



Mecklenburg County, North Carolina
Selected Housing Characteristics: 2005-2009
 Data Set: **2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates**
 Survey: **American Community Survey**

NOTE. 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.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	388,558	+/-578	388,558	(X)
Occupied housing units	352,540	+/-1,804	90.7%	+/-0.5
Vacant housing units	36,018	+/-1,807	9.3%	+/-0.5
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.8	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	8.7	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	388,558	+/-578	388,558	(X)
1-unit, detached	235,415	+/-1,537	60.6%	+/-0.4
1-unit, attached	27,147	+/-1,062	7.0%	+/-0.3
2 units	7,160	+/-626	1.8%	+/-0.2
3 or 4 units	12,380	+/-770	3.2%	+/-0.2
5 to 9 units	25,769	+/-1,183	6.6%	+/-0.3
10 to 19 units	37,569	+/-1,427	9.7%	+/-0.4
20 or more units	35,243	+/-1,301	9.1%	+/-0.3
Mobile home	7,759	+/-622	2.0%	+/-0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	116	+/-109	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	388,558	+/-578	388,558	(X)
Built 2005 or later	22,375	+/-952	5.8%	+/-0.2
Built 2000 to 2004	68,018	+/-1,589	17.5%	+/-0.4
Built 1990 to 1999	91,913	+/-1,702	23.7%	+/-0.4
Built 1980 to 1989	68,448	+/-1,756	17.6%	+/-0.5
Built 1970 to 1979	48,886	+/-1,619	12.6%	+/-0.4
Built 1960 to 1969	36,412	+/-1,240	9.4%	+/-0.3
Built 1950 to 1959	27,929	+/-961	7.2%	+/-0.2
Built 1940 to 1949	12,222	+/-732	3.1%	+/-0.2
Built 1939 or earlier	12,355	+/-777	3.2%	+/-0.2
ROOMS				
Total housing units	388,558	+/-578	388,558	(X)
1 room	2,734	+/-458	0.7%	+/-0.1
2 rooms	6,607	+/-547	1.7%	+/-0.1
3 rooms	37,073	+/-1,378	9.5%	+/-0.4
4 rooms	69,529	+/-1,756	17.9%	+/-0.5
5 rooms	78,379	+/-1,675	20.2%	+/-0.4
6 rooms	65,076	+/-1,485	16.7%	+/-0.4
7 rooms	44,901	+/-1,342	11.6%	+/-0.3
8 rooms	36,161	+/-1,157	9.3%	+/-0.3
9 rooms or more	48,098	+/-1,224	12.4%	+/-0.3

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Median rooms	5.5	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	388,558	+/-578	388,558	(X)
No bedroom	3,185	+/-501	0.8%	+/-0.1
1 bedroom	42,899	+/-1,416	11.0%	+/-0.4
2 bedrooms	100,149	+/-1,944	25.8%	+/-0.5
3 bedrooms	152,861	+/-1,726	39.3%	+/-0.4
4 bedrooms	73,183	+/-1,342	18.8%	+/-0.3
5 or more bedrooms	16,281	+/-835	4.2%	+/-0.2
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	352,540	+/-1,804	352,540	(X)
Owner-occupied	222,017	+/-1,870	63.0%	+/-0.5
Renter-occupied	130,523	+/-1,907	37.0%	+/-0.5
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.54	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.16	+/-0.03	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	352,540	+/-1,804	352,540	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	138,224	+/-2,277	39.2%	+/-0.6
Moved in 2000 to 2004	106,699	+/-2,213	30.3%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1990 to 1999	64,078	+/-1,454	18.2%	+/-0.4
Moved in 1980 to 1989	20,802	+/-986	5.9%	+/-0.3
Moved in 1970 to 1979	12,321	+/-731	3.5%	+/-0.2
Moved in 1969 or earlier	10,416	+/-542	3.0%	+/-0.2
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	352,540	+/-1,804	352,540	(X)
No vehicles available	22,158	+/-1,064	6.3%	+/-0.3
1 vehicle available	130,559	+/-2,154	37.0%	+/-0.6
2 vehicles available	143,502	+/-1,934	40.7%	+/-0.5
3 or more vehicles available	56,321	+/-1,655	16.0%	+/-0.5
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	352,540	+/-1,804	352,540	(X)
Utility gas	191,288	+/-2,304	54.3%	+/-0.6
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	4,893	+/-500	1.4%	+/-0.1
Electricity	149,940	+/-2,098	42.5%	+/-0.6
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	4,545	+/-500	1.3%	+/-0.1
Coal or coke	0	+/-127	0.0%	+/-0.1
Wood	923	+/-228	0.3%	+/-0.1
Solar energy	38	+/-37	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	251	+/-122	0.1%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	662	+/-141	0.2%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	352,540	+/-1,804	352,540	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	1,420	+/-379	0.4%	+/-0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	2,082	+/-440	0.6%	+/-0.1
No telephone service available	16,678	+/-1,032	4.7%	+/-0.3
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	352,540	+/-1,804	352,540	(X)
1.00 or less	345,578	+/-1,994	98.0%	+/-0.2
1.01 to 1.50	5,675	+/-687	1.6%	+/-0.2
1.51 or more	1,287	+/-265	0.4%	+/-0.1
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	222,017	+/-1,870	222,017	(X)
Less than \$50,000	4,958	+/-448	2.2%	+/-0.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21,709	+/-915	9.8%	+/-0.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	53,632	+/-1,347	24.2%	+/-0.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	45,507	+/-1,105	20.5%	+/-0.5
\$200,000 to \$299,999	42,282	+/-1,234	19.0%	+/-0.5

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\$300,000 to \$499,999	32,208	+/-1,125	14.5%	+/-0.5
\$500,000 to \$999,999	17,259	+/-753	7.8%	+/-0.3
\$1,000,000 or more	4,462	+/-431	2.0%	+/-0.2
Median (dollars)	180,100	+/-1,631	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	222,017	+/-1,870	222,017	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	182,492	+/-2,011	82.2%	+/-0.5
Housing units without a mortgage	39,525	+/-1,105	17.8%	+/-0.5
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	182,492	+/-2,011	182,492	(X)
Less than \$300	388	+/-135	0.2%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	1,973	+/-297	1.1%	+/-0.2
\$500 to \$699	5,736	+/-500	3.1%	+/-0.3
\$700 to \$999	23,407	+/-1,153	12.8%	+/-0.6
\$1,000 to \$1,499	69,943	+/-1,767	38.3%	+/-0.8
\$1,500 to \$1,999	39,519	+/-1,283	21.7%	+/-0.7
\$2,000 or more	41,526	+/-1,137	22.8%	+/-0.6
Median (dollars)	1,426	+/-9	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	39,525	+/-1,105	39,525	(X)
Less than \$100	296	+/-144	0.7%	+/-0.4
\$100 to \$199	1,274	+/-231	3.2%	+/-0.6
\$200 to \$299	5,746	+/-529	14.5%	+/-1.3
\$300 to \$399	10,119	+/-593	25.6%	+/-1.4
\$400 or more	22,090	+/-896	55.9%	+/-1.5
Median (dollars)	430	+/-7	(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)	181,804	+/-2,023	181,804	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	74,063	+/-1,572	40.7%	+/-0.8
20.0 to 24.9 percent	29,514	+/-1,342	16.2%	+/-0.7
25.0 to 29.9 percent	22,109	+/-1,064	12.2%	+/-0.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	14,835	+/-821	8.2%	+/-0.4
35.0 percent or more	41,283	+/-1,470	22.7%	+/-0.7
Not computed	688	+/-185	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	39,155	+/-1,107	39,155	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	17,126	+/-750	43.7%	+/-1.5
10.0 to 14.9 percent	8,040	+/-583	20.5%	+/-1.4
15.0 to 19.9 percent	4,480	+/-403	11.4%	+/-1.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,645	+/-301	6.8%	+/-0.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,985	+/-248	5.1%	+/-0.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,168	+/-184	3.0%	+/-0.5
35.0 percent or more	3,711	+/-399	9.5%	+/-1.0
Not computed	370	+/-114	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	126,734	+/-1,849	126,734	(X)
Less than \$200	1,912	+/-267	1.5%	+/-0.2
\$200 to \$299	1,682	+/-248	1.3%	+/-0.2
\$300 to \$499	7,190	+/-659	5.7%	+/-0.5
\$500 to \$749	39,157	+/-1,445	30.9%	+/-1.0
\$750 to \$999	43,129	+/-1,706	34.0%	+/-1.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	27,525	+/-1,099	21.7%	+/-0.9
\$1,500 or more	6,139	+/-625	4.8%	+/-0.5
Median (dollars)	814	+/-7	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	3,789	+/-495	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	124,544	+/-1,864	124,544	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	17,060	+/-1,008	13.7%	+/-0.8

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15.0 to 19.9 percent	18,801	+/-1,144	15.1%	+/-0.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	17,750	+/-1,130	14.3%	+/-0.9
25.0 to 29.9 percent	14,336	+/-919	11.5%	+/-0.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	11,063	+/-778	8.9%	+/-0.6
35.0 percent or more	45,534	+/-1,680	36.6%	+/-1.2
Not computed	5,979	+/-775	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey

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.

Notes:

- Caution should be used when comparing data for Number of Rooms between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Number of Bedrooms between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "0 bedrooms" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- The 2005-2009 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.
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Telephone Service Availability between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "no" category and underreporting those who did not have telephone service available. For more information please see [Errata Note #53](#).
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Occupants per Room between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- 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 median gross rent excludes no cash renters.
- While the 2005-2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 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.

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.