

District of Columbia Selected Housing Characteristics: 2008 Data Set: 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates				
Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	285,363	47	285,363	(X)
Occupied housing units	249,996	3,353	87.6%	1.2
Vacant housing units	35,367	3,350	12.4%	1.2
Homeowner vacancy rate	3.2	1	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	6.5	1.1	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	285,363	47	285,363	(X)
1-unit, detached	35,814	2,291	12.6%	0.8
1-unit, attached	74,149	3,581	26.0%	1.3
2 units	8,360	1,367	2.9%	0.5
3 or 4 units	23,393	2,752	8.2%	1
5 to 9 units	18,214	2,342	6.4%	0.8
10 to 19 units	31,677	2,324	11.1%	0.8
20 or more units	93,589	3,318	32.8%	1.2
Mobile home	0	296	0.0%	0.1
Boat, RV, van, etc.	167	182	0.1%	0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	285,363	47	285,363	(X)
Built 2005 or later	6,914	1,143	2.4%	0.4
Built 2000 to 2004	9,174	1,353	3.2%	0.5
Built 1990 to 1999	7,283	1,227	2.6%	0.4
Built 1980 to 1989	10,961	1,581	3.8%	0.6
Built 1970 to 1979	23,127	2,542	8.1%	0.9
Built 1960 to 1969	40,696	3,078	14.3%	1.1
Built 1950 to 1959	46,622	3,459	16.3%	1.2
Built 1940 to 1949	43,462	3,263	15.2%	1.1
Built 1939 or earlier	97,124	3,394	34.0%	1.2

ROOMS				
Total housing units	285,363	47	285,363	(X)
1 room	22,056	2,615	7.7%	0.9
2 rooms	24,056	2,568	8.4%	0.9
3 rooms	59,304	4,163	20.8%	1.5
4 rooms	53,792	3,570	18.9%	1.3
5 rooms	30,490	2,916	10.7%	1
6 rooms	28,953	2,413	10.1%	0.8
7 rooms	19,869	2,211	7.0%	0.8
8 rooms	18,265	1,866	6.4%	0.7
9 rooms or more	28,578	2,323	10.0%	0.8
Median rooms	4.2	0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	285,363	47	285,363	(X)
No bedroom	32,493	2,710	11.4%	0.9
1 bedroom	85,420	3,870	29.9%	1.4
2 bedrooms	73,632	3,467	25.8%	1.2
3 bedrooms	59,681	3,516	20.9%	1.2
4 bedrooms	22,251	2,067	7.8%	0.7
5 or more bedrooms	11,886	1,643	4.2%	0.6
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	249,996	3,353	249,996	(X)
Owner-occupied	108,571	4,051	43.4%	1.6
Renter-occupied	141,425	4,835	56.6%	1.6
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.39	0.06	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.1	0.06	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	249,996	3,353	249,996	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	113,220	4,104	45.3%	1.4
Moved in 2000 to 2004	52,047	3,228	20.8%	1.3
Moved in 1990 to 1999	38,488	3,179	15.4%	1.2
Moved in 1980 to 1989	18,332	1,727	7.3%	0.7
Moved in 1970 to 1979	12,839	1,503	5.1%	0.6
Moved in 1969 or earlier	15,070	1,514	6.0%	0.6

VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	249,996	3,353	249,996	(X)
No vehicles available	88,702	4,288	35.5%	1.5
1 vehicle available	111,390	4,339	44.6%	1.7
2 vehicles available	39,241	2,781	15.7%	1.1
3 or more vehicles available	10,663	1,651	4.3%	0.7
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	249,996	3,353	249,996	(X)
Utility gas	159,504	3,579	63.8%	1.4
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	1,931	596	0.8%	0.2
Electricity	75,228	3,799	30.1%	1.4
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	9,638	1,641	3.9%	0.6
Coal or coke	74	129	0.0%	0.1
Wood	54	95	0.0%	0.1
Solar energy	0	296	0.0%	0.1
Other fuel	1,799	609	0.7%	0.2
No fuel used	1,768	567	0.7%	0.2
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	249,996	3,353	249,996	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	1,552	831	0.6%	0.3
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	1,226	766	0.5%	0.3
No telephone service available	5,597	1,580	2.2%	0.6
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	249,996	3,353	249,996	(X)
1.00 or less	243,792	3,700	97.5%	0.6
1.01 to 1.50	2,385	787	1.0%	0.3
1.51 or more	3,819	1,150	1.5%	0.5
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	108,571	4,051	108,571	(X)
Less than \$50,000	1,430	479	1.3%	0.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	761	340	0.7%	0.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,243	608	1.1%	0.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,920	1,120	3.6%	1
\$200,000 to \$299,999	15,131	1,982	13.9%	1.7
\$300,000 to \$499,999	36,109	2,695	33.3%	2
\$500,000 to \$999,999	38,166	2,248	35.2%	1.9
\$1,000,000 or more	11,811	1,343	10.9%	1.2
Median (dollars)	474,100	12,916	(X)	(X)

MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	108,571	4,051	108,571	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	84,286	3,988	77.6%	1.6
Housing units without a mortgage	24,285	1,763	22.4%	1.6
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	84,286	3,988	84,286	(X)
Less than \$300	120	143	0.1%	0.2
\$300 to \$499	581	355	0.7%	0.4
\$500 to \$699	1,612	558	1.9%	0.6
\$700 to \$999	6,085	970	7.2%	1.1
\$1,000 to \$1,499	13,161	1,822	15.6%	1.9
\$1,500 to \$1,999	14,592	1,806	17.3%	2
\$2,000 or more	48,135	2,741	57.1%	2.2
Median (dollars)	2,218	66	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	24,285	1,763	24,285	(X)
Less than \$100	608	478	2.5%	2
\$100 to \$199	573	338	2.4%	1.3
\$200 to \$299	2,583	782	10.6%	3.2
\$300 to \$399	3,377	771	13.9%	3.2
\$400 or more	17,144	1,693	70.6%	4.2
Median (dollars)	557	32	(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)	84,074	3,958	84,074	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	31,550	2,550	37.5%	2.5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	11,737	1,462	14.0%	1.7
25.0 to 29.9 percent	9,201	1,438	10.9%	1.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	6,171	1,060	7.3%	1.3
35.0 percent or more	25,415	2,768	30.2%	2.6
Not computed	212	221	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	24,285	1,763	24,285	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	11,553	1,441	47.6%	4.4
10.0 to 14.9 percent	4,206	849	17.3%	3.5
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,999	608	8.2%	2.5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,673	513	6.9%	2
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,135	463	4.7%	1.8
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,104	570	4.5%	2.3
35.0 percent or more	2,615	731	10.8%	2.9
Not computed	0	296	(X)	(X)

GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	138,629	4,812	138,629	(X)
Less than \$200	7,304	1,245	5.3%	0.9
\$200 to \$299	4,647	1,237	3.4%	0.9
\$300 to \$499	6,489	1,231	4.7%	0.8
\$500 to \$749	20,902	2,251	15.1%	1.6
\$750 to \$999	28,946	3,166	20.9%	2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	37,287	2,850	26.9%	2
\$1,500 or more	33,054	2,345	23.8%	1.5
Median (dollars)	1,011	33	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	2,796	733	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRPI cannot be computed)	135,421	4,966	135,421	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	17,561	2,100	13.0%	1.4
15.0 to 19.9 percent	18,817	2,239	13.9%	1.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	17,579	2,073	13.0%	1.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	17,178	2,235	12.7%	1.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	12,521	1,748	9.2%	1.2
35.0 percent or more	51,765	3,908	38.2%	2.3
Not computed	6,004	1,257	(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 GRAP1 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.