

Rental Vacancy Rates for the U.S. and States: 1986-1989
 Universe: Rental housing units

Area	Rental vacancy rate ¹				
	1989/r	1989	1988	1987	1986
United States	7.4	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.3
Alabama	6.9	6.0	6.8	5.0	5.0
Alaska	11.0	11.0	14.3	15.9	15.3
Arizona	10.5	10.2	11.8	12.7	13.1
Arkansas	8.0	6.4	8.5	7.8	7.4
California	5.9	5.8	6.2	5.4	4.9
Colorado	12.4	11.7	13.0	11.6	13.6
Connecticut	5.9	5.9	5.8	4.8	5.0
Delaware	6.7	5.6	6.9	5.5	4.9
District of Columbia	5.1	5.1	5.2	4.8	3.5
Florida	9.5	9.1	10.5	11.0	11.0
Georgia	10.0	9.3	7.5	6.1	6.2
Hawaii	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.5	5.7
Idaho	6.0	6.0	6.4	9.0	8.8
Illinois	7.2	7.0	6.9	5.9	6.9
Indiana	6.2	6.0	7.9	8.2	7.5
Iowa	8.5	8.5	8.1	8.0	9.5
Kansas	9.3	8.5	10.1	9.4	10.3
Kentucky	7.2	6.7	6.5	7.9	6.5
Louisiana	13.2	12.4	13.6	15.6	12.1
Maine	6.0	6.0	5.1	5.4	5.1
Maryland	5.5	5.5	5.0	6.9	5.3
Massachusetts	5.0	5.0	4.4	3.6	3.8
Michigan	7.5	7.4	7.3	6.8	5.0
Minnesota	5.8	5.8	5.5	4.9	4.9
Mississippi	10.5	9.6	9.8	10.7	9.1
Missouri	8.3	7.7	7.5	8.8	9.7
Montana	9.7	8.9	9.3	10.3	8.1
Nebraska	6.6	6.2	7.0	6.7	8.3
Nevada	10.9	10.9	9.3	9.5	11.8
New Hampshire	7.7	7.7	6.7	7.7	4.9
New Jersey	4.6	4.6	5.1	3.9	4.0
New Mexico	12.7	11.1	8.8	10.7	9.3
New York	3.7	3.7	4.1	3.3	2.9
North Carolina	7.4	6.7	7.0	6.1	7.0
North Dakota	7.9	7.9	7.0	8.9	9.3
Ohio	5.9	5.8	6.4	6.5	6.3
Oklahoma	14.7	13.2	15.8	18.9	17.2
Oregon	4.2	4.0	6.0	6.1	7.0
Pennsylvania	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.7	5.4
Rhode Island	7.4	7.4	5.0	4.8	4.9
South Carolina	9.1	8.4	10.6	9.1	6.2
South Dakota	7.1	6.1	6.8	6.9	8.4
Tennessee	9.1	8.0	7.2	7.6	6.0
Texas	12.5	12.2	14.5	17.1	16.2
Utah	10.6	10.1	25.8	21.5	21.5
Vermont	2.9	2.9	2.6	4.8	4.7
Virginia	6.6	6.2	7.3	7.0	6.0
Washington	5.5	5.4	4.2	4.7	4.2
West Virginia	11.5	10.7	10.6	8.8	9.1
Wisconsin	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.7	4.7
Wyoming	12.1	10.5	12.0	16.8	15.0

¹ The rental vacancy rate is computed by dividing the number of vacant year-round units for rent by the rental inventory (renter-occupied units + vacant year-round units rented but awaiting occupancy + vacant year-round units for rent).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division
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