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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	Schenectady County, New York			
	Estimate	Estimate Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	67,701	+/-543	67,701	(X)
Occupied housing units	58,583	+/-772	86.5%	+/-1.0
Vacant housing units	9,118	+/-653	13.5%	+/-1.0
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.7	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	6.0	+/-1.3	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	67,701	+/-543	67,701	(X)
1-unit, detached	40,482	+/-719	59.8%	+/-1.1
1-unit, attached	1,263	+/-179	1.9%	+/-0.3
2 units	11,569	+/-585	17.1%	+/-0.8
3 or 4 units	4,896	+/-487	7.2%	+/-0.7
5 to 9 units	3,053	+/-322	4.5%	+/-0.5
10 to 19 units	2,338	+/-338	3.5%	+/-0.5
20 or more units	3,617	+/-357	5.3%	+/-0.5
Mobile home	483	+/-134	0.7%	+/-0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	67,701	+/-543	67,701	(X)
Built 2005 or later	1,148	+/-204	1.7%	+/-0.3
Built 2000 to 2004	2,192	+/-279	3.2%	+/-0.4
Built 1990 to 1999	3,964	+/-341	5.9%	+/-0.5
Built 1980 to 1989	3,851	+/-389	5.7%	+/-0.6
Built 1970 to 1979	6,403	+/-499	9.5%	+/-0.7
Built 1960 to 1969	5,910	+/-459	8.7%	+/-0.7
Built 1950 to 1959	10,451	+/-594	15.4%	+/-0.9
Built 1940 to 1949	6,422	+/-470	9.5%	+/-0.7
Built 1939 or earlier	27,360	+/-911	40.4%	+/-1.2
ROOMS				
Total housing units	67,701	+/-543	67,701	(X)
1 room	726	+/-236	1.1%	+/-0.3
2 rooms	2,046	+/-321	3.0%	+/-0.5
3 rooms	5,779	+/-488	8.5%	+/-0.7
4 rooms	9,189	+/-622	13.6%	+/-0.9

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5 rooms	11,726	+/-650	17.3%	+/-1.0
6 rooms	16,374	+/-771	24.2%	+/-1.1
7 rooms	9,617	+/-526	14.2%	+/-0.8
8 rooms	6,320	+/-434	9.3%	+/-0.6
9 rooms or more	5,924	+/-444	8.8%	+/-0.7
Median rooms	5.8	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	67,701	+/-543	67,701	(X)
No bedroom	935	+/-253	1.4%	+/-0.4
1 bedroom	7,968	+/-512	11.8%	+/-0.7
2 bedrooms	16,744	+/-706	24.7%	+/-1.0
3 bedrooms	27,359	+/-849	40.4%	+/-1.2
4 bedrooms	12,231	+/-599	18.1%	+/-0.9
5 or more bedrooms	2,464	+/-270	3.6%	+/-0.4
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	58,583	+/-772	58,583	(X)
Owner-occupied	40,565	+/-711	69.2%	+/-1.2
Renter-occupied	18,018	+/-818	30.8%	+/-1.2
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.67	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.21	+/-0.07	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	58,583	+/-772	58,583	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	17,319	+/-736	29.6%	+/-1.2
Moved in 2000 to 2004	12,131	+/-600	20.7%	+/-1.0
Moved in 1990 to 1999	11,078	+/-585	18.9%	+/-1.0
Moved in 1980 to 1989	6,722	+/-445	11.5%	+/-0.7
Moved in 1970 to 1979	4,676	+/-391	8.0%	+/-0.7
Moved in 1969 or earlier	6,657	+/-328	11.4%	+/-0.6
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	58,583	+/-772	58,583	(X)
No vehicles available	6,546	+/-495	11.2%	+/-0.8
1 vehicle available	21,015	+/-747	35.9%	+/-1.2
2 vehicles available	22,798	+/-724	38.9%	+/-1.2
3 or more vehicles available	8,224	+/-559	14.0%	+/-1.0
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	58,583	+/-772	58,583	(X)
Utility gas	42,730	+/-833	72.9%	+/-1.2
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	1,473	+/-195	2.5%	+/-0.3
Electricity	6,093	+/-530	10.4%	+/-0.9
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	7,329	+/-402	12.5%	+/-0.7
Coal or coke	34	+/-38	0.1%	+/-0.1
Wood	648	+/-129	1.1%	+/-0.2
Solar energy	16	+/-25	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	217	+/-99	0.4%	+/-0.2
No fuel used	43	+/-35	0.1%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	58,583	+/-772	58,583	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	91	+/-51	0.2%	+/-0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	210	+/-75	0.4%	+/-0.1
No telephone service available	1,683	+/-285	2.9%	+/-0.5
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	58,583	+/-772	58,583	(X)
1.00 or less	57,883	+/-770	98.8%	+/-0.3
1.01 to 1.50	565	+/-161	1.0%	+/-0.3
1.51 or more	135	+/-65	0.2%	+/-0.1
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	40,565	+/-711	40,565	(X)
Less than \$50,000	1,084	+/-173	2.7%	+/-0.4

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\$50,000 to \$99,999	6,486	+/-461	16.0%	+/-1.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999	10,315	+/-554	25.4%	+/-1.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9,402	+/-474	23.2%	+/-1.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	8,036	+/-438	19.8%	+/-1.1
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4,215	+/-344	10.4%	+/-0.8
\$500,000 to \$999,999	810	+/-191	2.0%	+/-0.5
\$1,000,000 or more	217	+/-114	0.5%	+/-0.3
Median (dollars)	160,200	+/-2,032	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	40,565	+/-711	40,565	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	26,898	+/-789	66.3%	+/-1.3
Housing units without a mortgage	13,667	+/-524	33.7%	+/-1.3
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	26,898	+/-789	26,898	(X)
Less than \$300	26	+/-22	0.1%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	299	+/-101	1.1%	+/-0.4
\$500 to \$699	846	+/-202	3.1%	+/-0.7
\$700 to \$999	2,871	+/-322	10.7%	+/-1.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	9,349	+/-638	34.8%	+/-2.0
\$1,500 to \$1,999	7,262	+/-462	27.0%	+/-1.5
\$2,000 or more	6,245	+/-378	23.2%	+/-1.3
Median (dollars)	1,503	+/-25	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	13,667	+/-524	13,667	(X)
Less than \$100	29	+/-26	0.2%	+/-0.2
\$100 to \$199	222	+/-92	1.6%	+/-0.7
\$200 to \$299	668	+/-124	4.9%	+/-0.9
\$300 to \$399	1,651	+/-214	12.1%	+/-1.6
\$400 or more	11,097	+/-486	81.2%	+/-1.7
Median (dollars)	583	+/-14	(X)	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAP I)				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP I cannot be computed)	26,811	+/-793	26,811	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	9,614	+/-504	35.9%	+/-1.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	5,025	+/-379	18.7%	+/-1.2
25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,505	+/-381	13.1%	+/-1.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,493	+/-326	9.3%	+/-1.2
35.0 percent or more	6,174	+/-481	23.0%	+/-1.7
Not computed	87	+/-63	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP I cannot be computed)	13,527	+/-522	13,527	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	3,892	+/-372	28.8%	+/-2.4
10.0 to 14.9 percent	3,035	+/-351	22.4%	+/-2.3
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,126	+/-258	15.7%	+/-1.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,175	+/-214	8.7%	+/-1.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	608	+/-146	4.5%	+/-1.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	568	+/-155	4.2%	+/-1.1
35.0 percent or more	2,123	+/-277	15.7%	+/-2.0
Not computed	140	+/-90	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	17,379	+/-799	17,379	(X)
Less than \$200	361	+/-126	2.1%	+/-0.7
\$200 to \$299	630	+/-139	3.6%	+/-0.8
\$300 to \$499	1,201	+/-219	6.9%	+/-1.2
\$500 to \$749	5,379	+/-476	31.0%	+/-2.2
\$750 to \$999	5,926	+/-488	34.1%	+/-2.3
\$1,000 to \$1,499	3,229	+/-361	18.6%	+/-2.0
\$1,500 or more	653	+/-136	3.8%	+/-0.8
Median (dollars)	789	+/-13	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	639	+/-175	(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)	16,975	+/-788	16,975	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	2,061	+/-324	12.1%	+/-1.7
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,501	+/-337	14.7%	+/-1.8
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,905	+/-293	11.2%	+/-1.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,074	+/-281	12.2%	+/-1.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,407	+/-209	8.3%	+/-1.3
35.0 percent or more	7,027	+/-557	41.4%	+/-2.7
Not computed	1,043	+/-241	(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.

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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.

