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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	Rensselaer city, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	4,523	+/-308	4,523	(X)
Occupied housing units	4,233	+/-280	93.6%	+/-2.9
Vacant housing units	290	+/-137	6.4%	+/-2.9
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.1	+/-1.8	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	2.5	+/-2.9	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	4,523	+/-308	4,523	(X)
1-unit, detached	1,700	+/-214	37.6%	+/-4.3
1-unit, attached	254	+/-105	5.6%	+/-2.3
2 units	925	+/-195	20.5%	+/-4.1
3 or 4 units	624	+/-214	13.8%	+/-4.6
5 to 9 units	369	+/-119	8.2%	+/-2.5
10 to 19 units	240	+/-95	5.3%	+/-2.1
20 or more units	363	+/-94	8.0%	+/-1.9
Mobile home	48	+/-45	1.1%	+/-1.0
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-0.7
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	4,523	+/-308	4,523	(X)
Built 2010 or later	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-0.7
Built 2000 to 2009	708	+/-149	15.7%	+/-3.2
Built 1990 to 1999	352	+/-120	7.8%	+/-2.7
Built 1980 to 1989	231	+/-105	5.1%	+/-2.2
Built 1970 to 1979	215	+/-101	4.8%	+/-2.2
Built 1960 to 1969	277	+/-102	6.1%	+/-2.2
Built 1950 to 1959	415	+/-141	9.2%	+/-2.9
Built 1940 to 1949	279	+/-128	6.2%	+/-2.8
Built 1939 or earlier	2,046	+/-265	45.2%	+/-5.0
ROOMS				
Total housing units	4,523	+/-308	4,523	(X)
1 room	109	+/-71	2.4%	+/-1.5
2 rooms	122	+/-79	2.7%	+/-1.7

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3 rooms	738	+/-215	16.3%	+/-4.3
4 rooms	697	+/-177	15.4%	+/-3.7
5 rooms	1,034	+/-239	22.9%	+/-4.9
6 rooms	844	+/-168	18.7%	+/-4.0
7 rooms	470	+/-170	10.4%	+/-3.8
8 rooms	243	+/-76	5.4%	+/-1.7
9 rooms or more	266	+/-97	5.9%	+/-2.1
Median rooms	5.1	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	4,523	+/-308	4,523	(X)
No bedroom	109	+/-71	2.4%	+/-1.5
1 bedroom	857	+/-223	18.9%	+/-4.2
2 bedrooms	1,691	+/-276	37.4%	+/-5.4
3 bedrooms	1,284	+/-200	28.4%	+/-4.8
4 bedrooms	484	+/-141	10.7%	+/-3.2
5 or more bedrooms	98	+/-62	2.2%	+/-1.4
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	4,233	+/-280	4,233	(X)
Owner-occupied	2,113	+/-210	49.9%	+/-4.8
Renter-occupied	2,120	+/-281	50.1%	+/-4.8
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.53	+/-0.24	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.89	+/-0.18	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	4,233	+/-280	4,233	(X)
Moved in 2010 or later	475	+/-168	11.2%	+/-3.8
Moved in 2000 to 2009	2,361	+/-277	55.8%	+/-5.3
Moved in 1990 to 1999	583	+/-164	13.8%	+/-3.8
Moved in 1980 to 1989	352	+/-135	8.3%	+/-3.2
Moved in 1970 to 1979	184	+/-69	4.3%	+/-1.6
Moved in 1969 or earlier	278	+/-116	6.6%	+/-2.7
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	4,233	+/-280	4,233	(X)
No vehicles available	640	+/-165	15.1%	+/-3.6
1 vehicle available	1,763	+/-292	41.6%	+/-5.6
2 vehicles available	1,232	+/-203	29.1%	+/-4.9
3 or more vehicles available	598	+/-148	14.1%	+/-3.6
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	4,233	+/-280	4,233	(X)
Utility gas	3,131	+/-302	74.0%	+/-4.7
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	101	+/-76	2.4%	+/-1.8
Electricity	713	+/-184	16.8%	+/-4.1
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	260	+/-118	6.1%	+/-2.8
Coal or coke	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-0.8
Wood	20	+/-31	0.5%	+/-0.7
Solar energy	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-0.8
Other fuel	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-0.8
No fuel used	8	+/-12	0.2%	+/-0.3
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	4,233	+/-280	4,233	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-0.8
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	39	+/-61	0.9%	+/-1.4
No telephone service available	59	+/-42	1.4%	+/-1.0

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	4,233	+/-280	4,233	(X)
1.00 or less	4,189	+/-297	99.0%	+/-1.3
1.01 to 1.50	33	+/-53	0.8%	+/-1.3
1.51 or more	11	+/-17	0.3%	+/-0.4
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	2,113	+/-210	2,113	(X)
Less than \$50,000	93	+/-80	4.4%	+/-3.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	464	+/-172	22.0%	+/-8.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	487	+/-138	23.0%	+/-6.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	730	+/-186	34.5%	+/-7.8
\$200,000 to \$299,999	261	+/-90	12.4%	+/-4.2
\$300,000 to \$499,999	35	+/-35	1.7%	+/-1.6
\$500,000 to \$999,999	25	+/-41	1.2%	+/-1.9
\$1,000,000 or more	18	+/-23	0.9%	+/-1.1
Median (dollars)	150,600	+/-9,016	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	2,113	+/-210	2,113	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	1,503	+/-208	71.1%	+/-6.6
Housing units without a mortgage	610	+/-150	28.9%	+/-6.6
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	1,503	+/-208	1,503	(X)
Less than \$300	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-2.1
\$300 to \$499	25	+/-29	1.7%	+/-1.8
\$500 to \$699	9	+/-16	0.6%	+/-1.0
\$700 to \$999	311	+/-125	20.7%	+/-7.8
\$1,000 to \$1,499	576	+/-173	38.3%	+/-10.2
\$1,500 to \$1,999	317	+/-101	21.1%	+/-6.3
\$2,000 or more	265	+/-134	17.6%	+/-8.4
Median (dollars)	1,364	+/-108	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	610	+/-150	610	(X)
Less than \$100	0	+/-17	0.0%	+/-5.2
\$100 to \$199	53	+/-71	8.7%	+/-11.5
\$200 to \$299	9	+/-14	1.5%	+/-2.3
\$300 to \$399	42	+/-34	6.9%	+/-5.6
\$400 or more	506	+/-140	83.0%	+/-12.8
Median (dollars)	560	+/-45	(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)	1,503	+/-208	1,503	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	525	+/-128	34.9%	+/-8.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	228	+/-87	15.2%	+/-5.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	312	+/-141	20.8%	+/-8.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	99	+/-79	6.6%	+/-5.1
35.0 percent or more	339	+/-160	22.6%	+/-9.7
Not computed	0	+/-17	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	596	+/-148	596	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	171	+/-88	28.7%	+/-12.9
10.0 to 14.9 percent	128	+/-64	21.5%	+/-10.9
15.0 to 19.9 percent	97	+/-72	16.3%	+/-11.6

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
20.0 to 24.9 percent	70	+/-45	11.7%	+/-7.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	62	+/-66	10.4%	+/-10.0
30.0 to 34.9 percent	11	+/-18	1.8%	+/-3.0
35.0 percent or more	57	+/-49	9.6%	+/-8.2
Not computed	14	+/-24	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	2,047	+/-277	2,047	(X)
Less than \$200	34	+/-32	1.7%	+/-1.5
\$200 to \$299	95	+/-75	4.6%	+/-3.6
\$300 to \$499	253	+/-108	12.4%	+/-5.1
\$500 to \$749	425	+/-139	20.8%	+/-6.0
\$750 to \$999	586	+/-177	28.6%	+/-7.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	459	+/-131	22.4%	+/-5.8
\$1,500 or more	195	+/-80	9.5%	+/-4.1
Median (dollars)	839	+/-45	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	73	+/-53	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	2,047	+/-277	2,047	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	342	+/-148	16.7%	+/-6.4
15.0 to 19.9 percent	388	+/-154	19.0%	+/-7.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	251	+/-113	12.3%	+/-5.4
25.0 to 29.9 percent	127	+/-64	6.2%	+/-3.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	96	+/-62	4.7%	+/-3.1
35.0 percent or more	843	+/-202	41.2%	+/-8.0
Not computed	73	+/-53	(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.