



NATIONAL LOW INCOME
HOUSING COALITION

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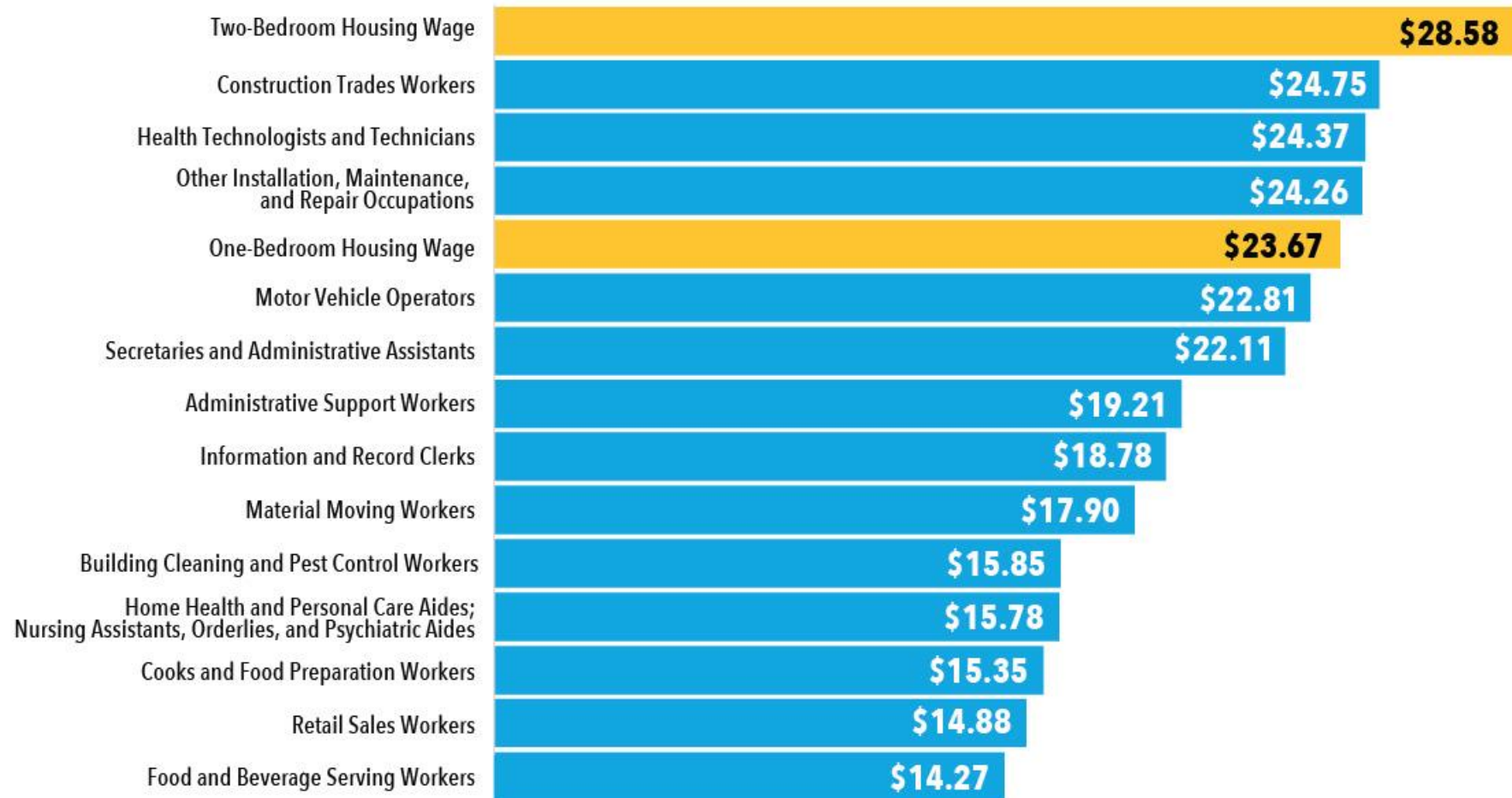
Mission



The National Low Income Housing Coalition is dedicated to achieving racially and socially equitable public policy that ensures people with the lowest incomes have quality homes that are accessible and affordable in communities of their choice.

Research Insights

13 OF THE 20 LARGEST OCCUPATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES PAY MEDIAN WAGES LESS THAN THE TWO-BEDROOM HOUSING WAGE

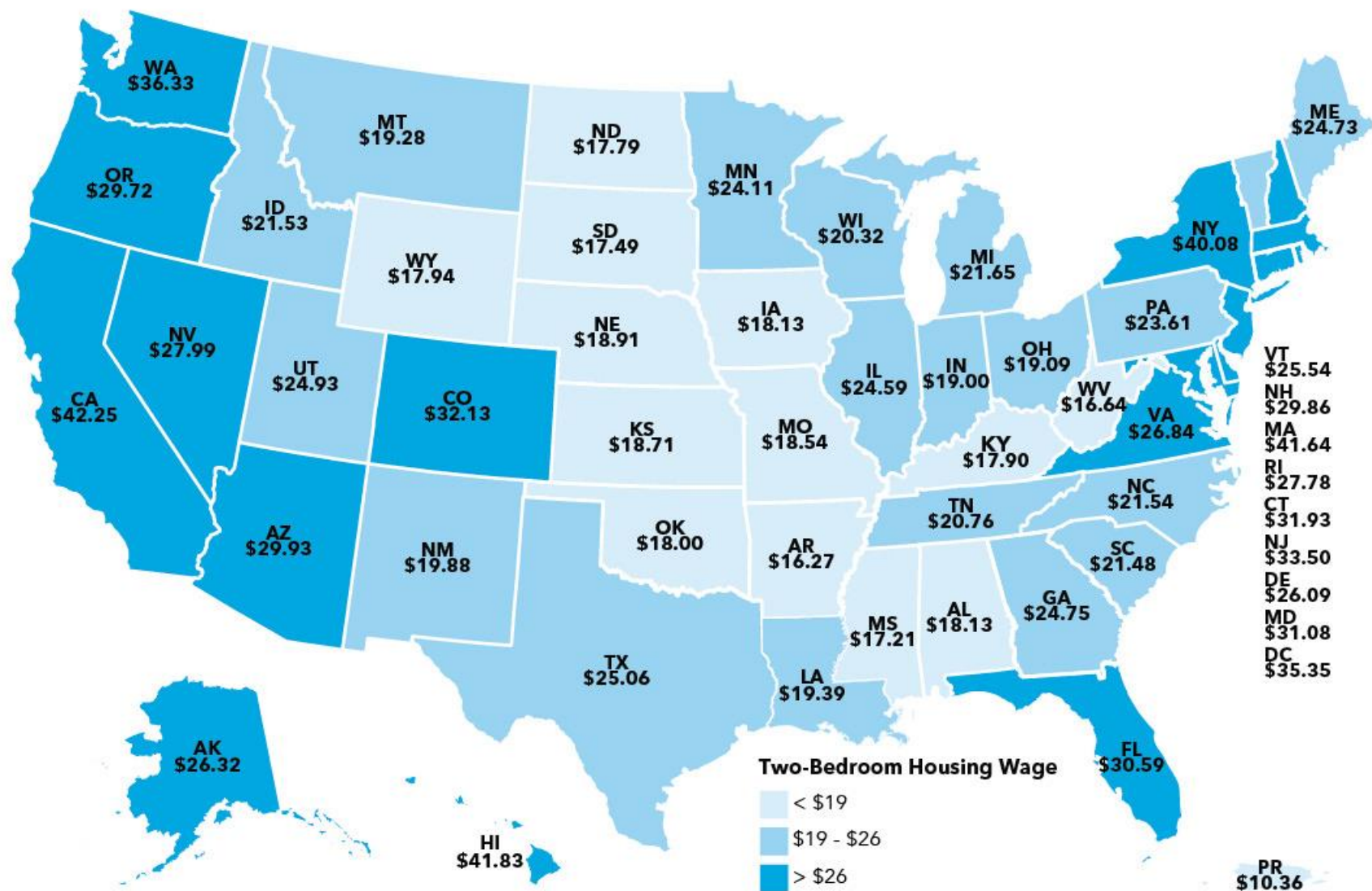


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Source: NLIHC calculation of weighted-average HUD Fair Market Rent. Occupational wages from May 2022 BLS Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, adjusted to 2023 dollars.



2023 TWO-BEDROOM RENTAL HOUSING WAGES



**OUT_{of}
REACH**
THE HIGH COST OF HOUSING

This map displays the hourly wages that a full-time worker must earn (working 40 hours per week, 52 weeks per year) in every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico in order to afford Fair Market Rent for a **TWO-BEDROOM RENTAL HOME**, without paying more than 30% of income.

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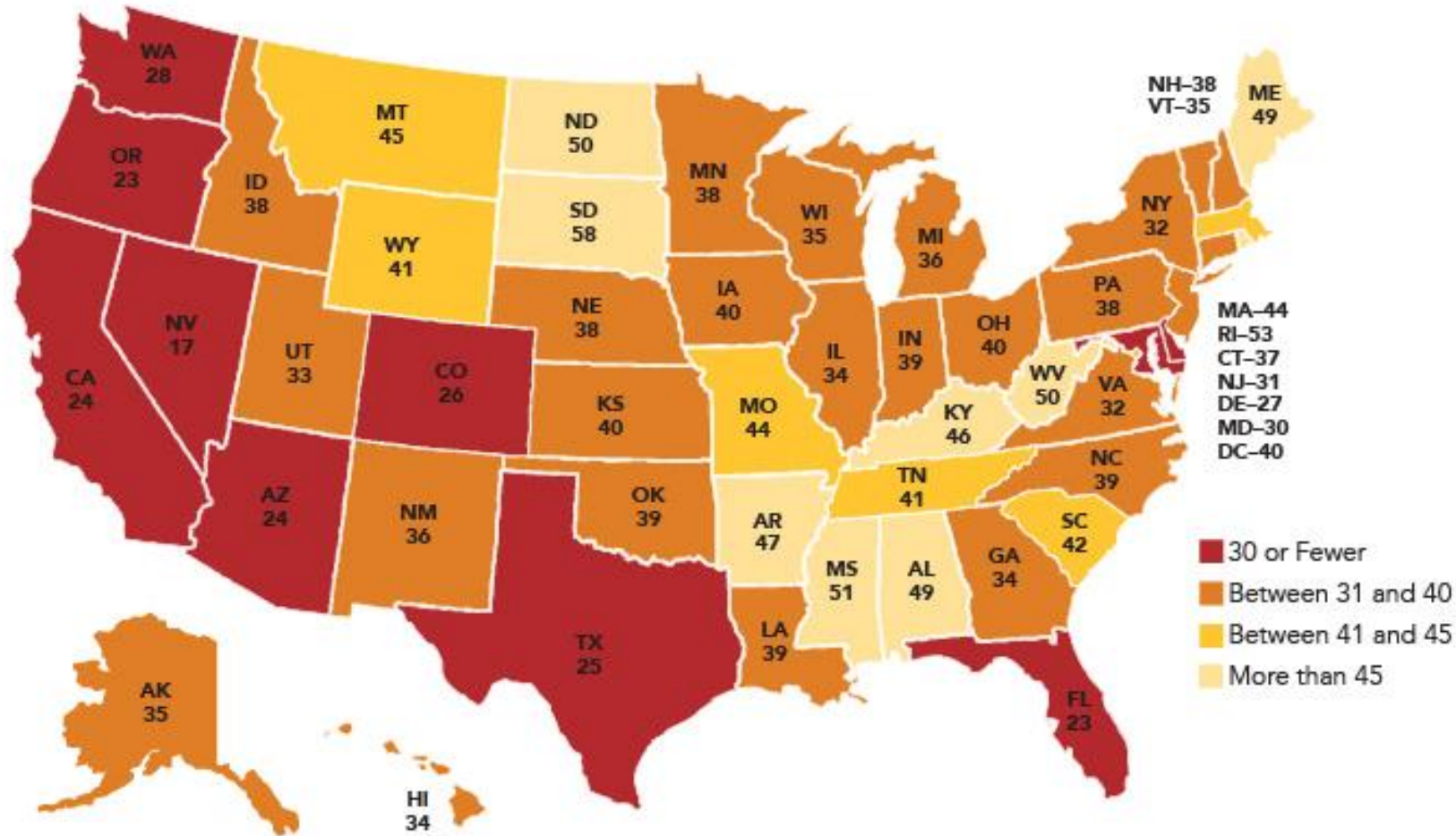
MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES BY RACE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER



Source: Housing wages based on HUD Fair Market Rents. The hourly wages by percentile are drawn from the Economic Policy Institute State of Working America Data Library 2022, adjusted to 2023 dollars.



RENTAL HOMES AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE PER 100 EXTREMELY LOW INCOME RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BY STATE



Note: Extremely low-income (ELI) renter households have incomes at or below the poverty level or 30% of the area median income. Source: NLIHC tabulations of 2021 1-Year ACS PUMS Data.

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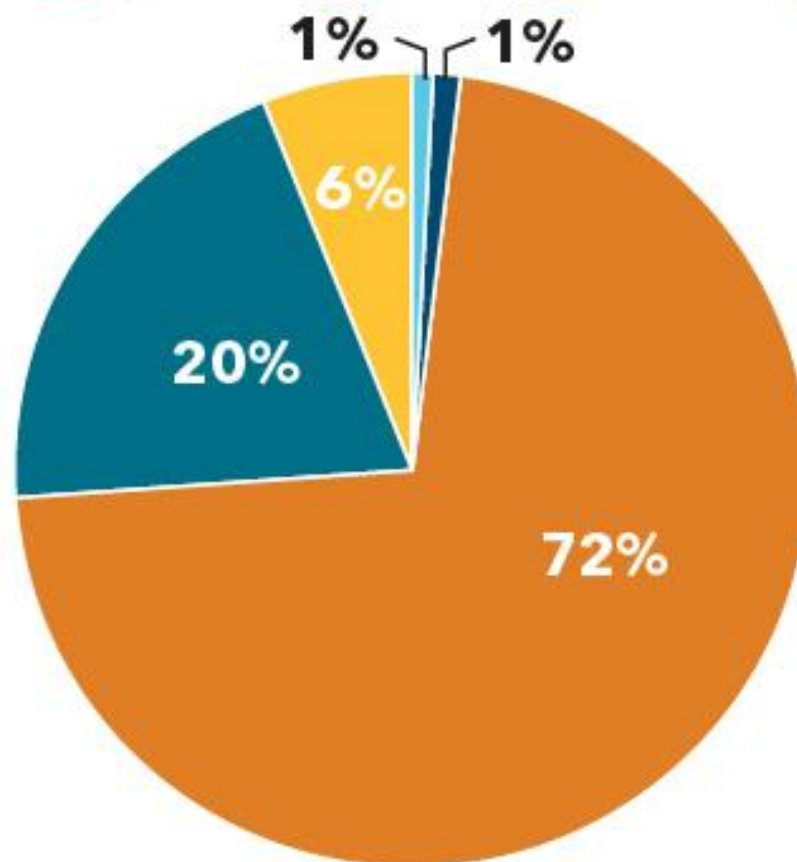




EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME RENTERS MAKE UP MAJORITY OF SEVERELY COST-BURDENED RENTERS

SEVERELY COST-BURDENED RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME GROUP, 2021

Extremely Low-Income Very Low-Income Low-Income Middle-Income Above Median Income



Source: NLIHC tabulations of 2021 ACS PUMS data.

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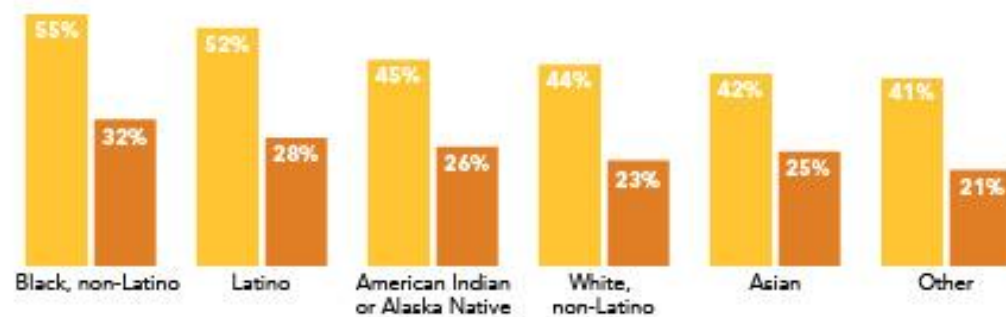




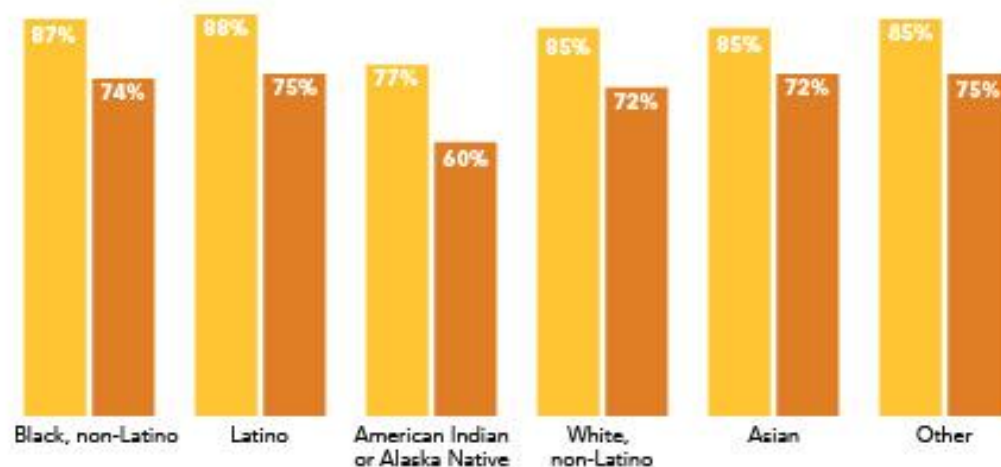
BLACK AND LATINO RENTERS EXPERIENCE HIGHER RATES OF HOUSING COST-BURDEN THAN WHITE RENTERS

Cost Burden Severe Cost Burden

COST-BURDEN BY RACE AND ETHNICITY



COST-BURDEN AMONG EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME RENTERS, BY RACE AND ETHNICITY



Source: 2021 ACS PUMS

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2023 NEW MEXICO HOUSING PROFILE

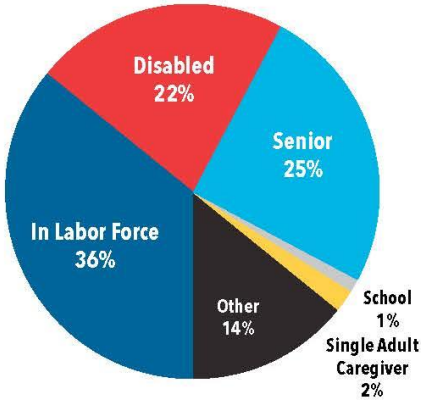


Across New Mexico, there is a shortage of rental homes affordable and available to extremely low income households (ELI), whose incomes are at or below the poverty guideline or 30% of their area median income (AMI). Many of these households are severely cost burdened, spending more than half of their income on housing. Severely cost burdened poor households are more likely than other renters to sacrifice other necessities like healthy food and healthcare to pay the rent, and to experience unstable housing situations like evictions.

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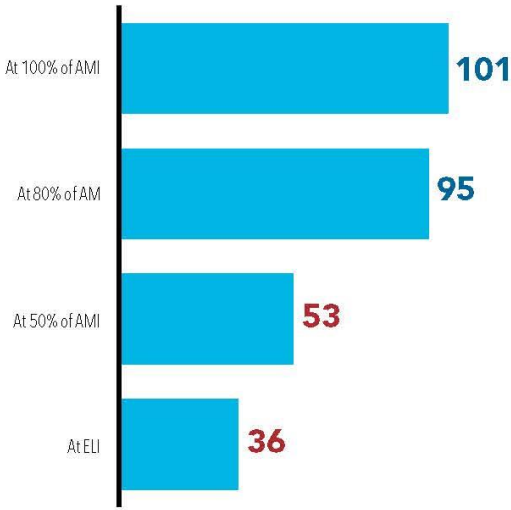


EXTREMELY LOW INCOME RENTER HOUSEHOLDS



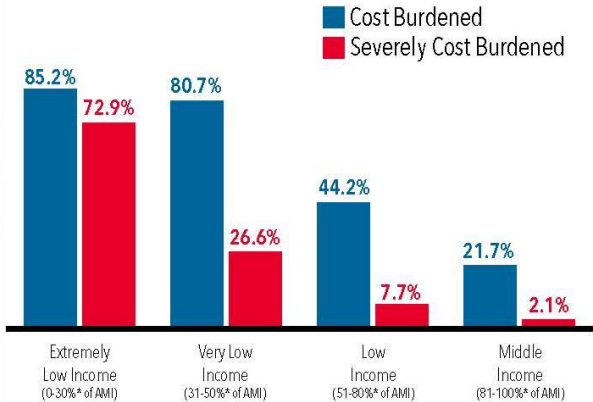
Note: Mutually exclusive categories applied in the following order: senior, disabled, in labor force, enrolled in school, single adult caregiver of a child under 7 or of a household member with a disability, and other. Nationally, 15% of extremely low-income renter households are single adult caregivers, 55% of whom usually work more than 20 hours per week. Source: 2021 ACS PUMS.

AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE HOMES PER 100 RENTER HOUSEHOLDS



Source: 2021 ACS PUMS.

HOUSING COST BURDEN BY INCOME GROUP



Note: Renter households spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs and utilities are cost burdened; those spending more than half of their income are severely cost burdened. Source: 2021 ACS PUMS.

Advocacy

Legislative Opportunities



- Federal Budget
- LIHTC expansion and reforms
- Reforming Disaster Recovery Act
- Eviction Crisis Act
- Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act
- Tenants Bill of Rights

Federal Budget



- Senate passed THUD bill on 11/1
- House draft FY24 bills ready – hope to vote soon!
- Topline budget agreed on 1/7
- Discrepancy in bills will likely cause a government shutdown
- Federal government is currently funded on a CR lasting until 2/4, at which point Congress will need to pass another CR or there is a potential of a shutdown
 - THUD (Transportation-HUD) appropriation bill must be passed by Jan 19

Federal Budget (cont'd.)



- Advocate for highest level of funding possible in FY24
 - Full funding to renew all existing contracts for the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA/Housing Choice Voucher) and Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) programs.
 - Increased funding for public housing operations and repairs.
 - At minimum, the Senate's proposed \$3.9 billion in funding for Homeless Assistance Grants.
 - Protecting the \$20 million in funding for the Eviction Prevention Grant Program provided in the Senate bill.
 - The House's proposed \$1.1 billion in funding for Native housing.
- Including key reforms to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) in any tax legislation

Advocacy vs. Lobbying

Advocacy

- Public education and organizing in support of your mission
- Includes informing public officials about an issue or problem without specific legislation

Lobbying


- Communicating with decision makers
- Communicating about existing or potential legislation
- ***Asking the decision maker to vote a specific way on legislation***

Resources

- www.bolderadvocacy.org

Your role as an advocate: Your views matter!

Your elected officials make their decisions about votes by considering:

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- Their political party position
 - What their constituents value
 - Their personal values
 - Political and financial feasibility

Your views and priorities influence their positions on issues

Advocacy Methods

- Campaigns
- **Advocacy Meetings** 
- Events/Webinars
- Ongoing, positive relationship building
- Social and traditional media
- Call-in days
- Meetings
- Letters and petitions
- Demonstrations
- Events
- Site visits

Federal Budget

- Ensure the highest level of funding for housing and community development programs in the budget
- Prevent a wave of evictions and potentially homelessness by maintaining all existing rental assistance contracts

**TAKE
ACTION!**

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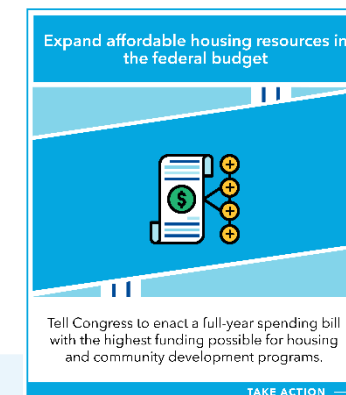


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**Organizational
Sign-on Letter:**

→ Federal Budget

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NLIHC Campaigns and Projects



Advancing anti-racist policies and achieving the large-scale, sustained investments and reforms necessary to ensure that renters with the lowest incomes have an affordable place to call home.

More than ever, bold policies are needed to ensure that people with the lowest incomes and the most marginalized people have a stable, affordable home.

NLIHC HoUSed Campaign Overview



- **Universal Rental Assistance:** Expand rental assistance to make it universally available to households in need.
- **Supply:** Increase and preserve the supply of affordable rental homes.
- **Emergency Stabilization Resources:** Provide emergency rental assistance to households in crisis.
- **Renter Protections:** Enact legislation to establish vital renter protections.



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OSAH (Opportunity Starts at Home)



- Opportunity Starts at Home is a long-term, multi-sector campaign to meet the rental housing needs of the nation's low-income people.



OPPORTUNITY
STARTS AT HOME

ERA Research and Resource Hub

The ERASE Cohort

Tracking Tenant Protections

Federal Policy and Advocacy

ERASE Project Successes



- ERASE engaged more than 112 different state and local organizations this year
 - Advocacy groups
 - Tenant groups
 - Legal aid
- Since January 2021, NLIHC has tracked the passage of more than 220 tenant protections that safeguard renters from the threat of eviction
- This year alone, the 2022-2023 ERASE Cohort has advocated for the passage of more than 110 tenant protections and 15 pieces of legislation that sustain emergency rental assistance
- States and localities will continue to advocate for, or show interest in, the passage of tenant protections, especially in the absence of tenant protections at the federal level

OHOV: Our Homes, Our Votes

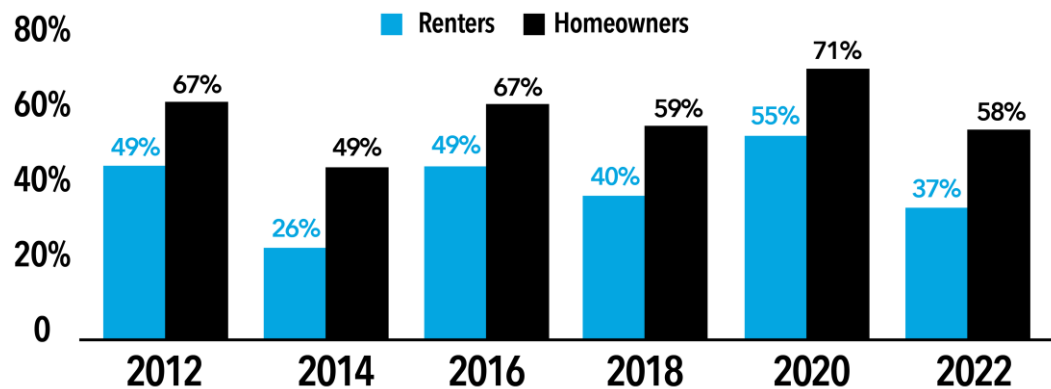


- Our Homes, Our Votes is a nonpartisan campaign to register, educate, and mobilize low-income renters and affordable housing advocates to vote.

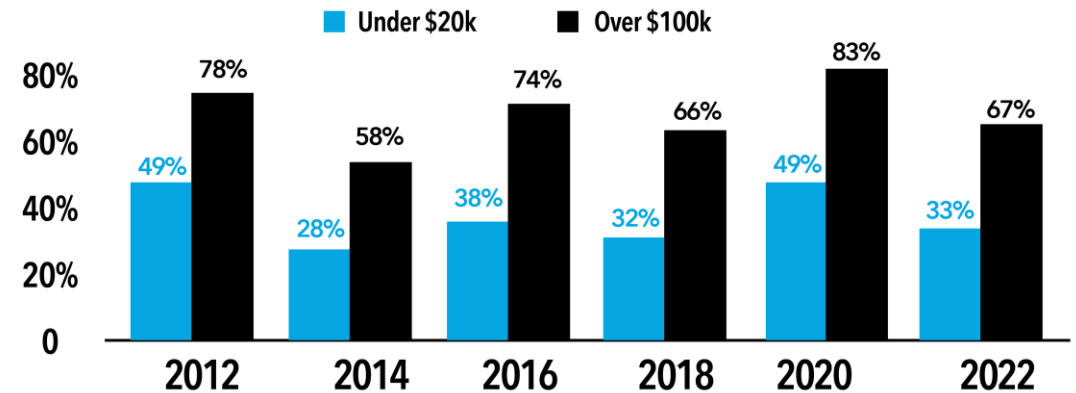


Voter Turnout Disparities

U.S. Citizens Who Reported Voting in National Elections by Housing Tenure (2012-2022)



U.S. Citizens Who Reported Voting in National Elections by Family Income (2012-2022)



Nonpartisan Election Activities

- Voter Registration
- Voter Education
- Voter Mobilization
- Candidate Engagement
- Ballot Measure Advocacy

The Collective

NLIHC's Collective, previously known as Tenant Leader Cohort, is a group of tenant advocates and community leaders with lived experience of housing insecurity who work towards housing justice and racial equity in their neighborhoods and greater communities.



Q&A

Become a member!

Benefits:

- Discounted tickets to our annual Policy Forum
- Discounted print publications
- Quarterly Policy Advisory Committee meetings



**Become a
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Thank you!

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Take Action!