

Selected Housing Characteristics: 2005-2007

Data Set: 2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimate
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Houston city, Texas

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	855,839	+/-1,748	100%	(X)
Occupied housing units	738,807	+/-3,484	86.3%	+/-0.4
Vacant housing units	117,032	+/-3,129	13.7%	+/-0.4
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.9	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	13.7	+/-0.5	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	855,839	+/-1,748	100%	(X)
1-unit, detached	391,325	+/-3,371	45.7%	+/-0.4
1-unit, attached	40,039	+/-1,767	4.7%	+/-0.2
2 units	16,882	+/-1,507	2.0%	+/-0.2
3 or 4 units	35,294	+/-1,976	4.1%	+/-0.2
5 to 9 units	69,488	+/-2,839	8.1%	+/-0.3
10 to 19 units	153,192	+/-3,937	17.9%	+/-0.5
20 or more units	140,802	+/-3,332	16.5%	+/-0.4
Mobile home	8,423	+/-781	1.0%	+/-0.1
Boat, RV, van, etc.	394	+/-183	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	855,839	+/-1,748	100%	(X)
Built 2005 or later	16,543	+/-1,353	1.9%	+/-0.2
Built 2000 to 2004	71,424	+/-2,374	8.3%	+/-0.3
Built 1990 to 1999	74,477	+/-2,429	8.7%	+/-0.3
Built 1980 to 1989	129,779	+/-3,072	15.2%	+/-0.4
Built 1970 to 1979	237,186	+/-4,338	27.7%	+/-0.5
Built 1960 to 1969	135,211	+/-3,732	15.8%	+/-0.4
Built 1950 to 1959	104,985	+/-3,272	12.3%	+/-0.4
Built 1940 to 1949	42,521	+/-1,705	5.0%	+/-0.2
Built 1939 or earlier	43,713	+/-2,114	5.1%	+/-0.2
ROOMS				
Total housing units	855,839	+/-1,748	100%	(X)
1 room	6,556	+/-797	0.8%	+/-0.1
2 rooms	53,647	+/-2,574	6.3%	+/-0.3
3 rooms	163,148	+/-3,877	19.1%	+/-0.4
4 rooms	184,769	+/-3,931	21.6%	+/-0.5
5 rooms	171,577	+/-3,812	20.0%	+/-0.4
6 rooms	129,830	+/-2,677	15.2%	+/-0.3
7 rooms	69,829	+/-2,163	8.2%	+/-0.2
8 rooms	39,649	+/-1,728	4.6%	+/-0.2
9 rooms or more	36,834	+/-1,484	4.3%	+/-0.2

Median (rooms)	4.6	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units:	855,839	+/-1,748	100%	(X)
No bedroom	8,916	+/-863	1.0%	+/-0.1
1 bedroom	224,489	+/-4,193	26.2%	+/-0.5
2 bedrooms	261,463	+/-4,584	30.6%	+/-0.5
3 bedrooms	256,903	+/-3,493	30.0%	+/-0.4
4 bedrooms	89,044	+/-2,432	10.4%	+/-0.3
5 or more bedrooms	15,024	+/-1,215	1.8%	+/-0.1
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing unit:	738,807	+/-3,484	100%	(X)
Owner-occupied	348,876	+/-3,862	47.2%	+/-0.5
Renter-occupied	389,931	+/-4,091	52.8%	+/-0.5
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.88	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.55	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing unit:	738,807	+/-3,484	100%	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	223,434	+/-3,839	30.2%	+/-0.5
Moved in 2000 to 2004	242,900	+/-4,404	32.9%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1990 to 1999	138,679	+/-3,432	18.8%	+/-0.5
Moved in 1980 to 1989	55,198	+/-1,688	7.5%	+/-0.2
Moved in 1970 to 1979	42,025	+/-1,713	5.7%	+/-0.2
Moved in 1969 or earlier	36,571	+/-1,484	5.0%	+/-0.2
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing unit:	738,807	+/-3,484	100%	(X)
No vehicles available	76,493	+/-2,718	10.4%	+/-0.4
1 vehicle available	325,244	+/-3,906	44.0%	+/-0.5
2 vehicles available	252,011	+/-3,664	34.1%	+/-0.5
3 or more vehicles available	85,059	+/-3,225	11.5%	+/-0.4
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing unit:	738,807	+/-3,484	100%	(X)
Utility gas	299,503	+/-4,113	40.5%	+/-0.5
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	3,670	+/-475	0.5%	+/-0.1
Electricity	429,544	+/-4,464	58.1%	+/-0.5
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	390	+/-189	0.1%	+/-0.1
Coal or coke	0	+/-165	0.0%	+/-0.1
Wood	175	+/-107	0.0%	+/-0.1
Solar energy	132	+/-134	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	488	+/-255	0.1%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	4,905	+/-742	0.7%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing unit:	738,807	+/-3,484	100%	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	2,268	+/-504	0.3%	+/-0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	3,198	+/-580	0.4%	+/-0.1
No telephone service available	65,890	+/-2,247	8.9%	+/-0.3
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing unit:	738,807	+/-3,484	100%	(X)
1.00 or less	686,325	+/-3,841	92.9%	+/-0.3
1.01 to 1.50	40,177	+/-2,043	5.4%	+/-0.3
1.51 or more	12,305	+/-1,107	1.7%	+/-0.2

VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	348,876	+/-3,862	100%	(X)
Less than \$50,000	29,742	+/-1,646	8.5%	+/-0.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	103,386	+/-2,998	29.6%	+/-0.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	88,321	+/-2,894	25.3%	+/-0.7
\$150,000 to \$199,999	43,404	+/-1,697	12.4%	+/-0.5
\$200,000 to \$299,999	37,002	+/-1,539	10.6%	+/-0.4
\$300,000 to \$499,999	30,163	+/-1,293	8.6%	+/-0.4
\$500,000 to \$999,999	12,605	+/-805	3.6%	+/-0.2
\$1,000,000 or more	4,253	+/-442	1.2%	+/-0.1
Median (dollars)	119,300	+/-1,076	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS AND SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS				
Owner-occupied units	348,876	+/-3,862	100%	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	219,028	+/-3,706	100%	(X)
Less than \$300	211	+/-119	0.1%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	1,998	+/-394	0.6%	+/-0.1
\$500 to \$699	9,616	+/-1,046	2.8%	+/-0.3
\$700 to \$999	36,159	+/-1,606	10.4%	+/-0.4
\$1,000 to \$1,499	77,529	+/-2,975	22.2%	+/-0.8
\$1,500 to \$1,999	43,205	+/-1,795	12.4%	+/-0.5
\$2,000 or more	50,310	+/-1,739	14.4%	+/-0.5
Median (dollars)	1,388	+/-11	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	129,848	+/-2,358	100%	(X)
Less than \$100	1,460	+/-332	0.4%	+/-0.1
\$100 to \$199	7,297	+/-767	2.1%	+/-0.2
\$200 to \$299	16,206	+/-1,100	4.6%	+/-0.3
\$300 to \$399	21,098	+/-1,136	6.0%	+/-0.3
\$400 or more	83,787	+/-2,234	24.0%	+/-0.6
Median (dollars)	484	+/-6	(X)	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
Owner-occupied units	348,876	+/-3,862	100%	(X)
Housing unit with a mortgage	219,028	+/-3,706	100%	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	76,239	+/-2,267	21.9%	+/-0.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	33,380	+/-1,595	9.6%	+/-0.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	26,582	+/-1,469	7.6%	+/-0.4
30.0 to 34.9 percent	17,597	+/-1,380	5.0%	+/-0.4
35.0 percent or more	63,706	+/-2,177	18.3%	+/-0.5
Not computed	1,524	+/-480	100%	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage	129,848	+/-2,358	100%	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	45,429	+/-1,483	13.0%	+/-0.4
10.0 to 14.9 percent	27,532	+/-1,294	7.9%	+/-0.4
15.0 to 19.9 percent	15,075	+/-984	4.3%	+/-0.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	11,019	+/-1,016	3.2%	+/-0.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	6,946	+/-659	2.0%	+/-0.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	4,198	+/-565	1.2%	+/-0.2
35.0 percent or more	17,697	+/-1,237	5.1%	+/-0.4
Not computed	1,952	+/-475	100%	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Renter-occupied units	389,931	+/-4,091	100%	(X)
Less than \$200	4,487	+/-645	1.2%	+/-0.2
\$200 to \$299	4,301	+/-573	1.1%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	30,989	+/-1,701	7.9%	+/-0.5

\$500 to \$749	153,706	+/-4,191	39.4%	+/-0.9
\$750 to \$999	107,377	+/-3,288	27.5%	+/-0.8
\$1,000 to \$1,499	58,238	+/-2,325	14.9%	+/-0.6
\$1,500 or more	15,316	+/-1,136	3.9%	+/-0.3
No cash rent	15,517	+/-1,256	100%	(X)
Median (dollars)	740	+/-6	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
Renter-occupied units	389,931	+/-4,091	100%	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	45,660	+/-1,886	11.7%	+/-0.5
15.0 to 19.9 percent	47,010	+/-2,252	12.1%	+/-0.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	49,509	+/-2,217	12.7%	+/-0.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	38,870	+/-2,190	10.0%	+/-0.5
30.0 to 34.9 percent	33,149	+/-1,885	8.5%	+/-0.5
35.0 percent or more	152,368	+/-3,575	39.1%	+/-0.7
Not computed	23,365	+/-1,640	100%	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 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:

-The median gross rent excludes no cash renters.

-The estimate for median value, mortgage status and selected monthly owner costs, median mortgage status and selected monthly owner costs, gross rent, and median gross rent for previous years is adjusted for inflation to the current year.

-While the 2007 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2006 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2000

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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 the margin of error.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute the estimate.
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.
6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.