

Geographic Area: Bethlehem town, Albany County, New York

90% Confidence Interval

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	13,231	527	12,704	13,758
Occupied housing units	12,785	522	12,263	13,307
Vacant housing units	446	184	262	630
Homeowner vacancy rate	0.8	0.9	0.0	1.7
Rental vacancy rate	2.8	2.2	0.6	5.0

UNITS IN STRUCTURE

Total housing units	13,231	527	12,704	13,758
1-unit, detached	9,543	484	9,059	10,027
1-unit, attached	848	165	683	1,013
2 units	859	221	638	1,080
3 or 4 units	623	198	425	821
5 to 9 units	605	132	473	737
10 to 19 units	220	78	142	298
20 or more units	430	120	310	550
Mobile home	103	68	35	171
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	123	0	123

YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT

Total housing units	13,231	527	12,704	13,758
Built 2005 or later	203	83	120	286
Built 2000 to 2004	1,071	158	913	1,229
Built 1990 to 1999	1,916	250	1,666	2,166
Built 1980 to 1989	1,703	237	1,466	1,940
Built 1970 to 1979	1,776	297	1,479	2,073
Built 1960 to 1969	1,452	249	1,203	1,701
Built 1950 to 1959	1,678	274	1,404	1,952
Built 1940 to 1949	996	225	771	1,221
Built 1939 or earlier	2,436	284	2,152	2,720

ROOMS

Total housing units	13,231	527	12,704	13,758
1 room	43	66	0	109
2 rooms	172	68	104	240
3 rooms	636	163	473	799
4 rooms	1,371	213	1,158	1,584
5 rooms	1,662	286	1,376	1,948
6 rooms	2,482	272	2,210	2,754
7 rooms	2,336	303	2,033	2,639
8 rooms	2,155	260	1,895	2,415
9 rooms or more	2,374	316	2,058	2,690
Median rooms	6.6	0.2	6.4	6.8

BEDROOMS

Total housing units	13,231	527	12,704	13,758
No bedroom	56	70	0	126
1 bedroom	1,008	204	804	1,212
2 bedrooms	2,694	312	2,382	3,006
3 bedrooms	5,172	416	4,756	5,588
4 bedrooms	3,593	342	3,251	3,935
5 or more bedrooms	708	153	555	861

HOUSING TENURE

Occupied housing units	12,785	522	12,263	13,307
Owner-occupied	9,863	417	9,446	10,280
Renter-occupied	2,922	311	2,611	3,233
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.71	0.06	2.65	2.77
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.88	0.16	1.72	2.04

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YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	12,785	522	12,263	13,307
Moved in 2005 or later	2,500	289	2,211	2,789
Moved in 2000 to 2004	3,203	357	2,846	3,560
Moved in 1990 to 1999	3,367	262	3,105	3,629
Moved in 1980 to 1989	1,833	201	1,632	2,034
Moved in 1970 to 1979	843	166	677	1,009
Moved in 1969 or earlier	1,039	157	882	1,196

VEHICLES AVAILABLE

Occupied housing units	12,785	522	12,263	13,307
No vehicles available	481	140	341	621
1 vehicle available	3,826	332	3,494	4,158
2 vehicles available	6,242	406	5,836	6,648
3 or more vehicles available	2,236	216	2,020	2,452

HOUSE HEATING FUEL

Occupied housing units	12,785	522	12,263	13,307
Utility gas	9,222	509	8,713	9,731
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	50	35	15	85
Electricity	702	149	553	851
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	2,676	296	2,380	2,972
Coal or coke	0	123	0	123
Wood	90	56	34	146
Solar energy	0	123	0	123
Other fuel	35	38	0	73
No fuel used	10	16	0	26

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Occupied housing units	12,785	522	12,263	13,307
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	0	123	0	123
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	105	78	27	183
No telephone service available	209	115	94	324

OCCUPANTS PER ROOM

Occupied housing units	12,785	522	12,263	13,307
1.00 or less	12,743	531	12,212	13,274
1.01 to 1.50	42	42	0	84
1.51 or more	0	123	0	123

VALUE

Owner-occupied units	9,863	417	9,446	10,280
Less than \$50,000	146	64	82	210
\$50,000 to \$99,999	360	125	235	485
\$100,000 to \$149,999	660	140	520	800
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,744	287	1,457	2,031
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,549	303	3,246	3,852
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,907	278	2,629	3,185
\$500,000 to \$999,999	464	135	329	599
\$1,000,000 or more	33	31	2	64
Median (dollars)	\$252,500	8,441	\$244,059	\$260,941

MORTGAGE STATUS

Owner-occupied units	9,863	417	9,446	10,280
Housing units with a mortgage	6,914	388	6,526	7,302
Housing units without a mortgage	2,949	275	2,674	3,224

SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)

Housing units with a mortgage	6,914	388	6,526	7,302
Less than \$300	0	123	0	123
\$300 to \$499	26	27	0	53
\$500 to \$699	177	75	102	252
\$700 to \$999	401	144	257	545
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,337	238	1,099	1,575
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,743	220	1,523	1,963
\$2,000 or more	3,230	266	2,964	3,496
Median (dollars)	\$1,916	79	\$1,837	\$1,995

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Housing units without a mortgage	2,949	275	2,674	3,224
Less than \$100	25	29	0	54
\$100 to \$199	0	123	0	123
\$200 to \$299	108	61	47	169
\$300 to \$399	336	110	226	446
\$400 or more	2,480	258	2,222	2,738
Median (dollars)	\$671	47	\$624	\$718

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

Housing units with a mortgage (excl. units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	6,914	388	6,526	7,302
Less than 20.0 percent	3,039	330	2,709	3,369
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,157	211	946	1,368
25.0 to 29.9 percent	910	156	754	1,066
30.0 to 34.9 percent	627	164	463	791
35.0 percent or more	1,181	221	960	1,402
Not computed	0	123	0	123
Housing unit without a mortgage (excl. units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	2,949	275	2,674	3,224
Less than 10.0 percent	1,159	222	937	1,381
10.0 to 14.9 percent	807	159	648	966
15.0 to 19.9 percent	410	134	276	544
20.0 to 24.9 percent	143	65	78	208
25.0 to 29.9 percent	137	63	74	200
30.0 to 34.9 percent	95	73	22	168
35.0 percent or more	198	74	124	272
Not computed	0	123	0	123

GROSS RENT

Occupied units paying rent	2,788	311	2,477	3,099
Less than \$200	0	123	0	123
\$200 to \$299	76	63	13	139
\$300 to \$499	67	41	26	108
\$500 to \$749	398	149	249	547
\$750 to \$999	954	190	764	1,144
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,077	224	853	1,301
\$1,500 or more	216	102	114	318
Median (dollars)	\$978	41	\$937	\$1,019
No rent paid	134	85	49	219

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)

Occupied units paying rent (excl. units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	2,673	303	2,370	2,976
Less than 15.0 percent	485	157	328	642
15.0 to 19.9 percent	342	145	197	487
20.0 to 24.9 percent	388	142	246	530
25.0 to 29.9 percent	449	167	282	616
30.0 to 34.9 percent	159	87	72	246
35.0 percent or more	850	205	645	1,055
Not computed	249	116	133	365

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.