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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 County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	68,047	+/-212	68,047	(X)
Occupied housing units	58,263	+/-768	85.6%	+/-1.0
Vacant housing units	9,784	+/-680	14.4%	+/-1.0
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.6	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	5.0	+/-1.3	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	68,047	+/-212	68,047	(X)
1-unit, detached	40,140	+/-692	59.0%	+/-1.0
1-unit, attached	1,404	+/-194	2.1%	+/-0.3
2 units	12,271	+/-778	18.0%	+/-1.1
3 or 4 units	4,726	+/-360	6.9%	+/-0.5
5 to 9 units	2,813	+/-341	4.1%	+/-0.5
10 to 19 units	2,309	+/-288	3.4%	+/-0.4
20 or more units	3,972	+/-319	5.8%	+/-0.5
Mobile home	412	+/-122	0.6%	+/-0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	68,047	+/-212	68,047	(X)
Built 2010 or later	67	+/-45	0.1%	+/-0.1
Built 2000 to 2009	3,955	+/-351	5.8%	+/-0.5
Built 1990 to 1999	4,007	+/-357	5.9%	+/-0.5
Built 1980 to 1989	4,247	+/-427	6.2%	+/-0.6
Built 1970 to 1979	6,322	+/-499	9.3%	+/-0.7
Built 1960 to 1969	5,620	+/-395	8.3%	+/-0.6
Built 1950 to 1959	10,193	+/-505	15.0%	+/-0.7
Built 1940 to 1949	6,985	+/-497	10.3%	+/-0.7
Built 1939 or earlier	26,651	+/-731	39.2%	+/-1.1
ROOMS				
Total housing units	68,047	+/-212	68,047	(X)
1 room	1,059	+/-244	1.6%	+/-0.4
2 rooms	1,841	+/-306	2.7%	+/-0.4

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3 rooms	5,648	+/-510	8.3%	+/-0.8
4 rooms	8,759	+/-650	12.9%	+/-1.0
5 rooms	12,294	+/-835	18.1%	+/-1.2
6 rooms	16,128	+/-682	23.7%	+/-1.0
7 rooms	9,383	+/-488	13.8%	+/-0.7
8 rooms	6,698	+/-477	9.8%	+/-0.7
9 rooms or more	6,237	+/-442	9.2%	+/-0.6
Median rooms	5.8	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	68,047	+/-212	68,047	(X)
No bedroom	1,256	+/-246	1.8%	+/-0.4
1 bedroom	8,317	+/-520	12.2%	+/-0.8
2 bedrooms	16,474	+/-639	24.2%	+/-0.9
3 bedrooms	27,935	+/-786	41.1%	+/-1.1
4 bedrooms	11,719	+/-495	17.2%	+/-0.7
5 or more bedrooms	2,346	+/-331	3.4%	+/-0.5
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	58,263	+/-768	58,263	(X)
Owner-occupied	39,034	+/-694	67.0%	+/-1.0
Renter-occupied	19,229	+/-690	33.0%	+/-1.0
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.73	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.26	+/-0.07	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	58,263	+/-768	58,263	(X)
Moved in 2010 or later	5,059	+/-415	8.7%	+/-0.7
Moved in 2000 to 2009	27,413	+/-860	47.1%	+/-1.2
Moved in 1990 to 1999	9,961	+/-514	17.1%	+/-0.9
Moved in 1980 to 1989	6,096	+/-421	10.5%	+/-0.7
Moved in 1970 to 1979	4,250	+/-322	7.3%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1969 or earlier	5,484	+/-344	9.4%	+/-0.6
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	58,263	+/-768	58,263	(X)
No vehicles available	6,636	+/-488	11.4%	+/-0.8
1 vehicle available	21,697	+/-761	37.2%	+/-1.2
2 vehicles available	21,513	+/-755	36.9%	+/-1.2
3 or more vehicles available	8,417	+/-487	14.4%	+/-0.8
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	58,263	+/-768	58,263	(X)
Utility gas	42,314	+/-855	72.6%	+/-1.1
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	1,522	+/-203	2.6%	+/-0.3
Electricity	6,472	+/-480	11.1%	+/-0.8
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	6,781	+/-460	11.6%	+/-0.8
Coal or coke	43	+/-51	0.1%	+/-0.1
Wood	829	+/-164	1.4%	+/-0.3
Solar energy	10	+/-17	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	214	+/-76	0.4%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	78	+/-57	0.1%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	58,263	+/-768	58,263	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	107	+/-56	0.2%	+/-0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	255	+/-80	0.4%	+/-0.1
No telephone service available	1,433	+/-265	2.5%	+/-0.5

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	58,263	+/-768	58,263	(X)
1.00 or less	57,509	+/-767	98.7%	+/-0.3
1.01 to 1.50	582	+/-159	1.0%	+/-0.3
1.51 or more	172	+/-94	0.3%	+/-0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	39,034	+/-694	39,034	(X)
Less than \$50,000	1,070	+/-160	2.7%	+/-0.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5,162	+/-386	13.2%	+/-0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9,119	+/-534	23.4%	+/-1.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9,874	+/-534	25.3%	+/-1.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999	8,666	+/-404	22.2%	+/-1.0
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4,175	+/-345	10.7%	+/-0.9
\$500,000 to \$999,999	752	+/-152	1.9%	+/-0.4
\$1,000,000 or more	216	+/-98	0.6%	+/-0.2
Median (dollars)	166,600	+/-1,875	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	39,034	+/-694	39,034	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	25,789	+/-690	66.1%	+/-1.2
Housing units without a mortgage	13,245	+/-490	33.9%	+/-1.2
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	25,789	+/-690	25,789	(X)
Less than \$300	32	+/-38	0.1%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	261	+/-89	1.0%	+/-0.3
\$500 to \$699	725	+/-171	2.8%	+/-0.7
\$700 to \$999	2,320	+/-237	9.0%	+/-0.9
\$1,000 to \$1,499	8,468	+/-560	32.8%	+/-2.0
\$1,500 to \$1,999	7,495	+/-540	29.1%	+/-2.0
\$2,000 or more	6,488	+/-410	25.2%	+/-1.4
Median (dollars)	1,565	+/-30	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	13,245	+/-490	13,245	(X)
Less than \$100	32	+/-30	0.2%	+/-0.2
\$100 to \$199	138	+/-61	1.0%	+/-0.5
\$200 to \$299	541	+/-135	4.1%	+/-1.0
\$300 to \$399	1,358	+/-196	10.3%	+/-1.4
\$400 or more	11,176	+/-465	84.4%	+/-1.6
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)	25,667	+/-690	25,667	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	9,274	+/-584	36.1%	+/-2.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,994	+/-456	19.5%	+/-1.7
25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,237	+/-397	12.6%	+/-1.4
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,148	+/-304	8.4%	+/-1.2
35.0 percent or more	6,014	+/-408	23.4%	+/-1.5
Not computed	122	+/-71	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	13,124	+/-496	13,124	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	3,886	+/-334	29.6%	+/-2.2
10.0 to 14.9 percent	2,816	+/-255	21.5%	+/-1.7
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,981	+/-223	15.1%	+/-1.6

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,282	+/-208	9.8%	+/-1.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	750	+/-156	5.7%	+/-1.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	489	+/-111	3.7%	+/-0.9
35.0 percent or more	1,920	+/-248	14.6%	+/-1.8
Not computed	121	+/-55	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	18,575	+/-701	18,575	(X)
Less than \$200	425	+/-156	2.3%	+/-0.8
\$200 to \$299	775	+/-174	4.2%	+/-0.9
\$300 to \$499	1,278	+/-222	6.9%	+/-1.2
\$500 to \$749	4,754	+/-428	25.6%	+/-2.0
\$750 to \$999	6,389	+/-447	34.4%	+/-2.3
\$1,000 to \$1,499	3,802	+/-363	20.5%	+/-1.8
\$1,500 or more	1,152	+/-162	6.2%	+/-0.8
Median (dollars)	825	+/-13	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	654	+/-153	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	18,169	+/-687	18,169	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	2,390	+/-365	13.2%	+/-1.9
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,611	+/-330	14.4%	+/-1.7
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,892	+/-270	10.4%	+/-1.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,043	+/-305	11.2%	+/-1.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,537	+/-241	8.5%	+/-1.3
35.0 percent or more	7,696	+/-508	42.4%	+/-2.2
Not computed	1,060	+/-192	(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.