

Geographic Area: Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY Metro Area

90% Confidence Interval

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	380,035	1,364	378,671	381,399
Occupied housing units	338,438	2,119	336,319	340,557
Vacant housing units	41,597	1,547	40,050	43,144
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.4	0.2	1.2	1.6
Rental vacancy rate	5.6	0.6	5.0	6.2

UNITS IN STRUCTURE

Total housing units	380,035	1,364	378,671	381,399
1-unit, detached	219,014	2,000	217,014	221,014
1-unit, attached	13,373	667	12,706	14,040
2 units	49,557	1,470	48,087	51,027
3 or 4 units	29,092	1,236	27,856	30,328
5 to 9 units	19,241	885	18,356	20,126
10 to 19 units	12,585	784	11,801	13,369
20 or more units	19,879	752	19,127	20,631
Mobile home	17,250	749	16,501	17,999
Boat, RV, van, etc.	44	41	3	85

YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT

Total housing units	380,035	1,364	378,671	381,399
Built 2005 or later	5,480	474	5,006	5,954
Built 2000 to 2004	18,830	874	17,956	19,704
Built 1990 to 1999	36,267	1,059	35,208	37,326
Built 1980 to 1989	41,852	1,220	40,632	43,072
Built 1970 to 1979	48,508	1,213	47,295	49,721
Built 1960 to 1969	38,019	1,152	36,867	39,171
Built 1950 to 1959	45,147	1,227	43,920	46,374
Built 1940 to 1949	23,761	911	22,850	24,672
Built 1939 or earlier	122,171	1,918	120,253	124,089

ROOMS

Total housing units	380,035	1,364	378,671	381,399
1 room	5,025	533	4,492	5,558
2 rooms	9,333	634	8,699	9,967
3 rooms	33,760	1,361	32,399	35,121
4 rooms	58,850	1,453	57,397	60,303
5 rooms	66,936	1,704	65,232	68,640
6 rooms	74,837	1,620	73,217	76,457
7 rooms	52,728	1,354	51,374	54,082
8 rooms	38,762	1,172	37,590	39,934
9 rooms or more	39,804	1,142	38,662	40,946
Median rooms	5.7	0.1	5.6	5.8

BEDROOMS

Total housing units	380,035	1,364	378,671	381,399
No bedroom	6,101	581	5,520	6,682
1 bedroom	45,816	1,373	44,443	47,189
2 bedrooms	100,150	1,649	98,501	101,799
3 bedrooms	144,085	1,892	142,193	145,977
4 bedrooms	67,386	1,296	66,090	68,682
5 or more bedrooms	16,497	769	15,728	17,266

HOUSING TENURE

Occupied housing units	338,438	2,119	336,319	340,557
Owner-occupied	227,387	1,814	225,573	229,201
Renter-occupied	111,051	2,099	108,952	113,150
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.61	0.01	2.60	2.62
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.02	0.03	1.99	2.05

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YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	338,438	2,119	336,319	340,557
Moved in 2005 or later	83,218	1,995	81,223	85,213
Moved in 2000 to 2004	85,887	1,838	84,049	87,725
Moved in 1990 to 1999	74,327	1,521	72,806	75,848
Moved in 1980 to 1989	39,707	1,094	38,613	40,801
Moved in 1970 to 1979	25,778	977	24,801	26,755
Moved in 1969 or earlier	29,521	966	28,555	30,487

VEHICLES AVAILABLE

Occupied housing units	338,438	2,119	336,319	340,557
No vehicles available	31,601	1,035	30,566	32,636
1 vehicle available	118,617	1,850	116,767	120,467
2 vehicles available	133,370	1,613	131,757	134,983
3 or more vehicles available	54,850	1,233	53,617	56,083

HOUSE HEATING FUEL

Occupied housing units	338,438	2,119	336,319	340,557
Utility gas	201,963	2,191	199,772	204,154
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	15,728	777	14,951	16,505
Electricity	37,302	1,356	35,946	38,658
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	71,391	1,409	69,982	72,800
Coal or coke	528	157	371	685
Wood	9,304	466	8,838	9,770
Solar energy	142	89	53	231
Other fuel	1,630	252	1,378	1,882
No fuel used	450	143	307	593

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Occupied housing units	338,438	2,119	336,319	340,557
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	1,318	299	1,019	1,617
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	1,703	297	1,406	2,000
No telephone service available	11,155	832	10,323	11,987

OCCUPANTS PER ROOM

Occupied housing units	338,438	2,119	336,319	340,557
1.00 or less	334,804	2,108	332,696	336,912
1.01 to 1.50	2,574	388	2,186	2,962
1.51 or more	1,060	253	807	1,313

VALUE

Owner-occupied units	227,387	1,814	225,573	229,201
Less than \$50,000	12,249	634	11,615	12,883
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27,482	975	26,507	28,457
\$100,000 to \$149,999	42,672	1,182	41,490	43,854
\$150,000 to \$199,999	48,166	1,279	46,887	49,445
\$200,000 to \$299,999	54,927	1,317	53,610	56,244
\$300,000 to \$499,999	32,596	1,090	31,506	33,686
\$500,000 to \$999,999	7,864	495	7,369	8,359
\$1,000,000 or more	1,431	220	1,211	1,651
Median (dollars)	\$179,900	1,595	\$178,305	\$181,495

MORTGAGE STATUS

Owner-occupied units	227,387	1,814	225,573	229,201
Housing units with a mortgage	152,414	1,667	150,747	154,081
Housing units without a mortgage	74,973	1,543	73,430	76,516

SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)

Housing units with a mortgage	152,414	1,667	150,747	154,081
Less than \$300	303	152	151	455
\$300 to \$499	1,793	245	1,548	2,038
\$500 to \$699	4,956	539	4,417	5,495
\$700 to \$999	17,130	853	16,277	17,983
\$1,000 to \$1,499	49,737	1,282	48,455	51,019
\$1,500 to \$1,999	40,001	1,174	38,827	41,175
\$2,000 or more	38,494	1,064	37,430	39,558
Median (dollars)	\$1,525	13	\$1,512	\$1,538

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Housing units without a mortgage	74,973	1,543	73,430	76,516
Less than \$100	248	84	164	332
\$100 to \$199	1,882	283	1,599	2,165
\$200 to \$299	6,060	428	5,632	6,488
\$300 to \$399	10,487	715	9,772	11,202
\$400 or more	56,296	1,381	54,915	57,677
Median (dollars)	\$545	5	\$540	\$550

SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)

Housing units with a mortgage (excl. units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	152,044	1,694	150,350	153,738
Less than 20.0 percent	58,736	1,359	57,377	60,095
20.0 to 24.9 percent	27,690	1,041	26,649	28,731
25.0 to 29.9 percent	19,479	943	18,536	20,422
30.0 to 34.9 percent	13,341	709	12,632	14,050
35.0 percent or more	32,798	1,001	31,797	33,799
Not computed	370	156	214	526
Housing unit without a mortgage (excl. units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	74,534	1,552	72,982	76,086
Less than 10.0 percent	25,021	914	24,107	25,935
10.0 to 14.9 percent	16,292	744	15,548	17,036
15.0 to 19.9 percent	10,635	637	9,998	11,272
20.0 to 24.9 percent	6,045	484	5,561	6,529
25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,536	318	3,218	3,854
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,842	374	2,468	3,216
35.0 percent or more	10,163	579	9,584	10,742
Not computed	439	162	277	601

GROSS RENT

Occupied units paying rent	106,768	2,082	104,686	108,850
Less than \$200	1,761	277	1,484	2,038
\$200 to \$299	3,909	415	3,494	4,324
\$300 to \$499	9,068	665	8,403	9,733
\$500 to \$749	29,910	1,216	28,694	31,126
\$750 to \$999	35,148	1,336	33,812	36,484
\$1,000 to \$1,499	22,035	1,029	21,006	23,064
\$1,500 or more	4,937	520	4,417	5,457
Median (dollars)	\$804	8	\$796	\$812
No rent paid	4,283	474	3,809	4,757

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)

Occupied units paying rent (excl. units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	105,328	2,038	103,290	107,366
Less than 15.0 percent	15,150	843	14,307	15,993
15.0 to 19.9 percent	15,905	873	15,032	16,778
20.0 to 24.9 percent	13,972	952	13,020	14,924
25.0 to 29.9 percent	12,298	616	11,682	12,914
30.0 to 34.9 percent	8,531	635	7,896	9,166
35.0 percent or more	39,472	1,262	38,210	40,734
Not computed	5,723	618	5,105	6,341

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

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Notes:

-Caution should be used when comparing data for Number of Rooms between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see Errata Note #54.

-Caution should be used when comparing data for Number of Bedrooms between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "0 bedrooms" category. For more information please see Errata Note #54.

-The 2005-2009 plumbing data for Puerto Rico will not be shown. Research indicates that the questions on plumbing facilities that were introduced in 2008 in the stateside American Community Survey and the 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey may not have been appropriate for Puerto Rico.

-Caution should be used when comparing data for Telephone Service Availability between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "no" category and underreporting those who did not have telephone service available. For more information please see Errata Note #53.

-Caution should be used when comparing data for Occupants per Room between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see Errata Note #54.

-In prior years, the universe included all owner-occupied units with a mortgage. It is now restricted to include only those units where SMOCAPI is computed, that is, SMOCAPI and household income are valid values.

-In prior years, the universe included all owner-occupied units without a mortgage. It is now restricted to include only those units where SMOCAPI is computed, that is, SMOCAPI and household income are valid values.

-In prior years, the universe included all renter-occupied units. It is now restricted to include only those units where GRAPI is computed, that is, gross rent and household income are valid values.

-The median gross rent excludes no cash renters.

-While the 2005-2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas; in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

-Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2000 data. Boundaries for urban areas have not been updated since Census 2000. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '**' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '***' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.