

# 2013 Housing Profile: Houston, TX

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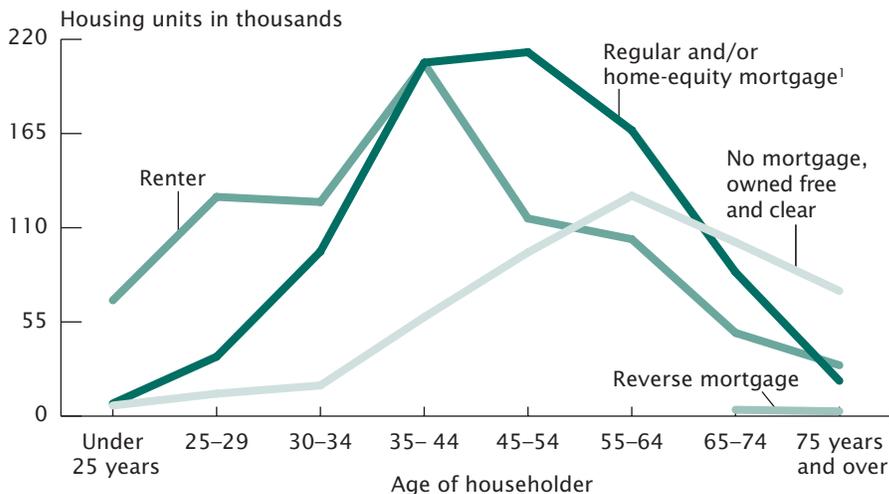
The 2013 American Housing Survey (AHS) Factsheet series provides results from the 2013 AHS for 25 selected metropolitan areas and the United States. National data are collected every other year and metropolitan area data are collected on a rotating schedule.



**Number of housing units interviewed: 3,134**  
In the AHS, every housing unit represents itself and about 763 other units.

The AHS coverage of the **Houston Metro Area** matches the 2009 Office of Management and Budget definition.

### OWNER- AND RENTER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY AGE



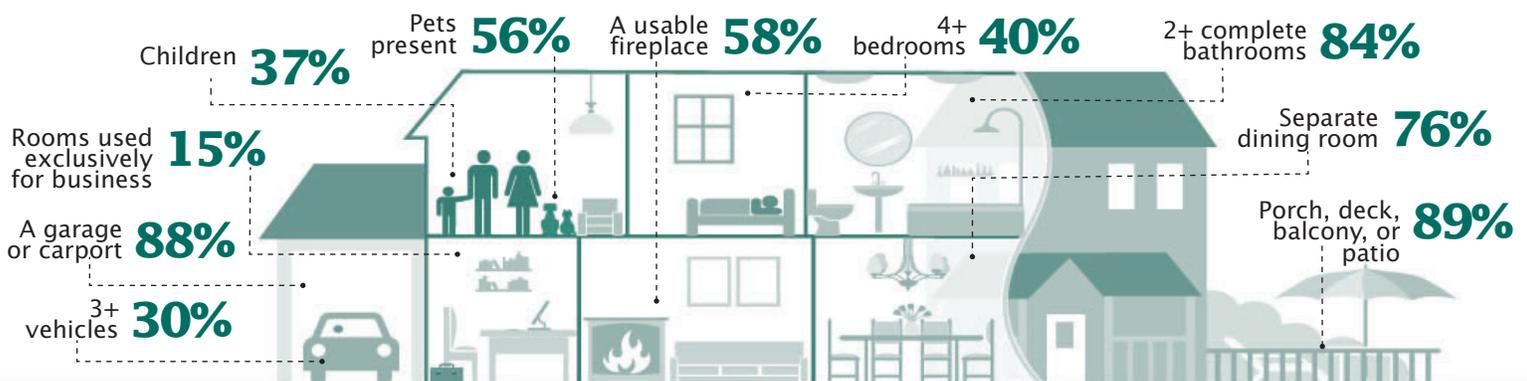
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2013 American Housing Survey.

### HOUSING INVENTORY

	Number	Percent
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>2,392,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Owner-occupied units	1,328,900	55.6
Renter-occupied units	823,400	34.4
Vacant units	213,300	8.9
Seasonal units	26,300	1.1

### 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
<b>Total (thousands)</b> . . . . .	<b>2,152.4</b>	<b>1,328.9</b>	<b>823.4</b>
One unit, detached (percent) . . . . .	64.6	89.1	25.0
Newly constructed multiunits (percent) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1.0	Z	2.7
Cooperative or condo (percent) . . . . .	4.1	2.1	7.4
<b>Median:</b>			
Year built . . . . .	1984	1987	1982
Square footage per unit . . . . .	1,640	2,000	920
<b>Percentage using:</b>			
Well water (primary source) . . . . .	4.4	6.4	1.2
Public sewer . . . . .	93.5	90.5	98.4
<b>Main house heating fuel (percent):</b>			
Electricity . . . . .	54.3	38.5	79.9
Piped gas . . . . .	43.4	58.2	19.5
Other . . . . .	2.2	3.2	0.5
<b>Percentage with:</b>			
Central air . . . . .	92.3	92.8	91.3
Warm-air furnace (main heating) . . . . .	86.3	88.4	83.0
Unsafe drinking water . . . . .	18.7	16.2	22.8
Prepared emergency evacuation kit . . . . .	57.5	62.3	49.7
House or building number clearly visible . . . . .	76.7	81.5	68.8
Signs of mice in last 12 months . . . . .	4.3	4.9	3.4
Waterfront property . . . . .	1.6	2.2	0.7
Missing roofing material <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	2.3	2.8	1.4
Leakage from outside structure . . . . .	6.1	5.0	7.8

Z Rounds to zero. <sup>1</sup> In past 4 years. <sup>2</sup> 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
<b>Median:</b>						
Year mortgage originated . . . . .	2007	2011	2006	2006	2003	2005
Purchase price (dollars) . . . . .	110,000	200,000	88,000	81,000	70,000	60,000
Home value (dollars) . . . . .	135,000	190,000	110,000	100,000	130,000	100,000
Current total loan as percentage of value (percent) . . . . .	68.0	82.0	78.0	72.0	56.0	57.0
Ratio of value to current income . . . . .	2.0	2.6	2.0	1.9	3.6	12.9
<b>Percentage with:</b>						
No mortgage, owned free and clear . . . . .	37.2	24.9	35.7	32.9	61.1	52.6
Regular and/or home equity mortgage <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	62.4	75.1	63.1	66.7	36.6	46.2
Line-of-credit . . . . .	1.4	Z	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.5
Refinanced primary mortgage . . . . .	13.5	2.7	9.4	13.1	9.3	5.8
Two or more regular and/or home equity mortgages <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	2.9	2.5	4.6	2.9	1.3	1.2
Missed or late mortgage payment(s) . . . . .	4.2	6.2	6.5	5.2	1.5	4.5
<b>Median monthly expenditures (dollars)</b>						
Total housing . . . . .	1,043	1,396	904	962	599	635
Mortgage payment . . . . .	970	1,224	926	847	761	723
Property insurance . . . . .	100	100	100	92	100	67
Real estate taxes . . . . .	208	312	167	167	142	125
Routine maintenance . . . . .	42	Z	29	42	33	17
Electricity . . . . .	129	110	128	123	125	120
Trash removal . . . . .	33	25	30	42	30	30

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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](http://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](http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ahs.html)>. Additional information is available on HUD's Web site at <[www.huduser.org](http://www.huduser.org)>. Please contact us at 888-518-7365 (toll-free) or e-mail us at <[ahsn@census.gov](mailto:ahsn@census.gov)> with any inquiries about these data.