

**Geographic Area: Rensselaer city, Rensselaer County, New York**

90% Confidence Interval

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>				
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>4,049</b>
Occupied housing units	3,462	221	3,241	3,683
Vacant housing units	340	119	221	459
Homeowner vacancy rate	4.8	4.1	0.7	8.9
Rental vacancy rate	5.4	3.3	2.1	8.7

**UNITS IN STRUCTURE**

<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>4,049</b>
1-unit, detached	1,298	174	1,124	1,472
1-unit, attached	185	75	110	260
2 units	913	246	667	1,159
3 or 4 units	536	168	368	704
5 to 9 units	309	119	190	428
10 to 19 units	280	98	182	378
20 or more units	248	80	168	328
Mobile home	33	39	0	72
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	123	0	123

**YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT**

<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>4,049</b>
Built 2005 or later	136	62	74	198
Built 2000 to 2004	288	94	194	382
Built 1990 to 1999	173	64	109	237
Built 1980 to 1989	248	98	150	346
Built 1970 to 1979	281	98	183	379
Built 1960 to 1969	316	106	210	422
Built 1950 to 1959	242	78	164	320
Built 1940 to 1949	204	88	116	292
Built 1939 or earlier	1,914	218	1,696	2,132

**ROOMS**

<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>4,049</b>
1 room	69	68	1	137
2 rooms	131	75	56	206
3 rooms	637	173	464	810
4 rooms	592	160	432	752
5 rooms	1,055	263	792	1,318
6 rooms	637	145	492	782
7 rooms	382	104	278	486
8 rooms	114	57	57	171
9 rooms or more	185	75	110	260
Median rooms	4.9	0.2	4.7	5.1

**BEDROOMS**

<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>4,049</b>
No bedroom	69	68	1	137
1 bedroom	825	191	634	1,016
2 bedrooms	1,425	259	1,166	1,684
3 bedrooms	1,078	176	902	1,254
4 bedrooms	369	92	277	461
5 or more bedrooms	36	30	6	66

**HOUSING TENURE**

<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>3,241</b>	<b>3,683</b>
Owner-occupied	1,542	220	1,322	1,762
Renter-occupied	1,920	244	1,676	2,164
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.52	0.26	2.26	2.78
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.08	0.19	1.89	2.27

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<b>YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT</b>				
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>3,241</b>	<b>3,683</b>
Moved in 2005 or later	1,085	208	877	1,293
Moved in 2000 to 2004	1,008	214	794	1,222
Moved in 1990 to 1999	668	168	500	836
Moved in 1980 to 1989	297	113	184	410
Moved in 1970 to 1979	164	82	82	246
Moved in 1969 or earlier	240	79	161	319

**VEHICLES AVAILABLE**

<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>3,241</b>	<b>3,683</b>
No vehicles available	594	162	432	756
1 vehicle available	1,395	251	1,144	1,646
2 vehicles available	965	185	780	1,150
3 or more vehicles available	508	202	306	710

**HOUSE HEATING FUEL**

<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>3,241</b>	<b>3,683</b>
Utility gas	2,657	208	2,449	2,865
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	43	35	8	78
Electricity	556	127	429	683
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	187	93	94	280
Coal or coke	0	123	0	123
Wood	0	123	0	123
Solar energy	0	123	0	123
Other fuel	19	23	0	42
No fuel used	0	123	0	123

**SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS**

<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>3,241</b>	<b>3,683</b>
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	0	123	0	123
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	38	57	0	95
No telephone service available	169	111	58	280

**OCCUPANTS PER ROOM**

<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>3,241</b>	<b>3,683</b>
1.00 or less	3,326	274	3,052	3,600
1.01 to 1.50	136	92	44	228
1.51 or more	0	123	0	123

**VALUE**

<b>Owner-occupied units</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1,322</b>	<b>1,762</b>
Less than \$50,000	68	51	17	119
\$50,000 to \$99,999	375	119	256	494
\$100,000 to \$149,999	444	128	316	572
\$150,000 to \$199,999	335	87	248	422
\$200,000 to \$299,999	236	107	129	343
\$300,000 to \$499,999	15	20	0	35
\$500,000 to \$999,999	53	69	0	122
\$1,000,000 or more	16	19	0	35
Median (dollars)	\$135,400	15,679	\$119,721	\$151,079

**MORTGAGE STATUS**

<b>Owner-occupied units</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1,322</b>	<b>1,762</b>
Housing units with a mortgage	974	176	798	1,150
Housing units without a mortgage	568	134	434	702

**SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)**

<b>Housing units with a mortgage</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>1,150</b>
Less than \$300	0	123	0	123
\$300 to \$499	8	13	0	21
\$500 to \$699	60	44	16	104
\$700 to \$999	245	110	135	355
\$1,000 to \$1,499	396	125	271	521
\$1,500 to \$1,999	178	69	109	247
\$2,000 or more	87	47	40	134
Median (dollars)	\$1,201	96	\$1,105	\$1,297

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<b>Housing units without a mortgage</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>702</b>
Less than \$100	0	123	0	123
\$100 to \$199	21	20	1	41
\$200 to \$299	23	26	0	49
\$300 to \$399	78	46	32	124
\$400 or more	446	125	321	571
Median (dollars)	\$526	79	\$447	\$605

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

<b>Housing units with a mortgage (excl. units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>1,150</b>
Less than 20.0 percent	426	133	293	559
20.0 to 24.9 percent	131	53	78	184
25.0 to 29.9 percent	192	115	77	307
30.0 to 34.9 percent	73	53	20	126
35.0 percent or more	152	75	77	227
Not computed	0	123	0	123
<b>Housing unit without a mortgage (excl. units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>676</b>
Less than 10.0 percent	147	68	79	215
10.0 to 14.9 percent	116	52	64	168
15.0 to 19.9 percent	68	46	22	114
20.0 to 24.9 percent	59	41	18	100
25.0 to 29.9 percent	19	23	0	42
30.0 to 34.9 percent	28	25	3	53
35.0 percent or more	107	81	26	188
Not computed	24	29	0	53

**GROSS RENT**

<b>Occupied units paying rent</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>2,156</b>
Less than \$200	9	14	0	23
\$200 to \$299	102	56	46	158
\$300 to \$499	336	194	142	530
\$500 to \$749	682	191	491	873
\$750 to \$999	381	109	272	490
\$1,000 to \$1,499	248	83	165	331
\$1,500 or more	151	71	80	222
Median (dollars)	\$679	37	\$642	\$716
No rent paid	11	17	0	28

**GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)**

<b>Occupied units paying rent (excl. units where GRAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>1,903</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>2,149</b>
Less than 15.0 percent	402	211	191	613
15.0 to 19.9 percent	279	109	170	388
20.0 to 24.9 percent	245	132	113	377
25.0 to 29.9 percent	226	110	116	336
30.0 to 34.9 percent	142	64	78	206
35.0 percent or more	609	175	434	784
Not computed	17	19	0	36

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.