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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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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	71,760	+/-197	71,760	(X)
Occupied housing units	63,553	+/-682	88.6%	+/-0.9
Vacant housing units	8,207	+/-647	11.4%	+/-0.9
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.3	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	3.5	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	71,760	+/-197	71,760	(X)
1-unit, detached	40,871	+/-678	57.0%	+/-0.9
1-unit, attached	2,474	+/-291	3.4%	+/-0.4
2 units	9,657	+/-554	13.5%	+/-0.8
3 or 4 units	5,844	+/-433	8.1%	+/-0.6
5 to 9 units	4,227	+/-422	5.9%	+/-0.6
10 to 19 units	2,594	+/-331	3.6%	+/-0.5
20 or more units	3,962	+/-391	5.5%	+/-0.5
Mobile home	2,084	+/-255	2.9%	+/-0.4
Boat, RV, van, etc.	47	+/-47	0.1%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	71,760	+/-197	71,760	(X)
Built 2014 or later	129	+/-79	0.2%	+/-0.1
Built 2010 to 2013	1,012	+/-174	1.4%	+/-0.2
Built 2000 to 2009	5,645	+/-459	7.9%	+/-0.6
Built 1990 to 1999	6,449	+/-489	9.0%	+/-0.7
Built 1980 to 1989	7,056	+/-510	9.8%	+/-0.7
Built 1970 to 1979	6,963	+/-488	9.7%	+/-0.7
Built 1960 to 1969	6,618	+/-498	9.2%	+/-0.7

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Built 1950 to 1959	7,283	+/-519	10.1%	+/-0.7
Built 1940 to 1949	4,015	+/-325	5.6%	+/-0.5
Built 1939 or earlier	26,590	+/-608	37.1%	+/-0.8
ROOMS				
Total housing units	71,760	+/-197	71,760	(X)
1 room	911	+/-215	1.3%	+/-0.3
2 rooms	1,496	+/-284	2.1%	+/-0.4
3 rooms	6,975	+/-585	9.7%	+/-0.8
4 rooms	10,741	+/-664	15.0%	+/-0.9
5 rooms	13,131	+/-614	18.3%	+/-0.9
6 rooms	14,280	+/-682	19.9%	+/-0.9
7 rooms	9,591	+/-521	13.4%	+/-0.7
8 rooms	6,174	+/-341	8.6%	+/-0.5
9 rooms or more	8,461	+/-457	11.8%	+/-0.6
Median rooms	5.7	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	71,760	+/-197	71,760	(X)
No bedroom	984	+/-212	1.4%	+/-0.3
1 bedroom	8,451	+/-531	11.8%	+/-0.7
2 bedrooms	20,167	+/-855	28.1%	+/-1.2
3 bedrooms	27,913	+/-843	38.9%	+/-1.2
4 bedrooms	11,499	+/-578	16.0%	+/-0.8
5 or more bedrooms	2,746	+/-309	3.8%	+/-0.4
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	63,553	+/-682	63,553	(X)
Owner-occupied	40,749	+/-649	64.1%	+/-1.1
Renter-occupied	22,804	+/-826	35.9%	+/-1.1
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.56	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.17	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	63,553	+/-682	63,553	(X)
Moved in 2015 or later	3,188	+/-358	5.0%	+/-0.5
Moved in 2010 to 2014	18,380	+/-770	28.9%	+/-1.2
Moved in 2000 to 2009	19,084	+/-808	30.0%	+/-1.2
Moved in 1990 to 1999	9,228	+/-574	14.5%	+/-0.9
Moved in 1980 to 1989	6,247	+/-440	9.8%	+/-0.7
Moved in 1979 and earlier	7,426	+/-435	11.7%	+/-0.7
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	63,553	+/-682	63,553	(X)
No vehicles available	6,195	+/-506	9.7%	+/-0.8
1 vehicle available	22,070	+/-789	34.7%	+/-1.1
2 vehicles available	23,541	+/-749	37.0%	+/-1.1
3 or more vehicles available	11,747	+/-617	18.5%	+/-1.0
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	63,553	+/-682	63,553	(X)
Utility gas	29,690	+/-744	46.7%	+/-1.0
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	4,519	+/-374	7.1%	+/-0.6
Electricity	9,041	+/-563	14.2%	+/-0.9
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	15,596	+/-597	24.5%	+/-0.9
Coal or coke	52	+/-28	0.1%	+/-0.1
Wood	3,663	+/-364	5.8%	+/-0.6
Solar energy	38	+/-29	0.1%	+/-0.1

Subject	Rensselaer County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Other fuel	834	+/-204	1.3%	+/-0.3
No fuel used	120	+/-58	0.2%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	63,553	+/-682	63,553	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	296	+/-114	0.5%	+/-0.2
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	501	+/-129	0.8%	+/-0.2
No telephone service available	1,102	+/-179	1.7%	+/-0.3
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	63,553	+/-682	63,553	(X)
1.00 or less	62,753	+/-741	98.7%	+/-0.3
1.01 to 1.50	607	+/-188	1.0%	+/-0.3
1.51 or more	193	+/-104	0.3%	+/-0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	40,749	+/-649	40,749	(X)
Less than \$50,000	1,874	+/-232	4.6%	+/-0.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4,060	+/-360	10.0%	+/-0.8
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7,370	+/-417	18.1%	+/-1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,383	+/-565	25.5%	+/-1.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999	10,976	+/-628	26.9%	+/-1.5
\$300,000 to \$499,999	5,201	+/-419	12.8%	+/-1.0
\$500,000 to \$999,999	718	+/-143	1.8%	+/-0.3
\$1,000,000 or more	167	+/-60	0.4%	+/-0.1
Median (dollars)	180,700	+/-3,105	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	40,749	+/-649	40,749	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	27,322	+/-721	67.0%	+/-1.4
Housing units without a mortgage	13,427	+/-586	33.0%	+/-1.4
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	27,322	+/-721	27,322	(X)
Less than \$500	167	+/-74	0.6%	+/-0.3
\$500 to \$999	3,425	+/-306	12.5%	+/-1.0
\$1,000 to \$1,499	8,576	+/-572	31.4%	+/-1.8
\$1,500 to \$1,999	7,797	+/-450	28.5%	+/-1.6
\$2,000 to \$2,499	3,996	+/-348	14.6%	+/-1.2
\$2,500 to \$2,999	1,792	+/-252	6.6%	+/-0.9
\$3,000 or more	1,569	+/-266	5.7%	+/-1.0
Median (dollars)	1,578	+/-25	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	13,427	+/-586	13,427	(X)
Less than \$250	704	+/-162	5.2%	+/-1.2
\$250 to \$399	1,543	+/-228	11.5%	+/-1.7
\$400 to \$599	4,043	+/-306	30.1%	+/-2.0
\$600 to \$799	3,529	+/-346	26.3%	+/-2.2
\$800 to \$999	2,015	+/-286	15.0%	+/-2.0
\$1,000 or more	1,593	+/-229	11.9%	+/-1.6
Median (dollars)	622	+/-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)	27,188	+/-726	27,188	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	11,981	+/-601	44.1%	+/-2.1
20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,079	+/-377	15.0%	+/-1.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,558	+/-369	13.1%	+/-1.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,026	+/-236	7.5%	+/-0.8

Subject	Rensselaer County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
35.0 percent or more	5,544	+/-461	20.4%	+/-1.6
Not computed	134	+/-79	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	13,304	+/-575	13,304	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	4,794	+/-459	36.0%	+/-2.7
10.0 to 14.9 percent	2,971	+/-277	22.3%	+/-2.2
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,793	+/-224	13.5%	+/-1.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,149	+/-238	8.6%	+/-1.7
25.0 to 29.9 percent	718	+/-182	5.4%	+/-1.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	458	+/-124	3.4%	+/-0.9
35.0 percent or more	1,421	+/-229	10.7%	+/-1.6
Not computed	123	+/-74	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	21,726	+/-761	21,726	(X)
Less than \$500	2,322	+/-247	10.7%	+/-1.1
\$500 to \$999	11,558	+/-596	53.2%	+/-2.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	5,947	+/-530	27.4%	+/-2.0
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,530	+/-287	7.0%	+/-1.3
\$2,000 to \$2,499	273	+/-117	1.3%	+/-0.5
\$2,500 to \$2,999	87	+/-84	0.4%	+/-0.4
\$3,000 or more	9	+/-14	0.0%	+/-0.1
Median (dollars)	883	+/-16	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	1,078	+/-204	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	21,307	+/-744	21,307	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	3,010	+/-380	14.1%	+/-1.7
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,714	+/-371	12.7%	+/-1.7
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,548	+/-291	12.0%	+/-1.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,689	+/-396	12.6%	+/-1.8
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,178	+/-331	10.2%	+/-1.5
35.0 percent or more	8,168	+/-549	38.3%	+/-2.2
Not computed	1,497	+/-233	(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 of this question that occurred in 2015 and 2016. Both ACS 1-year and ACS 5-year files were affected. It may take several years in the ACS 5-year files until the estimates are available for the geographic areas affected.

While the 2012-2016 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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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.