



North 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	4,120,599	+/-969	4,120,599	(X)
Occupied housing units	3,541,807	+/-8,943	86.0%	+/-0.2
Vacant housing units	578,792	+/-8,382	14.0%	+/-0.2
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.4	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	9.7	+/-0.3	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	4,120,599	+/-969	4,120,599	(X)
1-unit, detached	2,675,864	+/-6,815	64.9%	+/-0.2
1-unit, attached	144,816	+/-2,656	3.5%	+/-0.1
2 units	95,102	+/-2,518	2.3%	+/-0.1
3 or 4 units	121,009	+/-2,576	2.9%	+/-0.1
5 to 9 units	182,782	+/-3,561	4.4%	+/-0.1
10 to 19 units	166,077	+/-2,968	4.0%	+/-0.1
20 or more units	133,723	+/-2,304	3.2%	+/-0.1
Mobile home	600,048	+/-5,083	14.6%	+/-0.1
Boat, RV, van, etc.	1,178	+/-248	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	4,120,599	+/-969	4,120,599	(X)
Built 2005 or later	165,850	+/-2,840	4.0%	+/-0.1
Built 2000 to 2004	487,191	+/-4,173	11.8%	+/-0.1
Built 1990 to 1999	895,586	+/-7,014	21.7%	+/-0.2
Built 1980 to 1989	719,406	+/-5,655	17.5%	+/-0.1
Built 1970 to 1979	642,914	+/-5,219	15.6%	+/-0.1
Built 1960 to 1969	427,718	+/-5,016	10.4%	+/-0.1
Built 1950 to 1959	339,710	+/-3,240	8.2%	+/-0.1
Built 1940 to 1949	180,400	+/-3,001	4.4%	+/-0.1
Built 1939 or earlier	261,824	+/-3,529	6.4%	+/-0.1
ROOMS				
Total housing units	4,120,599	+/-969	4,120,599	(X)
1 room	23,029	+/-1,269	0.6%	+/-0.1
2 rooms	63,073	+/-1,897	1.5%	+/-0.1
3 rooms	283,094	+/-3,219	6.9%	+/-0.1
4 rooms	783,612	+/-6,644	19.0%	+/-0.2
5 rooms	1,035,351	+/-6,659	25.1%	+/-0.2
6 rooms	796,328	+/-5,631	19.3%	+/-0.1
7 rooms	486,391	+/-5,596	11.8%	+/-0.1
8 rooms	309,449	+/-3,899	7.5%	+/-0.1

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9 rooms or more	340,272	+/-3,468	8.3%	+/-0.1
Median rooms	5.4	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	4,120,599	+/-969	4,120,599	(X)
No bedroom	26,841	+/-1,332	0.7%	+/-0.1
1 bedroom	284,427	+/-3,450	6.9%	+/-0.1
2 bedrooms	1,156,368	+/-7,146	28.1%	+/-0.2
3 bedrooms	1,968,062	+/-6,367	47.8%	+/-0.2
4 bedrooms	561,181	+/-4,344	13.6%	+/-0.1
5 or more bedrooms	123,720	+/-2,522	3.0%	+/-0.1
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	3,541,807	+/-8,943	3,541,807	(X)
Owner-occupied	2,410,327	+/-11,806	68.1%	+/-0.2
Renter-occupied	1,131,480	+/-6,875	31.9%	+/-0.2
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.54	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.34	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	3,541,807	+/-8,943	3,541,807	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	1,051,056	+/-6,221	29.7%	+/-0.2
Moved in 2000 to 2004	942,527	+/-6,742	26.6%	+/-0.2
Moved in 1990 to 1999	775,609	+/-5,720	21.9%	+/-0.1
Moved in 1980 to 1989	327,923	+/-3,670	9.3%	+/-0.1
Moved in 1970 to 1979	226,596	+/-3,412	6.4%	+/-0.1
Moved in 1969 or earlier	218,096	+/-2,728	6.2%	+/-0.1
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	3,541,807	+/-8,943	3,541,807	(X)
No vehicles available	228,065	+/-3,687	6.4%	+/-0.1
1 vehicle available	1,131,990	+/-6,337	32.0%	+/-0.2
2 vehicles available	1,368,712	+/-7,502	38.6%	+/-0.2
3 or more vehicles available	813,040	+/-6,578	23.0%	+/-0.2
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	3,541,807	+/-8,943	3,541,807	(X)
Utility gas	898,290	+/-6,582	25.4%	+/-0.2
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	371,799	+/-3,793	10.5%	+/-0.1
Electricity	1,931,163	+/-7,400	54.5%	+/-0.2
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	250,325	+/-2,763	7.1%	+/-0.1
Coal or coke	423	+/-137	0.0%	+/-0.1
Wood	73,697	+/-1,855	2.1%	+/-0.1
Solar energy	1,012	+/-213	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	5,195	+/-473	0.1%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	9,903	+/-594	0.3%	+/-0.1
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	3,541,807	+/-8,943	3,541,807	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	15,308	+/-1,137	0.4%	+/-0.1
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	20,112	+/-1,155	0.6%	+/-0.1
No telephone service available	173,952	+/-4,184	4.9%	+/-0.1
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	3,541,807	+/-8,943	3,541,807	(X)
1.00 or less	3,471,854	+/-9,286	98.0%	+/-0.1
1.01 to 1.50	57,067	+/-2,117	1.6%	+/-0.1
1.51 or more	12,886	+/-730	0.4%	+/-0.1
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	2,410,327	+/-11,806	2,410,327	(X)
Less than \$50,000	237,586	+/-3,054	9.9%	+/-0.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	496,115	+/-4,923	20.6%	+/-0.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	535,572	+/-5,091	22.2%	+/-0.2

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\$150,000 to \$199,999	405,149	+/-4,219	16.8%	+/-0.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	367,130	+/-3,805	15.2%	+/-0.1
\$300,000 to \$499,999	246,018	+/-3,336	10.2%	+/-0.1
\$500,000 to \$999,999	100,547	+/-1,811	4.2%	+/-0.1
\$1,000,000 or more	22,210	+/-884	0.9%	+/-0.1
Median (dollars)	143,700	+/-503	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	2,410,327	+/-11,806	2,410,327	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	1,634,410	+/-9,137	67.8%	+/-0.2
Housing units without a mortgage	775,917	+/-5,073	32.2%	+/-0.2
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	1,634,410	+/-9,137	1,634,410	(X)
Less than \$300	5,829	+/-457	0.4%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	47,772	+/-1,419	2.9%	+/-0.1
\$500 to \$699	136,005	+/-2,484	8.3%	+/-0.2
\$700 to \$999	353,514	+/-4,432	21.6%	+/-0.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	563,174	+/-5,365	34.5%	+/-0.3
\$1,500 to \$1,999	283,283	+/-3,691	17.3%	+/-0.2
\$2,000 or more	244,833	+/-2,743	15.0%	+/-0.1
Median (dollars)	1,216	+/-4	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	775,917	+/-5,073	775,917	(X)
Less than \$100	10,059	+/-664	1.3%	+/-0.1
\$100 to \$199	96,940	+/-2,041	12.5%	+/-0.2
\$200 to \$299	206,448	+/-2,854	26.6%	+/-0.3
\$300 to \$399	191,357	+/-2,624	24.7%	+/-0.3
\$400 or more	271,113	+/-3,210	34.9%	+/-0.3
Median (dollars)	336	+/-2	(X)	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAP)				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP cannot be computed)	1,626,652	+/-9,121	1,626,652	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	644,981	+/-5,460	39.7%	+/-0.2
20.0 to 24.9 percent	271,958	+/-4,011	16.7%	+/-0.2
25.0 to 29.9 percent	196,373	+/-3,182	12.1%	+/-0.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	128,932	+/-2,291	7.9%	+/-0.1
35.0 percent or more	384,408	+/-4,047	23.6%	+/-0.2
Not computed	7,758	+/-571	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP cannot be computed)	767,372	+/-5,142	767,372	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	332,624	+/-3,472	43.3%	+/-0.4
10.0 to 14.9 percent	147,223	+/-2,596	19.2%	+/-0.3
15.0 to 19.9 percent	87,309	+/-2,181	11.4%	+/-0.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	56,757	+/-1,347	7.4%	+/-0.2
25.0 to 29.9 percent	37,563	+/-1,283	4.9%	+/-0.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	25,340	+/-1,077	3.3%	+/-0.1
35.0 percent or more	80,556	+/-1,663	10.5%	+/-0.2
Not computed	8,545	+/-672	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	1,035,654	+/-6,752	1,035,654	(X)
Less than \$200	29,974	+/-1,140	2.9%	+/-0.1
\$200 to \$299	35,528	+/-1,246	3.4%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	145,034	+/-2,772	14.0%	+/-0.2
\$500 to \$749	383,468	+/-4,969	37.0%	+/-0.4
\$750 to \$999	276,773	+/-3,533	26.7%	+/-0.3
\$1,000 to \$1,499	135,747	+/-2,848	13.1%	+/-0.3
\$1,500 or more	29,130	+/-1,166	2.8%	+/-0.1
Median (dollars)	702	+/-2	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	95,826	+/-2,214	(X)	(X)

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GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	1,015,891	+/-6,672	1,015,891	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	144,608	+/-2,862	14.2%	+/-0.3
15.0 to 19.9 percent	134,183	+/-2,840	13.2%	+/-0.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	134,879	+/-2,993	13.3%	+/-0.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	115,287	+/-2,656	11.3%	+/-0.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	88,383	+/-2,347	8.7%	+/-0.2
35.0 percent or more	398,551	+/-4,549	39.2%	+/-0.4
Not computed	115,589	+/-2,467	(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 SMOCAP 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 SMOCAP 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 GRAP 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.