

Rhode Island

Selected Housing Characteristics: **2008**

Data Set: 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

Housing - Occupancy and Structure, Housing Value and Costs, Utilities...

Selected Housing Characteristics	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Margin of Error</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Margin of Error</u>
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	451,770	+/-292	451,770	(X)
Occupied housing units	399,107	+/-3,931	88.3%	+/-0.9
Vacant housing units	52,663	+/-3,938	11.7%	+/-0.9
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.2	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	7.4	+/-1.2	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	451,770	+/-292	451,770	(X)
1-unit, detached	248,404	+/-4,696	55.0%	+/-1.0
1-unit, attached	13,324	+/-1,679	2.9%	+/-0.4
2 units	49,831	+/-3,510	11.0%	+/-0.8
3 or 4 units	63,092	+/-4,088	14.0%	+/-0.9
5 to 9 units	24,317	+/-2,711	5.4%	+/-0.6
10 to 19 units	14,986	+/-2,066	3.3%	+/-0.5
20 or more units	33,152	+/-2,509	7.3%	+/-0.6
Mobile home	4,664	+/-1,110	1.0%	+/-0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-287	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	451,770	+/-292	451,770	(X)
Built 2005 or later	6,323	+/-1,136	1.4%	+/-0.3
Built 2000 to 2004	16,666	+/-1,823	3.7%	+/-0.4
Built 1990 to 1999	32,770	+/-2,737	7.3%	+/-0.6
Built 1980 to 1989	52,338	+/-3,423	11.6%	+/-0.8
Built 1970 to 1979	55,141	+/-3,704	12.2%	+/-0.8
Built 1960 to 1969	48,207	+/-3,159	10.7%	+/-0.7
Built 1950 to 1959	51,680	+/-3,169	11.4%	+/-0.7
Built 1940 to 1949	32,637	+/-2,522	7.2%	+/-0.6
Built 1939 or earlier	156,008	+/-4,797	34.5%	+/-1.1
ROOMS				
Total housing units	451,770	+/-292	451,770	(X)
1 room	14,765	+/-2,344	3.3%	+/-0.5
2 rooms	13,530	+/-1,951	3.0%	+/-0.4
3 rooms	42,239	+/-3,038	9.3%	+/-0.7
4 rooms	72,400	+/-3,553	16.0%	+/-0.8

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
5 rooms	96,341	+/-4,572	21.3%	+/-1.0
6 rooms	83,498	+/-3,764	18.5%	+/-0.8
7 rooms	50,553	+/-2,902	11.2%	+/-0.6
8 rooms	36,337	+/-3,221	8.0%	+/-0.7
9 rooms or more	42,107	+/-3,254	9.3%	+/-0.7
Median rooms	5.4	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	451,770	+/-292	451,770	(X)
No bedroom	16,097	+/-2,354	3.6%	+/-0.5
1 bedroom	62,803	+/-3,549	13.9%	+/-0.8
2 bedrooms	135,452	+/-5,368	30.0%	+/-1.2
3 bedrooms	171,421	+/-5,463	37.9%	+/-1.2
4 bedrooms	51,414	+/-3,367	11.4%	+/-0.7
5 or more bedrooms	14,583	+/-2,223	3.2%	+/-0.5
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	399,107	+/-3,931	399,107	(X)
Owner-occupied	249,139	+/-4,669	62.4%	+/-1.1
Renter-occupied	149,968	+/-4,868	37.6%	+/-1.1
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.77	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.15	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	399,107	+/-3,931	399,107	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	129,336	+/-4,699	32.4%	+/-1.0
Moved in 2000 to 2004	86,714	+/-4,589	21.7%	+/-1.1
Moved in 1990 to 1999	82,137	+/-3,673	20.6%	+/-0.9
Moved in 1980 to 1989	40,403	+/-2,517	10.1%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1970 to 1979	28,717	+/-2,549	7.2%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1969 or earlier	31,800	+/-2,282	8.0%	+/-0.6
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	399,107	+/-3,931	399,107	(X)
No vehicles available	37,583	+/-3,231	9.4%	+/-0.8
1 vehicle available	143,647	+/-4,663	36.0%	+/-1.2
2 vehicles available	150,043	+/-5,292	37.6%	+/-1.3
3 or more vehicles available	67,834	+/-3,931	17.0%	+/-1.0
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	399,107	+/-3,931	399,107	(X)
Utility gas	196,604	+/-4,634	49.3%	+/-1.1
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	7,791	+/-1,273	2.0%	+/-0.3
Electricity	32,681	+/-2,695	8.2%	+/-0.7
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	154,070	+/-3,743	38.6%	+/-0.9

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
Coal or coke	1,011	+/-481	0.3%	+/-0.1
Wood	5,221	+/-988	1.3%	+/-0.2
Solar energy	82	+/-131	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	975	+/-361	0.2%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	672	+/-358	0.2%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	399,107	+/-3,931	399,107	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	1,393	+/-626	0.3%	+/-0.2
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	3,791	+/-1,000	0.9%	+/-0.2
No telephone service available	8,907	+/-1,851	2.2%	+/-0.5
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	399,107	+/-3,931	399,107	(X)
1.00 or less	393,232	+/-4,166	98.5%	+/-0.3
1.01 to 1.50	4,020	+/-908	1.0%	+/-0.2
1.51 or more	1,855	+/-787	0.5%	+/-0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	249,139	+/-4,669	249,139	(X)
Less than \$50,000	4,647	+/-920	1.9%	+/-0.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,038	+/-726	0.8%	+/-0.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	6,098	+/-855	2.4%	+/-0.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	21,292	+/-1,867	8.5%	+/-0.7
\$200,000 to \$299,999	105,013	+/-3,635	42.2%	+/-1.2
\$300,000 to \$499,999	76,314	+/-3,392	30.6%	+/-1.3
\$500,000 to \$999,999	28,075	+/-2,471	11.3%	+/-1.0
\$1,000,000 or more	5,662	+/-1,322	2.3%	+/-0.5
Median (dollars)	286,000	+/-3,029	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	249,139	+/-4,669	249,139	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	180,369	+/-4,715	72.4%	+/-1.3
Housing units without a mortgage	68,770	+/-3,488	27.6%	+/-1.3
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	180,369	+/-4,715	180,369	(X)
Less than \$300	391	+/-407	0.2%	+/-0.2
\$300 to \$499	1,693	+/-560	0.9%	+/-0.3
\$500 to \$699	3,718	+/-660	2.1%	+/-0.4
\$700 to \$999	10,287	+/-1,465	5.7%	+/-0.8
\$1,000 to \$1,499	32,585	+/-2,402	18.1%	+/-1.2
\$1,500 to \$1,999	52,283	+/-3,391	29.0%	+/-1.8
\$2,000 or more	79,412	+/-3,815	44.0%	+/-1.8
Median (dollars)	1,888	+/-30	(X)	(X)

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
Housing units without a mortgage	68,770	+/-3,488	68,770	(X)
Less than \$100	105	+/-131	0.2%	+/-0.2
\$100 to \$199	408	+/-267	0.6%	+/-0.4
\$200 to \$299	1,260	+/-497	1.8%	+/-0.7
\$300 to \$399	4,958	+/-929	7.2%	+/-1.3
\$400 or more	62,039	+/-3,228	90.2%	+/-1.4
Median (dollars)	635	+/-11	(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)	179,523	+/-4,726	179,523	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	47,446	+/-2,799	26.4%	+/-1.5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	30,256	+/-2,616	16.9%	+/-1.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	25,672	+/-2,374	14.3%	+/-1.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	15,739	+/-1,949	8.8%	+/-1.0
35.0 percent or more	60,410	+/-3,466	33.7%	+/-1.8
Not computed	846	+/-668	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	68,163	+/-3,471	68,163	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	17,938	+/-1,724	26.3%	+/-2.1
10.0 to 14.9 percent	14,686	+/-1,556	21.5%	+/-2.1
15.0 to 19.9 percent	9,530	+/-1,297	14.0%	+/-1.8
20.0 to 24.9 percent	5,821	+/-1,074	8.5%	+/-1.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	4,517	+/-975	6.6%	+/-1.4
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,491	+/-636	3.7%	+/-0.9
35.0 percent or more	13,180	+/-1,488	19.3%	+/-2.1
Not computed	607	+/-304	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	145,478	+/-4,805	145,478	(X)
Less than \$200	6,584	+/-1,399	4.5%	+/-1.0
\$200 to \$299	10,882	+/-1,441	7.5%	+/-1.0
\$300 to \$499	12,878	+/-1,918	8.9%	+/-1.2
\$500 to \$749	25,561	+/-2,788	17.6%	+/-1.8
\$750 to \$999	42,096	+/-3,346	28.9%	+/-2.1
\$1,000 to \$1,499	36,471	+/-3,100	25.1%	+/-1.9
\$1,500 or more	11,006	+/-1,592	7.6%	+/-1.1
Median (dollars)	850	+/-20	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	4,490	+/-1,039	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units	141,902	+/-4,637	141,902	(X)

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
where GRAPI cannot be computed)				
Less than 15.0 percent	15,765	+/-2,194	11.1%	+/-1.5
15.0 to 19.9 percent	17,953	+/-2,328	12.7%	+/-1.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	18,393	+/-2,303	13.0%	+/-1.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	20,101	+/-2,454	14.2%	+/-1.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	15,615	+/-2,208	11.0%	+/-1.5
35.0 percent or more	54,075	+/-3,626	38.1%	+/-2.4
Not computed	8,066	+/-1,702	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 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 Rooms between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Rooms question involving the wording as well as the response option resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in "1 room" category and as a decrease in the "2 rooms" to "6 rooms" categories. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Rooms section of the Subject Definitions at: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=21.
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Bedrooms between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Bedrooms question involving the wording as well as the response option resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in "No bedroom" category and as a decrease in the "1 bedroom" to "3 bedrooms" categories. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Bedrooms section of the Subject Definitions at: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=9.
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Occupants per Room between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Rooms question involving the wording as well as the response option resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in "1 room" category and as a decrease in the "2 rooms" to "6 rooms" categories. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Rooms section of the Subject Definitions at: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=21.
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Telephone Service Availability between 2007 and 2008. Changes made to the Telephone Service Availability question involving the structure of the question as well as including an instruction to include cell phones resulted in an inconsistency in the data. It is most noticeable as an increase in respondents answering "yes" to the question. For more detailed information about these changes, see the Telephone Service Available section of the Subject Definitions at: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/2008/usedata/Subject_Definitions.pdf#page=24.
- 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 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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. The 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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 PRCS 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. The data on plumbing and kitchen facilities for Puerto Rico will not be shown because the results of a cognitive evaluation of the Spanish language translation of the questions on plumbing and kitchen facilities indicated that respondents in the Puerto Rico Community Survey may not have clearly understood the intent of these revised questions introduced in 2008.