

Selected Housing Characteristics: 2006-2008
 Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Chico city, 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	36,979	652	36,979	(X)
Occupied housing units	33,818	783	91.5%	1.5
Vacant housing units	3,161	580	8.5%	1.5
Homeowner vacancy rate	3.5	1.8	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	4.8	1.7	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	36,979	652	36,979	(X)
1-unit, detached	18,573	851	50.2%	2.2
1-unit, attached	1,423	359	3.8%	1.0
2 units	1,985	482	5.4%	1.3
3 or 4 units	4,881	720	13.2%	1.9
5 to 9 units	2,992	529	8.1%	1.4
10 to 19 units	1,545	473	4.2%	1.3
20 or more units	3,517	523	9.5%	1.4
Mobile home	2,028	336	5.5%	0.9
Boat, RV, van, etc.	35	40	0.1%	0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	36,979	652	36,979	(X)
Built 2005 or later	1,139	271	3.1%	0.7
Built 2000 to 2004	3,039	475	8.2%	1.3
Built 1990 to 1999	6,323	516	17.1%	1.4
Built 1980 to 1989	6,311	815	17.1%	2.2
Built 1970 to 1979	7,970	737	21.6%	1.9
Built 1960 to 1969	3,212	525	8.7%	1.4
Built 1950 to 1959	4,524	589	12.2%	1.6
Built 1940 to 1949	1,548	388	4.2%	1.0
Built 1939 or earlier	2,913	502	7.9%	1.3
ROOMS				
Total housing units	36,979	652	36,979	(X)
1 room	1,086	390	2.9%	1.1
2 rooms	1,890	406	5.1%	1.1
3 rooms	4,425	648	12.0%	1.7
4 rooms	7,878	807	21.3%	2.1
5 rooms	9,075	802	24.5%	2.1
6 rooms	7,251	643	19.6%	1.7
7 rooms	2,989	520	8.1%	1.4
8 rooms	1,396	318	3.8%	0.9
9 rooms or more	989	224	2.7%	0.6
Median rooms	4.9	0.2	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	36,979	652	36,979	(X)
No bedroom	1,297	395	3.5%	1.1
1 bedroom	5,556	648	15.0%	1.7
2 bedrooms	12,110	822	32.7%	2.2
3 bedrooms	12,871	670	34.8%	1.7
4 bedrooms	4,735	532	12.8%	1.5
5 or more bedrooms	410	205	1.1%	0.6
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	33,818	783	33,818	(X)
Owner-occupied	13,754	681	40.7%	2.1
Renter-occupied	20,064	938	59.3%	2.1

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Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.39	0.09	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.40	0.08	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	33,818	783	33,818	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	16,754	1,128	49.5%	2.7
Moved in 2000 to 2004	7,542	713	22.3%	2.1
Moved in 1990 to 1999	6,211	576	18.4%	1.8
Moved in 1980 to 1989	1,678	302	5.0%	0.9
Moved in 1970 to 1979	874	236	2.6%	0.7
Moved in 1969 or earlier	759	199	2.2%	0.6
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	33,818	783	33,818	(X)
No vehicles available	3,023	525	8.9%	1.5
1 vehicle available	12,706	933	37.6%	2.6
2 vehicles available	12,235	966	36.2%	2.8
3 or more vehicles available	5,854	633	17.3%	1.8
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	33,818	783	33,818	(X)
Utility gas	21,907	946	64.8%	2.5
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	326	139	1.0%	0.4
Electricity	10,168	882	30.1%	2.4
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	27	40	0.1%	0.1
Coal or coke	0	168	0.0%	0.2
Wood	1,137	360	3.4%	1.1
Solar energy	0	168	0.0%	0.2
Other fuel	26	31	0.1%	0.1
No fuel used	227	157	0.7%	0.5
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	33,818	783	33,818	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	153	189	0.5%	0.6
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	76	45	0.2%	0.1
No telephone service available	1,653	411	4.9%	1.2
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	33,818	783	33,818	(X)
1.00 or less	32,664	843	96.6%	1.1
1.01 to 1.50	881	360	2.6%	1.1
1.51 or more	273	145	0.8%	0.4
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	13,754	681	13,754	(X)
Less than \$50,000	921	268	6.7%	1.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	689	203	5.0%	1.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	339	116	2.5%	0.9
\$150,000 to \$199,999	471	149	3.4%	1.1
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,252	448	23.6%	3.0
\$300,000 to \$499,999	6,691	545	48.6%	3.1
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1,302	250	9.5%	1.8
\$1,000,000 or more	89	57	0.6%	0.4
Median (dollars)	325,700	7,796	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	13,754	681	13,754	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	9,888	690	71.9%	2.9
Housing units without a mortgage	3,866	404	28.1%	2.9

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SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	9,888	690	9,888	(X)
Less than \$300	0	168	0.0%	0.7
\$300 to \$499	51	49	0.5%	0.5
\$500 to \$699	267	125	2.7%	1.2
\$700 to \$999	1,193	279	12.1%	2.6
\$1,000 to \$1,499	2,433	365	24.6%	3.1
\$1,500 to \$1,999	2,759	392	27.9%	3.6
\$2,000 or more	3,185	426	32.2%	3.9
Median (dollars)	1,685	74	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage				
Housing units without a mortgage	3,866	404	3,866	(X)
Less than \$100	99	116	2.6%	2.9
\$100 to \$199	343	141	8.9%	3.6
\$200 to \$299	681	190	17.6%	4.8
\$300 to \$399	656	206	17.0%	4.9
\$400 or more	2,087	341	54.0%	7.1
Median (dollars)	420	33	(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)	9,872	687	9,872	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	2,312	397	23.4%	3.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,636	316	16.6%	2.9
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,443	340	14.6%	3.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	930	265	9.4%	2.6
35.0 percent or more	3,551	514	36.0%	4.3
Housing units without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)				
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	3,845	404	3,845	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	1,657	328	43.1%	6.7
10.0 to 14.9 percent	607	200	15.8%	4.8
15.0 to 19.9 percent	345	127	9.0%	3.4
20.0 to 24.9 percent	274	120	7.1%	3.1
25.0 to 29.9 percent	204	87	5.3%	2.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	57	54	1.5%	1.4
35.0 percent or more	701	203	18.2%	4.9
Not computed				
Not computed	16	26	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	19,558	929	19,558	(X)
Less than \$200	161	116	0.8%	0.6
\$200 to \$299	275	186	1.4%	1.0
\$300 to \$499	1,156	394	5.9%	2.0
\$500 to \$749	4,637	598	23.7%	3.0
\$750 to \$999	5,808	677	29.7%	3.1
\$1,000 to \$1,499	5,327	735	27.2%	3.4
\$1,500 or more	2,194	488	11.2%	2.4
Median (dollars)	893	28	(X)	(X)
No rent paid				
No rent paid	506	224	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	19,402	956	19,402	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	1,072	354	5.5%	1.8
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,538	458	7.9%	2.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,833	505	9.4%	2.5

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25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,771	449	9.1%	2.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	2,172	472	11.2%	2.3
35.0 percent or more	11,016	853	56.8%	3.7
Not computed	662	255	(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 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.
- 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.