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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	Seattle city, Washington			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	304,164	+/-1,725	304,164	(X)
Occupied housing units	282,480	+/-2,058	92.9%	+/-0.4
Vacant housing units	21,684	+/-1,365	7.1%	+/-0.4
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.4	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	3.4	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	304,164	+/-1,725	304,164	(X)
1-unit, detached	137,616	+/-1,513	45.2%	+/-0.5
1-unit, attached	11,988	+/-798	3.9%	+/-0.3
2 units	9,930	+/-821	3.3%	+/-0.3
3 or 4 units	13,269	+/-793	4.4%	+/-0.3
5 to 9 units	19,122	+/-860	6.3%	+/-0.3
10 to 19 units	26,110	+/-941	8.6%	+/-0.3
20 or more units	84,848	+/-1,432	27.9%	+/-0.4
Mobile home	982	+/-234	0.3%	+/-0.1
Boat, RV, van, etc.	299	+/-128	0.1%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	304,164	+/-1,725	304,164	(X)
Built 2005 or later	16,300	+/-844	5.4%	+/-0.3
Built 2000 to 2004	21,061	+/-1,045	6.9%	+/-0.3
Built 1990 to 1999	25,352	+/-1,014	8.3%	+/-0.3
Built 1980 to 1989	25,460	+/-1,021	8.4%	+/-0.3
Built 1970 to 1979	28,827	+/-1,028	9.5%	+/-0.3
Built 1960 to 1969	28,840	+/-1,171	9.5%	+/-0.4
Built 1950 to 1959	36,361	+/-1,024	12.0%	+/-0.4
Built 1940 to 1949	31,275	+/-1,077	10.3%	+/-0.3
Built 1939 or earlier	90,688	+/-1,680	29.8%	+/-0.5
ROOMS				
Total housing units	304,164	+/-1,725	304,164	(X)

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1 room	19,706	+/-1,124	6.5%	+/-0.4
2 rooms	28,283	+/-1,103	9.3%	+/-0.4
3 rooms	52,806	+/-1,396	17.4%	+/-0.4
4 rooms	54,074	+/-1,360	17.8%	+/-0.4
5 rooms	40,844	+/-1,498	13.4%	+/-0.5
6 rooms	32,466	+/-1,128	10.7%	+/-0.4
7 rooms	26,564	+/-1,141	8.7%	+/-0.4
8 rooms	20,040	+/-917	6.6%	+/-0.3
9 rooms or more	29,381	+/-906	9.7%	+/-0.3
Median rooms	4.4	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	304,164	+/-1,725	304,164	(X)
No bedroom	23,307	+/-1,150	7.7%	+/-0.4
1 bedroom	80,555	+/-1,747	26.5%	+/-0.5
2 bedrooms	86,829	+/-2,144	28.5%	+/-0.7
3 bedrooms	66,745	+/-1,688	21.9%	+/-0.6
4 bedrooms	33,499	+/-1,071	11.0%	+/-0.4
5 or more bedrooms	13,229	+/-667	4.3%	+/-0.2
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	282,480	+/-2,058	282,480	(X)
Owner-occupied	135,578	+/-1,588	48.0%	+/-0.5
Renter-occupied	146,902	+/-1,840	52.0%	+/-0.5
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.31	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.81	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	282,480	+/-2,058	282,480	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	149,729	+/-1,921	53.0%	+/-0.5
Moved in 2000 to 2004	50,671	+/-1,283	17.9%	+/-0.4
Moved in 1990 to 1999	41,752	+/-1,296	14.8%	+/-0.5
Moved in 1980 to 1989	19,159	+/-857	6.8%	+/-0.3
Moved in 1970 to 1979	10,926	+/-629	3.9%	+/-0.2
Moved in 1969 or earlier	10,243	+/-575	3.6%	+/-0.2
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	282,480	+/-2,058	282,480	(X)
No vehicles available	44,177	+/-1,618	15.6%	+/-0.5
1 vehicle available	121,681	+/-2,232	43.1%	+/-0.7
2 vehicles available	86,639	+/-1,639	30.7%	+/-0.6
3 or more vehicles available	29,983	+/-1,074	10.6%	+/-0.4
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	282,480	+/-2,058	282,480	(X)
Utility gas	108,066	+/-1,714	38.3%	+/-0.6
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	2,354	+/-286	0.8%	+/-0.1
Electricity	143,431	+/-2,240	50.8%	+/-0.6
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	23,408	+/-962	8.3%	+/-0.3
Coal or coke	178	+/-132	0.1%	+/-0.1
Wood	1,141	+/-237	0.4%	+/-0.1
Solar energy	178	+/-116	0.1%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	1,985	+/-412	0.7%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	1,739	+/-352	0.6%	+/-0.1
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Occupied housing units	282,480	+/-2,058	282,480	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	2,131	+/-446	0.8%	+/-0.2

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Lacking complete kitchen facilities	3,786	+/-397	1.3%	+/-0.1
No telephone service available	7,990	+/-609	2.8%	+/-0.2
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	282,480	+/-2,058	282,480	(X)
1.00 or less	276,453	+/-2,281	97.9%	+/-0.2
1.01 to 1.50	3,089	+/-405	1.1%	+/-0.1
1.51 or more	2,938	+/-422	1.0%	+/-0.1
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	135,578	+/-1,588	135,578	(X)
Less than $50,000	1,420	+/-276	1.0%	+/-0.2
$50,000 to $99,999	672	+/-214	0.5%	+/-0.2
$100,000 to $149,999	1,185	+/-251	0.9%	+/-0.2
$150,000 to $199,999	3,228	+/-344	2.4%	+/-0.3
$200,000 to $299,999	16,674	+/-782	12.3%	+/-0.6
$300,000 to $499,999	57,258	+/-1,259	42.2%	+/-0.8
$500,000 to $999,999	45,670	+/-1,137	33.7%	+/-0.7
$1,000,000 or more	9,471	+/-510	7.0%	+/-0.4
Median (dollars)	453,000	+/-3,321	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	135,578	+/-1,588	135,578	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	103,642	+/-1,665	76.4%	+/-0.6
Housing units without a mortgage	31,936	+/-869	23.6%	+/-0.6
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	103,642	+/-1,665	103,642	(X)
Less than $300	119	+/-56	0.1%	+/-0.1
$300 to $499	413	+/-117	0.4%	+/-0.1
$500 to $699	1,171	+/-254	1.1%	+/-0.2
$700 to $999	3,212	+/-331	3.1%	+/-0.3
$1,000 to $1,499	12,708	+/-659	12.3%	+/-0.6
$1,500 to $1,999	21,121	+/-752	20.4%	+/-0.7
$2,000 or more	64,898	+/-1,489	62.6%	+/-0.9
Median (dollars)	2,300	+/-19	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	31,936	+/-869	31,936	(X)
Less than $100	213	+/-94	0.7%	+/-0.3
$100 to $199	632	+/-145	2.0%	+/-0.4
$200 to $299	1,312	+/-241	4.1%	+/-0.7
$300 to $399	2,424	+/-306	7.6%	+/-0.9
$400 or more	27,355	+/-773	85.7%	+/-1.2
Median (dollars)	651	+/-11	(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)	103,318	+/-1,653	103,318	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	30,379	+/-1,073	29.4%	+/-1.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	18,005	+/-896	17.4%	+/-0.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	13,780	+/-683	13.3%	+/-0.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	10,759	+/-559	10.4%	+/-0.5
35.0 percent or more	30,395	+/-1,079	29.4%	+/-0.8
Not computed	324	+/-101	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	31,669	+/-865	31,669	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	11,626	+/-696	36.7%	+/-1.8

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10.0 to 14.9 percent	6,614	+/-498	20.9%	+/-1.4
15.0 to 19.9 percent	4,179	+/-424	13.2%	+/-1.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,186	+/-270	6.9%	+/-0.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,634	+/-245	5.2%	+/-0.8
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,055	+/-200	3.3%	+/-0.6
35.0 percent or more	4,375	+/-316	13.8%	+/-1.0
Not computed	267	+/-123	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	143,593	+/-1,811	143,593	(X)
Less than $200	3,222	+/-424	2.2%	+/-0.3
$200 to $299	4,716	+/-495	3.3%	+/-0.3
$300 to $499	6,504	+/-585	4.5%	+/-0.4
$500 to $749	18,296	+/-1,065	12.7%	+/-0.7
$750 to $999	38,747	+/-1,195	27.0%	+/-0.8
$1,000 to $1,499	44,790	+/-1,496	31.2%	+/-0.9
$1,500 or more	27,318	+/-1,039	19.0%	+/-0.7
Median (dollars)	1,003	+/-10	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	3,309	+/-386	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	140,993	+/-1,823	140,993	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	16,389	+/-994	11.6%	+/-0.7
15.0 to 19.9 percent	19,401	+/-1,025	13.8%	+/-0.7
20.0 to 24.9 percent	20,757	+/-1,108	14.7%	+/-0.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	17,701	+/-1,032	12.6%	+/-0.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	13,195	+/-921	9.4%	+/-0.6
35.0 percent or more	53,550	+/-1,574	38.0%	+/-1.0
Not computed	5,909	+/-588	(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.