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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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.

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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.

A processing error was found in the Year Structure Built estimates since data year 2008. For more information, please see the errata note #110.

Subject	Rensselaer County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	71,742	+/-202	71,742	(X)
Occupied housing units	63,447	+/-654	88.4%	+/-0.9
Vacant housing units	8,295	+/-649	11.6%	+/-0.9
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.5	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	3.3	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	71,742	+/-202	71,742	(X)
1-unit, detached	41,077	+/-681	57.3%	+/-0.9
1-unit, attached	2,492	+/-337	3.5%	+/-0.5
2 units	10,010	+/-526	14.0%	+/-0.7
3 or 4 units	5,717	+/-532	8.0%	+/-0.7
5 to 9 units	3,996	+/-382	5.6%	+/-0.5
10 to 19 units	2,485	+/-339	3.5%	+/-0.5
20 or more units	3,780	+/-385	5.3%	+/-0.5
Mobile home	2,161	+/-310	3.0%	+/-0.4
Boat, RV, van, etc.	24	+/-30	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	71,742	+/-202	71,742	(X)
Built 2014 or later	63	+/-61	0.1%	+/-0.1
Built 2010 to 2013	745	+/-167	1.0%	+/-0.2
Built 2000 to 2009	5,766	+/-420	8.0%	+/-0.6
Built 1990 to 1999	6,481	+/-421	9.0%	+/-0.6
Built 1980 to 1989	6,861	+/-458	9.6%	+/-0.6
Built 1970 to 1979	6,960	+/-526	9.7%	+/-0.7
Built 1960 to 1969	6,613	+/-487	9.2%	+/-0.7

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Built 1950 to 1959	7,368	+/-487	10.3%	+/-0.7
Built 1940 to 1949	4,364	+/-422	6.1%	+/-0.6
Built 1939 or earlier	26,521	+/-783	37.0%	+/-1.1
ROOMS				
Total housing units	71,742	+/-202	71,742	(X)
1 room	917	+/-234	1.3%	+/-0.3
2 rooms	1,459	+/-251	2.0%	+/-0.4
3 rooms	6,730	+/-570	9.4%	+/-0.8
4 rooms	10,587	+/-764	14.8%	+/-1.1
5 rooms	13,424	+/-799	18.7%	+/-1.1
6 rooms	14,219	+/-679	19.8%	+/-1.0
7 rooms	9,590	+/-540	13.4%	+/-0.8
8 rooms	6,359	+/-412	8.9%	+/-0.6
9 rooms or more	8,457	+/-547	11.8%	+/-0.8
Median rooms	5.7	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	71,742	+/-202	71,742	(X)
No bedroom	1,039	+/-240	1.4%	+/-0.3
1 bedroom	8,358	+/-564	11.7%	+/-0.8
2 bedrooms	19,908	+/-816	27.7%	+/-1.1
3 bedrooms	28,378	+/-838	39.6%	+/-1.1
4 bedrooms	11,249	+/-487	15.7%	+/-0.7
5 or more bedrooms	2,810	+/-300	3.9%	+/-0.4
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	63,447	+/-654	63,447	(X)
Owner-occupied	41,240	+/-795	65.0%	+/-1.2
Renter-occupied	22,207	+/-796	35.0%	+/-1.2
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.58	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.14	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	63,447	+/-654	63,447	(X)
Moved in 2015 or later	1,029	+/-232	1.6%	+/-0.4
Moved in 2010 to 2014	17,566	+/-807	27.7%	+/-1.2
Moved in 2000 to 2009	20,468	+/-794	32.3%	+/-1.3
Moved in 1990 to 1999	10,042	+/-559	15.8%	+/-0.9
Moved in 1980 to 1989	6,438	+/-420	10.1%	+/-0.7
Moved in 1979 and earlier	7,904	+/-458	12.5%	+/-0.7
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	63,447	+/-654	63,447	(X)
No vehicles available	6,138	+/-504	9.7%	+/-0.8
1 vehicle available	22,362	+/-803	35.2%	+/-1.2
2 vehicles available	23,803	+/-765	37.5%	+/-1.2
3 or more vehicles available	11,144	+/-499	17.6%	+/-0.8
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	63,447	+/-654	63,447	(X)
Utility gas	29,631	+/-653	46.7%	+/-1.0
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	4,241	+/-334	6.7%	+/-0.5
Electricity	8,749	+/-564	13.8%	+/-0.9
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	16,088	+/-585	25.4%	+/-0.9
Coal or coke	52	+/-30	0.1%	+/-0.1
Wood	3,600	+/-391	5.7%	+/-0.6
Solar energy	62	+/-48	0.1%	+/-0.1

Subject	Rensselaer County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Other fuel	851	+/-218	1.3%	+/-0.3
No fuel used	173	+/-88	0.3%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	63,447	+/-654	63,447	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	328	+/-120	0.5%	+/-0.2
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	397	+/-125	0.6%	+/-0.2
No telephone service available	1,158	+/-183	1.8%	+/-0.3
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	63,447	+/-654	63,447	(X)
1.00 or less	62,653	+/-714	98.7%	+/-0.3
1.01 to 1.50	647	+/-175	1.0%	+/-0.3
1.51 or more	147	+/-96	0.2%	+/-0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	41,240	+/-795	41,240	(X)
Less than \$50,000	1,828	+/-300	4.4%	+/-0.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4,355	+/-437	10.6%	+/-1.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7,374	+/-502	17.9%	+/-1.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,862	+/-532	26.3%	+/-1.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999	10,664	+/-562	25.9%	+/-1.2
\$300,000 to \$499,999	5,266	+/-379	12.8%	+/-0.9
\$500,000 to \$999,999	727	+/-173	1.8%	+/-0.4
\$1,000,000 or more	164	+/-65	0.4%	+/-0.2
Median (dollars)	179,100	+/-3,082	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	41,240	+/-795	41,240	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	27,830	+/-809	67.5%	+/-1.4
Housing units without a mortgage	13,410	+/-615	32.5%	+/-1.4
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	27,830	+/-809	27,830	(X)
Less than \$500	189	+/-80	0.7%	+/-0.3
\$500 to \$999	3,527	+/-374	12.7%	+/-1.3
\$1,000 to \$1,499	8,743	+/-522	31.4%	+/-1.7
\$1,500 to \$1,999	8,031	+/-518	28.9%	+/-1.6
\$2,000 to \$2,499	3,871	+/-382	13.9%	+/-1.3
\$2,500 to \$2,999	1,875	+/-274	6.7%	+/-1.0
\$3,000 or more	1,594	+/-236	5.7%	+/-0.8
Median (dollars)	1,579	+/-24	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	13,410	+/-615	13,410	(X)
Less than \$250	662	+/-154	4.9%	+/-1.1
\$250 to \$399	1,590	+/-222	11.9%	+/-1.5
\$400 to \$599	4,000	+/-300	29.8%	+/-2.1
\$600 to \$799	3,736	+/-359	27.9%	+/-2.3
\$800 to \$999	1,927	+/-255	14.4%	+/-1.8
\$1,000 or more	1,495	+/-218	11.1%	+/-1.5
Median (dollars)	624	+/-15	(X)	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	27,704	+/-813	27,704	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	11,607	+/-600	41.9%	+/-1.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,315	+/-427	15.6%	+/-1.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,616	+/-403	13.1%	+/-1.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,227	+/-296	8.0%	+/-1.1

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
35.0 percent or more	5,939	+/-532	21.4%	+/-1.7
Not computed	126	+/-74	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	13,228	+/-607	13,228	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	4,589	+/-402	34.7%	+/-2.6
10.0 to 14.9 percent	2,647	+/-313	20.0%	+/-2.2
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,035	+/-257	15.4%	+/-1.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,320	+/-227	10.0%	+/-1.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	733	+/-158	5.5%	+/-1.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	558	+/-143	4.2%	+/-1.0
35.0 percent or more	1,346	+/-197	10.2%	+/-1.4
Not computed	182	+/-102	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	21,068	+/-771	21,068	(X)
Less than \$500	2,434	+/-291	11.6%	+/-1.4
\$500 to \$999	11,689	+/-673	55.5%	+/-2.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	5,272	+/-484	25.0%	+/-2.2
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,458	+/-284	6.9%	+/-1.3
\$2,000 to \$2,499	126	+/-77	0.6%	+/-0.4
\$2,500 to \$2,999	65	+/-68	0.3%	+/-0.3
\$3,000 or more	24	+/-28	0.1%	+/-0.1
Median (dollars)	875	+/-17	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	1,139	+/-238	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	20,666	+/-801	20,666	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	2,634	+/-382	12.7%	+/-1.7
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,699	+/-354	13.1%	+/-1.7
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,615	+/-347	12.7%	+/-1.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,569	+/-334	12.4%	+/-1.5
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,722	+/-331	8.3%	+/-1.6
35.0 percent or more	8,427	+/-580	40.8%	+/-2.1
Not computed	1,541	+/-270	(X)	(X)

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.

Households not paying cash rent are excluded from the calculation of median gross rent.

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

While the 2011-2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 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 2010 data. 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.