

*Census Variables Available*  
*For*  
**YOUNG ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:  
A DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**  
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**These are the basic variables available in Census 2000 that can be used to create indicators reflecting the circumstances of children. Each section begins with an *italicized* description of whether the data are available for (1) children only, (2) all persons in the home, (3) the housing unit. Each variable follows with a list of categories for the variable.**

*The following are variables available for children only*

**How persons in the child's home are related to the child (number)**

- \* Parent
- \* Sibling
- \* Grandparent
- \* Other relatives
- \* Non-relatives
- \* It is possible to identify children who are foster children

**Responsible grandparent**

- \* Yes/No ... Grandparent in home responsible for most of child's basic needs
- \* If yes, how long grandparent has been responsible for child
  - \* Less than 1 month
  - \* 1-6 months
  - \* 7-12 months
  - \* more than 12 months

***The following variables are available for all persons  
(children, parents, etc.)***

**Age**

- \* By single year of age

**Sex**

- \* Male
- \* Female

**Marital Status**

- \* Married (spouse present or spouse absent)
- \* Widowed
- \* Divorce
- \* Separated
- \* Never married

**School Attendance**

- \* No
- \* Yes, public school
- Yes, private school

**Grade or level of school attending**

- \* Nursery school, preschool
- \* Kindergarten
- \* Grade 1 to grade 4
- \* Grade 5 to grade 8
- \* Grade 9 to grade 12
- \* College Undergraduate
- \* Graduate or professional school

**Highest grade completed in school**

- \* No school completed
- \* Nursery to 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- \* 5<sup>th</sup> grade or 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- \* 7<sup>th</sup> grade or 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- \* 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- \* 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- \* 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- \* 12<sup>th</sup> grade, No diploma
- \* High School Graduate (including GED)
- \* Some college, no degree
- \* Associate degree
- \* Bachelor's degree
- \* Master's degree
- \* Professional degree
- \* Doctorate degree

**Speaks a language other than English at home (ages 5+)**

- \* Yes
  - & Specific language spoken
  - & How well speak English (very well, well, not well, not at all)
- \* No

**U.S. citizenship (ages 5+)**

- \* Yes, born in U.S.
- \* Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, N. Marianas
- \* Yes, by naturalization
- \* No

**Year person came to U.S. (if not born in U.S.)**

- \* Number of years lived in U.S.

**Where did this person live 5 years ago?**

- \* Moved to different house

*The following variables are available only for persons 15 years and older*

**Served in military**

- \* Yes, no on active duty
- \* Yes, but no currently on active duty
- \* No, but training for Reserves or National Guard
- \* No, never served in military

**Years on activity duty in U.S. military**

- \* April 1995 or later
- \* August 1990 to March 1995
- \* September 1980 to July 1990
- \* May 1975 to August 1980
- \* Vietnam era
- \* February 1955 to July 1964
- \* Korean conflict
- \* World War II

**Number of years activity duty military service**

- \* Less than 2
- \* 2 years or more

**Worked last week for pay or profit**

- \* Yes
- \* No, with reasons (vacation, temporary, illness, labor dispute)
- \* No, will be recalled within 6 months
- \* No, looking for work during past 4 weeks.

**Travel time to work**

- \* Minutes to travel to work

**Means of transportation to work**

- \* Car/truck/van, bus, streetcar/trolley, subway/elevated, railroad, ferryboat, motorcycle, bicycle, walked

**Number of persons riding to work in care/truck/van**

- \* Drove alone, 2, 3, 4, 5-6, 7+

**Person could have started job last week if offered one**

- \* Yes
- \* No (temporary illness, or other reasons)

**When person last worked**

- \* 1993-1998
- \* 1992, or earlier, or never worked

**Industry of worker**

- \* Detailed

**Occupation of worker**

- \* Detailed

**Sector of employment**

- \* Private for profit company
- \* Private not-for-profit company
- \* Local government
- \* State government
- \* Federal government
- \* Self-employed
- \* Working without pay (family business or farm)

**Worked last year**

- \* Yes, by number of weeks (1-52)
- \* No

**Usual number of hours worked each week of work last year**

- \* By number of hours 1+

**Income (\$ amounts) from**

- \* Wages and salary
- \* Self-employment
- \* Interest, dividends, rental property, estates, trusts
- \* Social security or railroad retirement
- \* Supplemental security income (SSI)
- \* Public assistance or welfare from state/local welfare office
- \* Retirement, survivor, disability pensions
- \* Other income

***The following variables are available for the family or household***

**Number of persons in the family or household**

- \* Count of number of persons

**Linguistically Isolated Household**

- \* Not linguistically isolated
- \* Linguistically isolated  
(No one in household age 14+ speaks English exclusively or very well)

**Housing unit is**

- \* Owned with mortgage
- \* Owned without mortgage
- \* Rented for cash
- \* Occupied without payment of cash rent

**Housing unit is**

- \* Mobile home
- \* One-family house detached
- \* One family house attached to one or more houses
- \* Apartment building with (2, 3-4, 5-9, 10-19, 20-49, 50+) apartments
- \* Boat, RV, van, etc

**Year householder (usually parent) moved into housing unit**

- \* 1997-1998, 1996, 1990-1995, 1980-1989, 1970-1979, 1969 or earlier

**Year housing unit was built**

- \* 1996-1998, 1990-1995, 1980-1989, 1970-1979,  
1960-1969, 1950-1959, 1940-1949, 1939 or earlier

**Year householder moved into housing unit**

- \* 1997-1998, 1996, 1990-1995, 1980-1979, 1969 or earlier

**Number of rooms in housing unit**

- \* 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9+

**Number of bedrooms in housing unit**

\* 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5+

**Housing unit has complete plumbing facilities**

(hot/cold piped water, flush toilet, bathtub/shower)

\* Yes/No

**Housing unit has complete kitchen facilities**

(sink with piped water, range/stove, refrigerator)

\* Yes/No

**Telephone service available in housing unit**

\* Yes/No

**Fuel most used for heating in housing unit**

\* Gas (piped), gas (bottled) electricity, fuel oil/kerosene, coal/coke, wood, or solar

**Number of vehicles at home available for use of household**

\* 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6+

**There is a business on this property (for one-family and mobile homes)**

\* Yes/No

**Annual dollar costs of specific utilities**

\* Electricity, Gas, Water/Sewer, others  
included in rent or no charge

**Monthly cost of mortgage or rent, insurance costs, etc**

\* In dollars

**Value of housing unit/property**

\* In dollars