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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**Note:** This is a modified view of the original table.

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.

Subject	Essex County, Massachusetts		Merrimac town, Essex County, Massachusetts	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>				
Total housing units	307,174	307,174	2,558	2,558
Occupied housing units	286,896	93.4%	2,516	98.4%
Vacant housing units	20,278	6.6%	42	1.6%
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.1	(X)	0.0	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	3.7	(X)	0.0	(X)
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>				
Total housing units	307,174	307,174	2,558	2,558
1-unit, detached	155,063	50.5%	1,674	65.4%
1-unit, attached	18,804	6.1%	148	5.8%
2 units	35,237	11.5%	185	7.2%
3 or 4 units	34,483	11.2%	98	3.8%
5 to 9 units	16,950	5.5%	87	3.4%
10 to 19 units	13,154	4.3%	42	1.6%
20 or more units	31,454	10.2%	49	1.9%
Mobile home	1,980	0.6%	275	10.8%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	49	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>				
Total housing units	307,174	307,174	2,558	2,558
Built 2010 or later	1,382	0.4%	12	0.5%
Built 2000 to 2009	20,965	6.8%	296	11.6%
Built 1990 to 1999	21,078	6.9%	387	15.1%
Built 1980 to 1989	32,985	10.7%	343	13.4%
Built 1970 to 1979	29,385	9.6%	187	7.3%
Built 1960 to 1969	30,037	9.8%	100	3.9%
Built 1950 to 1959	33,882	11.0%	210	8.2%
Built 1940 to 1949	16,874	5.5%	77	3.0%
Built 1939 or earlier	120,586	39.3%	946	37.0%
<b>ROOMS</b>				
Total housing units	307,174	307,174	2,558	2,558
1 room	6,309	2.1%	0	0.0%

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2 rooms	8,590	2.8%	65	2.5%
3 rooms	29,720	9.7%	43	1.7%
4 rooms	49,708	16.2%	371	14.5%
5 rooms	53,744	17.5%	435	17.0%
6 rooms	53,711	17.5%	378	14.8%
7 rooms	39,078	12.7%	641	25.1%
8 rooms	29,471	9.6%	288	11.3%
9 rooms or more	36,843	12.0%	337	13.2%
Median rooms	5.6	(X)	6.5	(X)
<b>BEDROOMS</b>				
Total housing units	307,174	307,174	2,558	2,558
No bedroom	6,750	2.2%	0	0.0%
1 bedroom	43,999	14.3%	205	8.0%
2 bedrooms	86,707	28.2%	657	25.7%
3 bedrooms	106,803	34.8%	1,182	46.2%
4 bedrooms	49,638	16.2%	439	17.2%
5 or more bedrooms	13,277	4.3%	75	2.9%
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>				
Occupied housing units	286,896	286,896	2,516	2,516
Owner-occupied	180,939	63.1%	2,143	85.2%
Renter-occupied	105,957	36.9%	373	14.8%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.74	(X)	2.62	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.31	(X)	2.40	(X)
<b>YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT</b>				
Occupied housing units	286,896	286,896	2,516	2,516
Moved in 2010 or later	61,133	21.3%	398	15.8%
Moved in 2000 to 2009	114,813	40.0%	1,068	42.4%
Moved in 1990 to 1999	52,528	18.3%	589	23.4%
Moved in 1980 to 1989	25,654	8.9%	217	8.6%
Moved in 1970 to 1979	15,608	5.4%	184	7.3%
Moved in 1969 or earlier	17,160	6.0%	60	2.4%
<b>VEHICLES AVAILABLE</b>				
Occupied housing units	286,896	286,896	2,516	2,516
No vehicles available	31,201	10.9%	59	2.3%
1 vehicle available	101,711	35.5%	720	28.6%
2 vehicles available	110,468	38.5%	1,217	48.4%
3 or more vehicles available	43,516	15.2%	520	20.7%
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>				
Occupied housing units	286,896	286,896	2,516	2,516
Utility gas	158,637	55.3%	1,418	56.4%
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	7,105	2.5%	161	6.4%
Electricity	35,137	12.2%	129	5.1%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	81,141	28.3%	742	29.5%
Coal or coke	180	0.1%	0	0.0%
Wood	2,510	0.9%	0	0.0%
Solar energy	67	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other fuel	1,407	0.5%	52	2.1%
No fuel used	712	0.2%	14	0.6%
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
Occupied housing units	286,896	286,896	2,516	2,516
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	1,331	0.5%	0	0.0%
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	2,582	0.9%	0	0.0%

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No telephone service available	4,434	1.5%	0	0.0%
<b>OCCUPANTS PER ROOM</b>				
Occupied housing units	286,896	286,896	2,516	2,516
1.00 or less	281,403	98.1%	2,516	100.0%
1.01 to 1.50	3,970	1.4%	0	0.0%
1.51 or more	1,523	0.5%	0	0.0%
<b>VALUE</b>				
Owner-occupied units	180,939	180,939	2,143	2,143
Less than \$50,000	4,331	2.4%	173	8.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,557	1.4%	145	6.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	6,039	3.3%	78	3.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	11,989	6.6%	90	4.2%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	42,998	23.8%	568	26.5%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	71,623	39.6%	808	37.7%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	35,879	19.8%	271	12.6%
\$1,000,000 or more	5,523	3.1%	10	0.5%
Median (dollars)	349,300	(X)	303,300	(X)
<b>MORTGAGE STATUS</b>				
Owner-occupied units	180,939	180,939	2,143	2,143
Housing units with a mortgage	130,708	72.2%	1,483	69.2%
Housing units without a mortgage	50,231	27.8%	660	30.8%
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)</b>				
Housing units with a mortgage	130,708	130,708	1,483	1,483
Less than \$300	120	0.1%	0	0.0%
\$300 to \$499	456	0.3%	0	0.0%
\$500 to \$699	1,471	1.1%	0	0.0%
\$700 to \$999	4,997	3.8%	69	4.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	18,245	14.0%	146	9.8%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	28,378	21.7%	352	23.7%
\$2,000 or more	77,041	58.9%	916	61.8%
Median (dollars)	2,203	(X)	2,224	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	50,231	50,231	660	660
Less than \$100	336	0.7%	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	528	1.1%	15	2.3%
\$200 to \$299	727	1.4%	16	2.4%
\$300 to \$399	1,959	3.9%	31	4.7%
\$400 or more	46,681	92.9%	598	90.6%
Median (dollars)	759	(X)	688	(X)
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)</b>				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	130,214	130,214	1,483	1,483
Less than 20.0 percent	43,112	33.1%	294	19.8%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	21,432	16.5%	348	23.5%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	17,227	13.2%	265	17.9%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	12,123	9.3%	210	14.2%
35.0 percent or more	36,320	27.9%	366	24.7%
Not computed	494	(X)	0	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	49,684	49,684	660	660
Less than 10.0 percent	15,124	30.4%	216	32.7%
10.0 to 14.9 percent	9,260	18.6%	79	12.0%

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	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
15.0 to 19.9 percent	6,446	13.0%	71	10.8%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,450	9.0%	141	21.4%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,166	6.4%	13	2.0%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,560	5.2%	13	2.0%
35.0 percent or more	8,678	17.5%	127	19.2%
Not computed	547	(X)	0	(X)
<b>GROSS RENT</b>				
Occupied units paying rent	102,311	102,311	373	373
Less than \$200	2,194	2.1%	0	0.0%
\$200 to \$299	6,266	6.1%	17	4.6%
\$300 to \$499	7,640	7.5%	0	0.0%
\$500 to \$749	9,787	9.6%	45	12.1%
\$750 to \$999	19,251	18.8%	46	12.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	40,213	39.3%	139	37.3%
\$1,500 or more	16,960	16.6%	126	33.8%
Median (dollars)	1,063	(X)	1,200	(X)
No rent paid	3,646	(X)	0	(X)
<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)</b>				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	100,846	100,846	373	373
Less than 15.0 percent	11,220	11.1%	31	8.3%
15.0 to 19.9 percent	11,440	11.3%	73	19.6%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	12,513	12.4%	70	18.8%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	12,586	12.5%	26	7.0%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	10,378	10.3%	46	12.3%
35.0 percent or more	42,709	42.4%	127	34.0%
Not computed	5,111	(X)	0	(X)

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.

Households not paying cash rent are excluded from the calculation of median gross rent.

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

While the 2010-2014 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, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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.