

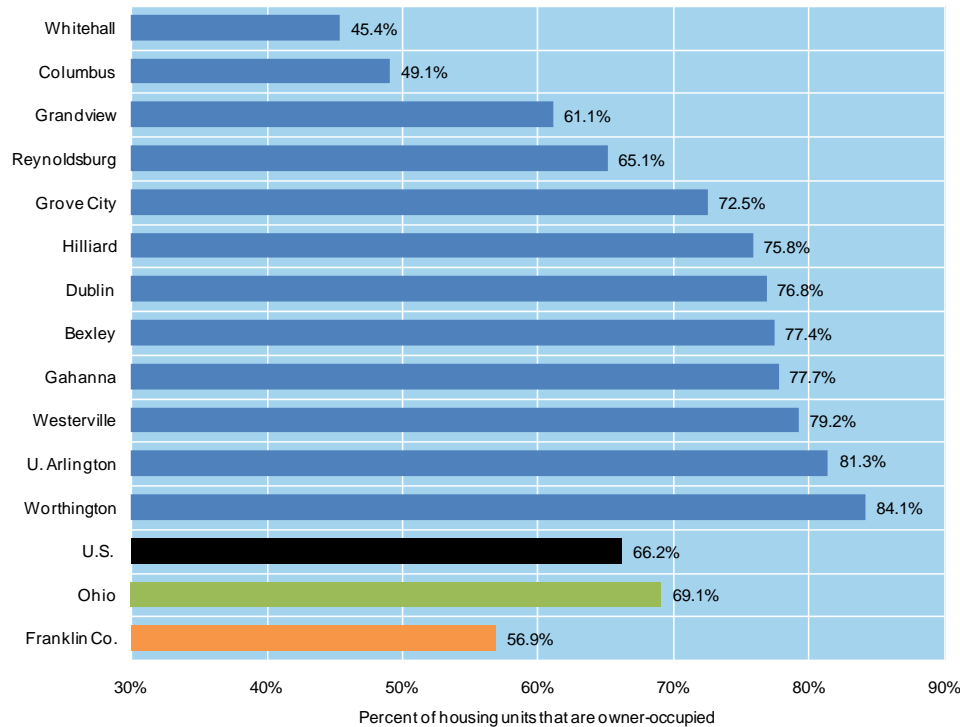
Housing Tenure

Table 1. Housing Tenure, Columbus and Franklin County, 2007-2008

Franklin County	2007		2008		Change 2007-2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	522,173	100.0%	525,124	100.0%	2,951	0.6%
· Occupied units	452,338	86.6%	454,952	86.6%	2,614	0.6%
Owner occupied	268,954	59.5%	265,970	58.5%	-2,984	-1.1%
Renter occupied	183,384	40.5%	188,982	41.5%	5,598	3.1%
· Vacant units	69,835	13.4%	70,172	13.4%	337	0.5%
City of Columbus	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	361,939	100.0%	363,589	100.0%	1,650	0.5%
· Occupied units	306,775	84.8%	309,255	85.1%	2,480	0.8%
Owner occupied	159,127	51.9%	154,745	50.0%	-4,382	-2.8%
Renter occupied	147,648	48.1%	154,510	50.0%	6,862	4.6%
· Vacant units	55,164	15.2%	54,334	14.9%	-830	-1.5%

- The city of Columbus represented 41% of all housing units added to the Franklin County housing stock between 2007 and 2008, even though the city had 51% of all units in the county in 2007.
- In 2007, the vacancy rate among all housing units was 14.9% within Columbus, compared to 13.4% in Franklin County overall. Vacancy rates fell from 2007 in Columbus, when they were 15.2%, and remained constant in Franklin County.
- In 2008, 77.4% of the county’s vacant units were in Columbus.
- Among occupied units, the percentage that was owner-occupied in 2008 was 50.0% in Columbus versus 58.5% in Franklin County. These rates were lower than in 2007, when they were 51.9% and 59.5% respectively.

Chart 1 . Homeownership Rates, Franklin County Municipalities, 2000



- Homeownership rates in Franklin County municipalities ranged from 45.4% (Whitehall) to 84.1% (Worthington) in 2000. Columbus had the second lowest rate in the county at 49.1%.

About the Data

Data Sources:

- U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2006-2007 (Columbus and Franklin County tenure data; urban county tenure data)
- U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 (Franklin County city homeownership rates)

Definitions:

- **Owner occupied:** A housing unit in which the owner or co-owner lives, even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for.
- **Renter occupied:** All occupied units that are not owner occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent.

Explanations and Caveats:

- The tenure of a housing unit does not necessarily indicate the unit type. For example, a household may rent a detached, single-family structure, as well as an attached apartment unit. Similarly, a household may be the owner of a unit in a multi-unit condominium structure.
- American Community Survey does not include data for other Franklin County cities.

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