



Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Selected Housing Characteristics: 2009

Data Set: 2009 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](#).

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	413,419	+/-1,436	413,419	(X)
Occupied housing units	375,147	+/-3,969	90.7%	+/-0.9
Vacant housing units	38,272	+/-3,706	9.3%	+/-0.9
Homeowner vacancy rate	3.2	+/-0.7	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	8.3	+/-1.5	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	413,419	+/-1,436	413,419	(X)
1-unit, detached	246,595	+/-5,735	59.6%	+/-1.4
1-unit, attached	31,413	+/-2,899	7.6%	+/-0.7
2 units	6,332	+/-1,511	1.5%	+/-0.4
3 or 4 units	12,845	+/-1,977	3.1%	+/-0.5
5 to 9 units	23,701	+/-2,802	5.7%	+/-0.7
10 to 19 units	40,207	+/-2,972	9.7%	+/-0.7
20 or more units	43,773	+/-4,101	10.6%	+/-1.0
Mobile home	8,490	+/-1,920	2.1%	+/-0.5
Boat, RV, van, etc.	63	+/-105	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	413,419	+/-1,436	413,419	(X)
Built 2005 or later	39,484	+/-3,560	9.6%	+/-0.9
Built 2000 to 2004	69,455	+/-5,154	16.8%	+/-1.2
Built 1990 to 1999	94,397	+/-4,677	22.8%	+/-1.1
Built 1980 to 1989	72,143	+/-3,106	17.5%	+/-0.7
Built 1970 to 1979	48,631	+/-3,584	11.8%	+/-0.9
Built 1960 to 1969	34,791	+/-2,759	8.4%	+/-0.7
Built 1950 to 1959	29,878	+/-3,223	7.2%	+/-0.8
Built 1940 to 1949	10,451	+/-1,665	2.5%	+/-0.4
Built 1939 or earlier	14,189	+/-1,739	3.4%	+/-0.4
ROOMS				
Total housing units	413,419	+/-1,436	413,419	(X)
1 room	4,705	+/-1,523	1.1%	+/-0.4
2 rooms	5,204	+/-1,022	1.3%	+/-0.2
3 rooms	41,224	+/-3,492	10.0%	+/-0.8
4 rooms	77,159	+/-4,628	18.7%	+/-1.1
5 rooms	80,048	+/-4,388	19.4%	+/-1.1
6 rooms	61,558	+/-3,948	14.9%	+/-1.0
7 rooms	48,354	+/-3,609	11.7%	+/-0.9
8 rooms	39,917	+/-3,114	9.7%	+/-0.8
9 rooms or more	55,250	+/-3,379	13.4%	+/-0.8

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Median rooms	5.5	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	413,419	+/-1,436	413,419	(X)
No bedroom	5,153	+/-1,614	1.2%	+/-0.4
1 bedroom	46,545	+/-4,042	11.3%	+/-1.0
2 bedrooms	106,224	+/-5,612	25.7%	+/-1.4
3 bedrooms	160,817	+/-5,717	38.9%	+/-1.4
4 bedrooms	74,943	+/-4,069	18.1%	+/-1.0
5 or more bedrooms	19,737	+/-2,169	4.8%	+/-0.5
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	375,147	+/-3,969	375,147	(X)
Owner-occupied	229,190	+/-5,211	61.1%	+/-1.3
Renter-occupied	145,957	+/-5,176	38.9%	+/-1.3
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.53	+/-0.04	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.18	+/-0.06	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	375,147	+/-3,969	375,147	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	204,859	+/-5,083	54.6%	+/-1.2
Moved in 2000 to 2004	76,692	+/-4,194	20.4%	+/-1.1
Moved in 1990 to 1999	54,280	+/-2,894	14.5%	+/-0.8
Moved in 1980 to 1989	19,059	+/-2,116	5.1%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1970 to 1979	11,185	+/-1,621	3.0%	+/-0.4
Moved in 1969 or earlier	9,072	+/-1,363	2.4%	+/-0.4
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	375,147	+/-3,969	375,147	(X)
No vehicles available	25,401	+/-2,847	6.8%	+/-0.8
1 vehicle available	139,651	+/-5,009	37.2%	+/-1.3
2 vehicles available	154,750	+/-4,951	41.3%	+/-1.2
3 or more vehicles available	55,345	+/-3,272	14.8%	+/-0.9
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	375,147	+/-3,969	375,147	(X)
Utility gas	198,809	+/-5,114	53.0%	+/-1.2
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	4,051	+/-1,205	1.1%	+/-0.3
Electricity	166,128	+/-5,051	44.3%	+/-1.2
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	4,722	+/-1,119	1.3%	+/-0.3
Coal or coke	0	+/-287	0.0%	+/-0.1
Wood	616	+/-322	0.2%	+/-0.1
Solar energy	31	+/-54	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	386	+/-338	0.1%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	404	+/-318	0.1%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	375,147	+/-3,969	375,147	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	2,175	+/-956	0.6%	+/-0.3
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	3,110	+/-1,207	0.8%	+/-0.3
No telephone service available	6,529	+/-1,440	1.7%	+/-0.4
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	375,147	+/-3,969	375,147	(X)
1.00 or less	366,217	+/-4,502	97.6%	+/-0.5
1.01 to 1.50	7,399	+/-1,854	2.0%	+/-0.5
1.51 or more	1,531	+/-637	0.4%	+/-0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	229,190	+/-5,211	229,190	(X)
Less than \$50,000	6,673	+/-1,570	2.9%	+/-0.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20,505	+/-2,017	8.9%	+/-0.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	50,147	+/-3,608	21.9%	+/-1.5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	47,339	+/-3,306	20.7%	+/-1.4
\$200,000 to \$299,999	48,490	+/-3,060	21.2%	+/-1.3

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\$300,000 to \$499,999	32,861	+/-2,493	14.3%	+/-1.0
\$500,000 to \$999,999	18,769	+/-1,923	8.2%	+/-0.8
\$1,000,000 or more	4,406	+/-997	1.9%	+/-0.4
Median (dollars)	186,900	+/-4,298	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	229,190	+/-5,211	229,190	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	188,311	+/-5,143	82.2%	+/-1.2
Housing units without a mortgage	40,879	+/-2,910	17.8%	+/-1.2
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	188,311	+/-5,143	188,311	(X)
Less than \$300	0	+/-287	0.0%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	1,648	+/-462	0.9%	+/-0.2
\$500 to \$699	6,614	+/-1,221	3.5%	+/-0.6
\$700 to \$999	24,622	+/-2,420	13.1%	+/-1.3
\$1,000 to \$1,499	70,824	+/-3,871	37.6%	+/-1.7
\$1,500 to \$1,999	43,026	+/-2,913	22.8%	+/-1.4
\$2,000 or more	41,577	+/-2,919	22.1%	+/-1.5
Median (dollars)	1,432	+/-18	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	40,879	+/-2,910	40,879	(X)
Less than \$100	107	+/-124	0.3%	+/-0.3
\$100 to \$199	1,792	+/-749	4.4%	+/-1.8
\$200 to \$299	5,713	+/-1,071	14.0%	+/-2.4
\$300 to \$399	8,859	+/-1,405	21.7%	+/-3.0
\$400 or more	24,408	+/-2,342	59.7%	+/-4.0
Median (dollars)	443	+/-15	(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)	187,684	+/-5,147	187,684	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	73,281	+/-4,196	39.0%	+/-2.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	29,964	+/-2,735	16.0%	+/-1.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	22,893	+/-2,359	12.2%	+/-1.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	16,525	+/-2,232	8.8%	+/-1.2
35.0 percent or more	45,021	+/-4,028	24.0%	+/-1.9
Not computed	627	+/-329	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	40,358	+/-2,887	40,358	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	16,862	+/-2,026	41.8%	+/-4.0
10.0 to 14.9 percent	8,345	+/-1,421	20.7%	+/-3.2
15.0 to 19.9 percent	4,644	+/-1,064	11.5%	+/-2.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,585	+/-690	6.4%	+/-1.7
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,516	+/-855	6.2%	+/-2.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	840	+/-347	2.1%	+/-0.8
35.0 percent or more	4,566	+/-1,169	11.3%	+/-2.7
Not computed	521	+/-349	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	142,258	+/-5,250	142,258	(X)
Less than \$200	2,633	+/-882	1.9%	+/-0.6
\$200 to \$299	2,214	+/-819	1.6%	+/-0.6
\$300 to \$499	8,477	+/-2,069	6.0%	+/-1.4
\$500 to \$749	40,056	+/-3,407	28.2%	+/-2.3
\$750 to \$999	47,037	+/-4,013	33.1%	+/-2.6
\$1,000 to \$1,499	33,862	+/-4,007	23.8%	+/-2.5
\$1,500 or more	7,979	+/-1,732	5.6%	+/-1.2
Median (dollars)	827	+/-18	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	3,699	+/-1,131	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	137,939	+/-5,200	137,939	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	16,818	+/-2,433	12.2%	+/-1.6

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15.0 to 19.9 percent	21,213	+/-2,731	15.4%	+/-1.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	20,292	+/-2,617	14.7%	+/-1.9
25.0 to 29.9 percent	15,083	+/-2,422	10.9%	+/-1.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	12,200	+/-2,161	8.8%	+/-1.5
35.0 percent or more	52,333	+/-4,287	37.9%	+/-2.6
Not computed	8,018	+/-1,811	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 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 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 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.