

*Fact Sheet*

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# Race & Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino

Latinos are Utah's largest and most rapidly growing ethnic minority population. Although they have resided in Utah for centuries, they were not recorded as an ethnic group in the federal statistical system until the 1970 Census. Most recently, a large migration of Latin Americans came to Utah beginning in the economic boom of the 1990s and continuing until the onset of the Great Recession in 2008. Although Mexico was the primary source region, immigrants came from throughout Central and South America. Subsequently, the growth of the Latino population in Utah has come from natural increase (births minus deaths) rather than in-migration. This fact sheet includes a selection of demographic and socioeconomic data about Utah's Hispanic or Latino population.

**Table 1**  
**Utah Historic Population by Ethnicity**

	Total Population	Hispanic or Latino	
		Number	Percent of Total
1970	1,059,273	33,911	3.2%
1980	1,461,037	60,302	4.1%
1990	1,722,850	84,597	4.9%
2000	2,233,169	201,559	9.0%
2010	2,763,885	358,340	13.0%
2015	2,995,919	409,310	13.7%

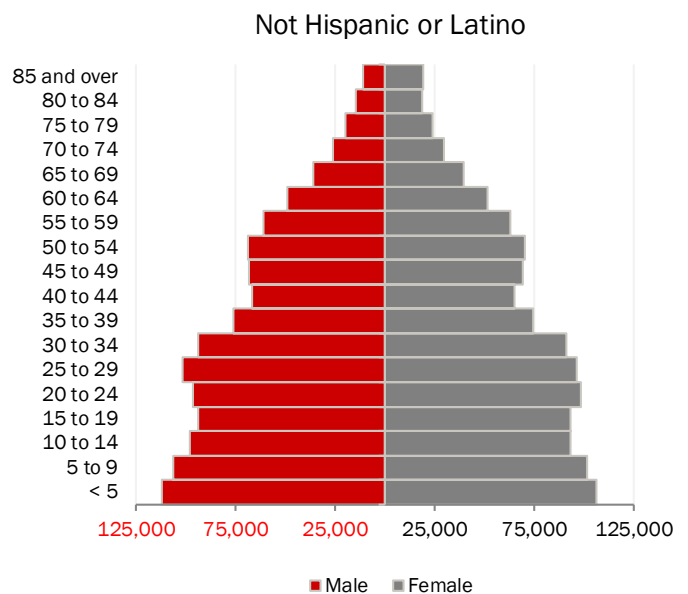
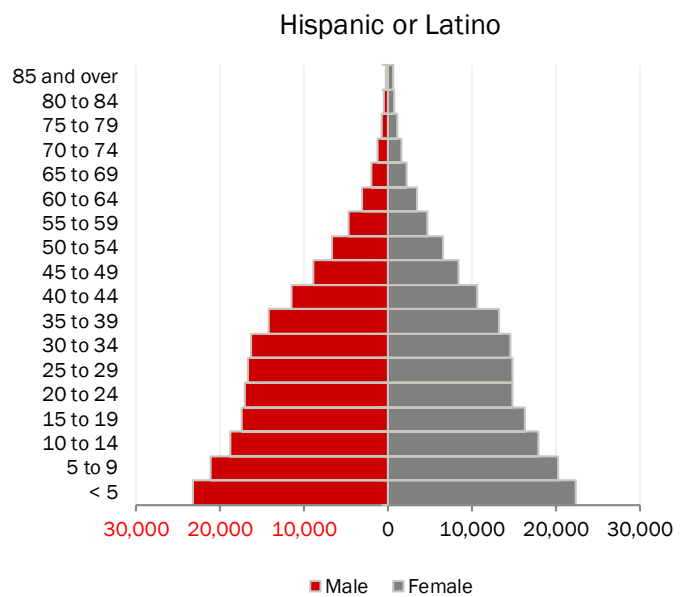
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census and U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey

**Table 2**  
**Utah Historic Population by Ethnicity and Specific Origin**

	2000		2010		2015	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Hispanic or Latino	201,559	100.0%	358,340	100.0%	409,310	100.0%
Mexican	136,416	67.7%	258,905	72.3%	298,130	72.8%
Puerto Rican	3,977	2.0%	7,182	2.0%	9,857	2.4%
Cuban	940	0.5%	1,963	0.5%	2,300	0.6%
Dominican Republic	352	0.2%	1,252	0.3%	3,164	0.8%
Central American	6,645	3.3%	20,442	5.7%	29,236	7.1%
South American	9,620	4.8%	26,028	7.3%	30,161	7.4%
Other	43,609	21.6%	42,568	11.9%	36,462	8.9%

Note: Other includes Spaniard, Spanish, and all Other Hispanic or Latino  
 Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census and U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey

**Figure 1**  
**Utah Age and Sex Distributions by Ethnicity: 2010**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

**Table 3**  
**Utah Age and Sex: 2015**

	Total Population		Not Hispanic or Latino				Hispanic or Latino					
			Total		White		Total		Native Born		Foreign Born	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,995,919	100.0%	2,586,609	100.0%	2,364,160	100.0%	409,310	100.0%	269,880	100.0%	139,430	100.0%
Male	1,506,383	50.3%	1,297,151	50.1%	1,185,167	50.1%	209,232	51.1%	137,649	51.0%	71,583	51.3%
Female	1,489,536	49.7%	1,289,458	49.9%	1,178,993	49.9%	200,078	48.9%	132,231	49.0%	67,847	48.7%
<b>Age</b>												
Under 18 years	912,333	30.5%	755,542	29.2%	678,015	28.7%	156,791	38.3%	149,880	55.5%	6,911	5.0%
18 years and over	2,083,586	69.5%	1,831,067	70.8%	1,686,145	71.3%	252,519	61.7%	120,000	44.5%	132,519	95.0%
Median Age	30.6	-	-	-	31.6	-	24.5	-	-	-	-	-

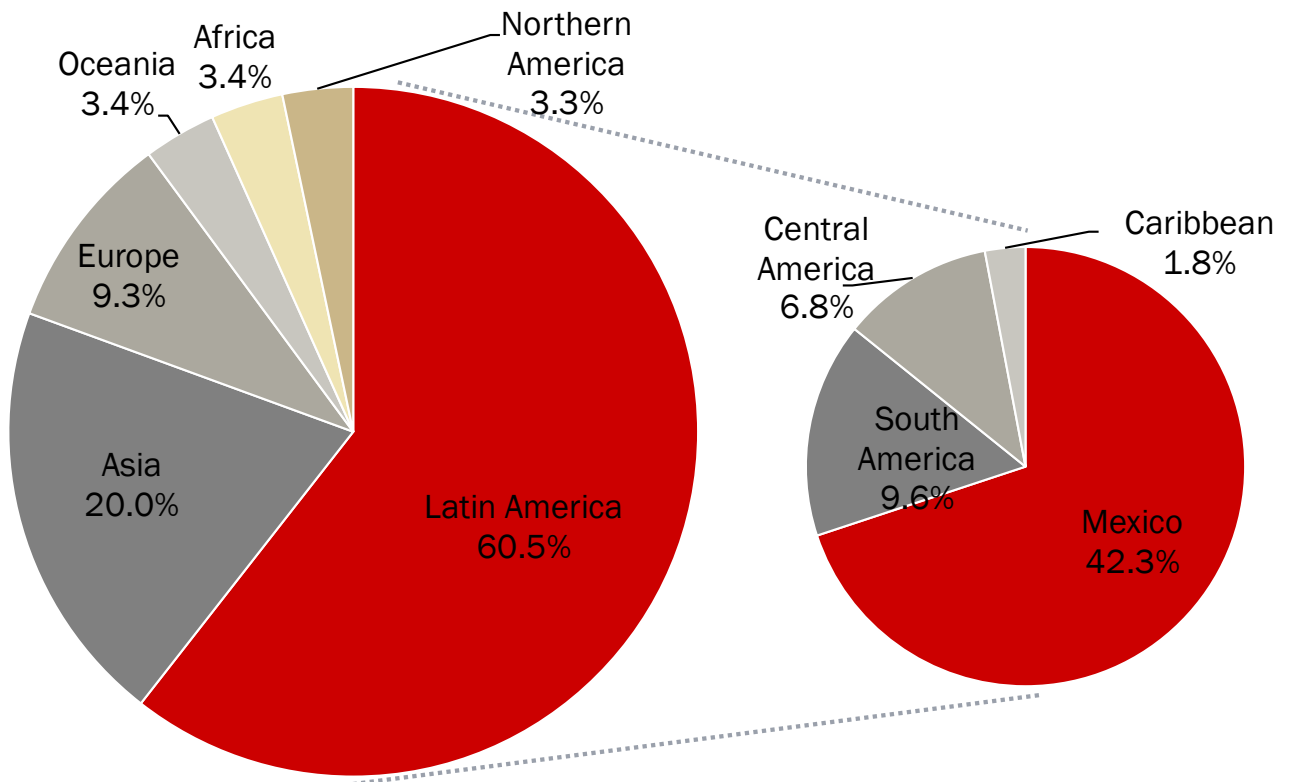
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Table 4**  
**Utah Place of Birth: 2015**

	Total Population		Not Hispanic or Latino				Hispanic or Latino	
			Total		White		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	2,995,919	100.0%	2,586,609	100.0%	2,364,160	100.0%	409,310	100.0%
Born in State of Residence	1,865,628	62.3%	1,692,803	65.4%	1,602,517	67.8%	172,825	42.2%
Born in Other State	857,907	28.6%	766,271	29.6%	702,713	29.7%	91,636	22.4%
Native, born outside U.S.	27,917	0.9%	22,498	0.9%	16,697	0.7%	5,419	1.3%
Foreign Born	244,467	8.2%	105,037	4.1%	42,233	1.8%	139,430	34.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Figure 2**  
**Utah's Foreign Born Population by Place of Birth: 2015**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Table 5**  
**Utah Language Spoken at Home: 2015**

	Total Population		Not Hispanic or Latino				Hispanic or Latino					
			Total		White		Total		Native Born		Foreign Born	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total (age 5+)	2,745,950	100.0%	2,381,692	100.0%	2,181,740	100.0%	364,258	100.0%	225,584	100.0%	138,674	100.0%
Speaks Only English at home	2,338,256	85.2%	2,212,786	92.9%	2,092,629	95.9%	125,470	34.4%	117,338	52.0%	8,132	5.9%
Does Not Speak English at Home	407,694	14.8%	168,906	7.1%	89,111	4.1%	238,788	65.6%	108,246	48.0%	130,542	94.1%
Speaks English Well	274,623	10.0%	127,456	5.4%	72,442	3.3%	147,167	40.4%	95,135	42.2%	52,032	37.5%
Speaks English less than well	133,071	4.8%	41,450	1.7%	16,669	0.8%	91,621	25.2%	13,111	5.8%	78,510	56.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Table 6**  
**Utah Fertility: 2015**

	Total Population		Not Hispanic or Latino				Hispanic or Latino	
			Total		White		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Women 15 to 50 Years who had a Birth in the Past 12 Months by Marital Status								
Total	745,983	100.0%	637,401	100.0%	576,852	100.0%	108,582	100.0%
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	51,060	6.8%	44,617	7.0%	41,376	7.2%	6,443	5.9%
Now married (including separated and spouse absent)	42,152	5.7%	38,200	6.0%	35,882	6.2%	3,952	3.6%
Unmarried (never married, widowed and divorced)	8,908	1.2%	6,417	1.0%	5,494	1.0%	2,491	2.3%
Women who did not have a birth in the past 12 months	694,923	93.2%	592,784	93.0%	535,476	92.8%	102,139	94.1%
Now married (including separated and spouse absent)	354,497	47.5%	302,809	47.5%	276,996	48.0%	51,688	47.6%
Unmarried (never married, widowed and divorced)	340,426	45.6%	289,975	45.5%	258,480	44.8%	50,451	46.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Table 7**  
**Utah Marital Status: 2015**

	Total Population		Not Hispanic or Latino				Hispanic or Latino	
			Total		White		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex by Marital Status for the Population 15 Years and Over								
Total	2,228,373	100.0%	1,953,278	100.0%	1,795,870	100.0%	275,095	100.0%
Male	1,111,888	49.9%	971,231	49.7%	893,152	49.7%	140,657	51.1%
Never married	368,608	33.2%	309,215	31.8%	273,494	30.6%	59,393	42.2%
Now married (except separated)	618,847	55.7%	550,563	56.7%	517,286	57.9%	68,284	48.5%
Separated	15,990	1.4%	12,813	1.3%	10,768	1.2%	3,177	2.3%
Widowed	19,153	1.7%	17,949	1.8%	16,692	1.9%	1,204	0.9%
Divorced	89,290	8.0%	80,691	8.3%	74,912	8.4%	8,599	6.1%
Female	1,116,485	50.1%	982,047	50.3%	902,718	50.3%	134,438	48.9%
Never married	298,417	26.7%	252,519	25.7%	222,421	24.6%	45,898	34.1%
Now married (except separated)	613,430	54.9%	547,235	55.7%	509,903	56.5%	66,195	49.2%
Separated	19,254	1.7%	13,055	1.3%	11,436	1.3%	6,199	4.6%
Widowed	65,430	5.9%	60,506	6.2%	56,144	6.2%	4,924	3.7%
Divorced	119,954	10.7%	108,732	11.1%	102,814	11.4%	11,222	8.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Table 8**  
**Utah School Enrollment: 2015**

	Total Population		Not Hispanic or Latino				Hispanic or Latino	
	Number	Percent	Total		White		Total	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
School Enrollment by Level of School for the Population (age 3 +)								
Total	2,795,749	100.0%	2,425,624	100.0%	2,223,272	100.0%	370,125	100.0%
Enrolled in school	953,887	34.1%	814,081	33.6%	731,726	32.9%	139,806	37.8%
Enrolled in nursery school, preschool	60,426	2.2%	51,368	2.1%	47,217	2.1%	9,058	2.4%
Enrolled in kindergarten	52,486	1.9%	42,831	1.8%	38,713	1.7%	9,655	2.6%
Enrolled in grade 1	53,631	1.9%	43,285	1.8%	39,274	1.8%	10,346	2.8%
Enrolled in grade 2	48,056	1.7%	40,413	1.7%	36,408	1.6%	7,643	2.1%
Enrolled in grade 3	50,480	1.8%	41,665	1.7%	37,460	1.7%	8,815	2.4%
Enrolled in grade 4	51,893	1.9%	43,399	1.8%	38,396	1.7%	8,494	2.3%
Enrolled in grade 5	52,881	1.9%	44,518	1.8%	39,086	1.8%	8,363	2.3%
Enrolled in grade 6	48,739	1.7%	40,749	1.7%	35,900	1.6%	7,990	2.2%
Enrolled in grade 7	49,443	1.8%	39,870	1.6%	35,571	1.6%	9,573	2.6%
Enrolled in grade 8	48,497	1.7%	40,418	1.7%	36,495	1.6%	8,079	2.2%
Enrolled in grade 9	49,657	1.8%	42,325	1.7%	37,886	1.7%	7,332	2.0%
Enrolled in grade 10	48,431	1.7%	39,520	1.6%	35,218	1.6%	8,911	2.4%
Enrolled in grade 11	45,309	1.6%	38,842	1.6%	35,085	1.6%	6,467	1.7%
Enrolled in grade 12	50,190	1.8%	42,925	1.8%	37,923	1.7%	7,265	2.0%
Enrolled in college, undergraduate years	212,352	7.6%	192,453	7.9%	174,650	7.9%	19,899	5.4%
Graduate or professional school	31,416	1.1%	29,500	1.2%	26,444	1.2%	1,916	0.5%
Not enrolled in school	1,841,862	65.9%	1,611,543	66.4%	1,491,546	67.1%	230,319	62.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Table 9**  
**Utah Educational Attainment: 2015**

	Total Population		Not Hispanic or Latino				Hispanic or Latino	
	Number	Percent	Total		White		Total	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex by Educational Attainment for the Population (age 25+)								
Total	1,741,949	100.0%	1,540,777	100.0%	1,428,908	100.0%	201,172	100.0%
Male	864,509	49.6%	760,983	49.4%	706,499	49.4%	103,526	51.5%
Less than 9th grade	24,232	2.8%	8,336	1.1%	5,982	0.8%	15,896	15.4%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	52,414	6.1%	34,774	4.6%	30,916	4.4%	17,640	17.0%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	203,229	23.5%	171,023	22.5%	157,612	22.3%	32,206	31.1%
Some college, no degree	215,934	25.0%	195,949	25.7%	184,066	26.1%	19,985	19.3%
Associate's degree	71,459	8.3%	66,405	8.7%	62,331	8.8%	5,054	4.9%
Bachelor's degree	182,840	21.1%	173,104	22.7%	162,031	22.9%	9,736	9.4%
Graduate or professional degree	114,401	13.2%	111,392	14.6%	103,561	14.7%	3,009	2.9%
Female	877,440	50.4%	779,794	50.6%	722,409	50.6%	97,646	48.5%
Less than 9th grade	25,717	3.0%	9,268	1.2%	6,132	0.9%	16,449	15.9%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	45,403	5.3%	31,060	4.1%	26,661	3.8%	14,343	13.9%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	218,593	25.3%	185,940	24.4%	172,208	24.4%	32,653	31.5%
Some college, no degree	242,106	28.0%	223,882	29.4%	211,869	30.0%	18,224	17.6%
Associate's degree	88,150	10.2%	82,508	10.8%	77,428	11.0%	5,642	5.4%
Bachelor's degree	185,462	21.5%	178,180	23.4%	165,906	23.5%	7,282	7.0%
Graduate or professional degree	72,009	8.3%	68,956	9.1%	62,205	8.8%	3,053	2.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Table 10**  
**Utah Geographical Mobility in Utah: 2015**

	Total Population		Not Hispanic or Latino				Hispanic or Latino	
			Total		White		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total (age 1+)	2,947,423	100.0%	2,545,862	100.0%	2,327,817	100.0%	401,561	100.0%
Same house 1 year ago	2,435,722	82.6%	2,111,408	82.9%	1,935,863	83.2%	324,314	80.8%
Moved within same county	302,104	10.2%	254,101	10.0%	228,536	9.8%	48,003	12.0%
Moved from different county within same state	88,545	3.0%	79,103	3.1%	72,943	3.1%	9,442	2.4%
Moved from different state	97,361	3.3%	82,261	3.2%	75,275	3.2%	15,100	3.8%
Moved from abroad	23,691	0.8%	18,989	0.7%	15,200	0.7%	4,702	1.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Table 11**  
**Means of Transportation to Work (age 16+) in Utah: 2015**

	Total Population		Not Hispanic or Latino				Hispanic or Latino	
			Total		White		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,393,568	100.0%	1,210,340	100.0%	1,115,647	100.0%	183,228	100.0%
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	1,058,763	76.0%	927,885	76.7%	856,322	76.8%	130,878	71.4%
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	156,168	11.2%	122,853	10.2%	113,492	10.2%	33,315	18.2%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	36,550	2.6%	31,029	2.6%	27,166	2.4%	5,521	3.0%
Walked	38,197	2.7%	31,530	2.6%	27,779	2.5%	6,667	3.6%
Taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle, or other means	26,513	1.9%	24,254	2.0%	22,423	2.0%	2,259	1.2%
Worked at home	77,377	5.6%	72,789	6.0%	68,465	6.1%	4,588	2.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Table 12**  
**Household Income in Utah: 2015**

	Total Population		Not Hispanic or Latino				Hispanic or Latino	
			Total		White		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (In 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)								
Total	930,980	100.0%	832,440	100.0%	777,446	100.0%	98,540	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	41,482	4.5%	35,500	4.3%	31,375	4.0%	5,982	6.1%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	33,009	3.5%	28,308	3.4%	24,955	3.2%	4,701	4.8%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	32,743	3.5%	27,584	3.3%	25,306	3.3%	5,159	5.2%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	39,078	4.2%	32,502	3.9%	29,743	3.8%	6,576	6.7%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	40,510	4.4%	33,675	4.0%	29,421	3.8%	6,835	6.9%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	43,802	4.7%	37,099	4.5%	34,453	4.4%	6,703	6.8%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	43,294	4.7%	37,685	4.5%	34,528	4.4%	5,609	5.7%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	43,596	4.7%	38,467	4.6%	36,001	4.6%	5,129	5.2%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	39,756	4.3%	33,285	4.0%	31,685	4.1%	6,471	6.6%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	81,324	8.7%	71,517	8.6%	66,991	8.6%	9,807	10.0%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	112,784	12.1%	101,330	12.2%	95,274	12.3%	11,454	11.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	139,642	15.0%	128,528	15.4%	121,812	15.7%	11,114	11.3%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	92,603	9.9%	86,648	10.4%	82,829	10.7%	5,955	6.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	50,551	5.4%	48,404	5.8%	45,794	5.9%	2,147	2.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	53,165	5.7%	49,229	5.9%	47,454	6.1%	3,936	4.0%
\$200,000 or more	43,641	4.7%	42,679	5.1%	39,825	5.1%	962	1.0%
Median Household Income	\$62,912	-	-	-	\$66,516	-	\$46,677	-

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Table 13**  
**Households in Utah: 2015**

	Total Population		Not Hispanic or Latino				Hispanic or Latino	
			Total		White Alone		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Households	930,980	100.0%	832,440	100.0%	777,446	100.0%	98,540	100.0%
Family households	693,181	74.5%	614,614	73.8%	575,747	74.1%	78,567	79.7%
Married-couple family	564,803	60.7%	511,052	61.4%	482,463	62.1%	53,751	54.5%
Other family	128,378	13.8%	103,562	12.4%	93,284	12.0%	24,816	25.2%
Male householder, no wife present	39,778	4.3%	33,022	4.0%	30,604	3.9%	6,756	6.9%
Female householder, no husband present	88,600	9.5%	70,540	8.5%	62,680	8.1%	18,060	18.3%
Nonfamily households	237,799	25.5%	217,826	26.2%	201,699	25.9%	19,973	20.3%
Householder living alone	184,180	19.8%	170,680	20.5%	159,200	20.5%	13,500	13.7%
Householder not living alone	53,619	5.8%	47,146	5.7%	42,499	5.5%	6,473	6.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Table 11**  
**Grandparents Living with Grandchildren in Utah: 2015**

	Total Population		Not Hispanic or Latino				Hispanic or Latino	
			Total		White Alone		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Grandparents Living with own grandchildren under 18 years	69,342	100.0%	54,471	100.0%	48,326	100.0%	14,871	100.0%
Grandparent responsible for own grandchildren	18,738	27.0%	14,972	27.5%	12,815	26.5%	3,766	25.3%
Grandparent not responsible for own grandchildren	50,604	73.0%	39,499	72.5%	35,511	73.5%	11,105	74.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Note: 2015 American Community Survey estimates are based on a sample of housing units and people and are subject to sampling variability. For additional information, visit [www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/](http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)

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