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AMERICAN SOCIETY A CHANGING MOSAIC, CENSUS ANCESTRY STUDY SHOWS

Americans continue to identify with their ancestral roots and mother tongues, according to a report by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

The report says 83 percent of individuals surveyed reported at least one specific ancestry, 6 percent reported "American" or "United States," while 11 percent provided no ancestry. About 20 percent (32.4 million) of the population 14 years old and over grew up in households in which a language other than English was spoken.

The report is based on a 1979 population survey which asked questions on ancestry, country of birth, mother tongue, current language spoken at home, ability to speak English, and ability to read and write in any language.

The study was designed to serve as a bridge between the 1970 and 1980 decennial censuses. Bureau officials indicated population estimates may differ slightly with counts from the 1980 census because of differences in collecting and processing data.

Other highlights from the report:

- o German, Irish, and English are the largest ancestry groups. About 52 million people classify themselves as solely or partly of German ancestry. The other ancestry groups most frequently reported (either alone or with another ancestry group) are Irish (44 million), English (40 million), Afro-American or African (16 million), Scottish (14 million), French (14 million), Spanish (12 million), Italian (12 million), American Indian (10 million), Polish (8 million), and Dutch (8 million).
- o A single ancestry was reported by 45 percent of the total population; about 38 percent provided more than one ancestry group.
- o The most frequently reported mother tongues other than English were Spanish (7.7 million persons), German (5.1 million), Italian (4.1 million), Polish (2.5 million), French (2.4 million) and Yiddish (1.2 million).
- o A language other than English is spoken at home by about 9 percent of the population 5 years old and over. Slightly less than half of the 18 million persons 5 and over who speak a language other than English at home speak Spanish. Italian, German, French, and Polish are the other most frequently spoken languages.
- o About 8 percent (2.6 million) of elementary-school age children (5 to 13 years old) speak languages other than English at home. Two-thirds (1.8 million) of all children who speak languages other than English at home speak Spanish.

- o Of the 18 million people who speak languages other than English at home, 22 percent do not speak English at all or speak English "not well"; about 20 percent speak English "well"; the remaining 58 percent speak English "very well."
- o About 981,000 people (0.6 percent) 14 years old and over had not attended the 6th grade and could not read and write in any language. The proportion is larger among older persons and among persons who are foreign born.

Information from the 1980 census on ancestry and current language spoken in the home will be available for the United States, states, and substate areas in late 1982 and early 1983.

Copies of the report, Ancestry and Language in the United

States: November 1979, Series P-23, No. 116, may be obtained for

\$2.50 each prepaid from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S.

Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or from

Commerce district offices in major U.S. cities.

(NOTE: The ancestry question in the survey was open-ended, did not list examples of responses, and asked respondents to self-identify their ancestry. Social and economic characteristics of specific single and multiple ancestries, and definitions and explanations are presented in the report.)

Reported Single and Multiple Ancestries: November 1979

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

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Ancestry	Total	Percent of total	Number	Percent	multiple ancestry	Total	Single ancestry	Kultiple encestr	
Reported at least one specific ancestry	1179,078	1100.0	96,496	100.0	¹ 82,582	100.0	53.9	46.	
Afro-American, African	16,193	9.0	15,057	15.6	1,136	100.0	93.0	7.0	
American Indian	9,900	5.3	2,053	2.1	7,847	100.0	20.7	79 - 14 - 14 - 1	
Agian Indian	182	0.1	156	0.2	26	100.0	85.7 36.0	64.	
American	1,070	0.6	385	0.4	685 335	100.0	25.2	74.	
Raiotan	448	0.3	113	0.2	381	100.0	37.4	62.	
Committee	609	0.3	228	0.2	165	100.0	76.6	23.	
Chinese, Taiwanese	705	0.4	540 794	0.8	901	100.0	46.8	53.	
Czechoslowakiam	1,695	0.9	438	0.5	1,234	100.0	26.2	73.	
Denish	1,672	4.5	1,362	1.4	6,759	100.0	16.8	83.	
Breah.	8,121 40,004	22.3	11,501	11.9	28,503	100.0	28.7	71.	
Milaina	764	0.4	525	0.5	239	100.0	68.7	31. 58.	
P4mn4sh	616	0.3	255	0.3	361	100.0	41.4	78.	
Prench	14,047	7.8	3,047	3.2	11,000	100.0	55.3	44.	
Pronch Canadian	1,053	0.6	582	0.6	471	100.0	33.2	66.	
German	51,649	28.8	17,160	17.8	34,489	100.0	57.3	42.	
6-mak	990	0.6	567	0.6	1,058	120.0	33.5	66.	
Experien.	1,592	0.9	534	0.6	15	100.0	87.3	12.	
Tuesday.	118	0.1	103	0.1	33,992	100.0	22.3	77.	
Irish	43,752 11,751	24.4 6.6	9,760 6,110	10.1	5,641	100.0	52.0	48.	
Jamaican	184	0.1	158	0.2	26	100.0	85.9	14.	
Japanese	680	0.4	529	0.5	151	100.0	77.8	22.	
Japanese Korean	265	0.1	230	0.2	35	100.0	86.8	13.	
Lobanese	322	0.2	179	0.2	143	100.0	55.6	44.	
Li thuanian	832	0.5	317	0.3	515	100.0	38.1	61.	
Morwegian	4,120	2.3	1,232	1.3	2,888	100.0	29.9	70.	
Polish	8,421	4.7	3,498	3.6	4,923	100.0	41.5	58. 47.	
Portuguese	946	0.5	493	0.5	453	100.0	52.1		
Remanish	335	0.2	132	0.1	203	100.0	39.4	60. 56.	
Russian	3,466	1.9	1,496	1.6	1,970	100.0	43.2	50. 67	
Scandinavian	340	0.2	110	0.1	230	100.0	32.4	- 88	
Scottish	14,205	7.9	1,615	1.7	12,590	100.0	11.4	58	
Siavic	722	0.4	300	0.3	422	100.0	1		
Spanish	12,493	7.0	9,762	10.1	2,731	100.0	78.1 86.3	21 13	
Colombian	117	0.1	101	0.1	16	100.0	82.7	17	
Cohan	675	0.4	558	0.6	117	100.0	89.9	10	
Dominican	119	0.1	107	0.1	12	100.0	88.1	11	
Maxican	6,682	3.7	5,889	6.1	793	100.0	83.0	17	
Puerto RicanOther Spanish	1,333 3,566	0.7 2.0	1,107 2,000	1.1	226 1,566	100.0	56.1	43	
	4,886	2.7	1,216	1.3	3,670	100.0	24.9	75	
Swedish	1,228	0.7	312	0.3	916	100.0	25.4	74	
Swiss	525	0.3	231	0.2	294	100.0	44.0	56	
Victorese	198	0.1	177	0.2	21	100.0	89.4	10	
Welsh	2.568	1.4	455	0.5	2,113	100.0	17.7	82	
West Indian	193	0.1	129	0.1	64	100.0	66.8	33	
Yugoslavian	467	0.3	283	0.3	184	100.0	60.6	39	
Other specified ancestry groups	4,942	2.8	2,372	2.5	2,571	100.0	48.0	52	

⁻ Represents zero or rounds to sero.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, <u>Current Population</u> Reports, Series P-23, No. 116.

¹ Mumber and percent by ancestry groups do not add to total, as persons may be counted in more than one ancestry group.

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NOTE

The estimates of the population in this report may not agree with counts from the 1980 Census of Population and Housing. The Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates are based on population controls from the 1970 census which have been updated for changes in the population since that time. In addition, the CPS and the 1980 census used different procedures for collecting and processing the data.

INTRODUCTION

This is the first report presenting information on the ancestry¹, languages and literacy of the U.S. population based on data collected by the Bureau of the Census in November 1979 in a special supplement to its monthly Current Population Survey (CPS). The supplement was designed to provide users with a basic set of data on ethnicity and language and serve as a bridge between the 1970 and 1980 censuses. Items surveyed included ancestry, country of birth of the individual and parents, citizenship, year of immigration, mother tongue, current language spoken in the home, and ability to speak English. Questions on ability to read and write any language, which were not asked in either census, were asked in this November 1979 CPS supplement.

Only general characteristics are shown in this report. Crosstabulations, to be presented in subsequent reports, will provide a basis for comparing ethnic and language items in the 1970 and 1980 censuses.

ANCESTRY

changeably.

The ancestry question in the November 1979 CPS supplement was open-ended (that is, no prelisted categories were provided) and was based upon self-identification. Some individuals reported a single ancestry group; others reported group, the sum of persons reporting the ancestry groups is greater than the total; for example, in table 1, a person reporting "German-English" was tabulated in both the "German" and "English" categories.

more than one group. All single- and double-ancestry responses were coded. In addition, 17 triple-origin ancestries expected to be frequently reported were coded; only the first two reported ancestries were coded for all other responses of three or more ancestries. Since persons who reported multiple ancestries were included in more than one

¹ In this report, the terms "ancestry" and "origin" are used inter-

In November 1979, German, Irish, and English were the most frequently reported ancestry groups. About 52 million persons were classified as being solely or partly of German ancestry. Irish or part-Irish accounted for 44 million persons and English or part-English accounted for 40 million persons (table 1).

Table A. Type of Ancestry Response: November 1979

(Numbers in thousands)

Type of ancestry response	Number	Percent
Total persons	216,613	100.0
Reported at least one		
specific ancestry	179,078	82.7
Single ancestry	96,496	44.5
Multiple ancestry	82,582	38.1
Ancestry not specified	37,535	17.3
American or United States	13,592	6.3
Other ¹	195	0.1
Not reported	23,748	11.0

¹Includes responses indicating religious groups and other unclassifiable responses.

About 83 percent of the population in the sample reported at least one specific ancestry². The remaining 17 percent of the population included 6 percent who reported "American" or "United States" and 11 percent who did not provide any ancestry. About 45 percent of the total population reported a specific single ancestry, while about 38 percent provided more than one ancestry group (table A).

² "Specific ancestry" excludes persons reporting "American," "United States," religious groups, and other unclassifiable responses.

Figures for other frequently reported ancestry groups (single and multiple combined) were:

Afro-American or African ³	16 million
Scottish	14 million
French	14 million
Spanish	12 million
Italian	12 million
American Indian ³	10 million
Polish	8 million
Dutch	8 million

The selection of ancestry groups shown in the tables of this report was based on the frequency of reporting. The ancestry groups shown in table 1 were selected on the basis of 100,000 or more individuals reporting in the single ancestry category. For tables 2 and 3, ancestry groups having 450,000 or more persons were shown.

The ancestry data from the November 1979 survey reflect the diverse nationality groups which have come to the United States throughout its history. Prior to the 17th century, most of the residents of this country were American Indians; however, most of the 10 million respondents who reported American Indian ancestry in the survey did so in combination with other groups, such as Irish, German, and English. Persons of German, Irish, and English origin—groups reported most frequently in the CPS-were the first Europeans to arrive in large numbers; the immigration of these groups. peaked in the late 19th century. From the early 17th century to the early 19th century, many Africans were forcibly moved to the United States. The number of "newer immigrants" including the Italian and Polish, reached an apex in the early part of the 20th century. The most recent immigrants (during the last two decades) include substantial numbers of both Spanish⁴ and Asian persons, who were also among the earlier arrivals.

Further explanations of ancestry information in this report appear in appendix A.

Characteristics of Persons by Single or Multiple Ancestry Response

The November 1979 CPS is the first Census Bureau survey that collected information on both single- and multiple-ancestry groups. More than one-half (54 percent) of the population that specified an ancestry reported a single response. The most frequently reported single ancestry groups were:

German	17 million
Afro-American or African	15 million
English	12 million
irish	10 million
Spanish	10 million
Italian	6 million

³ See appendix A for a discussion of these groups.

The proportion of multiple-origin responses varied considerably by ancestry group. For instance, 89 percent of persons indicating Scottish ancestry provided multiple responses (that is, part-Scottish); multiple responses were also frequently reported by other ancestry groups, such as Dutch, Welsh, French, and Irish. In contrast, the proportion of multiple-ancestry responses was much lower for other groups, such as Polish (59 percent), Italian (48 percent), Filipino (31 percent), and Spanish (22 percent) (table 1).

Data presented in table B show that multiple-origin reporting was also related to age and nativity of the individual. Specifically, younger persons were more likely than older persons and native persons were more likely than foreign-born persons to report multiple ancestries.

The demographic, social, and economic characteristics of the single- and multiple-ancestry populations differed considerably. The median age of persons who reported a single ancestry was much higher (34.6 years) than the median age of persons who reported a multiple ancestry (24.5 years) (table C). This differential is due, in part, to the fact that the single-ancestry population included a higher proportion of foreign-born persons who tended to be older than native-born persons. There may have also been a greater tendency for a multiple ancestry to be reported for children whose parents had different ancestries.

Table B. Multiple-Ancestry Reporting, by Age and Nativity of Persons Who Reported at Least One Specific Ancestry Group:
November 1979

Age and nativity	Percent reported multiple ancestry
AGE	
Under 18 years	59.6
18 to 64 years	42.1
65 years and over	32.5
NATIVITY	
Native of native parentage	51.8
Native of foreign or mixed	·
parentage	27.8
Foreign born	9.3

The single-ancestry population was more likely than the multiple-ancestry population to be foreign born or native of foreign or mixed parentage. The proportion foreign born and native of foreign or mixed parentage for the single-ancestry population was 27 percent, about three times the 9 percent shown for the multiple-ancestry persons. Conversely, a larger proportion of persons with multiple ancestries (91 percent) than with single ancestries (73 percent) was native of native parentage (table C).

The proportion of single-ancestry persons (19 percent) living in central cities within SMSA's of 1 million or more

⁴ In this report, Spanish refers both to immigrants directly from Spain and to immigrants from Latin American and Caribbean countries.

Table C. Selected Social and Economic Characteristics of Persons Who Reported at Least One Specific Ancestry Group: November 1979

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Selected characteristics	Reported at least	Reported	Reported
Selected Characteristics	one specific	single	multiple
	ancestry	ancestry	ancestry
AGE			
	200		
Total persons	179,078	96,496	82,582
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 18 years	28.9	21.7	37.4
18 to 24 years	12.7	11.8	13.7
25 to 64 years	47.5	52.9	41.2
65 years and over	10.9	13.7	7.7
Median age (years)	30.3	34.6	24.5
NATIVITY			
Total navgong	170 079	96 496	22 52
Total persons	179,078 100.0	96,496 100.0	82,583 100.0
	81.1	72.5	91.1
Native of native parentage	18.8	27.2	8.8
Native of foreign or mixed parentage	12.6	16.9	7.0
Foreign born	6.2	10.4	1.
Not reported	0.1	0.2	
RESIDENCE			
Motol mangers	170 079	06.406	00 50
Total persons	179,078	96,496 100.0	82,582 100.0
Percentletropolitan	69.3	70.9	67.4
In SMSA's of 1 million or more	39.5	42.3	36.
In central cities	14.5	19.1	9.2
Outside central cities	24.9	23.2	26.9
In SMSA's of under 1 million	29.8	28.6	31.3
Nonmetropolitan	30.7	29.1	32.6
MARITAL STATUS		. •	
Persons, 14 years old and over	140,265	80,729	59,536
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0
Single (never married)	27.0	22.2	33.4
Ever married	73.0	77.8	66.6
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		A N	
Persons, 25 years old and over	104,554	64,207	40,347
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	16.0	19.9	9.8
High school: 1 to 3 years	13.3	14.1	11.9
High school graduates	70.7	66.0	78.2
College: 1 year or more	33.2	29.5	39.0
EMPLOYMENT STATUS			
Persons, 16 years old and over	133,905	78,236	55,669
in civilian labor force	86,006	49,273	36,733
Percent in civilian labor force	64.2	63.0	66.0
Percent unemployed	5.6	5.5	5.7
FAMILY INCOME ¹			
Total families reporting income	44,711	28,626	16,085
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0
Inder \$10,000	25.6	28.1	21.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	19.4	19.9	18.5
\$15,000 to \$24,999	31.7	30.9	33.0
525,000 and over	23.3	21.0	27.3

⁻ Represents zero or rounds to zero.

¹Families are classified by the kind of ancestry group reported by the householder.

was much higher than for multiple-ancestry persons (9 percent). Likewise, differences are noted in marital status; about 78 percent of persons who reported only one origin were ever married, compared with only 67 percent of persons reporting multiple origins (table C).

Persons who reported a single ancestry had a lower level of educational attainment than persons with multiple ancestries. For instance, about 20 percent of persons 25 years old and over who reported a single ancestry had only an elementary education; only 10 percent of persons of multiple ancestries were in this category. Also, about 66 percent of single-ancestry persons graduated from high school, compared with 78 percent of the multiple-ancestry persons (table C).

Economic differences between single- and multiple-ancestry groups were also evident. Families maintained by persons who reported one origin had lower incomes than families whose householders reported multiple origins. About 28 percent of families with single-ancestry householders had incomes under \$10,000; the proportion was about 21 percent for families with multiple-ancestry householders. At the upper end of the income scale, 21 percent of the families with householders of single ancestry had incomes of \$25,000 or more, while about 27 percent of the families with multiple-ancestry householders were at that income level (table C). The noticable differentials by education and income between single- and multiple-ancestry groups may be related to the age and nativity factors noted earlier.

Characteristics of Persons Reporting Specific Single Ancestry Groups

In this section of the report, characteristics of *specific* single-ancestry groups are compared. However, it is noted that the proportion reporting a single response varied significantly among the ancestry groups. Also, in some instances, characteristics for a single-ancestry group, such as Polish, differed from those for the corresponding multiple-ancestry group, such as Polish and other group(s). A subsequent publication will provide more information on the multiple-ancestry groups.

Age. In 1979, the median ages of single-ancestry groups were quite different from the median age of 30.3 years for the total population. For example, the median ages of Hungarians (49.7 years) and Russians (48.4 years) were twice as high as the median age for persons of Spanish ancestry (23.5 years), who were at the other end of the continuum. All of these mentioned groups had median ages that were significantly different from the national median age (table 2).

Nativity. Single-ancestry groups in the United States differ in their nativity and parentage distributions; these observed differences reflect somewhat the different immigration patterns noted earlier in the text. Among persons reporting Italian, Polish, or Spanish ancestry, about one-half or more were either foreign born or native of foreign or mixed parentage. In contrast, one-fifth or less of persons of English,

French, German, Irish, and Scottish origin were foreign born or native of foreign or mixed parentage. These latter groups were predominantly native of native parentage (table 3).

Residence. In 1979, about 68 percent of the total population lived in metropolitan areas. The proportion of Italian, Polish, and Spanish populations in metropolitan areas (80 percent or more) was notably higher than the national level. The proportion of metropolitan residents of English, French, German, Irish, and Scottish single-ancestry groups was close to or somewhat lower than the national proportion (table 3).

Marital Status. Since marital status is closely related to age, those single-ancestry groups with relatively older members had larger proportions of persons who had ever been married. For example, among persons of English ancestry 14 years old and over, about 80 percent of the men and 85 percent of the women had been married at some time, compared with about 67 percent of the men and 73 percent of the women of Spanish origin. The proportions for Spanish were similar to those for the Nation (table 3).

Education. Although the November 1979 survey indicated that more than two-thirds of the adults in the U.S. population were high school graduates, there was considerable variation among the single-ancestry groups. For example, about 81 percent of Scottish-ancestry males 25 years old and over and 78 percent of Scottish-ancestry females in this age group were high school graduates. Relatively high proportions were also noted for adults of English and German ancestries. However, the proportion of persons of Italian, Polish, and Spanish origin who had completed high school was lower than the national average (table 3).

Employment. In November 1979, the unemployment rate for persons 16 years old and over in the civilian labor force was 5.7 percent. The figures for some single-ancestry groups, such as French, Polish, and Irish, were close to the national rate, whereas the unemployment rates for other groups, such as English, German, and Scottish, were substantially below the national average. The unemployment rate for persons of Spanish ancestry (9.0 percent) was much higher than the national average (table 3).

Income. Among the single-ancestry groups, Scottish families had the highest median income⁵ of \$20,000. The median income for families maintained by persons of English, German, Italian, and Polish ancestries was also higher than the national median income. Of the groups shown in table 3, only families of Spanish origin (\$10,600) had a median income significantly below the 1979 national family median of \$15,800.

MOTHER TONGUE

Among persons 14 years old and over, 32 million (19.7 percent) reported that a language other than English was

⁵ See Appendix A, Definitions and Explanations, for discussion on income.

spoken in their childhood homes. The proportion was substantively the same in the 1970 census (20.1 percent). As table 4 shows, about 7.7 million persons 14 years old and over reported Spanish as their mother tongue, making it the largest mother tongue group after English (131.9 million). Other frequently reported mother tongue groups were German (5.1 million), Italian (4.1 million), Polish (2.5 million), French (2.4 million), and Yiddish (1.2 million). No other mother tongue group contained more than 600,000 persons 14 years and over. The mother tongues persented as "other" in table 4 included 16 language groups with 100,000 to 300,000 speakers each:

Arabic Armenian Korean Lithuanian

Danish

Pennsylvania Dutch

Dutch Farsi Russian Serbo-Croatian

Finnish Gaelic

Hungarian

Slovak Ukrainian

Ukrainian Vietnamese

Because an individual may never have learned to speak his or her mother tongue or may no longer speak a language spoken as a child, mother tongue is not an accurate measure of current language ability or usage of the population.

CURRENT LANGUAGE

Eighteen million persons aged 5 and over were reported as currently speaking a language other than English at home. There may well have been additional speakers of languages other than English who only used the language someplace other than home, and there were doubtless many individuals who were able to speak a language other than English, but did not do so at home (table 5).

Just less than one-half of those who spoke a language other than English at home spoke Spanish, and relatively large numbers of persons spoke Italian, German, French, or Polish at home. Although no language included as "other" in table 5 was spoken by 200,000 persons or more in 1979, the following languages were each spoken by more than 100,000 persons: Czech, Serbo-Croatian, Hungarian, Vietnamese, and Arabic.

Among children of elementary-school age (5 to 13 years old), Spanish was the only language, other than English, spoken by 200,000 persons or more. The 1.8 million Spanish-speaking children constituted two-thirds of all children of this age who spoke a language other than English and about 6 percent of all elementary-school-aged children. Other languages spoken by more than 50,000 school-aged children included Italian, French, German, Chinese, and Greek.

The 768,000 persons of high school age (14 to 17 years old) who spoke Spanish at home constituted about three-fifths of all persons of that age who spoke a language other than English and about 5 percent of all persons of high school age. For this age group, the next most frequently mentioned languages were German, Italian, French, and Chinese (table 6).

ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH AND CURRENT LANGUAGE

Of the 18 million persons 5 years old and over who spoke a language other than English at home in 1979, 3.9 million (22 percent) were reported as not speaking English at all or speaking English "not well," whereas 10.5 million (58 percent) were judged to speak English very well by the household respondent (table 7).

Spanish was spoken by 64 percent of those who spoke a language other than English and had limited ability to speak or could not speak English at all. Spanish was also the modal non-English language spoken by those with limited or no ability in English in each age group shown in table 7. A clear majority of persons under 65 with limited or no ability to speak English spoke Spanish: about three-fourths of persons aged 5 to 13 years old and two-thirds of persons aged 14 to 64 years old. However, only 40 percent of those aged 65 and over with limited or no English spoke Spanish.

Among persons of all ages who spoke Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, or Greek at home in November 1979, the proportion who spoke English either "not well" or "not at all" ranged from about 20 percent to 45 percent. The proportion whose ability to speak English was limited or nil varied by age within languages. Generally, the proportion was lowest among those of high-school age (14 to 17) and increased in successively older age groups. This pattern was particularly noticeable among those who spoke Spanish, and was found in many of the languages shown in table 7. Language groups may have differed in the relation between age and ability to speak English because of differences in the periods and levels of migration and in the extent of their exposure to the use of English.

LITERACY

Approximately 822,000 persons aged 14 and over were reported as unable to read and write in any language. The proportion of the U.S. population 14 and over who were illiterate, which now stands at about one-half of 1 percent, has been approximately halved in each decade since 1959 (Current Population Reports, Series P-20, Nos. 99 and 217). Illiteracy as defined in this report refers to persons who have not attended the sixth or higher grades (either in the United States or abroad) and who are reported as unable to read and write in English or the language they reported currently speaking at home. (See appendix A for further discussion.)

For all of the single-ancestry groups except Spanish and all of the multiple-ancestry groups shown in table 3, the proportion unable to read and write was no higher than 1 percent. At 2.8 percent, the illiteracy rate for the Spanish-ancestry group is higher than that for each of the groups shown.

In table 8, it can be seen that the percent unable to read and write in any language increases with age; that the foreign born are more likely to be unable to read and write in any language than the native born; and that while a higher percentage are reported illiterate among Blacks than Whites, the racial differences are large only above age 45.

Table 2. Age of the Population, by Ancestry and Sex: November 1979

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

### Rotestry and sex ### Total, all ages ### all ages ### all ages ### Rotestry groups ### 216,613 Single ancestry groups	Under 5	5 to 13	14 to 17	18 to 24		Age (years)								
Total persons 216,613	15,801				25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Median age				
Single ancestry groups 96,496 Afro-American, African 15,057 American Indian 2,053 Chinese 540 Czechoslovakian 794 Dutch 1,362 English 11,501 Filipino 525 French 3,047 German 17,160 Greek 567 Hungarian 534 Irish 9,760 Italian 6,110 Japanese 529 Norwegian 1,232 Poilsh 3,498 Portuguese 493 Russian 1,496 Scottish 1,615 Spanish 9,762 Cuban 558 Mexican 1,107 Central and South American 475 Other Spanish 1,216 Other Spanish 1,226 Other single ancestry groups 7,646 Multiple ancestry groups 37,535 American 10,792 Other 195 Not reported <t< td=""><td>15,801</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></t<>	15,801													
Afro-American, African		30,414	15,955	27,988	34,487	24,898	22,675	20,823	23,572	30.3				
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Japanese	334	765	450	1,111	1,703	1,276	1,294	1,239	1,587	39.0				
Norwegian	169	422	250	701	950	768	870	987	993	42.3				
Polish 3,498 Portuguese 493 Russian 1,496 Scottish 1,615 Spanish 9,762 Cuban 558 Mexican 1,107 Central and South American 475 Other Spanish 1,733 Swedish 1,733 Swedish 1,216 Other single ancestry groups 7,646 Multiple ancestry groups¹ 82,582 Ancestry not specified² 37,535 American 13,592 Other 195 Not reported 23,748 Selected multiple ancestry groups:³ 7,847 American Indian and other group(s) 7,847 Dutch and other group(s) 6,759 English and other group(s) 28,503	30 25	54 82	32 28	52 123	97 230	61 178	101 162	53 174	50 229	35.0 42.2				
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Other Spanish	124	1,208 246	108	903 139	1,062 204	618 123	394 85	261 46	224 31	21.9 22.1				
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Ancestry not specified ²	344	566	349	882	1,376	162 926	148 976	156 989	326 1,239	46.5 38.3				
American 13,592 Other 195 Not reported 23,748 Selected multiple ancestry groups: ³ 7,847 American Indian and other group(s) 6,759 English and other group(s) 28,503	7,780	15,267	7,848	11,340	12,039	8,266	7,200	6,488	6,354	24.5				
Other	2,575	4,827	2,958	5,275	5,906	4,497	3,966	3,489	4,043	30.3				
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American Indian and other group(s). 7,847 Dutch and other group(s). 6,759 English and other group(s). 28,503	1,408	2,684	1,853	18 3,348	34 3,915	18 3,046	12 2,677	17 2,331	52 2,488	35.9 31.6				
Dutch and other group(s)														
English and other group(s) 28,503	838	1,508	710	1,127	1,235	841	714	498	376	23.4				
	534 2,382	1,131 4,767	677 2,655	835 3,633	871 3.808	684	661	633	733	27.3				
	1,012	2,027	1,106	1,478	1,585	2,983 1,135	2,839 922	2,685 902	2,752 833	27.1 24.5				
German and other group(s)	3,497	6,817	3,457	4,995	5,092	3,355	2,830	2,309	2,136	23.0				
Irish and other group(s)	2,971 745	5,991 1,482	3,191 621	4,536	4,709 881	3,553	3,048	2,963	3,030	25.7				
Polish and other group(s) 4.923	498	1,205	568	1,072 734	786	433 495	197 261	127 208	62 167	17.7 20.3				
Scottish and other group(s) 12,590	823	1,779	1,026	1,511	1,608	1,256	1,421	1,482	1,685	32.2				
MALE														
Total persons	8,080	15,515	8,105	13,577	16,764	11,971	10,964	9,834	9,716	29.2				
Single ancestry groups	2,826	5,292	2,647	5,387	8,316	6,119	5,767	5,240	5,705	34.0				
Afro-American, African	780 73	1,453	653	908 129	992 209	683 152	621 91	481	445	23.0 29.2				
Chinese 259	11	38	25	33	54	29	33	64 14	23	29.2				
Czechoslovakian	15 26	17	13	44	58	49	62	76	51	44.2				
English 5,650	221	55 473	30 287	71 559	146 976	86 789	86 762	82 711	104 871	36.7 38.9				
Filipino 258	38	43	26	10	28	30	26	15	42	29.3				
French	58 405	143 747	66 387	140	325	208	185	165	174	35.0				
Greek 283	11	34	36/	977 33	1,670	1,232	1,196	1,005	1,136	36.6 35.9				
Hungarian	6	15	6	13	48	41	37	39	56	45.4				
1rish. 4,583 Italian. 3,039	173 82	401 229	228 129	522 362	841 485	602 390	611 446	566 468	639 448	37.1 41.0				
Japanese	17	33	11	28	50	23	29	29	22	31.3				
Norwegian	10 48	32 112	10	62	102	92	87	98	115	44.6				
Portuguese	77	25	59 8	178 24	265 60	213 29	219 34	321 31	279 17	43.7 34.0				
Russian	25 18	35 41	19 21	52 71	144 175	84	95	105	169	45.6				
Spanish 4,772	600	944	399		1	175	141	132	159	43.0				
Cuban	10	33	43	666 25	804 31	565 35	360 43	234 21	200 15	22.7 30.4				
Mexican	420	595	240	439	540	322	194	126	111	21.8				
Central and South American 229	50 28	132 37	47 19	54 32	77 46	53 41	35 16	15	12 5	20.0 24.5				
Other Spanish 827	92	146	50	116	110	115	72	69	56	25.8				
Swedish	13 189	16 274	12 191	51 452	117 715	84 516	88 516	73 491	145 540	45.7 37.3				

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Age of the Population, by Ancestry and Sex: November 1979—Continued

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

					,	Age (years)				
Ancestry and sex	Total, all ages	Under 5	5 to 13	14 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Median age
MALEContinued											
Multiple ancestry groups 1	38,810	3,967	7,737	3,963	5,519	5,406	3,658	3,269	2,924	2,368	22.9
Ancestry not specified ²	18,418 6,439	1,287 572	2,486 1,088	1,495 522	2,672 922	3,042 977	2,195 662	1,928 608	1,670 489	1,644 599	29.2 26.2
Other	83	8	5	3	11	14	8	7	5	21	35.7
Not reported	11,896	708	1,393	970	1,738	2,051	1,525	1,313	1,175	1,024	30.6
Selected multiple ancestry groups: 3 American Indian and other group(s).	3,696	470	825	373	515	513	333	305	216	146	20.8
Dutch and other group(s)	3,061	243	589	359	410	365	258	298	286	254	24.0
English and other group(s)	13,286	1,245	2,406	1,316	1,823	1,739	1,300	1,271	1,204	982	24.5
French and other group(s) German and other group(s)	4,979	515	998	560	662	699 2,316	486	1,348	351 1,056	296 816	22.7 21.8
Irish and other group(s)	16,645 15,390	1,807 1,560	3,481 2,982	1,762 1,579	2,519 2,121	2,017	1,541	1,275	1,295	1,121	23.4
Italian and other group(s)	2,742	382	766	294	499	415	205	101	43	37	16.9
Polish and other group(s)	2,427	225	594	291	373	371	257	142	114	60	20.4
Scottish and other group(s)	5,831	421	912	534	754	696	535	663	689	628	29.2
FEMALE						·		:			
Total persons	112,086	7,720	14,899	7,851	14,410	17,723	12,926	11,711	10,990	13,856	31.3
Single ancestry groups	49,197	2,619	5,028	2,502	5,986	8,226	6,016	5,742	5,606	7,471	35.4
Afro-American, African	8,042	743	1,439	638	1,152	1,267	886	717	554	646	25.4
American Indian	1,088 280	75 16	131	71	172 41	225 58	142 51	115	75 15	82 24	29.2 32.2
Czechoslovakian	407	10	31	15	36	60	38	56	73	110	51.4
Dutch	677	25	39	18	66	123	107	90	94	115	41.4
English	5,851	202	427	277	554	948	748	754	751	1,191	41.9
Filipino	267	22	30	13	25	70	40	20	32	15	31.3
French	1,582	56	141	75	195	273	200	207	209	226	37.6
German	8,403	384	682	356	1,096	1,407	1,049	1,034	990	1,404	37.6
Greek	284 274	7 2	42 8	12	28 25	52 38	42 26	52 36	27 73	22 61	35.3 54.2
Irish	5,177	161	364	222	589	862	674	683	673	949	40.8
Italian	3,071	86	193	121	339	465	378	425	519	545	43.8
Japanese	287	12	21	21	24	47	37	73	24	28	39.9
Norwegian	624	15	50	18	62 166	128 280	86 209	75 265	76 321	114 391	39.6 47.8
Portuguese	1,804 259	30 13	83 21	59 12	47	42	32	203	321	30	33.4
Russian	768	17	34	17	58	120	85	77	119	240	51.8
Scottish	682	19	44	20	74	98	90	80	106	150	44.4
Spanish	4,990	558	922	351	737	904	607	402	263	245	24.3
Cuban	303	18	37	14	26	35	66	39	31	37	38.3
Mexican	2,903	367	612	193	464	522 127	296	201 50	135	113 19	22.0 23.5
Central and South American	633 246	75 24	114 43	62	86 32	51	70 47	24	10	9	28.4
Other Spanish	905	74	117	76	129	169	127	88	56	69	28.4
Swedish	618	12	25	12	69	97	77	60	83	182	47.6
Other single ancestry groups	3,762	154	292	157	432	661	410	460	497	700	39.5
Multiple ancestry groups 1	43,772	3,813	7,530	3,886	5,821	6,633	4,608	3,931	3,564	3,986	26.3
Ancestry not specified ²	19,117	1,287	2,341	1,463	2,603	2,864	2,302	2,038	1,820	2,399	31.5
AmericanOther	7,153	581	1,035	574	986	980	771	669	652	904	29.1 36.0
Not reported	112 11,852	700	16 1,291	882	1,610	1,864	1,521	1,364	1,156	31 1,465	36.0
Selected multiple ancestry groups:3											
American Indian and other group(s).	4,152	369	683	337	611	722	508	409	282	230	26.0
Dutch and other group(s)	3,698	291	542	318	425	506	427	363	348	479	30.4
English and other group(s)	15,216	1,136	2,361	1,339	1,811	2,069	1,682	1,568	1,480	1,770	29.6 26.4
French and other group(s) German and other group(s)	6,021 17,844	498 1,690	1,029 3,337	547 1,695	816 2,476	886 2,776	649 1,814	508 1,482	1,254	538 1,320	26.4
Irish and other group(s)	18,602	1,410	3,009	1,611	2,415	2,692	2,113	1,773	1,668	1,910	28.2
Italian and other group(s)	2,880	363	716	327	574	466	228	96	84	25	18.4
Polish and other group(s)	2,496	273	611	277	361	416	238	119	94	107	20.3
Scottish and other group(s)	6,759	403	867	492	757	912	720	758	793	1,057	34.4

¹Persons reporting multiple ancestry groups may be included in more than one category. Total represents all persons reporting multiple ancestry groups, rather than the sum of ancestry groups reported.

²Includes nonresponses, responses indicating religious groups, and other unclassifiable responses.

³Persons reporting multiple ancestry groups may be included in more than one category.

Table 3. Selected Social and Economic

(Numbers in thousands. C

Total Selected single ancestry groups Selected characteristics Line Other Percent English Italian Polish Scottish Spanish Number Irish French German NATIVITY 216,613 (X) 1 Total..... 11,501 3.047 17,160 9.760 6.110 3,498 1.615 9.762 34.043 Percent..... 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 (X) 100.0 Native of native parentage..... 174,175 80.4 89.9 79.4 85.3 86.8 42.7 48.7 75.2 44.4 4 Foreign birth or parentage..... 16.3 57.3 51.1 24.8 55.4 28.4 10.0 13.1 Native of foreign or mixed parent-23,648 10.9 6.2 15.3 10.7 10.4 44.1 40.3 14.2 25.1 16.0 age...... Foreign born..... 11,730 3.8 2.7 13.1 10.8 10.5 12.3 5.4 4.0 5.1 Not reported..... 7,061 3.3 0.2 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.2 0.4 RESIDENCE 8 Total..... (X) 6,110 3,498 1,615 9,762 34,043 11,501 3.047 17,160 9.760 Percent..... (X) 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 10 Metropolitan.... 146,219 84.4 76.4 86.3 83.2 62.9 67.5 57.2 58.4 61.3 62.6 In SMSA's of 1 million or more.... 27.1 48.3 24.7 32.2 36.1 58.2 12 In central cities..... 31.081 14.3 8.7 12.4 20.4 23.6 10.3 30.9 27.5 23.5 29.1 20.8 13 Outside central cities..... 51,386 23.7 19.2 17.4 23.7 37.8 36.3 20.1 23.7 14 In SMSA's of under 1 million..... 29.4 26.5 28.1 23.3 32.5 29.8 28.1 63.752 30.1 33.7 15 32.5 37.0 23.6 Nonmetropolitan..... 42.8 38.7 37.4 13.7 16.8 15.6 MARITAL STATUS 16 Male, 14 years and over..... 80,931 (X) 4.955 7.605 4,009 2,728 1.534 874 3,227 12.984 17 (X) 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 18 24,555 23.0 13.4 33.0 30.3 19.7 18.1 19.6 21.8 21.8 28.7 19 63.9 Married..... 73.7 75.5 73.9 69.2 70.6 79.6 62.8 20 Widowed..... 1,887 2.1 3.4 3.5 3.2 1.0 3.0 2.3 2.8 2.9 Divorced..... 3.508 4.3 4.5 4.2 3.7 4.8 4.2 3.5 3.9 3.2 4.4 22 Female, 14 years and over..... 89,467 (X) 5,223 1,385 7,338 4,651 2,791 1.691 618 3,511 14.341 23 100.0 Percent.... (X) 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 Single (never married)..... 21,643 19.3 26.5 24.2 14.9 16.7 17.1 18.2 12.6 25.4 15.0 25 Married..... 63.2 68.6 64.7 26 Widowed..... 10,353 11.6 15.4 13.2 14.9 13.9 16.9 20.4 12.7 11.3 Divorced..... 5.607 6.3 6.5 5.1 5.4 5.0 5.4 4.3 4.5 6.6 6.5 HOUSEHOLD RELATIONSHIP 28 In households..... 216,571 (X) 11,499 3.047 17,158 9.754 6.110 3.498 1.613 9.761 34.037 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 29 Percent..... 100.0 100.0 100.0 30 Householder..... 29.7 36.6 45.3 46.6 44.9 45.8 58.8 40.4 31 32 Family householder..... 59,001 27.2 35.1 35.4 36.1 32.5 34.9 34.4 45.6 25.1 30.0 Male.... 50.425 23.3 31.6 31.4 33.1 28.6 31.4 31.0 42.7 20.0 23.7 33 Female..... 3.5 4.0 4.1 3.0 3.9 3.5 8.577 3.4 6.3 Nonfamily householder..... 20,342 11.9 9.8 10.5 12.4 10.9 12.6 13.1 10.3 8,526 35 Male..... 3.9 4.4 4.5 4.4 4.9 4.4 4.7 5.9 2.4 4.8 36 Female..... 11.816 5.5 7.5 5.3 6.1 7.5 6.5 7.9 7.3 2.1 5.6 22.1 27.3 29.1 28.4 27.8 22.8 20.3 47.818 26.6 26.6 18.5 38 Own child under 14 years old...... 43,080 19.9 10.8 12.4 10.5 29.1 17.2 39 Other relative..... 41.109 19.0 12.4 10.9 11.9 13.6 16.0 15.0 8.9 19.9 19.4 40 5,220 Nonrelative..... 2.4 2.5 2.3 2.5 2.6 2.3 2.8 2.4 2.8 2.7 In group quarters..... 0.1 0.1 YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED 42 Male, 25 years and over..... 59,249 (X) 4,109 1,057 6,240 3,258 2,237 1,297 782 2,163 10.004 43 100.0 Percent..... (X) 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 10,629 17.9 13.5 18.6 15.5 17.2 20.6 19.7 44.7 9.1 21.1 45 13.4 7,913 16.8 12.8 34.5 22.1 46 19,448 32.8 32.8 36.3 37.8 33.5 34.1 31.2 30.8 21,258 College: 35.9 41.8 30.7 28.6 29.8 34.6 35.3 50.0 20.3 32.9 48 Percent high school graduates..... (X) 68.7 74.6 67.0 72.4 68.8 62.7 64.4 81.2 42.5 63.7 Female, 25 years and over..... 49 67.206 (X) 4.392 1.115 5,886 3,840 2,332 1.466 524 2,422 11,084 100.0 50 (X) 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 11,370 51 16.9 11.5 20.5 15.9 15.8 23.0 26.1 9.5 44.6 20.9 52 9.717 14.5 14.8 11.9 13.8 12.0 14.2 16.6 14.8 12.4 16.3 53 4 years..... 41.0 42.6 43.0 46.4 43.9 43.8 37.7 38.4 27.3 36.4 54 College: 1 or more years..... 18,593 27.7 25.6 21.4 39.7 26.4 22.7 26.1 13.3 Percent high school graduates..... (X) 68.6 70.0 78.1 76.7 65.7 72.0 60.4 59.1 40.5 62.8

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Characteristics of Ancestry Groups: November 1979

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			Selected multiple ancestry groups ³													
Multiple ancestry groups 1	Ancestry not specified ²	American Indian and other group(s)	Dutch and other group(s)	English and other group(s)	French and other group(s)	German and other group(s)	Irish and other group(s)	Italian and other group(s)	Polish and other group(s)	Scottish and other group(s)	TIME NO.					
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