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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	Buncombe County, North Carolina			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	113,409	+/-331	113,409	(X)
Occupied housing units	101,381	+/-928	89.4%	+/-0.8
Vacant housing units	12,028	+/-919	10.6%	+/-0.8
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.9	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	5.6	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	113,409	+/-331	113,409	(X)
1-unit, detached	70,008	+/-1,014	61.7%	+/-0.9
1-unit, attached	4,495	+/-436	4.0%	+/-0.4
2 units	2,717	+/-481	2.4%	+/-0.4
3 or 4 units	4,134	+/-439	3.6%	+/-0.4
5 to 9 units	5,179	+/-509	4.6%	+/-0.4
10 to 19 units	3,010	+/-455	2.7%	+/-0.4
20 or more units	5,173	+/-504	4.6%	+/-0.4
Mobile home	18,607	+/-886	16.4%	+/-0.8
Boat, RV, van, etc.	86	+/-80	0.1%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	113,409	+/-331	113,409	(X)
Built 2010 or later	428	+/-151	0.4%	+/-0.1
Built 2000 to 2009	21,074	+/-853	18.6%	+/-0.8
Built 1990 to 1999	19,761	+/-910	17.4%	+/-0.8
Built 1980 to 1989	16,178	+/-1,096	14.3%	+/-1.0
Built 1970 to 1979	15,362	+/-841	13.5%	+/-0.7
Built 1960 to 1969	12,103	+/-728	10.7%	+/-0.6
Built 1950 to 1959	9,190	+/-672	8.1%	+/-0.6
Built 1940 to 1949	6,332	+/-544	5.6%	+/-0.5
Built 1939 or earlier	12,981	+/-709	11.4%	+/-0.6
ROOMS				
Total housing units	113,409	+/-331	113,409	(X)
1 room	1,244	+/-308	1.1%	+/-0.3
2 rooms	3,210	+/-397	2.8%	+/-0.4

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3 rooms	9,043	+/-718	8.0%	+/-0.6
4 rooms	22,417	+/-997	19.8%	+/-0.9
5 rooms	26,057	+/-988	23.0%	+/-0.9
6 rooms	19,906	+/-964	17.6%	+/-0.8
7 rooms	12,909	+/-611	11.4%	+/-0.5
8 rooms	8,484	+/-546	7.5%	+/-0.5
9 rooms or more	10,139	+/-508	8.9%	+/-0.5
Median rooms	5.3	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	113,409	+/-331	113,409	(X)
No bedroom	1,456	+/-315	1.3%	+/-0.3
1 bedroom	10,409	+/-638	9.2%	+/-0.6
2 bedrooms	36,191	+/-1,112	31.9%	+/-1.0
3 bedrooms	48,385	+/-1,191	42.7%	+/-1.0
4 bedrooms	13,456	+/-777	11.9%	+/-0.7
5 or more bedrooms	3,512	+/-443	3.1%	+/-0.4
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	101,381	+/-928	101,381	(X)
Owner-occupied	66,222	+/-1,123	65.3%	+/-1.1
Renter-occupied	35,159	+/-1,214	34.7%	+/-1.1
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.36	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.16	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	101,381	+/-928	101,381	(X)
Moved in 2010 or later	11,905	+/-795	11.7%	+/-0.8
Moved in 2000 to 2009	53,890	+/-1,237	53.2%	+/-1.0
Moved in 1990 to 1999	17,634	+/-760	17.4%	+/-0.8
Moved in 1980 to 1989	7,885	+/-582	7.8%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1970 to 1979	4,930	+/-463	4.9%	+/-0.5
Moved in 1969 or earlier	5,137	+/-460	5.1%	+/-0.5
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	101,381	+/-928	101,381	(X)
No vehicles available	7,305	+/-573	7.2%	+/-0.6
1 vehicle available	35,174	+/-1,277	34.7%	+/-1.2
2 vehicles available	37,625	+/-1,281	37.1%	+/-1.2
3 or more vehicles available	21,277	+/-1,017	21.0%	+/-1.0
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	101,381	+/-928	101,381	(X)
Utility gas	20,013	+/-937	19.7%	+/-0.9
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	7,012	+/-637	6.9%	+/-0.6
Electricity	52,038	+/-1,392	51.3%	+/-1.2
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	16,898	+/-808	16.7%	+/-0.8
Coal or coke	17	+/-27	0.0%	+/-0.1
Wood	4,795	+/-539	4.7%	+/-0.5
Solar energy	93	+/-52	0.1%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	243	+/-85	0.2%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	272	+/-111	0.3%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	101,381	+/-928	101,381	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	464	+/-240	0.5%	+/-0.2
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	730	+/-272	0.7%	+/-0.3
No telephone service available	2,287	+/-330	2.3%	+/-0.3

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	101,381	+/-928	101,381	(X)
1.00 or less	99,469	+/-1,030	98.1%	+/-0.4
1.01 to 1.50	1,454	+/-328	1.4%	+/-0.3
1.51 or more	458	+/-164	0.5%	+/-0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	66,222	+/-1,123	66,222	(X)
Less than \$50,000	6,674	+/-617	10.1%	+/-0.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6,119	+/-562	9.2%	+/-0.8
\$100,000 to \$149,999	10,287	+/-598	15.5%	+/-0.9
\$150,000 to \$199,999	11,999	+/-787	18.1%	+/-1.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	15,235	+/-680	23.0%	+/-0.9
\$300,000 to \$499,999	10,511	+/-644	15.9%	+/-0.9
\$500,000 to \$999,999	4,064	+/-361	6.1%	+/-0.5
\$1,000,000 or more	1,333	+/-209	2.0%	+/-0.3
Median (dollars)	191,500	+/-3,338	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	66,222	+/-1,123	66,222	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	40,909	+/-1,051	61.8%	+/-1.2
Housing units without a mortgage	25,313	+/-929	38.2%	+/-1.2
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	40,909	+/-1,051	40,909	(X)
Less than \$300	67	+/-42	0.2%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	1,257	+/-262	3.1%	+/-0.6
\$500 to \$699	2,589	+/-368	6.3%	+/-0.9
\$700 to \$999	8,802	+/-724	21.5%	+/-1.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	12,774	+/-761	31.2%	+/-1.8
\$1,500 to \$1,999	7,861	+/-503	19.2%	+/-1.2
\$2,000 or more	7,559	+/-608	18.5%	+/-1.4
Median (dollars)	1,293	+/-28	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	25,313	+/-929	25,313	(X)
Less than \$100	461	+/-159	1.8%	+/-0.6
\$100 to \$199	2,531	+/-338	10.0%	+/-1.3
\$200 to \$299	5,236	+/-493	20.7%	+/-1.8
\$300 to \$399	6,369	+/-600	25.2%	+/-2.0
\$400 or more	10,716	+/-641	42.3%	+/-2.2
Median (dollars)	366	+/-10	(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)	40,569	+/-1,058	40,569	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	14,319	+/-775	35.3%	+/-1.7
20.0 to 24.9 percent	7,308	+/-671	18.0%	+/-1.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	4,524	+/-472	11.2%	+/-1.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	3,468	+/-398	8.5%	+/-0.9
35.0 percent or more	10,950	+/-648	27.0%	+/-1.5
Not computed	340	+/-181	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	25,030	+/-924	25,030	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	10,976	+/-624	43.9%	+/-1.8
10.0 to 14.9 percent	5,104	+/-480	20.4%	+/-1.9
15.0 to 19.9 percent	2,952	+/-355	11.8%	+/-1.4

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20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,697	+/-291	6.8%	+/-1.1
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,287	+/-246	5.1%	+/-1.0
30.0 to 34.9 percent	725	+/-187	2.9%	+/-0.7
35.0 percent or more	2,289	+/-362	9.1%	+/-1.3
Not computed	283	+/-137	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	31,946	+/-1,066	31,946	(X)
Less than \$200	906	+/-207	2.8%	+/-0.7
\$200 to \$299	1,289	+/-286	4.0%	+/-0.9
\$300 to \$499	2,808	+/-433	8.8%	+/-1.3
\$500 to \$749	9,316	+/-788	29.2%	+/-2.2
\$750 to \$999	9,124	+/-655	28.6%	+/-1.9
\$1,000 to \$1,499	6,308	+/-587	19.7%	+/-1.7
\$1,500 or more	2,195	+/-258	6.9%	+/-0.8
Median (dollars)	784	+/-15	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	3,213	+/-471	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	31,313	+/-1,023	31,313	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	3,687	+/-460	11.8%	+/-1.4
15.0 to 19.9 percent	3,513	+/-383	11.2%	+/-1.2
20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,440	+/-493	14.2%	+/-1.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,825	+/-487	12.2%	+/-1.5
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,466	+/-335	7.9%	+/-1.1
35.0 percent or more	13,382	+/-899	42.7%	+/-2.3
Not computed	3,846	+/-519	(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.