Alaska
Selected Housing Characteristics: 2002
Data Set: **2002 American Community Survey Summary Tables**
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: 2002	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Total housing units	**265,377**	*****	*****
UNITS IN STRUCTURE			
1-unit, detached	157,853	150,273	165,433
1-unit, attached	19,996	17,940	22,052
2 units	14,944	12,479	17,409
3 or 4 units	20,354	18,272	22,436
5 to 9 units	13,843	12,016	15,670
10 to 19 units	6,983	5,549	8,417
20 or more units	12,116	8,738	15,494
Mobile home	18,850	13,125	24,576
Boat, RV, van, etc.	438	245	631
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT			
1999 or later	12,511	10,044	14,978
1995 to 1998	23,949	21,429	26,469
1990 to 1994	22,420	15,916	28,924
1980 to 1989	72,193	68,778	75,609
1970 to 1979	76,394	68,291	84,497
1960 to 1969	28,022	25,791	30,253
1950 to 1959	17,768	15,026	20,510
1940 to 1949	6,973	5,117	8,829
1939 or earlier	5,147	2,502	7,792
ROOMS			
1 room	14,521	11,505	17,537
2 rooms	19,115	17,539	20,691
3 rooms	32,191	29,337	35,046
4 rooms	52,549	45,205	59,893
5 rooms	51,296	48,014	54,578
6 rooms	38,996	35,775	42,217
7 rooms	25,631	22,935	28,327
8 rooms	15,386	13,531	17,241
9 rooms or more	15,692	13,597	17,788
Median (rooms)	4.8	4.6	5.0
Occupied housing units	**225,474**	**221,333**	**229,616**
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT			
2000 or later	74,618	70,965	78,271
1995 to 1999	66,990	63,413	70,567
1990 to 1994	31,303	28,925	33,681
1980 to 1989	32,762	30,035	35,489
1970 to 1979	14,134	12,672	15,596
1969 or earlier	5,667	4,631	6,703
VEHICLES AVAILABLE			
No vehicles available	18,150	13,320	22,980
1	68,346	64,145	72,547
2	93,142	86,278	100,006
3 or more	45,836	41,381	50,291

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HOUSE HEATING FUEL			
Utility gas	110,288	103,201	117,375
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	4,665	3,223	6,107
Electricity	24,940	22,957	26,923
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	73,686	69,200	78,172
Coal or coke	765	390	1,140
Wood	6,574	3,736	9,412
Solar energy	0	0	287
Other fuel	2,878	1,855	3,901
No fuel used	1,678	1,025	2,331
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS			
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	7,094	4,799	9,389
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	4,782	2,871	6,693
No telephone service available	4,796	3,474	6,118
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM			
1.00 or less	211,372	206,681	216,063
1.01 to 1.50	8,598	6,582	10,614
1.51 or more	5,504	3,866	7,142
Specified owner-occupied units	**113,332**	**109,362**	**117,302**
VALUE			
Less than $50,000	3,240	1,940	4,540
$50,000 to $99,999	14,347	12,088	16,606
$100,000 to $149,999	28,404	26,241	30,567
$150,000 to $199,999	35,786	32,144	39,428
$200,000 to $299,999	22,414	19,340	25,488
$300,000 to $499,999	8,161	6,838	9,484
$500,000 to $999,999	941	235	1,647
$1,000,000 or more	39	0	103
Median (dollars)	162,526	159,521	165,531
MORTGAGE STATUS AND SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS			
Housing units with a mortgage	82,527	77,021	88,033
Less than $300	320	23	617
$300 to $499	2,461	1,760	3,162
$500 to $699	4,449	3,197	5,701
$700 to $999	13,151	11,610	14,692
$1,000 to $1,499	30,345	28,055	32,635
$1,500 to $1,999	21,847	17,437	26,257
$2,000 or more	9,954	8,444	11,464
Median (dollars)	1,363	1,333	1,393
Housing units without a mortgage	30,805	26,657	34,953
Less than $100	1,458	1,075	1,841
$100 to $199	4,181	2,729	5,633
$200 to $299	7,282	5,843	8,721
$300 to $399	7,247	6,057	8,437
$400 or more	10,637	8,571	12,703
Median (dollars)	336	320	353
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
Housing unit with a mortgage	82,527	77,021	88,033
Less than 20 percent	38,279	33,454	43,104
20.0 to 24.9 percent	14,035	12,233	15,837
25.0 to 29.9 percent	10,537	9,229	11,845
30.0 to 34.9 percent	5,743	4,692	6,794
35.0 percent or more	13,891	11,667	16,115
Not computed	42	0	113
Housing unit without a mortgage	30,805	26,657	34,953
Less than 10 percent	20,084	17,254	22,914
10.0 to 14.9 percent	4,852	3,676	6,028
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,097	1,355	2,840
20.0 to 24.9 percent	958	453	1,463
25.0 to 29.9 percent	882	540	1,224
30.0 to 34.9 percent	42	0	111
35.0 percent or more	1,783	1,120	2,446
Not computed	107	0	269

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Specified renter-occupied units	80,045	76,540	83,550
GROSS RENT			
Less than $200	588	266	910
$200 to $299	1,756	929	2,583
$300 to $499	7,408	5,464	9,352
$500 to $749	23,594	21,192	25,996
$750 to $999	19,161	17,250	21,072
$1,000 to $1,499	12,195	9,994	14,396
$1,500 or more	3,829	2,725	4,933
No cash rent	11,514	9,009	14,019
Median (dollars)	761	726	796
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
Less than 15 percent	13,356	11,658	15,054
15.0 to 19.9 percent	11,313	9,952	12,674
20.0 to 24.9 percent	10,286	8,433	12,139
25.0 to 29.9 percent	9,045	7,309	10,781
30.0 to 34.9 percent	4,707	3,430	5,984
35.0 percent or more	19,641	17,516	21,766
Not computed	11,697	9,209	14,185

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2002 American Community Survey

The table above shows the margin of error, represented by the lower and upper bounds of the 90-percent confidence interval. The confidence interval represents the degree of uncertainty for an estimate and can be interpreted roughly as providing 90 percent certainty that the true number falls between the upper and lower bounds. The smaller the confidence interval the more precise the estimate.

Explanation of Symbols:
1. An '*' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
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3. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that no sample observations were available to compute an estimate.
4. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
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8. An 'N' entry in the estimate, lower bound, and upper bound columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.