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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

2007-2011 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, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

Subject	Rensselaer city, Rensselaer County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	4,649	+/-235	4,649	(X)
Occupied housing units	4,380	+/-221	94.2%	+/-2.5
Vacant housing units	269	+/-121	5.8%	+/-2.5
Homeowner vacancy rate	3.2	+/-3.4	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	0.9	+/-1.4	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	4,649	+/-235	4,649	(X)
1-unit, detached	1,641	+/-255	35.3%	+/-5.1
1-unit, attached	253	+/-94	5.4%	+/-2.0
2 units	932	+/-229	20.0%	+/-5.0
3 or 4 units	725	+/-213	15.6%	+/-4.4
5 to 9 units	444	+/-146	9.6%	+/-3.2
10 to 19 units	286	+/-111	6.2%	+/-2.3
20 or more units	321	+/-94	6.9%	+/-2.0
Mobile home	47	+/-45	1.0%	+/-1.0
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.7
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	4,649	+/-235	4,649	(X)
Built 2005 or later	282	+/-106	6.1%	+/-2.2
Built 2000 to 2004	444	+/-148	9.6%	+/-3.2
Built 1990 to 1999	284	+/-90	6.1%	+/-2.0
Built 1980 to 1989	285	+/-124	6.1%	+/-2.7
Built 1970 to 1979	226	+/-85	4.9%	+/-1.8
Built 1960 to 1969	358	+/-115	7.7%	+/-2.4
Built 1950 to 1959	412	+/-134	8.9%	+/-2.8
Built 1940 to 1949	231	+/-93	5.0%	+/-2.0
Built 1939 or earlier	2,127	+/-235	45.8%	+/-4.6
ROOMS				
Total housing units	4,649	+/-235	4,649	(X)
1 room	117	+/-90	2.5%	+/-1.9
2 rooms	112	+/-68	2.4%	+/-1.4
3 rooms	641	+/-187	13.8%	+/-3.8
4 rooms	783	+/-186	16.8%	+/-4.0
5 rooms	1,231	+/-257	26.5%	+/-5.2

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6 rooms	944	+/-199	20.3%	+/-4.3
7 rooms	442	+/-146	9.5%	+/-3.1
8 rooms	193	+/-85	4.2%	+/-1.9
9 rooms or more	186	+/-74	4.0%	+/-1.6
Median rooms	5.0	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	4,649	+/-235	4,649	(X)
No bedroom	117	+/-90	2.5%	+/-1.9
1 bedroom	753	+/-202	16.2%	+/-4.1
2 bedrooms	1,929	+/-244	41.5%	+/-4.7
3 bedrooms	1,383	+/-192	29.7%	+/-4.2
4 bedrooms	391	+/-149	8.4%	+/-3.2
5 or more bedrooms	76	+/-65	1.6%	+/-1.4
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	4,380	+/-221	4,380	(X)
Owner-occupied	2,075	+/-246	47.4%	+/-5.6
Renter-occupied	2,305	+/-290	52.6%	+/-5.6
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.30	+/-0.17	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.93	+/-0.17	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	4,380	+/-221	4,380	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	1,938	+/-279	44.2%	+/-5.7
Moved in 2000 to 2004	975	+/-231	22.3%	+/-5.0
Moved in 1990 to 1999	628	+/-180	14.3%	+/-4.2
Moved in 1980 to 1989	286	+/-105	6.5%	+/-2.4
Moved in 1970 to 1979	245	+/-95	5.6%	+/-2.2
Moved in 1969 or earlier	308	+/-131	7.0%	+/-2.9
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	4,380	+/-221	4,380	(X)
No vehicles available	692	+/-170	15.8%	+/-3.7
1 vehicle available	2,009	+/-286	45.9%	+/-5.5
2 vehicles available	1,194	+/-196	27.3%	+/-4.7
3 or more vehicles available	485	+/-149	11.1%	+/-3.4
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	4,380	+/-221	4,380	(X)
Utility gas	3,085	+/-259	70.4%	+/-4.8
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	122	+/-79	2.8%	+/-1.8
Electricity	851	+/-213	19.4%	+/-4.8
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	322	+/-133	7.4%	+/-3.0
Coal or coke	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.7
Wood	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.7
Solar energy	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.7
Other fuel	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.7
No fuel used	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.7
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	4,380	+/-221	4,380	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.7
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	36	+/-53	0.8%	+/-1.2
No telephone service available	97	+/-52	2.2%	+/-1.2
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	4,380	+/-221	4,380	(X)
1.00 or less	4,321	+/-240	98.7%	+/-1.3
1.01 to 1.50	46	+/-52	1.1%	+/-1.2
1.51 or more	13	+/-19	0.3%	+/-0.4
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	2,075	+/-246	2,075	(X)
Less than \$50,000	59	+/-47	2.8%	+/-2.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	431	+/-133	20.8%	+/-5.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	506	+/-144	24.4%	+/-6.5

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
\$150,000 to \$199,999	717	+/-176	34.6%	+/-7.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	238	+/-89	11.5%	+/-4.1
\$300,000 to \$499,999	31	+/-33	1.5%	+/-1.6
\$500,000 to \$999,999	74	+/-88	3.6%	+/-4.3
\$1,000,000 or more	19	+/-22	0.9%	+/-1.1
Median (dollars)	152,100	+/-8,333	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	2,075	+/-246	2,075	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	1,365	+/-223	65.8%	+/-7.1
Housing units without a mortgage	710	+/-166	34.2%	+/-7.1
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	1,365	+/-223	1,365	(X)
Less than \$300	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-2.3
\$300 to \$499	26	+/-36	1.9%	+/-2.6
\$500 to \$699	31	+/-32	2.3%	+/-2.4
\$700 to \$999	317	+/-136	23.2%	+/-9.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	507	+/-151	37.1%	+/-8.8
\$1,500 to \$1,999	275	+/-115	20.1%	+/-8.1
\$2,000 or more	209	+/-94	15.3%	+/-6.3
Median (dollars)	1,316	+/-121	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	710	+/-166	710	(X)
Less than \$100	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-4.5
\$100 to \$199	9	+/-14	1.3%	+/-1.9
\$200 to \$299	8	+/-13	1.1%	+/-1.9
\$300 to \$399	71	+/-56	10.0%	+/-7.2
\$400 or more	622	+/-150	87.6%	+/-7.6
Median (dollars)	573	+/-47	(X)	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	1,365	+/-223	1,365	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	529	+/-123	38.8%	+/-8.4
20.0 to 24.9 percent	162	+/-80	11.9%	+/-5.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	286	+/-137	21.0%	+/-8.9
30.0 to 34.9 percent	92	+/-61	6.7%	+/-4.2
35.0 percent or more	296	+/-115	21.7%	+/-7.3
Not computed	0	+/-89	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	692	+/-162	692	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	171	+/-107	24.7%	+/-13.6
10.0 to 14.9 percent	152	+/-72	22.0%	+/-8.8
15.0 to 19.9 percent	85	+/-50	12.3%	+/-7.7
20.0 to 24.9 percent	68	+/-42	9.8%	+/-6.2
25.0 to 29.9 percent	74	+/-85	10.7%	+/-11.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	28	+/-27	4.0%	+/-3.7
35.0 percent or more	114	+/-94	16.5%	+/-13.0
Not computed	18	+/-30	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	2,244	+/-291	2,244	(X)
Less than \$200	24	+/-29	1.1%	+/-1.2
\$200 to \$299	157	+/-100	7.0%	+/-4.4
\$300 to \$499	259	+/-99	11.5%	+/-4.0
\$500 to \$749	446	+/-170	19.9%	+/-7.1
\$750 to \$999	654	+/-185	29.1%	+/-6.9
\$1,000 to \$1,499	460	+/-149	20.5%	+/-6.3
\$1,500 or more	244	+/-96	10.9%	+/-4.2
Median (dollars)	820	+/-65	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	61	+/-49	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	2,244	+/-291	2,244	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	357	+/-173	15.9%	+/-6.9
15.0 to 19.9 percent	448	+/-152	20.0%	+/-6.2
20.0 to 24.9 percent	259	+/-120	11.5%	+/-5.2
25.0 to 29.9 percent	193	+/-80	8.6%	+/-3.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	157	+/-92	7.0%	+/-4.1
35.0 percent or more	830	+/-193	37.0%	+/-7.8
Not computed	61	+/-49	(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 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 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.

Median calculations for base table sourcing VAL, MHC, SMOC, and TAX should exclude zero values.

While the 2007-2011 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, 2007-2011 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 '-' 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.

