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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

2008-2012 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	Albany County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	137,426	+/-428	137,426	(X)
Occupied housing units	122,674	+/-1,088	89.3%	+/-0.7
Vacant housing units	14,752	+/-954	10.7%	+/-0.7
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.7	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	6.2	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	137,426	+/-428	137,426	(X)
1-unit, detached	70,798	+/-1,018	51.5%	+/-0.7
1-unit, attached	6,456	+/-546	4.7%	+/-0.4
2 units	21,598	+/-990	15.7%	+/-0.7
3 or 4 units	12,264	+/-750	8.9%	+/-0.5
5 to 9 units	8,548	+/-578	6.2%	+/-0.4
10 to 19 units	6,208	+/-500	4.5%	+/-0.4
20 or more units	9,793	+/-511	7.1%	+/-0.4
Mobile home	1,754	+/-289	1.3%	+/-0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	7	+/-13	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	137,426	+/-428	137,426	(X)
Built 2010 or later	109	+/-61	0.1%	+/-0.1
Built 2000 to 2009	8,298	+/-597	6.0%	+/-0.4
Built 1990 to 1999	11,235	+/-623	8.2%	+/-0.5
Built 1980 to 1989	12,494	+/-681	9.1%	+/-0.5
Built 1970 to 1979	17,510	+/-778	12.7%	+/-0.6
Built 1960 to 1969	14,731	+/-733	10.7%	+/-0.5
Built 1950 to 1959	17,009	+/-710	12.4%	+/-0.5
Built 1940 to 1949	9,847	+/-681	7.2%	+/-0.5
Built 1939 or earlier	46,193	+/-1,080	33.6%	+/-0.8
ROOMS				
Total housing units	137,426	+/-428	137,426	(X)
1 room	3,455	+/-456	2.5%	+/-0.3
2 rooms	2,983	+/-350	2.2%	+/-0.3

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3 rooms	13,391	+/-728	9.7%	+/-0.5
4 rooms	23,348	+/-937	17.0%	+/-0.7
5 rooms	22,278	+/-968	16.2%	+/-0.7
6 rooms	25,823	+/-925	18.8%	+/-0.7
7 rooms	17,218	+/-894	12.5%	+/-0.6
8 rooms	13,153	+/-642	9.6%	+/-0.5
9 rooms or more	15,777	+/-675	11.5%	+/-0.5
Median rooms	5.6	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	137,426	+/-428	137,426	(X)
No bedroom	3,834	+/-466	2.8%	+/-0.3
1 bedroom	19,650	+/-872	14.3%	+/-0.6
2 bedrooms	36,991	+/-1,083	26.9%	+/-0.8
3 bedrooms	48,540	+/-1,154	35.3%	+/-0.8
4 bedrooms	22,900	+/-865	16.7%	+/-0.6
5 or more bedrooms	5,511	+/-420	4.0%	+/-0.3
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	122,674	+/-1,088	122,674	(X)
Owner-occupied	73,741	+/-961	60.1%	+/-0.7
Renter-occupied	48,933	+/-1,040	39.9%	+/-0.7
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.53	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.05	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	122,674	+/-1,088	122,674	(X)
Moved in 2010 or later	12,285	+/-777	10.0%	+/-0.6
Moved in 2000 to 2009	60,154	+/-1,246	49.0%	+/-0.9
Moved in 1990 to 1999	21,285	+/-859	17.4%	+/-0.7
Moved in 1980 to 1989	12,633	+/-650	10.3%	+/-0.5
Moved in 1970 to 1979	7,961	+/-488	6.5%	+/-0.4
Moved in 1969 or earlier	8,356	+/-429	6.8%	+/-0.3
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	122,674	+/-1,088	122,674	(X)
No vehicles available	15,065	+/-831	12.3%	+/-0.7
1 vehicle available	46,822	+/-1,019	38.2%	+/-0.8
2 vehicles available	44,111	+/-1,060	36.0%	+/-0.8
3 or more vehicles available	16,676	+/-659	13.6%	+/-0.5
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	122,674	+/-1,088	122,674	(X)
Utility gas	84,784	+/-1,198	69.1%	+/-0.8
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	2,720	+/-339	2.2%	+/-0.3
Electricity	17,918	+/-761	14.6%	+/-0.6
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	14,177	+/-600	11.6%	+/-0.5
Coal or coke	80	+/-50	0.1%	+/-0.1
Wood	2,104	+/-279	1.7%	+/-0.2
Solar energy	43	+/-49	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	531	+/-126	0.4%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	317	+/-119	0.3%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	122,674	+/-1,088	122,674	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	296	+/-122	0.2%	+/-0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	629	+/-165	0.5%	+/-0.1
No telephone service available	2,395	+/-326	2.0%	+/-0.3

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OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	122,674	+/-1,088	122,674	(X)
1.00 or less	121,266	+/-1,084	98.9%	+/-0.2
1.01 to 1.50	693	+/-170	0.6%	+/-0.1
1.51 or more	715	+/-196	0.6%	+/-0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	73,741	+/-961	73,741	(X)
Less than \$50,000	2,148	+/-244	2.9%	+/-0.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4,948	+/-498	6.7%	+/-0.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9,596	+/-616	13.0%	+/-0.8
\$150,000 to \$199,999	17,258	+/-783	23.4%	+/-1.0
\$200,000 to \$299,999	23,645	+/-757	32.1%	+/-1.0
\$300,000 to \$499,999	13,263	+/-590	18.0%	+/-0.8
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2,484	+/-296	3.4%	+/-0.4
\$1,000,000 or more	399	+/-128	0.5%	+/-0.2
Median (dollars)	210,200	+/-2,720	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	73,741	+/-961	73,741	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	49,551	+/-1,049	67.2%	+/-1.0
Housing units without a mortgage	24,190	+/-787	32.8%	+/-1.0
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	49,551	+/-1,049	49,551	(X)
Less than \$300	77	+/-50	0.2%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	399	+/-131	0.8%	+/-0.3
\$500 to \$699	1,099	+/-224	2.2%	+/-0.4
\$700 to \$999	4,002	+/-350	8.1%	+/-0.7
\$1,000 to \$1,499	13,611	+/-733	27.5%	+/-1.3
\$1,500 to \$1,999	13,683	+/-722	27.6%	+/-1.3
\$2,000 or more	16,680	+/-572	33.7%	+/-1.1
Median (dollars)	1,684	+/-18	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	24,190	+/-787	24,190	(X)
Less than \$100	48	+/-41	0.2%	+/-0.2
\$100 to \$199	434	+/-140	1.8%	+/-0.6
\$200 to \$299	1,413	+/-177	5.8%	+/-0.7
\$300 to \$399	2,800	+/-292	11.6%	+/-1.1
\$400 or more	19,495	+/-720	80.6%	+/-1.5
Median (dollars)	588	+/-12	(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)	49,455	+/-1,030	49,455	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	19,727	+/-881	39.9%	+/-1.5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	9,091	+/-574	18.4%	+/-1.1
25.0 to 29.9 percent	6,089	+/-555	12.3%	+/-1.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	4,128	+/-393	8.3%	+/-0.8
35.0 percent or more	10,420	+/-598	21.1%	+/-1.2
Not computed	96	+/-66	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	23,993	+/-789	23,993	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	9,006	+/-533	37.5%	+/-2.0
10.0 to 14.9 percent	5,381	+/-417	22.4%	+/-1.5
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,928	+/-287	12.2%	+/-1.1

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20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,609	+/-285	6.7%	+/-1.2
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,289	+/-235	5.4%	+/-0.9
30.0 to 34.9 percent	757	+/-157	3.2%	+/-0.7
35.0 percent or more	3,023	+/-330	12.6%	+/-1.3
Not computed	197	+/-108	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	47,861	+/-987	47,861	(X)
Less than \$200	408	+/-119	0.9%	+/-0.2
\$200 to \$299	2,079	+/-283	4.3%	+/-0.6
\$300 to \$499	2,923	+/-340	6.1%	+/-0.7
\$500 to \$749	10,235	+/-599	21.4%	+/-1.2
\$750 to \$999	15,471	+/-841	32.3%	+/-1.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	14,229	+/-695	29.7%	+/-1.4
\$1,500 or more	2,516	+/-335	5.3%	+/-0.7
Median (dollars)	890	+/-11	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	1,072	+/-212	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	46,733	+/-1,012	46,733	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	6,494	+/-609	13.9%	+/-1.3
15.0 to 19.9 percent	6,663	+/-588	14.3%	+/-1.2
20.0 to 24.9 percent	6,174	+/-515	13.2%	+/-1.1
25.0 to 29.9 percent	5,548	+/-533	11.9%	+/-1.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	3,797	+/-426	8.1%	+/-0.9
35.0 percent or more	18,057	+/-792	38.6%	+/-1.5
Not computed	2,200	+/-349	(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, 2011, and 2012 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.

Telephone service data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #93 for details.

While the 2008-2012 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, 2008-2012 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.