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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

2008-2012 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.

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.

Subject	Van Buren town, Onondaga County, New York			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	6,231	+/-253	6,231	(X)
Occupied housing units	5,828	+/-226	93.5%	+/-2.5
Vacant housing units	403	+/-160	6.5%	+/-2.5
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.0	+/-2.2	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	5.9	+/-3.9	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	6,231	+/-253	6,231	(X)
1-unit, detached	3,542	+/-212	56.8%	+/-3.1
1-unit, attached	491	+/-133	7.9%	+/-2.1
2 units	141	+/-80	2.3%	+/-1.3
3 or 4 units	308	+/-120	4.9%	+/-1.9
5 to 9 units	944	+/-199	15.2%	+/-3.1
10 to 19 units	428	+/-135	6.9%	+/-2.1
20 or more units	304	+/-99	4.9%	+/-1.6
Mobile home	73	+/-36	1.2%	+/-0.6
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.5
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	6,231	+/-253	6,231	(X)
Built 2010 or later	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.5
Built 2000 to 2009	450	+/-128	7.2%	+/-2.0
Built 1990 to 1999	360	+/-137	5.8%	+/-2.1
Built 1980 to 1989	708	+/-147	11.4%	+/-2.2
Built 1970 to 1979	1,286	+/-212	20.6%	+/-3.3
Built 1960 to 1969	853	+/-187	13.7%	+/-3.0
Built 1950 to 1959	1,219	+/-203	19.6%	+/-3.0
Built 1940 to 1949	185	+/-61	3.0%	+/-1.0
Built 1939 or earlier	1,170	+/-164	18.8%	+/-2.7
ROOMS				
Total housing units	6,231	+/-253	6,231	(X)
1 room	49	+/-50	0.8%	+/-0.8
2 rooms	91	+/-53	1.5%	+/-0.9

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3 rooms	770	+/-191	12.4%	+/-2.9
4 rooms	1,096	+/-195	17.6%	+/-2.9
5 rooms	1,299	+/-244	20.8%	+/-3.8
6 rooms	954	+/-185	15.3%	+/-3.2
7 rooms	934	+/-162	15.0%	+/-2.6
8 rooms	513	+/-124	8.2%	+/-1.9
9 rooms or more	525	+/-122	8.4%	+/-2.0
Median rooms	5.4	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	6,231	+/-253	6,231	(X)
No bedroom	49	+/-50	0.8%	+/-0.8
1 bedroom	1,152	+/-223	18.5%	+/-3.3
2 bedrooms	1,601	+/-242	25.7%	+/-3.5
3 bedrooms	2,495	+/-230	40.0%	+/-4.1
4 bedrooms	723	+/-145	11.6%	+/-2.2
5 or more bedrooms	211	+/-83	3.4%	+/-1.3
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	5,828	+/-226	5,828	(X)
Owner-occupied	3,781	+/-272	64.9%	+/-3.9
Renter-occupied	2,047	+/-244	35.1%	+/-3.9
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.45	+/-0.09	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.86	+/-0.21	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	5,828	+/-226	5,828	(X)
Moved in 2010 or later	363	+/-135	6.2%	+/-2.3
Moved in 2000 to 2009	2,898	+/-234	49.7%	+/-3.9
Moved in 1990 to 1999	990	+/-180	17.0%	+/-3.0
Moved in 1980 to 1989	579	+/-139	9.9%	+/-2.3
Moved in 1970 to 1979	424	+/-126	7.3%	+/-2.1
Moved in 1969 or earlier	574	+/-123	9.8%	+/-2.1
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	5,828	+/-226	5,828	(X)
No vehicles available	497	+/-140	8.5%	+/-2.3
1 vehicle available	2,414	+/-241	41.4%	+/-3.5
2 vehicles available	2,172	+/-222	37.3%	+/-3.8
3 or more vehicles available	745	+/-126	12.8%	+/-2.2
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	5,828	+/-226	5,828	(X)
Utility gas	3,484	+/-267	59.8%	+/-3.8
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	280	+/-86	4.8%	+/-1.5
Electricity	1,358	+/-205	23.3%	+/-3.4
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	436	+/-96	7.5%	+/-1.6
Coal or coke	24	+/-29	0.4%	+/-0.5
Wood	168	+/-71	2.9%	+/-1.2
Solar energy	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.6
Other fuel	78	+/-42	1.3%	+/-0.7
No fuel used	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.6
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	5,828	+/-226	5,828	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	34	+/-37	0.6%	+/-0.6
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	52	+/-41	0.9%	+/-0.7
No telephone service available	359	+/-156	6.2%	+/-2.6

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OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	5,828	+/-226	5,828	(X)
1.00 or less	5,777	+/-247	99.1%	+/-0.9
1.01 to 1.50	51	+/-51	0.9%	+/-0.9
1.51 or more	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.6
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	3,781	+/-272	3,781	(X)
Less than \$50,000	237	+/-78	6.3%	+/-2.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,533	+/-198	40.5%	+/-4.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,019	+/-188	27.0%	+/-4.4
\$150,000 to \$199,999	550	+/-117	14.5%	+/-2.9
\$200,000 to \$299,999	327	+/-96	8.6%	+/-2.6
\$300,000 to \$499,999	87	+/-65	2.3%	+/-1.7
\$500,000 to \$999,999	28	+/-26	0.7%	+/-0.7
\$1,000,000 or more	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.9
Median (dollars)	104,500	+/-6,184	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	3,781	+/-272	3,781	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	2,624	+/-263	69.4%	+/-4.4
Housing units without a mortgage	1,157	+/-183	30.6%	+/-4.4
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	2,624	+/-263	2,624	(X)
Less than \$300	7	+/-12	0.3%	+/-0.4
\$300 to \$499	8	+/-13	0.3%	+/-0.5
\$500 to \$699	179	+/-78	6.8%	+/-2.9
\$700 to \$999	530	+/-130	20.2%	+/-4.6
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,202	+/-206	45.8%	+/-6.0
\$1,500 to \$1,999	476	+/-125	18.1%	+/-4.2
\$2,000 or more	222	+/-100	8.5%	+/-3.9
Median (dollars)	1,200	+/-55	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	1,157	+/-183	1,157	(X)
Less than \$100	14	+/-15	1.2%	+/-1.3
\$100 to \$199	24	+/-28	2.1%	+/-2.5
\$200 to \$299	117	+/-64	10.1%	+/-5.3
\$300 to \$399	210	+/-76	18.2%	+/-5.8
\$400 or more	792	+/-150	68.5%	+/-6.7
Median (dollars)	492	+/-38	(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)	2,624	+/-263	2,624	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	1,234	+/-174	47.0%	+/-6.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	425	+/-118	16.2%	+/-4.1
25.0 to 29.9 percent	296	+/-107	11.3%	+/-3.9
30.0 to 34.9 percent	141	+/-69	5.4%	+/-2.6
35.0 percent or more	528	+/-159	20.1%	+/-5.1
Not computed	0	+/-19	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	1,157	+/-183	1,157	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	331	+/-117	28.6%	+/-8.4
10.0 to 14.9 percent	261	+/-80	22.6%	+/-6.6
15.0 to 19.9 percent	196	+/-67	16.9%	+/-5.9

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20.0 to 24.9 percent	127	+/-90	11.0%	+/-7.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	78	+/-62	6.7%	+/-5.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	13	+/-21	1.1%	+/-1.8
35.0 percent or more	151	+/-85	13.1%	+/-7.2
Not computed	0	+/-19	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	1,926	+/-229	1,926	(X)
Less than \$200	99	+/-51	5.1%	+/-2.7
\$200 to \$299	109	+/-52	5.7%	+/-2.7
\$300 to \$499	131	+/-74	6.8%	+/-3.8
\$500 to \$749	517	+/-139	26.8%	+/-6.4
\$750 to \$999	685	+/-163	35.6%	+/-7.0
\$1,000 to \$1,499	347	+/-114	18.0%	+/-5.6
\$1,500 or more	38	+/-35	2.0%	+/-1.8
Median (dollars)	774	+/-29	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	121	+/-83	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	1,884	+/-233	1,884	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	287	+/-100	15.2%	+/-5.2
15.0 to 19.9 percent	344	+/-142	18.3%	+/-6.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	276	+/-116	14.6%	+/-5.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	189	+/-73	10.0%	+/-3.8
30.0 to 34.9 percent	270	+/-122	14.3%	+/-6.2
35.0 percent or more	518	+/-126	27.5%	+/-6.7
Not computed	163	+/-91	(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.

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, SMOC 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, SMOC 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 2007, 2008, 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, SMOC, 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 2008-2012 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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey

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.