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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 County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	71,272	+/-230	71,272	(X)
Occupied housing units	63,626	+/-622	89.3%	+/-0.8
Vacant housing units	7,646	+/-588	10.7%	+/-0.8
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.7	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	5.0	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	71,272	+/-230	71,272	(X)
1-unit, detached	40,086	+/-677	56.2%	+/-0.9
1-unit, attached	2,531	+/-314	3.6%	+/-0.4
2 units	9,625	+/-533	13.5%	+/-0.7
3 or 4 units	6,522	+/-555	9.2%	+/-0.8
5 to 9 units	4,407	+/-519	6.2%	+/-0.7
10 to 19 units	2,266	+/-324	3.2%	+/-0.5
20 or more units	3,438	+/-354	4.8%	+/-0.5
Mobile home	2,386	+/-245	3.3%	+/-0.3
Boat, RV, van, etc.	11	+/-18	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	71,272	+/-230	71,272	(X)
Built 2005 or later	2,356	+/-298	3.3%	+/-0.4
Built 2000 to 2004	3,015	+/-336	4.2%	+/-0.5
Built 1990 to 1999	5,963	+/-418	8.4%	+/-0.6
Built 1980 to 1989	6,909	+/-481	9.7%	+/-0.7
Built 1970 to 1979	7,245	+/-542	10.2%	+/-0.8
Built 1960 to 1969	6,677	+/-485	9.4%	+/-0.7
Built 1950 to 1959	7,865	+/-538	11.0%	+/-0.8
Built 1940 to 1949	4,314	+/-433	6.1%	+/-0.6
Built 1939 or earlier	26,928	+/-720	37.8%	+/-1.0
ROOMS				
Total housing units	71,272	+/-230	71,272	(X)
1 room	1,020	+/-253	1.4%	+/-0.4
2 rooms	1,474	+/-284	2.1%	+/-0.4
3 rooms	6,109	+/-514	8.6%	+/-0.7
4 rooms	10,565	+/-673	14.8%	+/-0.9
5 rooms	13,869	+/-755	19.5%	+/-1.1

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6 rooms	14,319	+/-738	20.1%	+/-1.0
7 rooms	9,635	+/-535	13.5%	+/-0.7
8 rooms	6,796	+/-530	9.5%	+/-0.7
9 rooms or more	7,485	+/-486	10.5%	+/-0.7
Median rooms	5.7	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	71,272	+/-230	71,272	(X)
No bedroom	1,295	+/-287	1.8%	+/-0.4
1 bedroom	8,067	+/-599	11.3%	+/-0.8
2 bedrooms	19,609	+/-886	27.5%	+/-1.2
3 bedrooms	27,759	+/-822	38.9%	+/-1.1
4 bedrooms	11,414	+/-632	16.0%	+/-0.9
5 or more bedrooms	3,128	+/-323	4.4%	+/-0.5
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	63,626	+/-622	63,626	(X)
Owner-occupied	41,719	+/-668	65.6%	+/-1.0
Renter-occupied	21,907	+/-739	34.4%	+/-1.0
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.56	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.13	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	63,626	+/-622	63,626	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	22,113	+/-805	34.8%	+/-1.2
Moved in 2000 to 2004	11,768	+/-612	18.5%	+/-1.0
Moved in 1990 to 1999	12,283	+/-574	19.3%	+/-0.9
Moved in 1980 to 1989	7,181	+/-511	11.3%	+/-0.8
Moved in 1970 to 1979	4,998	+/-418	7.9%	+/-0.7
Moved in 1969 or earlier	5,283	+/-380	8.3%	+/-0.6
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	63,626	+/-622	63,626	(X)
No vehicles available	6,807	+/-503	10.7%	+/-0.8
1 vehicle available	22,088	+/-839	34.7%	+/-1.3
2 vehicles available	23,832	+/-893	37.5%	+/-1.3
3 or more vehicles available	10,899	+/-598	17.1%	+/-0.9
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	63,626	+/-622	63,626	(X)
Utility gas	29,092	+/-698	45.7%	+/-1.0
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	3,806	+/-415	6.0%	+/-0.6
Electricity	7,821	+/-573	12.3%	+/-0.9
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	19,049	+/-705	29.9%	+/-1.1
Coal or coke	135	+/-78	0.2%	+/-0.1
Wood	2,930	+/-318	4.6%	+/-0.5
Solar energy	63	+/-48	0.1%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	513	+/-171	0.8%	+/-0.3
No fuel used	217	+/-81	0.3%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	63,626	+/-622	63,626	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	273	+/-102	0.4%	+/-0.2
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	466	+/-131	0.7%	+/-0.2
No telephone service available	1,597	+/-285	2.5%	+/-0.4
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	63,626	+/-622	63,626	(X)
1.00 or less	62,658	+/-648	98.5%	+/-0.4
1.01 to 1.50	744	+/-215	1.2%	+/-0.3
1.51 or more	224	+/-104	0.4%	+/-0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	41,719	+/-668	41,719	(X)
Less than \$50,000	1,917	+/-243	4.6%	+/-0.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4,575	+/-387	11.0%	+/-0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7,926	+/-462	19.0%	+/-1.1

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,343	+/-603	24.8%	+/-1.4
\$200,000 to \$299,999	10,419	+/-629	25.0%	+/-1.4
\$300,000 to \$499,999	5,312	+/-363	12.7%	+/-0.8
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1,038	+/-207	2.5%	+/-0.5
\$1,000,000 or more	189	+/-83	0.5%	+/-0.2
Median (dollars)	177,300	+/-3,410	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	41,719	+/-668	41,719	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	27,893	+/-723	66.9%	+/-1.3
Housing units without a mortgage	13,826	+/-579	33.1%	+/-1.3
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	27,893	+/-723	27,893	(X)
Less than \$300	26	+/-23	0.1%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	251	+/-100	0.9%	+/-0.4
\$500 to \$699	835	+/-190	3.0%	+/-0.7
\$700 to \$999	2,678	+/-344	9.6%	+/-1.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	8,537	+/-562	30.6%	+/-1.8
\$1,500 to \$1,999	7,632	+/-533	27.4%	+/-1.9
\$2,000 or more	7,934	+/-511	28.4%	+/-1.6
Median (dollars)	1,599	+/-32	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	13,826	+/-579	13,826	(X)
Less than \$100	10	+/-13	0.1%	+/-0.1
\$100 to \$199	255	+/-98	1.8%	+/-0.7
\$200 to \$299	747	+/-151	5.4%	+/-1.0
\$300 to \$399	1,565	+/-219	11.3%	+/-1.6
\$400 or more	11,249	+/-523	81.4%	+/-1.8
Median (dollars)	602	+/-15	(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)	27,848	+/-729	27,848	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	10,000	+/-598	35.9%	+/-1.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,846	+/-412	17.4%	+/-1.4
25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,954	+/-293	14.2%	+/-1.0
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,280	+/-275	8.2%	+/-1.0
35.0 percent or more	6,768	+/-493	24.3%	+/-1.6
Not computed	45	+/-39	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	13,728	+/-565	13,728	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	4,280	+/-351	31.2%	+/-2.1
10.0 to 14.9 percent	2,851	+/-295	20.8%	+/-2.1
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,274	+/-298	16.6%	+/-2.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,316	+/-209	9.6%	+/-1.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	902	+/-188	6.6%	+/-1.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	588	+/-135	4.3%	+/-1.0
35.0 percent or more	1,517	+/-221	11.1%	+/-1.6
Not computed	98	+/-71	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	20,820	+/-761	20,820	(X)
Less than \$200	500	+/-155	2.4%	+/-0.8
\$200 to \$299	1,071	+/-231	5.1%	+/-1.1
\$300 to \$499	1,818	+/-270	8.7%	+/-1.2
\$500 to \$749	5,190	+/-508	24.9%	+/-2.2
\$750 to \$999	6,547	+/-536	31.4%	+/-2.3
\$1,000 to \$1,499	4,538	+/-424	21.8%	+/-2.0
\$1,500 or more	1,156	+/-232	5.6%	+/-1.1
Median (dollars)	810	+/-20	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	1,087	+/-195	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				

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Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	20,636	+/-771	20,636	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	2,936	+/-384	14.2%	+/-1.7
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,806	+/-361	13.6%	+/-1.7
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,736	+/-409	13.3%	+/-1.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,450	+/-408	11.9%	+/-1.9
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,619	+/-298	7.8%	+/-1.4
35.0 percent or more	8,089	+/-495	39.2%	+/-2.4
Not computed	1,271	+/-233	(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.

