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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	Portland city, Maine			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	33,945	+/-555	33,945	(X)
Occupied housing units	30,840	+/-567	90.9%	+/-1.1
Vacant housing units	3,105	+/-375	9.1%	+/-1.1
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.0	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	4.4	+/-1.2	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	33,945	+/-555	33,945	(X)
1-unit, detached	13,196	+/-467	38.9%	+/-1.3
1-unit, attached	2,123	+/-280	6.3%	+/-0.8
2 units	3,140	+/-359	9.3%	+/-1.0
3 or 4 units	4,730	+/-447	13.9%	+/-1.3
5 to 9 units	3,774	+/-373	11.1%	+/-1.1
10 to 19 units	2,147	+/-267	6.3%	+/-0.8
20 or more units	4,757	+/-348	14.0%	+/-1.0
Mobile home	78	+/-56	0.2%	+/-0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-23	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	33,945	+/-555	33,945	(X)
Built 2010 or later	24	+/-27	0.1%	+/-0.1
Built 2000 to 2009	1,785	+/-282	5.3%	+/-0.8
Built 1990 to 1999	1,769	+/-277	5.2%	+/-0.8
Built 1980 to 1989	3,312	+/-333	9.8%	+/-1.0
Built 1970 to 1979	2,434	+/-324	7.2%	+/-1.0
Built 1960 to 1969	2,095	+/-225	6.2%	+/-0.7
Built 1950 to 1959	2,699	+/-291	8.0%	+/-0.8
Built 1940 to 1949	2,239	+/-317	6.6%	+/-0.9
Built 1939 or earlier	17,588	+/-532	51.8%	+/-1.4
ROOMS				
Total housing units	33,945	+/-555	33,945	(X)
1 room	1,410	+/-244	4.2%	+/-0.7
2 rooms	2,195	+/-319	6.5%	+/-0.9

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3 rooms	4,914	+/-417	14.5%	+/-1.2
4 rooms	6,005	+/-426	17.7%	+/-1.3
5 rooms	6,409	+/-536	18.9%	+/-1.5
6 rooms	5,259	+/-440	15.5%	+/-1.3
7 rooms	3,283	+/-362	9.7%	+/-1.1
8 rooms	2,076	+/-254	6.1%	+/-0.8
9 rooms or more	2,394	+/-258	7.1%	+/-0.7
Median rooms	4.9	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	33,945	+/-555	33,945	(X)
No bedroom	1,546	+/-247	4.6%	+/-0.7
1 bedroom	8,221	+/-540	24.2%	+/-1.5
2 bedrooms	10,672	+/-558	31.4%	+/-1.6
3 bedrooms	9,215	+/-506	27.1%	+/-1.4
4 bedrooms	3,378	+/-351	10.0%	+/-1.0
5 or more bedrooms	913	+/-167	2.7%	+/-0.5
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	30,840	+/-567	30,840	(X)
Owner-occupied	13,779	+/-417	44.7%	+/-1.2
Renter-occupied	17,061	+/-523	55.3%	+/-1.2
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.33	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.88	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	30,840	+/-567	30,840	(X)
Moved in 2010 or later	5,235	+/-418	17.0%	+/-1.3
Moved in 2000 to 2009	17,085	+/-623	55.4%	+/-1.7
Moved in 1990 to 1999	4,338	+/-414	14.1%	+/-1.3
Moved in 1980 to 1989	2,030	+/-248	6.6%	+/-0.8
Moved in 1970 to 1979	982	+/-172	3.2%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1969 or earlier	1,170	+/-178	3.8%	+/-0.6
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	30,840	+/-567	30,840	(X)
No vehicles available	5,478	+/-457	17.8%	+/-1.4
1 vehicle available	13,476	+/-685	43.7%	+/-1.9
2 vehicles available	8,875	+/-505	28.8%	+/-1.6
3 or more vehicles available	3,011	+/-320	9.8%	+/-1.1
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	30,840	+/-567	30,840	(X)
Utility gas	9,275	+/-582	30.1%	+/-1.8
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	1,108	+/-188	3.6%	+/-0.6
Electricity	2,790	+/-356	9.0%	+/-1.1
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	16,609	+/-649	53.9%	+/-1.9
Coal or coke	90	+/-63	0.3%	+/-0.2
Wood	596	+/-162	1.9%	+/-0.5
Solar energy	10	+/-12	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	283	+/-101	0.9%	+/-0.3
No fuel used	79	+/-53	0.3%	+/-0.2
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	30,840	+/-567	30,840	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	204	+/-108	0.7%	+/-0.3
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	491	+/-124	1.6%	+/-0.4
No telephone service available	976	+/-206	3.2%	+/-0.7

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OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	30,840	+/-567	30,840	(X)
1.00 or less	30,274	+/-591	98.2%	+/-0.5
1.01 to 1.50	326	+/-108	1.1%	+/-0.4
1.51 or more	240	+/-132	0.8%	+/-0.4
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	13,779	+/-417	13,779	(X)
Less than \$50,000	191	+/-66	1.4%	+/-0.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	116	+/-65	0.8%	+/-0.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	890	+/-178	6.5%	+/-1.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,871	+/-285	20.8%	+/-2.0
\$200,000 to \$299,999	5,872	+/-368	42.6%	+/-2.5
\$300,000 to \$499,999	3,102	+/-253	22.5%	+/-1.6
\$500,000 to \$999,999	688	+/-132	5.0%	+/-1.0
\$1,000,000 or more	49	+/-33	0.4%	+/-0.2
Median (dollars)	241,700	+/-3,788	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	13,779	+/-417	13,779	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	10,266	+/-407	74.5%	+/-1.8
Housing units without a mortgage	3,513	+/-266	25.5%	+/-1.8
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	10,266	+/-407	10,266	(X)
Less than \$300	32	+/-35	0.3%	+/-0.3
\$300 to \$499	76	+/-50	0.7%	+/-0.5
\$500 to \$699	179	+/-87	1.7%	+/-0.8
\$700 to \$999	530	+/-118	5.2%	+/-1.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	2,585	+/-254	25.2%	+/-2.5
\$1,500 to \$1,999	3,251	+/-321	31.7%	+/-2.7
\$2,000 or more	3,613	+/-301	35.2%	+/-2.5
Median (dollars)	1,770	+/-43	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	3,513	+/-266	3,513	(X)
Less than \$100	18	+/-29	0.5%	+/-0.8
\$100 to \$199	9	+/-14	0.3%	+/-0.4
\$200 to \$299	75	+/-51	2.1%	+/-1.5
\$300 to \$399	247	+/-103	7.0%	+/-2.9
\$400 or more	3,164	+/-255	90.1%	+/-3.2
Median (dollars)	670	+/-23	(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)	10,266	+/-407	10,266	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	3,053	+/-324	29.7%	+/-2.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,484	+/-199	14.5%	+/-2.0
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,530	+/-237	14.9%	+/-2.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	764	+/-186	7.4%	+/-1.8
35.0 percent or more	3,435	+/-307	33.5%	+/-2.6
Not computed	0	+/-23	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	3,465	+/-264	3,465	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	1,153	+/-175	33.3%	+/-4.3
10.0 to 14.9 percent	740	+/-152	21.4%	+/-4.3
15.0 to 19.9 percent	336	+/-104	9.7%	+/-2.9

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20.0 to 24.9 percent	365	+/-105	10.5%	+/-3.0
25.0 to 29.9 percent	191	+/-79	5.5%	+/-2.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	154	+/-65	4.4%	+/-1.8
35.0 percent or more	526	+/-129	15.2%	+/-3.4
Not computed	48	+/-41	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	16,568	+/-520	16,568	(X)
Less than \$200	503	+/-148	3.0%	+/-0.9
\$200 to \$299	1,109	+/-200	6.7%	+/-1.2
\$300 to \$499	1,127	+/-213	6.8%	+/-1.3
\$500 to \$749	2,816	+/-326	17.0%	+/-1.8
\$750 to \$999	4,908	+/-355	29.6%	+/-2.1
\$1,000 to \$1,499	4,824	+/-404	29.1%	+/-2.2
\$1,500 or more	1,281	+/-227	7.7%	+/-1.4
Median (dollars)	892	+/-18	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	493	+/-166	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	16,156	+/-526	16,156	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	1,301	+/-248	8.1%	+/-1.5
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,954	+/-313	12.1%	+/-1.8
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,027	+/-305	12.5%	+/-1.9
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,081	+/-300	12.9%	+/-1.8
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,788	+/-238	11.1%	+/-1.4
35.0 percent or more	7,005	+/-457	43.4%	+/-2.6
Not computed	905	+/-200	(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.