2011 Housing Profile: Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ

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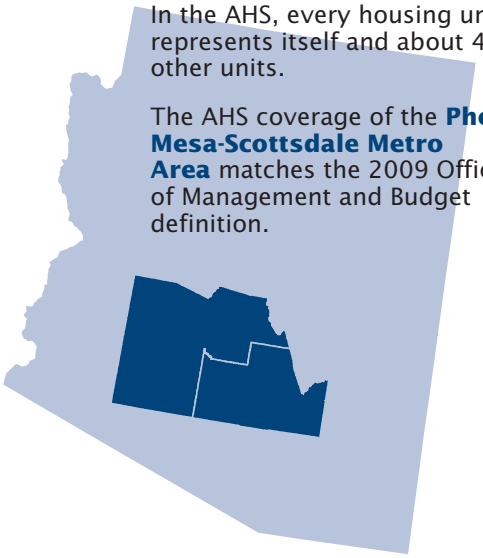
OUR HOMES ARE MORE THAN WHERE WE LIVE

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.

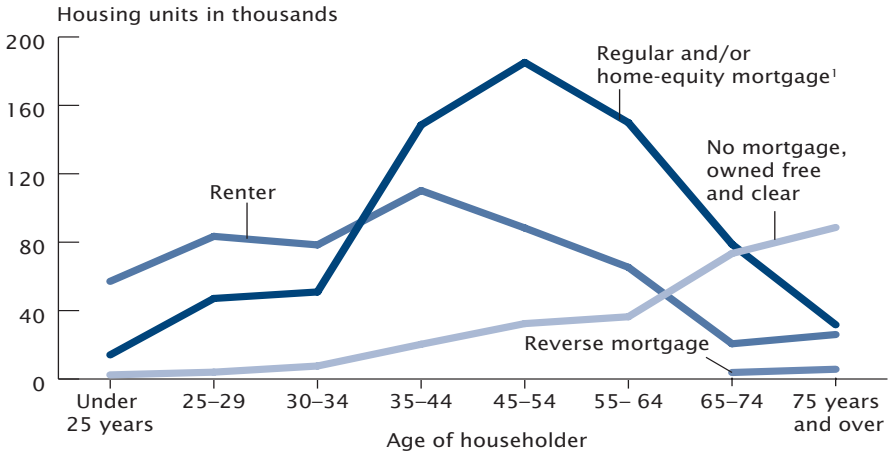
Number of housing units interviewed: 3,675

In the AHS, every housing unit represents itself and about 496 other units.

The AHS coverage of the **Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metro Area** matches the 2009 Office of Management and Budget definition.



WHO RENTS OR PAYS A MORTGAGE?



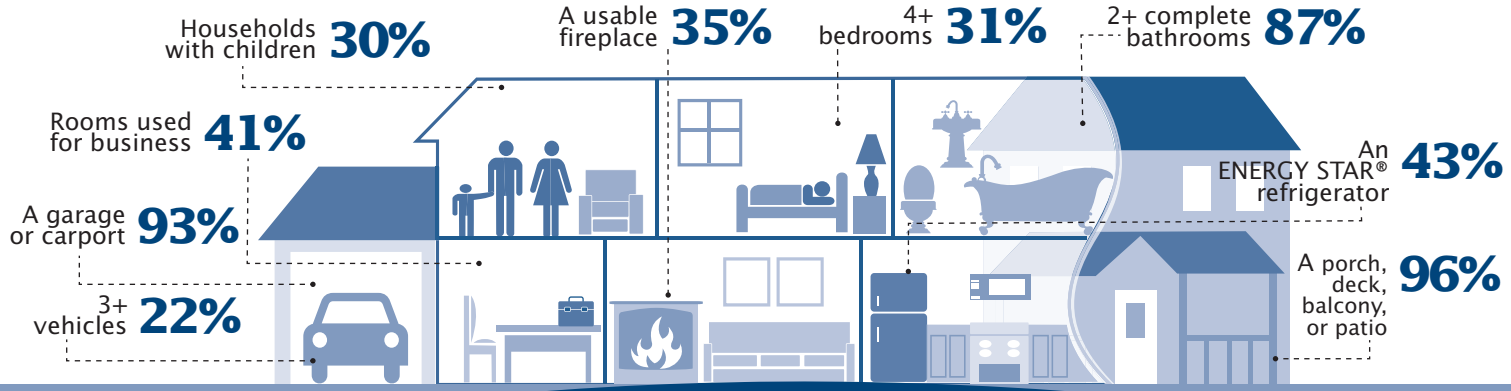
[1] Regular mortgages include all mortgages not classified as home-equity credit lines or reverse annuity mortgages.

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

HOUSING INVENTORY

	Number	Percent
Total Units	**1,821,700**	**100.0**
Owner-occupied units	980,700	53.8
Renter-occupied units	529,300	29.1
Vacant units	254,300	14.0
Seasonal units	57,400	3.2

OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS WITH:



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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)	67.8	83.3	39.0
Cooperative or condo (percent)	8.1	7.2	9.8
Median:			
Year built	1987	1989	1986
Square footage per unit	1,750	1,800	1,586
Percentage using:			
Well water (primary source)	0.6	0.9	0.2
Public sewer	95.9	94.5	98.4
Main house heating fuel (percent):			
Electricity	74.9	69.8	84.3
Piped gas	24.7	29.7	15.4
Other	0.4	0.6	0.2
Percentage with:			
Central air	97.0	97.5	96.0
Warm-air furnace (main heating)	49.2	50.1	47.6
Unsafe drinking water	17.0	14.7	21.2
Working carbon monoxide detectors	16.6	19.9	10.5
Separate dining room	41.5	49.6	26.7
Swimming pool	42.8	37.4	52.9
Signs of rodents in last 12 months	2.3	2.3	2.3
Mold in last 12 months	2.2	1.0	4.3
Wheelchair-accessible ramps	0.4	0.1	1.0
Missing roofing material[1]	4.6	4.5	4.8
Leakage from outside structure	8.0	7.7	8.5

[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	2007	2009	2006	2005	2004	2005
Purchase price (dollars)	139,000	202,000	121,375	92,000	117,500	98,000
Home value (dollars)	150,000	150,000	128,000	80,000	165,000	80,000
Current total loan as percentage of value (percent)	92.0	120.0	96.0	99.0	70.0	125.0
Ratio of value to current income	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.9	3.7	7.8
Percentage with:						
No mortgage, owned free and clear	27.0	5.6	9.9	23.4	57.4	38.6
Regular and/or home equity mortgage[1]	72.0	94.4	90.1	76.6	39.2	59.6
Line-of-credit only	8.0	0.9	6.9	6.4	7.6	7.8
Refinanced primary mortgage	25.0	11.3	33.9	20.2	13.3	13.3
Two or more regular and/or home equity mortgages[1]	10.2	2.7	13.2	8.3	5.1	8.4
Median monthly expenditures (dollars)						
Total housing	1,150	1,435	1,244	1,017	592	788
Mortgage payment	1,045	1,126	901	798	798	760
Property insurance	50	50	57	42	46	41
Real estate taxes	105	100	98	75	100	71
Routine maintenance	25	–	33	25	17	25
Electricity	160	163	180	154	143	146
Trash removal	35	29	45	50	27	50

– Represents or rounds to zero.

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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.