PHYSICAL HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS FOR OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS
2012 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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.

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.

Subject	Alaska					
	Occupied housing units		Owner-occupied housing units		Renter-occupied housing units	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Occupied housing units	251,651	+/-2,883	159,427	+/-3,595	92,224	+/-3,507
UNITS IN STRUCTURE						
1, detached	61.8%	+/-1.5	81.6%	+/-1.3	27.7%	+/-2.5
1, attached	8.5%	+/-0.9	7.4%	+/-1.0	10.6%	+/-1.5
2 apartments	5.5%	+/-0.7	2.2%	+/-0.5	11.3%	+/-1.7
3 or 4 apartments	6.5%	+/-0.7	1.1%	+/-0.3	15.9%	+/-1.8
5 to 9 apartments	5.4%	+/-0.7	1.2%	+/-0.5	12.7%	+/-1.8
10 or more apartments	7.6%	+/-0.7	1.4%	+/-0.4	18.3%	+/-1.6
Mobile home or other type of housing	4.6%	+/-0.6	5.2%	+/-0.8	3.5%	+/-0.9
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT						
2010 or later	1.1%	+/-0.3	1.4%	+/-0.5	0.6%	+/-0.3
2000 to 2009	16.7%	+/-1.0	17.9%	+/-1.5	14.8%	+/-1.8
1980 to 1999	38.6%	+/-1.5	40.1%	+/-1.8	36.1%	+/-2.6
1960 to 1979	34.8%	+/-1.5	32.6%	+/-1.5	38.7%	+/-2.5
1940 to 1959	7.1%	+/-0.8	6.6%	+/-0.9	8.2%	+/-1.5
1939 or earlier	1.6%	+/-0.3	1.5%	+/-0.3	1.6%	+/-0.4
ROOMS						
1 room	2.5%	+/-0.4	1.2%	+/-0.4	4.7%	+/-1.1
2 or 3 rooms	18.2%	+/-0.9	9.7%	+/-0.8	33.0%	+/-2.0
4 or 5 rooms	38.0%	+/-1.3	34.9%	+/-1.5	43.3%	+/-2.2
6 or 7 rooms	26.8%	+/-1.2	34.3%	+/-1.6	13.7%	+/-1.6
8 or more rooms	14.5%	+/-0.9	19.9%	+/-1.4	5.3%	+/-1.0
BEDROOMS						
No bedroom	2.7%	+/-0.4	1.3%	+/-0.4	5.1%	+/-1.0
1 bedroom	12.3%	+/-0.8	6.2%	+/-0.7	22.8%	+/-1.8
2 or 3 bedrooms	66.4%	+/-1.2	67.2%	+/-1.7	64.9%	+/-2.1
4 or more bedrooms	18.7%	+/-0.9	25.3%	+/-1.3	7.2%	+/-1.0
COMPLETE FACILITIES						
With complete plumbing facilities	95.4%	+/-0.6	95.5%	+/-0.5	95.2%	+/-1.3
With complete kitchen facilities	96.3%	+/-0.6	96.9%	+/-0.5	95.2%	+/-1.4
VEHICLES AVAILABLE						
No vehicle available	9.5%	+/-0.6	6.0%	+/-0.5	15.6%	+/-1.4
1 vehicle available	33.5%	+/-1.3	24.7%	+/-1.3	48.8%	+/-2.6
2 vehicles available	36.6%	+/-1.4	41.1%	+/-1.7	28.9%	+/-2.2
3 or more vehicles available	20.3%	+/-1.1	28.2%	+/-1.6	6.7%	+/-1.0
TELEPHONE SERVICE AVAILABLE						
With telephone service	97.7%	+/-0.5	98.2%	+/-0.5	97.0%	+/-0.9
HOUSE HEATING FUEL						
Utility gas	48.3%	+/-1.2	51.9%	+/-1.5	42.0%	+/-2.6
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	1.6%	+/-0.3	1.5%	+/-0.4	1.7%	+/-0.6
Electricity	11.7%	+/-1.0	4.7%	+/-0.7	24.0%	+/-2.3
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	30.7%	+/-0.9	32.3%	+/-1.4	27.9%	+/-1.8
Coal or coke	0.5%	+/-0.2	0.3%	+/-0.1	0.8%	+/-0.5
All other fuels	7.0%	+/-0.7	9.3%	+/-1.0	3.1%	+/-0.6
No fuel used	0.2%	+/-0.1	0.1%	+/-0.1	0.5%	+/-0.3
PERCENT IMPUTED						
Vehicles available	1.2%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Telephone service available	0.7%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
House heating fuel	3.7%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey

Explanation of Symbols:
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.
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.
An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
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.
An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
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.
An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

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 percent imputed for units in structure, year structure built, rooms, bedrooms, plumbing facilities, and kitchen facilities is based on all housing units (both occupied and vacant housing units) instead of occupied housing units only.

The 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.

The imputation rates for some items - Units in Structure, Year Structure Built, Rooms, Bedrooms, Plumbing Facilities, and Kitchen Facilities - are calculated using the number of imputations in total housing units in the numerator but using total occupied housing units in the denominator. This results in artificially inflated imputation rates for all areas, but particularly in areas where there are unusually high percentages of vacant housing units.

Telephone service data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #93 for details.

While the 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.