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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 County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	71,366	+/-209	71,366	(X)
Occupied housing units	63,952	+/-660	89.6%	+/-0.9
Vacant housing units	7,414	+/-634	10.4%	+/-0.9
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.5	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	4.9	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	71,366	+/-209	71,366	(X)
1-unit, detached	40,805	+/-674	57.2%	+/-1.0
1-unit, attached	2,430	+/-292	3.4%	+/-0.4
2 units	9,662	+/-542	13.5%	+/-0.8
3 or 4 units	6,649	+/-511	9.3%	+/-0.7
5 to 9 units	3,754	+/-397	5.3%	+/-0.6
10 to 19 units	2,267	+/-346	3.2%	+/-0.5
20 or more units	3,617	+/-363	5.1%	+/-0.5
Mobile home	2,182	+/-279	3.1%	+/-0.4
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	71,366	+/-209	71,366	(X)
Built 2010 or later	33	+/-31	0.0%	+/-0.1
Built 2000 to 2009	5,673	+/-423	7.9%	+/-0.6
Built 1990 to 1999	6,156	+/-461	8.6%	+/-0.6
Built 1980 to 1989	6,761	+/-457	9.5%	+/-0.6
Built 1970 to 1979	7,100	+/-529	9.9%	+/-0.7
Built 1960 to 1969	6,897	+/-490	9.7%	+/-0.7
Built 1950 to 1959	7,614	+/-554	10.7%	+/-0.8
Built 1940 to 1949	4,216	+/-392	5.9%	+/-0.5
Built 1939 or earlier	26,916	+/-753	37.7%	+/-1.1
ROOMS				
Total housing units	71,366	+/-209	71,366	(X)
1 room	1,149	+/-267	1.6%	+/-0.4
2 rooms	1,324	+/-279	1.9%	+/-0.4

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3 rooms	6,031	+/-482	8.5%	+/-0.7
4 rooms	10,554	+/-614	14.8%	+/-0.9
5 rooms	13,664	+/-755	19.1%	+/-1.1
6 rooms	14,381	+/-781	20.2%	+/-1.1
7 rooms	9,495	+/-549	13.3%	+/-0.8
8 rooms	6,973	+/-492	9.8%	+/-0.7
9 rooms or more	7,795	+/-490	10.9%	+/-0.7
Median rooms	5.7	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	71,366	+/-209	71,366	(X)
No bedroom	1,243	+/-278	1.7%	+/-0.4
1 bedroom	8,009	+/-548	11.2%	+/-0.8
2 bedrooms	19,668	+/-860	27.6%	+/-1.2
3 bedrooms	27,785	+/-866	38.9%	+/-1.2
4 bedrooms	11,489	+/-615	16.1%	+/-0.9
5 or more bedrooms	3,172	+/-329	4.4%	+/-0.5
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	63,952	+/-660	63,952	(X)
Owner-occupied	42,083	+/-725	65.8%	+/-1.0
Renter-occupied	21,869	+/-745	34.2%	+/-1.0
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.54	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.15	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	63,952	+/-660	63,952	(X)
Moved in 2010 or later	5,877	+/-531	9.2%	+/-0.8
Moved in 2000 to 2009	29,479	+/-817	46.1%	+/-1.2
Moved in 1990 to 1999	11,420	+/-536	17.9%	+/-0.8
Moved in 1980 to 1989	7,672	+/-490	12.0%	+/-0.8
Moved in 1970 to 1979	4,418	+/-416	6.9%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1969 or earlier	5,086	+/-347	8.0%	+/-0.5
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	63,952	+/-660	63,952	(X)
No vehicles available	6,777	+/-541	10.6%	+/-0.8
1 vehicle available	21,954	+/-851	34.3%	+/-1.2
2 vehicles available	24,059	+/-684	37.6%	+/-1.0
3 or more vehicles available	11,162	+/-541	17.5%	+/-0.9
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	63,952	+/-660	63,952	(X)
Utility gas	29,362	+/-760	45.9%	+/-1.1
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	4,076	+/-366	6.4%	+/-0.6
Electricity	7,962	+/-570	12.4%	+/-0.9
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	18,454	+/-744	28.9%	+/-1.1
Coal or coke	43	+/-43	0.1%	+/-0.1
Wood	3,231	+/-286	5.1%	+/-0.4
Solar energy	72	+/-49	0.1%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	531	+/-158	0.8%	+/-0.2
No fuel used	221	+/-119	0.3%	+/-0.2
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	63,952	+/-660	63,952	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	284	+/-108	0.4%	+/-0.2
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	422	+/-128	0.7%	+/-0.2
No telephone service available	1,289	+/-214	2.0%	+/-0.3

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	63,952	+/-660	63,952	(X)
1.00 or less	63,135	+/-669	98.7%	+/-0.4
1.01 to 1.50	574	+/-189	0.9%	+/-0.3
1.51 or more	243	+/-111	0.4%	+/-0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	42,083	+/-725	42,083	(X)
Less than \$50,000	1,863	+/-280	4.4%	+/-0.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4,268	+/-402	10.1%	+/-0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7,370	+/-523	17.5%	+/-1.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,828	+/-516	25.7%	+/-1.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	11,169	+/-559	26.5%	+/-1.3
\$300,000 to \$499,999	5,278	+/-420	12.5%	+/-1.0
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1,107	+/-230	2.6%	+/-0.5
\$1,000,000 or more	200	+/-87	0.5%	+/-0.2
Median (dollars)	181,600	+/-3,582	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	42,083	+/-725	42,083	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	28,041	+/-774	66.6%	+/-1.3
Housing units without a mortgage	14,042	+/-565	33.4%	+/-1.3
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	28,041	+/-774	28,041	(X)
Less than \$300	27	+/-18	0.1%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	164	+/-71	0.6%	+/-0.2
\$500 to \$699	700	+/-165	2.5%	+/-0.6
\$700 to \$999	2,658	+/-353	9.5%	+/-1.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	8,548	+/-643	30.5%	+/-2.0
\$1,500 to \$1,999	7,452	+/-538	26.6%	+/-1.7
\$2,000 or more	8,492	+/-549	30.3%	+/-1.9
Median (dollars)	1,618	+/-33	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	14,042	+/-565	14,042	(X)
Less than \$100	10	+/-16	0.1%	+/-0.1
\$100 to \$199	332	+/-127	2.4%	+/-0.9
\$200 to \$299	708	+/-149	5.0%	+/-1.0
\$300 to \$399	1,426	+/-193	10.2%	+/-1.3
\$400 or more	11,566	+/-512	82.4%	+/-1.7
Median (dollars)	612	+/-15	(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)	27,990	+/-783	27,990	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	10,187	+/-537	36.4%	+/-1.7
20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,995	+/-425	17.8%	+/-1.4
25.0 to 29.9 percent	4,067	+/-414	14.5%	+/-1.4
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,270	+/-325	8.1%	+/-1.1
35.0 percent or more	6,471	+/-461	23.1%	+/-1.5
Not computed	51	+/-31	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	13,872	+/-581	13,872	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	4,461	+/-394	32.2%	+/-2.4
10.0 to 14.9 percent	2,824	+/-306	20.4%	+/-2.1
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,386	+/-312	17.2%	+/-2.1

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,293	+/-204	9.3%	+/-1.4
25.0 to 29.9 percent	832	+/-186	6.0%	+/-1.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	603	+/-171	4.3%	+/-1.2
35.0 percent or more	1,473	+/-220	10.6%	+/-1.6
Not computed	170	+/-104	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	20,831	+/-761	20,831	(X)
Less than \$200	419	+/-162	2.0%	+/-0.8
\$200 to \$299	875	+/-207	4.2%	+/-1.0
\$300 to \$499	1,800	+/-238	8.6%	+/-1.1
\$500 to \$749	5,029	+/-452	24.1%	+/-2.0
\$750 to \$999	6,650	+/-496	31.9%	+/-2.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	4,842	+/-413	23.2%	+/-1.7
\$1,500 or more	1,216	+/-201	5.8%	+/-1.0
Median (dollars)	835	+/-15	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	1,038	+/-233	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	20,582	+/-768	20,582	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	3,056	+/-444	14.8%	+/-2.0
15.0 to 19.9 percent	3,008	+/-426	14.6%	+/-2.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,564	+/-344	12.5%	+/-1.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,294	+/-344	11.1%	+/-1.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,400	+/-236	6.8%	+/-1.2
35.0 percent or more	8,260	+/-549	40.1%	+/-2.4
Not computed	1,287	+/-283	(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.