Selected Housing Characteristics: 2005-2009

Geographic Area: Albany city, Albany County, New York

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	90% Confidence Interval Lower Bound	Upper Bound
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	**46,345**	**942**	**45,403**	**47,287**
Occupied housing units	40,193	870	39,323	41,063
Vacant housing units	6,152	534	5,618	6,686
Homeowner vacancy rate	3.1	0.9	2.2	4.0
Rental vacancy rate	6.3	1.2	5.1	7.5
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	**46,345**	**942**	**45,403**	**47,287**
1-unit, detached	13,616	710	12,906	14,326
1-unit, attached	2,344	280	2,064	2,624
2 units	12,574	731	11,843	13,305
3 or 4 units	7,278	566	6,712	7,844
5 to 9 units	3,876	523	3,353	4,399
10 to 19 units	1,451	248	1,203	1,699
20 or more units	5,022	437	4,585	5,459
Mobile home	162	85	77	247
Boat, RV, van, etc.	22	35	0	57
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	**46,345**	**942**	**45,403**	**47,287**
Built 2005 or later	24	27	0	51
Built 2000 to 2004	896	190	706	1,086
Built 1990 to 1999	1,431	214	1,217	1,645
Built 1980 to 1989	2,397	316	2,081	2,713
Built 1970 to 1979	3,965	428	3,537	4,393
Built 1960 to 1969	3,451	386	3,065	3,837
Built 1950 to 1959	4,954	482	4,472	5,436
Built 1940 to 1949	3,749	435	3,314	4,184
Built 1939 or earlier	25,478	822	24,656	26,300
ROOMS				
Total housing units	**46,345**	**942**	**45,403**	**47,287**
1 room	1,691	303	1,388	1,994
2 rooms	1,916	322	1,594	2,238
3 rooms	6,897	603	6,294	7,500
4 rooms	8,009	690	7,319	8,699
5 rooms	8,451	700	7,751	9,151
6 rooms	9,693	622	9,071	10,315
7 rooms	4,451	392	4,059	4,843
8 rooms	2,471	320	2,151	2,791
9 rooms or more	2,766	336	2,430	3,102
Median rooms	5.1	0.2	4.9	5.3
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	**46,345**	**942**	**45,403**	**47,287**
No bedroom	2,006	310	1,696	2,316
1 bedroom	9,808	624	9,184	10,432
2 bedrooms	12,914	801	12,113	13,715
3 bedrooms	15,149	731	14,418	15,880
4 bedrooms	4,681	419	4,262	5,100
5 or more bedrooms	1,787	294	1,493	2,081
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	**40,193**	**870**	**39,323**	**41,063**
Owner-occupied	16,448	783	15,665	17,231
Renter-occupied	23,745	806	22,939	24,551
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.33	0.06	2.27	2.39
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.96	0.06	1.90	2.02

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YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	**40,193**	**870**	**39,323**	**41,063**
Moved in 2005 or later	14,983	863	14,120	15,846
Moved in 2000 to 2004	11,002	681	10,321	11,683
Moved in 1990 to 1999	6,927	551	6,376	7,478
Moved in 1980 to 1989	2,911	354	2,557	3,265
Moved in 1970 to 1979	2,072	295	1,777	2,367
Moved in 1969 or earlier	2,298	297	2,001	2,595
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	**40,193**	**870**	**39,323**	**41,063**
No vehicles available	9,497	612	8,885	10,109
1 vehicle available	17,038	787	16,251	17,825
2 vehicles available	10,372	643	9,729	11,015
3 or more vehicles available	3,286	328	2,958	3,614
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	**40,193**	**870**	**39,323**	**41,063**
Utility gas	29,418	852	28,566	30,270
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	590	151	439	741
Electricity	6,598	519	6,079	7,117
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	3,202	350	2,852	3,552
Coal or coke	21	34	0	55
Wood	22	26	0	48
Solar energy	21	23	0	44
Other fuel	182	114	68	296
No fuel used	139	86	53	225
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	**40,193**	**870**	**39,323**	**41,063**
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	217	134	83	351
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	329	136	193	465
No telephone service available	3,094	473	2,621	3,567
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	**40,193**	**870**	**39,323**	**41,063**
1.00 or less	39,750	878	38,872	40,628
1.01 to 1.50	278	109	169	387
1.51 or more	165	102	63	267
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	**16,448**	**783**	**15,665**	**17,231**
Less than $50,000	594	221	373	815
$50,000 to $99,999	2,862	383	2,479	3,245
$100,000 to $149,999	3,246	325	2,921	3,571
$150,000 to $199,999	4,014	384	3,630	4,398
$200,000 to $299,999	3,861	361	3,500	4,222
$300,000 to $499,999	1,523	246	1,277	1,769
$500,000 to $999,999	337	107	230	444
$1,000,000 or more	11	16	0	27
Median (dollars)	$165,400	3,363	$162,037	$168,763
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	**16,448**	**783**	**15,665**	**17,231**
Housing units with a mortgage	11,549	648	10,901	12,197
Housing units without a mortgage	4,899	450	4,449	5,349
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	**11,549**	**648**	**10,901**	**12,197**
Less than $300	44	36	8	80
$300 to $499	71	42	29	113
$500 to $699	410	162	248	572
$700 to $999	1,528	290	1,238	1,818
$1,000 to $1,499	4,160	403	3,757	4,563
$1,500 to $1,999	3,157	306	2,851	3,463
$2,000 or more	2,179	283	1,896	2,462
Median (dollars)	$1,441	39	$1,402	$1,480

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Housing units without a mortgage	**4,899**	**450**	**4,449**	**5,349**
Less than $100	24	38	0	62
$100 to $199	171	89	82	260
$200 to $299	341	115	226	456
$300 to $399	607	147	460	754
$400 or more	3,756	387	3,369	4,143
Median (dollars)	$546	20	$526	$566

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

	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Housing units with a mortgage (excl. units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	**11,511**	**646**	**10,865**	**12,157**
Less than 20.0 percent	4,400	397	4,003	4,797
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,838	253	1,585	2,091
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,225	247	978	1,472
30.0 to 34.9 percent	996	242	754	1,238
35.0 percent or more	3,052	384	2,668	3,436
Not computed	38	62	0	100
Housing unit without a mortgage (excl. units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	**4,859**	**442**	**4,417**	**5,301**
Less than 10.0 percent	1,581	216	1,365	1,797
10.0 to 14.9 percent	1,077	206	871	1,283
15.0 to 19.9 percent	678	136	542	814
20.0 to 24.9 percent	414	142	272	556
25.0 to 29.9 percent	353	112	241	465
30.0 to 34.9 percent	148	78	70	226
35.0 percent or more	608	129	479	737
Not computed	40	50	0	90

GROSS RENT

	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Occupied units paying rent	**23,391**	**811**	**22,580**	**24,202**
Less than $200	401	139	262	540
$200 to $299	1,041	203	838	1,244
$300 to $499	2,287	390	1,897	2,677
$500 to $749	6,441	448	5,993	6,889
$750 to $999	7,685	639	7,046	8,324
$1,000 to $1,499	4,596	494	4,102	5,090
$1,500 or more	940	267	673	1,207
Median (dollars)	$791	13	$778	$804
No rent paid	354	129	225	483

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)

	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Occupied units paying rent (excl. units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	**22,992**	**779**	**22,213**	**23,771**
Less than 15.0 percent	2,322	314	2,008	2,636
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,888	358	2,530	3,246
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,734	383	2,351	3,117
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,518	390	2,128	2,908
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,817	329	1,488	2,146
35.0 percent or more	10,713	671	10,042	11,384
Not computed	753	207	546	960

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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	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	90% Confidence Interval	
Selected Housing Characteristics			**Lower Bound**	**Upper Bound**

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, SMOC 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, SMOC 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.