

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

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	90% Confidence Interval	
			Lower Bound	Upper Bound
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>				
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>68,951</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>68,611</b>	<b>69,291</b>
Occupied housing units	61,211	704	60,507	61,915
Vacant housing units	7,740	665	7,075	8,405
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.7	0.6	1.1	2.3
Rental vacancy rate	7.4	1.5	5.9	8.9
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>				
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>68,951</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>68,611</b>	<b>69,291</b>
1-unit, detached	38,879	825	38,054	39,704
1-unit, attached	2,250	259	1,991	2,509
2 units	9,714	584	9,130	10,298
3 or 4 units	5,888	594	5,294	6,482
5 to 9 units	4,318	467	3,851	4,785
10 to 19 units	2,180	282	1,898	2,462
20 or more units	3,063	334	2,729	3,397
Mobile home	2,650	297	2,353	2,947
Boat, RV, van, etc.	9	14	0	23
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>				
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>68,951</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>68,611</b>	<b>69,291</b>
Built 2005 or later	1,221	215	1,006	1,436
Built 2000 to 2004	2,595	269	2,326	2,864
Built 1990 to 1999	5,973	460	5,513	6,433
Built 1980 to 1989	6,643	381	6,262	7,024
Built 1970 to 1979	7,418	570	6,848	7,988
Built 1960 to 1969	6,885	520	6,365	7,405
Built 1950 to 1959	7,405	496	6,909	7,901
Built 1940 to 1949	4,082	421	3,661	4,503
Built 1939 or earlier	26,729	798	25,931	27,527
<b>ROOMS</b>				
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>68,951</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>68,611</b>	<b>69,291</b>
1 room	856	290	566	1,146
2 rooms	1,375	263	1,112	1,638
3 rooms	5,972	577	5,395	6,549
4 rooms	10,873	614	10,259	11,487
5 rooms	12,909	626	12,283	13,535
6 rooms	13,580	715	12,865	14,295
7 rooms	9,612	528	9,084	10,140
8 rooms	6,549	425	6,124	6,974
9 rooms or more	7,225	466	6,759	7,691
Median rooms	5.7	0.1	5.6	5.8
<b>BEDROOMS</b>				
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>68,951</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>68,611</b>	<b>69,291</b>
No bedroom	1,097	302	795	1,399
1 bedroom	7,420	621	6,799	8,041
2 bedrooms	19,697	777	18,920	20,474
3 bedrooms	26,541	705	25,836	27,246
4 bedrooms	10,812	525	10,287	11,337
5 or more bedrooms	3,384	358	3,026	3,742
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>				
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>61,211</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>60,507</b>	<b>61,915</b>
Owner-occupied	40,704	668	40,036	41,372
Renter-occupied	20,507	819	19,688	21,326
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.61	0.04	2.57	2.65
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.16	0.06	2.10	2.22

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<b>YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT</b>				
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>61,211</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>60,507</b>	<b>61,915</b>
Moved in 2005 or later	14,912	672	14,240	15,584
Moved in 2000 to 2004	14,995	723	14,272	15,718
Moved in 1990 to 1999	13,154	533	12,621	13,687
Moved in 1980 to 1989	7,378	497	6,881	7,875
Moved in 1970 to 1979	4,905	381	4,524	5,286
Moved in 1969 or earlier	5,867	381	5,486	6,248
<b>VEHICLES AVAILABLE</b>				
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>61,211</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>60,507</b>	<b>61,915</b>
No vehicles available	5,788	418	5,370	6,206
1 vehicle available	21,213	945	20,268	22,158
2 vehicles available	22,728	748	21,980	23,476
3 or more vehicles available	11,482	561	10,921	12,043
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>				
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>61,211</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>60,507</b>	<b>61,915</b>
Utility gas	28,189	701	27,488	28,890
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	3,531	371	3,160	3,902
Electricity	6,525	543	5,982	7,068
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	19,787	794	18,993	20,581
Coal or coke	174	98	76	272
Wood	2,586	299	2,287	2,885
Solar energy	44	36	8	80
Other fuel	284	107	177	391
No fuel used	91	59	32	150
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>61,211</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>60,507</b>	<b>61,915</b>
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	378	153	225	531
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	382	155	227	537
No telephone service available	2,105	333	1,772	2,438
<b>OCCUPANTS PER ROOM</b>				
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>61,211</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>60,507</b>	<b>61,915</b>
1.00 or less	60,368	715	59,653	61,083
1.01 to 1.50	662	190	472	852
1.51 or more	181	84	97	265
<b>VALUE</b>				
<b>Owner-occupied units</b>	<b>40,704</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>40,036</b>	<b>41,372</b>
Less than \$50,000	1,949	238	1,711	2,187
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6,015	424	5,591	6,439
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9,602	670	8,932	10,272
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9,099	481	8,618	9,580
\$200,000 to \$299,999	8,827	522	8,305	9,349
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4,126	446	3,680	4,572
\$500,000 to \$999,999	923	172	751	1,095
\$1,000,000 or more	163	82	81	245
Median (dollars)	\$162,700	2,852	\$159,848	\$165,552
<b>MORTGAGE STATUS</b>				
<b>Owner-occupied units</b>	<b>40,704</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>40,036</b>	<b>41,372</b>
Housing units with a mortgage	26,980	676	26,304	27,656
Housing units without a mortgage	13,724	592	13,132	14,316
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)</b>				
<b>Housing units with a mortgage</b>	<b>26,980</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>26,304</b>	<b>27,656</b>
Less than \$300	50	37	13	87
\$300 to \$499	341	123	218	464
\$500 to \$699	879	186	693	1,065
\$700 to \$999	3,398	321	3,077	3,719
\$1,000 to \$1,499	9,314	559	8,755	9,873
\$1,500 to \$1,999	6,892	432	6,460	7,324
\$2,000 or more	6,106	452	5,654	6,558
Median (dollars)	\$1,475	27	\$1,448	\$1,502

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Less than \$100	50	42	8	92
\$100 to \$199	303	95	208	398
\$200 to \$299	880	174	706	1,054
\$300 to \$399	1,859	261	1,598	2,120
\$400 or more	10,632	574	10,058	11,206
Median (dollars)	\$553	13	\$540	\$566

**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>26,956</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>26,279</b>	<b>27,633</b>
Less than 20.0 percent	10,009	494	9,515	10,503
20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,874	401	4,473	5,275
25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,625	360	3,265	3,985
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,319	316	2,003	2,635
35.0 percent or more	6,129	400	5,729	6,529
Not computed	24	26	0	50
<b>Housing unit without a mortgage (excl. units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>13,679</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>13,084</b>	<b>14,274</b>
Less than 10.0 percent	4,330	369	3,961	4,699
10.0 to 14.9 percent	2,751	268	2,483	3,019
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,289	276	2,013	2,565
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,179	207	972	1,386
25.0 to 29.9 percent	733	137	596	870
30.0 to 34.9 percent	422	99	323	521
35.0 percent or more	1,975	287	1,688	2,262
Not computed	45	39	6	84

**GROSS RENT**

<b>Occupied units paying rent</b>	<b>19,435</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>18,625</b>	<b>20,245</b>
Less than \$200	448	134	314	582
\$200 to \$299	1,084	186	898	1,270
\$300 to \$499	2,051	315	1,736	2,366
\$500 to \$749	5,981	544	5,437	6,525
\$750 to \$999	5,971	496	5,475	6,467
\$1,000 to \$1,499	3,271	334	2,937	3,605
\$1,500 or more	629	188	441	817
Median (dollars)	\$756	17	\$739	\$773
No rent paid	1,072	232	840	1,304

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

<b>Occupied units paying rent (excl. units where GRAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>19,313</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>18,505</b>	<b>20,121</b>
Less than 15.0 percent	3,028	450	2,578	3,478
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,867	365	2,502	3,232
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,733	366	2,367	3,099
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,333	370	1,963	2,703
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,617	285	1,332	1,902
35.0 percent or more	6,735	544	6,191	7,279
Not computed	1,194	248	946	1,442

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.