



**Alaska**  
**Selected Housing Characteristics: 2004**  
Data Set: 2004 American Community Survey  
Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE: Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Selected Housing Characteristics: 2004	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>			
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>271,533</b>	*****	*****
Occupied housing units	228,358	225,330	231,386
Vacant housing units	43,175	40,147	46,203
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.0	0.7	1.3
Rental vacancy rate	7.6	5.7	9.5
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>			
1-unit, detached	165,811	160,644	170,978
1-unit, attached	18,631	16,993	20,269
2 units	13,198	10,993	15,403
3 or 4 units	20,009	17,462	22,556
5 to 9 units	13,455	11,648	15,262
10 to 19 units	7,476	5,460	9,492
20 or more units	13,502	11,314	15,690
Mobile home	18,647	12,977	24,317
Boat, RV, van, etc.	804	116	1,492
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>			
2000 or later	11,512	10,094	12,930
1995 to 1999	25,777	21,708	29,846
1990 to 1994	19,529	17,003	22,055
1980 to 1989	78,445	75,659	81,231
1970 to 1979	77,000	69,251	84,749
1960 to 1969	28,843	25,929	31,757
1950 to 1959	17,095	15,166	19,024
1940 to 1949	6,390	4,918	7,862
1939 or earlier	6,942	3,977	9,907
<b>ROOMS</b>			
1 room	11,656	10,160	13,152
2 rooms	20,083	18,129	22,037
3 rooms	35,668	33,358	37,978
4 rooms	51,430	45,384	57,476
5 rooms	58,878	53,425	64,331
6 rooms	36,900	33,333	40,467
7 rooms	25,554	21,689	29,419
8 rooms	14,163	12,876	15,450
9 rooms or more	17,201	15,837	18,565
Median (rooms)	4.8	4.7	4.9
<b>BEDROOMS</b>			
No bedroom	12,568	10,992	14,144
1 bedroom	37,896	34,300	41,492
2 bedrooms	77,353	73,317	81,389
3 bedrooms	98,122	94,073	102,171
4 bedrooms	36,684	32,507	40,861
5 bedrooms or more	8,910	7,942	9,878
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>228,358</b>	<b>225,330</b>	<b>231,386</b>
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>			
Owner-occupied	149,669	145,616	153,722
Renter-occupied	78,689	74,290	83,088
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.91	2.82	3.00
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.54	2.44	2.64
<b>YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT</b>			
2000 or later	107,870	104,899	110,841
1995 to 1999	45,480	42,946	48,014
1990 to 1994	27,972	25,794	30,150
1980 to 1989	29,204	27,080	31,328
1970 to 1979	13,696	10,840	16,552
1969 or earlier	4,136	3,405	4,867

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<b>VEHICLES AVAILABLE</b>			
No vehicles available	22,940	16,149	29,731
1 vehicle available	70,155	66,785	73,525
2 vehicles available	87,094	82,719	91,469
3 or more vehicles available	48,169	44,422	51,916
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>			
Utility gas	116,778	107,400	126,156
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	4,023	3,153	4,893
Electricity	21,253	19,480	23,026
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	74,535	69,808	79,262
Coal or coke	1,246	715	1,777
Wood	7,097	2,812	11,382
Solar energy	0	0	274
Other fuel	2,060	919	3,201
No fuel used	1,366	836	1,896
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	6,017	4,803	7,231
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	5,489	4,566	6,412
No telephone service available	5,542	4,480	6,604
<b>OCCUPANTS PER ROOM</b>			
1.00 or less	217,920	215,005	220,835
1.01 to 1.50	7,041	5,606	8,476
1.51 or more	3,397	1,876	4,918
<b>Owner-occupied units</b>	<b>149,669</b>	<b>145,616</b>	<b>153,722</b>
<b>VALUE</b>			
Less than \$50,000	9,927	7,888	11,966
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15,940	12,591	19,289
\$100,000 to \$149,999	28,528	25,535	31,521
\$150,000 to \$199,999	33,737	31,447	36,027
\$200,000 to \$299,999	40,878	38,014	43,742
\$300,000 to \$499,999	17,395	14,794	19,996
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2,968	2,276	3,660
\$1,000,000 or more	296	48	544
Median (dollars)	179,304	175,605	183,003
<b>MORTGAGE STATUS AND SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS</b>			
Housing units with a mortgage	104,099	98,405	109,793
Less than \$300	452	0	1,177
\$300 to \$499	3,500	2,735	4,265
\$500 to \$699	3,105	2,318	3,892
\$700 to \$999	15,776	13,268	18,284
\$1,000 to \$1,499	35,477	33,067	37,887
\$1,500 to \$1,999	29,928	27,762	32,094
\$2,000 or more	15,861	14,122	17,600
Median (dollars)	1,421	1,398	1,444
Housing units without a mortgage	45,570	41,077	50,063
Less than \$100	2,436	1,692	3,180
\$100 to \$199	4,018	1,910	6,126
\$200 to \$299	8,845	6,320	11,370
\$300 to \$399	8,061	6,402	9,720
\$400 or more	22,210	20,313	24,107
Median (dollars)	393	362	424
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME</b>			
Housing unit with a mortgage	104,099	98,405	109,793
Less than 20.0 percent	43,823	38,887	48,759
20.0 to 24.9 percent	18,432	16,937	19,927
25.0 to 29.9 percent	14,529	12,932	16,126
30.0 to 34.9 percent	8,508	7,182	9,834
35.0 percent or more	18,697	17,116	20,278
Not computed	110	0	320
Housing unit without a mortgage	45,570	41,077	50,063
Less than 10.0 percent	25,536	21,727	29,345
10.0 to 14.9 percent	9,357	7,791	10,923
15.0 to 19.9 percent	3,674	2,850	4,498
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,679	1,171	2,187
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,389	890	1,888
30.0 to 34.9 percent	991	585	1,397
35.0 percent or more	2,660	1,869	3,451
Not computed	284	0	617
<b>Renter-occupied units</b>	<b>78,689</b>	<b>74,290</b>	<b>83,088</b>
<b>GROSS RENT</b>			
Less than \$200	927	505	1,349
\$200 to \$299	1,471	778	2,164
\$300 to \$499	4,748	3,381	6,115
\$500 to \$749	20,869	17,817	23,921
\$750 to \$999	24,349	20,238	28,460
\$1,000 to \$1,499	13,068	11,209	14,927
\$1,500 or more	3,579	2,685	4,473
No cash rent	9,678	8,116	11,240
Median (dollars)	808	781	835

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<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME</b>			
Less than 15.0 percent	9,939	6,754	13,124
15.0 to 19.9 percent	10,618	9,087	12,149
20.0 to 24.9 percent	11,257	9,793	12,721
25.0 to 29.9 percent	8,585	6,715	10,455
30.0 to 34.9 percent	6,369	4,894	7,844
35.0 percent or more	22,184	19,864	24,504
Not computed	9,737	8,166	11,308

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 American Community Survey


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 confidence interval. The interval shown here is a 90 percent confidence interval. The stated range can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the lower and upper 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.

Notes:

- The median gross rent excludes no cash renters.

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