

**NYSERDA Low- to Moderate-Income Census Population Analysis Dataset:
Average for 2013-2015
Data Dictionary**

Data Label	Data Type	Data Description
County / County Group	Text	Name of New York county or a group of New York counties
Households with Elderly	Text	Identifies households with at least one member 60 years of age or older
Households with Children	Text	Identifies households with at least one member under the age of 18 years old
Economic Development Region	Text	Name of the New York State Economic Development Region
Income Groups	Money	Ranges of annual household income in 2015 dollars
Percent of Poverty Level	Text	Percent of poverty level group based on household income as a percent of 2015 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines (HHSPG)
Low- to Moderate-Income (LMI) Group	Text	Name of income group: Very Low Income, Low Income, Moderate Income, or Non-LMI Household. See data glossary for definition of each income group
Household Type	Text	Household composition type: Elderly (60+) Head, Elderly (60+) Individual, Older (40-59) with children, Older (40-59) with no children, Younger (Up to 40) with children, or Younger (Up to 40) with no children
Non-elderly Disabled Indicator	Numeric	Identifies households with at least one disabled, non-elderly individual with a "1", and all other household types with a "0"
Race / Ethnicity	Text	Name of Race/Ethnicity: Asian, Black, Hispanic, Other, or White
Linguistic Isolation	Text	Identifies when no member of the household 16 years or older reported they speak English well or very well: Linguistically Isolated Hispanic, Linguistically Isolated Other, or Not Linguistically Isolated
Housing Unit Type	Text	Housing unit type: 1 - Single Family Attached, 2 - Single Family Detached, 3 - Small Multi-Family (2-4 units), 4 - Moderate Multi-Family (5-50 units), 5 - Large Multi-Family (50+ units), or 6 - Mobile Homes & Other
Owner-Renter Status	Text	Owner-Renter status: Own, Rent/Other
Main Heating Fuel Type	Text	Main space heating fuel type: 1 - Electric, 2 - Utility Gas, 3 - Fuel Oil, 4 - Propane, 4 - Other Fuels, or 6 - No Fuels Used
Home Energy Payment Method	Text	How the household pays the heating fuel bill: Heat included in rent or fee, Only pays non-heat electric direct-to-vendor, or Pays heating bill direct-to-vendor
Housing Vintage	Text	Age range of house
LMI Study Region	Text	New York study regions developed for this analysis: Central, Eastern, Long Island, NYC I, NYC II, NYC III, or Western

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LMI Population Segment	Text	Specific LMI population segments that separate the population on dimensions of income, owner/renter, and housing unit type: #1 – Low-Income Renters in Multifamily (5+ Unit) Buildings, #2 – Moderate-Income Renters in Multifamily (5+ Unit) Buildings, #3 – Low-Income Owners in Single-Family & Small Multifamily (2-4 Unit) Homes, #4 – Moderate-Income Owners of Single-Family & Small Multifamily (2-4 Unit) Homes, #5 – Low-Income Renters in Single-Family & Small Multifamily (2-4 Units) Homes, #6 – Moderate-Income Renters in Single-Family & Small Multifamily (2-4 Units) Homes, #7 – Low/Moderate-Income Owners & Renters in Mobile Homes, #8 – Low/Moderate-Income Owners in Multifamily (5+ Unit) Buildings, or Non-LMI
Mortgage Indicator	Text	For houses that are owned, indicates if the owner has a mortgage: Yes or No. NA is given for houses that are rented
Time in Home	Text	Ranges of length of time (in years) living in home
Education Level	Text	Highest education level achieved by household head: 1 - Less than High School Diploma, 2 - High School Diploma, 3 - Some College, 4 - Associate's, 5 - Bachelor's, or 6 - Graduate Degree
Head of Household Age	Text	Age range of household head
Household Weight	Numeric	The household weight is a number assigned to each record that indicates the number of households in the population that the observation represents. Because the American Community Survey (ACS) collects information from a sample of households, rather than from all households in the population, the results need to be weighted to generate estimates for the entire population of households. Each record's weight does <u>not</u> represent the number of households in the population with the exact same array of all characteristics as that particular sampled household. Rather, the weights account for the survey sampling and design approach, variation in response the survey across areas, and differences between the sample and external estimates of basic demographic characteristics to produce ACS estimates that conform to population and housing estimates. The household weights are provided in the ACS microdata files. More information about the household weight and how it is used for producing statistics can be found here: https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/methodology/design_and_methodology/acs_design_methodology_ch11_2014.pdf .