

Housing as the Foundation

The Roots and Current State of the Housing Crisis and its Impacts on Children

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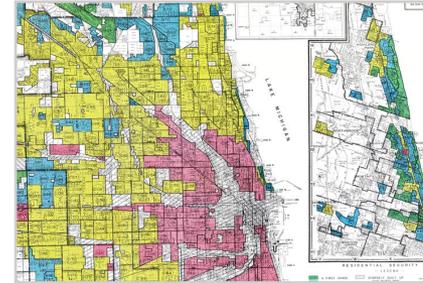
Housing System Rooted in Racism and Prejudice



Zoning



Racial covenants



Lending and development



Violence



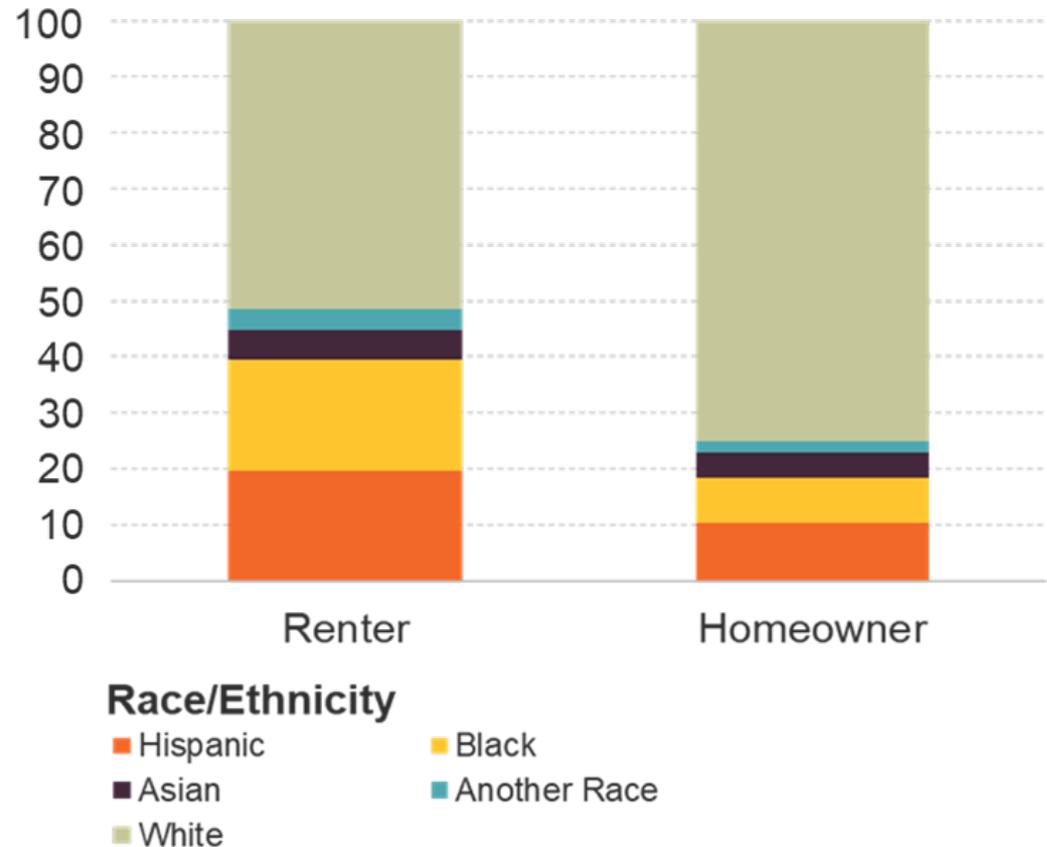
Public housing



Urban renewal

Black and Latino People More Likely to Be Renters than Homeowners

Share of Households (Percent)

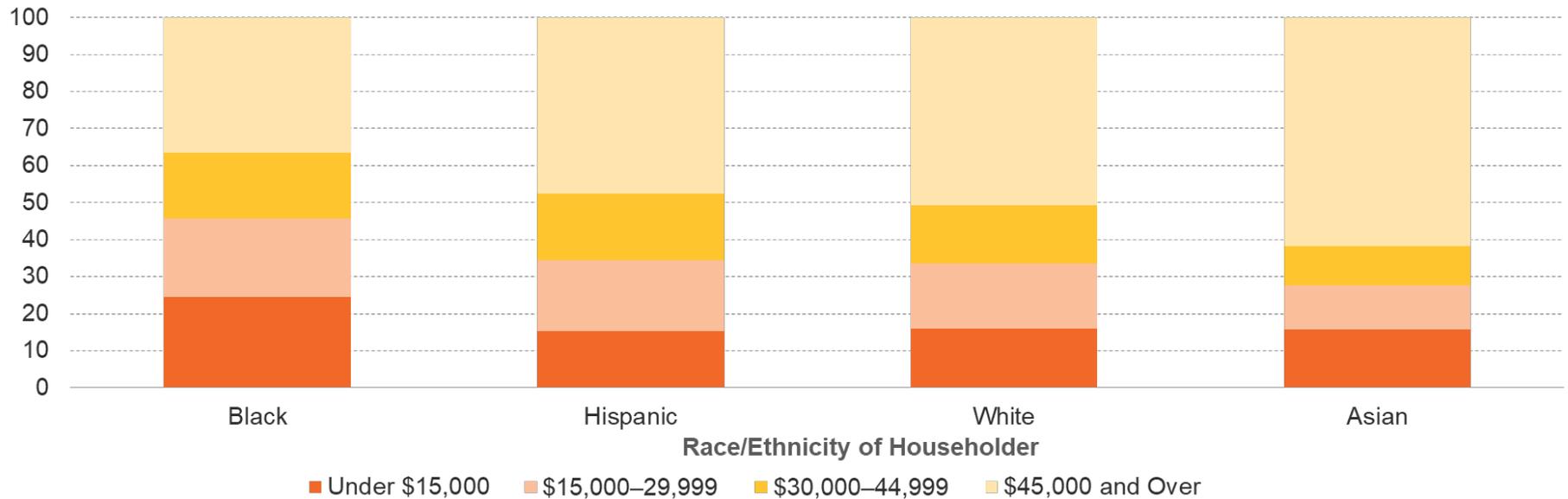


Notes: Black, Asian, white, and another race(s) householders are non-Hispanic. Hispanic householders may be of any race(s).

Source: JCHS tabulations of US Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

Disproportionately Large Shares of Black Renters Have Lowest Incomes

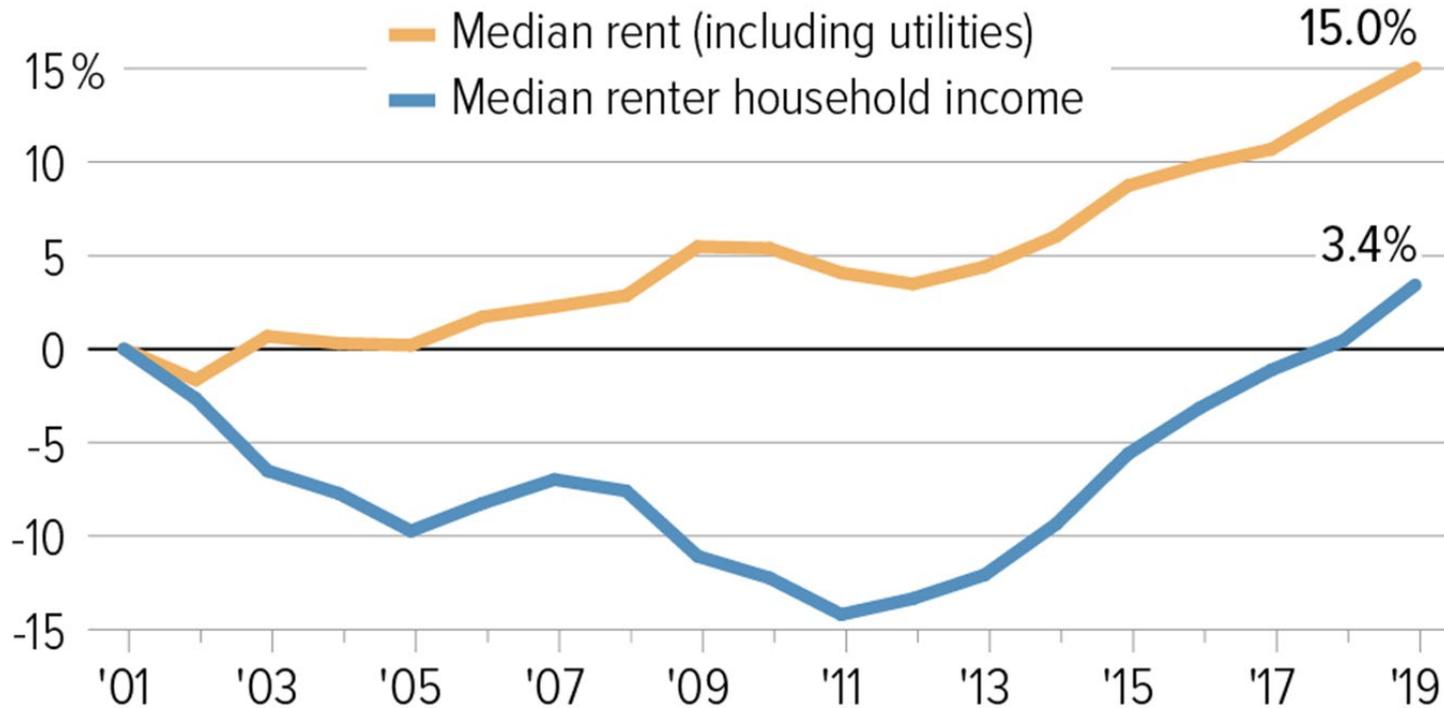
Share of Renter Households (Percent)



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Renters' Incomes Haven't Caught Up to Housing Costs

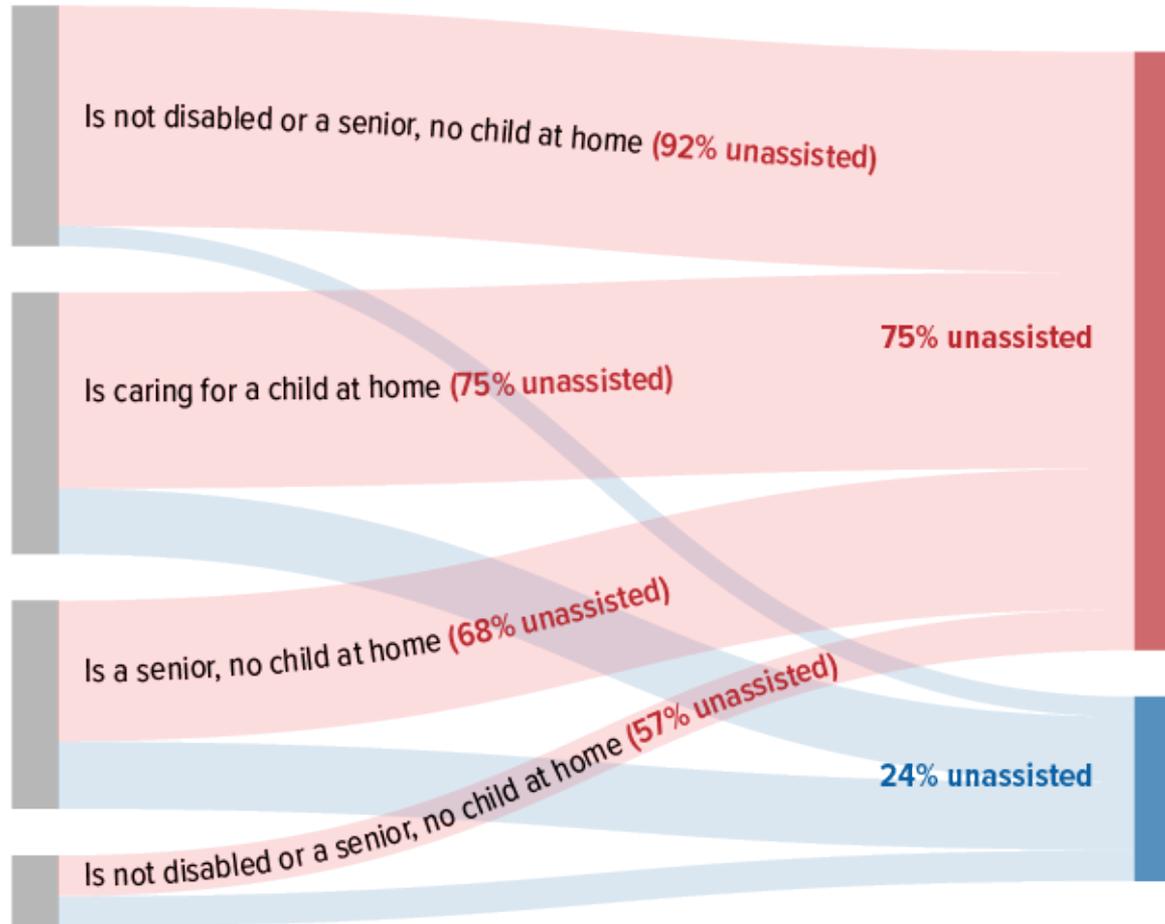
Percent change since 2001, adjusted for inflation



Source: CBPP tabulations of the Census Bureau's American Community Survey

Families With Children and Non-Elderly Adults Without Children Have the Greatest Unmet Need for Rental Assistance

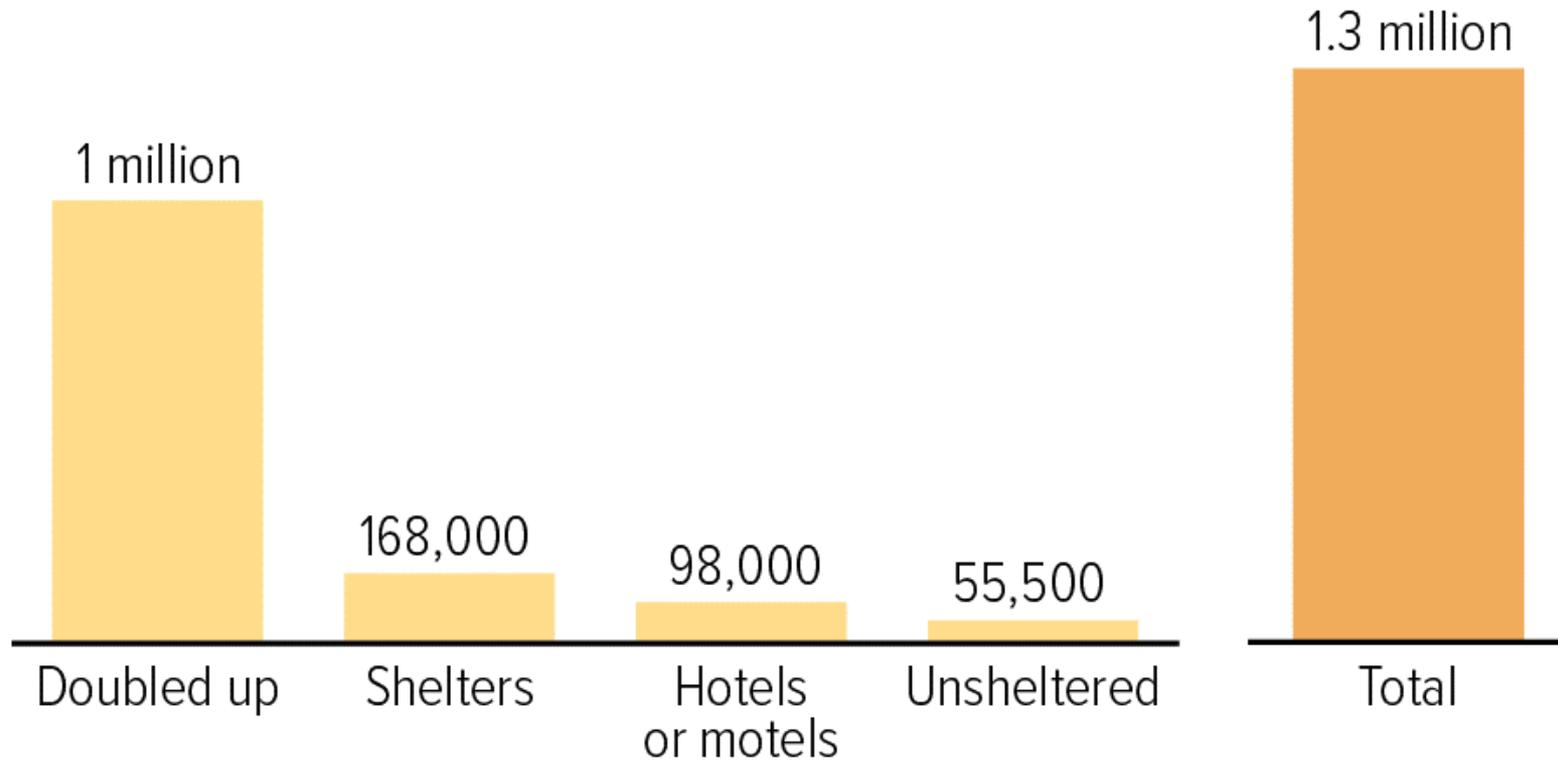
Unassisted vs. assisted households, headed by someone who:



Note: Groups of household types are sized (on left) by number "needing assistance," which means they pay more than 30 percent of monthly income on housing and/or are living in overcrowded or substandard housing. "Low income" = 80 percent or less of median income.

Sources: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) custom tabulations of the 2019 American Housing Survey and CBPP tabulations of 2018 HUD administrative data; 2020 McKinney-Vento Permanent Supportive Housing, Transitional Housing, Safe Havens, and Other Permanent Housing bed counts; 2019-2020 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grantee performance profiles; and the Department of Agriculture's FY2020 Multi-Family Fair Housing Occupancy Report.

1.3 Million Children in Public Schools Lack Home of Their Own



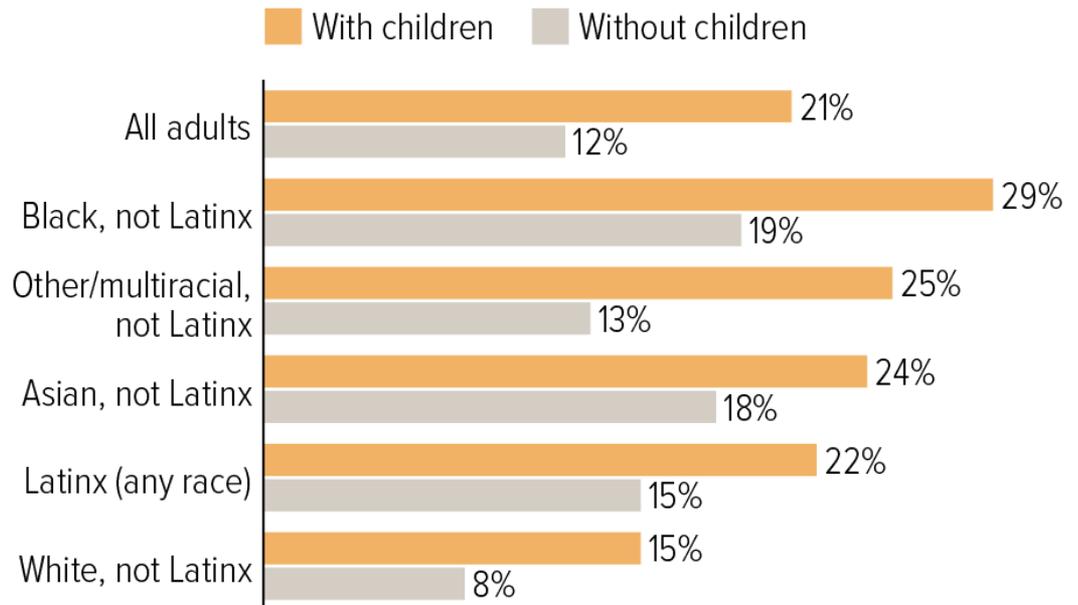
Source: Department of Education data for school year 2018-2019.

COVID-19 Pandemic Has Highlighted Housing Disparities

- Federal response effective but focused on immediate needs
- Long-standing housing instability remains

Renters of Color Living With Children Are Facing Greatest Housing Hardship

Share of adult renters saying their household is not caught up on rent, in households:



Note: Other/multiracial, not Latinx = people identifying as American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or more than one race. Chart excludes renters who did not respond to the question.

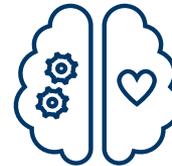
Source: CBPP analysis of U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey public use files for survey weeks 35-38

Stable Housing Is Foundational to Children's Well-Being



Health

Development



School performance

Family unity



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