



## Alaska

### Selected Housing Characteristics: 2008

Data Set: 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE: 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.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>				
Total housing units	283,403	+/-300	283,403	(X)
Occupied housing units	237,607	+/-2,898	83.8%	+/-1.0
Vacant housing units	45,796	+/-2,833	16.2%	+/-1.0
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.4	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	4.8	+/-1.2	(X)	(X)
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>				
Total housing units	283,403	+/-300	283,403	(X)
1-unit, detached	173,009	+/-3,164	61.0%	+/-1.1
1-unit, attached	24,108	+/-2,502	8.5%	+/-0.9
2 units	13,898	+/-1,755	4.9%	+/-0.6
3 or 4 units	21,625	+/-2,441	7.6%	+/-0.9
5 to 9 units	15,355	+/-1,577	5.4%	+/-0.6
10 to 19 units	7,141	+/-1,331	2.5%	+/-0.5
20 or more units	15,023	+/-1,922	5.3%	+/-0.7
Mobile home	13,014	+/-1,773	4.6%	+/-0.6
Boat, RV, van, etc.	230	+/-225	0.1%	+/-0.1
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>				
Total housing units	283,403	+/-300	283,403	(X)
Built 2005 or later	9,871	+/-1,408	3.5%	+/-0.5
Built 2000 to 2004	22,003	+/-2,084	7.8%	+/-0.7
Built 1990 to 1999	42,079	+/-2,938	14.8%	+/-1.0
Built 1980 to 1989	79,701	+/-3,551	28.1%	+/-1.3
Built 1970 to 1979	72,435	+/-3,564	25.6%	+/-1.3
Built 1960 to 1969	28,825	+/-2,525	10.2%	+/-0.9
Built 1950 to 1959	18,234	+/-1,797	6.4%	+/-0.6
Built 1940 to 1949	4,401	+/-928	1.6%	+/-0.3
Built 1939 or earlier	5,854	+/-881	2.1%	+/-0.3
<b>ROOMS</b>				
Total housing units	283,403	+/-300	283,403	(X)
1 room	22,277	+/-1,515	7.9%	+/-0.5
2 rooms	19,200	+/-1,848	6.8%	+/-0.7
3 rooms	36,067	+/-2,634	12.7%	+/-0.9
4 rooms	54,380	+/-3,344	19.2%	+/-1.2
5 rooms	50,544	+/-3,046	17.8%	+/-1.1
6 rooms	36,168	+/-2,268	12.8%	+/-0.8
7 rooms	26,515	+/-2,493	9.4%	+/-0.9
8 rooms	17,050	+/-1,751	6.0%	+/-0.6
9 rooms or more	21,202	+/-1,923	7.5%	+/-0.7
Median rooms	4.7	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
<b>BEDROOMS</b>				
Total housing units	283,403	+/-300	283,403	(X)
No bedroom	23,198	+/-1,665	8.2%	+/-0.6
1 bedroom	35,868	+/-2,329	12.7%	+/-0.8
2 bedrooms	77,379	+/-3,720	27.3%	+/-1.3
3 bedrooms	96,322	+/-3,995	34.0%	+/-1.4
4 bedrooms	38,562	+/-2,935	13.6%	+/-1.0
5 or more bedrooms	12,074	+/-1,594	4.3%	+/-0.6
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>				
Occupied housing units	237,607	+/-2,898	237,607	(X)
Owner-occupied	154,334	+/-3,685	65.0%	+/-1.4
Renter-occupied	83,273	+/-3,590	35.0%	+/-1.4
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.94	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.54	+/-0.08	(X)	(X)

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<b>YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT</b>				
Occupied housing units	237,607	+/-2,898	237,607	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	103,453	+/-3,852	43.5%	+/-1.4
Moved in 2000 to 2004	50,204	+/-3,032	21.1%	+/-1.3
Moved in 1990 to 1999	43,271	+/-2,624	18.2%	+/-1.1
Moved in 1980 to 1989	24,779	+/-2,029	10.4%	+/-0.8
Moved in 1970 to 1979	11,690	+/-1,362	4.9%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1969 or earlier	4,210	+/-807	1.8%	+/-0.3
<b>VEHICLES AVAILABLE</b>				
Occupied housing units	237,607	+/-2,898	237,607	(X)
No vehicles available	22,689	+/-2,027	9.5%	+/-0.8
1 vehicle available	74,866	+/-3,272	31.5%	+/-1.4
2 vehicles available	92,238	+/-3,671	38.8%	+/-1.5
3 or more vehicles available	47,814	+/-3,202	20.1%	+/-1.3
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>				
Occupied housing units	237,607	+/-2,898	237,607	(X)
Utility gas	117,543	+/-2,433	49.5%	+/-1.0
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	3,663	+/-824	1.5%	+/-0.3
Electricity	21,826	+/-2,182	9.2%	+/-0.9
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	78,645	+/-2,678	33.1%	+/-1.0
Coal or coke	820	+/-514	0.3%	+/-0.2
Wood	12,931	+/-1,388	5.4%	+/-0.6
Solar energy	69	+/-116	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	1,379	+/-480	0.6%	+/-0.2
No fuel used	731	+/-348	0.3%	+/-0.1
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
Occupied housing units	237,607	+/-2,898	237,607	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	11,867	+/-1,435	5.0%	+/-0.6
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	9,608	+/-1,434	4.0%	+/-0.6
No telephone service available	4,531	+/-984	1.9%	+/-0.4
<b>OCCUPANTS PER ROOM</b>				
Occupied housing units	237,607	+/-2,898	237,607	(X)
1.00 or less	224,056	+/-2,997	94.3%	+/-0.7
1.01 to 1.50	7,789	+/-1,312	3.3%	+/-0.5
1.51 or more	5,762	+/-1,057	2.4%	+/-0.4
<b>VALUE</b>				
Owner-occupied units	154,334	+/-3,685	154,334	(X)
Less than \$50,000	10,544	+/-1,593	6.8%	+/-1.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8,537	+/-1,077	5.5%	+/-0.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	14,422	+/-1,623	9.3%	+/-1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	24,067	+/-2,121	15.6%	+/-1.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999	47,866	+/-2,769	31.0%	+/-1.6
\$300,000 to \$499,999	37,160	+/-2,765	24.1%	+/-1.8
\$500,000 to \$999,999	11,012	+/-1,517	7.1%	+/-1.0
\$1,000,000 or more	726	+/-400	0.5%	+/-0.3
Median (dollars)	237,800	+/-5,634	(X)	(X)
<b>MORTGAGE STATUS</b>				
Owner-occupied units	154,334	+/-3,685	154,334	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	108,729	+/-3,405	70.5%	+/-1.6
Housing units without a mortgage	45,605	+/-2,720	29.5%	+/-1.6
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)</b>				
Housing units with a mortgage	108,729	+/-3,405	108,729	(X)
Less than \$300	73	+/-65	0.1%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	1,240	+/-399	1.1%	+/-0.4
\$500 to \$699	2,618	+/-601	2.4%	+/-0.6
\$700 to \$999	8,028	+/-1,231	7.4%	+/-1.1
\$1,000 to \$1,499	26,870	+/-1,985	24.7%	+/-1.8
\$1,500 to \$1,999	29,774	+/-2,521	27.4%	+/-2.1
\$2,000 or more	40,126	+/-2,757	36.9%	+/-2.2
Median (dollars)	1,732	+/-35	(X)	(X)
<b>Housing units without a mortgage</b>				
Less than \$100	1,015	+/-393	2.2%	+/-0.8
\$100 to \$199	3,078	+/-742	6.7%	+/-1.5
\$200 to \$299	4,728	+/-900	10.4%	+/-2.0
\$300 to \$399	5,383	+/-908	11.8%	+/-2.1
\$400 or more	31,401	+/-2,553	68.9%	+/-3.1
Median (dollars)	527	+/-18	(X)	(X)
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)</b>				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	108,489	+/-3,440	108,489	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	38,715	+/-2,424	35.7%	+/-2.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	18,941	+/-1,798	17.5%	+/-1.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	15,529	+/-1,838	14.3%	+/-1.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	10,777	+/-1,823	9.9%	+/-1.6
35.0 percent or more	24,527	+/-2,016	22.6%	+/-1.8
Not computed	240	+/-211	(X)	(X)

<b>Selected Housing Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Margin of Error</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Margin of Error</b>
<b>Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>45,512</b>	<b>+/-2,708</b>	<b>45,512</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than 10.0 percent	20,118	+/-1,765	44.2%	+/-3.0
10.0 to 14.9 percent	9,782	+/-1,366	21.5%	+/-2.6
15.0 to 19.9 percent	5,279	+/-1,073	11.6%	+/-2.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	3,190	+/-672	7.0%	+/-1.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,568	+/-532	3.4%	+/-1.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,114	+/-401	2.4%	+/-0.9
35.0 percent or more	4,461	+/-961	9.8%	+/-2.0
Not computed	93	+/-153	(X)	(X)
<b>GROSS RENT</b>				
<b>Occupied units paying rent</b>	<b>74,165</b>	<b>+/-3,737</b>	<b>74,165</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than \$200	1,604	+/-585	2.2%	+/-0.8
\$200 to \$299	726	+/-343	1.0%	+/-0.5
\$300 to \$499	3,615	+/-817	4.9%	+/-1.1
\$500 to \$749	13,454	+/-1,990	18.1%	+/-2.4
\$750 to \$999	21,798	+/-1,906	29.4%	+/-2.1
\$1,000 to \$1,499	21,889	+/-2,268	29.5%	+/-2.6
\$1,500 or more	11,079	+/-1,556	14.9%	+/-2.1
Median (dollars)	949	+/-23	(X)	(X)
Not computed	9,108	+/-1,379	(X)	(X)
<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)</b>				
<b>Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>73,984</b>	<b>+/-3,739</b>	<b>73,984</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than 15.0 percent	11,295	+/-1,473	15.3%	+/-2.0
15.0 to 19.9 percent	11,148	+/-1,802	15.1%	+/-2.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	11,255	+/-1,739	15.2%	+/-2.2
25.0 to 29.9 percent	8,681	+/-1,446	11.7%	+/-2.0
30.0 to 34.9 percent	9,516	+/-1,852	12.9%	+/-2.4
35.0 percent or more	22,089	+/-2,501	29.9%	+/-2.7
Not computed	9,289	+/-1,361	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 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 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.

#### Notes:

- Caution should be used when comparing data for Rooms between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Rooms question involving the wording as well as the response option resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in "1 room" category and as a decrease in the "2 rooms" to "6 rooms" categories. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Rooms section of the Subject Definitions at: [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject\\_Definitions.pdf#page=21](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=21).
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Bedrooms between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Bedrooms question involving the wording as well as the response option resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in "No bedroom" category and as a decrease in the "1 bedroom" to "3 bedrooms" categories. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Bedrooms section of the Subject Definitions at: [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject\\_Definitions.pdf#page=9](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=9).
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Occupants per Room between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Rooms question involving the wording as well as the response option resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in "1 room" category and as a decrease in the "2 rooms" to "6 rooms" categories. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Rooms section of the Subject Definitions at: [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject\\_Definitions.pdf#page=21](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=21).
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Telephone Service Availability between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Telephone Service Availability question involving the structure of the question as well as including an instruction to include cell phones resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in respondents answering "yes" to the question. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Telephone Service Available section of the Subject Definitions at: [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject\\_Definitions.pdf#page=24](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=24).
- 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, SMOCAPI 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, SMOCAPI 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 median gross rent excludes no cash renters.
- While the 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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. The 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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 PRCS 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.

#### 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 "l" following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An "u" 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. The data on plumbing and kitchen facilities for Puerto Rico will not be shown because the results of a cognitive evaluation of the Spanish language translation of the questions on plumbing and kitchen facilities indicated that respondents in the Puerto Rico Community Survey may not have clearly understood the intent of these revised questions introduced in 2008.

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