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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	Mars Hill town, North Carolina			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	815	+/-138	815	(X)
Occupied housing units	709	+/-127	87.0%	+/-6.6
Vacant housing units	106	+/-59	13.0%	+/-6.6
Homeowner vacancy rate	3.1	+/-5.3	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	9.3	+/-7.2	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	815	+/-138	815	(X)
1-unit, detached	498	+/-98	61.1%	+/-6.8
1-unit, attached	4	+/-6	0.5%	+/-0.7
2 units	90	+/-39	11.0%	+/-4.5
3 or 4 units	37	+/-21	4.5%	+/-2.7
5 to 9 units	15	+/-19	1.8%	+/-2.3
10 to 19 units	4	+/-8	0.5%	+/-1.0
20 or more units	70	+/-38	8.6%	+/-4.4
Mobile home	97	+/-56	11.9%	+/-6.1
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-4.5
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	815	+/-138	815	(X)
Built 2010 or later	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-4.5
Built 2000 to 2009	65	+/-39	8.0%	+/-4.4
Built 1990 to 1999	118	+/-53	14.5%	+/-5.7
Built 1980 to 1989	115	+/-58	14.1%	+/-6.4
Built 1970 to 1979	215	+/-64	26.4%	+/-6.8
Built 1960 to 1969	88	+/-32	10.8%	+/-3.9
Built 1950 to 1959	75	+/-50	9.2%	+/-5.6
Built 1940 to 1949	22	+/-15	2.7%	+/-1.8
Built 1939 or earlier	117	+/-49	14.4%	+/-5.6
ROOMS				
Total housing units	815	+/-138	815	(X)
1 room	46	+/-35	5.6%	+/-4.3
2 rooms	53	+/-44	6.5%	+/-5.2

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3 rooms	61	+/-36	7.5%	+/-4.3
4 rooms	199	+/-74	24.4%	+/-6.8
5 rooms	129	+/-49	15.8%	+/-5.5
6 rooms	161	+/-58	19.8%	+/-6.0
7 rooms	92	+/-37	11.3%	+/-4.5
8 rooms	37	+/-19	4.5%	+/-2.3
9 rooms or more	37	+/-19	4.5%	+/-2.2
Median rooms	4.9	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	815	+/-138	815	(X)
No bedroom	46	+/-35	5.6%	+/-4.3
1 bedroom	108	+/-54	13.3%	+/-6.2
2 bedrooms	239	+/-74	29.3%	+/-6.8
3 bedrooms	319	+/-87	39.1%	+/-8.1
4 bedrooms	92	+/-36	11.3%	+/-4.3
5 or more bedrooms	11	+/-13	1.3%	+/-1.5
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	709	+/-127	709	(X)
Owner-occupied	374	+/-86	52.8%	+/-8.9
Renter-occupied	335	+/-92	47.2%	+/-8.9
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	1.97	+/-0.24	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.73	+/-0.31	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	709	+/-127	709	(X)
Moved in 2010 or later	113	+/-51	15.9%	+/-6.1
Moved in 2000 to 2009	341	+/-82	48.1%	+/-8.3
Moved in 1990 to 1999	123	+/-49	17.3%	+/-6.3
Moved in 1980 to 1989	43	+/-28	6.1%	+/-3.9
Moved in 1970 to 1979	39	+/-23	5.5%	+/-3.1
Moved in 1969 or earlier	50	+/-32	7.1%	+/-4.3
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	709	+/-127	709	(X)
No vehicles available	102	+/-43	14.4%	+/-5.4
1 vehicle available	304	+/-80	42.9%	+/-8.4
2 vehicles available	202	+/-54	28.5%	+/-6.6
3 or more vehicles available	101	+/-50	14.2%	+/-6.1
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	709	+/-127	709	(X)
Utility gas	39	+/-23	5.5%	+/-3.3
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	53	+/-37	7.5%	+/-5.0
Electricity	353	+/-92	49.8%	+/-8.8
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	246	+/-75	34.7%	+/-8.6
Coal or coke	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-5.1
Wood	9	+/-12	1.3%	+/-1.6
Solar energy	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-5.1
Other fuel	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-5.1
No fuel used	9	+/-9	1.3%	+/-1.3
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	709	+/-127	709	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-5.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	76	+/-40	10.7%	+/-5.4
No telephone service available	47	+/-46	6.6%	+/-5.8

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	709	+/-127	709	(X)
1.00 or less	697	+/-126	98.3%	+/-2.5
1.01 to 1.50	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-5.1
1.51 or more	12	+/-18	1.7%	+/-2.5
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	374	+/-86	374	(X)
Less than \$50,000	36	+/-20	9.6%	+/-4.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	62	+/-37	16.6%	+/-8.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	52	+/-31	13.9%	+/-8.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	87	+/-31	23.3%	+/-7.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999	95	+/-45	25.4%	+/-9.5
\$300,000 to \$499,999	25	+/-19	6.7%	+/-4.9
\$500,000 to \$999,999	17	+/-22	4.5%	+/-5.9
\$1,000,000 or more	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-9.5
Median (dollars)	172,000	+/-21,279	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	374	+/-86	374	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	201	+/-54	53.7%	+/-11.7
Housing units without a mortgage	173	+/-66	46.3%	+/-11.7
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	201	+/-54	201	(X)
Less than \$300	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-16.9
\$300 to \$499	10	+/-11	5.0%	+/-5.7
\$500 to \$699	33	+/-23	16.4%	+/-11.7
\$700 to \$999	34	+/-22	16.9%	+/-9.8
\$1,000 to \$1,499	83	+/-43	41.3%	+/-16.2
\$1,500 to \$1,999	11	+/-10	5.5%	+/-5.0
\$2,000 or more	30	+/-23	14.9%	+/-10.3
Median (dollars)	1,109	+/-116	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	173	+/-66	173	(X)
Less than \$100	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-19.4
\$100 to \$199	3	+/-5	1.7%	+/-2.8
\$200 to \$299	50	+/-32	28.9%	+/-13.9
\$300 to \$399	33	+/-24	19.1%	+/-12.6
\$400 or more	87	+/-45	50.3%	+/-16.7
Median (dollars)	401	+/-49	(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)	201	+/-54	201	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	64	+/-34	31.8%	+/-13.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	35	+/-32	17.4%	+/-14.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	36	+/-25	17.9%	+/-12.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	15	+/-12	7.5%	+/-5.8
35.0 percent or more	51	+/-23	25.4%	+/-11.1
Not computed	0	+/-13	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	173	+/-66	173	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	108	+/-55	62.4%	+/-16.9
10.0 to 14.9 percent	19	+/-15	11.0%	+/-8.6
15.0 to 19.9 percent	17	+/-13	9.8%	+/-8.0

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20.0 to 24.9 percent	8	+/-8	4.6%	+/-4.7
25.0 to 29.9 percent	11	+/-20	6.4%	+/-11.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-19.4
35.0 percent or more	10	+/-10	5.8%	+/-5.8
Not computed	0	+/-13	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	318	+/-87	318	(X)
Less than \$200	0	+/-13	0.0%	+/-11.1
\$200 to \$299	75	+/-49	23.6%	+/-13.2
\$300 to \$499	54	+/-34	17.0%	+/-10.2
\$500 to \$749	92	+/-45	28.9%	+/-12.4
\$750 to \$999	51	+/-37	16.0%	+/-10.7
\$1,000 to \$1,499	41	+/-36	12.9%	+/-9.9
\$1,500 or more	5	+/-7	1.6%	+/-2.2
Median (dollars)	556	+/-77	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	17	+/-17	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	302	+/-85	302	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	51	+/-42	16.9%	+/-12.2
15.0 to 19.9 percent	22	+/-22	7.3%	+/-6.8
20.0 to 24.9 percent	50	+/-41	16.6%	+/-12.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	18	+/-14	6.0%	+/-4.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	40	+/-31	13.2%	+/-9.3
35.0 percent or more	121	+/-51	40.1%	+/-15.1
Not computed	33	+/-28	(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.