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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	Bethlehem town, Albany County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	13,838	+/-361	13,838	(X)
Occupied housing units	13,257	+/-364	95.8%	+/-1.5
Vacant housing units	581	+/-217	4.2%	+/-1.5
Homeowner vacancy rate	0.9	+/-0.8	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	3.8	+/-2.6	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	13,838	+/-361	13,838	(X)
1-unit, detached	9,773	+/-337	70.6%	+/-2.1
1-unit, attached	871	+/-179	6.3%	+/-1.3
2 units	865	+/-204	6.3%	+/-1.5
3 or 4 units	852	+/-172	6.2%	+/-1.2
5 to 9 units	580	+/-145	4.2%	+/-1.0
10 to 19 units	339	+/-140	2.4%	+/-1.0
20 or more units	463	+/-98	3.3%	+/-0.7
Mobile home	95	+/-46	0.7%	+/-0.3
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-25	0.0%	+/-0.2
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	13,838	+/-361	13,838	(X)
Built 2010 or later	0	+/-25	0.0%	+/-0.2
Built 2000 to 2009	1,443	+/-207	10.4%	+/-1.5
Built 1990 to 1999	2,230	+/-262	16.1%	+/-1.8
Built 1980 to 1989	2,001	+/-253	14.5%	+/-1.8
Built 1970 to 1979	1,774	+/-267	12.8%	+/-1.9
Built 1960 to 1969	1,403	+/-234	10.1%	+/-1.7
Built 1950 to 1959	1,502	+/-234	10.9%	+/-1.7
Built 1940 to 1949	1,000	+/-198	7.2%	+/-1.4
Built 1939 or earlier	2,485	+/-332	18.0%	+/-2.3
ROOMS				
Total housing units	13,838	+/-361	13,838	(X)
1 room	105	+/-63	0.8%	+/-0.5
2 rooms	98	+/-64	0.7%	+/-0.5

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3 rooms	649	+/-172	4.7%	+/-1.2
4 rooms	1,548	+/-235	11.2%	+/-1.7
5 rooms	1,729	+/-284	12.5%	+/-2.0
6 rooms	2,519	+/-312	18.2%	+/-2.2
7 rooms	2,174	+/-274	15.7%	+/-1.9
8 rooms	2,000	+/-272	14.5%	+/-2.0
9 rooms or more	3,016	+/-308	21.8%	+/-2.2
Median rooms	6.6	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	13,838	+/-361	13,838	(X)
No bedroom	122	+/-59	0.9%	+/-0.4
1 bedroom	807	+/-185	5.8%	+/-1.3
2 bedrooms	3,208	+/-293	23.2%	+/-2.1
3 bedrooms	4,850	+/-375	35.0%	+/-2.5
4 bedrooms	4,074	+/-336	29.4%	+/-2.4
5 or more bedrooms	777	+/-174	5.6%	+/-1.3
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	13,257	+/-364	13,257	(X)
Owner-occupied	10,251	+/-292	77.3%	+/-1.9
Renter-occupied	3,006	+/-288	22.7%	+/-1.9
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.70	+/-0.08	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.83	+/-0.12	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	13,257	+/-364	13,257	(X)
Moved in 2010 or later	887	+/-231	6.7%	+/-1.7
Moved in 2000 to 2009	5,938	+/-395	44.8%	+/-2.6
Moved in 1990 to 1999	3,063	+/-279	23.1%	+/-2.1
Moved in 1980 to 1989	1,683	+/-234	12.7%	+/-1.8
Moved in 1970 to 1979	913	+/-160	6.9%	+/-1.2
Moved in 1969 or earlier	773	+/-142	5.8%	+/-1.0
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	13,257	+/-364	13,257	(X)
No vehicles available	506	+/-145	3.8%	+/-1.1
1 vehicle available	4,206	+/-324	31.7%	+/-2.2
2 vehicles available	6,240	+/-399	47.1%	+/-2.7
3 or more vehicles available	2,305	+/-238	17.4%	+/-1.8
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	13,257	+/-364	13,257	(X)
Utility gas	9,728	+/-376	73.4%	+/-2.1
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	261	+/-100	2.0%	+/-0.7
Electricity	1,065	+/-166	8.0%	+/-1.2
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	1,934	+/-281	14.6%	+/-2.1
Coal or coke	0	+/-25	0.0%	+/-0.2
Wood	220	+/-88	1.7%	+/-0.7
Solar energy	0	+/-25	0.0%	+/-0.2
Other fuel	49	+/-40	0.4%	+/-0.3
No fuel used	0	+/-25	0.0%	+/-0.2
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	13,257	+/-364	13,257	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	20	+/-31	0.2%	+/-0.2
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	121	+/-83	0.9%	+/-0.6
No telephone service available	140	+/-87	1.1%	+/-0.6

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OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	13,257	+/-364	13,257	(X)
1.00 or less	13,182	+/-375	99.4%	+/-0.4
1.01 to 1.50	75	+/-56	0.6%	+/-0.4
1.51 or more	0	+/-25	0.0%	+/-0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	10,251	+/-292	10,251	(X)
Less than \$50,000	220	+/-78	2.1%	+/-0.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	204	+/-117	2.0%	+/-1.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999	485	+/-142	4.7%	+/-1.4
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,538	+/-227	15.0%	+/-2.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,793	+/-312	37.0%	+/-2.9
\$300,000 to \$499,999	3,498	+/-315	34.1%	+/-2.8
\$500,000 to \$999,999	432	+/-143	4.2%	+/-1.4
\$1,000,000 or more	81	+/-63	0.8%	+/-0.6
Median (dollars)	270,900	+/-7,364	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	10,251	+/-292	10,251	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	7,145	+/-341	69.7%	+/-2.7
Housing units without a mortgage	3,106	+/-294	30.3%	+/-2.7
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	7,145	+/-341	7,145	(X)
Less than \$300	0	+/-25	0.0%	+/-0.5
\$300 to \$499	48	+/-40	0.7%	+/-0.6
\$500 to \$699	93	+/-57	1.3%	+/-0.8
\$700 to \$999	390	+/-126	5.5%	+/-1.7
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,306	+/-261	18.3%	+/-3.5
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,486	+/-243	20.8%	+/-3.4
\$2,000 or more	3,822	+/-344	53.5%	+/-4.1
Median (dollars)	2,079	+/-86	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	3,106	+/-294	3,106	(X)
Less than \$100	15	+/-24	0.5%	+/-0.8
\$100 to \$199	0	+/-25	0.0%	+/-1.0
\$200 to \$299	128	+/-69	4.1%	+/-2.2
\$300 to \$399	207	+/-95	6.7%	+/-3.0
\$400 or more	2,756	+/-290	88.7%	+/-3.5
Median (dollars)	733	+/-35	(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)	7,145	+/-341	7,145	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	2,880	+/-266	40.3%	+/-3.8
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,186	+/-222	16.6%	+/-3.0
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,042	+/-195	14.6%	+/-2.5
30.0 to 34.9 percent	679	+/-181	9.5%	+/-2.5
35.0 percent or more	1,358	+/-277	19.0%	+/-3.6
Not computed	0	+/-25	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	3,106	+/-294	3,106	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	1,188	+/-224	38.2%	+/-6.1
10.0 to 14.9 percent	813	+/-178	26.2%	+/-5.2
15.0 to 19.9 percent	335	+/-101	10.8%	+/-3.3

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20.0 to 24.9 percent	146	+/-66	4.7%	+/-2.1
25.0 to 29.9 percent	156	+/-79	5.0%	+/-2.5
30.0 to 34.9 percent	99	+/-60	3.2%	+/-1.9
35.0 percent or more	369	+/-107	11.9%	+/-3.1
Not computed	0	+/-25	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	2,904	+/-286	2,904	(X)
Less than \$200	0	+/-25	0.0%	+/-1.1
\$200 to \$299	19	+/-22	0.7%	+/-0.8
\$300 to \$499	101	+/-78	3.5%	+/-2.6
\$500 to \$749	216	+/-87	7.4%	+/-2.9
\$750 to \$999	744	+/-175	25.6%	+/-5.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,434	+/-203	49.4%	+/-6.1
\$1,500 or more	390	+/-130	13.4%	+/-3.9
Median (dollars)	1,093	+/-36	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	102	+/-49	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	2,820	+/-258	2,820	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	428	+/-143	15.2%	+/-4.6
15.0 to 19.9 percent	623	+/-167	22.1%	+/-5.5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	264	+/-104	9.4%	+/-3.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	426	+/-140	15.1%	+/-4.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	326	+/-127	11.6%	+/-4.5
35.0 percent or more	753	+/-167	26.7%	+/-5.9
Not computed	186	+/-108	(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.