

American Housing Survey 2005

Table 5-11. **Reasons for Move and Choice of Current Residence--Occupied Units With Black Alone Householder**

Numbers in thousands. Weighting consistent with Census 2000.

Characteristics	Total Occupied Units	Tenure		Housing unit characteristics				Elderly(65 years or older)	Moved in past year	Below poverty level
		Owner	Renter	New construction 4 years	Manufactured/mobile homes	Physical problems				
						Severe	Moderate			
RESPONDENT MOVED DURING PAST YEAR										
Total	2,880	523	2,357	165	106	75	247	116	2,796	940
Reasons for Leaving Previous Unit¹										
Private displacement	62	3	59	-	-	-	13	5	62	32
Owner to move into unit	10	-	10	-	-	-	4	-	10	3
To be converted to condominium or cooperative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closed for repairs	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Other	49	3	46	-	-	-	9	5	49	27
Not reported	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Government displacement	36	3	33	-	2	2	5	3	36	26
Government wanted building or land	9	3	6	-	-	-	-	3	9	6
Unit unfit for occupancy	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Other	23	-	23	-	2	2	5	-	23	15
Not reported	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Disaster loss (fire, flood, etc.)	24	3	21	-	-	3	8	3	24	13
New job or job transfer	186	18	167	9	-	13	2	-	181	21
To be closer to work/school/other	278	22	256	15	10	11	6	3	278	79

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						Severe	Moderate			
Other, financial/employment related	186	10	176	2	2	14	11	5	184	56
To establish own household	506	121	386	27	24	8	67	2	494	182
Needed larger house or apartment	450	112	338	41	2	5	40	13	447	153
Married	44	12	32	5	3	3	2	3	27	3
Widowed, divorced or separated	52	13	39	5	5	-	3	2	50	5
Other, family/person related	297	35	262	13	19	8	32	20	284	106
Wanted better home	413	73	340	14	8	6	30	22	407	122
Change from owner to renter	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	15	3
Change from renter to owner	109	109	-	17	3	3	5	2	104	18
Wanted lower rent or maintenance	191	12	179	3	14	5	11	11	191	71
Other housing related reasons	252	35	217	10	3	4	32	20	243	99
Evicted from residence	23	3	20	-	-	-	5	-	20	14
Other	471	70	402	24	20	11	39	41	461	169
Not reported	75	24	51	8	2	3	3	1	72	28
Main Reason for Leaving Previous Unit										
All reported reasons equal	33	10	24	3	-	-	-	-	33	5
Private displacement	21	3	18	-	-	-	-	-	21	8
Government displacement	13	3	10	-	-	-	-	3	13	10
Disaster loss (fire, flood, etc.)	24	3	21	-	-	3	8	3	24	13

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New job or job transfer	155	15	140	9	-	3	2	-	151	12
To be closer to work/school/other	203	11	192	12	7	6	6	2	203	55
Other, financial/employment related	122	7	115	2	2	11	5	2	120	38
To establish own household	426	90	335	24	24	8	51	2	413	151
Needed larger house or apartment	319	69	250	28	2	5	32	10	316	114
Married, widowed, divorced, or separated	140	46	94	17	8	3	16	8	118	30
Other, family/personal related	221	28	192	8	19	8	18	13	208	82
Wanted better home	263	27	236	2	5	3	19	14	256	82
Change from owner to renter or renter to owner	104	101	3	13	3	3	3	2	102	18
Wanted lower rent or maintenance	139	6	133	3	11	3	11	8	139	52
Other housing related reasons	154	22	133	10	3	4	19	10	148	66
Evicted from residence	15	-	15	-	-	-	5	-	12	9
Other	401	59	342	24	20	11	30	31	395	137
Not reported	127	24	103	8	2	3	21	6	124	56
Choice of Present Neighborhood¹										
Convenient to job	646	94	552	30	7	12	45	-	630	96
Convenient to friends or relatives	629	110	519	34	40	18	52	37	595	226
Convenient to leisure activities	109	24	85	5	3	-	2	7	106	22
Convenient to public transportation	195	22	172	3	3	10	16	4	190	65

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Good schools	284	75	209	19	7	3	24	-	281	90
Other public services	133	18	115	4	-	-	6	8	127	47
Looks/design of neighborhood	557	164	393	55	17	13	36	6	557	130
House was most important consideration	475	162	313	41	11	11	41	23	467	153
Other	799	95	704	30	28	13	83	48	778	317
Not reported	76	21	55	6	2	3	3	1	70	31
Main Reason for Choice of Present Neighborhood										
All reported reasons equal	37	13	23	6	-	-	-	-	37	6
Convenient to job	512	59	453	25	4	12	32	-	504	75
Convenient to friends or relatives	469	79	390	28	40	15	47	33	435	183
Convenient to leisure activities	11	-	11	-	-	-	-	2	11	4
Convenient to public transportation	61	3	58	-	-	10	6	3	61	26
Good schools	165	32	133	12	7	3	14	-	162	49
Other public services	45	6	39	3	-	-	3	2	43	27
Looks/design of neighborhood	378	114	264	38	17	13	29	6	378	94
House was most important consideration	366	107	259	19	8	5	30	23	357	136
Other	759	88	670	27	28	13	83	46	738	308
Not reported	76	21	55	6	2	3	3	1	70	31

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		Owner	Renter	New construction 4 years	Manufactured/mobile homes	Physical problems				
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Neighborhood Search										
Looked at just this neighborhood	1,367	218	1,149	56	81	53	113	80	1,312	489
Looked at other neighborhood(s)	1,425	282	1,143	103	21	19	131	32	1,405	415
Not reported	88	23	65	6	5	3	3	4	79	36
Choice of Present Home¹										
Financial reasons	998	151	847	47	59	32	79	39	973	343
Room layout/design	756	200	555	73	14	21	53	28	744	181
Kitchen	132	46	86	14	3	-	3	8	129	30
Size	718	156	562	46	22	10	61	24	700	212
Exterior appearance	296	106	190	28	3	9	31	16	291	71
Yard/trees/view	229	85	145	10	-	3	21	15	224	53
Quality of construction	170	76	94	19	3	-	5	5	164	22
Only one available	244	7	237	4	20	11	28	11	241	110
Other	562	83	479	17	8	13	48	38	529	192
Not reported	76	21	55	6	2	3	3	1	70	31
Main Reason for Choice of Present Home										
All reported reasons equal	52	17	35	3	-	-	-	-	52	6
Financial reasons	873	122	752	38	56	29	67	31	851	315
Room layout/design	479	139	340	60	10	5	35	22	471	114
Kitchen	20	2	18	2	-	-	-	-	20	8
Size	441	77	364	23	11	7	43	9	430	136
Exterior appearance	104	22	82	7	-	6	22	2	104	35
Yard/trees/view	67	21	46	-	-	-	13	-	67	17
Quality of construction	51	19	33	4	-	-	-	-	48	12
Only one available	206	5	201	4	20	11	19	11	206	94
Other	511	80	431	17	8	13	45	38	478	172
Not reported	76	21	55	6	2	3	3	1	70	31

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Home Search										
Now in house	1,086	460	626	120	...	27	84	43	1,045	305
Did not look at apartments	794	404	390	97	...	18	52	41	761	203
Looked at apartments too	251	33	218	16	...	5	31	-	242	95
Search not reported	42	23	19	7	...	3	-	1	42	7
Now in manufactured/mobile home	106	41	66	9	106	5	9	7	103	36
Did not look at apartments	79	23	56	5	79	5	6	7	79	33
Looked at apartments too	23	13	10	2	23	-	2	-	23	-
Search not reported	5	5	-	2	5	-	-	-	2	3
Now in apartment	1,688	23	1,665	36	...	43	155	66	1,648	599
Did not look at houses	1,169	18	1,151	24	...	25	102	62	1,136	427
Looked at houses too	447	5	442	12	...	9	45	5	444	141
Search not reported	72	-	72	-	...	10	7	-	68	30
Recent Mover Comparison to Previous Home										
Better home	1,498	348	1,150	120	44	30	100	53	1,478	445
Worse home	451	43	408	5	21	22	76	13	426	176
About the same	827	107	721	29	37	20	62	47	798	287
Not reported	104	26	78	11	5	3	8	4	95	32

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Recent Mover Comparison to Previous Neighborhood										
Better neighborhood	1,121	248	873	86	24	32	80	45	1,106	325
Worse neighborhood	374	42	332	4	8	12	72	13	350	168
About the same	1,180	181	1,000	64	70	28	77	51	1,145	380
Same neighborhood	103	27	77	2	-	-	10	2	103	29
Not reported	101	26	75	8	5	3	8	4	92	37

¹ Figures may not add up to total because more than one category may apply to a unit

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 Table 5-11. **Reasons for Moving**
 Numbers in thousands. Weights

Characteristics	Total Occupied Units	In MSAs		Outside MSAs	Urban		Rural			Regions			
		Central Cities	Suburbs		Total	Outside MSAs	Total	Suburbs	Outside MSA's	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
RESPONDENT MOVED DURING PAST YEAR													
Total	2,880	1,517	1,029	335	2,688	248	192	98	87	378	559	1,663	281
Reasons for Leaving Previous Unit¹													
Private displacement	62	28	28	6	62	6	-	-	-	21	12	9	20
Owner to move into unit	10	7	4	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	8
To be converted to condominium or cooperative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closed for repairs	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Other	49	19	24	6	49	6	-	-	-	21	7	9	12
Not reported	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Government displacement	36	18	9	9	31	4	5	-	5	8	3	26	-
Government wanted building or land	9	9	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-
Unit unfit for occupancy	2	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Other	23	6	9	8	17	2	5	-	5	8	-	15	-
Not reported	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Disaster loss (fire, flood, etc.)	24	16	8	-	24	-	-	-	-	3	4	17	-
New job or job transfer	186	87	89	10	168	5	17	12	5	32	9	114	31
To be closer to work/school/other	278	101	135	42	246	27	32	18	15	20	66	167	26

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		Central Cities	Suburbs		Total	Outside MSAs	Total	Suburbs	Outside MSA's	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other, financial/employment related	186	103	78	4	176	2	10	8	2	23	24	114	24
To establish own household	506	298	154	54	482	40	24	10	14	69	90	310	37
Needed larger house or apartment	450	194	181	74	426	62	23	11	12	56	79	267	47
Married	44	24	17	3	40	3	3	3	-	12	11	17	3
Widowed, divorced or separated	52	31	14	7	52	7	-	-	-	4	2	39	7
Other, family/person related	297	156	96	46	268	27	29	11	18	57	50	166	24
Wanted better home	413	191	172	51	381	32	32	11	19	67	89	216	41
Change from owner to renter	15	12	-	3	15	3	-	-	-	2	3	3	6
Change from renter to owner	109	45	43	21	99	19	11	8	3	7	16	74	13
Wanted lower rent or maintenance	191	94	77	20	166	9	25	10	11	25	31	109	26
Other housing related reasons	252	147	87	17	244	12	8	-	5	72	64	97	18
Evicted from residence	23	10	12	-	18	-	5	5	-	3	4	13	3
Other	471	289	151	32	449	19	23	10	13	52	104	271	44
Not reported	75	38	26	11	72	11	2	2	-	19	20	32	3
Main Reason for Leaving Previous Unit													
All reported reasons equal	33	19	11	3	33	3	-	-	-	6	5	22	-
Private displacement	21	12	10	-	21	-	-	-	-	7	8	-	7
Government displacement	13	9	2	2	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	13	-
Disaster loss (fire, flood, etc.)	24	16	8	-	24	-	-	-	-	3	4	17	-

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		Central Cities	Suburbs		Total	Outside MSAs	Total	Suburbs	Outside MSA's	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
New job or job transfer	155	72	74	10	138	5	17	12	5	22	9	101	24
To be closer to work/school/other	203	85	87	31	178	21	24	15	10	10	55	118	20
Other, financial/employment related	122	73	45	4	118	2	4	2	2	12	14	79	16
To establish own household	426	261	123	41	409	35	17	10	7	63	74	263	26
Needed larger house or apartment	319	136	122	61	305	53	14	6	8	32	54	194	39
Married, widowed, divorced, or separated	140	67	51	22	133	22	7	7	-	15	31	84	10
Other, family/personal related	221	116	66	38	196	24	25	11	14	37	37	127	20
Wanted better home	263	139	96	28	248	18	15	2	10	38	67	135	22
Change from owner to renter or renter to owner	104	43	43	18	93	15	11	8	3	7	16	65	16
Wanted lower rent or maintenance	139	63	58	18	116	9	23	10	9	10	21	86	23
Other housing related reasons	154	91	53	10	149	5	5	-	5	36	45	63	10
Evicted from residence	15	9	6	-	13	-	2	2	-	3	4	8	-
Other	401	249	127	25	378	12	23	10	13	41	89	238	33
Not reported	127	57	47	23	121	20	6	2	3	36	25	50	16
Choice of Present Neighborhood¹													
Convenient to job	646	333	273	40	594	23	52	34	17	84	94	391	78
Convenient to friends or relatives	629	328	212	89	581	62	48	20	28	87	140	348	54
Convenient to leisure activities	109	63	41	5	107	5	2	2	-	30	18	47	14
Convenient to public transportation	195	131	64	-	193	-	2	2	-	70	35	72	18

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Good schools	284	113	128	43	261	39	22	18	4	19	77	154	34
Other public services	133	81	48	4	129	3	4	2	2	28	33	45	27
Looks/design of neighborhood	557	252	244	60	521	55	36	28	5	62	108	324	63
House was most important consideration	475	234	166	75	443	60	32	17	15	63	94	266	53
Other	799	453	261	84	753	59	46	14	25	119	153	460	67
Not reported	76	44	23	9	76	9	-	-	-	19	17	37	3
Main Reason for Choice of Present Neighborhood													
All reported reasons equal	37	12	18	6	35	6	2	2	-	7	8	15	7
Convenient to job	512	270	205	37	472	23	41	26	15	59	77	325	51
Convenient to friends or relatives	469	245	151	74	434	48	35	9	26	57	96	282	35
Convenient to leisure activities	11	9	-	2	11	2	-	-	-	4	3	2	3
Convenient to public transportation	61	42	19	-	61	-	-	-	-	22	14	19	7
Good schools	165	60	76	30	145	26	20	16	4	6	37	97	26
Other public services	45	20	24	2	41	-	4	2	2	6	15	19	5
Looks/design of neighborhood	378	183	149	47	352	44	27	24	3	33	70	234	42
House was most important consideration	366	194	125	47	343	35	22	10	12	47	75	208	35
Other	759	438	239	81	718	56	41	9	25	119	148	426	67
Not reported	76	44	23	9	76	9	-	-	-	19	17	37	3

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Neighborhood Search													
Looked at just this neighborhood	1,367	720	472	176	1,242	119	125	64	57	167	247	825	128
Looked at other neighborhood(s)	1,425	751	531	142	1,361	116	64	35	27	187	297	791	150
Not reported	88	46	26	17	85	14	3	-	3	24	14	46	3
Choice of Present Home¹													
Financial reasons	998	568	313	117	922	80	76	40	36	115	186	593	104
Room layout/design	756	351	311	93	713	82	43	31	12	114	138	437	66
Kitchen	132	38	67	27	127	25	5	3	2	25	22	72	14
Size	718	319	273	126	674	95	44	14	30	106	134	401	78
Exterior appearance	296	123	136	36	279	29	17	9	7	32	47	177	39
Yard/trees/view	229	112	85	31	211	24	18	11	7	29	33	142	25
Quality of construction	170	70	73	26	165	21	5	-	5	36	39	84	11
Only one available	244	138	72	34	219	31	25	16	3	32	40	158	13
Other	562	324	194	44	519	26	43	25	18	73	118	297	74
Not reported	76	44	23	9	76	9	-	-	-	19	17	37	3
Main Reason for Choice of Present Home													
All reported reasons equal	52	25	24	3	50	3	2	2	-	7	3	36	6
Financial reasons	873	501	276	96	803	65	71	40	31	103	154	528	89
Room layout/design	479	215	209	55	455	49	24	18	6	54	102	281	43
Kitchen	20	2	16	2	20	2	-	-	-	4	2	9	5
Size	441	199	164	78	412	55	29	6	23	65	82	254	41
Exterior appearance	104	56	43	4	104	4	-	-	-	11	26	55	12
Yard/trees/view	67	40	14	13	59	8	8	3	5	6	18	37	5
Quality of construction	51	23	23	5	48	2	3	-	3	14	24	13	-
Only one available	206	116	59	31	183	28	23	14	3	25	26	142	13
Other	511	296	176	39	479	23	32	16	15	70	106	271	64
Not reported	76	44	23	9	76	9	-	-	-	19	17	37	3

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Home Search													
Now in house	1,086	530	381	175	995	134	92	50	42	97	207	678	105
Did not look at apartments	794	350	317	127	725	99	69	41	28	55	136	514	89
Looked at apartments too	251	152	57	41	235	30	16	5	11	27	62	150	12
Search not reported	42	28	7	7	35	4	7	4	3	15	9	14	3
Now in manufactured/mobile home	106	23	29	54	47	23	59	24	31	-	2	95	9
Did not look at apartments	79	17	26	35	33	14	46	20	21	-	-	73	6
Looked at apartments too	23	6	3	13	13	7	10	3	7	-	2	17	3
Search not reported	5	-	-	5	2	2	3	-	3	-	-	5	-
Now in apartment	1,688	964	618	106	1,646	91	41	25	14	281	350	890	167
Did not look at houses	1,169	658	438	73	1,138	62	31	17	12	187	217	647	117
Looked at houses too	447	264	154	30	437	27	10	8	3	62	125	210	50
Search not reported	72	42	27	3	72	3	-	-	-	31	8	32	-
Recent Mover Comparison to Previous Home													
Better home	1,498	725	581	192	1,393	142	105	53	50	219	279	862	138
Worse home	451	289	134	29	417	16	34	21	12	38	105	261	47
About the same	827	448	279	100	780	79	47	21	21	101	158	480	89
Not reported	104	55	35	14	98	11	6	2	3	19	17	61	7

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Recent Mover Comparison to Previous Neighborhood													
Better neighborhood	1,121	554	438	129	1,041	97	80	46	32	137	229	659	95
Worse neighborhood	374	243	91	41	352	23	22	4	18	45	97	195	38
About the same	1,180	592	450	139	1,101	111	79	46	29	158	188	701	133
Same neighborhood	103	72	23	8	98	3	5	-	5	16	27	53	7
Not reported	101	56	27	17	96	14	6	2	3	22	17	56	7

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