

Geographic Area: Albany County, New York

90% Confidence Interval

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	133,501	996	132,505	134,497
Occupied housing units	122,525	1,283	121,242	123,808
Vacant housing units	10,976	789	10,187	11,765
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.3	0.3	1.0	1.6
Rental vacancy rate	4.7	0.7	4.0	5.4

UNITS IN STRUCTURE

Total housing units	133,501	996	132,505	134,497
1-unit, detached	69,058	1,025	68,033	70,083
1-unit, attached	5,374	396	4,978	5,770
2 units	21,973	896	21,077	22,869
3 or 4 units	12,125	826	11,299	12,951
5 to 9 units	8,204	644	7,560	8,848
10 to 19 units	5,012	473	4,539	5,485
20 or more units	9,853	564	9,289	10,417
Mobile home	1,871	289	1,582	2,160
Boat, RV, van, etc.	31	37	0	68

YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT

Total housing units	133,501	996	132,505	134,497
Built 2005 or later	1,163	223	940	1,386
Built 2000 to 2004	4,723	363	4,360	5,086
Built 1990 to 1999	10,309	633	9,676	10,942
Built 1980 to 1989	11,977	600	11,377	12,577
Built 1970 to 1979	17,081	797	16,284	17,878
Built 1960 to 1969	14,469	673	13,796	15,142
Built 1950 to 1959	18,918	895	18,023	19,813
Built 1940 to 1949	9,718	643	9,075	10,361
Built 1939 or earlier	45,143	1,145	43,998	46,288

ROOMS

Total housing units	133,501	996	132,505	134,497
1 room	2,628	379	2,249	3,007
2 rooms	3,402	422	2,980	3,824
3 rooms	14,098	831	13,267	14,929
4 rooms	20,855	1,130	19,725	21,985
5 rooms	22,396	1,033	21,363	23,429
6 rooms	25,807	874	24,933	26,681
7 rooms	17,556	756	16,800	18,312
8 rooms	12,838	637	12,201	13,475
9 rooms or more	13,921	739	13,182	14,660
Median rooms	5.6	0.1	5.5	5.7

BEDROOMS

Total housing units	133,501	996	132,505	134,497
No bedroom	3,055	373	2,682	3,428
1 bedroom	20,276	896	19,380	21,172
2 bedrooms	34,045	1,138	32,907	35,183
3 bedrooms	47,749	1,160	46,589	48,909
4 bedrooms	22,792	764	22,028	23,556
5 or more bedrooms	5,584	423	5,161	6,007

HOUSING TENURE

Occupied housing units	122,525	1,283	121,242	123,808
Owner-occupied	73,507	1,052	72,455	74,559
Renter-occupied	49,018	1,367	47,651	50,385
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.54	0.02	2.52	2.56
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.92	0.03	1.89	1.95

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YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	122,525	1,283	121,242	123,808
Moved in 2005 or later	33,046	1,284	31,762	34,330
Moved in 2000 to 2004	30,132	1,048	29,084	31,180
Moved in 1990 to 1999	26,511	973	25,538	27,484
Moved in 1980 to 1989	13,409	620	12,789	14,029
Moved in 1970 to 1979	9,106	537	8,569	9,643
Moved in 1969 or earlier	10,321	552	9,769	10,873

VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	122,525	1,283	121,242	123,808
No vehicles available	14,696	697	13,999	15,393
1 vehicle available	46,096	1,146	44,950	47,242
2 vehicles available	44,497	1,062	43,435	45,559
3 or more vehicles available	17,236	642	16,594	17,878

HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	122,525	1,283	121,242	123,808
Utility gas	85,286	1,301	83,985	86,587
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	2,375	288	2,087	2,663
Electricity	14,477	847	13,630	15,324
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	18,007	728	17,279	18,735
Coal or coke	94	58	36	152
Wood	1,600	211	1,389	1,811
Solar energy	21	23	0	44
Other fuel	441	156	285	597
No fuel used	224	109	115	333

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	122,525	1,283	121,242	123,808
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	407	176	231	583
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	756	215	541	971
No telephone service available	5,334	631	4,703	5,965

OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	122,525	1,283	121,242	123,808
1.00 or less	121,230	1,310	119,920	122,540
1.01 to 1.50	675	157	518	832
1.51 or more	620	231	389	851

VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	73,507	1,052	72,455	74,559
Less than \$50,000	2,076	321	1,755	2,397
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7,364	495	6,869	7,859
\$100,000 to \$149,999	12,871	645	12,226	13,516
\$150,000 to \$199,999	16,703	804	15,899	17,507
\$200,000 to \$299,999	19,739	825	18,914	20,564
\$300,000 to \$499,999	11,726	587	11,139	12,313
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2,611	297	2,314	2,908
\$1,000,000 or more	417	119	298	536
Median (dollars)	\$192,500	2,224	\$190,276	\$194,724

MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	73,507	1,052	72,455	74,559
Housing units with a mortgage	49,503	928	48,575	50,431
Housing units without a mortgage	24,004	847	23,157	24,851

SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	49,503	928	48,575	50,431
Less than \$300	92	52	40	144
\$300 to \$499	421	107	314	528
\$500 to \$699	1,409	283	1,126	1,692
\$700 to \$999	5,321	564	4,757	5,885
\$1,000 to \$1,499	15,433	807	14,626	16,240
\$1,500 to \$1,999	13,558	620	12,938	14,178
\$2,000 or more	13,269	604	12,665	13,873
Median (dollars)	\$1,570	22	\$1,548	\$1,592

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Housing units without a mortgage	24,004	847	23,157	24,851
Less than \$100	104	55	49	159
\$100 to \$199	505	139	366	644
\$200 to \$299	1,861	237	1,624	2,098
\$300 to \$399	3,332	383	2,949	3,715
\$400 or more	18,202	743	17,459	18,945
Median (dollars)	\$544	11	\$533	\$555

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

Housing units with a mortgage (excl. units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	49,450	921	48,529	50,371
Less than 20.0 percent	20,173	933	19,240	21,106
20.0 to 24.9 percent	8,596	598	7,998	9,194
25.0 to 29.9 percent	6,002	536	5,466	6,538
30.0 to 34.9 percent	4,338	333	4,005	4,671
35.0 percent or more	10,341	627	9,714	10,968
Not computed	53	65	0	118
Housing unit without a mortgage (excl. units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	23,895	839	23,056	24,734
Less than 10.0 percent	8,989	522	8,467	9,511
10.0 to 14.9 percent	5,470	469	5,001	5,939
15.0 to 19.9 percent	3,294	354	2,940	3,648
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,749	245	1,504	1,994
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,150	219	931	1,369
30.0 to 34.9 percent	742	157	585	899
35.0 percent or more	2,501	313	2,188	2,814
Not computed	109	65	44	174

GROSS RENT

Occupied units paying rent	47,765	1,332	46,433	49,097
Less than \$200	644	159	485	803
\$200 to \$299	1,596	249	1,347	1,845
\$300 to \$499	3,635	428	3,207	4,063
\$500 to \$749	12,465	752	11,713	13,217
\$750 to \$999	16,481	848	15,633	17,329
\$1,000 to \$1,499	10,937	702	10,235	11,639
\$1,500 or more	2,007	348	1,659	2,355
Median (dollars)	\$830	10	\$820	\$840
No rent paid	1,253	245	1,008	1,498

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)

Occupied units paying rent (excl. units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	46,822	1,253	45,569	48,075
Less than 15.0 percent	6,594	575	6,019	7,169
15.0 to 19.9 percent	6,636	526	6,110	7,162
20.0 to 24.9 percent	6,152	602	5,550	6,754
25.0 to 29.9 percent	5,252	548	4,704	5,800
30.0 to 34.9 percent	3,542	468	3,074	4,010
35.0 percent or more	18,646	960	17,686	19,606
Not computed	2,196	369	1,827	2,565

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.