

**Skagway Municipality** 

2014 Alaska Housing Assessment



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## Skagway Municipality Dashboard

**Population:** The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's current (2012) population estimate for the Skagway Municipality is 961–an increase of 11% from 2000.

**Housing Units:** There are currently 638 housing units in the Skagway Municipality. Of these, 430 are occupied, 20 are for sale or rent, and the remaining 188 are seasonal or otherwise vacant units (Profile Figure C6).

**Energy:** The average home in the Skagway Municipality is 1,580 square feet and uses 128,000 BTUs of energy per square foot annually, 6% less than the statewide average of 137,000 BTUs per square foot per year.

**Energy Costs:** Using AKWarm estimates, average annual energy cost for homes in the Skagway Municipality is \$5,260, which is approximately 1.9 times more than the cost in Anchorage, and 2.5 times more than the national average (Profile Figure C13).

**Energy Programs:** Approximately 10% of occupied housing in the Skagway Municipality has completed either the Home Energy Rebate, Weatherization, or BEES programs since 2008, compared to 21% statewide (Profile Figure C12).

**Housing Quality:** Within current housing stock, newer homes have better energy performance. On average, homes built in the 1940s are currently rated at 1-star-plus, compared to a current average rating of 4-star-plus for houses built after 2000.

**Air-tightness:** Within current housing stock, newer homes are tighter. On average, homes built in the last decade very nearly meet the 2012 BEES standard of 4 air-changes per hour at 50 pascals (ACH50). In contrast, homes built before 1940 are 2.6 times leakier than those built since 2000 (Profile Figure C7).

**Ventilation:** An estimated 218 occupied housing units (or 51%) in the Skagway Municipality are relatively air-tight and lack a continuous ventilation system. These houses are at higher risk of moisture and indoor air quality-related issues (Profile Figures C9-C10).

**Overcrowding**: 1% of occupied units is estimated to be severely overcrowded, making the Skagway Municipality the 2nd least overcrowded census area in the state.

**Affordability:** On average, approximately 33% of households in the Skagway Municipality spend more than 30% of total household income on housing costs, which include rent, utilities, and energy costs. Based on average AKWarm estimates, annual energy costs constitute approximately 7% of census median area income for occupied housing.



# Skagway Municipality Summary

#### Community

The Skagway Municipality lies on the northern panhandle of Alaska and is in the Sealaska Native Corporation ANCSA region. Average homes in Sitka are 1,580 square feet in size.

### Overcrowding

Skagway is the second least overcrowded census area in Alaska. One percent of housing units fall into the severely overcrowded category. Approximately 41% of housing units are owner-occupied, 26% are renter-occupied, and 33% are vacant.

#### Energy

Approximately 10% of occupied homes in Skagway have completed an energy program, such as the Home Energy Rebate Program, a BEES program, or Weatherization. This is approximately half of the statewide average of 21%. Additionally, most building envelope components (such as floor, walls, ceilings, and windows) do not meet BEES on average. The exception is garage doors, which meet BEES standards on average for recently built homes.

While average air tightness is higher for more newly constructed homes, even new homes in Skagway do not on average meet the BEES standard for air changes per hour. Most newly built homes in Skagway have some type of continuous ventilation system installed, while most homes built before the 1990s do not.

### Affordability

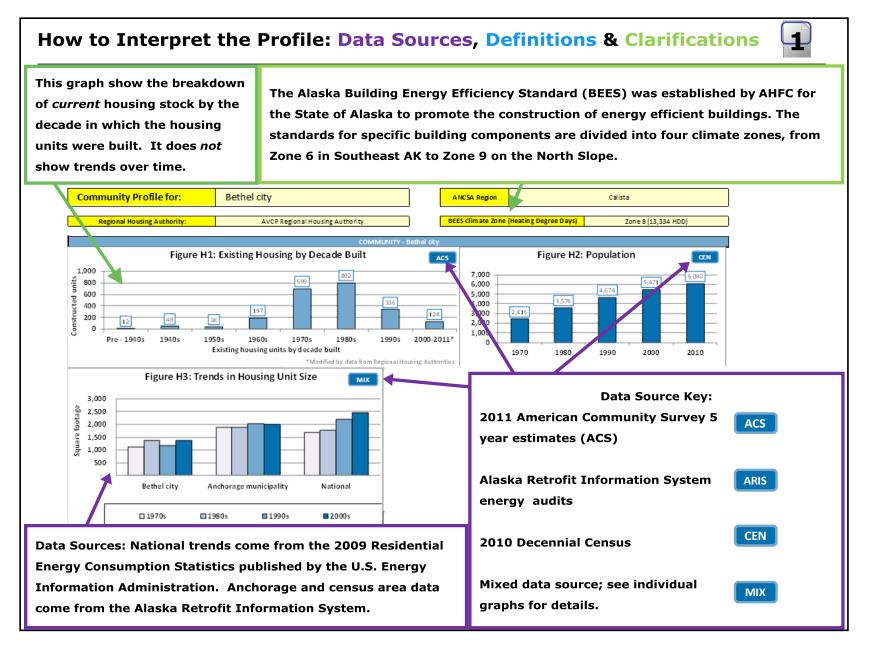
The Skagway Municipality is the fifth least affordable census area in Alaska, with 33% of households spending more than 30% of household income on housing costs. Slightly over 7% of household income is spent on energy, which is the seventh lowest rate among the 29 census areas in Alaska. Of owner-occupied households with mortgages, 62% are cost-burdened, with 43% spending more than 35% of household income on housing costs. By contrast, 29% of renter-occupied households are cost-burdened.



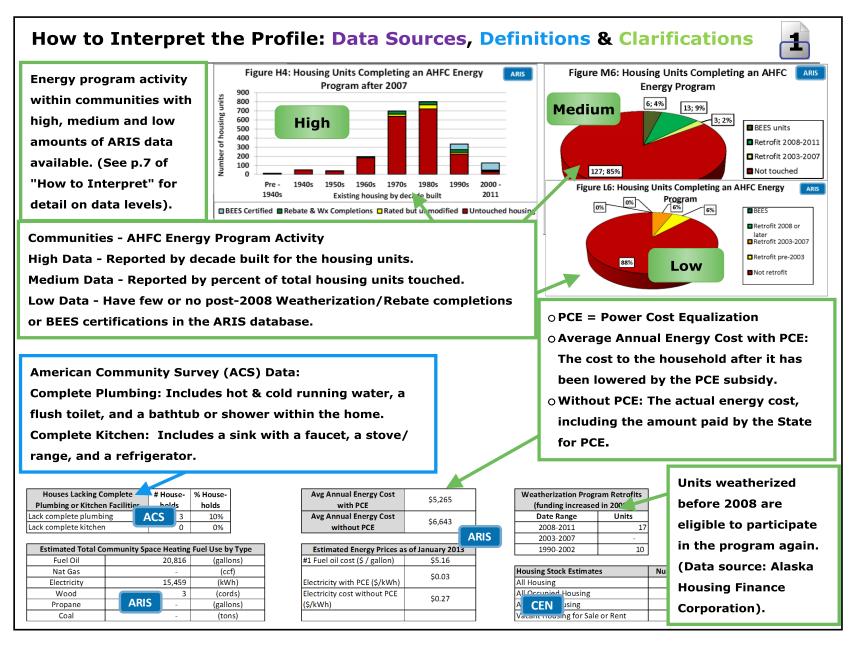
# **Community, Regional, and Statewide Housing Characteristics**

This census area summary only includes the highlights of housing characteristics at the census area level. Detailed data profile with charts and tables for both the census area and for each of the communities within it follow. The 2014 Alaska Housing Assessment provides a significant amount of data and analysis at statewide, ANCSA region, census area, and community levels. This assessment provides a statewide analysis of housing characteristics, how they compare to national numbers, and the estimated housing needs. Within the 2014 Alaska Housing Assessment, written summaries are available for each individual ANCSA region and census area, and data profiles are available for each community and census area characterizing the housing stock from the perspective of community, overcrowding, energy and affordability. These different tiers of information and analysis allow researchers, housing authorities, policymakers and others to generate answers to specific questions. For a detailed discussion of estimating housing need and comparison of methods to previous Housing Assessments, see Appendix B, "Statewide Need Assessment" of the 2014 Alaska Housing Assessment.



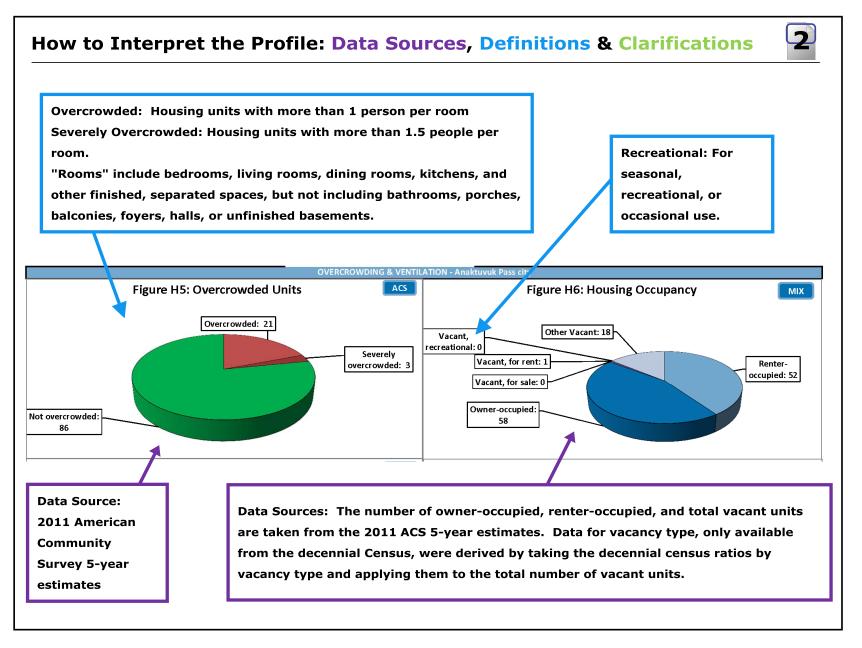






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## How to Interpret the Profile: Data Sources, Definitions & Clarifications

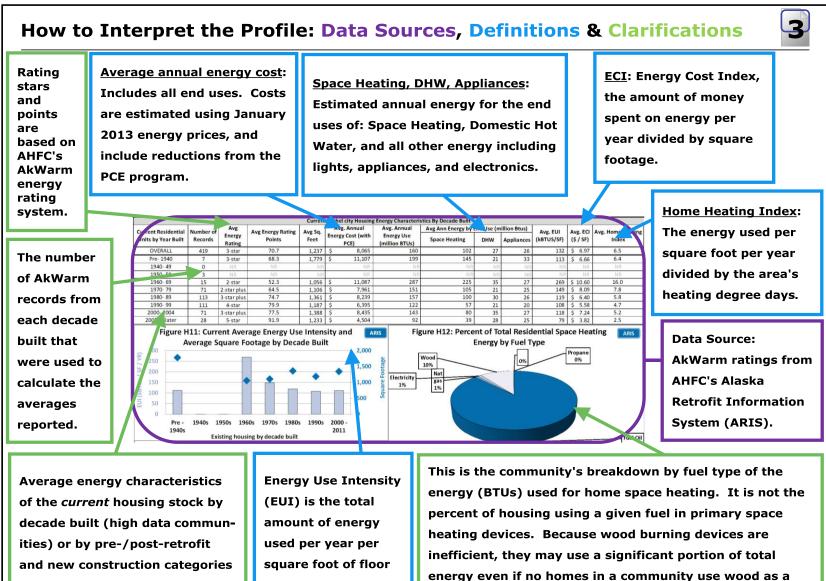
Heat Recovery: Continuous mechanical ventilation with heat recovery operated with automatic controls.

Continuous: Mechanical ventilation without heat recovery operated with automatic controls.

Non-Continuous ventilation: Includes homes with range and/or bath fans not operated using automatic controls.

ACH50: The results of a Figure H7: Average Tightness of Current Homes by Figure H8, xisting Ventilation Type by Decade Built **ARIS** blower door test to measure Decade Built 10.0 100% building air leakage. Smaller als 8.0 80% 6.0 60% numbers indicate tighter ACH @ 50 4.0 40% buildings. Tighter buildings 2.0 20% 0.0 0% lose less heated air to the 2000 - 2005 or Pre 1940s 1950s 1960s 1970s 1980s 1990s Pre -1940s 1950s 1960s 1970s 1980s 1990s 2000 - 2005 or 1940 2004 later 1940s 2004 outside and thus use less Existing housing by decade built Existing housing by decade built % Heat recovery % Non-continuous Air-tightness (ACH50) 2012 BEES Requirement % Continuous energy for space heating. Figure H9: Percent of Housing Stock at High Risk of ARIS Figure H10: Quantity of Housing Stock at High Risk of ARIS Moisture and Air Quality Problems Moisture and Air Quality Problems 450 100% 400 # Units at High Risk 80% 350 The 2012 Building Energy 300 60% 250 **Efficiency Standard** 40% 200 150 (BEES) for air-tightness is 20% 100 50 0% for reference only, as it 194 1950s 1960s 1970s 1980s 1990s 2000 - 2005 or Pre -1940s 1950s 1970s 1980s 1990s 2000 -2004 later Pre -194 Js 1960s Existing housing by decade built was implemented after 1940s 2011 8 High Risk Existing housing by decade built % Low Risk the majority of homes in Alaska were built. Decades with no bar High Risk of Moisture and Air Quality Problems: Note lack sufficient data that moisture or poor indoor air quality have not been Data Source: for reporting. They physically measured; these houses are considered Alaska Retrofit should not be "at-risk" because they are relatively air tight (less Information considered zero than 0.5 estimated natural air changes per hour) and System quantities. do not have a continuous ventilation system.





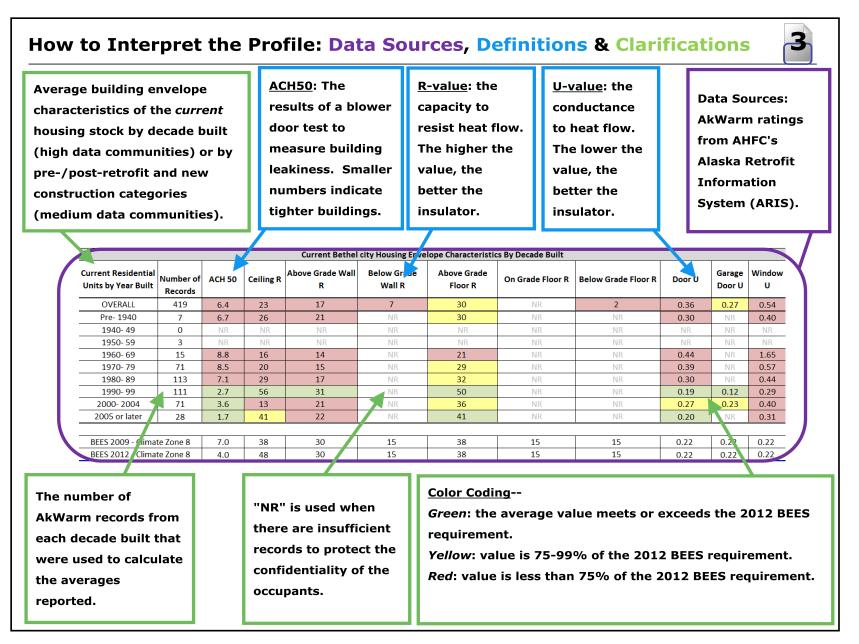
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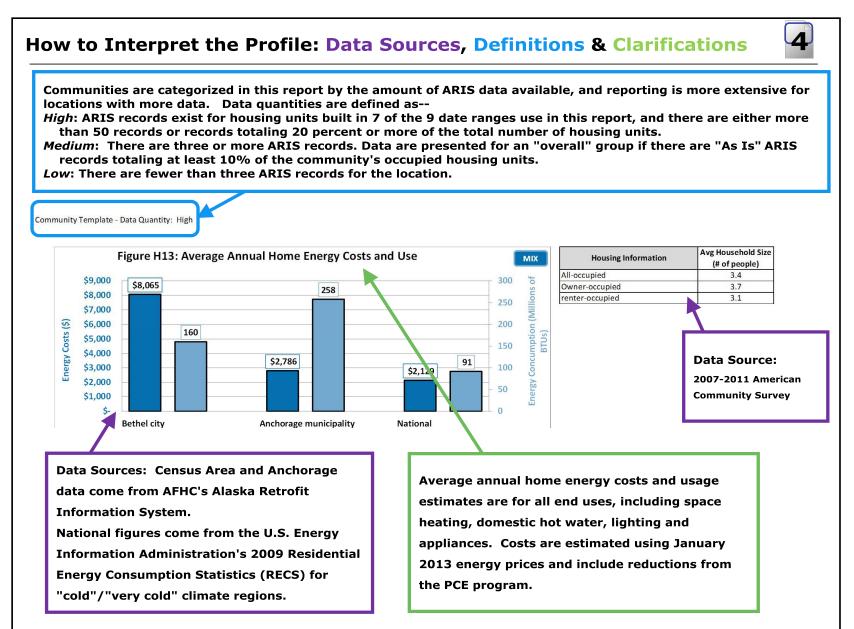
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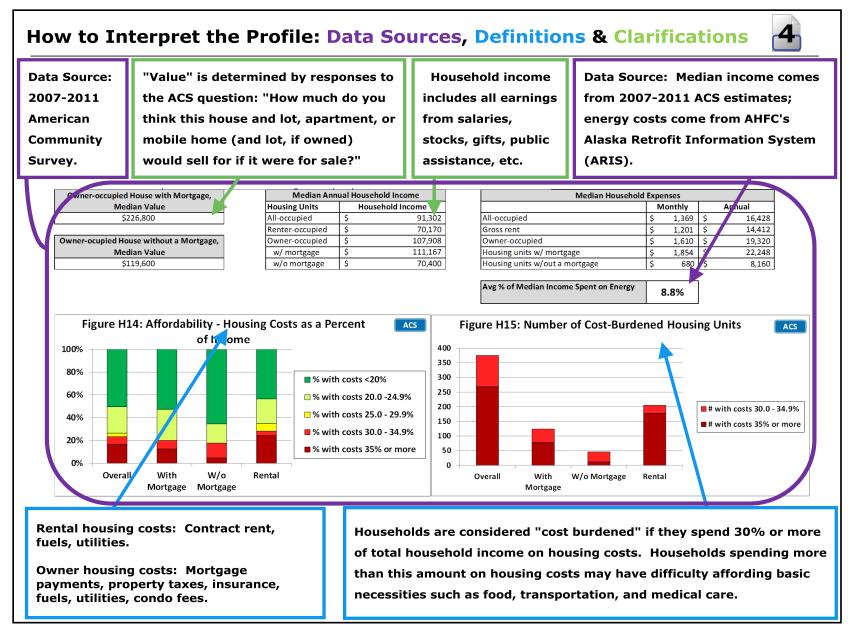


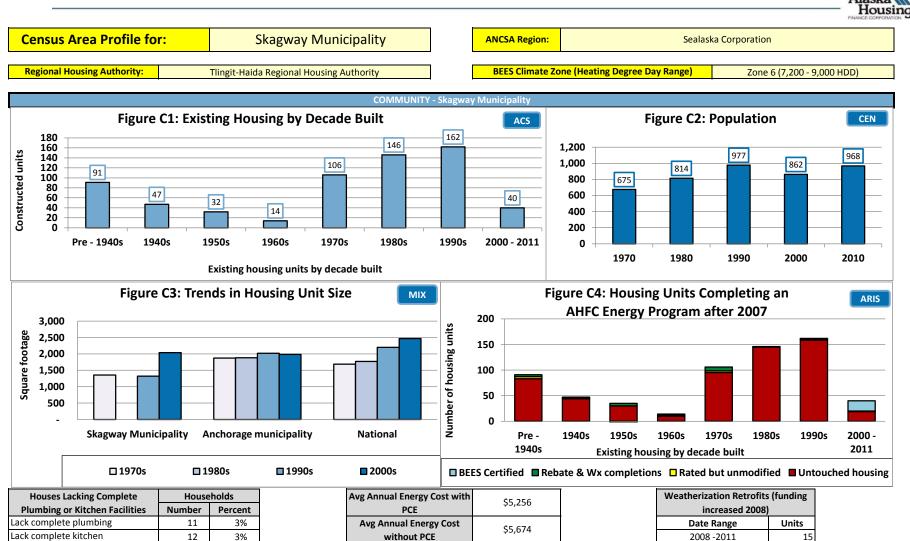










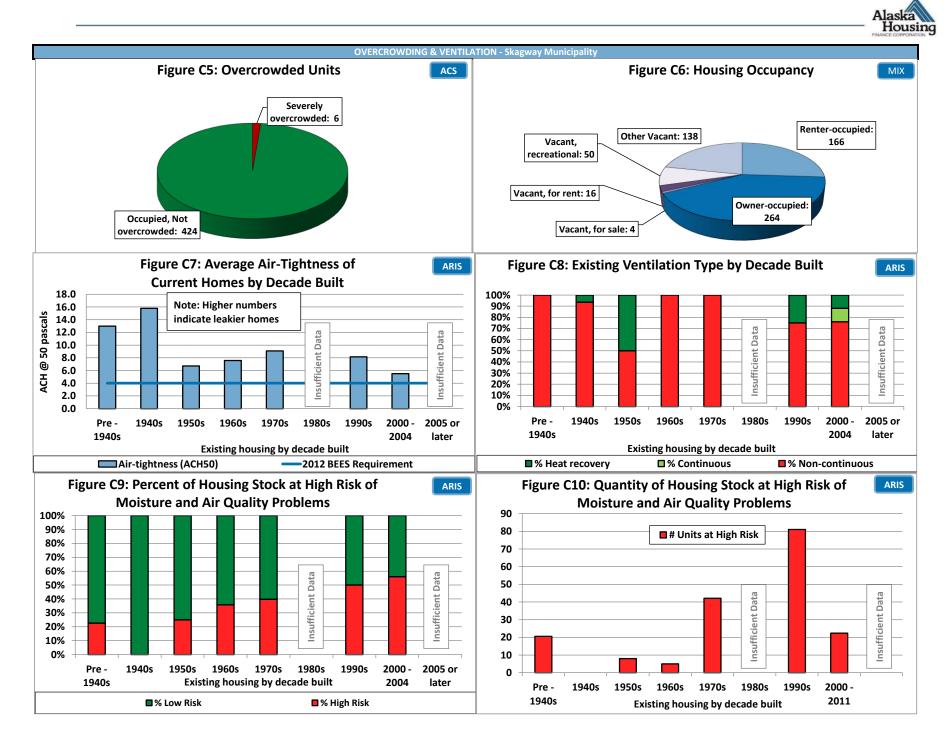


Estimated Total Annual Community Space Heating Fuel Use								
Fuel Oil	237,576	(gallons)						
Natural Gas	-	(ccf)						
Electricity	241,962	(kWh)						
Wood	903	(cords)						
Propane	-	(gallons)						
Coal	-	(tons)						

Housing Need Indicators	Number of Units	% Occupied Housing
Overcrowded	6	1%
Housing cost burdened	141	33%
1 Star Homes	133	31%

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Date Range	Units	
2008 -2011	15	
2003-2007	0	
1990-2002	7	
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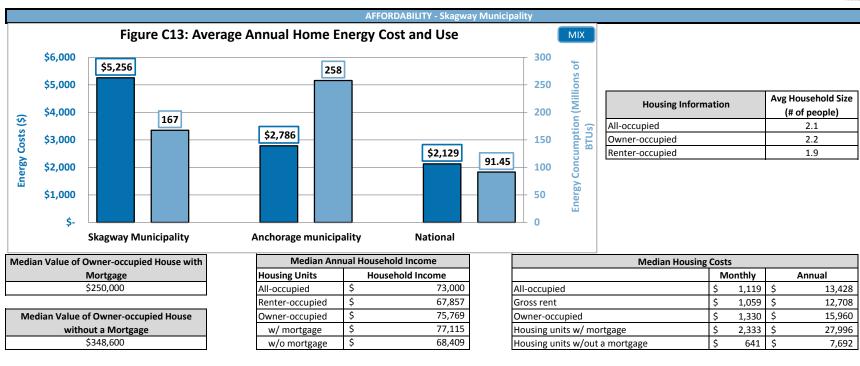
Housing Stock Estimates	Number of Units
All Housing	638
All Occupied Housing	430
All Vacant housing	208
Vacant Housing for Sale or Rent	20



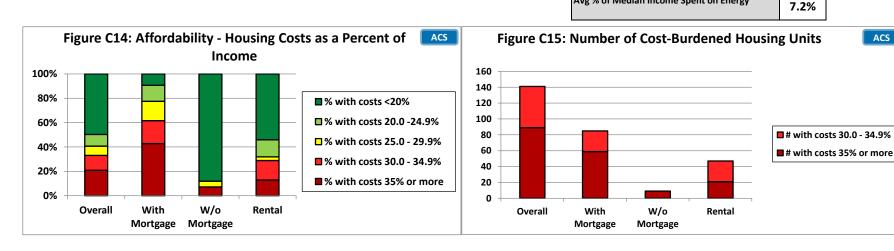


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OVERALL	58	2-star plus	63.	1 1,580	\$5,256	167	109	26	28	128	\$4.45	10.9
Pre- 1940	8	2-star	51.	5 1,448	\$6,980	214	162	21	31	139	\$4.61	12.3
1940- 49	6	1-star plus	40.	7 1,178	\$7,475	207	174	7	26	179	\$6.45	17.3
1950- 59	7	3-star	71.	0 1,673	\$6,101	180	114	36	30	106	\$3.62	8.1
1960- 69	9	2-star plus	65.4	4 1,334	\$6,150	172	118	23	31	143	\$5.35	11.3
1970- 79	14	2-star	59.	2 1,356	\$6,291	171	126	17	28	142	\$5.18	12.5
1980- 89	1	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
1990- 99	6	3-star	69.	3 1,320	\$3,922	148	91	19	19	112	\$2.99	9.1
2000- 2004	21	4-star	82.	5 2,037	\$6,362	165	101	30	33	78	\$3.08	5.8
2005 or later	3	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
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Current Residential Units by Year Built	# of AkWarm Records	ACH 50	Ceiling R	Above Grade Wall R	Below Grade Wall R	Above Grade Floor R	On Grade Floor R	Below Gr	ade Floor R	Door U	Garage Door U	Window U
OVERALL	58	9.5	24	11	4	16	3		NR	0.46	0.35	0.63
Pre- 1940	8	13.0	27	10	NR	15	NR		NR	0.48	NR	0.65
1940- 49	6	15.8	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		NR	NR	NR	NR
1950- 59	7	6.7	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		NR	NR	NR	NR
1960- 69	9	7.6	21	12	NR	NR	NR		NR	0.38	NR	0.76
1970- 79	14	9.1	24	12	4	18	NR		NR	0.58	NR	0.68
1980- 89	1	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		NR	NR	NR	NR
1990- 99	6	8.1	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		NR	NR	NR	NR
2000- 2004	21	5.5	41	16	13	35	3		NR	0.35	0.25	0.35
2005 or later	3	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		NR	NR	NR	NR
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Avg % of Median Income Spent on Energy



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