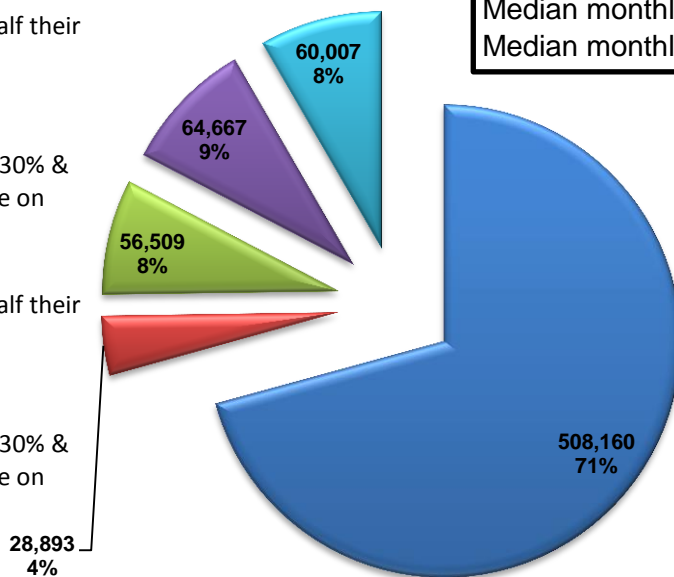


Housing Affordability Challenges in the Columbus Metro Area

- In the Columbus metro area, 93,560 households, or 13% of households, spend at least half of their income on housing costs. Nationwide, 15% of all households are severely cost burdened.
- Renters are more likely to be severely housing cost burdened than owners, with 22% of renters spending at least half their income on housing.
- Median household income in the Columbus metro area is \$57,077, compared to the median U.S. household income of \$53,648.
- Among low- and moderate-income working households, 16% of households spend at least half of their income on housing costs.

Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden

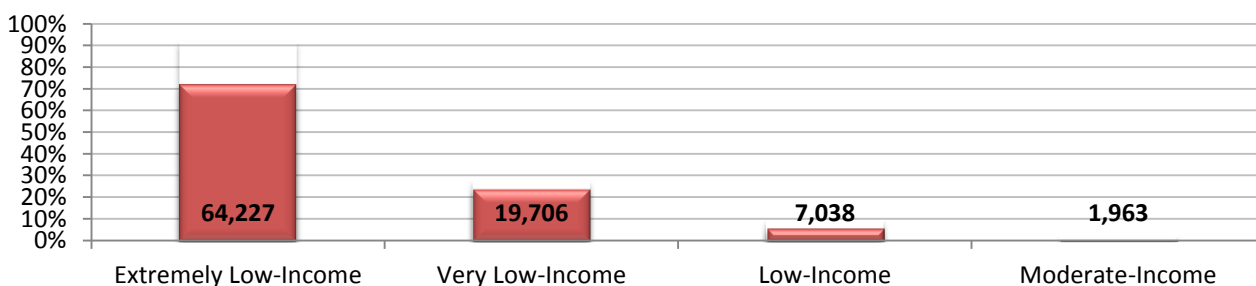
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- Owner households spending between 30% & 50% of their income on housing
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Columbus Metro Area Households: 2014

Total households 727,855
 Renters make up 40% of households
 Owners make up 60% of households
 Median household income is \$57,077
 Median monthly owner housing cost is \$830
 Median monthly renter housing cost is \$1,202

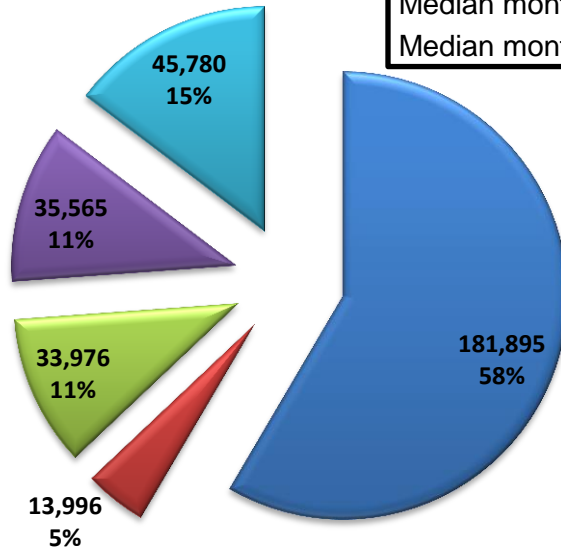
Percentage of Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden by Income



Low- and Moderate-Income Working Households in the Columbus Metro Area Face Affordability Challenges

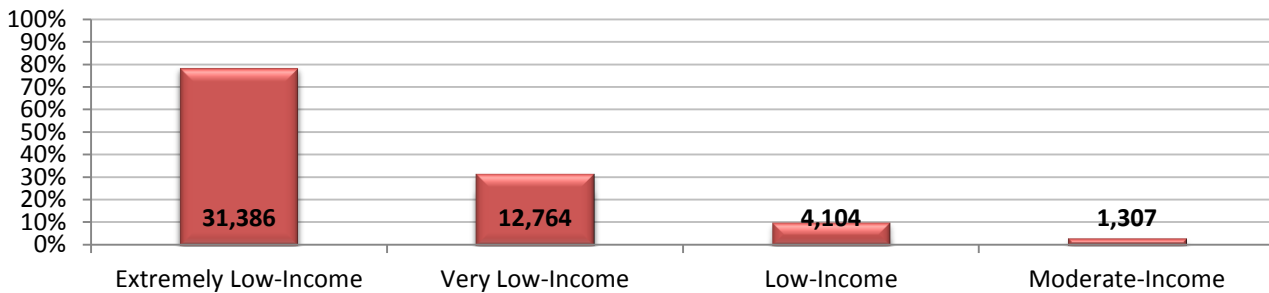
Working Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden

- Households spending less than half their income on housing
- Owner households spending at least half their income on housing
- Owner households spending between 30% & 50% of their income on housing
- Renter households spending at least half their income on housing
- Renter households spending between 30% & 50% of their income on housing



Columbus Metro Area Working Households: 2014
 Total households 311,212
 Renters make up 57% of households
 Owners make up 43% of households
 Median household income is \$40,337
 Median monthly owner housing cost is \$829
 Median monthly renter housing cost is \$829

Percentage of Working Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden



Definitions

- Severely Housing Cost Burdened:** Households who spend at least half of their income on housing costs.
- Extremely Low-Income:** Households who earn 30 percent or less than the median income for households in their area (AMI).
- Very Low-Income:** Households who earn between 31 and 50 percent of AMI.
- Low-Income:** Households who earn between 51 and 80 percent of AMI.
- Moderate-Income:** Households who earn between 81 and 120 percent of AMI.
- Working:** Households whose members work a total of at least 20 hours a week on average.
- Metro Area:** Metropolitan area defined by the Office of Management and Budget.

Data Notes

Data are from Center for Housing Policy tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 2012 Public-Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files. More detailed information is available in *Housing Landscape 2014* at www.nhc.org.

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