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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

2007-2011 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	Boston city, Massachusetts			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	272,007	+/-1,461	272,007	(X)
Occupied housing units	247,621	+/-1,938	91.0%	+/-0.5
Vacant housing units	24,386	+/-1,336	9.0%	+/-0.5
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.2	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	5.3	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	272,007	+/-1,461	272,007	(X)
1-unit, detached	32,503	+/-935	11.9%	+/-0.3
1-unit, attached	15,744	+/-818	5.8%	+/-0.3
2 units	36,487	+/-1,006	13.4%	+/-0.4
3 or 4 units	69,232	+/-1,464	25.5%	+/-0.5
5 to 9 units	31,922	+/-1,168	11.7%	+/-0.4
10 to 19 units	23,627	+/-959	8.7%	+/-0.4
20 or more units	62,212	+/-1,273	22.9%	+/-0.4
Mobile home	208	+/-105	0.1%	+/-0.1
Boat, RV, van, etc.	72	+/-61	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	272,007	+/-1,461	272,007	(X)
Built 2005 or later	7,673	+/-631	2.8%	+/-0.2
Built 2000 to 2004	8,974	+/-538	3.3%	+/-0.2
Built 1990 to 1999	10,807	+/-776	4.0%	+/-0.3
Built 1980 to 1989	14,193	+/-917	5.2%	+/-0.3
Built 1970 to 1979	19,449	+/-1,027	7.2%	+/-0.4
Built 1960 to 1969	21,512	+/-876	7.9%	+/-0.3
Built 1950 to 1959	19,636	+/-892	7.2%	+/-0.3
Built 1940 to 1949	16,411	+/-814	6.0%	+/-0.3
Built 1939 or earlier	153,352	+/-2,027	56.4%	+/-0.6
ROOMS				
Total housing units	272,007	+/-1,461	272,007	(X)

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1 room	16,116	+/-1,063	5.9%	+/-0.4
2 rooms	17,878	+/-803	6.6%	+/-0.3
3 rooms	50,977	+/-1,393	18.7%	+/-0.5
4 rooms	58,653	+/-1,442	21.6%	+/-0.5
5 rooms	55,437	+/-1,569	20.4%	+/-0.6
6 rooms	36,480	+/-1,330	13.4%	+/-0.5
7 rooms	14,823	+/-725	5.4%	+/-0.3
8 rooms	9,021	+/-508	3.3%	+/-0.2
9 rooms or more	12,622	+/-730	4.6%	+/-0.3
Median rooms	4.4	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	272,007	+/-1,461	272,007	(X)
No bedroom	18,271	+/-1,124	6.7%	+/-0.4
1 bedroom	70,086	+/-1,574	25.8%	+/-0.5
2 bedrooms	92,953	+/-1,746	34.2%	+/-0.6
3 bedrooms	61,178	+/-1,510	22.5%	+/-0.6
4 bedrooms	20,761	+/-920	7.6%	+/-0.3
5 or more bedrooms	8,758	+/-665	3.2%	+/-0.2
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	247,621	+/-1,938	247,621	(X)
Owner-occupied	85,756	+/-1,462	34.6%	+/-0.5
Renter-occupied	161,865	+/-1,851	65.4%	+/-0.5
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.44	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.21	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	247,621	+/-1,938	247,621	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	133,250	+/-2,158	53.8%	+/-0.6
Moved in 2000 to 2004	41,881	+/-1,420	16.9%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1990 to 1999	36,403	+/-1,319	14.7%	+/-0.5
Moved in 1980 to 1989	16,272	+/-776	6.6%	+/-0.3
Moved in 1970 to 1979	9,663	+/-624	3.9%	+/-0.3
Moved in 1969 or earlier	10,152	+/-544	4.1%	+/-0.2
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	247,621	+/-1,938	247,621	(X)
No vehicles available	89,499	+/-1,784	36.1%	+/-0.6
1 vehicle available	104,522	+/-1,829	42.2%	+/-0.7
2 vehicles available	43,005	+/-1,362	17.4%	+/-0.5
3 or more vehicles available	10,595	+/-644	4.3%	+/-0.3
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	247,621	+/-1,938	247,621	(X)
Utility gas	134,226	+/-1,906	54.2%	+/-0.7
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	4,185	+/-419	1.7%	+/-0.2
Electricity	59,194	+/-1,491	23.9%	+/-0.6
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	46,643	+/-1,496	18.8%	+/-0.6
Coal or coke	17	+/-26	0.0%	+/-0.1
Wood	306	+/-101	0.1%	+/-0.1
Solar energy	33	+/-31	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	1,268	+/-218	0.5%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	1,749	+/-291	0.7%	+/-0.1
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Occupied housing units	247,621	+/-1,938	247,621	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	1,342	+/-311	0.5%	+/-0.1

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Lacking complete kitchen facilities	2,209	+/-355	0.9%	+/-0.1
No telephone service available	6,941	+/-536	2.8%	+/-0.2
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	247,621	+/-1,938	247,621	(X)
1.00 or less	241,065	+/-1,955	97.4%	+/-0.2
1.01 to 1.50	3,986	+/-423	1.6%	+/-0.2
1.51 or more	2,570	+/-382	1.0%	+/-0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	85,756	+/-1,462	85,756	(X)
Less than $50,000	968	+/-180	1.1%	+/-0.2
$50,000 to $99,999	726	+/-205	0.8%	+/-0.2
$100,000 to $149,999	1,528	+/-212	1.8%	+/-0.2
$150,000 to $199,999	3,327	+/-334	3.9%	+/-0.4
$200,000 to $299,999	17,378	+/-861	20.3%	+/-1.0
$300,000 to $499,999	37,877	+/-1,079	44.2%	+/-1.1
$500,000 to $999,999	18,807	+/-876	21.9%	+/-0.9
$1,000,000 or more	5,145	+/-482	6.0%	+/-0.5
Median (dollars)	381,900	+/-4,124	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	85,756	+/-1,462	85,756	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	65,221	+/-1,347	76.1%	+/-0.8
Housing units without a mortgage	20,535	+/-745	23.9%	+/-0.8
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	65,221	+/-1,347	65,221	(X)
Less than $300	51	+/-43	0.1%	+/-0.1
$300 to $499	233	+/-94	0.4%	+/-0.1
$500 to $699	463	+/-154	0.7%	+/-0.2
$700 to $999	1,784	+/-279	2.7%	+/-0.4
$1,000 to $1,499	8,168	+/-639	12.5%	+/-1.0
$1,500 to $1,999	12,636	+/-714	19.4%	+/-1.0
$2,000 or more	41,886	+/-1,205	64.2%	+/-1.2
Median (dollars)	2,343	+/-27	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	20,535	+/-745	20,535	(X)
Less than $100	108	+/-62	0.5%	+/-0.3
$100 to $199	228	+/-92	1.1%	+/-0.4
$200 to $299	595	+/-170	2.9%	+/-0.8
$300 to $399	1,187	+/-199	5.8%	+/-1.0
$400 or more	18,417	+/-739	89.7%	+/-1.2
Median (dollars)	733	+/-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)	64,998	+/-1,355	64,998	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	18,818	+/-869	29.0%	+/-1.2
20.0 to 24.9 percent	9,480	+/-551	14.6%	+/-0.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	8,332	+/-691	12.8%	+/-1.0
30.0 to 34.9 percent	5,682	+/-520	8.7%	+/-0.8
35.0 percent or more	22,686	+/-903	34.9%	+/-1.2
Not computed	223	+/-112	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	20,268	+/-758	20,268	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	6,141	+/-470	30.3%	+/-1.9

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10.0 to 14.9 percent	4,048	+/-353	20.0%	+/-1.6
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,603	+/-253	12.8%	+/-1.1
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,599	+/-209	7.9%	+/-1.0
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,090	+/-215	5.4%	+/-1.0
30.0 to 34.9 percent	898	+/-181	4.4%	+/-0.9
35.0 percent or more	3,889	+/-369	19.2%	+/-1.7
Not computed	267	+/-113	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	158,779	+/-1,848	158,779	(X)
Less than $200	5,586	+/-572	3.5%	+/-0.4
$200 to $299	12,981	+/-800	8.2%	+/-0.5
$300 to $499	11,789	+/-649	7.4%	+/-0.4
$500 to $749	10,619	+/-679	6.7%	+/-0.4
$750 to $999	15,889	+/-820	10.0%	+/-0.5
$1,000 to $1,499	49,690	+/-1,154	31.3%	+/-0.7
$1,500 or more	52,225	+/-1,449	32.9%	+/-0.8
Median (dollars)	1,238	+/-14	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	3,086	+/-360	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	152,955	+/-1,760	152,955	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	17,293	+/-920	11.3%	+/-0.6
15.0 to 19.9 percent	16,970	+/-823	11.1%	+/-0.5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	17,379	+/-936	11.4%	+/-0.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	21,109	+/-831	13.8%	+/-0.5
30.0 to 34.9 percent	15,399	+/-1,011	10.1%	+/-0.7
35.0 percent or more	64,805	+/-1,491	42.4%	+/-0.8
Not computed	8,910	+/-774	(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, 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, SMOC, and TAX should exclude zero values.

While the 2007-2011 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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 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.