



American Community Survey

2007-2011 Estimate

Longwood Medical Area

*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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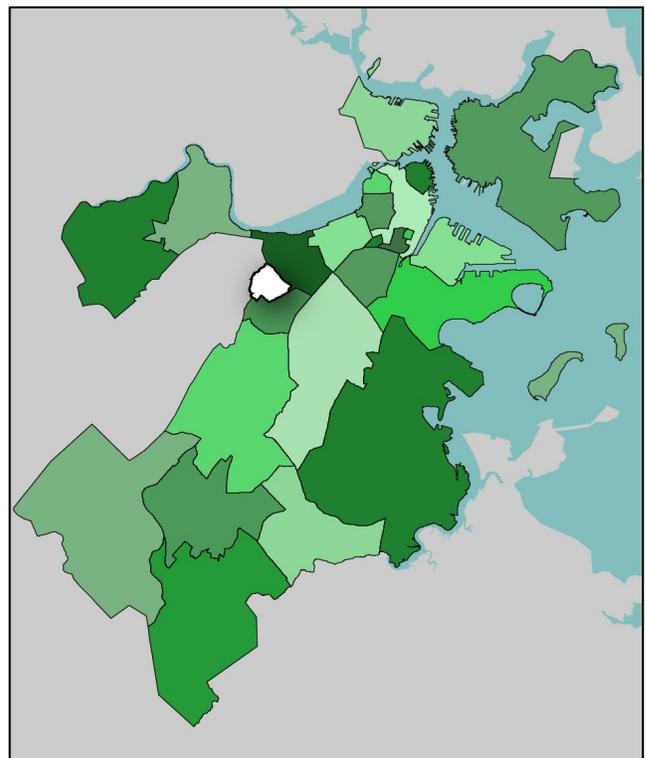


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Demographic Characteristics

Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	%
Total population:	4,728	100.0%
Male	1,760	37.2%
Female	2,968	62.8%

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	% [†]
Total population:	4,728	100.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino:	4,517	95.5%
White alone	3,493	73.9%
Black or African American alone	214	4.5%
Asian alone	600	12.7%
Two or more races	146	3.1%
Other	64	1.4%
Hispanic or Latino	211	4.5%

*“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	%	Age	Estimate	%
Total population:	4,728	100.0%	40 to 44 years	11	0.2%
Under 5 years	50	1.1%	45 to 49 years	3	0.1%
5 to 9 years	0	0.0%	50 to 54 years	12	0.3%
10 to 14 years	14	0.3%	55 to 59 years	25	0.5%
15 to 17 years	67	1.4%	60 to 64 years	7	0.1%
18 and 19 years	2,219	46.9%	65 to 69 years	0	0.0%
20 to 24 years	1,973	41.7%	70 to 74 years	0	0.0%
25 to 29 years	186	3.9%	75 to 79 years	0	0.0%
30 to 34 years	116	2.5%	80 to 84 years	6	0.1%
35 to 39 years	34	0.7%	85 years and over	5	0.1%

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total population:	4,728	100.0%
Native:	4,103	86.8%
Born in Massachusetts	1,356	33.0%
Born in other state in the United States:	2,669	65.0%
Northeast	1,658	
Midwest	201	
South	418	
West	392	
Born outside the United States:	78	1.9%
Puerto Rico	37	
U.S. Island Areas	0	
Born abroad of American parent(s)	41	
Foreign born:	625	13.2%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	156	25.0%
Not a U.S. citizen	469	75.0%

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:	703	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	480	68.3%
Native*	32	6.7%
Foreign born:	448	93.3%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	7	
Not a U.S. citizen	441	
Entered 1990 to 1999:	159	22.6%
Native*	26	16.4%
Foreign born:	133	83.6%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	133	
Not a U.S. citizen	0	
Entered 1980 to 1989:	57	8.1%
Native*	13	22.8%
Foreign born:	44	77.2%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	16	
Not a U.S. citizen	28	
Entered before 1980:	7	1.0%
Native*	7	100.0%
Foreign born:	0	0.0%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	0	
Not a U.S. citizen	0	

* 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:	625	100.0%
China	110	17.6%
Sri Lanka	67	10.7%
Philippines	60	9.6%
Brazil	57	9.1%
Korea	47	7.5%
Switzerland	30	4.8%
Nepal	29	4.6%
Poland	27	4.3%
Japan	25	4.0%
Canada	18	2.9%

Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	4,678	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	81	1.7%
Speak only English	15	18.5%
Speak Spanish	14	17.3%
Speak other Indo-European languages	0	0.0%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	19	23.5%
Speak other languages	33	40.7%
18 to 64 years:	4,586	98.0%
Speak only English	3,567	77.8%
Speak Spanish	222	4.8%
Speak other Indo-European languages	400	8.7%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	358	7.8%
Speak other languages	39	0.9%
65 years and over:	11	0.2%
Speak only English	11	100.0%
Speak Spanish	0	0.0%
Speak other Indo-European languages	0	0.0%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	0	0.0%
Speak other languages	0	0.0%

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total households:	262	100.0%
English only	213	81.3%
Spanish:	22	8.4%
Linguistically isolated	7	31.8%
Not linguistically isolated	15	68.2%
Other Indo-European languages:	27	10.3%
Linguistically isolated	0	0.0%
Not linguistically isolated	27	100.0%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	0	0.0%
Linguistically isolated	0	-
Not linguistically isolated	0	-
Other languages:	0	0.0%
Linguistically isolated	0	-
Not linguistically isolated	0	-

Marital Status by Sex

Marital Status by Sex for the Population 15 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	4,664	100.0%
Male:	1,714	36.7%
Never married	1,596	93.1%
Married:	118	6.9%
Married, spouse present	39	
Married, spouse absent:	79	
Separated	10	
Other	69	
Widowed	0	0.0%
Divorced	0	0.0%
Female:	2,950	63.3%
Never married	2,840	96.3%
Married:	106	3.6%
Married, spouse present	40	
Married, spouse absent:	66	
Separated	0	
Other	66	
Widowed	4	0.1%
Divorced	0	0.0%

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total families:	55	100.0%
Married-couple family:	40	72.7%
With related children under 18 years:	15	37.5%
Under 6 years only	0	
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	15	
6 to 17 years only	0	
No related children under 18 years	25	62.5%
Other family:	15	27.3%
Male householder, no wife present:	0	0.0%
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	0	
Female householder, no husband present:	15	100.0%
With related children under 18 years:	15	
Under 6 years only	15	
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	0	
6 to 17 years only	0	
No related children under 18 years	0	

Educational Attainment by Sex

Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total population:	405	100.0%	270	100.0%	135	100.0%
Less than high school diploma	8	2.0%	5	1.9%	3	2.2%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	25	6.2%	9	3.3%	16	11.9%
Some college	47	11.6%	18	6.7%	29	21.5%
Associate's degree	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	325	80.2%	238	88.1%	87	64.4%

Veteran Status

Veteran Status for the Population 18 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	4,597	100.0%
Veteran	15	0.3%
Non-veteran	4,582	99.7%
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:	4,664	100.0%	2,286	100.0%	1,973	100.0%	302	100.0%
In labor force:	2,252	48.3%	938	41.0%	1,155	58.5%	105	34.8%
In Armed Forces	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Civilian:	2,252	100.0%	938	100.0%	1,155	100.0%	105	100.0%
Employed	1,982	88.0%	823	87.7%	1,000	86.6%	105	100.0%
Unemployed	270	12.0%	115	12.3%	155	13.4%	0	0.0%
Not in labor force	2,412	51.7%	1,348	59.0%	818	41.5%	197	65.2%

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:	45	100.0%	15	100.0%	32	100.0%	11	100.0%
In labor force:	29	64.4%	15	100.0%	10	31.3%	0	0.0%
In Armed Forces	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	-
Civilian:	29	100.0%	15	100.0%	10	100.0%	0	-
Employed	29	100.0%	15	100.0%	10	100.0%	0	-
Unemployed	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	-
Not in labor force	16	35.6%	0	0.0%	22	68.8%	11	100.0%

Work Status by Sex

Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years	Estimate	%
Total population:	4,653	100.0%
Male:	1,709	36.7%
Worked in the past 12 months	1,113	65.1%
Did not work in the past 12 months	596	34.9%
Female:	2,944	63.3%
Worked in the past 12 months	2,462	83.6%
Did not work in the past 12 months	482	16.4%

Class of Worker

Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	1,982	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	1,299	65.5%
Employee of private company workers	1,297	99.8%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	2	0.2%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	610	30.8%
Local government workers	51	2.6%
State government workers	3	0.2%
Federal government workers	0	0.0%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	19	1.0%
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:	1,982	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	0	0.0%
Construction	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	50	2.5%
Wholesale trade	15	0.8%
Retail trade	343	17.3%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	49	2.5%
Information	66	3.3%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	115	5.8%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	130	6.6%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	1,008	50.9%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	180	9.1%
Other services, except public administration	12	0.6%
Public administration	14	0.7%

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total population:	1,982	100.0%
Management, business, science, and arts occupations:	577	29.1%
Management, business, and financial occupations	135	23.4%
Computer, engineering, and science occupations	96	16.6%
Education, legal, community service, arts, and media occupations	214	37.1%
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	132	22.9%
Service occupations:	344	17.4%
Healthcare support occupations	34	9.9%
Protective service occupations	15	4.4%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	182	52.9%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	4	1.2%
Personal care and service occupations	109	31.7%
Sales and office occupations:	1,012	51.1%
Sales and related occupations	264	26.1%
Office and administrative support occupations	748	73.9%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations:	0	0.0%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0	-
Construction and extraction occupations	0	-
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	0	-
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	49	2.5%
Production occupations	0	0.0%
Transportation and material moving occupations	49	100.0%
Material moving occupations	0	0.0%

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months*	Estimate
Per capita income	\$6,376

* In 2011 inflation-adjusted dollars

Household Income

Household Income in the Past 12 Months*	Estimate	%
Total households:	262	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	73	27.9%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	19	7.3%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	0	0.0%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	0	0.0%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	56	21.4%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	0	0.0%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	12	4.6%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	11	4.2%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	25	9.5%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	18	6.9%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	14	5.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	4	1.5%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	10	3.8%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	0	0.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	20	7.6%
\$200,000 or more	0	0.0%

Median Household Income \$28,482

Family Income

Family Income in the Past 12 Months*	Estimate	%
Total families:	55	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	0	0.0%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	15	27.3%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	0	0.0%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	0	0.0%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	0	0.0%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	0	0.0%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	5	9.1%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	0	0.0%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	0	0.0%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	15	27.3%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	0	0.0%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	0	0.0%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	0	0.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	0	0.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	20	36.4%
\$200,000 or more	0	0.0%

Median Family Income \$55,000

* 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:	262	100.0%
Household received Food Stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months:	39	14.9%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	17	43.6%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	22	56.4%
Household did NOT receive Food Stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months:	223	85.1%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	75	33.6%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	148	66.4%

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:	262	100.0%	92	100.0%	35.1%
Family households	55	21.0%	15	16.3%	27.3%
Non-family households:	207	79.0%	77	83.7%	37.2%
Male householder	96	46.4%	11	12.0%	11.5%
Female householder	111	53.6%	66	71.7%	59.5%

Poverty Status by Family

Poverty Status by Family Type	Total Estimate	%	Families in Poverty Estimate	% of all Families in Poverty*	Poverty Rate [†]
Total families:	55	100.0%	15	100.0%	27.3%
Married-couple family:	40	72.7%	0	0.0%	0.0%
With related children under 18 years:	15	37.5%	0	0.0%	0.0%
Under 5 years only	0		0		-
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	15		0		0.0%
5 to 17 years only	0		0		-
No related children under 18 years	25	62.5%	0	0.0%	0.0%
Other family:	15	27.3%	15	100.0%	100.0%
Male householder, no wife present:	0	0.0%	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	0		0		-
Female householder, no husband present:	15	100.0%	15	100.0%	100.0%
With related children under 18 years:	15		15		100.0%
Under 5 years only	15		15		100.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	0		0		-
5 to 17 years only	0		0		-
No related children under 18 years	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:	200	100.0%			
Less than \$10,000:	73	36.5%	\$50,000 to \$74,999:	15	7.5%
Less than 20.0 percent	0	0.0%	Less than 20.0 percent	15	100.0%
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	0	0.0%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	0	0.0%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	0	0.0%
35.0 percent or more	44	60.3%	35.0 percent or more	0	0.0%
Not computed	29	39.7%	Not computed	0	0.0%
\$10,000 to \$19,999:	17	8.5%	\$75,000 to \$99,999:	0	0.0%
Less than 20.0 percent	15	88.2%	Less than 20.0 percent	0	-
20.0 to 24.9 percent	0	0.0%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	0	-
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2	11.8%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	0	-
30.0 to 34.9 percent	0	0.0%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	0	-
35.0 percent or more	0	0.0%	35.0 percent or more	0	-
Not computed	0	0.0%	Not computed	0	-
\$20,000 to \$34,999:	56	28.0%	\$100,000 or more:	0	0.0%
Less than 20.0 percent	0	0.0%	Less than 20.0 percent	0	-
20.0 to 24.9 percent	0	0.0%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	0	-
25.0 to 29.9 percent	0	0.0%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	0	-
30.0 to 34.9 percent	0	0.0%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	0	-
35.0 percent or more	56	100.0%	35.0 percent or more	0	-
Not computed	0	0.0%	Not computed	0	-
\$35,000 to \$49,999:	39	19.5%			
Less than 20.0 percent	7	17.9%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	0	0.0%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	0	0.0%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	0	0.0%			
35.0 percent or more	27	69.2%			
Not computed	5	12.8%			

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:	211	100.0%	29	100.0%	7	100.0%	0	0.0%	15	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	63	29.9%	10	34.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4	1.9%	15	51.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	0	0.0%	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	56	26.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	5	2.4%	0	0.0%	7	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	11	5.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	25	11.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	3	1.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	15	100.0%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	14	6.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	0	0.0%	4	13.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	10	4.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	20	9.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$200,000 or more	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Median Household Income	\$28,438		\$11,500		\$37,500		-		\$55,000	

* 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:	279	100.0%
Occupied	262	93.9%
Vacant:	17	6.1%
For rent	11	64.7%
Rented, not occupied	0	0.0%
For sale only	6	35.3%
Sold, not occupied	0	0.0%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	0	0.0%
For migrant workers	0	0.0%
Other vacant	0	0.0%

Vacancy Rates

Vacancy Rates	Estimate
Total rental housing stock	211
Rental vacancy rate*	5.2%
Total ownership housing stock	68
Ownership vacancy rate*	8.8%
“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	\$1,319

Housing Tenure

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Occupied housing units:	262	100.0%
Average household size of all occupied housing units	1.7	
Owner-occupied housing units:	62	23.7%
Population in owner-occupied housing units	81	
Average household size of owner-occupied units	1.3	
Number of 1-person households	42	
Renter-occupied housing units:	200	76.3%
Population in renter-occupied housing units	351	
Average household size of renter-occupied units	1.8	
Number of 1-person households	118	

Household Type

Population by Household Type	Estimate	%
Total population:	4,728	100.0%
In households:	432	9.1%
In family households	158	36.6%
In non-family households	274	63.4%
In group quarters	4,296	90.9%

Household Type by Age	Estimate	%
Total households:	262	100.0%
Households with one or more people under 18 years:	30	11.5%
Family households:	30	100.0%
Married-couple family	15	
Male householder, no wife present	0	
Female householder, no husband present	15	
Non-family households	0	0.0%
Households with no people under 18 years:	232	88.5%
Family households:	25	10.8%
Married-couple family	25	
Male householder, no wife present	0	
Female householder, no husband present	0	
Non-family households:	207	89.2%
Male householder	96	
Female Householder	111	
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	5	1.9%

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