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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		Methuen Town city, Essex County, Massachusetts	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>				
Total housing units	307,174	307,174	18,399	18,399
Occupied housing units	286,896	93.4%	17,584	95.6%
Vacant housing units	20,278	6.6%	815	4.4%
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.1	(X)	1.4	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	3.7	(X)	3.3	(X)
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>				
Total housing units	307,174	307,174	18,399	18,399
1-unit, detached	155,063	50.5%	10,863	59.0%
1-unit, attached	18,804	6.1%	1,292	7.0%
2 units	35,237	11.5%	1,684	9.2%
3 or 4 units	34,483	11.2%	1,109	6.0%
5 to 9 units	16,950	5.5%	732	4.0%
10 to 19 units	13,154	4.3%	945	5.1%
20 or more units	31,454	10.2%	1,718	9.3%
Mobile home	1,980	0.6%	56	0.3%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	49	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>				
Total housing units	307,174	307,174	18,399	18,399
Built 2010 or later	1,382	0.4%	244	1.3%
Built 2000 to 2009	20,965	6.8%	1,089	5.9%
Built 1990 to 1999	21,078	6.9%	1,520	8.3%
Built 1980 to 1989	32,985	10.7%	3,106	16.9%
Built 1970 to 1979	29,385	9.6%	2,360	12.8%
Built 1960 to 1969	30,037	9.8%	1,984	10.8%
Built 1950 to 1959	33,882	11.0%	1,971	10.7%
Built 1940 to 1949	16,874	5.5%	1,178	6.4%
Built 1939 or earlier	120,586	39.3%	4,947	26.9%
<b>ROOMS</b>				
Total housing units	307,174	307,174	18,399	18,399
1 room	6,309	2.1%	200	1.1%

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	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
2 rooms	8,590	2.8%	346	1.9%
3 rooms	29,720	9.7%	1,506	8.2%
4 rooms	49,708	16.2%	2,841	15.4%
5 rooms	53,744	17.5%	3,163	17.2%
6 rooms	53,711	17.5%	3,932	21.4%
7 rooms	39,078	12.7%	2,746	14.9%
8 rooms	29,471	9.6%	1,877	10.2%
9 rooms or more	36,843	12.0%	1,788	9.7%
Median rooms	5.6	(X)	5.8	(X)
<b>BEDROOMS</b>				
Total housing units	307,174	307,174	18,399	18,399
No bedroom	6,750	2.2%	200	1.1%
1 bedroom	43,999	14.3%	1,925	10.5%
2 bedrooms	86,707	28.2%	4,950	26.9%
3 bedrooms	106,803	34.8%	7,953	43.2%
4 bedrooms	49,638	16.2%	2,769	15.0%
5 or more bedrooms	13,277	4.3%	602	3.3%
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>				
Occupied housing units	286,896	286,896	17,584	17,584
Owner-occupied	180,939	63.1%	12,512	71.2%
Renter-occupied	105,957	36.9%	5,072	28.8%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.74	(X)	2.87	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.31	(X)	2.32	(X)
<b>YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT</b>				
Occupied housing units	286,896	286,896	17,584	17,584
Moved in 2010 or later	61,133	21.3%	3,483	19.8%
Moved in 2000 to 2009	114,813	40.0%	6,587	37.5%
Moved in 1990 to 1999	52,528	18.3%	3,588	20.4%
Moved in 1980 to 1989	25,654	8.9%	1,967	11.2%
Moved in 1970 to 1979	15,608	5.4%	914	5.2%
Moved in 1969 or earlier	17,160	6.0%	1,045	5.9%
<b>VEHICLES AVAILABLE</b>				
Occupied housing units	286,896	286,896	17,584	17,584
No vehicles available	31,201	10.9%	1,246	7.1%
1 vehicle available	101,711	35.5%	5,941	33.8%
2 vehicles available	110,468	38.5%	7,011	39.9%
3 or more vehicles available	43,516	15.2%	3,386	19.3%
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>				
Occupied housing units	286,896	286,896	17,584	17,584
Utility gas	158,637	55.3%	12,013	68.3%
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	7,105	2.5%	404	2.3%
Electricity	35,137	12.2%	1,712	9.7%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	81,141	28.3%	3,257	18.5%
Coal or coke	180	0.1%	0	0.0%
Wood	2,510	0.9%	79	0.4%
Solar energy	67	0.0%	10	0.1%
Other fuel	1,407	0.5%	101	0.6%
No fuel used	712	0.2%	8	0.0%
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
Occupied housing units	286,896	286,896	17,584	17,584
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	1,331	0.5%	25	0.1%
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	2,582	0.9%	32	0.2%

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No telephone service available	4,434	1.5%	412	2.3%
<b>OCCUPANTS PER ROOM</b>				
Occupied housing units	286,896	286,896	17,584	17,584
1.00 or less	281,403	98.1%	17,237	98.0%
1.01 to 1.50	3,970	1.4%	245	1.4%
1.51 or more	1,523	0.5%	102	0.6%
<b>VALUE</b>				
Owner-occupied units	180,939	180,939	12,512	12,512
Less than \$50,000	4,331	2.4%	494	3.9%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,557	1.4%	109	0.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	6,039	3.3%	621	5.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	11,989	6.6%	1,098	8.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	42,998	23.8%	5,055	40.4%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	71,623	39.6%	4,420	35.3%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	35,879	19.8%	646	5.2%
\$1,000,000 or more	5,523	3.1%	69	0.6%
Median (dollars)	349,300	(X)	279,100	(X)
<b>MORTGAGE STATUS</b>				
Owner-occupied units	180,939	180,939	12,512	12,512
Housing units with a mortgage	130,708	72.2%	8,982	71.8%
Housing units without a mortgage	50,231	27.8%	3,530	28.2%
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)</b>				
Housing units with a mortgage	130,708	130,708	8,982	8,982
Less than \$300	120	0.1%	13	0.1%
\$300 to \$499	456	0.3%	59	0.7%
\$500 to \$699	1,471	1.1%	235	2.6%
\$700 to \$999	4,997	3.8%	513	5.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	18,245	14.0%	1,660	18.5%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	28,378	21.7%	2,401	26.7%
\$2,000 or more	77,041	58.9%	4,101	45.7%
Median (dollars)	2,203	(X)	1,919	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	50,231	50,231	3,530	3,530
Less than \$100	336	0.7%	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	528	1.1%	24	0.7%
\$200 to \$299	727	1.4%	70	2.0%
\$300 to \$399	1,959	3.9%	239	6.8%
\$400 or more	46,681	92.9%	3,197	90.6%
Median (dollars)	759	(X)	633	(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	8,929	8,929
Less than 20.0 percent	43,112	33.1%	3,316	37.1%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	21,432	16.5%	1,507	16.9%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	17,227	13.2%	1,148	12.9%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	12,123	9.3%	622	7.0%
35.0 percent or more	36,320	27.9%	2,336	26.2%
Not computed	494	(X)	53	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	49,684	49,684	3,530	3,530
Less than 10.0 percent	15,124	30.4%	1,109	31.4%
10.0 to 14.9 percent	9,260	18.6%	720	20.4%

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15.0 to 19.9 percent	6,446	13.0%	496	14.1%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,450	9.0%	352	10.0%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,166	6.4%	170	4.8%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,560	5.2%	175	5.0%
35.0 percent or more	8,678	17.5%	508	14.4%
Not computed	547	(X)	0	(X)
<b>GROSS RENT</b>				
Occupied units paying rent	102,311	102,311	4,916	4,916
Less than \$200	2,194	2.1%	108	2.2%
\$200 to \$299	6,266	6.1%	201	4.1%
\$300 to \$499	7,640	7.5%	388	7.9%
\$500 to \$749	9,787	9.6%	462	9.4%
\$750 to \$999	19,251	18.8%	1,165	23.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	40,213	39.3%	2,034	41.4%
\$1,500 or more	16,960	16.6%	558	11.4%
Median (dollars)	1,063	(X)	1,026	(X)
No rent paid	3,646	(X)	156	(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	4,853	4,853
Less than 15.0 percent	11,220	11.1%	386	8.0%
15.0 to 19.9 percent	11,440	11.3%	622	12.8%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	12,513	12.4%	610	12.6%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	12,586	12.5%	666	13.7%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	10,378	10.3%	447	9.2%
35.0 percent or more	42,709	42.4%	2,122	43.7%
Not computed	5,111	(X)	219	(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.