

Marital Events of Selected Group Quarters Populations: 2009–2011

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Marriage, divorce, and widowhood are important events in people's lives. The American Community Survey (ACS) provides us with the unique opportunity to examine the incidence of recent marriage, divorce, and widowhood among people living in group quarters. This report focuses on three well-known group quarters populations: those in military quarters, those in adult correctional facilities, and those in nursing facilities. Using the 3-year 2009–2011 ACS data, this report features a look at the demographic and marital event characteristics of these three groups.¹

This report is one of a series produced to highlight results from the 2009–2011 ACS. The ACS provides detailed estimates of demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics for Congressional districts, counties, places, and other localities every year. A description of the ACS is provided in the text box "What Is the American Community Survey?"

THE POPULATION IN MILITARY QUARTERS

There were approximately 339,000 people living in the United States in military quarters. This is a subset of the 1.4 million active-duty personnel in the military:²

¹ For further details about group quarters, see the "Group Quarters" section starting on p. 8 of the ACS subject definitions at <www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/SubjectDefinitions/2010_ACSSubjectDefinitions.pdf>. For further details about the various types of group quarters, refer to <www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/GroupDefinitions/2010GQ_Definitions.pdf>.

² Note that the proportion of active-duty military personnel who live in military quarters is relatively small. There are some 1.4 million active-duty personnel. About 1.08 million of these men and women live in the United States, in areas covered by the ACS sampling frame. See the Department of Defense's recent report detailing the location of active-duty personnel as of the end of fiscal year 2011 at <<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/MILITARY/history/hst1109.pdf>>.

some active-duty personnel live in households off base, some live in households on base, and some live in military quarters. In the ACS, those living with their families either off base or on base are counted as part of the household population, while those living in military barracks or on ships are counted as part of the group quarters, military quarters population. Spouses cannot reside in barracks. Those going through basic training must reside in barracks. Thus, keep in mind, as we discuss the characteristics of the population in military quarters, that this is a specific subset of the military population as a whole.

Not surprisingly, the vast majority (78 percent) were 18 to 24 years old, with another 17 percent aged 25 to 34 (Table 1).³ Eighty-seven percent were male (Table 2) and 62 percent had moved in the past 12 months.

As we would expect, given the age distribution of the group, 82 percent of the military quarters population was never married.⁴ Of the 18 percent who were ever married, most (14 percent) were currently married, while 1 percent were separated, and 3 percent were divorced.

Exploring recent marital events in this young, mostly male, highly mobile population:

- Thirty-nine percent of those currently married were married in the past 12 months.

³ Table 1 includes a column labeled "In all other group quarters," which includes those in: (1) juvenile facilities, (2) other institutional facilities, (3) college/university student housing, and (4) other non-institutional facilities. This estimate is provided in the table for reference but is not discussed in this brief.

⁴ See Table B1 2007 in American FactFinder for the median age at first marriage <<http://factfinder2.census.gov/>>.

Table 1.

Marital Characteristics of Selected Group Quarters Populations and the Population in Households: 2009–2011

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/acs/www)

Characteristic	In military quarters		In adult correctional facilities		In nursing facilities		In all other group quarters ¹		In households	
	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent
Total population 18 years and over . . .	339,288	100.0	2,255,803	100.0	1,507,289	100.0	3,677,262	100.0	227,406,540	100.0
Selected Age Groups										
18 to 24 years	266,148	78.4	397,140	17.6	3,342	0.2	2,615,363	71.1	27,555,720	12.1
25 to 34 years	57,832	17.0	736,003	32.6	10,052	0.7	217,449	5.9	40,119,356	17.6
35 to 44 years	12,756	3.8	566,695	25.1	22,330	1.5	182,415	5.0	40,349,780	17.7
45 to 54 years	2,182	0.6	402,132	17.8	67,973	4.5	247,953	6.7	44,110,365	19.4
55 to 64 years	(B)	(B)	124,393	5.5	138,741	9.2	179,628	4.9	36,310,667	16.0
65 years and over	(B)	(B)	29,440	1.3	1,264,851	83.9	234,454	6.4	38,960,652	17.1
Moved in the Last 12 Months	209,409	61.7	1,197,114	53.1	422,549	28.0	1,913,233	52.0	32,099,996	14.1
Current Marital Status										
Married	47,742	14.1	348,294	15.4	275,472	18.3	144,490	3.9	120,801,079	53.1
Widowed	(B)	(B)	36,340	1.6	740,627	49.1	101,090	2.7	14,044,131	6.2
Divorced	10,034	3.0	383,865	17.0	203,431	13.5	154,035	4.2	25,969,059	11.4
Separated	3,253	1.0	115,913	5.1	24,278	1.6	42,066	1.1	5,277,443	2.3
Never married	277,953	81.9	1,371,391	60.8	263,481	17.5	3,235,581	88.0	61,314,828	27.0
Ever-married population 18 years and over	61,335	100.0	884,412	100.0	1,243,808	100.0	441,681	100.0	166,091,712	100.0
Marital Event in Last 12 Months										
Married	18,384	30.0	27,600	3.1	1,503	0.1	12,721	2.9	4,220,018	2.5
Of those married ²	(X)	38.5	(X)	7.9	(X)	0.5	(X)	8.8	(X)	3.5
Widowed	(B)	(B)	3,954	0.4	24,893	2.0	3,691	0.8	1,356,925	0.8
Of those widowed ²	(X)	(B)	(X)	10.9	(X)	3.4	(X)	3.7	(X)	9.7
Divorced	4,040	6.6	33,892	3.8	3,325	0.3	8,584	1.9	2,288,383	1.4
Of those divorced ²	(X)	40.3	(X)	8.8	(X)	1.6	(X)	5.6	(X)	8.8
Number of Times Married										
Once	54,684	89.2	649,505	73.4	989,169	79.5	341,543	77.3	125,140,062	75.3
Twice	5,901	9.6	175,261	19.8	196,376	15.8	75,045	17.0	32,338,918	19.5
Three or more times	(B)	(B)	59,646	6.7	58,263	4.7	25,093	5.7	8,612,732	5.2

(B) Number (or number derived figure is based on) is too small to meet statistical standards for reliability.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes population in dorms, juvenile facilities, and other institutional and noninstitutional group quarters.

² Percent reporting a marital event based on those in that marital status.

Note: See Appendix Table 1 for the margins of error that accompany the estimates in this table.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009–2011 American Community Survey.

- Forty percent of those currently divorced were divorced in the past 12 months.⁵

Of those who were ever married, most of the military quarters population had been married once

⁵ The percentage of married people in military quarters who were married in the past 12 months was not significantly different from the percentage of divorced people in military quarters who were divorced in the past 12 months.

(89 percent), while 10 percent had been married twice.

THE POPULATION IN ADULT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

There were approximately 2.26 million people in adult correctional facilities in the United States. The largest proportion of people in adult correctional facilities were 25 to 34 years old (33 percent), followed by 35- to 44-year-olds (25

percent). Less than 10 percent were 55 years and older. Ninety-one percent were male and 53 percent had moved in the past 12 months.

Like those in military quarters, most adults living in correctional facilities were never married (61 percent). Another 15 percent were married, 5 percent were separated, 17 percent were divorced, and 2 percent were widowed. Men in

Table 2.

Marital Characteristics of Selected Group Quarters Populations by Sex: 2009–2011(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/acs/www)

Characteristic	In military quarters				In adult correctional facilities				In nursing facilities			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent
Total population 18 years and over . . .	293,991	100.0	45,297	100.0	2,059,398	100.0	196,405	100.0	497,188	100.0	1,010,101	100.0
Selected Age Groups												
18 to 24 years	229,496	78.1	36,652	80.9	366,523	17.8	30,617	15.6	2,182	0.4	1,160	0.1
25 to 34 years	50,992	17.3	6,840	15.1	666,136	32.3	69,867	35.6	5,927	1.2	4,125	0.4
35 to 44 years	11,250	3.8	1,506	3.3	512,822	24.9	53,873	27.4	13,318	2.7	9,012	0.9
45 to 54 years	1,998	0.7	(B)	(B)	368,532	17.9	33,600	17.1	37,850	7.6	30,123	3.0
55 to 64 years	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	117,005	5.7	7,388	3.8	71,859	14.5	66,882	6.6
65 years and over	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	28,380	1.4	1,060	0.5	366,052	73.6	898,799	89.0
Moved in the Last 12 Months	180,831	61.5	28,578	63.1	1,071,415	52.0	125,699	64.0	158,382	31.9	264,167	26.2
Current Marital Status												
Married	41,787	14.2	5,955	13.1	315,757	15.3	32,537	16.6	147,640	29.7	127,832	12.7
Widowed	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	29,378	1.4	6,962	3.5	125,792	25.3	614,835	60.9
Divorced	7,596	2.6	2,438	5.4	344,304	16.7	39,561	20.1	82,088	16.5	121,343	12.0
Separated	3,112	1.1	(B)	(B)	98,158	4.8	17,755	9.0	11,899	2.4	12,379	1.2
Never married	241,230	82.1	36,723	81.1	1,271,801	61.8	99,590	50.7	129,769	26.1	133,712	13.2
Ever-married population 18 years and over	52,761	100.0	8,574	100.0	787,597	100.0	96,815	100.0	367,419	100.0	876,389	100.0
Marital Event in Last 12 Months												
Married	15,714	29.8	2,670	31.1	24,560	3.1	3,040	3.1	1,100	0.3	(B)	(B)
Of those married ¹	(X)	37.6	(X)	44.8	(X)	7.8	(X)	9.3	(X)	0.7	(X)	(B)
Widowed	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3,554	0.5	(B)	(B)	7,352	2.0	17,541	2.0
Of those widowed ¹	(X)	(B)	(X)	(B)	(X)	12.1	(X)	(B)	(X)	5.8	(X)	2.9
Divorced	3,246	6.2	(B)	(B)	29,918	3.8	3,974	4.1	1,838	0.5	1,487	0.2
Of those divorced ¹	(X)	42.7	(X)	(B)	(X)	8.7	(X)	10.0	(X)	2.2	(X)	1.2
Number of Times Married												
Once	46,956	89.0	7,728	90.1	584,128	74.2	65,377	67.5	280,683	76.4	708,486	80.8
Twice	5,185	9.8	(B)	(B)	152,914	19.4	22,347	23.1	63,995	17.4	132,381	15.1
Three or more times	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	50,555	6.4	9,091	9.4	22,741	6.2	35,522	4.1

(B) Number (or number derived figure is based on) is too small to meet statistical standards for reliability.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Percent reporting a marital event based on those in that marital status.

Note: See Appendix Table 2 for the margins of error that accompany the estimates in this table.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009–2011 American Community Survey.

adult correctional facilities were more likely than women to be never married (62 percent compared with 51 percent of women) and less likely to be separated (5 percent compared with 9 percent of women) or divorced (17 percent compared with 20 percent of women).

Exploring recent marital events in this predominantly male population:

- Eight percent of those currently married were married in the past 12 months.
- Nine percent of those currently divorced were divorced in the past 12 months.
- Eleven percent of those currently widowed were widowed in the past 12 months.

Among those who were ever married, most of the population in adult correctional facilities had

married once (73 percent), while 20 percent had married twice, and 7 percent had married three or more times. Men were more likely than women to have been married only once (74 percent of ever-married men compared with 68 percent of ever-married women.)

THE POPULATION IN NURSING FACILITIES

There were approximately 1.51 million people in nursing facilities last

year. Two-thirds were women. The majority were 65 years or older (84 percent), with 9 percent 55 to 64 years old, 5 percent 45 to 54 years old, and 2 percent younger than 45 years old. A higher percentage of women than men were 65 years and older—89 percent compared with 74 percent. Twenty-eight percent of those in nursing facilities had moved in the past 12 months.

Since the majority of this group were 65 years and older, and female, it is not surprising to find that 49 percent of people in nursing facilities were widowed. Eighteen percent were currently married, 2 percent were separated, 14 percent were divorced, and 18 percent were never married.⁶ Women were more likely to be widowed than men (61 percent of women compared with 25 percent of men). Men were more likely to be married than women (30 percent of men compared with 13 percent of women). Men in nursing facilities were also more likely to be never married than women (26 percent compared with 13 percent).

Exploring recent marital events in this mostly female, older population:

- One percent of those currently married were married in the past 12 months.
- Two percent of those currently divorced were divorced in the past 12 months.
- Three percent of those currently widowed were widowed in the past 12 months.

A higher percentage of widowed men were widowed in the past 12 months (6 percent compared with 3 percent of widowed women).

⁶ The percentage of people in nursing facilities who were currently married was significantly different from the percentage of people in nursing facilities who were never married.

Of those who were ever married, 80 percent of people in nursing facilities had married once, while 16 percent had married twice, and 5 percent had married three or more times. Women were more likely than men to have been married only once (81 percent compared with 76 percent of men).

HOW DO THESE POPULATIONS COMPARE ON BASIC SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS?

The population in adult correctional facilities and military quarters was younger than those in households, while those in nursing facilities were older.⁷ For instance, 95 percent of those in military quarters were aged 18 to 34, compared with 50 percent of those in adult correctional facilities, 30 percent of those in households, and 1 percent of those in nursing facilities. Conversely, 1 percent of those in adult correctional facilities were aged 65 or older, compared with 17 percent of those in households and 84 percent of those in nursing facilities.

The race and origin distribution of these populations differ and in some cases reflect the age distribution of the groups (Figure 1). White non-Hispanics were overrepresented in the nursing facilities population, and underrepresented in military quarters and correctional facilities, compared with the proportion of adults in households who were White non-Hispanic.⁸ Seventy-nine percent of those in nursing facilities were White non-Hispanic, compared with 67 percent of those in households. Conversely, Black non-Hispanics were

⁷ While people of other ages are present in some of these four comparison groups, we included only the population 18 years and older in this brief.

⁸ All race groups mentioned in this paragraph refer to the single-race population. For instance, “White non-Hispanic” refers to the White alone, non-Hispanic population.

overrepresented in all three types of group quarters, most notably in correctional facilities, where 39 percent were Black, compared with 11 percent of adults in households. Those in adult correctional facilities had the highest percentage who were Hispanic (20 percent), while those in nursing facilities had the lowest (5 percent). The percentage of adults in nursing facilities who were Hispanic (5 percent) was less than half the percentage of adults in households who were Hispanic (14 percent). The overrepresentation of non-Hispanic Whites and underrepresentation of Hispanics in the nursing facilities population reflects the older age distribution of non-Hispanic Whites and younger age distribution of Hispanics.

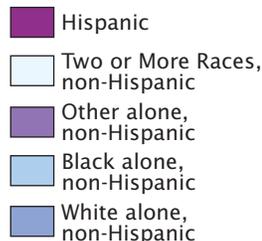
Looking at the percentage of those who moved in the past 12 months, people in all three types of group quarters were more likely to have moved than those in households: 62 percent of those in military quarters, 53 percent of those in adult correctional facilities, and 28 percent of those in nursing facilities, compared with 14 percent of those in households.

Comparing the marital status of the household population with these groups, a much higher percentage of people in households were married (53 percent) compared with 14 percent of those in military quarters, 15 percent of those in adult correctional facilities, and 18 percent of those in nursing facilities. People in adult correctional facilities were more likely to be separated (5 percent, compared with 2 percent of those in households, 1 percent of those in military quarters, and 2 percent in nursing facilities).⁹ Those

⁹ The percentage of people in households who were separated was significantly different from the percentage of people in nursing facilities who were separated.

Figure 1.
**Population 18 Years and Older
 in Selected Group Quarters and
 Households by Race: 2009–2011**

(In percent. Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/acs/www/)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009–2011 American Community Survey.

in adult correctional facilities also had the highest percentage divorced (17 percent, compared with 3 percent of those in military quarters, 14 percent of those in nursing facilities, and 11 percent in households). Reflecting their older age distribution, the population in nursing facilities had the highest percentage widowed (49 percent, compared with 2 percent of those in adult correctional facilities and 6 percent of those in households). As we would expect given their younger age profile, those in military quarters had the highest percentage never married (82 percent, compared with 61 percent

of those in adult correctional facilities, 18 percent of those in nursing facilities, and 27 percent of those in households).

HOW DO THESE POPULATIONS COMPARE ON MARITAL EVENTS?

In comparing the incidence of recent marital events across these groups, the percentage of those in military quarters who experienced a marital event in the past 12 months is striking compared with the other groups. Thirty-nine percent of married people in military quarters got married in the past 12 months, compared with 8 percent

of those in adult correctional facilities, 1 percent of those in nursing facilities, and 4 percent of those in households. Forty percent of divorced people in military quarters were divorced in the past 12 months, compared with 9 percent of those in adult correctional facilities, 2 percent of those in nursing facilities, and 9 percent of those in households. It is important to keep in mind that while a high proportion of divorced people in military quarters had recently divorced, overall a low proportion of the population in military quarters was divorced. For the population in military quarters, the relatively high rate of recent marital events for the ever-married population combined with a high percentage of people who moved in the past 12 months (62 percent) suggests that a higher percentage of folks in the military population might be juggling multiple life changes simultaneously.¹⁰ It is also a reflection of the young age distribution of this group.

Ever-married people in military quarters were most likely to have married only once (89 percent, compared with 80 percent of those in nursing facilities, 75 percent of those in households, and 73 percent of those in adult correctional facilities). Those in adult correctional facilities had the highest percentage of those ever married who had been married three or more times (7 percent, compared with 5 percent of those in households and nursing facilities). The number of times that adults have been married corresponds to the age structure of the groups, since younger people are more likely to have been married only once. However,

¹⁰ The population in military quarters had the highest percentage that had both moved in the past 12 months and had a marital event in the past 12 months (4 percent, compared with 1 to 2 percent of those in adult correctional facilities, nursing facilities, and households).

the fact that the relatively younger population in correctional facilities had a higher percentage married three or more times than those in nursing facilities may reflect a higher level of instability for those in correctional facilities.

CONCLUSION

Ever married people in military quarters were most likely to have been married, widowed, or divorced in the past 12 months (36 percent, compared with 7 percent of those in adult correctional facilities, 2 percent of those in nursing facilities, and 5 percent of those in households). To put this in context, however, keep in mind that the percentage who were ever married was smallest in military quarters (18 percent, compared with 39 percent of those in adult correctional facilities, 73 percent of those in households, and 83 percent of those in nursing facilities).

Each of the three group quarters populations described in this brief have distinctive demographic and marital history traits, much of which can be explained by age differences in these populations, and some of which may be related to the specific circumstances of these different groups. The statistics reveal that these group quarters populations are generally more likely than those in households to have gone through a transition of some kind in the past 12 months. Those in all three group quarters

What Is the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey designed to provide communities with reliable and timely demographic, social, economic, and housing data for the nation, states, congressional districts, counties, places, and other localities every year. It has an annual sample size of about 3.3 million addresses across the United States and Puerto Rico and includes both housing units and group quarters (e.g., nursing facilities and prisons). The ACS is conducted in every county throughout the nation, and every municipio in Puerto Rico, where it is called the Puerto Rico Community Survey. Beginning in 2006, ACS data for 2005 were released for geographic areas with populations of 65,000 and greater. For information on the ACS sample design and other topics, visit www.census.gov/acs/www.

populations highlighted in this report were more likely to have moved, and all but those in nursing facilities were more likely to have experienced a marital event compared with those in households. In many cases, these transitions might affect not just the individual but their families as well.

SOURCE AND ACCURACY

The data presented in this report are based on the ACS sample interviewed in 2011. The estimates based on this sample approximate the actual values and represent the entire household and group quarters population. Sampling error is the difference between an estimate based in a sample and the corresponding value that would be obtained if the estimate were based on the entire population (as from a census). Measures of the sampling

errors are provided in the form of margins of error for all estimates included in this report. All comparative statements in this report have undergone statistical testing, and comparisons are significant at the 90 percent level unless otherwise noted. In addition to sampling error, nonsampling error may be introduced during any of the operations used to collect and process survey data such as editing, reviewing, or keying data from questionnaires. For more information on sampling and estimation methods, confidentiality protection, and sampling and nonsampling errors, please see the 2011 ACS Accuracy of the Data document located at www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2011.pdf.

Appendix Table 1.

Margins of Error for Table 1: Marital Characteristics of Selected Group Quarters Populations and the Population in Households:¹ 2009–2011

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/acs/www)

Characteristic	In military quarters		In adult correctional facilities		In nursing facilities		In all other group quarters ²		In households	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total population 18 years and over . . .	993	(X)	1,035	(X)	109	(X)	3,383	(X)	12,237	(X)
Selected Age Groups										
18 to 24 years	3,300	0.9	4,430	0.2	442	–	5,764	0.2	16,707	–
25 to 34 years	2,585	0.8	4,427	0.2	884	0.1	4,662	0.1	12,504	–
35 to 44 years	1,184	0.3	5,303	0.2	1,082	0.1	3,840	0.1	13,749	–
45 to 54 years	468	0.1	4,780	0.2	2,067	0.1	4,798	0.1	12,680	–
55 to 64 years	(B)	(B)	2,579	0.1	3,019	0.2	4,182	0.1	9,266	–
65 years and over	(B)	(B)	1,412	0.1	3,760	0.2	5,190	0.1	9,716	–
Moved in the Last 12 Months	4,122	1.2	6,955	0.3	4,253	0.3	10,017	0.3	111,300	–
Current Marital Status										
Married	2,388	0.7	4,913	0.2	3,408	0.2	4,328	0.1	190,903	0.1
Widowed	(B)	(B)	1,403	0.1	5,058	0.3	3,394	0.1	28,113	–
Divorced	986	0.3	4,124	0.2	3,356	0.2	3,583	0.1	69,873	–
Separated	504	0.1	2,535	0.1	1,134	0.1	1,839	–	25,293	–
Never married	2,767	0.8	6,703	0.3	3,983	0.3	6,268	0.2	123,274	0.1
Ever-married population 18 years and over	2,578	(X)	6,716	(X)	3,997	(X)	6,104	(X)	132,291	(X)
Marital Event in Last 12 Months										
Married	1,203	1.8	1,240	0.1	310	–	1,112	0.3	27,054	–
Of those married ³	(X)	2.1	(X)	0.3	(X)	0.1	(X)	0.8	(X)	–
Widowed	(B)	(B)	459	0.1	1,349	0.1	634	0.1	10,364	–
Of those widowed ³	(X)	(B)	(X)	1.2	(X)	0.2	(X)	0.6	(X)	0.1
Divorced	690	1.1	1,256	0.1	435	–	1,047	0.2	15,965	–
Of those divorced ³	(X)	5.7	(X)	0.3	(X)	0.2	(X)	0.7	(X)	0.1
Number of Times Married										
Once	2,505	1.1	5,542	0.3	5,499	0.3	5,972	0.7	134,216	–
Twice	648	1.0	2,705	0.3	3,301	0.3	2,870	0.6	47,496	–
Three or more times	(B)	(B)	1,841	0.2	1,928	0.2	1,524	0.3	26,073	–

– Represents or rounds to zero.

(B) Number (or number derived figure is based on) is too small to meet statistical standards for reliability.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. When added to and subtracted from the estimate, the margin of error forms the 90 percent confidence interval.

² Includes population in dorms, juvenile facilities, and other institutional and noninstitutional group quarters.

³ Percent reporting a marital event based on those in that marital status.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009–2011 American Community Survey.

Appendix Table 2.

Margins of Error for Table 2: Marital Characteristics of Selected Group Quarters Populations by Sex:¹ 2009–2011

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/acs/www)

Characteristic	In military quarters				In adult correctional facilities				In nursing facilities			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total population 18 years and over . . .	2,240	(X)	2,095	(X)	5,001	(X)	4,810	(X)	4,158	(X)	4,162	(X)
Selected Age Groups												
18 to 24 years	3,287	1.0	2,025	1.8	4,193	0.2	1,478	0.6	369	0.1	276	–
25 to 34 years	2,447	0.8	811	1.7	4,318	0.2	2,023	0.8	686	0.1	555	0.1
35 to 44 years	1,134	0.4	405	0.9	4,941	0.2	2,005	0.6	818	0.2	647	0.1
45 to 54 years	422	0.1	(B)	(B)	4,443	0.2	1,523	0.6	1,400	0.3	1,224	0.1
55 to 64 years	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	2,502	0.1	570	0.3	2,161	0.4	1,844	0.2
65 years and over	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	1,420	0.1	249	0.1	3,934	0.5	4,488	0.2
Moved in the Last 12 Months	4,116	1.3	1,708	2.5	6,813	0.3	3,494	0.9	3,170	0.6	3,279	0.3
Current Marital Status												
Married	2,196	0.7	721	1.5	4,980	0.2	1,465	0.5	2,167	0.4	2,402	0.2
Widowed	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	1,278	0.1	622	0.3	2,931	0.5	4,463	0.3
Divorced	862	0.3	462	1.0	3,526	0.2	1,561	0.6	2,046	0.4	2,520	0.3
Separated	490	0.2	(B)	(B)	2,384	0.1	867	0.4	866	0.2	635	0.1
Never married	2,751	0.8	1,860	1.7	7,182	0.3	2,722	0.7	2,645	0.5	2,678	0.3
Ever-married population 18 years and over	2,349	(X)	881	(X)	6,624	(X)	2,750	(X)	3,659	(X)	4,592	(X)
Marital Event in Last 12 Months												
Married	1,061	1.8	526	4.8	1,138	0.1	408	0.4	267	0.1	(B)	(B)
Of those married ²	(X)	2.0	(X)	7.0	(X)	0.3	(X)	1.2	(X)	0.2	(X)	(B)
Widowed	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	439	0.1	(B)	(B)	542	0.1	1,268	0.1
Of those widowed ²	(X)	(B)	(X)	(B)	(X)	1.4	(X)	(B)	(X)	0.4	(X)	0.2
Divorced	629	1.2	(B)	(B)	1,116	0.1	434	0.4	306	0.1	285	–
Of those divorced ²	(X)	7.0	(X)	(B)	(X)	0.3	(X)	1.0	(X)	0.4	(X)	0.2
Number of Times Married												
Once	2,329	1.3	870	3.5	5,627	0.4	2,174	1.2	3,476	0.6	4,614	0.3
Twice	646	1.2	(B)	(B)	2,627	0.3	1,232	1.1	2,017	0.5	2,877	0.3
Three or more times	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	1,615	0.2	718	0.7	1,123	0.3	1,505	0.2

– Represents or rounds to zero.

(B) Number (or number derived figure is based on) is too small to meet statistical standards for reliability.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. When added to and subtracted from the estimate, the margin of error forms the 90 percent confidence interval.

² Percent reporting a marital event based on those in that marital status.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009–2011 American Community Survey.