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Lucas County, Ohio

Selected Housing Characteristics: 2008

Data Set: 2008 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.

We have identified errors in the 2008 ACS 1-year and 2006-2008 ACS 3-year data affecting the kitchen, telephone, rooms, and bedrooms tables. For more information, please click here.

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY	21 2112			
Total housing units	203,843	+/-1,156	203,843	(X)
Occupied housing units	180,738	+/-2,699	88.7%	+/-1.3
Vacant housing units	23,105	+/-2,705	11.3%	+/-1.3
Homeowner vacancy rate	3.9	+/-1.1	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	8.9	+/-2.1	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	203,843	+/-1,156	203,843	(X)
1-unit, detached	139,990	+/-2,810	68.7%	+/-1.4
1-unit, attached	7,580	+/-1,356	3.7%	+/-0.7
2 units	10,652	+/-1,972	5.2%	+/-1.0
3 or 4 units	7,471	+/-1,564	3.7%	+/-0.8
5 to 9 units	10,226	+/-1,484	5.0%	+/-0.7
10 to 19 units	11,725	+/-1,630	5.8%	+/-0.8
20 or more units	11,528	+/-1,820	5.7%	+/-0.9
Mobile home	4,671	+/-943	2.3%	+/-0.5
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-265	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	203,843	+/-1,156	203,843	(X)
Built 2005 or later	2,873	+/-799	1.4%	+/-0.4
Built 2000 to 2004	10,681	+/-1,497	5.2%	+/-0.7
Built 1990 to 1999	12,069	+/-1,255	5.9%	+/-0.6
Built 1980 to 1989	17,007	+/-1,912	8.3%	+/-0.9
Built 1970 to 1979	30,652	+/-2,370	15.0%	+/-1.2
Built 1960 to 1969	21,125	+/-1,960	10.4%	+/-1.0
Built 1950 to 1959	33,940	+/-2,533	16.7%	+/-1.2
Built 1940 to 1949	18,305	+/-1,922	9.0%	+/-0.9
Built 1939 or earlier	57,191	+/-3,003	28.1%	+/-1.4
ROOMS				
Total housing units	203,843		203,843	(X)
1 room	4,810	+/-1,347	2.4%	+/-0.7
2 rooms	4,675	+/-1,447	2.3%	+/-0.7
3 rooms	11,591	+/-1,811	5.7%	+/-0.9
4 rooms	24,117	+/-2,377	11.8%	+/-1.2
5 rooms	38,295	+/-2,819	18.8%	+/-1.4
6 rooms	48,011	+/-2,878	23.6%	+/-1.4
7 rooms	31,938	+/-2,620	15.7%	+/-1.3

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8 rooms	20,348	+/-2,046	10.0%	+/-1.0
9 rooms or more	20,058	+/-1,936	9.8%	+/-1.0
Median rooms	5.9	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	203,843	+/-1,156	203,843	(X)
No bedroom	6,562	+/-1,460	3.2%	+/-0.7
1 bedroom	19,233	+/-1,883	9.4%	+/-0.9
2 bedrooms	55,861	+/-3,312	27.4%	+/-1.6
3 bedrooms	84,414	+/-3,439	41.4%	+/-1.6
4 bedrooms 5 or more bedrooms	32,612 5,161	+/-2,273 +/-934	16.0% 2.5%	+/-1.1 +/-0.5
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HOUSING TENURE Occupied housing units	180,738	+/-2,699	180,738	(V)
Owner-occupied	118,032	+/-2,099	65.3%	(X) +/-1.3
Renter-occupied	62,706	+/-2,622	34.7%	+/-1.3
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Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.45	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.28	+/-0.08	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	180,738	+/-2,699	180,738	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	64,769	+/-3,311	35.8%	+/-1.7
Moved in 2000 to 2004	40,937	+/-2,473	22.6%	+/-1.4
Moved in 1990 to 1999	34,256	+/-2,133	19.0%	+/-1.1
Moved in 1980 to 1989	17,333	+/-1,486	9.6%	+/-0.8
Moved in 1970 to 1979 Moved in 1969 or earlier	11,319 12,124	+/-1,450 +/-1,180	6.3% 6.7%	+/-0.8 +/-0.7
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VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	180,738	+/-2,699		(X)
No vehicles available	18,029	+/-2,069	10.0%	+/-1.1
1 vehicle available 2 vehicles available	71,290	+/-4,030	39.4% 35.1%	+/-2.1 +/-1.8
3 or more vehicles available	63,358 28,061	+/-3,346 +/-2,371	15.5%	+/-1.0
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HOUSE HEATING FUEL	400 700	. / 0 000	400 700	(V)
Occupied housing units Utility gas	180,738 147,195	+/-2,699 +/-3,146	180,738 81.4%	(X) +/-1.3
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	4,750	+/-879	2.6%	+/-0.5
Electricity	26,155	+/-2.181	14.5%	+/-1.2
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	991	+/-583	0.5%	+/-0.3
Coal or coke	0	+/-265	0.0%	+/-0.1
Wood	604	+/-309	0.3%	+/-0.2
Solar energy	0	+/-265	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	527	+/-274		+/-0.2
No fuel used	516	+/-268	0.3%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	180,738		180,738	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	261	+/-226	0.1%	+/-0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities No telephone service available	2,493 2,260	+/-944 +/-788		+/-0.5 +/-0.4
No telephone service available	2,200	+/-100	1.370	+ /-0.4
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	180,738		180,738	(X)
1.00 or less 1.01 to 1.50	178,835	+/-2,629 +/-567	98.9% 0.7%	+/-0.4 +/-0.3
1.51 or more	1,332 571	+/-367		+/-0.3
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VALUE	440.000	1000	440.000	
Owner-occupied units	118,032		118,032	(X)
Less than \$50,000 \$50,000 to \$99,999	12,880 27,618	+/-1,517 +/-2,203	10.9% 23.4%	+/-1.2 +/-1.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	31,141	+/-2,203	26.4%	+/-1.7
\$150,000 to \$199,999	21,466	+/-1,573	18.2%	+/-1.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999	16,733	+/-1,870		+/-1.5
\$300,000 to \$499,999	6,225	+/-809		+/-0.7

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14,864	+/-2,337		+/-2.
Median (dollars)	+/-1,687		+/-2.
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\$100 to \$199	+/-2,345	- ,	(X
\$200 to \$299	+/-73		+/-0.2
\$300 to \$399	+/-381		+/-1.
\$400 or more	+/-1,103	16.4%	+/-3.
Median (dollars) 455	+/-931	19.1%	+/-2.6
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\$500 to \$749	+/-1,613		+/-2.4
\$750 to \$999	+/-2,354		+/-3.
\$1,000 to \$1,499	+/-1,778		+/-3.
\$1,500 or more	+/-1,363		+/-2.:
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Selected Housing Characteristics 30.0 to 34.9 percent	Estimate 5,250	+/-1,203	Percent 9.0%	Margin of Error +/-2.1
35.0 percent or more	26,922	+/-2,380	46.3%	+/-3.5
Not computed	4,616	+/-1,068	(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.

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