

**Alaska****Selected Housing Characteristics: 2009**

Data Set: 2009 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
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	283,895	+/-238	283,895	(X)
Occupied housing units	236,597	+/-2,353	83.3%	+/-0.8
Vacant housing units	47,298	+/-2,354	16.7%	+/-0.8
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.3	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	6.8	+/-1.5	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	283,895	+/-238	283,895	(X)
1-unit, detached	173,720	+/-3,236	61.2%	+/-1.1
1-unit, attached	24,529	+/-2,360	8.6%	+/-0.8
2 units	14,016	+/-1,754	4.9%	+/-0.6
3 or 4 units	17,940	+/-2,000	6.3%	+/-0.7
5 to 9 units	14,625	+/-1,990	5.2%	+/-0.7
10 to 19 units	8,042	+/-1,275	2.8%	+/-0.4
20 or more units	13,528	+/-1,472	4.8%	+/-0.5
Mobile home	17,212	+/-1,860	6.1%	+/-0.7
Boat, RV, van, etc.	283	+/-212	0.1%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	283,895	+/-238	283,895	(X)
Built 2005 or later	10,132	+/-1,584	3.6%	+/-0.6
Built 2000 to 2004	18,991	+/-1,834	6.7%	+/-0.6
Built 1990 to 1999	37,734	+/-2,566	13.3%	+/-0.9
Built 1980 to 1989	81,676	+/-3,796	28.8%	+/-1.3
Built 1970 to 1979	73,739	+/-3,352	26.0%	+/-1.2
Built 1960 to 1969	27,671	+/-2,594	9.7%	+/-0.9
Built 1950 to 1959	22,217	+/-2,493	7.8%	+/-0.9
Built 1940 to 1949	6,536	+/-1,006	2.3%	+/-0.4
Built 1939 or earlier	5,199	+/-974	1.8%	+/-0.3
ROOMS				
Total housing units	283,895	+/-238	283,895	(X)
1 room	12,085	+/-1,473	4.3%	+/-0.5
2 rooms	19,145	+/-1,687	6.7%	+/-0.6
3 rooms	39,100	+/-2,468	13.8%	+/-0.9
4 rooms	56,607	+/-2,970	19.9%	+/-1.0
5 rooms	52,812	+/-3,556	18.6%	+/-1.3
6 rooms	39,738	+/-3,052	14.0%	+/-1.1
7 rooms	26,479	+/-2,442	9.3%	+/-0.9
8 rooms	17,739	+/-1,935	6.2%	+/-0.7
9 rooms or more	20,190	+/-1,699	7.1%	+/-0.6
Median rooms	4.8	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	283,895	+/-238	283,895	(X)
No bedroom	12,753	+/-1,466	4.5%	+/-0.5
1 bedroom	39,636	+/-2,413	14.0%	+/-0.9
2 bedrooms	78,358	+/-2,911	27.6%	+/-1.0
3 bedrooms	102,621	+/-3,825	36.1%	+/-1.4
4 bedrooms	39,551	+/-2,672	13.9%	+/-0.9
5 or more bedrooms	10,976	+/-1,477	3.9%	+/-0.5
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	236,597	+/-2,353	236,597	(X)
Owner-occupied	154,337	+/-3,768	65.2%	+/-1.4
Renter-occupied	82,260	+/-3,476	34.8%	+/-1.4
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.98	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.64	+/-0.09	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	236,597	+/-2,353	236,597	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	107,403	+/-3,566	45.4%	+/-1.4
Moved in 2000 to 2004	43,111	+/-2,633	18.2%	+/-1.1
Moved in 1990 to 1999	45,543	+/-2,942	19.2%	+/-1.2

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Moved in 1980 to 1989	25,135	+/-1,813	10.6%	+/-0.8
Moved in 1970 to 1979	11,024	+/-1,445	4.7%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1969 or earlier	4,381	+/-1,010	1.9%	+/-0.4
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	236,597	+/-2,353	236,597	(X)
No vehicles available	22,916	+/-1,781	9.7%	+/-0.7
1 vehicle available	73,378	+/-3,392	31.0%	+/-1.4
2 vehicles available	90,265	+/-3,690	38.2%	+/-1.5
3 or more vehicles available	50,038	+/-3,001	21.1%	+/-1.3
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	236,597	+/-2,353	236,597	(X)
Utility gas	115,946	+/-3,048	49.0%	+/-1.3
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	3,344	+/-810	1.4%	+/-0.3
Electricity	22,569	+/-2,263	9.5%	+/-0.9
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	77,765	+/-2,495	32.9%	+/-1.0
Coal or coke	1,266	+/-511	0.5%	+/-0.2
Wood	13,751	+/-1,394	5.8%	+/-0.6
Solar energy	22	+/-36	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	1,737	+/-725	0.7%	+/-0.3
No fuel used	197	+/-151	0.1%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	236,597	+/-2,353	236,597	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	10,562	+/-1,257	4.5%	+/-0.5
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	8,548	+/-1,187	3.6%	+/-0.5
No telephone service available	4,545	+/-832	1.9%	+/-0.4
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	236,597	+/-2,353	236,597	(X)
1.00 or less	222,926	+/-2,556	94.2%	+/-0.6
1.01 to 1.50	8,352	+/-1,356	3.5%	+/-0.6
1.51 or more	5,319	+/-849	2.2%	+/-0.4
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	154,337	+/-3,768	154,337	(X)
Less than \$50,000	10,863	+/-1,553	7.0%	+/-1.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9,317	+/-1,290	6.0%	+/-0.8
\$100,000 to \$149,999	15,725	+/-1,604	10.2%	+/-1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	20,971	+/-2,053	13.6%	+/-1.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999	53,921	+/-3,181	34.9%	+/-1.8
\$300,000 to \$499,999	34,178	+/-2,452	22.1%	+/-1.6
\$500,000 to \$999,999	8,759	+/-1,247	5.7%	+/-0.8
\$1,000,000 or more	603	+/-351	0.4%	+/-0.2
Median (dollars)	232,900	+/-3,781	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	154,337	+/-3,768	154,337	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	104,790	+/-4,016	67.9%	+/-1.8
Housing units without a mortgage	49,547	+/-2,899	32.1%	+/-1.8
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	104,790	+/-4,016	104,790	(X)
Less than \$300	69	+/-50	0.1%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	1,167	+/-440	1.1%	+/-0.4
\$500 to \$699	2,635	+/-673	2.5%	+/-0.6
\$700 to \$999	8,493	+/-1,154	8.1%	+/-1.1
\$1,000 to \$1,499	22,425	+/-1,852	21.4%	+/-1.6
\$1,500 to \$1,999	30,961	+/-2,653	29.5%	+/-2.0
\$2,000 or more	39,040	+/-2,587	37.3%	+/-2.1
Median (dollars)	1,789	+/-34	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	49,547	+/-2,899	49,547	(X)
Less than \$100	1,008	+/-397	2.0%	+/-0.8
\$100 to \$199	3,079	+/-741	6.2%	+/-1.5
\$200 to \$299	5,301	+/-936	10.7%	+/-2.0
\$300 to \$399	5,722	+/-995	11.5%	+/-1.8
\$400 or more	34,437	+/-2,682	69.5%	+/-2.6
Median (dollars)	539	+/-19	(X)	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAP)				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP cannot be computed)	104,447	+/-4,052	104,447	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	37,877	+/-2,362	36.3%	+/-2.2
20.0 to 24.9 percent	17,560	+/-1,943	16.8%	+/-1.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	14,639	+/-1,887	14.0%	+/-1.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	10,862	+/-1,530	10.4%	+/-1.3
35.0 percent or more	23,509	+/-2,315	22.5%	+/-2.0
Not computed	343	+/-400	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP cannot be computed)	49,345	+/-2,868	49,345	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	23,026	+/-1,866	46.7%	+/-3.1
10.0 to 14.9 percent	9,482	+/-1,267	19.2%	+/-2.3
15.0 to 19.9 percent	5,007	+/-1,018	10.1%	+/-1.8
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,710	+/-707	5.5%	+/-1.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,674	+/-592	3.4%	+/-1.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,440	+/-486	2.9%	+/-1.0
35.0 percent or more	6,006	+/-1,174	12.2%	+/-2.2
Not computed	202	+/-277	(X)	(X)

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Occupied units paying rent	73,755	+/-3,559	73,755	(X)
Less than \$200	523	+/-404	0.7%	+/-0.5
\$200 to \$299	719	+/-372	1.0%	+/-0.5
\$300 to \$499	4,520	+/-1,043	6.1%	+/-1.4
\$500 to \$749	11,082	+/-1,609	15.0%	+/-2.2
\$750 to \$999	19,666	+/-2,351	26.7%	+/-2.6
\$1,000 to \$1,499	23,286	+/-2,245	31.6%	+/-3.0
\$1,500 or more	13,959	+/-1,913	18.9%	+/-2.3
Median (dollars)	1,007	+/-39	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	8,505	+/-1,192	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	73,546	+/-3,536	73,546	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	11,619	+/-1,830	15.8%	+/-2.3
15.0 to 19.9 percent	11,298	+/-1,810	15.4%	+/-2.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	11,806	+/-1,876	16.1%	+/-2.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	8,755	+/-1,616	11.9%	+/-2.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	6,520	+/-1,203	8.9%	+/-1.6
35.0 percent or more	23,548	+/-2,681	32.0%	+/-3.2
Not computed	8,714	+/-1,213	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 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 Number of Rooms between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Number of Bedrooms between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "0 bedrooms" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- The 2009 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.
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Telephone Service Availability between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "no" category and underreporting those who did not have telephone service available. For more information please see [Errata Note #53](#).
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Occupants per Room between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- 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 median gross rent excludes no cash renters.
- While the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 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.

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.