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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	Schenectady County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	67,992	+/-266	67,992	(X)
Occupied housing units	58,203	+/-631	85.6%	+/-0.9
Vacant housing units	9,789	+/-639	14.4%	+/-0.9
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.8	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	4.9	+/-1.2	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	67,992	+/-266	67,992	(X)
1-unit, detached	40,028	+/-621	58.9%	+/-0.9
1-unit, attached	1,370	+/-202	2.0%	+/-0.3
2 units	11,905	+/-603	17.5%	+/-0.9
3 or 4 units	4,662	+/-424	6.9%	+/-0.6
5 to 9 units	3,067	+/-406	4.5%	+/-0.6
10 to 19 units	2,574	+/-360	3.8%	+/-0.5
20 or more units	3,954	+/-410	5.8%	+/-0.6
Mobile home	432	+/-120	0.6%	+/-0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	67,992	+/-266	67,992	(X)
Built 2005 or later	1,388	+/-205	2.0%	+/-0.3
Built 2000 to 2004	2,369	+/-322	3.5%	+/-0.5
Built 1990 to 1999	4,111	+/-373	6.0%	+/-0.6
Built 1980 to 1989	4,071	+/-341	6.0%	+/-0.5
Built 1970 to 1979	6,333	+/-539	9.3%	+/-0.8
Built 1960 to 1969	5,794	+/-466	8.5%	+/-0.7
Built 1950 to 1959	10,278	+/-585	15.1%	+/-0.9
Built 1940 to 1949	6,719	+/-415	9.9%	+/-0.6
Built 1939 or earlier	26,929	+/-728	39.6%	+/-1.1
ROOMS				
Total housing units	67,992	+/-266	67,992	(X)
1 room	908	+/-225	1.3%	+/-0.3
2 rooms	1,847	+/-283	2.7%	+/-0.4
3 rooms	5,910	+/-504	8.7%	+/-0.7
4 rooms	9,021	+/-578	13.3%	+/-0.8
5 rooms	11,938	+/-642	17.6%	+/-0.9

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6 rooms	16,730	+/-732	24.6%	+/-1.1
7 rooms	9,251	+/-601	13.6%	+/-0.9
8 rooms	6,335	+/-477	9.3%	+/-0.7
9 rooms or more	6,052	+/-405	8.9%	+/-0.6
Median rooms	5.8	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	67,992	+/-266	67,992	(X)
No bedroom	1,142	+/-233	1.7%	+/-0.3
1 bedroom	8,164	+/-576	12.0%	+/-0.8
2 bedrooms	16,772	+/-742	24.7%	+/-1.1
3 bedrooms	27,740	+/-824	40.8%	+/-1.2
4 bedrooms	11,783	+/-569	17.3%	+/-0.8
5 or more bedrooms	2,391	+/-306	3.5%	+/-0.4
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	58,203	+/-631	58,203	(X)
Owner-occupied	39,587	+/-709	68.0%	+/-1.1
Renter-occupied	18,616	+/-720	32.0%	+/-1.1
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.71	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.25	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	58,203	+/-631	58,203	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	20,035	+/-792	34.4%	+/-1.3
Moved in 2000 to 2004	10,888	+/-632	18.7%	+/-1.1
Moved in 1990 to 1999	10,348	+/-560	17.8%	+/-1.0
Moved in 1980 to 1989	6,376	+/-428	11.0%	+/-0.7
Moved in 1970 to 1979	4,521	+/-333	7.8%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1969 or earlier	6,035	+/-405	10.4%	+/-0.7
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	58,203	+/-631	58,203	(X)
No vehicles available	6,306	+/-438	10.8%	+/-0.7
1 vehicle available	21,775	+/-687	37.4%	+/-1.1
2 vehicles available	22,000	+/-600	37.8%	+/-1.1
3 or more vehicles available	8,122	+/-500	14.0%	+/-0.8
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	58,203	+/-631	58,203	(X)
Utility gas	42,554	+/-677	73.1%	+/-0.8
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	1,562	+/-205	2.7%	+/-0.4
Electricity	6,161	+/-419	10.6%	+/-0.7
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	6,880	+/-420	11.8%	+/-0.7
Coal or coke	34	+/-41	0.1%	+/-0.1
Wood	766	+/-165	1.3%	+/-0.3
Solar energy	13	+/-20	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	174	+/-70	0.3%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	59	+/-45	0.1%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	58,203	+/-631	58,203	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	81	+/-54	0.1%	+/-0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	205	+/-70	0.4%	+/-0.1
No telephone service available	1,482	+/-247	2.5%	+/-0.4
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	58,203	+/-631	58,203	(X)
1.00 or less	57,495	+/-592	98.8%	+/-0.3
1.01 to 1.50	533	+/-153	0.9%	+/-0.3
1.51 or more	175	+/-82	0.3%	+/-0.1
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	39,587	+/-709	39,587	(X)
Less than \$50,000	1,126	+/-181	2.8%	+/-0.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5,537	+/-442	14.0%	+/-1.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9,487	+/-545	24.0%	+/-1.3

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9,728	+/-532	24.6%	+/-1.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	8,540	+/-429	21.6%	+/-1.0
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4,199	+/-274	10.6%	+/-0.7
\$500,000 to \$999,999	710	+/-155	1.8%	+/-0.4
\$1,000,000 or more	260	+/-104	0.7%	+/-0.3
Median (dollars)	165,000	+/-2,295	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	39,587	+/-709	39,587	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	25,892	+/-757	65.4%	+/-1.4
Housing units without a mortgage	13,695	+/-585	34.6%	+/-1.4
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	25,892	+/-757	25,892	(X)
Less than \$300	10	+/-16	0.0%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	223	+/-76	0.9%	+/-0.3
\$500 to \$699	598	+/-148	2.3%	+/-0.6
\$700 to \$999	2,476	+/-280	9.6%	+/-1.0
\$1,000 to \$1,499	8,616	+/-549	33.3%	+/-2.0
\$1,500 to \$1,999	7,385	+/-545	28.5%	+/-2.0
\$2,000 or more	6,584	+/-446	25.4%	+/-1.5
Median (dollars)	1,557	+/-24	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	13,695	+/-585	13,695	(X)
Less than \$100	36	+/-33	0.3%	+/-0.2
\$100 to \$199	195	+/-76	1.4%	+/-0.6
\$200 to \$299	591	+/-101	4.3%	+/-0.7
\$300 to \$399	1,509	+/-244	11.0%	+/-1.7
\$400 or more	11,364	+/-542	83.0%	+/-1.7
Median (dollars)	603	+/-16	(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)	25,796	+/-763	25,796	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	9,002	+/-507	34.9%	+/-1.7
20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,837	+/-399	18.8%	+/-1.4
25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,393	+/-318	13.2%	+/-1.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,385	+/-319	9.2%	+/-1.2
35.0 percent or more	6,179	+/-397	24.0%	+/-1.4
Not computed	96	+/-64	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	13,596	+/-585	13,596	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	3,917	+/-349	28.8%	+/-2.3
10.0 to 14.9 percent	3,002	+/-320	22.1%	+/-2.2
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,105	+/-288	15.5%	+/-2.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,312	+/-194	9.6%	+/-1.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	713	+/-159	5.2%	+/-1.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	541	+/-148	4.0%	+/-1.1
35.0 percent or more	2,006	+/-255	14.8%	+/-1.8
Not computed	99	+/-63	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	17,938	+/-709	17,938	(X)
Less than \$200	448	+/-168	2.5%	+/-0.9
\$200 to \$299	646	+/-167	3.6%	+/-0.9
\$300 to \$499	1,175	+/-242	6.6%	+/-1.3
\$500 to \$749	4,867	+/-400	27.1%	+/-2.0
\$750 to \$999	6,018	+/-488	33.5%	+/-2.4
\$1,000 to \$1,499	3,925	+/-408	21.9%	+/-2.1
\$1,500 or more	859	+/-189	4.8%	+/-1.0
Median (dollars)	817	+/-15	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	678	+/-181	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				

Subject	Schenectady County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	17,513	+/-721	17,513	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	2,294	+/-327	13.1%	+/-1.8
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,557	+/-320	14.6%	+/-1.7
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,850	+/-299	10.6%	+/-1.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,913	+/-283	10.9%	+/-1.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,501	+/-209	8.6%	+/-1.2
35.0 percent or more	7,398	+/-482	42.2%	+/-2.1
Not computed	1,103	+/-208	(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.

