



Arizona Health Disparities Center

Promoting Health Equity

Demographics of African Americans/ Blacks¹ in Arizona

264,009 African Americans/Blacks lived in Arizona in 2010,
comprising 4.1% of the Arizona population



	African Americans /Blacks in AZ	All Arizonans	African Americans /Blacks in U.S.	All in U.S.
Age²				
Children under 18	30.0%	25.5%	27.7%	24.0%
Adults ages 18-44	41.8%	36.1%	39.2%	36.5%
Adults ages 45-64	21.8%	24.6%	24.2%	26.4%
Adults ages 65 and older	6.5%	13.8%	8.9%	13.1%
Total #	264,009	6,413,737	38,874,625	309,349,689
Gender²				
Male	52.9%	49.7%	47.6%	49.2%
Female	47.1%	50.3%	52.4%	50.8%
Total #	264,009	6,413,737	38,874,625	309,349,689
Education (age 25 and older)²				
No High school diploma	10.9%	14.4%	18.1%	14.4%
High school graduate/GED	26.3%	25.1%	31.7%	28.5%
Some college	41.7%	34.7%	32.3%	28.9%
Bachelor's/graduate degree	21.1%	25.9%	17.9%	28.1%
Total #	152,212	4,146,758	23,530,646	204,288,933
Marital Status (population 15 years and older)²				
Married	29.7%	49.0%	29.3%	48.8%
Unmarried ³	70.3%	50.9%	70.7%	51.2%
Total #	198,446	5,051,999	30,106,985	248,055,946
Family Households (with children under 18 years)²				
Married couple families	42.0%	64.7%	37.1%	67.3%
Single mother families	44.6%	25.3%	54.0%	24.9%
Single father families	13.3%	9.9%	8.9%	7.7%
Total #	29,813	681,543	4,478,749	34,026,524
Employment Status (age 16 years and older)²				
In labor force ⁴	62.0%	61.0%	62.2%	64.4%
Not in labor force ⁴	38.0%	39.0%	37.8%	35.6%
Total # In civilian labor force	119,265	3,012,991	18,185,962	155,809,238
Employed	83.1%	88.1%	82.0%	89.2%
Unemployed	16.9%	11.9%	18.0%	10.8%
Total #	193,926	4,963,740	29,474,816	243,832,923
Income (inflation-adjusted dollars in 2010)²				
Median household income (\$)	36,351	46,789	33,578	50,046
Total # of households	92,299	2,334,050	13,738,492	114,567,419
Poverty (income below poverty level)²				
Children (under 18 years)	37.6%	35.7%	39.0%	33.8%
Adults	62.2%	64.3%	60.9%	66.1%
Total # of people below poverty level	66,267	1,115,991	10,535,024	47,330,503
Housing (occupied housing units)²				
Owned	35.2%	65.2%	44.2%	65.4%
Rented	64.8%	34.8%	55.8%	34.6%
Total #	92,299	2,334,050	13,738,492	114,567,419
U.S. Citizenship²				
Citizen by birth	90.7%	86.6%	91.5%	87.1%
Citizen by naturalization	3.2%	4.8%	4.3%	5.6%
Not a citizen	6.0%	8.5%	4.3%	7.3%
Total #	264,009	6,413,737	38,874,625	309,349,689
English Spoken (age 5 and older)²				
Speak English only	89.5%	73.3%	91.8%	79.4%
Speak English "very well" ⁵	6.8%	16.8%	5.4%	11.9%
Speak English less than "very well" ⁵	3.7%	9.9%	2.8%	8.7%
Total #	240,865	5,957,961	35,996,769	289,215,746

1. Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. It includes people who indicate their race as "Black, African Am., or Negro" or report entries such as African American, Kenyan, Nigerian, or Haitian. http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/SubjectDefinitions/2010_ACSSubjectDefinitions.pdf

2. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey. Population Group: African American or Black alone (not including African American or Black in combination with one or more other races) in the U.S. and Arizona. <http://factfinder2.census.gov/>

3. Unmarried includes never married, separated, widowed and divorced.

4. Labor force includes civilian labor force and armed force.

5. Speak language(s) other than English at home.

* Please note that percentages may total more than or less than 100% for each category because of rounding.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey. The American Community Survey interviews the resident population without regard to the person's legal status or citizenship. Anyone who lives in the U.S. for more than two months out of the year is usually considered a resident. The survey is completed through random sample. The survey is conducted by mail to persons with mailing addresses, telephone and in-person follow-up. For more demographic information, please visit <http://factfinder2.census.gov/>.