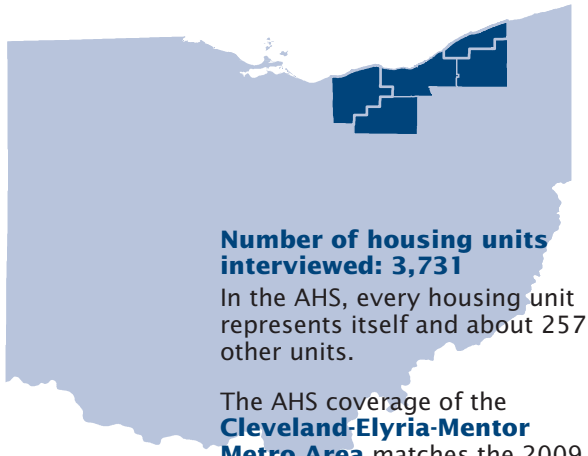
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OUR HOMES ARE MORE THAN WHERE WE LIVE

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.

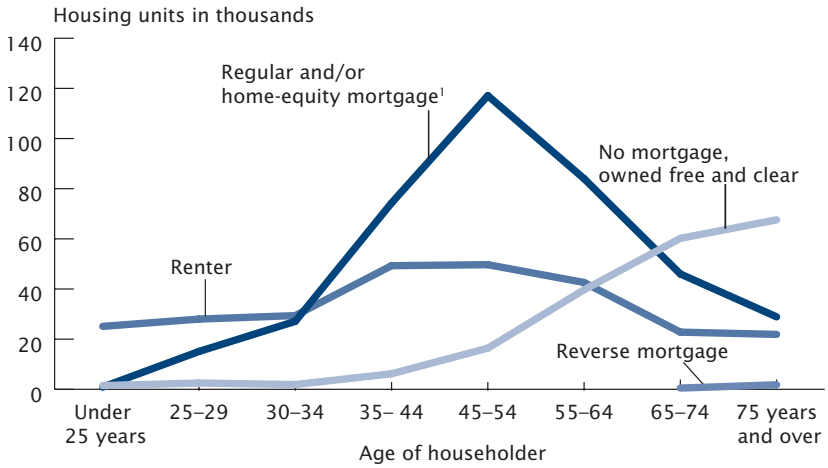


Number of housing units interviewed: 3,731

In the AHS, every housing unit represents itself and about 257 other units.

The AHS coverage of the **Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor Metro Area** matches the 2009 Office of Management and Budget definition.

WHO RENTS OR PAYS A MORTGAGE?



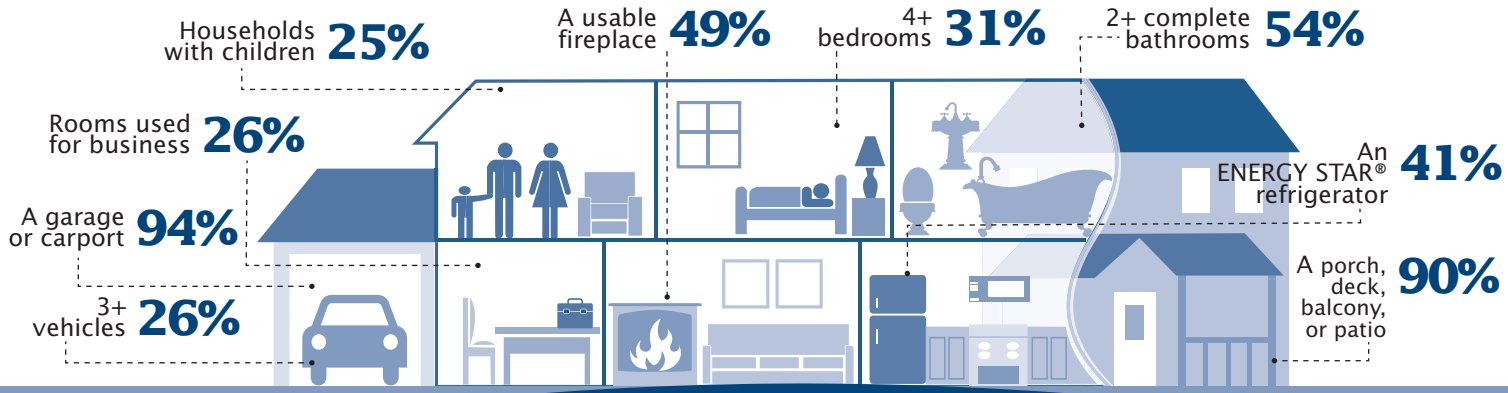
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2011 American Housing Survey.

HOUSING INVENTORY

	Number	Percent
Total Units	**958,700**	**100.0**
Owner-occupied units	591,700	61.7
Renter-occupied units	268,700	28.0
Vacant units	95,300	9.9
Seasonal units	3,000	0.3

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)	71.9	89.9	32.3
Cooperative or condo (percent)	7.0	7.3	6.3
Median:			
Year built	1959	1960	1959
Square footage per unit	1,842	1,914	1,300
Percentage using:			
Well water (primary source)	5.0	6.3	2.2
Public sewer	92.4	89.5	98.7
Main house heating fuel (percent):			
Electricity	11.6	8.4	18.6
Piped gas	84.7	87.4	78.7
Other	3.8	4.3	2.7
Percentage with:			
Central air	62.1	73.6	36.8
Warm-air furnace (main heating)	84.3	87.1	78.2
Unsafe drinking water	3.8	3.8	3.9
Working carbon monoxide detectors	55.0	64.1	34.8
Separate dining room	57.8	67.1	37.3
Swimming pool	9.8	7.2	15.4
Signs of rodents in last 12 months	11.4	11.5	10.9
Mold in last 12 months	3.1	2.5	4.5
Wheelchair-accessible ramps	0.7	1.0	0.1
Missing roofing material[1]	3.1	3.3	1.6
Leakage from outside structure	15.4	16.7	12.5

[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	2005	2009	2003	2002	2002	2001
Purchase price (dollars)	103,000	260,000	68,000	93,000	46,500	70,000
Home value (dollars)	125,000	205,000	70,000	80,000	109,000	90,000
Current total loan as percentage of value (percent)	71.0	85.0	100.0	64.0	52.0	43.0
Ratio of value to current income	2.3	2.4	1.8	2.0	3.4	10.2
Percentage with:						
No mortgage, owned free and clear	33.1	12.0	24.3	25.1	62.3	45.9
Regular and/or home equity mortgage[1]	66.5	88.0	75.4	74.4	36.5	53.9
Line-of-credit only	9.2	2.7	4.6	10.1	9.5	1.6
Refinanced primary mortgage	24.4	24.0	25.1	28.2	15.0	7.1
Two or more regular and/or home equity mortgages[1]	9.5	9.3	9.4	14.1	3.8	4.0
Median monthly expenditures (dollars)						
Total housing	920	1,805	965	1,014	522	644
Mortgage payment	908	1,400	731	860	581	537
Property insurance	48	50	50	40	42	35
Real estate taxes	200	250	125	138	159	154
Routine maintenance	33	33	42	42	25	25
Electricity	82	127	68	91	71	72
Trash removal	17	13	8	20	15	13

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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.