



North Carolina

Selected Housing Characteristics: 2009

Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-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	4,258,573	+/-872	4,258,573	(X)
Occupied housing units	3,646,095	+/-15,663	85.6%	+/-0.4
Vacant housing units	612,478	+/-15,791	14.4%	+/-0.4
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.6	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	10.1	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	4,258,573	+/-872	4,258,573	(X)
1-unit, detached	2,765,543	+/-16,163	64.9%	+/-0.4
1-unit, attached	163,351	+/-6,383	3.8%	+/-0.2
2 units	96,517	+/-6,187	2.3%	+/-0.1
3 or 4 units	120,747	+/-5,579	2.8%	+/-0.1
5 to 9 units	188,796	+/-8,489	4.4%	+/-0.2
10 to 19 units	182,423	+/-8,184	4.3%	+/-0.2
20 or more units	151,978	+/-6,692	3.6%	+/-0.2
Mobile home	588,105	+/-12,664	13.8%	+/-0.3
Boat, RV, van, etc.	1,113	+/-546	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	4,258,573	+/-872	4,258,573	(X)
Built 2005 or later	321,918	+/-9,187	7.6%	+/-0.2
Built 2000 to 2004	492,937	+/-11,169	11.6%	+/-0.3
Built 1990 to 1999	896,040	+/-15,169	21.0%	+/-0.4
Built 1980 to 1989	703,599	+/-10,112	16.5%	+/-0.2
Built 1970 to 1979	635,535	+/-11,664	14.9%	+/-0.3
Built 1960 to 1969	427,438	+/-11,512	10.0%	+/-0.3
Built 1950 to 1959	340,136	+/-9,982	8.0%	+/-0.2
Built 1940 to 1949	182,481	+/-7,747	4.3%	+/-0.2
Built 1939 or earlier	258,489	+/-7,521	6.1%	+/-0.2
ROOMS				
Total housing units	4,258,573	+/-872	4,258,573	(X)
1 room	38,378	+/-3,700	0.9%	+/-0.1
2 rooms	55,015	+/-4,438	1.3%	+/-0.1
3 rooms	290,944	+/-8,770	6.8%	+/-0.2
4 rooms	777,539	+/-14,432	18.3%	+/-0.3
5 rooms	1,012,654	+/-17,465	23.8%	+/-0.4
6 rooms	810,760	+/-12,276	19.0%	+/-0.3
7 rooms	519,057	+/-9,427	12.2%	+/-0.2
8 rooms	347,560	+/-9,214	8.2%	+/-0.2

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9 rooms or more	406,666	+/-9,127	9.5%	+/-0.2
Median rooms	5.5	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	4,258,573	+/-872	4,258,573	(X)
No bedroom	41,746	+/-3,912	1.0%	+/-0.1
1 bedroom	285,502	+/-9,133	6.7%	+/-0.2
2 bedrooms	1,161,963	+/-15,381	27.3%	+/-0.4
3 bedrooms	2,031,528	+/-15,210	47.7%	+/-0.4
4 bedrooms	598,137	+/-12,204	14.0%	+/-0.3
5 or more bedrooms	139,697	+/-5,684	3.3%	+/-0.1
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	3,646,095	+/-15,663	3,646,095	(X)
Owner-occupied	2,449,917	+/-18,145	67.2%	+/-0.4
Renter-occupied	1,196,178	+/-15,743	32.8%	+/-0.4
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.56	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.36	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	3,646,095	+/-15,663	3,646,095	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	1,566,883	+/-17,676	43.0%	+/-0.4
Moved in 2000 to 2004	687,118	+/-12,589	18.8%	+/-0.3
Moved in 1990 to 1999	671,162	+/-10,505	18.4%	+/-0.3
Moved in 1980 to 1989	306,193	+/-7,114	8.4%	+/-0.2
Moved in 1970 to 1979	213,695	+/-6,220	5.9%	+/-0.2
Moved in 1969 or earlier	201,044	+/-5,705	5.5%	+/-0.2
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	3,646,095	+/-15,663	3,646,095	(X)
No vehicles available	235,821	+/-6,986	6.5%	+/-0.2
1 vehicle available	1,187,873	+/-15,949	32.6%	+/-0.4
2 vehicles available	1,402,196	+/-17,383	38.5%	+/-0.4
3 or more vehicles available	820,205	+/-11,551	22.5%	+/-0.3
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	3,646,095	+/-15,663	3,646,095	(X)
Utility gas	927,972	+/-10,780	25.5%	+/-0.3
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	334,066	+/-8,526	9.2%	+/-0.2
Electricity	2,080,834	+/-17,875	57.1%	+/-0.4
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	206,352	+/-5,814	5.7%	+/-0.2
Coal or coke	590	+/-452	0.0%	+/-0.1
Wood	79,970	+/-4,934	2.2%	+/-0.1
Solar energy	736	+/-357	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	4,534	+/-1,027	0.1%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	11,041	+/-1,711	0.3%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	3,646,095	+/-15,663	3,646,095	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	21,063	+/-2,703	0.6%	+/-0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	28,541	+/-3,036	0.8%	+/-0.1
No telephone service available	87,801	+/-5,531	2.4%	+/-0.2
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	3,646,095	+/-15,663	3,646,095	(X)
1.00 or less	3,569,049	+/-14,996	97.9%	+/-0.1
1.01 to 1.50	61,470	+/-4,303	1.7%	+/-0.1
1.51 or more	15,576	+/-2,102	0.4%	+/-0.1
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	2,449,917	+/-18,145	2,449,917	(X)
Less than \$50,000	234,584	+/-6,696	9.6%	+/-0.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	437,648	+/-9,252	17.9%	+/-0.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	495,287	+/-11,630	20.2%	+/-0.4

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\$150,000 to \$199,999	438,174	+/-9,957	17.9%	+/-0.4
\$200,000 to \$299,999	421,637	+/-9,451	17.2%	+/-0.4
\$300,000 to \$499,999	282,718	+/-7,285	11.5%	+/-0.3
\$500,000 to \$999,999	115,273	+/-4,211	4.7%	+/-0.2
\$1,000,000 or more	24,596	+/-2,397	1.0%	+/-0.1
Median (dollars)	155,500	+/-1,169	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	2,449,917	+/-18,145	2,449,917	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	1,661,351	+/-18,020	67.8%	+/-0.4
Housing units without a mortgage	788,566	+/-10,941	32.2%	+/-0.4
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	1,661,351	+/-18,020	1,661,351	(X)
Less than \$300	4,803	+/-924	0.3%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	48,300	+/-3,679	2.9%	+/-0.2
\$500 to \$699	132,398	+/-6,792	8.0%	+/-0.4
\$700 to \$999	348,529	+/-8,961	21.0%	+/-0.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	566,239	+/-10,853	34.1%	+/-0.6
\$1,500 to \$1,999	295,630	+/-8,210	17.8%	+/-0.5
\$2,000 or more	265,452	+/-7,038	16.0%	+/-0.4
Median (dollars)	1,236	+/-8	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	788,566	+/-10,941	788,566	(X)
Less than \$100	10,190	+/-1,449	1.3%	+/-0.2
\$100 to \$199	94,964	+/-4,947	12.0%	+/-0.6
\$200 to \$299	194,205	+/-5,750	24.6%	+/-0.6
\$300 to \$399	194,470	+/-6,382	24.7%	+/-0.7
\$400 or more	294,737	+/-7,097	37.4%	+/-0.8
Median (dollars)	345	+/-3	(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)	1,654,560	+/-17,970	1,654,560	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	635,791	+/-12,055	38.4%	+/-0.5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	282,300	+/-8,075	17.1%	+/-0.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	199,113	+/-6,258	12.0%	+/-0.4
30.0 to 34.9 percent	130,686	+/-6,014	7.9%	+/-0.4
35.0 percent or more	406,670	+/-9,295	24.6%	+/-0.5
Not computed	6,791	+/-1,223	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	778,472	+/-10,946	778,472	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	334,652	+/-7,130	43.0%	+/-0.7
10.0 to 14.9 percent	151,254	+/-5,731	19.4%	+/-0.7
15.0 to 19.9 percent	93,736	+/-4,621	12.0%	+/-0.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	57,489	+/-3,548	7.4%	+/-0.4
25.0 to 29.9 percent	36,884	+/-2,987	4.7%	+/-0.4
30.0 to 34.9 percent	26,154	+/-2,339	3.4%	+/-0.3
35.0 percent or more	78,303	+/-4,313	10.1%	+/-0.5
Not computed	10,094	+/-1,684	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	1,097,601	+/-15,321	1,097,601	(X)
Less than \$200	29,437	+/-2,723	2.7%	+/-0.3
\$200 to \$299	36,792	+/-3,474	3.4%	+/-0.3
\$300 to \$499	142,636	+/-6,451	13.0%	+/-0.5
\$500 to \$749	389,580	+/-10,903	35.5%	+/-0.8
\$750 to \$999	301,203	+/-10,431	27.4%	+/-0.9
\$1,000 to \$1,499	161,863	+/-6,950	14.7%	+/-0.6
\$1,500 or more	36,090	+/-3,525	3.3%	+/-0.3
Median (dollars)	720	+/-5	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	98,577	+/-5,039	(X)	(X)

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GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	1,071,944	+/-15,161	1,071,944	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	134,056	+/-5,921	12.5%	+/-0.5
15.0 to 19.9 percent	129,697	+/-6,748	12.1%	+/-0.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	140,716	+/-5,985	13.1%	+/-0.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	122,557	+/-6,993	11.4%	+/-0.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	98,253	+/-5,654	9.2%	+/-0.5
35.0 percent or more	446,665	+/-10,728	41.7%	+/-0.8
Not computed	124,234	+/-6,139	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 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 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 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.