

**Table 949. Vacancy Rates for Housing Units—Characteristics: 2000 to 2008**

[In percent. Rate is relationship between vacant housing for rent or for sale and the total rental and homeowner supply, which comprises occupied units, units rented or sold and awaiting occupancy, and vacant units available for rent or sale. Based on the Current Population/ Housing Vacancy Survey; see source for details. For composition of regions, see map, inside front cover]

Characteristic	Rental units				Homeowner units			
	2000	2005	2007	2008	2000	2005	2007	2008
<b>Total units . . . . .</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Northeast . . . . .	5.6	6.5	7.0	6.9	1.2	1.5	2.0	2
Midwest . . . . .	8.8	12.6	11.5	10.8	1.3	2.2	2.8	2.9
South . . . . .	10.5	11.8	12.3	13.0	1.9	2.1	3.1	3.1
West . . . . .	5.8	7.3	6.7	7.5	1.5	1.4	2.5	2.9
Units in structure:								
1 unit . . . . .	7.0	9.9	9.6	9.8	1.5	1.7	2.4	2.5
2 units or more . . . . .	8.7	10.0	10.0	10.4	4.7	6.2	8.3	8.8
5 units or more . . . . .	9.2	10.4	10.3	10.8	5.8	6.6	8.5	8.8
Units with—								
3 rooms or less . . . . .	10.3	12.1	11.9	12.2	10.4	12.0	14.9	12.4
4 rooms . . . . .	8.2	9.6	10.0	10.0	2.9	3.3	4.9	4.7
5 rooms . . . . .	6.9	9.3	8.6	9.1	2.0	2.2	3.0	3.3
6 rooms or more . . . . .	5.2	8.1	7.9	8.7	1.1	1.4	2.0	2.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "Housing Vacancies and Home Ownership"; <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/hvs/hvs.html>>.