

## Indicator 13. Housing Condition of Children

### Number of households, by housing status and condition, and presence of children under 18: 1975 to 1993

Housing status and condition, and presence of children	1975	1980	1985	1989	1993	1975	1980	1985	1989	1993
	<b>Number of households, in thousands</b>					<b>Percentage of total</b>				
Owners	46,909	52,733	56,144	59,916	61,251	100	100	100	100	100
Crowded <sup>1</sup>	1,888	1,654	980	954	883	4	3	2	2	1
Inadequate <sup>2</sup>	3,293	2,757	3,088	3,572	2,963	7	5	6	6	5
Burden 30% to 49% <sup>3</sup>	1,697	2,485	6,141	6,355	7,176	4	5	11	11	12
Burden 50% or more <sup>3</sup>	1,121	1,781	2,958	3,168	3,778	2	3	5	5	6
None of the above	39,500	44,700	43,900	46,911	47,460	84	85	78	78	77
Renters	25,637	27,594	32,280	33,767	33,472	100	100	100	100	100
Crowded <sup>1</sup>	1,722	1,715	1,516	1,722	1,503	7	6	5	5	4
Inadequate <sup>2</sup>	3,893	3,250	4,286	4,031	3,163	15	12	13	12	9
Burden 30% to 49% <sup>3</sup>	4,169	5,097	6,222	6,983	7,157	16	18	19	21	21
Burden 50% or more <sup>3</sup>	3,605	4,769	5,696	5,185	5,947	14	17	18	15	18
None of the above	14,272	14,661	17,214	18,503	17,993	56	53	53	55	54
Owners with children under 18	21,982	22,886	21,945	22,827	22,827	100	100	100	100	100
Crowded <sup>1</sup>	1,864	1,564	966	937	858	8	7	4	4	4
Inadequate <sup>2</sup>	1,355	1,024	1,286	1,379	1,148	6	4	6	6	5
Burden 30% to 49% <sup>3</sup>	584	866	2,575	2,631	2,822	3	4	12	12	12
Burden 50% or more <sup>3</sup>	399	668	995	945	1,261	2	3	5	4	6
None of the above	18,231	19,181	16,680	17,545	17,326	83	84	76	77	76
Renters with children under 18	9,566	9,835	12,053	12,907	12,635	100	100	100	100	100
Crowded <sup>1</sup>	1,625	1,580	1,381	1,568	1,379	17	16	11	12	11
Inadequate <sup>2</sup>	1,522	1,239	1,927	1,717	1,377	16	13	16	13	11
Burden 30% to 49% <sup>3</sup>	1,475	1,829	2,356	2,762	2,698	15	19	20	21	21
Burden 50% or more <sup>3</sup>	1,142	1,698	2,507	2,162	2,590	12	17	21	17	20
None of the above	4,984	4,652	5,558	6,370	6,054	52	47	46	49	48
Rent assisted	1,159	1,361	1,911	2,093	2,210	12	14	16	16	17
Very low-income renters with children under 18 <sup>4</sup>	3,752	4,642	5,771	5,587	6,646	100	100	100	100	100
Crowded <sup>1</sup>	898	953	844	934	946	24	21	15	17	14
Inadequate <sup>2</sup>	831	765	1,164	1,012	904	22	16	20	18	14
Burden 30% to 49% <sup>3</sup>	1,077	1,306	1,502	1,689	1,933	29	28	26	30	29
Burden 50% or more <sup>3</sup>	875	1,664	2,460	2,109	2,544	23	36	43	38	38
None of the above	803	1,007	1,237	1,256	1,651	21	22	21	22	25
Rent assisted	743	1,042	1,509	1,676	1,871	20	22	26	30	28
"Worst case" <sup>5</sup>	1,320	1,640	2,160	1,886	2,277	35	35	37	34	34

<sup>1</sup> More than one person per room, excluding closets and bathrooms.

<sup>2</sup> Severe or moderate physical problems as reported in the housing survey. Number in "inadequate" category is low for 1980 because of data unavailability.

<sup>3</sup> Burden is calculated by dividing gross rent and utilities by reported family or household income.

<sup>4</sup> Family or household income below 50 percent of area median family income adjusted for household size, as defined for Housing and Urban Development programs.

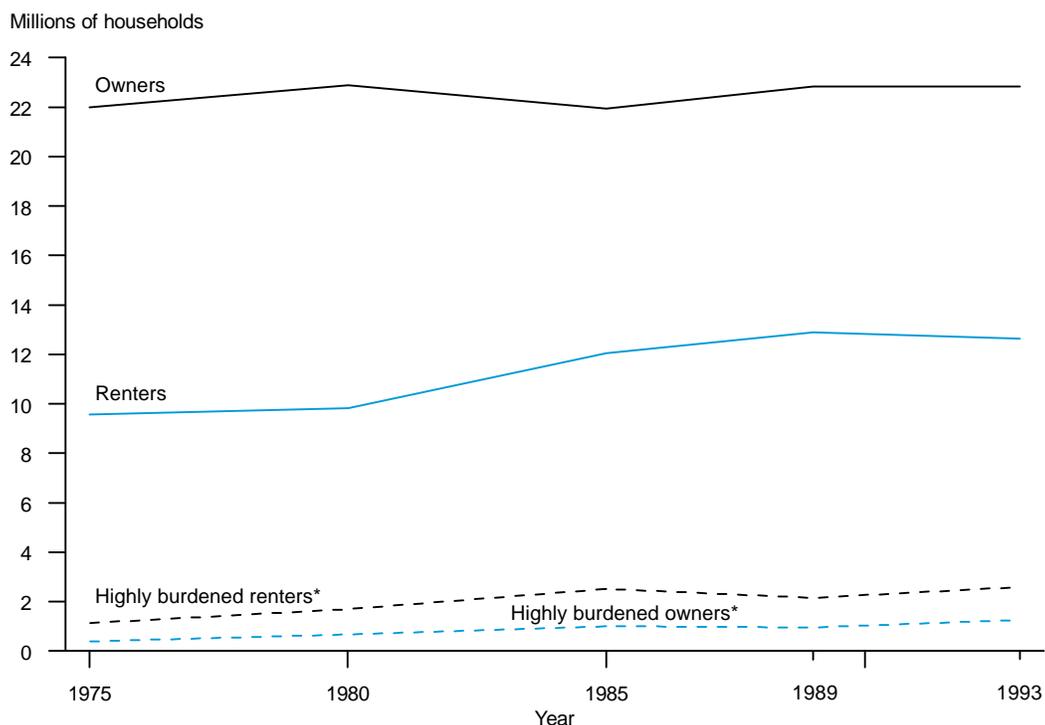
<sup>5</sup> Unassisted with either rent burden of 50 percent of household income or more, or severely inadequate housing.

**NOTE:** Because of overlapping categories, details do not add to totals. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Beginning in 1985, rent burden and income are based on household, rather than family income for all households, and return on home equity is not imputed as income to owners. 1985 utility payments adjusted to be comparable to 1989 and 1993.

**SOURCE:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research, American Housing Survey, unpublished data.

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### Households with children under 18, by housing status and burden of housing cost: 1975 to 1993



\*Burden 50 percent or more of family income.

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Many homeowners and renters found that housing costs rose more rapidly than income between 1975 and 1993. The increasing burden of housing costs was particularly acute for renters with children. In 1993, about 20 percent of renters with children faced housing costs that consumed at least half of their income, up from 12 percent in 1975. Of homeowners with children, about 6 percent had housing costs that consumed half or more of their income. Moreover, an increasing proportion of families with children are renters rather than homeowners. The number of homeowners with children rose by 4 percent between 1975 and 1993. At the same time, the number of renters with children rose by 32 percent and the number of very low-income renters with children rose by 77 percent. As noted in earlier indicators, an increasing proportion of children are being raised in single-parent households whose incomes are typically much less than those of husband-wife families.