

SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS
2011 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	311,182	+/-194	311,182	(X)
Occupied housing units	257,330	+/-3,380	82.7%	+/-1.1
Vacant housing units	53,852	+/-3,386	17.3%	+/-1.1
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.2	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	5.9	+/-1.2	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	311,182	+/-194	311,182	(X)
1-unit, detached	194,894	+/-3,968	62.6%	+/-1.3
1-unit, attached	21,802	+/-2,295	7.0%	+/-0.7
2 units	15,398	+/-1,937	4.9%	+/-0.6
3 or 4 units	23,445	+/-2,434	7.5%	+/-0.8
5 to 9 units	14,722	+/-1,836	4.7%	+/-0.6
10 to 19 units	10,681	+/-1,957	3.4%	+/-0.6
20 or more units	13,250	+/-1,573	4.3%	+/-0.5
Mobile home	16,666	+/-1,829	5.4%	+/-0.6
Boat, RV, van, etc.	324	+/-227	0.1%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	311,182	+/-194	311,182	(X)
Built 2005 or later	26,485	+/-2,264	8.5%	+/-0.7
Built 2000 to 2004	31,492	+/-2,715	10.1%	+/-0.9
Built 1990 to 1999	41,456	+/-2,558	13.3%	+/-0.8
Built 1980 to 1989	76,802	+/-3,613	24.7%	+/-1.2
Built 1970 to 1979	77,054	+/-3,272	24.8%	+/-1.1
Built 1960 to 1969	29,839	+/-2,249	9.6%	+/-0.7
Built 1950 to 1959	17,808	+/-1,870	5.7%	+/-0.6
Built 1940 to 1949	5,420	+/-1,009	1.7%	+/-0.3
Built 1939 or earlier	4,826	+/-825	1.6%	+/-0.3
ROOMS				
Total housing units	311,182	+/-194	311,182	(X)
1 room	19,091	+/-1,919	6.1%	+/-0.6
2 rooms	22,348	+/-2,292	7.2%	+/-0.7
3 rooms	42,926	+/-2,903	13.8%	+/-0.9
4 rooms	60,296	+/-3,583	19.4%	+/-1.2
5 rooms	58,387	+/-3,463	18.8%	+/-1.1
6 rooms	41,132	+/-2,688	13.2%	+/-0.9
7 rooms	28,307	+/-2,431	9.1%	+/-0.8
8 rooms	17,483	+/-2,234	5.6%	+/-0.7
9 rooms or more	21,212	+/-1,705	6.8%	+/-0.5
Median rooms	4.7	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	311,182	+/-194	311,182	(X)
No bedroom	19,626	+/-1,971	6.3%	+/-0.6
1 bedroom	46,090	+/-3,406	14.8%	+/-1.1
2 bedrooms	83,052	+/-3,412	26.7%	+/-1.1
3 bedrooms	105,450	+/-3,381	33.9%	+/-1.1
4 bedrooms	45,559	+/-2,836	14.6%	+/-0.9
5 or more bedrooms	11,405	+/-1,451	3.7%	+/-0.5
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	257,330	+/-3,380	257,330	(X)
Owner-occupied	162,312	+/-3,867	63.1%	+/-1.5
Renter-occupied	95,018	+/-4,471	36.9%	+/-1.5
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.79	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.57	+/-0.08	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	257,330	+/-3,380	257,330	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	142,053	+/-4,589	55.2%	+/-1.5
Moved in 2000 to 2004	38,455	+/-2,788	14.9%	+/-1.1
Moved in 1990 to 1999	41,465	+/-2,616	16.1%	+/-1.0
Moved in 1980 to 1989	21,320	+/-2,117	8.3%	+/-0.8
Moved in 1970 to 1979	9,887	+/-1,100	3.8%	+/-0.4
Moved in 1969 or earlier	4,150	+/-803	1.6%	+/-0.3

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VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	257,330	+/-3,380	257,330	(X)
No vehicles available	24,851	+/-1,908	9.7%	+/-0.7
1 vehicle available	80,322	+/-3,309	31.2%	+/-1.3
2 vehicles available	99,462	+/-4,072	38.7%	+/-1.5
3 or more vehicles available	52,695	+/-2,925	20.5%	+/-1.1
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	257,330	+/-3,380	257,330	(X)
Utility gas	122,456	+/-3,535	47.6%	+/-1.3
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	3,562	+/-679	1.4%	+/-0.3
Electricity	30,948	+/-2,526	12.0%	+/-0.9
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	81,900	+/-3,124	31.8%	+/-1.2
Coal or coke	782	+/-444	0.3%	+/-0.2
Wood	15,790	+/-1,306	6.1%	+/-0.5
Solar energy	13	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	1,100	+/-452	0.4%	+/-0.2
No fuel used	779	+/-340	0.3%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	257,330	+/-3,380	257,330	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	12,147	+/-1,594	4.7%	+/-0.6
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	9,768	+/-1,372	3.8%	+/-0.5
No telephone service available	4,897	+/-1,146	1.9%	+/-0.4
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	257,330	+/-3,380	257,330	(X)
1.00 or less	239,696	+/-3,335	93.1%	+/-0.7
1.01 to 1.50	11,338	+/-1,573	4.4%	+/-0.6
1.51 or more	6,296	+/-924	2.4%	+/-0.4
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	162,312	+/-3,867	162,312	(X)
Less than \$50,000	9,372	+/-1,449	5.8%	+/-0.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11,297	+/-1,464	7.0%	+/-0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	12,930	+/-1,642	8.0%	+/-1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	26,180	+/-2,866	16.1%	+/-1.6
\$200,000 to \$299,999	51,355	+/-3,244	31.6%	+/-1.9
\$300,000 to \$499,999	40,241	+/-2,872	24.8%	+/-1.7
\$500,000 to \$999,999	9,971	+/-1,498	6.1%	+/-0.9
\$1,000,000 or more	966	+/-332	0.6%	+/-0.2
Median (dollars)	238,300	+/-5,520	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	162,312	+/-3,867	162,312	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	105,715	+/-4,095	65.1%	+/-1.6
Housing units without a mortgage	56,597	+/-2,674	34.9%	+/-1.6
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	105,715	+/-4,095	105,715	(X)
Less than \$300	366	+/-338	0.3%	+/-0.3
\$300 to \$499	1,024	+/-322	1.0%	+/-0.3
\$500 to \$699	2,131	+/-534	2.0%	+/-0.5
\$700 to \$999	5,928	+/-904	5.6%	+/-0.8
\$1,000 to \$1,499	25,103	+/-2,108	23.7%	+/-1.7
\$1,500 to \$1,999	31,650	+/-2,173	29.9%	+/-1.8
\$2,000 or more	39,513	+/-2,691	37.4%	+/-2.1
Median (dollars)	1,794	+/-37	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	56,597	+/-2,674	56,597	(X)
Less than \$100	1,407	+/-598	2.5%	+/-1.1
\$100 to \$199	2,942	+/-581	5.2%	+/-1.0
\$200 to \$299	6,072	+/-961	10.7%	+/-1.6
\$300 to \$399	6,873	+/-1,068	12.1%	+/-1.8
\$400 or more	39,303	+/-2,380	69.4%	+/-2.4
Median (dollars)	529	+/-17	(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)	105,665	+/-4,093	105,665	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	40,079	+/-2,986	37.9%	+/-2.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	18,142	+/-2,255	17.2%	+/-1.9
25.0 to 29.9 percent	13,607	+/-1,468	12.9%	+/-1.4
30.0 to 34.9 percent	9,253	+/-1,503	8.8%	+/-1.4
35.0 percent or more	24,584	+/-2,507	23.3%	+/-2.3
Not computed	50	+/-70	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP cannot be computed)	56,467	+/-2,665	56,467	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	24,118	+/-1,848	42.7%	+/-2.9
10.0 to 14.9 percent	12,391	+/-1,641	21.9%	+/-2.6
15.0 to 19.9 percent	7,362	+/-1,220	13.0%	+/-2.1
20.0 to 24.9 percent	3,496	+/-745	6.2%	+/-1.3

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25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,854	+/-624	3.3%	+/-1.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,470	+/-430	2.6%	+/-0.8
35.0 percent or more	5,776	+/-1,034	10.2%	+/-1.7
Not computed	130	+/-93	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	87,464	+/-4,343	87,464	(X)
Less than \$200	923	+/-398	1.1%	+/-0.5
\$200 to \$299	930	+/-349	1.1%	+/-0.4
\$300 to \$499	5,166	+/-1,137	5.9%	+/-1.2
\$500 to \$749	12,312	+/-1,664	14.1%	+/-1.7
\$750 to \$999	21,137	+/-2,486	24.2%	+/-2.6
\$1,000 to \$1,499	28,430	+/-2,742	32.5%	+/-3.0
\$1,500 or more	18,566	+/-2,425	21.2%	+/-2.5
Median (dollars)	1,049	+/-37	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	7,554	+/-1,233	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	87,070	+/-4,337	87,070	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	13,045	+/-1,905	15.0%	+/-2.0
15.0 to 19.9 percent	12,792	+/-1,685	14.7%	+/-1.8
20.0 to 24.9 percent	11,881	+/-1,683	13.6%	+/-1.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	10,776	+/-1,513	12.4%	+/-1.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	8,235	+/-1,529	9.5%	+/-1.8
35.0 percent or more	30,341	+/-2,711	34.8%	+/-2.5
Not computed	7,948	+/-1,218	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 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, and 2011 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.

While the 2011 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.