

Selected Housing Characteristics: 2006-2008
 Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Butte County, California

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	94,708	573	94,708	(X)
Occupied housing units	85,984	1,054	90.8%	1.0
Vacant housing units	8,724	934	9.2%	1.0
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.5	0.9	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	3.5	1.1	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	94,708	573	94,708	(X)
1-unit, detached	58,440	1,264	61.7%	1.3
1-unit, attached	2,654	424	2.8%	0.4
2 units	3,349	594	3.5%	0.6
3 or 4 units	6,719	811	7.1%	0.8
5 to 9 units	3,686	615	3.9%	0.7
10 to 19 units	1,807	486	1.9%	0.5
20 or more units	4,371	600	4.6%	0.6
Mobile home	13,132	799	13.9%	0.8
Boat, RV, van, etc.	550	241	0.6%	0.3
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	94,708	573	94,708	(X)
Built 2005 or later	2,449	402	2.6%	0.4
Built 2000 to 2004	6,063	722	6.4%	0.8
Built 1990 to 1999	12,227	846	12.9%	0.9
Built 1980 to 1989	17,664	1,272	18.7%	1.3
Built 1970 to 1979	22,795	1,105	24.1%	1.2
Built 1960 to 1969	10,263	863	10.8%	0.9
Built 1950 to 1959	10,211	830	10.8%	0.9
Built 1940 to 1949	5,670	779	6.0%	0.8
Built 1939 or earlier	7,366	732	7.8%	0.8
ROOMS				
Total housing units	94,708	573	94,708	(X)
1 room	2,376	660	2.5%	0.7
2 rooms	3,185	496	3.4%	0.5
3 rooms	8,164	837	8.6%	0.9
4 rooms	19,653	1,312	20.8%	1.4
5 rooms	25,069	1,234	26.5%	1.3
6 rooms	18,978	1,103	20.0%	1.1
7 rooms	9,264	783	9.8%	0.8
8 rooms	4,673	609	4.9%	0.6
9 rooms or more	3,346	418	3.5%	0.4
Median rooms	5.1	0.2	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	94,708	573	94,708	(X)
No bedroom	2,835	657	3.0%	0.7
1 bedroom	10,203	779	10.8%	0.8
2 bedrooms	33,376	1,347	35.2%	1.4
3 bedrooms	37,271	1,134	39.4%	1.2
4 bedrooms	9,656	748	10.2%	0.8
5 or more bedrooms	1,367	360	1.4%	0.4
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	85,984	1,054	85,984	(X)
Owner-occupied	50,722	1,130	59.0%	1.4
Renter-occupied	35,262	1,399	41.0%	1.4

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.51	0.05	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.45	0.05	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	85,984	1,054	85,984	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	29,921	1,581	34.8%	1.6
Moved in 2000 to 2004	21,948	1,294	25.5%	1.5
Moved in 1990 to 1999	18,525	1,116	21.5%	1.4
Moved in 1980 to 1989	8,265	654	9.6%	0.7
Moved in 1970 to 1979	4,638	557	5.4%	0.6
Moved in 1969 or earlier	2,687	411	3.1%	0.5
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	85,984	1,054	85,984	(X)
No vehicles available	6,114	807	7.1%	0.9
1 vehicle available	27,380	1,346	31.8%	1.5
2 vehicles available	32,452	1,289	37.7%	1.5
3 or more vehicles available	20,038	1,150	23.3%	1.3
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	85,984	1,054	85,984	(X)
Utility gas	46,885	1,271	54.5%	1.4
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	7,924	731	9.2%	0.8
Electricity	20,817	1,239	24.2%	1.4
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	336	177	0.4%	0.2
Coal or coke	0	168	0.0%	0.1
Wood	9,020	874	10.5%	1.0
Solar energy	38	36	0.0%	0.1
Other fuel	489	161	0.6%	0.2
No fuel used	475	198	0.6%	0.2
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	85,984	1,054	85,984	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	398	264	0.5%	0.3
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	526	212	0.6%	0.2
No telephone service available	3,371	532	3.9%	0.6
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	85,984	1,054	85,984	(X)
1.00 or less	82,576	1,160	96.0%	0.7
1.01 to 1.50	2,746	557	3.2%	0.6
1.51 or more	662	197	0.8%	0.2
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	50,722	1,130	50,722	(X)
Less than \$50,000	3,875	514	7.6%	1.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,824	415	5.6%	0.8
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,106	502	6.1%	1.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5,466	664	10.8%	1.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999	12,772	902	25.2%	1.6
\$300,000 to \$499,999	16,132	825	31.8%	1.6
\$500,000 to \$999,999	5,957	560	11.7%	1.1
\$1,000,000 or more	590	208	1.2%	0.4
Median (dollars)	277,800	6,880	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	50,722	1,130	50,722	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	32,654	1,077	64.4%	1.4
Housing units without a mortgage	18,068	745	35.6%	1.4

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SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	32,654	1,077	32,654	(X)
Less than \$300	116	61	0.4%	0.2
\$300 to \$499	455	137	1.4%	0.4
\$500 to \$699	1,803	379	5.5%	1.1
\$700 to \$999	5,318	636	16.3%	1.8
\$1,000 to \$1,499	8,182	767	25.1%	2.2
\$1,500 to \$1,999	7,421	680	22.7%	2.0
\$2,000 or more	9,359	718	28.7%	2.0
Median (dollars)	1,533	53	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage				
Housing units without a mortgage	18,068	745	18,068	(X)
Less than \$100	723	296	4.0%	1.6
\$100 to \$199	2,104	384	11.6%	2.1
\$200 to \$299	3,911	532	21.6%	2.7
\$300 to \$399	3,591	419	19.9%	2.3
\$400 or more	7,739	576	42.8%	2.8
Median (dollars)	364	14	(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)	32,600	1,071	32,600	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	8,503	719	26.1%	2.0
20.0 to 24.9 percent	4,736	573	14.5%	1.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	4,506	626	13.8%	1.9
30.0 to 34.9 percent	3,242	471	9.9%	1.5
35.0 percent or more	11,613	929	35.6%	2.5
Not computed	54	59	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)				
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	17,878	748	17,878	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	7,478	709	41.8%	3.2
10.0 to 14.9 percent	3,386	471	18.9%	2.7
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,795	281	10.0%	1.5
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,090	246	6.1%	1.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	836	196	4.7%	1.1
30.0 to 34.9 percent	709	233	4.0%	1.3
35.0 percent or more	2,584	406	14.5%	2.2
Not computed	190	126	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	33,767	1,371	33,767	(X)
Less than \$200	257	175	0.8%	0.5
\$200 to \$299	1,031	339	3.1%	1.0
\$300 to \$499	2,833	449	8.4%	1.3
\$500 to \$749	8,578	806	25.4%	2.2
\$750 to \$999	9,988	927	29.6%	2.4
\$1,000 to \$1,499	8,198	867	24.3%	2.3
\$1,500 or more	2,882	605	8.5%	1.8
Median (dollars)	847	18	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	1,495	312	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	33,407	1,411	33,407	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	2,596	490	7.8%	1.5
15.0 to 19.9 percent	3,215	652	9.6%	1.8
20.0 to 24.9 percent	3,692	640	11.1%	1.9

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25.0 to 29.9 percent	3,297	588	9.9%	1.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	3,438	593	10.3%	1.6
35.0 percent or more	17,169	1,083	51.4%	2.9
Not computed	1,855	413	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 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 <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/Accuracy/Accuracy1.htm> Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

- In prior years, the universe included all owner-occupied units with a mortgage. It is now restricted to include only those units where SMOCAP1 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 SMOCAP1 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 GRAP1 is computed, that is, gross rent and household Income are valid values.
- Due to the use of value categories rather than specific amounts collected for each individual housing unit in 2006 and 2007, property value on the 3-year file cannot be inflation adjusted. Any table providing data on property values is reported in current dollars. This is in contrast to the other monetary data on the 3-year file, which are inflated to 2008 dollars.
- The estimate for mortgage status and selected monthly owner costs, median mortgage status and selected monthly owner costs, gross rent, and median gross rent for previous years is adjusted for inflation to the current year.
- The median gross rent excludes no cash renters.
- While the 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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. The 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data generally reflect the November 2007 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 PRCS 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.