



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

WASHINGTON STATE DATA

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According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median home value for Washington was \$256,500 during the post-recession period, a decrease from \$297,000 during the recession period of 2007–09. This and other data were released in November by the American Community Survey. Information covers the three-year period of 2010 to 2012 and is available for areas with a population of 20,000 or more.

Among other 2010–12 highlights for Washington are the following:

Housing units

- » 63.4 percent of housing units were single-family detached homes, which was not statistically different from 63.2 percent in 2007–09.
- » 7 percent of the state's housing units were mobile homes, a slight decrease from 7.2 percent in 2007–09.

Mortgage status. About 71.6 percent of owner-occupied homes had a mortgage, a decrease from 73.1 percent in 2007–09.

Rent

- » Median gross rent was \$953, an increase from \$939 in 2007–09.
- » 41.3 percent of renters spent 35 percent or more of their household incomes on gross rent, an increase from 38.7 percent in 2007–09.

Monthly owner costs

- » Median selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage were \$1,768, a decrease from \$1,882 in 2007–09. Owner costs include mortgages, real estate taxes, various insurances, utilities, fuels, mobile home costs and condominium fees.
- » Median selected monthly owner costs for housing units without a mortgage were \$495, a decrease from \$501 in 2007–09.
- » 28.8 percent of homeowners (with a mortgage) spent 35 percent or more of their household incomes on selected monthly owner costs (a standard indicator of unaffordable housing), a decrease from 30.3 percent in 2007–09.

About the survey

ACS gives communities the up-to-date information they need to plan services and investments. Retailers, homebuilders, police departments and town and city planners are among the many private- and public-sector decision makers who use these annual results. Ever since Thomas Jefferson directed the first census in 1790, the census has collected detailed characteristics about our nation's people. The 2010-2012 ACS statistics are available for the nation, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, every congressional district, every metro area and all counties and places with populations of 20,000 or more. One-year data are available for populations greater than 65,000 and five-year data are available for all geographies down to the census tract.

Statistics for areas with smaller populations will be available Dec. 17.

For more information

The Census Bureau released the brief "Home Value and Homeownership Rates: Recession and Post-Recession Comparisons from 2007-2009 to 2010-2012." This paper uses the 2010–12 ACS statistics to display homeownership rates and median housing values in smaller communities.

Also see ACS's news release: http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/american_community_survey_acs/cb13-190.html.

In addition to these housing statistics, more than 40 topics about Washington are available through the ACS. Topics include educational attainment, employment, commuting, language spoken at home, nativity and ancestry. For the first time, comparison profiles are available for the three-year statistics, allowing smaller communities to see how housing (and other) characteristics have changed over time.

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