

2021 American Community Survey (U.S. Census) Data for the City of Orlando, Florida

The U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates for various geographic areas including states, metropolitan areas, counties and cities on a rotating basis. The U.S. Census is produced every 10 years and provides the official population count used for political re-districting. The decennial census includes a limited number of questions but is available for a broad range of geographic levels (census tracts, block groups and blocks). The ACS includes a larger number of questions and uses sampling methods to estimate results at various geographic levels.

The following summary data for the City of Orlando was derived from the ACS 1-Year Estimates for 2021.

Table 1: Total Population and Race

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Total population	309,193	(X)	(X)
White	114,683	37.1%	±2.7
Black or African American	74,581	24.1%	±2.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	398	0.1%	±0.1
Asian	10,030	3.2%	±1.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	±0.1
Some other race	30,845	10.0%	±2.2
Two or more races	78,656	25.4%	±3.3

Note: ACS is based on sampling data and is therefore 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. In most instances, demographers consider a margin of error of 3% as being relatively low, with margins higher than 3% representing potentially significant variability.

Table 2. Hispanic Population

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Total population	309,193	(X)	(X)
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	106,683	34.5%	±3.2
Mexican	2,083	0.7%	±0.3
Puerto Rican	51,270	16.6%	±2.9
Cuban	6,370	2.1%	±0.9
Other Hispanic or Latino	46,960	15.2%	±2.3
Not Hispanic or Latino	202,510	65.5%	±3.2

According to the 2021 American Community Survey, 34.5% of Orlando’s residents identified as Hispanic or Latino. It should be noted that people of Hispanic or Latino origin may be of any race. Orlando’s Hispanic/Latino population has grown steadily, from 9% in 1990, to 17.5% in

Table 3. Housing Occupancy/Vacancy

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Total housing units	149,940	(X)	(X)
Occupied housing units	130,037	86.7%	±1.9
Vacant housing units	19,903	13.3%	±1.9
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.2	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	7.4	(X)	(X)

The ACS data indicates that of the 149,940 housing units located in the City of Orlando in 2021, 86.7% were occupied while 13.3% were unoccupied in 2021.

Table 4. Housing Occupancy/Vacancy

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Percent of Error
Occupied housing units	130,037	(X)	(X)
Owner-occupied	49,048	37.7%	±2.8
Renter-occupied	80,989	62.3%	±2.8

Of the 130,037 occupied housing units in Orlando in 2021, the ACS estimated that 37.7% were owner-occupied while 62.3% were renter-occupied. In percentage terms, the number of both owner-occupied homes and renter-occupied has remained approximately the same since 2020.

Table 5. Housing Unit Type

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Total housing units	149,940	(X)	(X)
1-unit, detached	46,591	31.1%	±2.6
1-unit, attached	15,228	10.2%	±1.8
2 units	3,537	2.4%	±0.8
3 or 4 units	9,289	6.2%	±1.3
5 to 9 units	16,566	11.0%	±2.0
10 to 19 units	21,621	14.4%	±2.2
20 or more units	36,850	24.6%	±2.7
Mobile home	258	0.2%	±0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	0.0%	±0.2

Of the total 149,940 housing units in Orlando, the ACS estimated that 31.1% were detached single family homes, while 10.2% were single family attached product (i.e., townhomes/villas). Conversely, approximately 68.7% of Orlando's housing stock is some form of attached product regardless of ownership.

Table 6. Housing Unit Age

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Total housing units	149,940	(X)	(X)
Built 2020 or later	1,189	0.8%	±0.5
Built 2010 to 2019	23,972	16.0%	±2.3
Built 2000 to 2009	31,927	21.3%	±2.9
Built 1990 to 1999	17,151	11.4%	±1.7
Built 1980 to 1989	21,880	14.6%	±1.7
Built 1970 to 1979	23,894	15.9%	±1.9
Built 1960 to 1969	9,549	6.4%	±1.3
Built 1950 to 1959	12,844	8.6%	±1.4
Built 1940 to 1949	4,030	2.7%	±0.8
Built 1939 or earlier	3,504	2.3%	±0.7

The 2021 ACS estimated that of the 149,940 housing units in the City of Orlando, approximately 57,088 or 38.1% were built between 2000 and 2019. About 49.5% of the City’s housing stock was built after 1990, and 64.1% was built after 1980. Essentially, this indicates that Orlando is a fairly typical Sun Belt city, with the majority of its housing growth having occurred in the past 40 years.

Table 7. Housing Units—Length of Residence

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Occupied housing units	130,037	(X)	(X)
Moved in 2019 or later	62,590	48.1%	±3.2
Moved in 2015 to 2018	32,721	25.2%	±2.4
Moved in 2010 to 2014	13,563	10.4%	±2.0
Moved in 2000 to 2009	11,071	8.5%	±1.5
Moved in 1990 to 1999	4,502	3.5%	±0.8
Moved in 1989 and earlier	5,590	4.3%	±0.9

Of the 130,037 occupied housing units in the City of Orlando in 2021, the ACS estimated that 48.1% of residents had moved in in 2019 or later, and that 25.2% had moved in to their residence between 2015 and 2018. That represents a total of 73.3% of residents having reported moving into their homes between 2015 and 2021. This figure represents a clear indicator of the transient population of Orlando.

Table 8. Sex and Age Breakdowns

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Total population	309,193	(X)	(X)
Male	149,826	48.5%	±1.7
Female	159,367	51.5%	±1.7
Age Breakdown			
Under 5 years	19,618	6.3%	±1.0
5 to 9 years	12,077	3.9%	±0.8
10 to 14 years	16,521	5.3%	±0.9
15 to 19 years	14,799	4.8%	±0.8
20 to 24 years	20,365	6.6%	±1.4
25 to 34 years	67,858	21.9%	±1.9
35 to 44 years	47,291	15.3%	±1.4
45 to 54 years	41,551	13.4%	±1.4
55 to 59 years	17,759	5.7%	±1.0
60 to 64 years	13,054	4.2%	±0.7
65 to 74 years	23,574	7.6%	±0.9
75 to 84 years	10,998	3.6%	±0.6
85 years and over	3,728	1.2%	±0.3
Median Age			
Median age (years)	35.7	(X)	(X)
Age Groups			
Under 18 years	57,649	18.6%	±1.7
16 years and over	258,748	83.7%	±1.6
18 years and over	251,544	81.4%	±1.7
21 years and over	242,580	78.5%	±1.7
62 years and over	45,433	14.7%	±1.3
65 years and over	38,300	12.4%	±1.2
Age Groups by Sex			
18 years and over	251,544	(X)	(X)
Male	119,103	47.3%	±1.6
Female	132,441	52.7%	±1.6
Seniors			
65 years and over	38,300	(X)	(X)
Male	15,659	40.9%	±4.5
Female	22,641	59.1%	±4.5

The 2021 ACS reported that the median age in the City of Orlando was 35.7. The percentage of seniors in the City (those aged 65 and over) has increased from 8.8% in 2010 to 12.4% in 2021.

Table 9. School Enrollment

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	60,332	(X)	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	5,131	8.5%	±3.3
Kindergarten	3,221	5.3%	±1.6
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	21,023	34.8%	±4.4
High school (grades 9-12)	12,108	20.1%	±3.6
College or graduate school	18,849	31.2%	±5.6

The 2021 ACS estimated that 60,332 people were enrolled in school at some level, representing approximately 19.5% of the City's resident population. Of those enrolled in school, 34.8% were school-age children (6.8% of the City's resident population).

Table 10. Educational Attainment

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Population 25 years and over	225,813	(X)	(X)
Less than 9th grade	6,651	2.9%	±0.9
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	10,028	4.4%	±1.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	55,790	24.7%	±2.4
Some college, no degree	38,132	16.9%	±2.2
Associate's degree	25,469	11.3%	±1.7
Bachelor's degree	54,764	24.3%	±2.1
Graduate or professional degree	34,979	15.5%	±1.9
Percent high school graduate or higher	209,134	92.6%	±1.4
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	89,743	39.7%	±2.4

Table 11. Place of Birth

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Total population	309,193	(X)	(X)
Native	241,239	78.0%	±2.3
Born in United States	202,938	65.6%	±2.7
State of residence	105,045	34.0%	±2.8
Different state	97,893	31.7%	±2.5
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	38,301	12.4%	±2.6
Foreign born	67,954	22.0%	±2.3

According to the 2021 ACS, of the City's total population, 78% were native born, while 22% were foreign born.

Table 12. Language Spoken at Home

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Population 5 years and over	289,575	(X)	(X)
English only	174,708	60.3%	±2.8
Language other than English	114,867	39.7%	±2.8
Speak English less than "very well"	51,606	17.8%	±2.6
Spanish	84,465	29.2%	±3.0
Speak English less than "very well"	41,016	14.2%	±2.6
Other Indo-European languages	20,863	7.2%	±1.5
Speak English less than "very well"	7,588	2.6%	±0.9
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	4,427	1.5%	±0.7
Speak English less than "very well"	1,726	0.6%	±0.3
Other languages	5,112	1.8%	±1.0
Speak English less than "very well"	1,276	0.4%	±0.2

The 2021 ACS estimated that 60.3% of the resident population (those over 5 years of age) spoke English only, while 39.7% spoke a language other than English.

Table 13. Employment

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Population 16 years and over	258,748	(X)	(X)
In labor force	179,305	69.3%	±1.9
Civilian labor force	178,805	69.1%	±1.9
Employed	164,921	63.7%	±1.9
Unemployed	13,884	5.4%	±1.2
Armed Forces	500	0.2%	±0.2
Not in labor force	79,443	30.7%	±1.9

The 2021 ACS reported that of those people aged 16 years and older, 69.3% were in the labor force, which is a decrease from 2020 (down from 72.3%). The unemployment rate for the civilian labor force reported in 2021 was 5.4%, increased from 3.6% in 2020 as the COVID-19 Pandemic entered its second year.

Table 14. Occupation

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	164,921	(X)	(X)
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	67,920	41.2%	±3.2
Service occupations	27,889	16.9%	±2.8
Sales and office occupations	38,148	23.1%	±3.2
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	8,867	5.4%	±1.4
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	22,097	13.4%	±2.1

Table 15. Industry

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	164,921	(X)	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1,006	0.6%	±0.5
Construction	10,297	6.2%	±1.9
Manufacturing	8,168	5.0%	±1.3
Wholesale trade	4,901	3.0%	±0.9
Retail trade	19,587	11.9%	±2.1
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	13,426	8.1%	±1.8
Information	3,149	1.9%	±0.7
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	12,582	7.6%	±1.4
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	24,179	14.7%	±2.2
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	29,493	17.9%	±2.0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	25,007	15.2%	±2.7
Other services, except public administration	6,905	4.2%	±1.4
Public administration	6,221	3.8%	±1.1

Table 16. Income and Benefits (In 2020 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Total households	130,037	(X)	(X)
Less than \$10,000	9,675	7.4%	±1.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5,398	4.2%	±1.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	12,378	9.5%	±1.7
\$25,000 to \$34,999	12,975	10.0%	±1.6
\$35,000 to \$49,999	18,180	14.0%	±2.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	23,172	17.8%	±2.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	15,572	12.0%	±1.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	15,317	11.8%	±1.8
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,261	4.8%	±1.1
\$200,000 or more	11,109	8.5%	±1.9
Median household income (dollars)	54,167	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	83,264	(X)	(X)

The 2021 ACS reported that the median household income has decreased from \$55,183 in 2020 to \$54,167. Approximately 45.1% of the population has a household income less than \$50,000. Approximately 11% of the population has a household income more than \$100,000.

Table 17. Commuting to Work

	2021 Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error
Workers 16 years and over	161,835	(X)	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	110,440	68.2%	±2.5
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	12,213	7.5%	±1.9
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	1,806	1.1%	±0.6
Walked	1,652	1.0%	±0.6
Other means	4,862	3.0%	±1.1
Worked at home	30,862	19.1%	±2.1
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.8	(X)	(X)