	185	64	2	31	3
Hungarian	1,547	32	32	20	17	West Indian	259	61	3	31	6
						Yugoslavian	325	19	29	22	29

¹ Includes other groups, not shown separately. ² Excludes Hispanic-origin groups.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey, B04006, "People Reporting Ancestry," <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>, January 2011.

Table 53. Languages Spoken at Home: 2009

[The American Community Survey universe includes the household population and the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability; see text, this section, and Appendix III]

Language	Number	Language	Number
Total population 5 years old and over	285,797,349	Other Indic languages	668,596
Speak only English	228,699,523	Other Indo-European languages	455,483
Spanish or Spanish Creole	35,468,501	Chinese	2,600,150
French (including Patois, Cajun)	1,305,503	Japanese	445,471
French Creole	659,053	Korean	1,039,021
Italian	753,992	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	202,033
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	731,282	Hmong	193,179
German	1,109,216	Thai	152,679
Yiddish	148,155	Laotian	146,297
Other West Germanic languages	271,227	Vietnamese	1,251,468
Scandinavian languages	126,337	Other Asian languages	783,140
Greek	325,747	Tagalog	1,513,734
Russian	881,723	Other Pacific Island languages	169,009
Polish	593,598	Navajo	169,009
Serbo-Croatian	269,333	Other Native North American languages	196,372
Other Slavic languages	298,094	Hungarian	90,612
Armenian	242,836	Arabic	845,396
Persian	396,769	Hebrew	221,593
Gujarathi	341,404	African languages	777,553
Hindi	560,983	Other and unspecified languages	134,670
Urdu	355,964		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey, B16001, "Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over," <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>, accessed January 2011.