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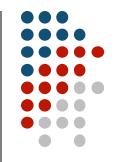
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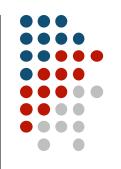


- Uses the most recent American Community Survey data.
- Evaluates severe housing cost burdens among low- and moderate-income renter and owner households.
- Analyzes trends since the end of the Great Recession.
- Provides affordability data for all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and the 50 largest U.S. metro areas.





# How do you think housing affordability has changed since 2009 for working households?

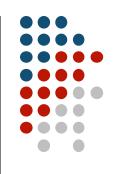


- Worsened
- Stayed the same
- Improved





# How Do You Think Housing Affordability Has Changed Since 2009 for working households?

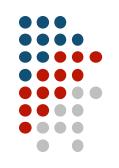


Nationally, the share of working households with severe housing cost burdens fell slightly from 22.8% of working households in 2009 to 22.1% of working households in 2012.

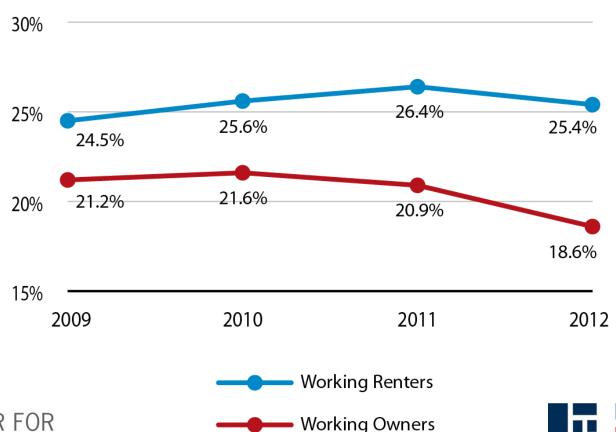




#### Working Renters More Likely to Be Severely Cost Burdened Compared to Homeowners



Percentage of Working Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden



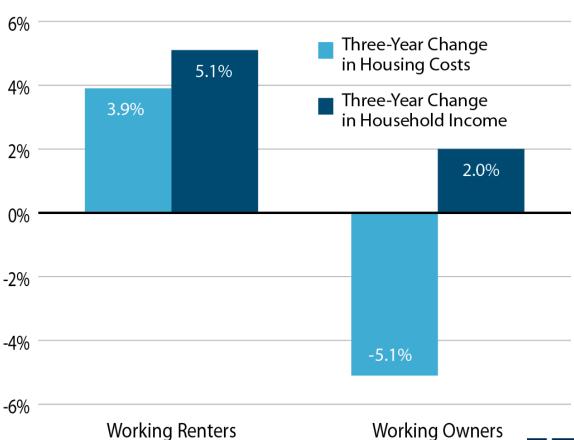




#### **Growth in Incomes Outpaced Growth** in Housing Costs



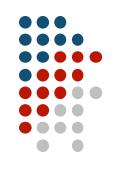
Changes in Median Housing Costs and Household Income, 2009 to 2012







#### Rents Have Risen Steadily Since the End of the Recession



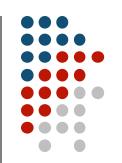
Median Monthly Housing Costs for Working Households

	2009	2010	2011	2012	One-Year Change	Two-Year Change	Three-Year Change
Renters	\$820	\$830	\$847	\$852	+0.6%	+2.7%	+3.9%
Owners	\$1,047	\$1,037	\$1,024	\$994	-2.9%	-4.1%	-5.1%

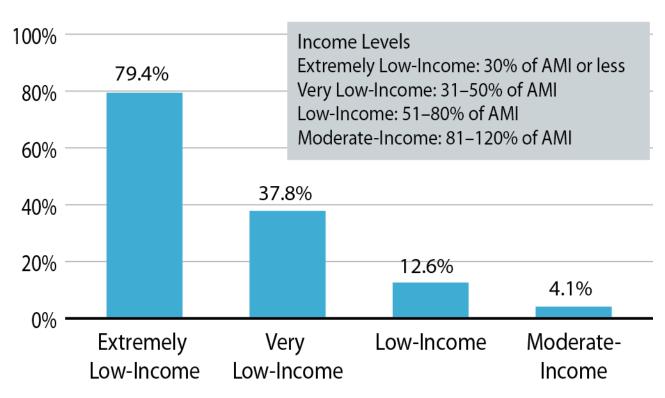




### The Vast Majority of Extremely Low-Income Households Have Severe Housing Cost Burdens



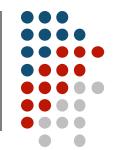
Percentage of Working Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden by Income

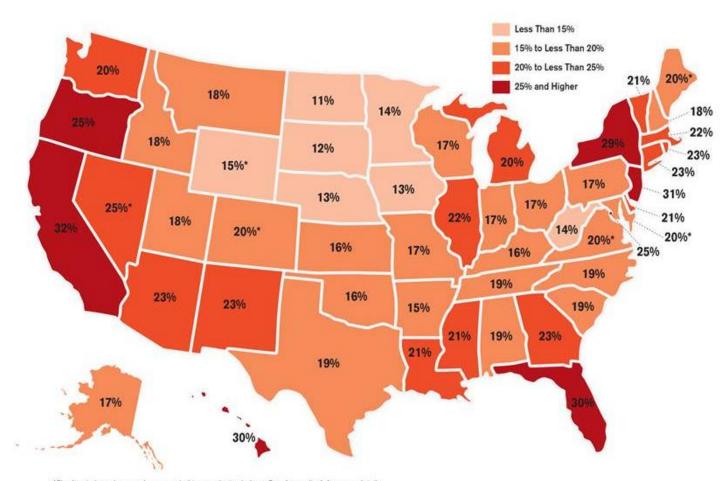






## In 21 States, at Least 1 in 5 Working Households is Severely Cost Burdened





"Shading is based on numbers rounded to one decimal place. See Appendix A for more details.



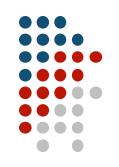


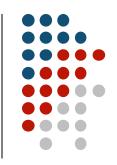
#### **Policy Implications**

- •While affordability for owners has improved, access to homeownership has become more difficult.
- •When households spend more than half of income on housing, there is not enough left for other necessities.
- •Affordable and stable housing is a platform for other important positive family and community outcomes.









#### **Questions?**

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