

2011 Housing Profile: Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA

American Housing Survey Factsheets

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OUR HOMES ARE MORE THAN WHERE WE LIVE

Owning or renting your own place is a milestone for many. Our homes may be investments, or sometimes financial burdens. Whether it's a gathering place

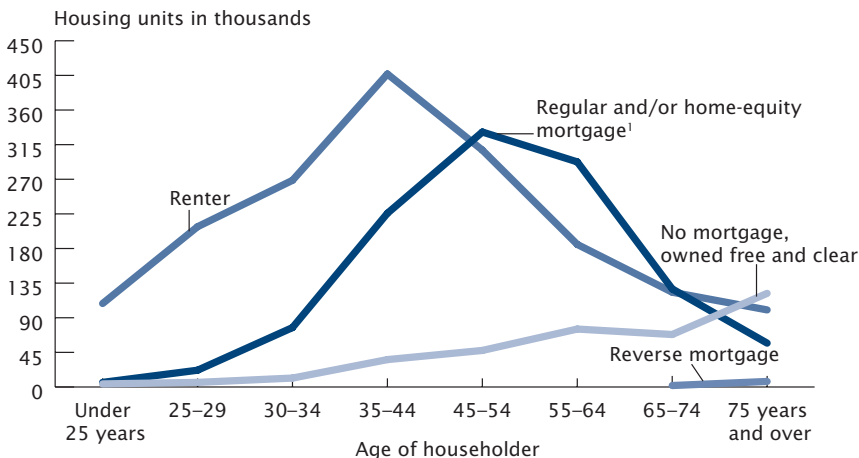
for friends and family or a sanctuary where you relax, our homes are important. That is why the American Housing Survey (AHS) is a valuable survey, allowing us to learn more about the types of homes in which we live and the size and composition of the housing inventory.

Number of housing units interviewed: 3,813

In the AHS, every housing unit represents itself and about 907 other units.

The AHS coverage of the **Los Angeles-Long Beach Metro Division** matches the 2009 Office of Management and Budget definition.

WHO RENTS OR PAYS A MORTGAGE?



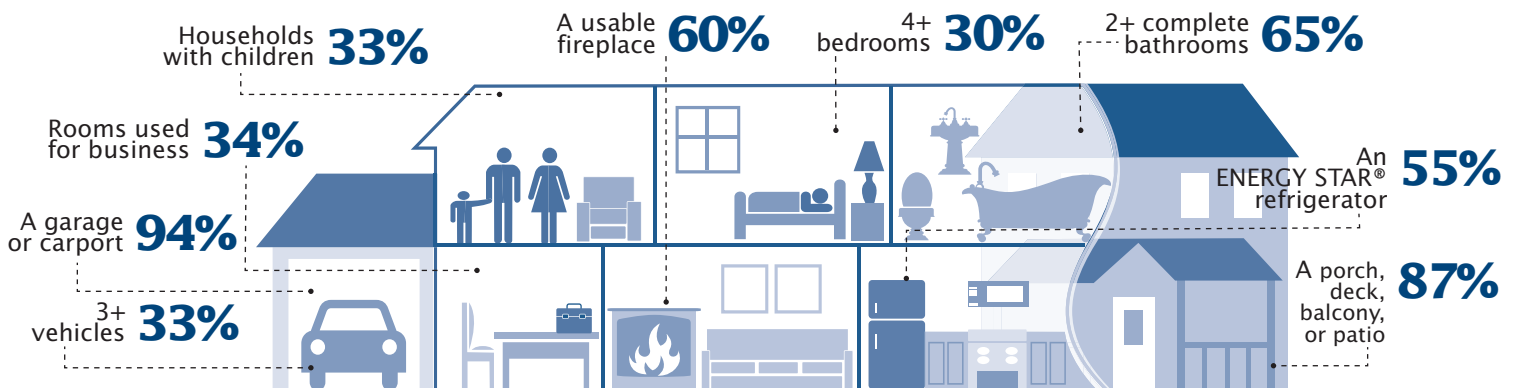
¹ Regular mortgages include all mortgages not classified as home-equity credit lines or reverse annuity mortgages.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2011 American Housing Survey.

HOUSING INVENTORY

	Number	Percent
Total Units	3,457,800	100.0
Owner-occupied units	1,518,400	43.9
Renter-occupied units	1,708,600	49.4
Vacant units	220,600	6.4
Seasonal units	10,300	0.3

OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS WITH:



WHAT IS THE AHS?

The AHS is the most comprehensive housing survey in the United States. The same units have been interviewed since 1985, with new construction, demolitions, and conversions taken into account. National data are collected every other year and metropolitan area data are collected on a rotating basis.

People in nearly every field use information from the AHS to evaluate and study the physical and financial characteristics of the nation's housing stock. In addition to the indicators presented in Tables 1 and 2, the AHS provides data on multi-family and single-family homes, manufactured/mobile homes, equipment and appliances, characteristics of the occupants, and more.

Table 1.

Physical Characteristics—All Occupied Housing Units: 2011

Characteristics	Total	Owner-occupied	Renter-occupied
One unit, detached (percent)	51.1	83.6	22.3
Cooperative or condo (percent)	8.9	10.8	7.3
Median:			
Year built	1961	1958	1965
Square footage per unit	1,600	1,700	1,200
Percentage using:			
Well water (primary source)	0.3	0.5	0.1
Public sewer	98.6	97.5	99.5
Main house heating fuel (percent):			
Electricity	27.7	18.8	35.9
Piped gas	71.4	80.0	63.5
Other	0.9	1.2	0.6
Percentage with:			
Central air	45.7	61.7	31.4
Warm-air furnace (main heating)	58.3	73.3	45.0
Unsafe drinking water	26.8	21.0	31.9
Working carbon monoxide detectors	23.2	29.6	17.5
Separate dining room	45.9	63.3	30.5
Swimming pool	20.5	20.2	20.8
Signs of rodents in last 12 months	7.2	7.6	6.9
Mold in last 12 months	3.8	2.4	5.0
Wheelchair-accessible ramps	0.5	0.6	0.5
Missing roofing material ¹	2.7	3.0	1.9
Leakage from outside structure	9.6	10.3	8.9

¹ Excludes multiunit structures.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2011 American Housing Survey.

Table 2.

Financial Characteristics—Owner-Occupied Housing Units: 2011

Characteristics	Total	New construction past 4 years	Black alone	Hispanic	Elderly (65+ years)	Below poverty
Median:						
Year mortgage originated	2005	2010	2000	2005	2000	2001
Purchase price (dollars)	210,000	365,000	142,000	157,000	70,000	124,000
Home value (dollars)	400,000	500,000	325,000	300,000	400,000	300,000
Current total loan as percentage of value (percent)	61.0	85.0	58.0	71.0	35.0	54.0
Ratio of value to current income	5.7	4.3	6.7	5.4	10.2	40.0
Percentage with:						
No mortgage, owned free and clear	24.4	12.8	22.3	18.6	49.5	41.1
Regular and/or home equity mortgage ¹	75.0	86.5	76.0	81.2	48.1	57.9
Line-of-credit only	7.3	0.7	7.2	4.6	5.4	3.3
Refinanced primary mortgage	32.6	21.3	26.3	28.9	20.5	13.0
Two or more regular and/or home equity mortgages ¹	11.3	0.7	6.8	10.5	5.1	5.7
Median monthly expenditures (dollars)						
Total housing	1,789	3,090	1,477	1,664	881	974
Mortgage payment	1,650	2,475	1,500	1,503	1,243	1,200
Property insurance	75	108	81	64	75	67
Real estate taxes	250	417	200	197	167	193
Routine maintenance	42	4	42	42	38	42
Electricity	87	92	79	80	79	74
Trash removal	30	42	27	30	30	29

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SOURCE AND ACCURACY

The AHS is sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Data presented are based on the sample of units that responded to the 2011 AHS, using weighting consistent with Census 2010. The resulting estimates are representative of the entire population. For information on sampling and estimation methods, see <www.census.gov/housing/ahs/methodology>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the AHS Web site for a complete set of tables, definitions, and more <www.census.gov/housing/ahs>. Additional information is available on HUD's Web site at <www.huduser.org>. Please contact us at 888-518-7365 (toll-free) or e-mail us at <ahsn@census.gov> with any inquiries about these data.