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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	Schenectady city, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	31,668	+/-550	31,668	(X)
Occupied housing units	24,722	+/-593	78.1%	+/-1.5
Vacant housing units	6,946	+/-498	21.9%	+/-1.5
Homeowner vacancy rate	3.2	+/-1.4	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	4.9	+/-1.5	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	31,668	+/-550	31,668	(X)
1-unit, detached	11,798	+/-461	37.3%	+/-1.4
1-unit, attached	641	+/-146	2.0%	+/-0.5
2 units	10,384	+/-685	32.8%	+/-2.0
3 or 4 units	3,460	+/-330	10.9%	+/-1.1
5 to 9 units	1,712	+/-262	5.4%	+/-0.8
10 to 19 units	1,187	+/-211	3.7%	+/-0.7
20 or more units	2,425	+/-241	7.7%	+/-0.8
Mobile home	61	+/-53	0.2%	+/-0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	31,668	+/-550	31,668	(X)
Built 2010 or later	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
Built 2000 to 2009	438	+/-127	1.4%	+/-0.4
Built 1990 to 1999	1,005	+/-205	3.2%	+/-0.6
Built 1980 to 1989	1,308	+/-275	4.1%	+/-0.9
Built 1970 to 1979	2,296	+/-314	7.3%	+/-1.0
Built 1960 to 1969	1,902	+/-241	6.0%	+/-0.8
Built 1950 to 1959	2,805	+/-231	8.9%	+/-0.8
Built 1940 to 1949	2,790	+/-299	8.8%	+/-0.9
Built 1939 or earlier	19,124	+/-696	60.4%	+/-1.8
ROOMS				
Total housing units	31,668	+/-550	31,668	(X)
1 room	773	+/-184	2.4%	+/-0.6
2 rooms	1,183	+/-273	3.7%	+/-0.9

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3 rooms	3,501	+/-381	11.1%	+/-1.2
4 rooms	4,993	+/-527	15.8%	+/-1.7
5 rooms	6,564	+/-648	20.7%	+/-2.0
6 rooms	8,123	+/-484	25.7%	+/-1.5
7 rooms	3,370	+/-298	10.6%	+/-0.9
8 rooms	1,620	+/-236	5.1%	+/-0.7
9 rooms or more	1,541	+/-226	4.9%	+/-0.7
Median rooms	5.3	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	31,668	+/-550	31,668	(X)
No bedroom	929	+/-202	2.9%	+/-0.6
1 bedroom	5,179	+/-400	16.4%	+/-1.2
2 bedrooms	8,774	+/-448	27.7%	+/-1.5
3 bedrooms	12,849	+/-690	40.6%	+/-1.9
4 bedrooms	2,977	+/-322	9.4%	+/-1.0
5 or more bedrooms	960	+/-183	3.0%	+/-0.6
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	24,722	+/-593	24,722	(X)
Owner-occupied	11,845	+/-420	47.9%	+/-1.5
Renter-occupied	12,877	+/-511	52.1%	+/-1.5
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.61	+/-0.09	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.42	+/-0.09	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	24,722	+/-593	24,722	(X)
Moved in 2010 or later	3,141	+/-358	12.7%	+/-1.4
Moved in 2000 to 2009	13,104	+/-701	53.0%	+/-2.3
Moved in 1990 to 1999	3,399	+/-334	13.7%	+/-1.4
Moved in 1980 to 1989	1,777	+/-263	7.2%	+/-1.1
Moved in 1970 to 1979	1,394	+/-213	5.6%	+/-0.9
Moved in 1969 or earlier	1,907	+/-220	7.7%	+/-0.9
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	24,722	+/-593	24,722	(X)
No vehicles available	4,845	+/-437	19.6%	+/-1.6
1 vehicle available	11,305	+/-556	45.7%	+/-2.0
2 vehicles available	6,603	+/-433	26.7%	+/-1.6
3 or more vehicles available	1,969	+/-238	8.0%	+/-1.0
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	24,722	+/-593	24,722	(X)
Utility gas	19,279	+/-598	78.0%	+/-1.6
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	279	+/-80	1.1%	+/-0.3
Electricity	3,318	+/-354	13.4%	+/-1.4
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	1,640	+/-272	6.6%	+/-1.1
Coal or coke	33	+/-50	0.1%	+/-0.2
Wood	38	+/-29	0.2%	+/-0.1
Solar energy	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	109	+/-56	0.4%	+/-0.2
No fuel used	26	+/-23	0.1%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	24,722	+/-593	24,722	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	71	+/-48	0.3%	+/-0.2
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	144	+/-67	0.6%	+/-0.3
No telephone service available	953	+/-226	3.9%	+/-0.9

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OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	24,722	+/-593	24,722	(X)
1.00 or less	24,242	+/-611	98.1%	+/-0.6
1.01 to 1.50	325	+/-125	1.3%	+/-0.5
1.51 or more	155	+/-91	0.6%	+/-0.4
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	11,845	+/-420	11,845	(X)
Less than \$50,000	526	+/-135	4.4%	+/-1.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4,060	+/-337	34.3%	+/-2.6
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4,106	+/-333	34.7%	+/-2.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,068	+/-297	17.5%	+/-2.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999	612	+/-161	5.2%	+/-1.3
\$300,000 to \$499,999	299	+/-95	2.5%	+/-0.8
\$500,000 to \$999,999	82	+/-58	0.7%	+/-0.5
\$1,000,000 or more	92	+/-77	0.8%	+/-0.7
Median (dollars)	114,800	+/-3,255	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	11,845	+/-420	11,845	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	7,843	+/-421	66.2%	+/-2.4
Housing units without a mortgage	4,002	+/-293	33.8%	+/-2.4
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	7,843	+/-421	7,843	(X)
Less than \$300	22	+/-35	0.3%	+/-0.4
\$300 to \$499	85	+/-52	1.1%	+/-0.7
\$500 to \$699	276	+/-111	3.5%	+/-1.4
\$700 to \$999	1,054	+/-179	13.4%	+/-2.3
\$1,000 to \$1,499	3,355	+/-357	42.8%	+/-3.6
\$1,500 to \$1,999	2,095	+/-285	26.7%	+/-3.3
\$2,000 or more	956	+/-172	12.2%	+/-2.1
Median (dollars)	1,350	+/-52	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	4,002	+/-293	4,002	(X)
Less than \$100	7	+/-11	0.2%	+/-0.3
\$100 to \$199	51	+/-38	1.3%	+/-0.9
\$200 to \$299	192	+/-99	4.8%	+/-2.4
\$300 to \$399	487	+/-123	12.2%	+/-3.0
\$400 or more	3,265	+/-288	81.6%	+/-3.6
Median (dollars)	568	+/-16	(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)	7,812	+/-418	7,812	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	2,421	+/-275	31.0%	+/-3.5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,232	+/-244	15.8%	+/-2.9
25.0 to 29.9 percent	939	+/-256	12.0%	+/-3.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	674	+/-169	8.6%	+/-2.1
35.0 percent or more	2,546	+/-313	32.6%	+/-3.6
Not computed	31	+/-22	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	3,949	+/-287	3,949	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	888	+/-192	22.5%	+/-4.3
10.0 to 14.9 percent	843	+/-156	21.3%	+/-4.0
15.0 to 19.9 percent	664	+/-156	16.8%	+/-3.9

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20.0 to 24.9 percent	440	+/-118	11.1%	+/-2.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	255	+/-94	6.5%	+/-2.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	186	+/-81	4.7%	+/-2.0
35.0 percent or more	673	+/-148	17.0%	+/-3.5
Not computed	53	+/-43	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	12,529	+/-552	12,529	(X)
Less than \$200	338	+/-128	2.7%	+/-1.0
\$200 to \$299	689	+/-169	5.5%	+/-1.3
\$300 to \$499	1,033	+/-195	8.2%	+/-1.5
\$500 to \$749	3,237	+/-357	25.8%	+/-2.6
\$750 to \$999	4,512	+/-358	36.0%	+/-2.7
\$1,000 to \$1,499	2,106	+/-309	16.8%	+/-2.2
\$1,500 or more	614	+/-153	4.9%	+/-1.2
Median (dollars)	806	+/-16	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	348	+/-132	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	12,178	+/-531	12,178	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	1,462	+/-270	12.0%	+/-2.2
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,782	+/-254	14.6%	+/-2.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,320	+/-218	10.8%	+/-1.7
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,364	+/-241	11.2%	+/-1.9
30.0 to 34.9 percent	991	+/-197	8.1%	+/-1.6
35.0 percent or more	5,259	+/-400	43.2%	+/-2.6
Not computed	699	+/-173	(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.