



South Carolina

Selected Housing Characteristics: 2005-2009

Data Set: 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-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	2,020,422	+/-392	2,020,422	(X)
Occupied housing units	1,693,388	+/-5,336	83.8%	+/-0.3
Vacant housing units	327,034	+/-5,491	16.2%	+/-0.3
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.7	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	12.1	+/-0.4	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	2,020,422	+/-392	2,020,422	(X)
1-unit, detached	1,260,473	+/-4,569	62.4%	+/-0.2
1-unit, attached	48,128	+/-1,367	2.4%	+/-0.1
2 units	46,895	+/-1,726	2.3%	+/-0.1
3 or 4 units	62,594	+/-1,801	3.1%	+/-0.1
5 to 9 units	101,054	+/-2,452	5.0%	+/-0.1
10 to 19 units	64,568	+/-2,056	3.2%	+/-0.1
20 or more units	68,967	+/-1,620	3.4%	+/-0.1
Mobile home	366,458	+/-3,534	18.1%	+/-0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	1,285	+/-292	0.1%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	2,020,422	+/-392	2,020,422	(X)
Built 2005 or later	82,675	+/-1,722	4.1%	+/-0.1
Built 2000 to 2004	235,534	+/-2,927	11.7%	+/-0.1
Built 1990 to 1999	422,344	+/-4,484	20.9%	+/-0.2
Built 1980 to 1989	356,059	+/-3,962	17.6%	+/-0.2
Built 1970 to 1979	346,656	+/-4,659	17.2%	+/-0.2
Built 1960 to 1969	212,659	+/-3,264	10.5%	+/-0.2
Built 1950 to 1959	167,686	+/-2,408	8.3%	+/-0.1
Built 1940 to 1949	81,930	+/-1,989	4.1%	+/-0.1
Built 1939 or earlier	114,879	+/-2,210	5.7%	+/-0.1
ROOMS				
Total housing units	2,020,422	+/-392	2,020,422	(X)
1 room	19,981	+/-1,263	1.0%	+/-0.1
2 rooms	25,102	+/-1,040	1.2%	+/-0.1
3 rooms	109,704	+/-2,547	5.4%	+/-0.1
4 rooms	361,715	+/-4,385	17.9%	+/-0.2
5 rooms	514,781	+/-4,052	25.5%	+/-0.2
6 rooms	418,297	+/-3,859	20.7%	+/-0.2
7 rooms	259,798	+/-2,912	12.9%	+/-0.1
8 rooms	156,433	+/-2,978	7.7%	+/-0.1
9 rooms or more	154,611	+/-2,465	7.7%	+/-0.1
Median rooms	5.5	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)

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BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	2,020,422	+/-392	2,020,422	(X)
No bedroom	21,636	+/-1,289	1.1%	+/-0.1
1 bedroom	115,694	+/-2,584	5.7%	+/-0.1
2 bedrooms	547,864	+/-4,393	27.1%	+/-0.2
3 bedrooms	995,499	+/-5,451	49.3%	+/-0.3
4 bedrooms	283,060	+/-3,279	14.0%	+/-0.2
5 or more bedrooms	56,669	+/-1,441	2.8%	+/-0.1
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	1,693,388	+/-5,336	1,693,388	(X)
Owner-occupied	1,190,603	+/-6,681	70.3%	+/-0.3
Renter-occupied	502,785	+/-4,956	29.7%	+/-0.3
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.56	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.43	+/-0.02	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	1,693,388	+/-5,336	1,693,388	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	474,260	+/-4,330	28.0%	+/-0.2
Moved in 2000 to 2004	442,961	+/-3,826	26.2%	+/-0.2
Moved in 1990 to 1999	380,007	+/-4,314	22.4%	+/-0.2
Moved in 1980 to 1989	166,221	+/-2,752	9.8%	+/-0.2
Moved in 1970 to 1979	121,358	+/-2,260	7.2%	+/-0.1
Moved in 1969 or earlier	108,581	+/-2,057	6.4%	+/-0.1
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	1,693,388	+/-5,336	1,693,388	(X)
No vehicles available	121,378	+/-2,230	7.2%	+/-0.1
1 vehicle available	562,811	+/-4,623	33.2%	+/-0.3
2 vehicles available	652,476	+/-4,787	38.5%	+/-0.3
3 or more vehicles available	356,723	+/-3,822	21.1%	+/-0.2
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	1,693,388	+/-5,336	1,693,388	(X)
Utility gas	431,212	+/-3,718	25.5%	+/-0.2
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	102,532	+/-2,097	6.1%	+/-0.1
Electricity	1,090,587	+/-4,824	64.4%	+/-0.2
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	43,896	+/-1,323	2.6%	+/-0.1
Coal or coke	82	+/-50	0.0%	+/-0.1
Wood	18,369	+/-1,018	1.1%	+/-0.1
Solar energy	119	+/-53	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	1,579	+/-252	0.1%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	5,012	+/-482	0.3%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	1,693,388	+/-5,336	1,693,388	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	7,632	+/-649	0.5%	+/-0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	9,031	+/-731	0.5%	+/-0.1
No telephone service available	99,813	+/-2,726	5.9%	+/-0.2
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	1,693,388	+/-5,336	1,693,388	(X)
1.00 or less	1,664,705	+/-5,361	98.3%	+/-0.1
1.01 to 1.50	21,275	+/-1,045	1.3%	+/-0.1
1.51 or more	7,408	+/-676	0.4%	+/-0.1
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	1,190,603	+/-6,681	1,190,603	(X)
Less than \$50,000	171,411	+/-2,553	14.4%	+/-0.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	280,422	+/-3,334	23.6%	+/-0.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	240,390	+/-2,973	20.2%	+/-0.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	176,115	+/-2,459	14.8%	+/-0.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	157,450	+/-2,406	13.2%	+/-0.2
\$300,000 to \$499,999	102,563	+/-2,045	8.6%	+/-0.2
\$500,000 to \$999,999	46,397	+/-983	3.9%	+/-0.1
\$1,000,000 or more	15,855	+/-695	1.3%	+/-0.1
Median (dollars)	128,400	+/-774	(X)	(X)

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MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	1,190,603	+/-6,681	1,190,603	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	761,466	+/-5,732	64.0%	+/-0.3
Housing units without a mortgage	429,137	+/-3,760	36.0%	+/-0.3
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	761,466	+/-5,732	761,466	(X)
Less than \$300	2,874	+/-358	0.4%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	27,991	+/-1,151	3.7%	+/-0.1
\$500 to \$699	85,687	+/-1,808	11.3%	+/-0.2
\$700 to \$999	188,356	+/-3,238	24.7%	+/-0.4
\$1,000 to \$1,499	244,136	+/-3,244	32.1%	+/-0.4
\$1,500 to \$1,999	112,562	+/-2,041	14.8%	+/-0.2
\$2,000 or more	99,860	+/-2,063	13.1%	+/-0.3
Median (dollars)	1,135	+/-5	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	429,137	+/-3,760	429,137	(X)
Less than \$100	7,533	+/-656	1.8%	+/-0.1
\$100 to \$199	65,441	+/-1,449	15.2%	+/-0.4
\$200 to \$299	124,642	+/-2,171	29.0%	+/-0.4
\$300 to \$399	101,003	+/-1,982	23.5%	+/-0.4
\$400 or more	130,518	+/-2,310	30.4%	+/-0.4
Median (dollars)	315	+/-2	(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)	757,627	+/-5,758	757,627	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	309,571	+/-3,828	40.9%	+/-0.4
20.0 to 24.9 percent	123,160	+/-2,277	16.3%	+/-0.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	85,796	+/-1,819	11.3%	+/-0.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	59,159	+/-1,634	7.8%	+/-0.2
35.0 percent or more	179,941	+/-3,109	23.8%	+/-0.4
Not computed	3,839	+/-455	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	423,168	+/-3,785	423,168	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	191,049	+/-2,839	45.1%	+/-0.5
10.0 to 14.9 percent	80,329	+/-1,625	19.0%	+/-0.3
15.0 to 19.9 percent	47,989	+/-1,371	11.3%	+/-0.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	29,737	+/-1,288	7.0%	+/-0.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	17,673	+/-915	4.2%	+/-0.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	11,982	+/-665	2.8%	+/-0.2
35.0 percent or more	44,409	+/-1,422	10.5%	+/-0.3
Not computed	5,969	+/-566	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	446,513	+/-4,798	446,513	(X)
Less than \$200	13,400	+/-910	3.0%	+/-0.2
\$200 to \$299	18,391	+/-1,016	4.1%	+/-0.2
\$300 to \$499	70,027	+/-2,090	15.7%	+/-0.5
\$500 to \$749	167,200	+/-3,280	37.4%	+/-0.6
\$750 to \$999	109,487	+/-2,463	24.5%	+/-0.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	54,717	+/-1,801	12.3%	+/-0.4
\$1,500 or more	13,291	+/-867	3.0%	+/-0.2
Median (dollars)	680	+/-4	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	56,272	+/-1,577	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	435,128	+/-4,923	435,128	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	62,718	+/-1,914	14.4%	+/-0.4
15.0 to 19.9 percent	59,501	+/-1,842	13.7%	+/-0.4
20.0 to 24.9 percent	55,485	+/-1,632	12.8%	+/-0.4
25.0 to 29.9 percent	50,215	+/-1,601	11.5%	+/-0.4
30.0 to 34.9 percent	37,136	+/-1,365	8.5%	+/-0.3
35.0 percent or more	170,073	+/-3,166	39.1%	+/-0.5

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Not computed	67,657	+/-1,728	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 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 2005-2009 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 2005-2009 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.