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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	Colonie town, Albany County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	33,367	+/-560	33,367	(X)
Occupied housing units	31,689	+/-591	95.0%	+/-1.0
Vacant housing units	1,678	+/-341	5.0%	+/-1.0
Homeowner vacancy rate	0.9	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	2.1	+/-1.3	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	33,367	+/-560	33,367	(X)
1-unit, detached	23,845	+/-616	71.5%	+/-1.3
1-unit, attached	968	+/-190	2.9%	+/-0.6
2 units	2,008	+/-336	6.0%	+/-1.0
3 or 4 units	643	+/-146	1.9%	+/-0.4
5 to 9 units	1,321	+/-233	4.0%	+/-0.7
10 to 19 units	1,906	+/-276	5.7%	+/-0.8
20 or more units	2,208	+/-253	6.6%	+/-0.7
Mobile home	468	+/-141	1.4%	+/-0.4
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	33,367	+/-560	33,367	(X)
Built 2010 or later	33	+/-33	0.1%	+/-0.1
Built 2000 to 2009	2,746	+/-316	8.2%	+/-1.0
Built 1990 to 1999	3,117	+/-380	9.3%	+/-1.1
Built 1980 to 1989	3,661	+/-385	11.0%	+/-1.2
Built 1970 to 1979	5,272	+/-393	15.8%	+/-1.2
Built 1960 to 1969	5,394	+/-435	16.2%	+/-1.3
Built 1950 to 1959	6,809	+/-510	20.4%	+/-1.5
Built 1940 to 1949	2,416	+/-361	7.2%	+/-1.0
Built 1939 or earlier	3,919	+/-354	11.7%	+/-1.1
ROOMS				
Total housing units	33,367	+/-560	33,367	(X)
1 room	315	+/-155	0.9%	+/-0.5
2 rooms	372	+/-130	1.1%	+/-0.4

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3 rooms	2,676	+/-323	8.0%	+/-1.0
4 rooms	4,494	+/-454	13.5%	+/-1.3
5 rooms	5,410	+/-457	16.2%	+/-1.4
6 rooms	6,407	+/-526	19.2%	+/-1.6
7 rooms	5,096	+/-508	15.3%	+/-1.5
8 rooms	4,141	+/-397	12.4%	+/-1.2
9 rooms or more	4,456	+/-330	13.4%	+/-1.0
Median rooms	6.0	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	33,367	+/-560	33,367	(X)
No bedroom	361	+/-153	1.1%	+/-0.5
1 bedroom	3,323	+/-319	10.0%	+/-0.9
2 bedrooms	7,779	+/-511	23.3%	+/-1.5
3 bedrooms	13,618	+/-649	40.8%	+/-1.8
4 bedrooms	6,927	+/-427	20.8%	+/-1.2
5 or more bedrooms	1,359	+/-230	4.1%	+/-0.7
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	31,689	+/-591	31,689	(X)
Owner-occupied	23,130	+/-596	73.0%	+/-1.5
Renter-occupied	8,559	+/-516	27.0%	+/-1.5
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.59	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.04	+/-0.10	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	31,689	+/-591	31,689	(X)
Moved in 2010 or later	2,363	+/-304	7.5%	+/-0.9
Moved in 2000 to 2009	14,191	+/-538	44.8%	+/-1.4
Moved in 1990 to 1999	5,976	+/-389	18.9%	+/-1.2
Moved in 1980 to 1989	3,870	+/-362	12.2%	+/-1.1
Moved in 1970 to 1979	2,618	+/-269	8.3%	+/-0.8
Moved in 1969 or earlier	2,671	+/-296	8.4%	+/-0.9
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	31,689	+/-591	31,689	(X)
No vehicles available	1,713	+/-293	5.4%	+/-0.9
1 vehicle available	11,494	+/-718	36.3%	+/-1.9
2 vehicles available	13,376	+/-582	42.2%	+/-1.9
3 or more vehicles available	5,106	+/-411	16.1%	+/-1.4
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	31,689	+/-591	31,689	(X)
Utility gas	24,110	+/-708	76.1%	+/-1.7
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	597	+/-210	1.9%	+/-0.7
Electricity	4,208	+/-414	13.3%	+/-1.3
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	2,342	+/-349	7.4%	+/-1.1
Coal or coke	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
Wood	263	+/-113	0.8%	+/-0.4
Solar energy	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	112	+/-76	0.4%	+/-0.2
No fuel used	57	+/-47	0.2%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	31,689	+/-591	31,689	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	83	+/-78	0.3%	+/-0.2
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	130	+/-84	0.4%	+/-0.3
No telephone service available	366	+/-162	1.2%	+/-0.5

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OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	31,689	+/-591	31,689	(X)
1.00 or less	31,481	+/-604	99.3%	+/-0.3
1.01 to 1.50	151	+/-69	0.5%	+/-0.2
1.51 or more	57	+/-42	0.2%	+/-0.1
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	23,130	+/-596	23,130	(X)
Less than \$50,000	614	+/-127	2.7%	+/-0.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	911	+/-199	3.9%	+/-0.8
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,432	+/-291	10.5%	+/-1.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5,381	+/-462	23.3%	+/-1.8
\$200,000 to \$299,999	8,481	+/-518	36.7%	+/-2.0
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4,226	+/-329	18.3%	+/-1.5
\$500,000 to \$999,999	974	+/-176	4.2%	+/-0.8
\$1,000,000 or more	111	+/-55	0.5%	+/-0.2
Median (dollars)	221,400	+/-3,968	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	23,130	+/-596	23,130	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	15,324	+/-618	66.3%	+/-1.8
Housing units without a mortgage	7,806	+/-436	33.7%	+/-1.8
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	15,324	+/-618	15,324	(X)
Less than \$300	21	+/-23	0.1%	+/-0.2
\$300 to \$499	130	+/-74	0.8%	+/-0.5
\$500 to \$699	383	+/-127	2.5%	+/-0.8
\$700 to \$999	1,130	+/-187	7.4%	+/-1.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	4,328	+/-360	28.2%	+/-1.9
\$1,500 to \$1,999	4,455	+/-381	29.1%	+/-2.3
\$2,000 or more	4,877	+/-381	31.8%	+/-2.1
Median (dollars)	1,677	+/-35	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	7,806	+/-436	7,806	(X)
Less than \$100	13	+/-22	0.2%	+/-0.3
\$100 to \$199	150	+/-73	1.9%	+/-0.9
\$200 to \$299	520	+/-119	6.7%	+/-1.5
\$300 to \$399	1,208	+/-190	15.5%	+/-2.3
\$400 or more	5,915	+/-390	75.8%	+/-2.8
Median (dollars)	550	+/-14	(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)	15,316	+/-616	15,316	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	6,693	+/-436	43.7%	+/-2.4
20.0 to 24.9 percent	3,280	+/-308	21.4%	+/-1.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,576	+/-267	10.3%	+/-1.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,127	+/-214	7.4%	+/-1.3
35.0 percent or more	2,640	+/-328	17.2%	+/-2.0
Not computed	8	+/-15	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	7,742	+/-437	7,742	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	3,303	+/-286	42.7%	+/-3.2
10.0 to 14.9 percent	1,581	+/-215	20.4%	+/-2.6
15.0 to 19.9 percent	935	+/-180	12.1%	+/-2.2

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20.0 to 24.9 percent	496	+/-140	6.4%	+/-1.7
25.0 to 29.9 percent	438	+/-153	5.7%	+/-1.9
30.0 to 34.9 percent	233	+/-96	3.0%	+/-1.3
35.0 percent or more	756	+/-174	9.8%	+/-2.2
Not computed	64	+/-67	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	8,345	+/-500	8,345	(X)
Less than \$200	22	+/-19	0.3%	+/-0.2
\$200 to \$299	112	+/-48	1.3%	+/-0.6
\$300 to \$499	206	+/-93	2.5%	+/-1.1
\$500 to \$749	1,352	+/-224	16.2%	+/-2.7
\$750 to \$999	2,671	+/-353	32.0%	+/-3.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	3,155	+/-335	37.8%	+/-3.5
\$1,500 or more	827	+/-202	9.9%	+/-2.3
Median (dollars)	985	+/-20	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	214	+/-83	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	8,203	+/-497	8,203	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	1,317	+/-251	16.1%	+/-3.1
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,371	+/-239	16.7%	+/-2.8
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,373	+/-310	16.7%	+/-3.4
25.0 to 29.9 percent	849	+/-198	10.3%	+/-2.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	724	+/-198	8.8%	+/-2.4
35.0 percent or more	2,569	+/-367	31.3%	+/-3.8
Not computed	356	+/-128	(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.