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2013 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Data and Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

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.

An * indicates that the estimate is significantly different (at a 90% confidence level) than the estimate from the most current year. A "c" indicates the estimates for that year and the current year are both controlled; a statistical test is not appropriate.

Subject	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metro Area				
	2013 Estimate	2012 Estimate	2013 - 2012 Statistical Significance	2011 Estimate	2013 - 2011 Statistical Significance
HOUSING OCCUPANCY					
Total housing units	700,916	692,137	*	689,061	*
Occupied housing units	89.2%	90.2%		88.8%	
Vacant housing units	10.8%	9.8%		11.2%	
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.0	2.3		2.5	
Rental vacancy rate	8.4	6.4	*	8.5	
UNITS IN STRUCTURE					
Total housing units	700,916	692,137	*	689,061	*
1-unit, detached	60.0%	60.2%		62.2%	*
1-unit, attached	12.3%	12.1%		11.2%	*
2 units	2.5%	2.5%		2.3%	
3 or 4 units	4.8%	4.6%		4.7%	
5 to 9 units	7.3%	8.1%	*	7.3%	
10 to 19 units	5.2%	4.7%		4.9%	
20 or more units	5.3%	5.4%		5.1%	
Mobile home	2.7%	2.4%		2.4%	
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT					
Total housing units	700,916	692,137	*	689,061	*
Built 2010 or later	2.0%	1.1%	*	0.4%	*
Built 2000 to 2009	14.3%	13.7%		13.5%	
Built 1990 to 1999	14.5%	15.0%		14.8%	
Built 1980 to 1989	19.8%	19.2%		19.3%	
Built 1970 to 1979	15.7%	16.1%		16.8%	*
Built 1960 to 1969	12.3%	12.9%		13.1%	
Built 1950 to 1959	10.4%	10.7%		10.9%	
Built 1940 to 1949	5.4%	5.2%		5.5%	
Built 1939 or earlier	5.6%	6.1%		5.8%	

Subject	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metro Area				
	2013 Estimate	2012 Estimate	2013 - 2012 Statistical Significance	2011 Estimate	2013 - 2011 Statistical Significance
ROOMS					
Total housing units	700,916	692,137	*	689,061	*
1 room	2.1%	2.2%		2.6%	*
2 rooms	1.3%	1.3%		1.2%	
3 rooms	6.3%	6.1%		5.6%	*
4 rooms	14.5%	15.4%		14.1%	
5 rooms	19.3%	18.2%	*	17.6%	*
6 rooms	17.8%	17.6%		18.7%	
7 rooms	13.9%	14.8%		15.2%	*
8 rooms	11.6%	11.5%		12.9%	*
9 rooms or more	13.2%	13.0%		12.1%	*
Median rooms	5.9	5.9		6.0	
BEDROOMS					
Total housing units	700,916	692,137	*	689,061	*
No bedroom	2.2%	2.2%		2.6%	
1 bedroom	7.4%	7.0%		6.9%	
2 bedrooms	23.8%	24.6%		23.8%	
3 bedrooms	41.4%	40.0%	*	40.9%	
4 bedrooms	20.2%	20.8%		20.9%	
5 or more bedrooms	4.9%	5.3%		4.9%	
HOUSING TENURE					
Occupied housing units	625,540	623,964		612,156	*
Owner-occupied	61.1%	60.8%		64.1%	*
Renter-occupied	38.9%	39.2%		35.9%	*
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.66	2.67		2.69	
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.56	2.51		2.54	
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT					
Occupied housing units	625,540	623,964		612,156	*
Moved in 2010 or later	36.8%	30.4%	*	21.2%	*
Moved in 2000 to 2009	33.1%	38.8%	*	43.4%	*
Moved in 1990 to 1999	14.9%	15.2%		18.4%	*
Moved in 1980 to 1989	8.0%	7.5%		8.4%	
Moved in 1970 to 1979	3.9%	4.5%	*	4.5%	*
Moved in 1969 or earlier	3.4%	3.7%		4.1%	*
VEHICLES AVAILABLE					
Occupied housing units	625,540	623,964		612,156	*
No vehicles available	6.8%	6.4%		6.2%	*
1 vehicle available	32.8%	32.2%		32.1%	
2 vehicles available	38.8%	39.0%		38.9%	
3 or more vehicles available	21.6%	22.5%		22.8%	*
HOUSE HEATING FUEL					
Occupied housing units	625,540	623,964		612,156	*
Utility gas	39.1%	38.5%		40.1%	
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	2.0%	2.0%		2.2%	
Electricity	54.5%	54.9%		52.6%	*
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	3.1%	3.5%		3.9%	*
Coal or coke	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	
Wood	0.7%	0.6%		0.7%	
Solar energy	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	
Other fuel	0.2%	0.2%		0.3%	
No fuel used	0.3%	0.2%		0.3%	

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SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS					
Occupied housing units	625,540	623,964		612,156	*
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	0.3%	0.1%		0.4%	
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	0.6%	0.4%		0.6%	
No telephone service available	1.6%	2.2%	*	2.0%	*
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM					
Occupied housing units	625,540	623,964		612,156	*
1.00 or less	98.0%	97.6%		97.8%	
1.01 to 1.50	1.0%	1.3%	*	1.1%	
1.51 or more	1.0%	1.0%		1.1%	
VALUE					
Owner-occupied units	382,391	379,461		392,416	*
Less than \$50,000	5.6%	3.8%	*	3.0%	*
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3.5%	3.4%		3.3%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	10.9%	10.9%		9.3%	*
\$150,000 to \$199,999	19.3%	20.2%		19.0%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	30.8%	31.7%		34.5%	*
\$300,000 to \$499,999	21.8%	21.8%		22.9%	
\$500,000 to \$999,999	6.8%	7.1%		6.9%	
\$1,000,000 or more	1.1%	1.1%		1.2%	
Median (dollars)	229,700	233,300		239,900	*
MORTGAGE STATUS					
Owner-occupied units	382,391	379,461		392,416	*
Housing units with a mortgage	74.4%	76.8%	*	75.9%	*
Housing units without a mortgage	25.6%	23.2%	*	24.1%	*
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)					
Housing units with a mortgage	284,427	291,536		297,913	*
Less than \$300	0.3%	0.1%	*	0.1%	*
\$300 to \$499	1.2%	0.7%	*	0.6%	*
\$500 to \$699	2.7%	2.7%		1.9%	*
\$700 to \$999	9.3%	9.0%		7.5%	*
\$1,000 to \$1,499	29.5%	28.0%		26.3%	*
\$1,500 to \$1,999	27.8%	28.0%		28.6%	
\$2,000 or more	29.2%	31.5%	*	35.0%	*
Median (dollars)	1,609	1,664	*	1,717	*
Housing units without a mortgage	97,964	87,925	*	94,503	
Less than \$100	0.5%	0.9%		0.7%	
\$100 to \$199	4.0%	3.5%		3.7%	
\$200 to \$299	9.6%	9.6%		8.5%	
\$300 to \$399	16.8%	16.7%		15.7%	
\$400 or more	69.2%	69.2%		71.3%	
Median (dollars)	492	494		521	*
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAP I)					
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP I cannot be computed)	282,655	289,592		297,197	*
Less than 20.0 percent	34.1%	33.0%		30.4%	*
20.0 to 24.9 percent	16.8%	16.6%		16.0%	
25.0 to 29.9 percent	12.7%	12.5%		13.7%	
30.0 to 34.9 percent	9.0%	10.4%	*	10.3%	*
35.0 percent or more	27.4%	27.6%		29.7%	*
Not computed	1,772	1,944		716	*

Subject	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metro Area				
	2013 Estimate	2012 Estimate	2013 - 2012 Statistical Significance	2011 Estimate	2013 - 2011 Statistical Significance
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	96,859	86,968	*	92,968	
Less than 10.0 percent	42.7%	41.2%		39.3%	*
10.0 to 14.9 percent	20.7%	20.7%		20.9%	
15.0 to 19.9 percent	12.2%	11.9%		13.3%	
20.0 to 24.9 percent	7.5%	8.2%		7.3%	
25.0 to 29.9 percent	4.8%	5.1%		4.9%	
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2.8%	2.6%		3.9%	
35.0 percent or more	9.3%	10.2%		10.4%	
Not computed	1,105	957		1,535	
GROSS RENT					
Occupied units paying rent	234,272	235,646		212,187	*
Less than \$200	2.0%	2.1%		2.0%	
\$200 to \$299	2.7%	2.3%		2.3%	
\$300 to \$499	3.3%	3.2%		3.9%	
\$500 to \$749	11.9%	10.3%	*	9.1%	*
\$750 to \$999	25.4%	26.4%		24.1%	
\$1,000 to \$1,499	37.0%	38.9%		40.1%	*
\$1,500 or more	17.8%	16.7%		18.5%	
Median (dollars)	1,052	1,062		1,086	*
No rent paid	8,877	8,857		7,553	
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)					
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	230,782	231,152		207,451	*
Less than 15.0 percent	8.5%	7.9%		7.6%	
15.0 to 19.9 percent	10.9%	10.1%		10.7%	
20.0 to 24.9 percent	13.4%	13.5%		12.5%	
25.0 to 29.9 percent	13.3%	12.8%		13.5%	
30.0 to 34.9 percent	9.5%	10.3%		10.5%	
35.0 percent or more	44.3%	45.4%		45.2%	
Not computed	12,367	13,351		12,289	

Subject	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metro Area			
	2010 Estimate	2013 - 2010 Statistical Significance	2009 Estimate	2013 - 2009 Statistical Significance
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	686,109	*	691,619	*
Occupied housing units	90.1%		90.6%	*
Vacant housing units	9.9%		9.4%	*
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.2		2.3	
Rental vacancy rate	7.3		6.2	*
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	686,109	*	691,619	*
1-unit, detached	61.2%	*	61.1%	*
1-unit, attached	11.0%	*	10.8%	*
2 units	2.1%		2.5%	
3 or 4 units	4.0%	*	4.5%	
5 to 9 units	8.3%	*	7.9%	
10 to 19 units	5.3%		5.3%	
20 or more units	5.3%		5.3%	
Mobile home	2.7%		2.7%	
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0.0%		0.0%	
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	686,109	*	691,619	*
Built 2010 or later	0.1%	*	(X)	
Built 2000 to 2009	12.7%	*	12.2%	*
Built 1990 to 1999	14.4%		14.0%	
Built 1980 to 1989	19.7%		19.6%	
Built 1970 to 1979	17.9%	*	18.0%	*
Built 1960 to 1969	13.5%	*	13.5%	*
Built 1950 to 1959	10.5%		11.1%	
Built 1940 to 1949	5.3%		5.6%	
Built 1939 or earlier	5.9%		6.1%	
ROOMS				
Total housing units	686,109	*	691,619	*
1 room	2.6%	*	2.3%	
2 rooms	1.1%		0.8%	*
3 rooms	6.2%		6.0%	
4 rooms	15.6%		15.9%	*
5 rooms	17.2%	*	18.0%	*
6 rooms	17.4%		17.9%	
7 rooms	14.7%		14.8%	
8 rooms	12.0%		12.1%	
9 rooms or more	13.1%		12.2%	*
Median rooms	5.9		5.9	
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	686,109	*	691,619	*
No bedroom	2.6%	*	2.4%	
1 bedroom	7.2%		7.1%	
2 bedrooms	25.1%	*	24.8%	
3 bedrooms	39.1%	*	40.7%	
4 bedrooms	20.8%		19.9%	
5 or more bedrooms	5.1%		5.1%	
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	618,426		626,620	
Owner-occupied	63.9%	*	63.2%	*
Renter-occupied	36.1%	*	36.8%	*

Subject	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metro Area			
	2010 Estimate	2013 - 2010 Statistical Significance	2009 Estimate	2013 - 2009 Statistical Significance
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.69		2.70	
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.53		2.42	*
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	618,426		626,620	
Moved in 2010 or later	8.4%	*	(X)	
Moved in 2000 to 2009	56.5%	*	62.6%	*
Moved in 1990 to 1999	17.2%	*	18.4%	*
Moved in 1980 to 1989	8.0%		9.1%	*
Moved in 1970 to 1979	5.2%	*	5.0%	*
Moved in 1969 or earlier	4.8%	*	4.9%	*
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	618,426		626,620	
No vehicles available	6.2%		6.6%	
1 vehicle available	32.0%		31.6%	
2 vehicles available	38.6%		39.2%	
3 or more vehicles available	23.2%	*	22.6%	
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	618,426		626,620	
Utility gas	41.0%	*	39.2%	
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	2.3%		2.0%	
Electricity	51.0%	*	53.0%	*
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	4.4%	*	4.7%	*
Coal or coke	0.0%		0.0%	
Wood	0.7%		0.7%	
Solar energy	0.0%		0.0%	
Other fuel	0.3%		0.2%	
No fuel used	0.4%		0.1%	*
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	618,426		626,620	
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	0.5%	*	0.4%	
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	0.5%		0.5%	
No telephone service available	2.1%	*	1.5%	
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	618,426		626,620	
1.00 or less	97.5%	*	98.1%	
1.01 to 1.50	1.3%		1.0%	
1.51 or more	1.2%		0.9%	
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	394,868	*	395,767	*
Less than \$50,000	4.1%	*	3.8%	*
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2.6%	*	2.8%	*
\$100,000 to \$149,999	8.2%	*	8.1%	*
\$150,000 to \$199,999	17.7%	*	17.7%	*
\$200,000 to \$299,999	32.9%	*	32.5%	*
\$300,000 to \$499,999	25.4%	*	25.1%	*
\$500,000 to \$999,999	7.7%		8.4%	*
\$1,000,000 or more	1.4%		1.5%	*
Median (dollars)	246,200	*	249,600	*
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	394,868	*	395,767	*

Subject	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metro Area			
	2010 Estimate	2013 - 2010 Statistical Significance	2009 Estimate	2013 - 2009 Statistical Significance
Housing units with a mortgage	76.0%	*	77.2%	*
Housing units without a mortgage	24.0%	*	22.8%	*
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	299,988	*	305,473	*
Less than \$300	0.2%		0.1%	*
\$300 to \$499	0.8%		0.6%	*
\$500 to \$699	2.2%		1.7%	*
\$700 to \$999	7.2%	*	7.7%	*
\$1,000 to \$1,499	22.4%	*	22.5%	*
\$1,500 to \$1,999	27.4%		26.2%	
\$2,000 or more	39.8%	*	41.2%	*
Median (dollars)	1,818	*	1,820	*
Housing units without a mortgage	94,880		90,294	*
Less than \$100	0.3%		0.5%	
\$100 to \$199	2.6%	*	2.5%	*
\$200 to \$299	8.0%		7.7%	*
\$300 to \$399	17.7%		16.8%	
\$400 or more	71.4%		72.5%	*
Median (dollars)	531	*	524	*
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAP)				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP cannot be computed)	298,266	*	303,129	*
Less than 20.0 percent	30.3%	*	27.9%	*
20.0 to 24.9 percent	14.8%	*	15.9%	
25.0 to 29.9 percent	14.3%	*	13.8%	
30.0 to 34.9 percent	10.9%	*	11.3%	*
35.0 percent or more	29.7%	*	31.2%	*
Not computed	1,722		2,344	
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAP cannot be computed)	93,848		89,751	*
Less than 10.0 percent	40.1%		36.6%	*
10.0 to 14.9 percent	20.2%		21.8%	
15.0 to 19.9 percent	12.7%		12.1%	
20.0 to 24.9 percent	7.8%		8.1%	
25.0 to 29.9 percent	4.7%		5.0%	
30.0 to 34.9 percent	3.1%		3.4%	
35.0 percent or more	11.3%	*	13.1%	*
Not computed	1,032		543	*
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	216,175	*	222,514	*
Less than \$200	1.5%		2.5%	
\$200 to \$299	2.3%		1.9%	*
\$300 to \$499	3.3%		3.5%	
\$500 to \$749	9.6%	*	8.8%	*
\$750 to \$999	24.6%		26.9%	
\$1,000 to \$1,499	38.7%		38.5%	
\$1,500 or more	20.1%	*	17.7%	
Median (dollars)	1,093	*	1,068	
No rent paid	7,383		8,339	

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	2010 Estimate	2013 - 2010 Statistical Significance	2009 Estimate	2013 - 2009 Statistical Significance
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	211,797	*	218,695	*
Less than 15.0 percent	8.6%		8.0%	
15.0 to 19.9 percent	10.3%		13.0%	*
20.0 to 24.9 percent	13.7%		12.9%	
25.0 to 29.9 percent	12.5%		14.7%	
30.0 to 34.9 percent	11.6%	*	10.4%	
35.0 percent or more	43.2%		41.0%	*
Not computed	11,761		12,158	

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.

In data year 2013, there were a series of changes to data collection operations that could have affected some estimates. These changes include the addition of Internet as a mode of data collection, the end of the content portion of Failed Edit Follow-Up interviewing, and the loss of one monthly panel due to the Federal Government shut down in October 2013. For more information, see: User Notes

The median gross rent excludes no cash renters.

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 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 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.

Median calculations for base table sourcing VAL, MHC, SMOC, and TAX should exclude zero values.

Telephone service data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #93 for details.

The definitions of the metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas for the 2013 American Community Survey are based on the commuting patterns identified in the 2010 Census. Estimates prior to 2013 are based on the results of the 2000 Census. Statistically significant change from prior years' estimates could be the result of changes in the metropolitan geographic definitions and not necessarily the demographic, social or economic characteristic. For more information, see: Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas.

While the 2013 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 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 2010 data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey

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.