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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, for 2010, the 2010 Census provides the [official counts of the population and housing units for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns](#). For 2006 to 2009, the Population Estimates Program provides [intercensal estimates of the population for the nation, states, and counties](#).

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the [Data and Documentation](#) section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the [Methodology](#) section.

Subject	Mercer County, Kentucky					
	Total		Male		Female	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Population 18 to 24 years	1,403	+/-58	716	+/-40	687	+/-52
Less than high school graduate	11.2%	+/-4.9	13.0%	+/-8.5	9.3%	+/-6.4
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	35.8%	+/-9.3	42.5%	+/-12.8	28.8%	+/-11.8
Some college or associate's degree	48.5%	+/-9.5	44.6%	+/-14.0	52.5%	+/-12.3
Bachelor's degree or higher	4.6%	+/-4.5	0.0%	+/-4.8	9.3%	+/-9.2
Population 25 years and over	14,718	+/-104	6,918	+/-87	7,800	+/-101
Less than 9th grade	6.5%	+/-1.2	7.7%	+/-1.9	5.4%	+/-1.5
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	11.2%	+/-2.1	11.5%	+/-2.4	11.0%	+/-2.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	40.5%	+/-3.2	41.4%	+/-4.4	39.8%	+/-3.4
Some college, no degree	18.8%	+/-2.2	18.8%	+/-3.0	18.8%	+/-2.8
Associate's degree	6.0%	+/-1.3	5.1%	+/-1.9	6.9%	+/-1.6
Bachelor's degree	10.0%	+/-1.7	9.9%	+/-2.3	10.0%	+/-1.9
Graduate or professional degree	7.0%	+/-1.3	5.7%	+/-1.7	8.2%	+/-1.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	82.3%	+/-2.5	80.8%	+/-3.2	83.7%	+/-2.6
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	17.0%	+/-2.3	15.6%	+/-3.0	18.2%	+/-2.5
Population 25 to 34 years	2,409	+/-151	1,231	+/-80	1,178	+/-85
High school graduate or higher	86.6%	+/-5.8	87.2%	+/-7.8	86.1%	+/-7.4
Bachelor's degree or higher	17.0%	+/-6.6	9.5%	+/-6.0	24.8%	+/-9.0
Population 35 to 44 years	2,797	+/-74	1,339	+/-40	1,458	+/-49
High school graduate or higher	92.5%	+/-4.0	92.2%	+/-4.6	92.7%	+/-4.6
Bachelor's degree or higher	18.5%	+/-4.7	20.7%	+/-6.4	16.5%	+/-6.0
Population 45 to 64 years	6,207	+/-166	2,970	+/-85	3,237	+/-116
High school graduate or higher	83.6%	+/-3.1	78.0%	+/-4.3	88.7%	+/-3.4
Bachelor's degree or higher	17.4%	+/-3.4	16.3%	+/-4.4	18.5%	+/-4.1
Population 65 years and over	3,305	+/-102	1,378	+/-38	1,927	+/-81
High school graduate or higher	68.3%	+/-5.6	70.4%	+/-7.6	66.8%	+/-7.0
Bachelor's degree or higher	14.8%	+/-4.3	14.6%	+/-5.8	14.9%	+/-4.5
POVERTY RATE FOR THE POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT LEVEL						
Less than high school graduate	26.1%	+/-6.8	23.6%	+/-8.4	28.8%	+/-9.3
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	9.2%	+/-2.4	8.3%	+/-3.8	9.9%	+/-3.1
Some college or associate's degree	6.5%	+/-2.8	3.4%	+/-2.9	9.1%	+/-4.5
Bachelor's degree or higher	5.8%	+/-3.2	3.4%	+/-3.0	7.5%	+/-4.5
MEDIAN EARNINGS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2010 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)						
Population 25 years and over with earnings	31,411	+/-1,150	36,059	+/-1,880	26,192	+/-1,848
Less than high school graduate	16,606	+/-6,835	30,885	+/-3,685	10,755	+/-1,702
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	28,819	+/-2,947	34,896	+/-2,773	22,655	+/-2,758
Some college or associate's degree	32,500	+/-3,151	36,596	+/-3,366	27,976	+/-1,923
Bachelor's degree	48,134	+/-4,734	51,023	+/-21,021	47,095	+/-6,859
Graduate or professional degree	48,250	+/-7,506	66,607	+/-22,476	43,009	+/-2,916
PERCENT IMPUTED						
Educational attainment	1.1%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey

Explanation of Symbols:

An "X" entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.

An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.

An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.

An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.

An '****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.

An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.

An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

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.

While the 2006-2010 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 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.

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