

SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS
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.

Versions of this table are available for the following years:

2013
2012
2011
2010

| Subject | Alaska | | | |
|--|----------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|
| | Estimate | Margin of Error | Percent | Percent Margin of Error |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | | | |
| Total housing units | 307,628 | +/-120 | 307,628 | (X) |
| Occupied housing units | 251,651 | +/-2,883 | 81.8% | +/-0.9 |
| Vacant housing units | 55,977 | +/-2,873 | 18.2% | +/-0.9 |
| Homeowner vacancy rate | 1.7 | +/-0.5 | (X) | (X) |
| Rental vacancy rate | 5.6 | +/-1.1 | (X) | (X) |
| UNITS IN STRUCTURE | | | | |
| Total housing units | 307,628 | +/-120 | 307,628 | (X) |
| 1-unit, detached | 196,351 | +/-3,882 | 63.8% | +/-1.3 |
| 1-unit, attached | 23,251 | +/-2,306 | 7.6% | +/-0.7 |
| 2 units | 16,623 | +/-1,882 | 5.4% | +/-0.6 |
| 3 or 4 units | 18,913 | +/-1,846 | 6.1% | +/-0.6 |
| 5 to 9 units | 15,892 | +/-1,666 | 5.2% | +/-0.5 |
| 10 to 19 units | 8,128 | +/-1,179 | 2.6% | +/-0.4 |
| 20 or more units | 13,877 | +/-1,492 | 4.5% | +/-0.5 |
| Mobile home | 14,242 | +/-1,638 | 4.6% | +/-0.5 |
| Boat, RV, van, etc. | 351 | +/-161 | 0.1% | +/-0.1 |
| YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT | | | | |
| Total housing units | 307,628 | +/-120 | 307,628 | (X) |
| Built 2010 or later | 3,074 | +/-797 | 1.0% | +/-0.3 |
| Built 2000 to 2009 | 52,004 | +/-2,690 | 16.9% | +/-0.9 |
| Built 1990 to 1999 | 45,264 | +/-2,798 | 14.7% | +/-0.9 |
| Built 1980 to 1989 | 75,573 | +/-3,081 | 24.6% | +/-1.0 |
| Built 1970 to 1979 | 75,242 | +/-3,563 | 24.5% | +/-1.2 |
| Built 1960 to 1969 | 29,477 | +/-2,429 | 9.6% | +/-0.8 |
| Built 1950 to 1959 | 14,754 | +/-1,721 | 4.8% | +/-0.6 |
| Built 1940 to 1949 | 7,114 | +/-1,269 | 2.3% | +/-0.4 |
| Built 1939 or earlier | 5,126 | +/-767 | 1.7% | +/-0.2 |
| ROOMS | | | | |
| Total housing units | 307,628 | +/-120 | 307,628 | (X) |
| 1 room | 17,624 | +/-1,498 | 5.7% | +/-0.5 |
| 2 rooms | 24,158 | +/-1,954 | 7.9% | +/-0.6 |
| 3 rooms | 39,532 | +/-2,200 | 12.9% | +/-0.7 |
| 4 rooms | 57,030 | +/-2,911 | 18.5% | +/-0.9 |
| 5 rooms | 55,621 | +/-2,887 | 18.1% | +/-0.9 |
| 6 rooms | 46,583 | +/-3,007 | 15.1% | +/-1.0 |
| 7 rooms | 28,085 | +/-2,198 | 9.1% | +/-0.7 |
| 8 rooms | 19,510 | +/-2,134 | 6.3% | +/-0.7 |
| 9 rooms or more | 19,485 | +/-1,647 | 6.3% | +/-0.5 |
| Median rooms | 4.8 | +/-0.1 | (X) | (X) |
| BEDROOMS | | | | |
| Total housing units | 307,628 | +/-120 | 307,628 | (X) |
| No bedroom | 18,515 | +/-1,516 | 6.0% | +/-0.5 |
| 1 bedroom | 43,663 | +/-2,336 | 14.2% | +/-0.8 |
| 2 bedrooms | 81,938 | +/-2,895 | 26.6% | +/-0.9 |
| 3 bedrooms | 111,505 | +/-4,023 | 36.2% | +/-1.3 |
| 4 bedrooms | 41,753 | +/-2,159 | 13.6% | +/-0.7 |
| 5 or more bedrooms | 10,254 | +/-1,377 | 3.3% | +/-0.4 |
| HOUSING TENURE | | | | |
| Occupied housing units | 251,651 | +/-2,883 | 251,651 | (X) |
| Owner-occupied | 159,427 | +/-3,595 | 63.4% | +/-1.3 |
| Renter-occupied | 92,224 | +/-3,507 | 36.6% | +/-1.3 |
| Average household size of owner-occupied unit | 2.91 | +/-0.05 | (X) | (X) |
| Average household size of renter-occupied unit | 2.62 | +/-0.07 | (X) | (X) |
| YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT | | | | |
| Occupied housing units | 251,651 | +/-2,883 | 251,651 | (X) |
| Moved in 2010 or later | 81,989 | +/-3,522 | 32.6% | +/-1.3 |
| Moved in 2000 to 2009 | 99,188 | +/-3,929 | 39.4% | +/-1.5 |
| Moved in 1990 to 1999 | 37,318 | +/-2,345 | 14.8% | +/-0.9 |
| Moved in 1980 to 1989 | 20,986 | +/-1,774 | 8.3% | +/-0.7 |
| Moved in 1970 to 1979 | 9,379 | +/-1,084 | 3.7% | +/-0.4 |
| Moved in 1969 or earlier | 2,791 | +/-687 | 1.1% | +/-0.3 |

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| | Estimate | Margin of Error | Percent | Percent Margin of Error |
| VEHICLES AVAILABLE | | | | |
| Occupied housing units | 251,651 | +/-2,883 | 251,651 | (X) |
| No vehicles available | 23,947 | +/-1,604 | 9.5% | +/-0.6 |
| 1 vehicle available | 84,372 | +/-3,268 | 33.5% | +/-1.3 |
| 2 vehicles available | 92,151 | +/-3,584 | 36.6% | +/-1.4 |
| 3 or more vehicles available | 51,181 | +/-2,811 | 20.3% | +/-1.1 |
| HOUSE HEATING FUEL | | | | |
| Occupied housing units | 251,651 | +/-2,883 | 251,651 | (X) |
| Utility gas | 121,498 | +/-3,296 | 48.3% | +/-1.2 |
| Bottled, tank, or LP gas | 4,021 | +/-803 | 1.6% | +/-0.3 |
| Electricity | 29,529 | +/-2,461 | 11.7% | +/-1.0 |
| Fuel oil, kerosene, etc. | 77,163 | +/-2,579 | 30.7% | +/-0.9 |
| Coal or coke | 1,160 | +/-486 | 0.5% | +/-0.2 |
| Wood | 16,548 | +/-1,672 | 6.6% | +/-0.7 |
| Solar energy | 50 | +/-59 | 0.0% | +/-0.1 |
| Other fuel | 1,072 | +/-329 | 0.4% | +/-0.1 |
| No fuel used | 610 | +/-317 | 0.2% | +/-0.1 |
| SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS | | | | |
| Occupied housing units | 251,651 | +/-2,883 | 251,651 | (X) |
| Lacking complete plumbing facilities | 11,580 | +/-1,422 | 4.6% | +/-0.6 |
| Lacking complete kitchen facilities | 9,325 | +/-1,496 | 3.7% | +/-0.6 |
| No telephone service available | 5,674 | +/-1,218 | 2.3% | +/-0.5 |
| OCCUPANTS PER ROOM | | | | |
| Occupied housing units | 251,651 | +/-2,883 | 251,651 | (X) |
| 1.00 or less | 235,587 | +/-3,030 | 93.6% | +/-0.6 |
| 1.01 to 1.50 | 9,440 | +/-1,055 | 3.8% | +/-0.4 |
| 1.51 or more | 6,624 | +/-1,171 | 2.6% | +/-0.5 |
| VALUE | | | | |
| Owner-occupied units | 159,427 | +/-3,595 | 159,427 | (X) |
| Less than \$50,000 | 9,698 | +/-1,165 | 6.1% | +/-0.7 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 10,457 | +/-1,106 | 6.6% | +/-0.7 |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 12,503 | +/-1,563 | 7.8% | +/-1.0 |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 21,811 | +/-1,841 | 13.7% | +/-1.1 |
| \$200,000 to \$299,999 | 52,997 | +/-3,013 | 33.2% | +/-1.7 |
| \$300,000 to \$499,999 | 42,674 | +/-2,272 | 26.8% | +/-1.3 |
| \$500,000 to \$999,999 | 8,370 | +/-1,261 | 5.3% | +/-0.8 |
| \$1,000,000 or more | 917 | +/-439 | 0.6% | +/-0.3 |
| Median (dollars) | 245,100 | +/-4,271 | (X) | (X) |
| MORTGAGE STATUS | | | | |
| Owner-occupied units | 159,427 | +/-3,595 | 159,427 | (X) |
| Housing units with a mortgage | 103,938 | +/-3,600 | 65.2% | +/-1.6 |
| Housing units without a mortgage | 55,489 | +/-2,738 | 34.8% | +/-1.6 |
| SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC) | | | | |
| Housing units with a mortgage | 103,938 | +/-3,600 | 103,938 | (X) |
| Less than \$300 | 85 | +/-48 | 0.1% | +/-0.1 |
| \$300 to \$499 | 1,170 | +/-310 | 1.1% | +/-0.3 |
| \$500 to \$699 | 2,634 | +/-638 | 2.5% | +/-0.6 |
| \$700 to \$999 | 4,781 | +/-865 | 4.6% | +/-0.8 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499 | 24,297 | +/-2,408 | 23.4% | +/-2.1 |
| \$1,500 to \$1,999 | 29,850 | +/-2,239 | 28.7% | +/-2.0 |
| \$2,000 or more | 41,121 | +/-2,469 | 39.6% | +/-1.9 |
| Median (dollars) | 1,831 | +/-32 | (X) | (X) |
| Housing units without a mortgage | 55,489 | +/-2,738 | 55,489 | (X) |
| Less than \$100 | 1,504 | +/-409 | 2.7% | +/-0.8 |
| \$100 to \$199 | 3,333 | +/-572 | 6.0% | +/-1.0 |
| \$200 to \$299 | 5,092 | +/-924 | 9.2% | +/-1.5 |
| \$300 to \$399 | 5,624 | +/-763 | 10.1% | +/-1.3 |
| \$400 or more | 39,936 | +/-2,337 | 72.0% | +/-2.2 |
| Median (dollars) | 549 | +/-20 | (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) | 103,780 | +/-3,609 | 103,780 | (X) |
| Less than 20.0 percent | 39,528 | +/-2,248 | 38.1% | +/-1.9 |
| 20.0 to 24.9 percent | 18,872 | +/-1,667 | 18.2% | +/-1.4 |
| 25.0 to 29.9 percent | 12,662 | +/-1,481 | 12.2% | +/-1.4 |
| 30.0 to 34.9 percent | 8,633 | +/-1,415 | 8.3% | +/-1.3 |
| 35.0 percent or more | 24,085 | +/-1,981 | 23.2% | +/-1.6 |
| Not computed | 158 | +/-114 | (X) | (X) |
| Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP cannot be computed) | 55,392 | +/-2,729 | 55,392 | (X) |
| Less than 10.0 percent | 25,284 | +/-2,050 | 45.6% | +/-2.9 |
| 10.0 to 14.9 percent | 9,547 | +/-1,208 | 17.2% | +/-2.0 |
| 15.0 to 19.9 percent | 7,382 | +/-1,080 | 13.3% | +/-1.9 |
| 20.0 to 24.9 percent | 2,976 | +/-606 | 5.4% | +/-1.1 |

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| 25.0 to 29.9 percent | 2,092 | +/-475 | 3.8% | +/-0.8 |
| 30.0 to 34.9 percent | 2,310 | +/-848 | 4.2% | +/-1.5 |
| 35.0 percent or more | 5,801 | +/-936 | 10.5% | +/-1.6 |
| Not computed | 97 | +/-73 | (X) | (X) |
| GROSS RENT | | | | |
| Occupied units paying rent | 86,687 | +/-3,379 | 86,687 | (X) |
| Less than \$200 | 657 | +/-254 | 0.8% | +/-0.3 |
| \$200 to \$299 | 910 | +/-344 | 1.0% | +/-0.4 |
| \$300 to \$499 | 4,844 | +/-950 | 5.6% | +/-1.0 |
| \$500 to \$749 | 10,338 | +/-1,812 | 11.9% | +/-2.1 |
| \$750 to \$999 | 19,299 | +/-1,770 | 22.3% | +/-2.0 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499 | 26,655 | +/-2,557 | 30.7% | +/-2.7 |
| \$1,500 or more | 23,984 | +/-2,430 | 27.7% | +/-2.5 |
| Median (dollars) | 1,120 | +/-34 | (X) | (X) |
| No rent paid | 5,537 | +/-647 | (X) | (X) |
| GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI) | | | | |
| Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed) | 86,171 | +/-3,351 | 86,171 | (X) |
| Less than 15.0 percent | 10,891 | +/-1,549 | 12.6% | +/-1.6 |
| 15.0 to 19.9 percent | 12,137 | +/-1,806 | 14.1% | +/-2.0 |
| 20.0 to 24.9 percent | 10,904 | +/-1,495 | 12.7% | +/-1.8 |
| 25.0 to 29.9 percent | 11,372 | +/-1,711 | 13.2% | +/-2.0 |
| 30.0 to 34.9 percent | 9,063 | +/-1,559 | 10.5% | +/-1.8 |
| 35.0 percent or more | 31,804 | +/-2,863 | 36.9% | +/-2.9 |
| Not computed | 6,053 | +/-709 | (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 median gross rent excludes no cash renters.

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 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.

Median calculations for base table sourcing VAL, MHC, SMOCAPI, and TAX should exclude zero values.

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.