

Table 1. Percent distribution of household telephone status for adults and children: United States, 2023-2025

Date of interview	Number of people (unweighted)	Wireless-only household	Landline with wireless	Landline-only household	Phoneless	Landline with unknown wireless	Wireless with unknown landline	Total
Adults								
July–December 2023	14,113	76.0	22.2	1.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	100.0
95% confidence interval	...	74.89-77.15	21.17-23.21	1.08-1.54	0.34-0.61	0.00-0.04	0.01-0.09	...
January–June 2024	15,743	77.1	21.1	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	100.0
95% confidence interval	...	76.06-78.11	20.21-22.11	1.08-1.41	0.32-0.62	0.01-0.05	0.02-0.14	...
July–December 2024	15,616	78.7	19.8	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.1	100.0
95% confidence interval	...	77.64-79.74	18.80-20.90	0.75-1.03	0.36-0.62	0.01-0.04	0.05-0.18	...
January–June 2025	13,543	78.9	19.5	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.4	100.0
95% confidence interval	...	77.65-80.08	18.36-20.78	0.78-1.05	0.35-0.72	0.01-0.09	0.07-0.22	...
July–December 2025	9,865	80.0	18.6	1.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	100.0
95% confidence interval	...	78.79-81.20	17.55-19.65	0.71-1.37	0.20-0.69	0.00-0.04	0.01-0.11	...
Children								
July–December 2023	3,738	86.8	12.4	0.3	0.6	–	0.0	100.0
95% confidence interval	...	85.54-87.95	11.23-13.57	0.10-0.66	0.36-0.90	–	0.01-0.13	...
January–June 2024	4,162	87.3	11.5	0.4	0.8	–	0.0	100.0
95% confidence interval	...	86.00-88.54	10.33-12.81	0.19-0.78	0.51-1.17	–	0.00-0.08	...
July–December 2024	4,138	86.9	11.9	0.2	1.0	–	0.0	100.0
95% confidence interval	...	85.38-88.21	10.59-13.40	0.08-0.40	0.65-1.57	–	0.01-0.10	...
January–June 2025	3,411	87.9	11.0	0.1	1.0	–	0.0	100.0
95% confidence interval	...	86.29-89.33	9.70-12.42	0.03-0.44	0.53-1.80	–	0.00-0.24	...
July–December 2025	2,566	88.7	9.9	0.4	1.0	–	–	100.0
95% confidence interval	...	86.29-90.66	8.50-11.49	0.10-1.60	0.44-2.29	–	–	...

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... Category not applicable.

– Quantity zero.

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SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, July 2023-December 2025.

Table 2. Percent distribution of personal telephone status for adults, by selected demographic characteristics: United States, July–December 2025

Demographic characteristic	Wireless-only adults	Wireless-mostly adults	Dual-users	Landline-mostly adults	Landline-only adults	Phoneless adults	Unknown ¹	Total
Total	79.2	12.8	3.2	1.9	1.6	1.0	0.3	100.0
Age (years)								
18–24	82.7	10.9	1.3	0.7	**	1.9	0.5	100.0
25–29	89.1	8.3	0.9	0.0	0.3	1.3	0.2	100.0
30–34	89.6	7.5	1.0	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.2	100.0
35–44	88.3	9.7	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.5	100.0
45–64	79.4	15.2	2.4	0.9	1.2	0.7	0.3	100.0
65 and over	63.4	16.7	8.5	6.5	3.5	1.2	0.2	100.0
Race and ethnicity								
Hispanic or Latino, any race(s)	84.8	11.0	1.0	0.7	0.8	1.4	0.2	100.0
Asian, single race ²	78.6	16.9	2.3	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5	100.0
Black, single race ²	76.0	14.8	4.5	1.6	1.1	1.6	0.4	100.0
White, single race ²	77.7	12.9	3.8	2.5	2.1	0.8	0.3	100.0
Other and multiple races ²	90.3	**	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.0	100.0
Sex								
Male	79.2	13.3	2.6	1.7	1.6	1.3	0.4	100.0
Female	79.3	12.4	3.7	2.1	1.5	0.7	0.3	100.0
Education								
Some high school or less	73.7	10.9	4.6	1.7	**	3.9	0.5	100.0
High school graduate or GED ³	78.4	12.5	3.2	2.7	1.8	1.0	0.4	100.0
Some post-high school, no degree	80.9	12.2	3.0	2.0	1.1	0.6	0.3	100.0
4-year college degree or higher	80.2	14.4	2.7	1.3	0.8	0.3	0.2	100.0
Family income relative to federal poverty threshold ⁴								
Less than 100%	80.5	10.7	2.6	2.3	1.6	2.2	0.0	100.0
100% to less than 200%	80.8	9.0	3.7	2.6	2.2	1.2	0.4	100.0
200% or greater	79.4	14.0	3.0	1.6	1.1	0.6	0.3	100.0
Geographic region ⁵								
Northeast	67.7	18.4	5.8	3.7	2.8	0.8	0.8	100.0
Midwest	81.4	9.6	3.2	2.1	2.1	1.4	0.1	100.0
South	83.6	10.3	2.5	1.4	0.9	1.0	0.3	100.0
West	78.5	15.9	2.4	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.2	100.0
Metropolitan statistical area status								
Metropolitan	79.9	13.2	2.8	1.7	1.3	0.8	0.3	100.0
Not metropolitan	75.4	10.4	5.3	2.9	3.2	2.5	0.3	100.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Percent distribution of personal telephone status for adults, by selected demographic characteristics: United States, January–June 2025—Continued

Demographic characteristic	Wireless-only adults	Wireless-mostly adults	Dual-users	Landline-mostly adults	Landline-only adults	Phoneless adults	Unknown ¹	Total
Home ownership status								
Owned or being bought	75.4	15.3	3.9	2.4	1.8	0.8	0.3	100.0
Renting	88.8	7.2	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.2	100.0
Other arrangement	75.6	**	**	0.9	**	**	0.3	100.0
Number of adults in survey sample (unweighted)	7,622	1,279	401	279	186	75	23	9,865

** Estimate does not meet NCHS standards of reliability as specified in *National Center for Health Statistics Data Presentation Standards for Proportions* (available from: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_02/sr02_175.pdf).

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¹Unknown includes adults with either unknown landline, unknown wireless, or unknown frequency-of-use status (for adults with both landline and wireless telephones). Adults with both unknown landline and unknown wireless status are excluded from the analysis.

²Race groups are non-Hispanic.

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⁵In the geographic classification of the U.S. population, states are grouped into the following four regions used by the U.S. Census Bureau: *Northeast* includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont; *Midwest* includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin; *South* includes Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia; and *West* includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

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Table 3. Korn and Graubard 95% confidence intervals for percent distributions in Table 2

Demographic characteristic	Wireless-only adults	Wireless-mostly adults	Dual-users	Landline-mostly adults	Landline-only adults	Phoneless adults	Unknown ¹	Total
Total	78.0-80.5	12.0-13.8	2.8-3.6	1.6-2.2	1.2-1.9	0.7-1.3	0.2-0.5	...
Age (years)								
18-24	78.9-86.0	8.4-13.8	0.5-2.9	0.1-2.2	...	0.9-3.7	0.1-2.0	...
25-29	85.7-91.9	6.0-11.2	0.2-2.6	0.0-0.6	0.0-1.4	0.4-3.3	0.0-0.9	...
30-34	87.1-91.7	5.7-9.7	0.3-2.5	0.0-0.8	0.2-2.4	0.1-2.7	0.0-1.0	...
35-44	85.8-90.5	7.6-12.2	0.3-1.1	0.0-0.6	0.1-1.0	0.1-0.9	0.2-1.0	...
45-64	77.7-81.0	13.8-16.7	1.8-3.1	0.5-1.4	0.8-1.7	0.4-1.3	0.1-0.6	...
65 and over	61.7-65.2	15.3-18.2	7.6-9.5	5.5-7.5	2.8-4.2	0.8-1.8	0.1-0.4	...
Race and ethnicity								
Hispanic or Latino, any race(s)	81.8-87.5	8.6-13.8	0.6-1.7	0.4-1.3	0.3-1.5	0.7-2.5	0.0-0.9	...
Asian, single race ²	72.9-83.6	12.3-22.3	1.0-4.4	0.1-1.7	0.1-1.4	0.2-1.8	0.1-1.5	...
Black, single race ²	72.2-79.5	12.1-17.8	3.0-6.5	0.7-3.0	0.6-2.1	0.6-3.3	0.1-1.1	...
White, single race ²	76.0-79.2	11.9-14.0	3.3-4.3	2.1-3.0	1.5-2.7	0.5-1.3	0.1-0.5	...
Other and multiple races ²	84.6-94.4	...	0.1-2.5	0.0-2.3	0.0-1.9	0.1-2.6	0.0-1.3	...
Sex								
Male	77.4-80.9	12.0-14.7	2.1-3.1	1.3-2.1	1.1-2.3	0.8-1.9	0.2-0.6	...
Female	77.9-80.6	11.2-13.7	3.2-4.4	1.7-2.5	1.2-1.9	0.5-1.1	0.1-0.5	...
Education								
Some high school or less	68.4-78.6	8.1-14.4	2.8-7.0	0.9-2.9	...	2.2-6.2	0.1-1.7	...
High school graduate or GED ³	76.4-80.3	10.9-14.2	2.5-4.0	2.0-3.6	1.3-2.5	0.6-1.6	0.1-0.9	...
Some post-high school, no degree	78.9-82.7	10.8-13.8	2.3-3.8	1.5-2.5	0.7-1.6	0.3-1.1	0.1-0.7	...
4-year college degree or higher	78.4-82.0	12.8-16.1	2.2-3.3	1.0-1.7	0.6-1.1	0.2-0.6	0.1-0.5	...
Family income relative to federal poverty threshold ⁴								
Less than 100%	76.5-84.1	7.9-14.2	1.6-3.9	1.3-3.8	0.9-2.7	1.1-4.1	0.0-0.4	...
100% to less than 200%	77.8-83.6	7.1-11.1	2.6-5.2	1.8-3.6	1.5-3.1	0.6-2.2	0.1-1.2	...
200% or greater	77.9-80.9	12.8-15.3	2.6-3.5	1.2-1.9	0.7-1.7	0.4-0.8	0.1-0.5	...
Geographic region ⁵								
Northeast	63.7-71.5	16.6-20.3	4.6-7.1	2.8-4.8	2.1-3.6	0.3-1.7	0.4-1.7	...
Midwest	77.8-84.6	8.4-11.0	2.3-4.5	1.5-2.8	1.0-4.0	0.7-2.7	0.0-0.4	...
South	81.5-85.6	8.4-12.4	2.0-3.1	1.0-2.0	0.6-1.3	0.6-1.5	0.1-0.5	...
West	76.8-80.1	14.4-17.4	1.6-3.3	0.8-1.7	0.8-1.7	0.4-1.2	0.0-0.7	...
Metropolitan statistical area status								
Metropolitan	78.7-81.0	12.4-14.1	2.4-3.3	1.5-2.0	1.0-1.6	0.5-1.0	0.2-0.5	...
Not metropolitan	69.3-80.8	7.0-14.7	4.1-6.8	1.8-4.3	1.5-5.8	1.2-4.5	0.1-0.7	...

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Owned or being bought	73.7-77.0	14.1-16.6	3.4-4.5	2.0-2.8	1.3-2.4	0.6-1.2	0.2-0.5	...
Renting	86.9-90.5	5.9-8.7	0.9-1.7	0.4-1.1	0.5-1.4	0.6-1.6	0.0-0.6	...
Other arrangement	66.0-83.6	...	...	0.1-3.6	...	...	0.0-2.6	...

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