

Indicator 25: Rent burden by income

Ratio of percentage of lower income to higher income renter households that spend more than 30% of income on rent

Report Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Score	12	13	15	17	22
Lower income renter households	79.1%	79.9%	82.0%	83.2%	85.6%
Higher income renter households	11.3%	11.6%	12.8%	14.2%	17.8%
Ratio	7.000	6.888	6.406	5.879	4.817

Change
2018 to 2022

+10

2022 Report Source

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021 1-Year Estimates



Lower income renters are nearly 5 times as likely to experience rent burden as higher income renters.

Note: The accepted federal standard for housing affordability states that no more than 30% of a household's gross income should be spent on rent and utilities. Renters are classified as low income when their annual household income is less than \$35,000 and higher income when their household income is greater than or equal to \$35,000. To ensure comparability across years, the 2022 Equality Indicators Report utilizes the 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year standard estimates rather than the 2020 ACS 1-year experimental estimates. *The Census Bureau does not recommend comparing the 2020 ACS 1-year experimental estimates with our standard ACS estimates or the decennial census [...].* (U.S. Census Bureau, 2021, <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2021/experimental-2020-acs-1-year-data.html>) U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, & 2021 1-Year Estimates