

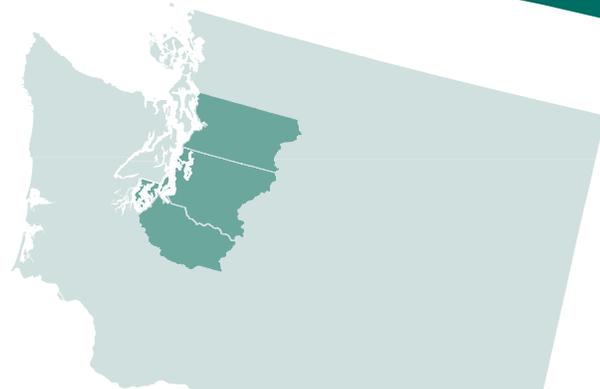
2013 Housing Profile: Seattle-Tacoma-Everett, WA

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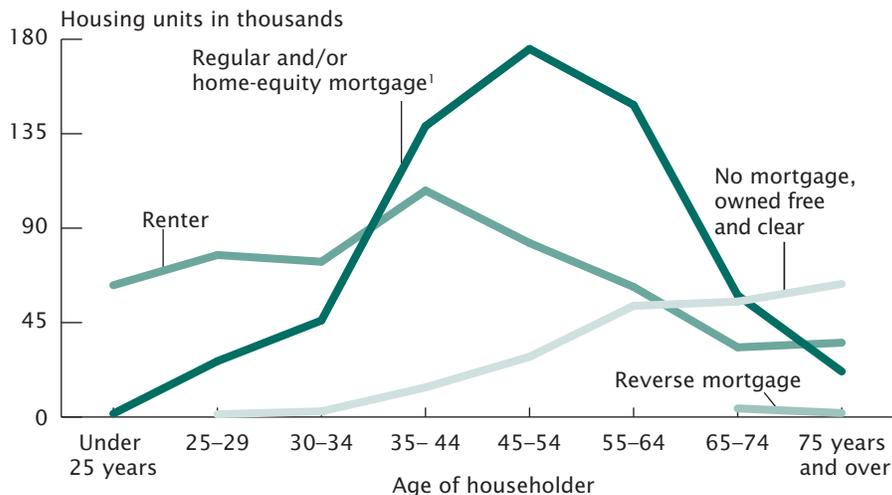


Number of housing units interviewed: 3,267

In the AHS, every housing unit represents itself and about 455 other units.

The AHS coverage of the **Seattle-Tacoma-Everett Metro Area** matches the 2009 Office of Management and Budget definition.

OWNER- AND RENTER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY AGE



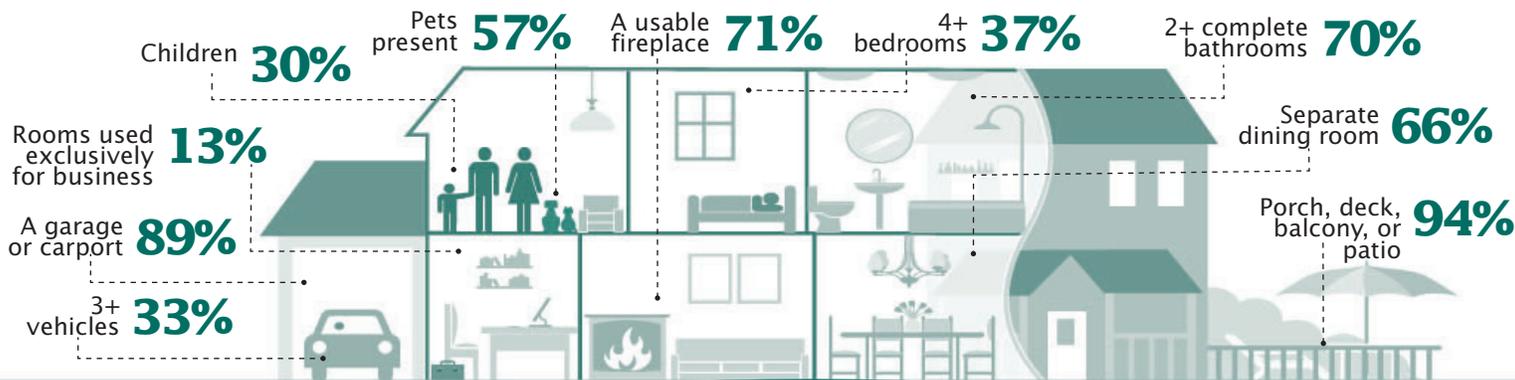
¹ Regular mortgages include all mortgages not classified as home-equity credit lines or reverse annuity mortgages.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2013 American Housing Survey.

HOUSING INVENTORY

	Number	Percent
Total Units	1,486,800	100.0
Owner-occupied units	840,400	56.5
Renter-occupied units	535,500	36.0
Vacant units	102,200	6.9
Seasonal units	8,700	0.6

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.

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: 2013

Characteristics	Total	Owner-occupied	Renter-occupied
Total (thousands)	1,375.9	840.4	535.5
One unit, detached (percent)	60.8	84.7	23.3
Newly constructed multiunits (percent) ¹	0.6	0.1	1.4
Cooperative or condo (percent)	10.0	9.2	11.3
Median:			
Year built	1978	1979	1978
Square footage per unit	1,500	1,900	900
Percentage using:			
Well water (primary source)	3.1	4.3	1.1
Public sewer	84.9	78.1	95.7
Main house heating fuel (percent):			
Electricity	51.8	35.4	77.6
Piped gas	42.2	56.6	19.6
Other	6.0	8.0	2.7
Percentage with:			
Central air	15.9	21.6	7.1
Warm-air furnace (main heating)	60.3	74.5	38.1
Unsafe drinking water	5.1	3.5	7.5
Prepared emergency evacuation kit	48.8	51.5	44.4
House or building number clearly visible	71.4	74.6	66.4
Signs of mice in last 12 months	3.4	4.1	2.2
Waterfront property	2.7	2.9	2.3
Missing roofing material ²	1.8	2.7	0.4
Leakage from outside structure	7.9	8.6	6.6

¹ In past 4 years.

² Excludes multiunit structures.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2013 American Housing Survey.

Table 2.

Financial Characteristics—Owner-Occupied Housing Units: 2013

Characteristics	Total	New construction past 4 years	Black alone	Hispanic	Elderly (65+ years)	Below poverty
Median:						
Year mortgage originated	2010	2012	2009	2009	2008	2008
Purchase price (dollars)	204,000	300,000	224,000	235,128	96,000	119,000
Home value (dollars)	300,000	300,000	275,000	256,000	285,000	238,000
Current total loan as percentage of value (percent)	72.0	84.0	78.0	74.0	52.0	95.0
Ratio of value to current income	3.3	3.1	3.4	2.7	5.5	31.7
Percentage with:						
No mortgage, owned free and clear	25.9	13.8	20.1	21.6	58.0	50.9
Regular and/or home equity mortgage ¹	73.3	86.2	77.8	78.4	39.0	48.0
Line-of-credit	7.9	2.7	6.2	7.9	7.9	1.4
Refinanced primary mortgage	38.4	8.8	35.6	34.2	18.8	18.7
Two or more regular and/or home equity mortgages ¹	10.7	4.4	9.8	14.8	5.3	1.1
Missed or late mortgage payment(s)	4.4	2.7	4.1	3.3	2.2	6.5
Median monthly expenditures (dollars)						
Total housing	1,511	1,678	1,884	1,678	813	824
Mortgage payment	1,423	1,621	1,700	1,553	1,200	1,070
Property insurance	63	46	68	69	58	50
Real estate taxes	267	279	250	250	264	250
Routine maintenance	42	Z	25	42	25	21
Electricity	103	110	117	114	100	99
Trash removal	33	35	45	33	32	30

Z 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 2013 AHS, using weighting consistent with the 2010 Census. The resulting estimates are representative of the entire population. For information on sampling and estimation methods, see <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ahs/about/methodology.html>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the AHS Web site for a complete set of tables, definitions, and more at <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ahs.html>. 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.