

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2005-2009  
 Data Set: 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates  
 Survey: American Community Survey  
**DATA SUMMARY FOR BELLINGHAM**

| Selected Social Characteristics in the United States | Estimate | Margin of Error (+/-) on Number | Percent | Margin of Error (+/-) on Percent |
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| <b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>                            |          |                                 |         |                                  |
| Total households                                     | 5,789    | 210                             | (X)     | (X)                              |
| Family households (families)                         | 4,225    | 177                             | 73.0%   | 3.5                              |
| With own children under 18 years                     | 2,107    | 155                             | 36.4%   | 2.9                              |
| Married-couple family                                | 3,368    | 246                             | 58.2%   | 4.2                              |
| With own children under 18 years                     | 1,650    | 179                             | 28.5%   | 3.2                              |
| Male householder, no wife present, family            | 181      | 95                              | 3.1%    | 1.6                              |
| With own children under 18 years                     | 57       | 48                              | 1.0%    | 0.8                              |
| Female householder, no husband present, family       | 676      | 168                             | 11.7%   | 3.0                              |
| With own children under 18 years                     | 400      | 141                             | 6.9%    | 2.5                              |
| Nonfamily households                                 | 1,564    | 237                             | 27.0%   | 3.5                              |
| Householder living alone                             | 1,147    | 235                             | 19.8%   | 3.6                              |
| 65 years and over                                    | 381      | 121                             | 6.6%    | 2.0                              |
| Households with one or more people under 18 years    | 2,306    | 163                             | 39.8%   | 3.5                              |
| Households with one or more people 65 years and over | 1,271    | 134                             | 22.0%   | 2.2                              |
| Average household size                               | 2.71     | 0.10                            | (X)     | (X)                              |
| Average family size                                  | 3.14     | 0.09                            | (X)     | (X)                              |
| <b>RELATIONSHIP</b>                                  |          |                                 |         |                                  |
| Population in households                             | 15,668   | 140                             | (X)     | (X)                              |
| Householder  | 5,789    | 210                             | 36.9%   | 1.3                              |
| Spouse   | 3,375    | 248                             | 21.5%   | 1.6                              |
| Child  | 5,051    | 285                             | 32.2%   | 1.8                              |
| Other relatives                                      | 621      | 234                             | 4.0%    | 1.5                              |
| Nonrelatives   | 832      | 232                             | 5.3%    | 1.5                              |
| Unmarried partner                                    | 451      | 178                             | 2.9%    | 1.1                              |

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| MARITAL STATUS                |       |     |       |     |
| Males 15 years and over       | 6,053 | 296 | (X)   | (X) |
| Never married                 | 1,859 | 294 | 30.7% | 4.3 |
| Now married, except separated | 3,433 | 254 | 56.7% | 4.0 |
| Separated                     | 96    | 77  | 1.6%  | 1.3 |
| Widowed                       | 174   | 93  | 2.9%  | 1.6 |
| Divorced                      | 491   | 171 | 8.1%  | 2.8 |

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| Females 15 years and over     | 6,388 | 260 | (X)   | (X) |
| Never married                 | 1,458 | 275 | 22.8% | 3.8 |
| Now married, except separated | 3,493 | 246 | 54.7% | 4.6 |
| Separated                     | 41    | 39  | 0.6%  | 0.6 |
| Widowed                       | 422   | 130 | 6.6%  | 2.0 |
| Divorced                      | 974   | 228 | 15.2% | 3.4 |

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| FERTILITY  |     |     |       |      |
| Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months | 265 | 109 | (X)   | (X)  |
| Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)                   | 98  | 83  | 37.0% | 24.6 |
| Per 1,000 unmarried women  | 53  | 45  | (X)   | (X)  |
| Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old                                       | 66  | 27  | (X)   | (X)  |
| Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old                                       | 0   | 76  | (X)   | (X)  |
| Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old                                       | 192 | 81  | (X)   | (X)  |
| Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old                                       | 11  | 13  | (X)   | (X)  |

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| GRANDPARENTS  |     |     |       |      |
| Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years | 279 | 130 | (X)   | (X)  |
| Responsible for grandchildren                                       | 89  | 78  | 31.9% | 25.6 |
| Years responsible for grandchildren                                 |     |     |       |      |
| Less than 1 year  | 0   | 127 | 0.0%  | 12.6 |
| 1 or 2 years  | 39  | 62  | 14.0% | 20.7 |
| 3 or 4 years  | 0   | 127 | 0.0%  | 12.6 |
| 5 or more years   | 50  | 50  | 17.9% | 18.8 |

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|---|----|----|-------|------|
| Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years | 89 | 78 | (X)   | (X)  |
| Who are female  | 57 | 47 | 64.0% | 18.6 |
| Who are married   | 77 | 75 | 86.5% | 24.2 |

| SCHOOL ENROLLMENT                              |       |     |       |     |
|--|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| Population 3 years and over enrolled in school | 4,127 | 361 | (X)   | (X) |
| Nursery school, preschool                      | 280   | 105 | 6.8%  | 2.5 |
| Kindergarten                                   | 245   | 90  | 5.9%  | 2.2 |
| Elementary school (grades 1-8)                 | 1,927 | 226 | 46.7% | 5.0 |
| High school (grades 9-12)                      | 740   | 163 | 17.9% | 3.7 |
| College or graduate school                     | 935   | 250 | 22.7% | 4.9 |

| EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT                      |        |     |       |     |
|---|--------|-----|-------|-----|
| Population 25 years and over                | 10,489 | 329 | (X)   | (X) |
| Less than 9th grade                         | 358    | 137 | 3.4%  | 1.3 |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma               | 697    | 175 | 6.6%  | 1.6 |
| High school graduate (includes equivalency) | 3,491  | 368 | 33.3% | 3.5 |
| Some college, no degree                     | 1,915  | 271 | 18.3% | 2.6 |
| Associate's degree                          | 813    | 185 | 7.8%  | 1.8 |
| Bachelor's degree                           | 2,196  | 315 | 20.9% | 2.8 |
| Graduate or professional degree             | 1,019  | 209 | 9.7%  | 1.9 |

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| Percent high school graduate or higher | 89.9% | 1.9 | (X) | (X) |
| Percent bachelor's degree or higher    | 30.7% | 3.4 | (X) | (X) |

| VETERAN STATUS                        |        |     |       |     |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|-----|
| Civilian population 18 years and over | 11,873 | 263 | (X)   | (X) |
| Civilian veterans                     | 1,189  | 193 | 10.0% | 1.6 |

| RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO        |        |     |       |     |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----|-------|-----|
| Population 1 year and over  | 15,516 | 114 | (X)   | (X) |
| Same house                  | 14,181 | 408 | 91.4% | 2.3 |
| Different house in the U.S. | 1,321  | 352 | 8.5%  | 2.3 |
| Same county                 | 642    | 232 | 4.1%  | 1.5 |
| Different county            | 679    | 254 | 4.4%  | 1.7 |
| Same state                  | 522    | 216 | 3.4%  | 1.4 |
| Different state             | 157    | 113 | 1.0%  | 0.7 |
| Abroad                      | 14     | 23  | 0.1%  | 0.1 |

| PLACE OF BIRTH   |        |     |       |     |
|--|--------|-----|-------|-----|
| Total population   | 15,752 | 21  | (X)   | (X) |
| Native   | 14,851 | 259 | 94.3% | 1.7 |
| Born in United States  | 14,745 | 256 | 93.6% | 1.6 |
| State of residence   | 10,372 | 455 | 65.8% | 2.9 |
| Different state  | 4,373  | 446 | 27.8% | 2.8 |
| Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s) | 106    | 66  | 0.7%  | 0.4 |
| Foreign born   | 901    | 261 | 5.7%  | 1.7 |

| U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS  |     |     |       |      |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-------|------|
| Foreign-born population  | 901 | 261 | (X)   | (X)  |
| Naturalized U.S. citizen | 527 | 186 | 58.5% | 13.7 |
| Not a U.S. citizen       | 374 | 171 | 41.5% | 13.7 |

| YEAR OF ENTRY                             |       |     |     |     |
|---|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| Population born outside the United States | 1,007 | 258 | (X) | (X) |

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|-----------------------|-----|----|-------|------|
| Native                | 106 | 66 | 106.0 | (X)  |
| Entered 2000 or later | 14  | 23 | 13.2% | 20.1 |
| Entered before 2000   | 92  | 61 | 86.8% | 20.1 |

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|-----------------------|-----|-----|-------|------|
| Foreign born          | 901 | 261 | (X)   | (X)  |
| Entered 2000 or later | 85  | 100 | 9.4%  | 10.8 |
| Entered before 2000   | 816 | 252 | 90.6% | 10.8 |

| WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN                     |     |     |       |      |
|---|-----|-----|-------|------|
| Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea | 901 | 261 | (X)   | (X)  |
| Europe  | 339 | 172 | 37.6% | 14.4 |
| Asia  | 144 | 117 | 16.0% | 12.1 |
| Africa  | 18  | 30  | 2.0%  | 3.3  |
| Oceania   | 0   | 127 | 0.0%  | 4.1  |
| Latin America   | 141 | 92  | 15.6% | 10.5 |
| Northern America  | 259 | 132 | 28.7% | 11.8 |

| LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME              |        |     |       |     |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|-----|
| Population 5 years and over          | 14,682 | 216 | (X)   | (X) |
| English only                         | 13,312 | 344 | 90.7% | 2.0 |
| Language other than English          | 1,370  | 302 | 9.3%  | 2.0 |
| Speak English less than "very well"  | 222    | 97  | 1.5%  | 0.7 |
| Spanish                              | 259    | 170 | 1.8%  | 1.2 |
| Speak English less than "very well"  | 65     | 57  | 0.4%  | 0.4 |
| Other Indo-European languages        | 906    | 249 | 6.2%  | 1.7 |
| Speak English less than "very well"  | 106    | 60  | 0.7%  | 0.4 |
| Asian and Pacific Islander languages | 177    | 128 | 1.2%  | 0.9 |
| Speak English less than "very well"  | 37     | 37  | 0.3%  | 0.3 |
| Other languages                      | 28     | 44  | 0.2%  | 0.3 |
| Speak English less than "very well"  | 14     | 22  | 0.1%  | 0.2 |

| ANCESTRY               |        |     |       |     |
|------------------------|--------|-----|-------|-----|
| Total population       | 15,752 | 21  | (X)   | (X) |
| American               | 444    | 162 | 2.8%  | 1.0 |
| Arab                   | 113    | 98  | 0.7%  | 0.6 |
| Czech                  | 0      | 127 | 0.0%  | 0.2 |
| Danish                 | 25     | 30  | 0.2%  | 0.2 |
| Dutch                  | 136    | 100 | 0.9%  | 0.6 |
| English                | 2,270  | 498 | 14.4% | 3.2 |
| French (except Basque) | 2,231  | 430 | 14.2% | 2.7 |
| French Canadian        | 1,340  | 335 | 8.5%  | 2.1 |
| German                 | 1,142  | 260 | 7.2%  | 1.6 |
| Greek                  | 58     | 57  | 0.4%  | 0.4 |
| Hungarian              | 65     | 48  | 0.4%  | 0.3 |
| Irish                  | 4,914  | 661 | 31.2% | 4.2 |
| Italian                | 3,752  | 689 | 23.8% | 4.4 |
| Lithuanian             | 35     | 40  | 0.2%  | 0.3 |
| Norwegian              | 92     | 70  | 0.6%  | 0.4 |
| Polish                 | 1,110  | 356 | 7.0%  | 2.3 |
| Portuguese             | 491    | 228 | 3.1%  | 1.4 |
| Russian                | 308    | 162 | 2.0%  | 1.0 |
| Scotch-Irish           | 333    | 136 | 2.1%  | 0.9 |
| Scottish               | 375    | 119 | 2.4%  | 0.8 |

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| Slovak   | 0   | 127 | 0.0% | 0.2 |
| Subsaharan African                             | 0   | 127 | 0.0% | 0.2 |
| Swedish  | 304 | 107 | 1.9% | 0.7 |
| Swiss  | 58  | 94  | 0.4% | 0.6 |
| Ukrainian                                      | 140 | 132 | 0.9% | 0.8 |
| Welsh  | 38  | 34  | 0.2% | 0.2 |
| West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups) | 176 | 158 | 1.1% | 1.0 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey

See Notes for all explanations