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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Data and Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, for 2010, the 2010 Census provides the official counts of the population and housing units for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns. For 2006 to 2009, the Population Estimates Program provides intercensal estimates of the population for the nation, states, and counties.

Subject	Rensselaer city, Rensselaer County, New York			
	Estimate	Estimate Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	4,612	+/-256	4,612	(X)
Occupied housing units	4,272	+/-233	92.6%	+/-2.4
Vacant housing units	340	+/-119	7.4%	+/-2.4
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.7	+/-2.9	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	3.1	+/-2.4	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	4,612	+/-256	4,612	(X)
1-unit, detached	1,639	+/-211	35.5%	+/-4.2
1-unit, attached	294	+/-127	6.4%	+/-2.7
2 units	857	+/-193	18.6%	+/-4.0
3 or 4 units	689	+/-209	14.9%	+/-4.5
5 to 9 units	451	+/-151	9.8%	+/-3.3
10 to 19 units	287	+/-96	6.2%	+/-2.1
20 or more units	352	+/-88	7.6%	+/-1.9
Mobile home	43	+/-46	0.9%	+/-1.0
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.8
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	4,612	+/-256	4,612	(X)
Built 2005 or later	242	+/-106	5.2%	+/-2.2
Built 2000 to 2004	458	+/-138	9.9%	+/-2.9
Built 1990 to 1999	236	+/-76	5.1%	+/-1.7
Built 1980 to 1989	277	+/-114	6.0%	+/-2.4
Built 1970 to 1979	277	+/-109	6.0%	+/-2.3
Built 1960 to 1969	361	+/-109	7.8%	+/-2.4
Built 1950 to 1959	409	+/-120	8.9%	+/-2.5
Built 1940 to 1949	197	+/-91	4.3%	+/-2.0
Built 1939 or earlier	2,155	+/-250	46.7%	+/-4.9
ROOMS				
Total housing units	4,612	+/-256	4,612	(X)
1 room	101	+/-88	2.2%	+/-1.9
2 rooms	166	+/-73	3.6%	+/-1.6
3 rooms	792	+/-178	17.2%	+/-3.8
4 rooms	798	+/-213	17.3%	+/-4.3

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5 rooms	1,123	+/-235	24.3%	+/-5.2
6 rooms	841	+/-180	18.2%	+/-3.9
7 rooms	477	+/-139	10.3%	+/-2.9
8 rooms	172	+/-78	3.7%	+/-1.7
9 rooms or more	142	+/-53	3.1%	+/-1.1
Median rooms	4.9	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	4,612	+/-256	4,612	(X)
No bedroom	101	+/-88	2.2%	+/-1.9
1 bedroom	996	+/-194	21.6%	+/-4.1
2 bedrooms	1,756	+/-249	38.1%	+/-5.0
3 bedrooms	1,289	+/-224	27.9%	+/-4.7
4 bedrooms	415	+/-136	9.0%	+/-2.9
5 or more bedrooms	55	+/-44	1.2%	+/-1.0
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	4,272	+/-233	4,272	(X)
Owner-occupied	1,964	+/-243	46.0%	+/-5.3
Renter-occupied	2,308	+/-263	54.0%	+/-5.3
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.40	+/-0.24	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.93	+/-0.15	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	4,272	+/-233	4,272	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	1,657	+/-284	38.8%	+/-5.8
Moved in 2000 to 2004	1,068	+/-214	25.0%	+/-5.0
Moved in 1990 to 1999	738	+/-160	17.3%	+/-3.9
Moved in 1980 to 1989	340	+/-117	8.0%	+/-2.7
Moved in 1970 to 1979	201	+/-106	4.7%	+/-2.5
Moved in 1969 or earlier	268	+/-110	6.3%	+/-2.5
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	4,272	+/-233	4,272	(X)
No vehicles available	690	+/-145	16.2%	+/-3.3
1 vehicle available	1,925	+/-262	45.1%	+/-4.9
2 vehicles available	1,172	+/-207	27.4%	+/-4.9
3 or more vehicles available	485	+/-130	11.4%	+/-3.2
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	4,272	+/-233	4,272	(X)
Utility gas	3,071	+/-230	71.9%	+/-4.3
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	85	+/-55	2.0%	+/-1.3
Electricity	835	+/-207	19.5%	+/-4.6
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	281	+/-128	6.6%	+/-3.0
Coal or coke	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.8
Wood	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.8
Solar energy	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.8
Other fuel	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.8
No fuel used	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.8
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	4,272	+/-233	4,272	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.8
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	41	+/-58	1.0%	+/-1.3
No telephone service available	111	+/-54	2.6%	+/-1.2
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	4,272	+/-233	4,272	(X)
1.00 or less	4,182	+/-261	97.9%	+/-1.4
1.01 to 1.50	77	+/-56	1.8%	+/-1.4
1.51 or more	13	+/-22	0.3%	+/-0.5
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	1,964	+/-243	1,964	(X)
Less than \$50,000	65	+/-56	3.3%	+/-2.7

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\$50,000 to \$99,999	411	+/-118	20.9%	+/-6.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	537	+/-154	27.3%	+/-6.9
\$150,000 to \$199,999	577	+/-170	29.4%	+/-7.7
\$200,000 to \$299,999	248	+/-104	12.6%	+/-5.0
\$300,000 to \$499,999	30	+/-35	1.5%	+/-1.8
\$500,000 to \$999,999	75	+/-90	3.8%	+/-4.5
\$1,000,000 or more	21	+/-26	1.1%	+/-1.3
Median (dollars)	147,200	+/-11,684	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	1,964	+/-243	1,964	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	1,285	+/-213	65.4%	+/-7.6
Housing units without a mortgage	679	+/-175	34.6%	+/-7.6
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	1,285	+/-213	1,285	(X)
Less than \$300	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-2.7
\$300 to \$499	9	+/-14	0.7%	+/-1.1
\$500 to \$699	56	+/-50	4.4%	+/-3.7
\$700 to \$999	316	+/-131	24.6%	+/-9.3
\$1,000 to \$1,499	491	+/-150	38.2%	+/-9.7
\$1,500 to \$1,999	263	+/-98	20.5%	+/-7.1
\$2,000 or more	150	+/-70	11.7%	+/-5.2
Median (dollars)	1,290	+/-92	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	679	+/-175	679	(X)
Less than \$100	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-5.0
\$100 to \$199	15	+/-23	2.2%	+/-3.4
\$200 to \$299	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-5.0
\$300 to \$399	97	+/-60	14.3%	+/-9.0
\$400 or more	567	+/-171	83.5%	+/-9.5
Median (dollars)	532	+/-66	(X)	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAP)				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP cannot be computed)	1,285	+/-213	1,285	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	518	+/-147	40.3%	+/-10.4
20.0 to 24.9 percent	147	+/-75	11.4%	+/-6.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	253	+/-135	19.7%	+/-9.4
30.0 to 34.9 percent	95	+/-61	7.4%	+/-4.4
35.0 percent or more	272	+/-131	21.2%	+/-8.8
Not computed	0	+/-123	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP cannot be computed)	659	+/-169	659	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	131	+/-60	19.9%	+/-9.2
10.0 to 14.9 percent	156	+/-58	23.7%	+/-9.4
15.0 to 19.9 percent	68	+/-57	10.3%	+/-8.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	53	+/-39	8.0%	+/-5.7
25.0 to 29.9 percent	81	+/-98	12.3%	+/-13.9
30.0 to 34.9 percent	35	+/-35	5.3%	+/-4.9
35.0 percent or more	135	+/-87	20.5%	+/-11.3
Not computed	20	+/-32	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	2,246	+/-261	2,246	(X)
Less than \$200	17	+/-26	0.8%	+/-1.1
\$200 to \$299	100	+/-63	4.5%	+/-2.9
\$300 to \$499	257	+/-114	11.4%	+/-5.0
\$500 to \$749	715	+/-229	31.8%	+/-8.9
\$750 to \$999	552	+/-175	24.6%	+/-7.4
\$1,000 to \$1,499	404	+/-129	18.0%	+/-5.5
\$1,500 or more	201	+/-85	8.9%	+/-3.7
Median (dollars)	761	+/-53	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	62	+/-54	(X)	(X)

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GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	2,239	+/-261	2,239	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	319	+/-145	14.2%	+/-6.7
15.0 to 19.9 percent	398	+/-164	17.8%	+/-6.8
20.0 to 24.9 percent	327	+/-140	14.6%	+/-6.1
25.0 to 29.9 percent	254	+/-135	11.3%	+/-6.0
30.0 to 34.9 percent	205	+/-95	9.2%	+/-4.4
35.0 percent or more	736	+/-199	32.9%	+/-7.2
Not computed	69	+/-54	(X)	(X)

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.

The median gross rent excludes no cash renters.

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 2009 and 2010 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.

While the 2006-2010 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 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 the 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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey

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 'l' 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.

