



American Community Survey

2007-2011 Estimate

West End

*Neighborhood**

*These geographies are based on Zip Codes and zoning boundaries.

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About the American Community Survey

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an annual survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. The ACS asks a host of demographic, economic, and housing related questions that were historically associated with the now discontinued long-form of the Census.

The ACS is a sample of the total population. As a result, the data are subject to sampling error. All counts displayed in the ACS are **estimates** with a plus/minus factor for all counts and percentages. Additionally, because of the small sample sizes of the ACS, it is not possible to estimate characteristics for small geographies with the one-year data collections. In order to look at small areas within a city, such as neighborhoods, data users need to use the 5-year ACS estimates. It is important to note that the 2007-2011 ACS data are not Census counts, but rather estimates of population characteristics. As a result, counts estimated in this report will not match those corresponding population counts observed in the 2010 Census.

Please note that subcategory percentages in this report reflect the percentage within the category it is associated with and not the percentage within the total. Major categories are typically highlighted in green in this report. Subcategories are distinguished by indented text. A glossary of select terms is included at the end of this report.

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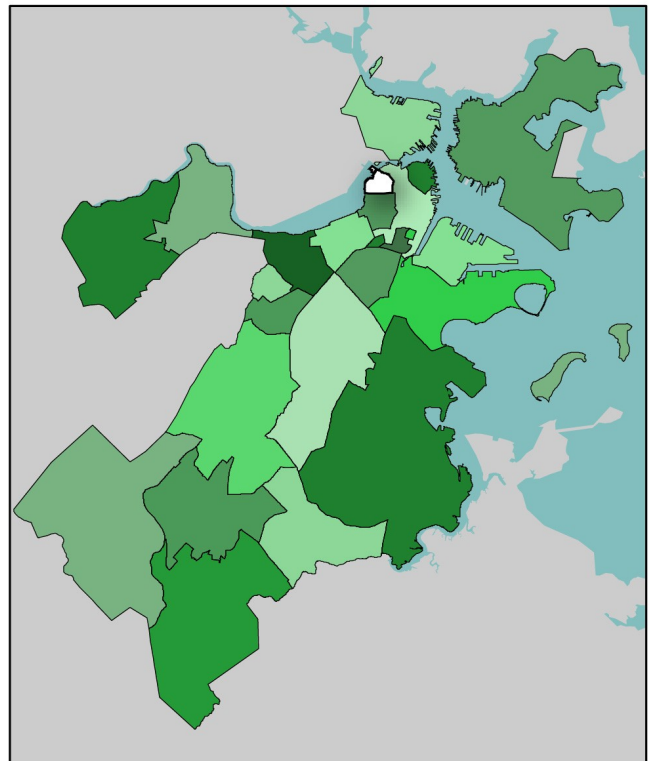


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Demographic Characteristics

Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	%
Total population:	2,063	100.0%
Male	969	47.0%
Female	1,094	53.0%

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	% [†]
Total population:	2,063	100.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino:	1,980	96.0%
White alone	1,415	68.6%
Black or African American alone	43	2.1%
Asian alone	506	24.5%
Two or more races	16	0.8%
Other	0	0.0%
Hispanic or Latino	83	4.0%

**“Hispanic” is not considered a racial category by the Federal Office of Management and Budget. For this analysis, we removed people of Hispanic origin from each racial group and created a separate category of “Hispanic or Latino”.*

[†]All percentages in this table are of the total population.

Age

Age	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	
Total population:	2,063	100.0%	40 to 44 years	199	9.6%
Under 5 years	36	1.7%	45 to 49 years	56	2.7%
5 to 9 years	0	0.0%	50 to 54 years	126	6.1%
10 to 14 years	39	1.9%	55 to 59 years	83	4.0%
15 to 17 years	21	1.0%	60 to 64 years	48	2.3%
18 and 19 years	28	1.4%	65 to 69 years	48	2.3%
20 to 24 years	114	5.5%	70 to 74 years	193	9.4%
25 to 29 years	573	27.8%	75 to 79 years	80	3.9%
30 to 34 years	248	12.0%	80 to 84 years	55	2.7%
35 to 39 years	57	2.8%	85 years and over	59	2.9%

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total population:	2,063	100.0%
Native:	1,397	67.7%
Born in Massachusetts	469	33.6%
Born in other state in the United States:	903	64.6%
Northeast	445	
Midwest	214	
South	232	
West	12	
Born outside the United States:	25	1.8%
Puerto Rico	0	
U.S. Island Areas	0	
Born abroad of American parent(s)	25	
Foreign born:	666	32.3%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	118	17.7%
Not a U.S. citizen	548	82.3%

Citizenship Status by Year of Entry in the United States

Citizenship Status by Year of Entry in the U.S.	Estimate	%
Total population born outside the United States:	691	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	363	52.5%
Native*	0	0.0%
Foreign born:	363	100.0%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	27	
Not a U.S. citizen	336	
Entered 1990 to 1999:	215	31.1%
Native*	0	0.0%
Foreign born:	215	100.0%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	69	
Not a U.S. citizen	146	
Entered 1980 to 1989:	85	12.3%
Native*	10	11.8%
Foreign born:	75	88.2%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	11	
Not a U.S. citizen	64	
Entered before 1980:	28	4.1%
Native*	15	53.6%
Foreign born:	13	46.4%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	11	
Not a U.S. citizen	2	

* Born in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Island Areas, or born abroad of American parent(s)

Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population

Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population (Top 10 Countries)	Estimate	%
Total population born outside the United States:	666	100.0%
India	245	36.8%
China	158	23.7%
France	59	8.9%
Albania	34	5.1%
Russia	28	4.2%
Philippines	19	2.9%
Brazil	18	2.7%
Italy	17	2.6%
Ukraine	17	2.6%
Kuwait	14	2.1%

Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	2,027	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	60	3.0%
Speak only English	40	66.7%
Speak Spanish	0	0.0%
Speak other Indo-European languages	20	33.3%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	0	0.0%
Speak other languages	0	0.0%
18 to 64 years:	1,532	75.6%
Speak only English	1,127	73.6%
Speak Spanish	61	4.0%
Speak other Indo-European languages	174	11.4%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	161	10.5%
Speak other languages	9	0.6%
65 years and over:	435	21.5%
Speak only English	334	76.8%
Speak Spanish	3	0.7%
Speak other Indo-European languages	51	11.7%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	47	10.8%
Speak other languages	0	0.0%

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total households:	1,166	100.0%
English only	753	64.6%
Spanish:	38	3.3%
Linguistically isolated	14	36.8%
Not linguistically isolated	24	63.2%
Other Indo-European languages:	206	17.7%
Linguistically isolated	70	34.0%
Not linguistically isolated	136	66.0%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	160	13.7%
Linguistically isolated	23	14.4%
Not linguistically isolated	137	85.6%
Other languages:	9	0.8%
Linguistically isolated	0	0.0%
Not linguistically isolated	9	100.0%

Marital Status by Sex

Marital Status by Sex for the Population 15 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	1,988	100.0%
Male:	913	45.9%
Never married	561	61.4%
Married:	295	32.3%
Married, spouse present	233	
Married, spouse absent:	62	
Separated	0	
Other	62	
Widowed	27	3.0%
Divorced	30	3.3%
Female:	1,075	54.1%
Never married	745	69.3%
Married:	295	27.4%
Married, spouse present	221	
Married, spouse absent:	74	
Separated	0	
Other	74	
Widowed	10	0.9%
Divorced	25	2.3%

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total families:	296	100.0%
Married-couple family:	232	78.4%
With related children under 18 years:	65	28.0%
Under 6 years only	26	
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	0	
6 to 17 years only	39	
No related children under 18 years	167	72.0%
Other family:	64	21.6%
Male householder, no wife present:	14	21.9%
With related children under 18 years:	0	
Under 6 years only	0	
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	0	
6 to 17 years only	0	
No related children under 18 years	14	
Female householder, no husband present:	50	78.1%
With related children under 18 years:	0	
Under 6 years only	0	
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	0	
6 to 17 years only	0	
No related children under 18 years	50	

Educational Attainment by Sex

Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total population:	1,825	100.0%	809	100.0%	1,016	100.0%
Less than high school diploma	44	2.4%	43	5.3%	1	0.1%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	15	0.8%	15	1.9%	0	0.0%
Some college	98	5.4%	54	6.7%	44	4.3%
Associate's degree	101	5.5%	6	0.7%	95	9.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,567	85.9%	691	85.4%	876	86.2%

Veteran Status

Veteran Status for the Population 18 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	1,967	100.0%
Veteran	61	3.1%
Non-veteran	1,906	96.9%
Active	0	0.0%

Economic Characteristics

Employment Status

Employment Status for the Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%	16 to 19 Years	%	20 to 24 Years	%	25 to 34 Years	%
Total population:	1,968	100.0%	29	100.0%	114	100.0%	821	100.0%
In labor force:	1,447	73.5%	10	34.5%	57	50.0%	790	96.2%
In Armed Forces	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Civilian:	1,447	100.0%	10	100.0%	57	100.0%	790	100.0%
Employed	1,372	94.8%	7	70.0%	57	100.0%	790	100.0%
Unemployed	75	5.2%	3	30.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Not in labor force	521	26.5%	19	65.5%	57	50.0%	31	3.8%

Employment Status for the Population 16 Years and Over	35 to 44 Years	%	45 to 54 Years	%	55 to 64 Years	%	65 Years and Over	%
Total population:	256	100.0%	182	100.0%	131	100.0%	435	100.0%
In labor force:	256	100.0%	141	77.5%	116	88.5%	77	17.7%
In Armed Forces	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0%
Civilian:	256	100.0%	141	100.0%	116	100.0%	77	100.0%
Employed	195	76.2%	141	100.0%	105	90.5%	77	100.0%
Unemployed	61	23.8%	0	0.0%	11	9.5%	0	0.0%
Not in labor force	0	0.0%	41	22.5%	15	11.5%	358	82.3%

Work Status by Sex

Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years	Estimate	%
Total population:	1533	100.0%
Male:	662	43.2%
Worked in the past 12 months	630	95.2%
Did not work in the past 12 months	32	4.8%
Female:	871	56.8%
Worked in the past 12 months	788	90.5%
Did not work in the past 12 months	83	9.5%

Class of Worker

Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	1,372	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	783	57.1%
Employee of private company workers	762	97.3%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	21	2.7%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	442	32.2%
Local government workers	49	3.6%
State government workers	46	3.4%
Federal government workers	34	2.5%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	18	1.3%
Unpaid family workers	0	0.0%

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	1,372	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	0	0.0%
Construction	14	1.0%
Manufacturing	78	5.7%
Wholesale trade	0	0.0%
Retail trade	50	3.6%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	14	1.0%
Information	147	10.7%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	208	15.2%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	222	16.2%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	589	42.9%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	0	0.0%
Other services, except public administration	3	0.2%
Public administration	47	3.4%

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	1,372	100.0%
Management, business, science, and arts occupations:	1,104	80.5%
Management, business, and financial occupations	252	22.8%
Computer, engineering, and science occupations	297	26.9%
Education, legal, community service, arts, and media occupations	301	27.3%
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	254	23.0%
Service occupations:	0	0.0%
Healthcare support occupations	0	-
Protective service occupations	0	-
Food preparation and serving related occupations	0	-
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	0	-
Personal care and service occupations	0	-
Sales and office occupations:	238	17.3%
Sales and related occupations	156	65.5%
Office and administrative support occupations	82	34.5%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations:	30	2.2%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0	0.0%
Construction and extraction occupations	0	0.0%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	30	100.0%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	0	0.0%
Production occupations	0	-
Transportation and material moving occupations	0	-
Material moving occupations	0	-

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months*	Estimate
Per capita income	\$57,114

* In 2011 inflation-adjusted dollars

Household Income

Household Income in the Past 12 Months*	Estimate	%
Total households:	1,166	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	37	3.2%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	90	7.7%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	60	5.1%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	0	0.0%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	22	1.9%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	29	2.5%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	29	2.5%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	17	1.5%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	20	1.7%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	143	12.3%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	150	12.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	110	9.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	176	15.1%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	45	3.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	94	8.1%
\$200,000 or more	144	12.3%

Median Household Income \$73,600

Family Income

Family Income in the Past 12 Months*	Estimate	%
Total families:	296	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	0	0.0%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	37	12.5%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	0	0.0%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	0	0.0%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	8	2.7%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	0	0.0%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	0	0.0%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	0	0.0%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	0	0.0%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	0	0.0%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	30	10.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16	5.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	61	20.6%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	0	0.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	28	9.5%
\$200,000 or more	116	39.2%

Median Family Income \$123,361

* In 2011 inflation-adjusted dollars

Receipt of Food Stamps/SNAP by Poverty Status for Households

Receipt of Food Stamps/SNAP in the Past 12 Months by Poverty Status for Households	Estimate	%
Total households:	1,166	100.0%
Household received Food Stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months:	45	3.9%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	0	0.0%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	45	100.0%
Household did NOT receive Food Stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months:	1,121	96.1%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	37	3.3%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	1,084	96.7%

Poverty Status by Household

Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Household Type	Total Estimate	%	Households in Poverty Estimate	% of Households in Poverty*	Poverty Rate [†]
Total households:	1,166	100.0%	37	100.0%	3.2%
Family households	296	25.4%	0	0.0%	0.0%
Non-family households:	870	74.6%	37	100.0%	4.3%
Male householder	366	42.1%	9	24.3%	2.5%
Female householder	504	57.9%	28	75.7%	5.6%

Poverty Status by Family

Poverty Status by Family Type	Total Estimate	%	Families in Poverty Estimate	% of all Families in Poverty*	Poverty Rate [†]
Total families:	296	100.0%	0	-	0.0%
Married-couple family:	232	78.4%	0	-	0.0%
With related children under 18 years:	65	28.0%	0	-	0.0%
Under 5 years only	26		0		0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	0		0		-
5 to 17 years only	39		0		0.0%
No related children under 18 years	167	72.0%	0	-	0.0%
Other family:	64	21.6%	0	-	0.0%
Male householder, no wife present:	14	21.9%	0	-	0.0%
With related children under 18 years:	0		0		-
Under 5 years only	0		0		-
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	0		0		-
5 to 17 years only	0		0		-
No related children under 18 years	14		0		0.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	50	78.1%	0	-	0.0%
With related children under 18 years:	0		0		-
Under 5 years only	0		0		-
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	0		0		-
5 to 17 years only	0		0		-
No related children under 18 years	50		0		0.0%

* Percentages represented are of all households/families in poverty.

† Poverty rate is the total number of households/families in poverty for a particular group divided by the total number of households/families for that group.

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income in the Past 12 Months			Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income in the Past 12 Months		
	Estimate	%		Estimate	%
Total households:	958	100.0%			
Less than \$10,000:	37	3.9%	\$50,000 to \$74,999:	251	26.2%
Less than 20.0 percent	0	0.0%	Less than 20.0 percent	0	0.0%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	0	0.0%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	0	0.0%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	0	0.0%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	35	13.9%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	0	0.0%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	44	17.5%
35.0 percent or more	28	75.7%	35.0 percent or more	172	68.5%
Not computed	9	24.3%	Not computed	0	0.0%
\$10,000 to \$19,999:	138	14.4%	\$75,000 to \$99,999:	100	10.4%
Less than 20.0 percent	15	10.9%	Less than 20.0 percent	0	0.0%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	40	29.0%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	35	35.0%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	58	42.0%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	53	53.0%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	0	0.0%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	12	12.0%
35.0 percent or more	25	18.1%	35.0 percent or more	0	0.0%
Not computed	0	0.0%	Not computed	0	0.0%
\$20,000 to \$34,999:	25	2.6%	\$100,000 or more:	359	37.5%
Less than 20.0 percent	8	32.0%	Less than 20.0 percent	148	41.2%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	0	0.0%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	41	11.4%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	0	0.0%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	75	20.9%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	0	0.0%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	22	6.1%
35.0 percent or more	17	68.0%	35.0 percent or more	73	20.3%
Not computed	0	0.0%	Not computed	0	0.0%
\$35,000 to \$49,999:	48	5.0%			
Less than 20.0 percent	6	12.5%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	0	0.0%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	11	22.9%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	0	0.0%			
35.0 percent or more	31	64.6%			
Not computed	0	0.0%			

Household Income by Race*

Household Income in the Past 12 Months	White Alone, not Hispanic or Latino		Black or African American		Hispanic or Latino		Asian Alone		Other	
		%		%		%		%		%
Total households:	887	100.0%	38	100.0%	16	100.0%	209	100.0%	16	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	37	4.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	52	5.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	38	18.2%	0	0.0%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	60	6.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	22	2.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	29	3.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	29	3.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	17	1.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	14	1.6%	0	0.0%	6	37.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	68	7.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	75	35.9%	0	0.0%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	150	16.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	59	6.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	35	16.7%	16	100.0%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	165	18.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11	5.3%	0	0.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	45	5.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	69	7.8%	25	65.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$200,000 or more	71	8.0%	13	34.2%	10	62.5%	50	23.9%	0	0.0%
Median Household Income	\$71,550		\$188,000		\$210,000		\$58,867		\$87,500	

* In 2011 inflation-adjusted dollars.

Due to data reporting limitation, it is not possible to separate the Hispanic or Latino population from any racial group except for white. As a result, the aggregate number of all races in the table will exceed the total number of households.

Housing Characteristics

Occupancy Status

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Total housing units:	1,249	100.0%
Occupied	1,166	93.4%
Vacant:	83	6.6%
For rent	11	13.3%
Rented, not occupied	43	51.8%
For sale only	0	0.0%
Sold, not occupied	0	0.0%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	0	0.0%
For migrant workers	0	0.0%
Other vacant	29	34.9%

Vacancy Rates

Vacancy Rates	Estimate
Total rental housing stock	1,012
Rental vacancy rate*	1.1%
Total ownership housing stock	208
Ownership vacancy rate*	0.0%
"Second homes" as % of housing stock [†]	0.0%

*Vacancy rate is vacant units (for rent or for sale) divided by housing stock.

[†]Seasonal, recreational or occasional use housing units are always counted as vacant. Part-time residents are counted at their usual place of residence.

Gross Rent

Median Gross Rent	Estimate
Median gross rent	\$1,927

Housing Tenure

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Occupied housing units:	1,166	100.0%
Average household size of all occupied housing units	1.7	
Owner-occupied housing units:	208	17.8%
Population in owner-occupied housing units	383	
Average household size of owner-occupied units	1.9	
Number of 1-person households	119	
Renter-occupied housing units:	958	82.2%
Population in renter-occupied housing units	1,605	
Average household size of renter-occupied units	1.7	
Number of 1-person households	556	

Household Type

Population by Household Type	Estimate	%
Total population:	2,063	100.0%
In households:	1,989	96.4%
In family households	830	41.7%
In non-family households	1,159	58.3%
In group quarters	74	3.6%

Household Type by Age	Estimate	%
Total households:	1,166	100.0%
Households with one or more people under 18 years:	65	5.6%
Family households:	65	100.0%
Married-couple family	65	
Male householder, no wife present	0	
Female householder, no husband present	0	
Non-family households	0	0.0%
Households with no people under 18 years:	1,101	94.4%
Family households:	231	21.0%
Married-couple family	167	
Male householder, no wife present	14	
Female householder, no husband present	50	
Non-family households:	870	79.0%
Male householder	366	
Female Householder	504	
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	279	23.9%

Glossary

Family

A group of two or more people who reside together and who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption.

Gross Rent

The amount of the contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities (electricity, gas, and water and sewer) and fuels (oil, coal, kerosene, wood, etc.) if these are paid for by the renter (or paid for the renter by someone else). Gross rent is intended to eliminate differentials that result from varying practices with respect to the inclusion of utilities and fuels as part of the rental payment.

Household

A household includes all the people, related or otherwise, who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence.

Linguistic Isolation

A household that is linguistically isolated is one in which no one 14 years of age and over speaks English very well.

Related Children

Includes all people in a household under the age of 18, regardless of marital status, who are related to the householder. Does not include householder's spouse or foster children, regardless of age.

SNAP

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamps program, provides eligible households with coupons that can be used to purchase food. It is administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) through state and local welfare offices. SNAP is the major national income support program for which all low-income and low-resource households, regardless of household characteristics, are eligible. In general, households must meet certain tests, including resources and income tests, to be eligible for SNAP benefits. For example, through September 2013, a household of four earning up to a net monthly income of \$1,921 would be eligible for a maximum monthly allotment of \$668.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Agriculture