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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

2011-2015 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.

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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.

A processing error was found in the Year Structure Built estimates since data year 2008. For more information, please see the errata note #110.

Subject	Portsmouth city, Virginia			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	40,987	+/-249	40,987	(X)
Occupied housing units	36,757	+/-559	89.7%	+/-1.2
Vacant housing units	4,230	+/-501	10.3%	+/-1.2
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.7	+/-0.9	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	7.5	+/-1.5	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	40,987	+/-249	40,987	(X)
1-unit, detached	25,379	+/-484	61.9%	+/-1.2
1-unit, attached	2,971	+/-318	7.2%	+/-0.8
2 units	1,679	+/-253	4.1%	+/-0.6
3 or 4 units	2,617	+/-324	6.4%	+/-0.8
5 to 9 units	4,190	+/-428	10.2%	+/-1.0
10 to 19 units	1,767	+/-255	4.3%	+/-0.6
20 or more units	2,120	+/-216	5.2%	+/-0.5
Mobile home	240	+/-88	0.6%	+/-0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	24	+/-31	0.1%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	40,987	+/-249	40,987	(X)
Built 2014 or later	35	+/-23	0.1%	+/-0.1
Built 2010 to 2013	529	+/-152	1.3%	+/-0.4
Built 2000 to 2009	2,759	+/-275	6.7%	+/-0.7
Built 1990 to 1999	3,472	+/-327	8.5%	+/-0.8
Built 1980 to 1989	3,773	+/-312	9.2%	+/-0.8
Built 1970 to 1979	6,376	+/-454	15.6%	+/-1.1
Built 1960 to 1969	6,543	+/-451	16.0%	+/-1.1

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Built 1950 to 1959	7,377	+/-459	18.0%	+/-1.1
Built 1940 to 1949	5,110	+/-387	12.5%	+/-0.9
Built 1939 or earlier	5,013	+/-352	12.2%	+/-0.9
ROOMS				
Total housing units	40,987	+/-249	40,987	(X)
1 room	862	+/-203	2.1%	+/-0.5
2 rooms	397	+/-120	1.0%	+/-0.3
3 rooms	2,626	+/-269	6.4%	+/-0.7
4 rooms	7,290	+/-520	17.8%	+/-1.2
5 rooms	8,896	+/-523	21.7%	+/-1.3
6 rooms	8,731	+/-541	21.3%	+/-1.3
7 rooms	5,877	+/-421	14.3%	+/-1.0
8 rooms	3,240	+/-289	7.9%	+/-0.7
9 rooms or more	3,068	+/-315	7.5%	+/-0.8
Median rooms	5.5	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	40,987	+/-249	40,987	(X)
No bedroom	885	+/-202	2.2%	+/-0.5
1 bedroom	3,542	+/-318	8.6%	+/-0.8
2 bedrooms	12,601	+/-550	30.7%	+/-1.3
3 bedrooms	17,582	+/-640	42.9%	+/-1.6
4 bedrooms	5,551	+/-412	13.5%	+/-1.0
5 or more bedrooms	826	+/-177	2.0%	+/-0.4
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	36,757	+/-559	36,757	(X)
Owner-occupied	20,129	+/-618	54.8%	+/-1.6
Renter-occupied	16,628	+/-680	45.2%	+/-1.6
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.52	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.55	+/-0.07	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	36,757	+/-559	36,757	(X)
Moved in 2015 or later	686	+/-199	1.9%	+/-0.5
Moved in 2010 to 2014	12,596	+/-677	34.3%	+/-1.5
Moved in 2000 to 2009	12,365	+/-589	33.6%	+/-1.6
Moved in 1990 to 1999	4,291	+/-342	11.7%	+/-0.9
Moved in 1980 to 1989	2,255	+/-246	6.1%	+/-0.7
Moved in 1979 and earlier	4,564	+/-279	12.4%	+/-0.8
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	36,757	+/-559	36,757	(X)
No vehicles available	4,052	+/-324	11.0%	+/-0.9
1 vehicle available	14,120	+/-641	38.4%	+/-1.6
2 vehicles available	12,680	+/-547	34.5%	+/-1.4
3 or more vehicles available	5,905	+/-346	16.1%	+/-0.9
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	36,757	+/-559	36,757	(X)
Utility gas	19,161	+/-487	52.1%	+/-1.2
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	447	+/-128	1.2%	+/-0.4
Electricity	16,215	+/-579	44.1%	+/-1.2
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	716	+/-118	1.9%	+/-0.3
Coal or coke	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1
Wood	82	+/-54	0.2%	+/-0.1
Solar energy	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.1

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Other fuel	64	+/-51	0.2%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	72	+/-51	0.2%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	36,757	+/-559	36,757	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	77	+/-54	0.2%	+/-0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	141	+/-73	0.4%	+/-0.2
No telephone service available	984	+/-188	2.7%	+/-0.5
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	36,757	+/-559	36,757	(X)
1.00 or less	35,952	+/-571	97.8%	+/-0.5
1.01 to 1.50	425	+/-133	1.2%	+/-0.4
1.51 or more	380	+/-122	1.0%	+/-0.3
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	20,129	+/-618	20,129	(X)
Less than \$50,000	762	+/-114	3.8%	+/-0.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,541	+/-209	7.7%	+/-1.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4,870	+/-411	24.2%	+/-1.8
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,095	+/-416	30.3%	+/-2.0
\$200,000 to \$299,999	4,881	+/-391	24.2%	+/-1.7
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,492	+/-224	7.4%	+/-1.1
\$500,000 to \$999,999	429	+/-119	2.1%	+/-0.6
\$1,000,000 or more	59	+/-28	0.3%	+/-0.1
Median (dollars)	169,800	+/-2,349	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	20,129	+/-618	20,129	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	14,789	+/-633	73.5%	+/-1.6
Housing units without a mortgage	5,340	+/-323	26.5%	+/-1.6
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	14,789	+/-633	14,789	(X)
Less than \$500	132	+/-55	0.9%	+/-0.4
\$500 to \$999	2,143	+/-239	14.5%	+/-1.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	5,469	+/-431	37.0%	+/-2.3
\$1,500 to \$1,999	4,548	+/-401	30.8%	+/-2.3
\$2,000 to \$2,499	1,730	+/-234	11.7%	+/-1.5
\$2,500 to \$2,999	434	+/-124	2.9%	+/-0.8
\$3,000 or more	333	+/-106	2.3%	+/-0.7
Median (dollars)	1,470	+/-31	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	5,340	+/-323	5,340	(X)
Less than \$250	352	+/-98	6.6%	+/-1.9
\$250 to \$399	1,006	+/-173	18.8%	+/-3.0
\$400 to \$599	2,188	+/-259	41.0%	+/-4.1
\$600 to \$799	1,216	+/-204	22.8%	+/-3.4
\$800 to \$999	330	+/-98	6.2%	+/-1.8
\$1,000 or more	248	+/-79	4.6%	+/-1.5
Median (dollars)	521	+/-14	(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)	14,704	+/-627	14,704	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	4,213	+/-374	28.7%	+/-2.1
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,356	+/-305	16.0%	+/-1.9
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,040	+/-254	13.9%	+/-1.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,417	+/-217	9.6%	+/-1.4

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
35.0 percent or more	4,678	+/-389	31.8%	+/-2.3
Not computed	85	+/-59	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	5,300	+/-327	5,300	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	1,495	+/-190	28.2%	+/-3.3
10.0 to 14.9 percent	913	+/-203	17.2%	+/-3.4
15.0 to 19.9 percent	974	+/-183	18.4%	+/-3.2
20.0 to 24.9 percent	516	+/-108	9.7%	+/-2.0
25.0 to 29.9 percent	377	+/-86	7.1%	+/-1.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	186	+/-78	3.5%	+/-1.5
35.0 percent or more	839	+/-150	15.8%	+/-2.6
Not computed	40	+/-30	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	16,154	+/-695	16,154	(X)
Less than \$500	2,135	+/-234	13.2%	+/-1.5
\$500 to \$999	6,706	+/-527	41.5%	+/-2.6
\$1,000 to \$1,499	5,526	+/-482	34.2%	+/-2.7
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,478	+/-278	9.1%	+/-1.6
\$2,000 to \$2,499	287	+/-127	1.8%	+/-0.8
\$2,500 to \$2,999	22	+/-28	0.1%	+/-0.2
\$3,000 or more	0	+/-28	0.0%	+/-0.2
Median (dollars)	964	+/-17	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	474	+/-122	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	15,770	+/-703	15,770	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	1,250	+/-269	7.9%	+/-1.7
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,625	+/-276	10.3%	+/-1.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,177	+/-345	13.8%	+/-2.0
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,741	+/-263	11.0%	+/-1.5
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,564	+/-257	9.9%	+/-1.6
35.0 percent or more	7,413	+/-458	47.0%	+/-2.6
Not computed	858	+/-171	(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.

Households not paying cash rent are excluded from the calculation of median gross rent.

Telephone service data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #93 for details.

While the 2011-2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 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 2010 data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

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.