

# APPENDIX D.

## Resident Survey Summary of Findings

This section reports the findings from the resident survey conducted for the AI. It explores residents' housing choices and preferences, challenges and experiences with displacement and housing discrimination, and access to opportunity. The Root team is grateful to the residents who shared their experiences and perspectives with fair housing and access to opportunity by participating in the resident survey.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In the figures in this section that report findings, the notation "n" provides the number of respondents to each question and is located at the end of every figure.

**Figure D-1.**  
**Resident Survey Participants**

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

**2,789** resident survey participants



**1,102** had a child under 18



**800** had a household member with a disability



**433** had housing voucher



**301** had other housing subsidy (place-based)



**187** live alone



**575** are single parents (no other adults in home)

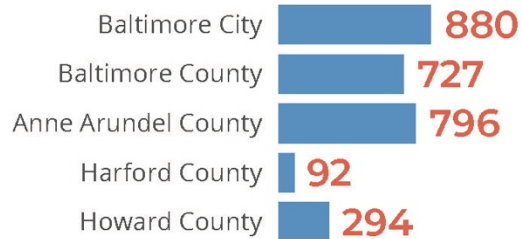


**327** are single parents living with other adult family/roommates

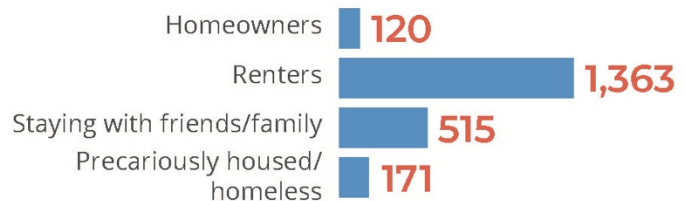


**180** are couples with children only or with other adult family/roommates

## WHERE PARTICIPANTS LIVE



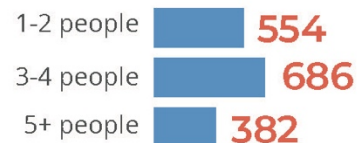
## HOUSING STATUS



## HOUSEHOLD INCOME

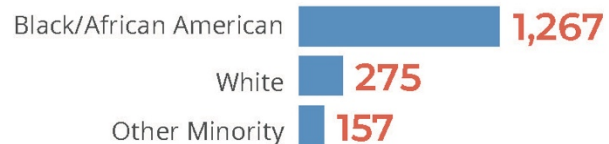


## HOUSEHOLD SIZE



## IDENTIFIED AS\*

\* Respondents could select all that applied.



Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.

**Geographic note.** Throughout this section, survey data reported Anne Arundel County include responses from residents who live in either the City of Annapolis or elsewhere in Anne Arundel County.

**Explanation of terms.** Throughout this section, several terms require explanation.

- “Staying with friends/family” includes residents who live with friends or family but are not themselves on the lease or property title. These residents may (or may not) make financial contributions to pay housing costs or contribute to the household exchange for housing (e.g., childcare, healthcare services).
- “Precariously housed/homeless” includes residents who are currently homeless or living in transitional or temporary/emergency housing.
- “Disability” indicates that the respondent or a member of the respondent’s household has a disability of some type—physical, mental, intellectual, developmental.
- “Single parent (no other adults)” are respondents living only with their children. “Single parent + other adults” are respondents living with their children and other adults (but not a spouse/partner), including adult family members.
- “Voucher household” refers to a respondent whose household’s housing costs are subsidized by a housing voucher (e.g., Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher). “Other housing subsidy” refers to respondents whose household lives in a building where their rent is based on their income. This includes public housing, LIHTC buildings, project-based Section 8, deed-restricted ownership products, and any other place-based housing subsidies. “No housing subsidy” refers to households who receive no assistance with paying housing their rent or mortgage.

**Sampling note.** The survey respondents do not represent a random sample of the regional population. A true random sample is a sample in which each individual in the population has an equal chance of being selected for the survey. The self-selected nature of the survey prevents the collection of a true random sample. Important insights and themes can still be gained from the survey results however, with an understanding of the differences of the sample from the larger population.

Based on the total number of responses, respondent demographics, and the primary source for soliciting participation—outreach to current recipients of subsidized housing and those on waitlists for housing assistance—the data provide a rich source of information about the region’s lowest income households and their experience with housing choice and access to opportunity in the communities where they live.

**Sample size note.** When considering the experience of members of certain groups within jurisdictions, the sample sizes are too small ( $n < 40$  respondents) to express results quantitatively. In these cases, we describe the survey findings as representative of those

who responded to the survey, but that the magnitude of the estimate may vary significantly in the overall population (i.e., large margin of error). Survey data from small samples are suggestive of an experience or preference, rather than conclusive.

**Figure D-2.**  
**Resident Survey Sample Sizes by Jurisdiction and Selected Characteristics**

	Anne Arundel County	Baltimore City	Baltimore County	Harford County	Howard County	Region
<b>Total Responses</b>	796	880	727	92	294	2,789
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>						
Black/African American	297	440	342	32	156	1,267
Other Minority	60	39	31	6	21	157
White	128	51	60	18	18	275
<b>LEP (Spanish)</b>						
	10	4	1	0	0	15
<b>Children under 18</b>						
	288	333	298	41	142	1,102
<b>Large family (5+ members)</b>						
<b>Disability</b>						
	262	244	197	18	79	800
<b>Seniors (age 65+)</b>						
<b>Housing situation</b>						
Homeowner	30	49	28	8	5	120
Renter	285	406	420	46	206	1,363
Staying with friends/family	216	188	79	8	24	515
Precariously housed/homeless	52	22	83	7	7	171
Housing voucher holder	55	47	190	15	126	433
Other housing subsidy	78	120	57	11	35	301
<b>Household Income</b>						
Less than \$15,000	188	220	201	20	83	712
\$15,000 up to \$25,000	96	86	96	8	34	288
\$25,000 up to \$50,000	127	159	109	14	60	469
\$50,000 or more	29	33	23	6	7	1,567

Note: Numbers do not aggregate either due to multiple response or that respondents did not choose to provide a response to all demographic and socioeconomic questions.

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**Framework for presenting results.** Findings from the survey are summarized for segments of the respondent population—by protected class, income, household size, jurisdiction—where sample sizes are sufficient for reporting. We also present snapshots of resident experience and perspective overall on experience with housing discrimination and displacement and for several opportunity indicators—access to quality public schools, health, employment, and transportation.

## Primary Findings

The survey data present a robust picture of the housing choices, challenges, needs, and access to economic opportunity of Baltimore regional residents who are African American, with incomes less than \$25,000, who rent or stay with friends or family, have children, live in a household with a member with a disability, or are recipients of housing vouchers or other publicly-supported housing. These households are typically more vulnerable to housing insecurity, housing discrimination, and disparities in access to economic opportunity. From residents' perspectives and experiences:

- Despite demographic and socioeconomic similarity among respondents living in each jurisdiction, the experience of Baltimore City residents is markedly different than similar households living in the counties. The contrast is stark, and is particularly acute in differences in the share of residents experiencing housing challenges overall, as well as in differences in neighborhood safety/crime, safe places for children to play outdoors, and access to economic opportunity—particularly good schools and neighborhood grocery stores.
- Vouchers and other housing subsidies improve the living conditions of low income residents. Households with some type of housing subsidy are less likely than those without subsidies to experience involuntary displacement, are less likely to worry about rent increasing more than they could pay, do not struggle to pay the rent, and, in the case of voucher holders, live in areas with greater access to economic opportunity, particularly good schools and neighborhoods with lower crime, with safe places for children to play outdoors.
  - Note that voucher holders are more likely to have difficulty paying utilities, and to worry that their landlord will stop participating in the voucher program.
  - Voucher holders most frequently identify finding a landlord to accept their voucher as housing challenge, and four in five describe their experience using their voucher as difficult or very difficult.
- Among all households that experienced displacement, rent increases, eviction, job loss/hours reductions, and unsafe conditions (e.g., mold) are the cause of one in five displacements each. (Noting that more than one may apply to a single displacement episode.) Respondents who are currently staying with family or friends (e.g., couch-surfing, doubled up, not formally on a lease) and those who are precariously housed/homeless are more likely to have experienced displacement in the past five years, and have difficulty finding a place to rent due to bad credit or rental histories (e.g., eviction).
- Homeownership is a dream for about a third of respondents. Overall, one in three survey respondents who would move if they had the opportunity would move if they

could buy a home. About the same proportion want to buy a house, but cannot afford the down payment.

## Current Housing Choice

This section explores residents' housing preferences, including the factors most important to them when they chose their current housing.

**Most important factors in choosing current home.** When asked to identify the factors most important to them when they chose their current home, the top five most common responses are very similar across jurisdictions and among respondent segments. Figures D-3 through D-5 demonstrate that housing choice is a function of meeting basic needs and incorporating personal preferences, including seeking access to opportunity, if, after meeting basic needs, choice is available.

- Not surprisingly, cost and availability matter; these market factors drive the set of potential housing options. For voucher holders, finding a landlord that accepts Section 8 is an important factor.
- Low crime rate/safety is a top priority across the board.
- Quality public schools/school district is among the top five most important factors for people living in the suburbs, households with some type of housing subsidy, renters overall, households earning less than \$25,000 per year, and all protected classes analyzed.
- Access to public transit was among the top five most important factors *only* among Baltimore City residents and respondents age 55 or older.

**Figure D-3.**

**Most Important Factors in Choosing Current Home, by Jurisdiction, Housing Situation**

<p><b>ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>3 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>4 Close to work/job opportunities</li> <li>5 Quality public schools/school district</li> </ol>	<p><b>HARFORD COUNTY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>2 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>3 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>4 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>5 Like the neighborhood</li> </ol>	<p><b>RENTERS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>2 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>3 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>4 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>5 Like the neighborhood</li> </ol>	<p><b>VOUCHER HOUSEHOLD</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>2 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>3 Landlord takes Section 8</li> <li>4 Like the neighborhood</li> <li>5 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> </ol>
<p><b>BALTIMORE CITY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>3 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>4 Close to bus/light rail/transit stops</li> <li>5 Close to work/job opportunities</li> </ol>	<p><b>HOWARD COUNTY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>2 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>3 Like the neighborhood</li> <li>4 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>5 Landlord takes Section 8</li> </ol>	<p><b>STAYING WITH FRIENDS/FAMILY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>2 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>3 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>4 Close to work/job opportunities</li> <li>5 Close to family/friends</li> </ol>	<p><b>OTHER HOUSING SUBSIDY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>3 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>4 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>5 (tie) Close to bus/light rail/transit stops; Number of bedrooms</li> </ol>
<p><b>BALTIMORE COUNTY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>2 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>3 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>4 Like the neighborhood</li> <li>5 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> </ol>	<p><b>HOMEOWNERS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Like the neighborhood</li> <li>3 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>4 Close to family/friends</li> <li>5 Like the type of home/apartment</li> </ol>	<p><b>NO HOUSING SUBSIDY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>3 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>4 Close to work/job opportunities</li> <li>5 Like the neighborhood</li> </ol>	<p><b>REGION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>3 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>4 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>5 Like the neighborhood</li> </ol>

Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.

**Figure D-4.**

**Most Important Factors in Choosing Current Home, by Jurisdiction and Household Income**

ANNE ARUNDEL HH INCOME <\$15,000	B'MORE CITY HH INCOME <\$15,000	B'MORE COUNTY HH INCOME <\$15,000	REGION HH INCOME <\$15,000
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>② Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>③ Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>④ Close to work/job opportunities</li> <li>⑤ Quality public schools/school district</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>② Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>③ Close to bus/light rail/transit stops</li> <li>④ Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>⑤ (TIE) # of bedrooms; close to work/job opportunities</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>② Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>③ Like the neighborhood</li> <li>④ Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>⑤ Cost/I could afford it</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>② Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>③ Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>④ Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>⑤ Close to bus/light rail/transit stops</li> </ol>
ANNE ARUNDEL \$15,000 UP TO \$25,000	B'MORE CITY \$15,000 UP TO \$25,000	B'MORE COUNTY \$15,000 UP TO \$25,000	REGION \$15,000 UP TO \$25,000
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>② Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>③ Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>④ Close to work/job opportunities</li> <li>⑤ Like the type of home/apartment</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>② Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>③ Close to bus/light rail/transit stops</li> <li>④ Number of bedrooms</li> <li>⑤ Close to work/job opportunities</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>② Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>③ Like the neighborhood</li> <li>④ Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>⑤ (TIE) Needed somewhere to live and it was available; close to work/job</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>② Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>③ Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>④ Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>⑤ Like the neighborhood</li> </ol>
ANNE ARUNDEL \$25,000 UP TO \$50,000	B'MORE CITY \$25,000 UP TO \$50,000	B'MORE COUNTY \$25,000 UP TO \$50,000	REGION \$25,000 UP TO \$50,000
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>② Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>③ Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>④ Close to work/job opportunities</li> <li>⑤ (TIE) Like the neighborhood; # of bedrooms</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>② Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>③ Close to work/job opportunities</li> <li>④ Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>⑤ Close to bus/light rail/transit stops</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>② Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>③ Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>④ Like the neighborhood</li> <li>⑤ (TIE) Needed somewhere to live and it was available; # of bedrooms</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>② Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>③ Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>④ Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>⑤ Like the neighborhood</li> </ol>

Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.



**Figure D-5.**  
**Most Important Factors in Choosing Current Home, by Selected Characteristics**

<p><b>BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>2 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>3 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>4 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>5 Like the neighborhood</li> </ol>	<p><b>DISABILITY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>3 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>4 Like the neighborhood</li> <li>5 Quality public schools/school district</li> </ol>	<p><b>SMALL HOUSEHOLD (1-2 PEOPLE)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>3 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>4 Like the neighborhood</li> <li>5 Close to work/job opportunities</li> </ol>	<p><b>AGE 55+</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>3 Close to bus/light rail/transit stops</li> <li>4 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>5 Like the neighborhood</li> </ol>
<p><b>OTHER MINORITY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>3 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>4 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>5 Close to work/job opportunities</li> </ol>	<p><b>NON-DISABILITY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>3 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>4 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>5 Like the neighborhood</li> </ol>	<p><b>MIDSIZE HOUSEHOLD (3-4 PEOPLE)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>2 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>3 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>4 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>5 Like the neighborhood</li> </ol>	<p><b>NO CHILDREN UNDER 18</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>3 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>4 Like the neighborhood</li> <li>5 Close to work/job opportunities</li> </ol>
<p><b>WHITE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>3 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>4 Close to family/friends</li> <li>5 Like the neighborhood</li> </ol>	<p><b>CHILDREN UNDER 18</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>2 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>3 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>4 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>5 Number of bedrooms</li> </ol>	<p><b>LARGE HOUSEHOLD (5+ PEOPLE)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>2 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>3 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>4 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>5 Close to work/job opportunities</li> </ol>	<p><b>REGION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cost/I could afford it</li> <li>2 Low crime rate/safe</li> <li>3 Needed somewhere to live and it was available</li> <li>4 Quality public schools/school district</li> <li>5 Like the neighborhood</li> </ol>

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## Desire to Move

Figure D-6 presents the proportion of respondents who would move if they had the opportunity. Residents of Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County are more likely to want to move, compared to residents of Baltimore, Harford, or Howard counties. Homeowners and voucher holders are least likely to desire to move, while those staying with friends/family, precariously housed/homeless are most likely to want to change their housing situation.

**Why do residents want to move?** With respect to why residents would like to move if they had the opportunity, some common themes emerge, even when examined by numerous respondent segments—people in different housing situations, communities, incomes, subsidies, and protected class status. Figures D-7 through D-8 present the top five reasons why residents want to move by jurisdiction and for selected respondent characteristics. Regionally, the top five reasons why the greatest proportion of respondents want to move are:

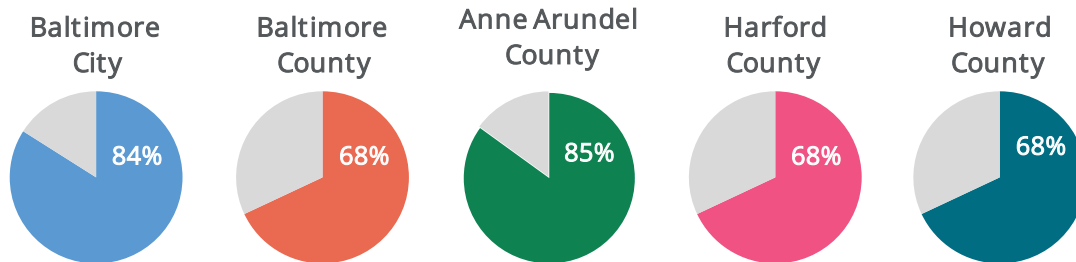
- Bigger place/more bedrooms;
- More affordable housing/less expensive housing;
- Want to buy a home;
- Get own place/live with fewer people; and
- Want to move to a different neighborhood.

“Crime/safety reasons” are among the top five reasons to move for Baltimore City renters and those staying with friends and family, as well as Anne Arundel County renters. “Have my kids go to better schools” is a top reason for wanting to move among residents who are staying with friends/family, as well as voucher holders and households with other types of housing subsidies.

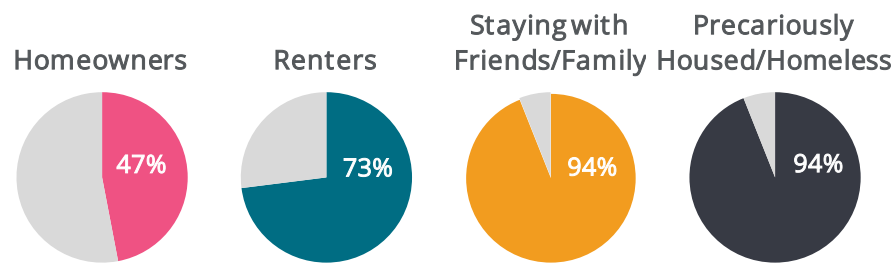
**Why haven’t residents moved yet?** Not surprisingly, the most common reasons why residents who want to move have not yet moved involve both the supply of available housing that residents can afford as well as the cost of securing and moving into a new home. About two in five (42%) residents who want to move remain in their current residence because they “can’t afford to live anywhere else.” A similar share (41%) remain because they “can’t pay moving expenses—security deposit, first/last month rent, pet deposit”. Poor credit and rental histories (e.g., eviction) are a barrier to securing new housing for 16 percent of respondents, and one percent have difficulty finding a place to rent due to criminal history. One in four (25%) voucher holders who want to move have not because “Landlords don’t take Section 8/hard to find places that take Section 8.”

**Figure D-6.**  
**Percent Who Would Move if Given the Opportunity**

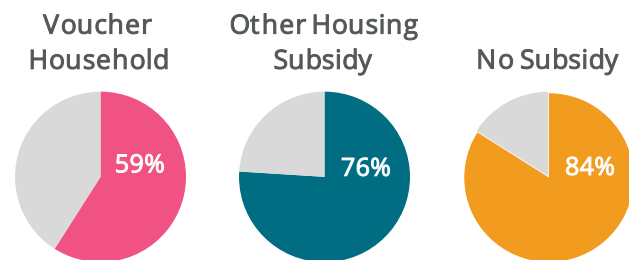
**By Jurisdiction**



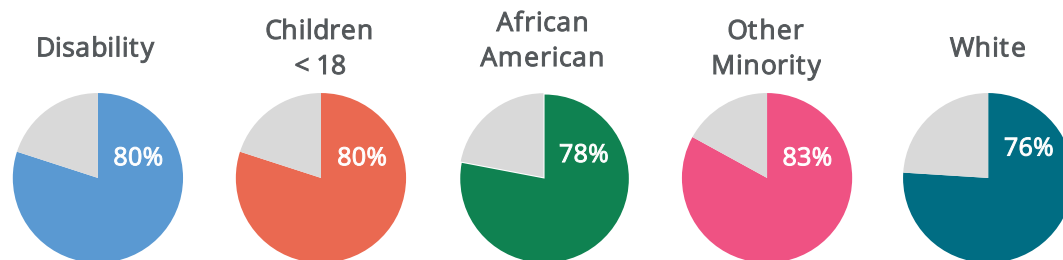
**By Housing Situation**



**By Housing Subsidy**



**By Disability, Familial Status, and Race**



Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.

**Figure D-7.**

**Top 5 Reasons Residents Want to Move, Selected Housing Situation by Jurisdiction and Housing Subsidy**

<p><b>ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY RENTERS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>2 Want to buy a home</li> <li>3 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>4 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> <li>5 Crime/safety reasons</li> </ol>	<p><b>HARFORD COUNTY RENTERS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Want to buy a home</li> <li>2 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>3 Want to move to different city/county</li> <li>4 Better job opportunities</li> <li>5 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> </ol>	<p><b>BALTIMORE CITY W/ FRIENDS, FAMILY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Get own place/live with fewer people</li> <li>2 Crime/safety reasons</li> <li>3 Have my kids go to better schools</li> <li>4 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> <li>5 Want to move to different city/county</li> </ol>	<p><b>VOUCHER HOUSEHOLD</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>2 Want to buy a home</li> <li>3 Want to move to different city/county</li> <li>4 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> <li>5 Have my kids go to better schools</li> </ol>
<p><b>BALTIMORE CITY RENTERS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> <li>2 Crime/safety reasons</li> <li>3 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>4 Want to move to different city/county</li> <li>5 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> </ol>	<p><b>HOWARD COUNTY RENTERS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>2 Want to buy a home</li> <li>3 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>4 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> <li>5 Want to move to different city/county</li> </ol>	<p><b>BALTIMORE COUNTY W/ FRIENDS, FAM</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Get own place/live with fewer people</li> <li>2 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>3 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>4 Want to buy a home</li> <li>5 Have my kids go to better schools</li> </ol>	<p><b>OTHER HOUSING SUBSIDY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Biggerplace/more bedrooms</li> <li>2 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> <li>3 Crime/safety reasons</li> <li>4 Have my kids go to better schools</li> <li>5 Want to move to different city/county</li> </ol>
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Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.

**Figure D-8.**

**Top 5 Reasons Residents Want to Move, Selected Housing Situation by Selected Respondent Characteristics**

<p><b>BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>2 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>3 Want to buy a home</li> <li>4 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> <li>5 (tie) Want to move to different city/county, Get own place</li> </ol>	<p><b>DISABILITY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 More affordable housing/ less expensive</li> <li>2 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>3 Get own place/live with fewer people</li> <li>4 Want to buy a home</li> <li>5 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> </ol>	<p><b>INCOME &lt; \$15,000</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bigger placet/more bedrooms</li> <li>2 Get own place/live with fewer people</li> <li>3 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>4 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> <li>5 (tie) Crime/safety reasons, Want to move to different city/county</li> </ol>	<p><b>MEDIUM HOUSEHOLD (3-4 PEOPLE)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bigger /more bedrooms</li> <li>2 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>3 Want to buy a home</li> <li>4 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> <li>5 (tie) Have my kids go to better schools, Want to move to different city/county</li> </ol>
<p><b>OTHER MINORITY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>2 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>3 Want to buy a home</li> <li>4 Get own place/live with fewer people</li> <li>5 (tie) Want to move to different city/county, Different neighborhood</li> </ol>	<p><b>AGE 55+</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>2 Get own place/live with fewer people</li> <li>3 Crime/safety reasons</li> <li>4 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> <li>5 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> </ol>	<p><b>INCOME \$15,000 UP TO \$25,000</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>2 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>3 Want to buy a home</li> <li>4 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> <li>5 Get own place/live with fewer people</li> </ol>	<p><b>LARGE HOUSEHOLD (5+ PEOPLE)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Get own place/live with fewer people</li> <li>2 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>3 Want to buy a home</li> <li>4 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>5 Have my kids go to better schools</li> </ol>
<p><b>WHITE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>2 Get own place/live with fewer people</li> <li>3 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>4 Want to buy a home</li> <li>5 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> </ol>	<p><b>CHILDREN UNDER 18</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>2 Want to buy a home</li> <li>3 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>4 Have my kids go to better schools</li> <li>5 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> </ol>	<p><b>SMALL HOUSEHOLD (1-2 PEOPLE)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>2 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>3 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> <li>4 Want to buy a home</li> <li>5 Crime/safety reasons</li> </ol>	<p><b>REGION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bigger place/more bedrooms</li> <li>2 More affordable housing/less expensive</li> <li>3 Want to buy a home</li> <li>4 Get own place/live with fewer people</li> <li>5 Want to move to different neighborhood</li> </ol>

Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.

## Housing Challenges

Survey respondents indicated whether or not they currently experience any of 37 housing or neighborhood challenges. Figures D-9 and D-10 present the top 10 challenges experienced by the greatest proportion of regional survey respondents by jurisdiction and for selected respondent and household characteristics. As shown, much of the variation in the share of residents experiencing a given challenge occurs by jurisdiction, particularly between Baltimore City residents and residents of the other jurisdictions. For example:

- Half (49%) of Baltimore City residents consider “high crime in my neighborhood” to be a current challenge compared to 15 percent or fewer residents of the counties;
- One in three (33%) Baltimore city residents are “afraid to let my kids play outside”, twice the rate of the next highest jurisdiction (14% of Harford County respondents).
- Baltimore City residents are three times as likely as residents of other counties to experience challenges with “no/few grocery stores in the area” (31% v. 8% or 9% in the counties).

The top 10 regional challenges do not completely align with the top 10 challenges experienced by every respondent segment.<sup>2</sup> Other challenges in the top 10 for respondent segments that do not appear among the top 10 regionally include:

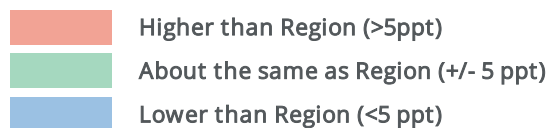
- **“I can’t pay my utilities”**—voucher households, Other Minority respondents, Baltimore County respondents, and Howard County respondents;
- **“I am homeless/without permanent housing”**—African American respondents, White respondents, disability households, large households, respondents staying with friends/family, respondents who are precariously housed/homeless, and Anne Arundel County respondents;
- **“Not enough job opportunities in the area”**—Other Minority respondents, respondents staying with friends/family, respondents who are precariously housed/homeless, Baltimore County respondents, Harford County respondents, and Howard County respondents;
- **“Health issues due to home or neighborhood conditions”**—Disability households and respondents that are precariously housed/homeless;

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<sup>2</sup> These are presented at the conclusion of this Appendix along with selected descriptive characteristics of the segment in Figures D-18 through D-33.

- **“Poor/low school quality in my neighborhood”**—Households with children under age 18, large households, other housing subsidy households, and respondents staying with friends or family;
- **“No safe places for children to play outside”**—Households with children, other housing subsidy households, Baltimore City respondents, and Harford County respondents;
- **“I can’t get to public transit easily or safely”**—Voucher households, Anne Arundel County respondents, Harford County respondents, and Howard County respondents;
- **“Buildings in my neighborhood are in poor condition”**—Other housing subsidy households;
- **“I am afraid I may get evicted”**—White respondents and Baltimore County respondents;
- **“My home/apartment is in poor condition”**—Other Minority respondents;
- **“Inadequate sidewalks, street lights, other infrastructure in neighborhood”**—White respondents.

**Figure D-9.**  
**Top 10 Housing Challenges Experienced by Residents by Jurisdiction**



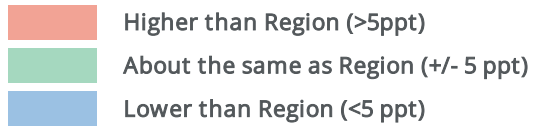
Percent of Residents Experiencing a Housing Challenge	Baltimore City	Baltimore County	Anne Arundel	Harford County	Howard County	Region
I want to buy a house, can't afford the down payment	33%	36%	33%	43%	38%	35%
Worry about rent going up more than I can afford	32%	34%	32%	25%	31%	32%
I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	27%	27%	34%	22%	19%	28%
My home isn't big enough for my family	32%	23%	28%	14%	24%	27%
High crime in my neighborhood	49%	9%	15%	10%	4%	23%
I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	25%	16%	16%	12%	13%	19%
I am afraid to let my kids play outside	33%	10%	13%	14%	5%	18%
Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	19%	12%	23%	16%	12%	18%
No/few grocery stores stores in the area	31%	9%	8%	9%	8%	18%
I have Section 8; worry landlord will stop accepting it	21%	10%	24%	20%	10%	15%

Note: Where appropriate, sample sizes are adjusted for the number of homeowners, or renters and precariously housed residents or housing subsidy. - Sample size too small to report.

Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.



**Figure D-10.**  
**Top 10 Housing Challenges Experienced by Selected Characteristics**



Percent of Residents Experiencing a Housing Challenge	Black/African American	Other Minority	White	Children Under 18	Disability	Housing Voucher	Other Housing Subsidy	No Subsidy	Region
I want to buy a house, can't afford the down payer	35%	43%	29%	38%	35%	38%	32%	22%	35%
Worry about rent going up more than I can afford	30%	39%	34%	28%	33%	27%	33%	22%	32%
I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	25%	38%	37%	27%	31%	9%	18%	25%	28%
My home isn't big enough for my family	29%	32%	26%	34%	27%	21%	30%	20%	27%
High crime in my neighborhood	25%	29%	17%	26%	24%	9%	40%	17%	23%
I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	20%	17%	17%	20%	21%	14%	36%	11%	19%
I am afraid to let my kids play outside	19%	23%	11%	24%	15%	9%	32%	12%	18%
Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	17%	22%	20%	18%	19%	6%	9%	16%	18%
No/few grocery stores in the area	18%	18%	9%	16%	20%	9%	21%	11%	18%
I have Section 8; worry landlord will stop accepting it	11%	-	-	10%	18%	9%	-	-	15%

Note: Where appropriate, sample sizes are adjusted for the number of homeowners, or renters and precariously housed residents or housing subsidy. - Sample size too small to report.

Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.

## Displacement and Recent Experience Seeking Housing

This section explores residents' experience seeking a place to rent or buy in the region and the extent to which displacement—having to move when they do not want to move—is prevalent. For those respondents who seriously looked for housing in the past five years, we also examine the extent to which respondents were denied housing to rent or buy and the reasons why they were denied.

**Displacement experience.** Figures D-11 and D-12 present the proportion of residents who experienced displacement in the past five years and the share attributing the displacement to rent increasing more than they could pay, eviction due to being behind on the rent, job loss or reduction in work hours, and moving due to unsafe conditions in the home (e.g., mold).

- Overall, three in 10 (29%) survey respondents experienced displacement in the past five years, and the rate is highest for residents of Baltimore City (38%)<sup>3</sup>.
- Respondents who are currently staying with friends/family or are precariously housed/homeless have higher rates of recent displacement than homeowners or renters; this suggests that when displaced from one unit these housing insecure tenants are more likely to couch surf or experience homelessness for some period of time before securing a new place to live.
- Respondents who do not have any type of housing subsidy are twice as likely as those with subsidies to have experienced displacement in the past five years, indicating that access to vouchers or other publicly-supported housing increase housing stability.
- Respondents whose household includes a member with a disability and respondents with large households are more likely than respondents overall to have experienced displacement.

With respect to the primary reason for displacement<sup>4</sup>, there is some variation in the share of respondents attributing their experience to one of the four factors shown in Figures D-11 and D-12. This includes:

- Respondents who are currently staying with friends/family or are precariously housed/homeless are more likely to have been displaced due to eviction for being behind on the rent. That these former renters are now couch surfing or doubled-up

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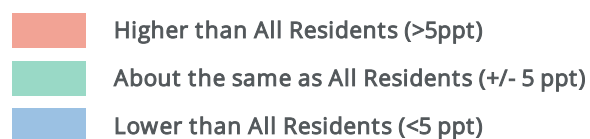
<sup>3</sup> Note that displacement did not necessarily occur in the current community of residence.

<sup>4</sup> Note that residents could identify more than one reason for displacement, and not all reasons identified are shown in the figures. For example, “personal reasons”, such as divorce or changes in household composition is a typical reason for displacement.

reinforces the perception that a history of eviction is a significant barrier to securing rental housing.

- Current residents of Howard County, respondents who are precariously housed/homeless, and respondents with household incomes ranging from \$15,000 up to \$25,000 are more likely than other respondents to have been displaced due to job loss or reductions in hours.
- Renters overall and recipients of housing subsidies other than vouchers are more likely to have experienced displacement due to unsafe conditions in the home (e.g., mold).
- There are no differences by race in the rate of displacement, but Other Minority respondents are more likely to have been displaced due to rent increasing more than could be paid, and White respondents are more likely to have been evicted for being behind on the rent.

**Figure D-11.**  
**Displacement Experience and Reasons for Displacement by Jurisdiction, Housing Situation, Housing Subsidy, and Household Income**



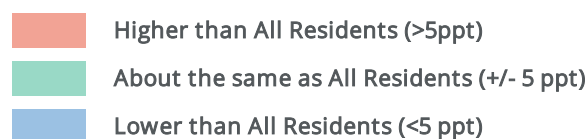
	Percent Displaced	Reason for Displacement			
		Increased More than I Could Pay	Evicted (behind on rent)	Lost job/hours reduced	Unsafe conditions (e.g., mold)
<b>All Residents</b>	29%	22%	21%	18%	17%
<b>Jurisdiction</b>					
Baltimore City	38%	25%	22%	21%	21%
Baltimore County	30%	24%	21%	16%	15%
Anne Arundel County	27%	17%	21%	12%	14%
Harford County	17%	-	-	-	-
Howard County	11%	19%	15%	26%	19%
<b>Tenure</b>					
Renters	24%	22%	19%	14%	23%
Staying w/ friends/family	38%	25%	26%	23%	12%
Precariously housed/homeless	49%	16%	27%	25%	9%
<b>Housing subsidy</b>					
Voucher household	15%	9%	9%	5%	17%
Other housing subsidy	18%	15%	11%	11%	26%
No housing subsidy	36%	25%	24%	20%	16%
<b>Household income</b>					
Less than \$15,000	30%	22%	24%	19%	19%
\$15,000 up to \$25,000	33%	24%	22%	26%	15%
\$25,000 up to \$50,000	32%	22%	24%	15%	18%
\$50,000 or more	11%	-	-	-	-

Note: Displacement did not necessarily occur within current community of residence. The respondent's current housing situation (i.e., homeowner) may be a different type of housing situation than when displacement occurred.

- indicates sample size too small to report.

Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.

**Figure D-12.**  
**Displacement Experience and Reasons for Displacement by Selected Characteristics**



	Percent Displaced	Reason for Displacement			
		Increased More than I Could Pay	Evicted (behind on rent)	Lost job/hours reduced	Unsafe conditions (e.g., mold)
<b>All Residents</b>	29%	22%	21%	18%	17%
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>					
Black/African American	29%	21%	23%	21%	21%
Other minority	30%	28%	19%	9%	19%
White	30%	23%	29%	10%	16%
<b>Disability</b>					
Disability household	36%	19%	23%	17%	20%
Non-disability household	25%	26%	23%	22%	15%
<b>Children</b>					
Children < 18	30%	21%	25%	19%	21%
No children in the home	27%	26%	18%	16%	13%
<b>Household size</b>					
Small household (1-2 ppl)	26%	25%	16%	16%	16%
Medium household (3-4 ppl)	28%	23%	24%	18%	23%
Large household (5+ ppl)	36%	19%	29%	22%	14%

Note: Displacement did not necessarily occur within current community of residence. The respondent's current housing situation (i.e., staying with friends/family) may be a different type of housing situation than when displacement occurred.

- indicates sample size too small to report.

Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.

**Recent experience seeking housing.** Overall, more than half (58%) of respondents seriously looked for housing in the past five years. Figure D-13 presents the proportion of those who looked who were denied housing to rent or buy for the region, jurisdictions, and selected respondent characteristics. As shown, nearly two-thirds of those who are precariously housed/homeless experienced denial compared to 47 percent of all those who looked for housing to rent or buy and one in three high income households (\$50,000+).

**Figure D-13.**  
**If you looked**  
**seriously for**  
**housing to rent or**  
**buy in the Baltimore**  
**area in the past five**  
**years, were you ever**  
**denied housing?**  
**% Yes (denied)**

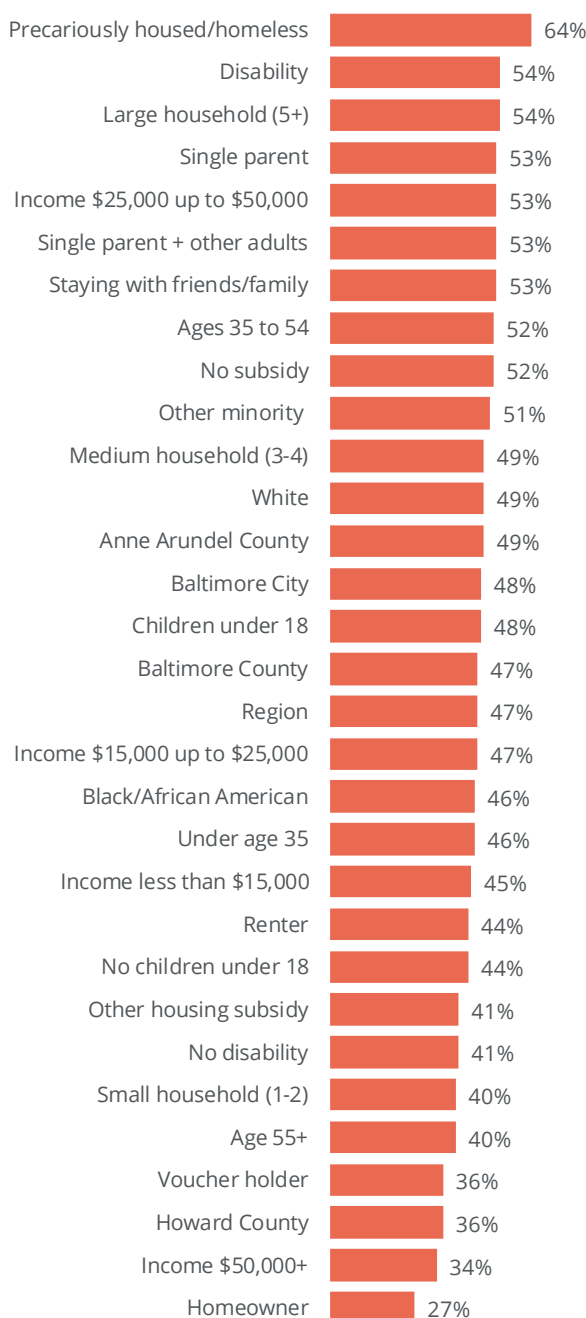
Note:

“Serious” looking includes touring homes or apartments, putting in applications or applying for mortgage financing.

Experience of housing denial occurred in the region but not necessarily in the place of current residence.

Source:

Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.



**Reasons for denial.** Figures D-14 and D-15 present the top five reasons why those who looked for housing were denied. Not surprisingly, the most common reasons for denial of housing to rent or buy are “income too low” and “bad credit”; these factors comprise the top two reasons for all respondent segments except voucher holders. “Eviction history” and “landlord did not accept the type of income I earn (e.g., social security or disability income)” are also consistently among the top five reasons for denial.

**Figure D-14.**

**Why were you denied housing to rent or buy? By Jurisdiction and Housing Situation, Subsidy**

<b>ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY RENTERS</b> ① Bad credit ② Income too low ③ I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher ④ Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn ⑤ (tie) Eviction history, Other applicant willing to pay more, Lack of stable housing record	<b>HARFORD COUNTY RENTERS</b> ① - ② - ③ - ④ - ⑤ -	<b>BALTIMORE CITY W/ FRIENDS, FAMILY</b> ① Income too low ② Bad credit ③ Lack of stable housing record ④ Eviction history ⑤ (tie) Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn, Because I am homeless	<b>VOUCHER HOUSEHOLD</b> ① I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher ② Bad credit ③ Income too low ④ Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn ⑤ Other renter/applicant willing to pay more for rent
<b>BALTIMORE CITY RENTERS</b> ① Income too low ② Bad credit ③ Eviction history ④ Other renter/applicant willing to pay more for rent ⑤ Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn	<b>HOWARD COUNTY RENTERS</b> ① - ② - ③ - ④ - ⑤ -	<b>BALTIMORE COUNTY W/ FRIENDS, FAM</b> ① - ② - ③ - ④ - ⑤ -	<b>OTHER HOUSING SUBSIDY</b> ① Income too low ② Bad credit ③ Eviction history ④ Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn ⑤ I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher
<b>BALTIMORE COUNTY RENTERS</b> ① Income too low ② Bad credit ③ I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher ④ Eviction history ⑤ Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn	<b>ANNE ARUNDEL W/ FRIENDS, FAMILY</b> ① Income too low ② Bad credit ③ Eviction history ④ Lack of stable housing record ⑤ (tie) Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn, Too many people	<b>NO HOUSING SUBSIDY</b> ① Income too low ② Bad credit ③ Eviction history ④ Lack of stable housing record ⑤ Because I am homeless	<b>REGION</b> ① Income too low ② Bad credit ③ Eviction history ④ Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn ⑤ I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher

Note: Experience of housing denial occurred in the region but not necessarily in the place of current residence. – Insufficient data. "Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earned" includes social security and disability benefits/income.

Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.

**Figure D-15.**  
**Why were you denied housing to rent or buy? By Selected Characteristics**

<p><b>BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bad credit</li> <li>2 Income too low</li> <li>3 Eviction history</li> <li>4 I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher</li> <li>5 Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn</li> </ol>	<p><b>DISABILITY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Income too low</li> <li>2 Bad credit</li> <li>3 Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn</li> <li>4 Eviction history</li> <li>5 I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher</li> </ol>	<p><b>INCOME &lt; \$15,000</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Income too low</li> <li>2 Bad credit</li> <li>3 Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn</li> <li>4 Because I am homeless</li> <li>5 Eviction history</li> </ol>	<p><b>MEDIUM HOUSEHOLD (3-4 PEOPLE)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bad credit</li> <li>2 Income too low</li> <li>3 Eviction history</li> <li>4 Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn</li> <li>5 I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher</li> </ol>
<p><b>OTHER MINORITY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bad credit</li> <li>2 Income too low</li> <li>3 I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher</li> <li>4 Lack of stable housing record</li> <li>5 Size of my family/household; too many people</li> </ol>	<p><b>AGE 55+</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Income too low</li> <li>2 Bad credit</li> <li>3 Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn</li> <li>4 Disability</li> <li>5 Eviction history</li> </ol>	<p><b>INCOME \$15,000 UP TO \$25,000</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Income too low</li> <li>2 Bad credit</li> <li>3 Eviction history</li> <li>4 Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn</li> <li>5 I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher</li> </ol>	<p><b>LARGE HOUSEHOLD (5+ PEOPLE)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Income too low</li> <li>2 Bad credit</li> <li>3 Eviction history</li> <li>4 Size of my family/household; too many people</li> <li>5 Lack of stable housing record</li> </ol>
<p><b>WHITE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bad credit</li> <li>2 Income too low</li> <li>3 Eviction history</li> <li>4 Because I am homeless</li> <li>5 Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn</li> </ol>	<p><b>CHILDREN UNDER 18</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Income too low</li> <li>2 Bad credit</li> <li>3 Eviction history</li> <li>4 I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher</li> <li>5 (tie) Too many people, Lack of stable housing record</li> </ol>	<p><b>SMALL HOUSEHOLD (1-2 PEOPLE)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Income too low</li> <li>2 Bad credit</li> <li>3 Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn</li> <li>4 I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher</li> <li>5 Eviction history</li> </ol>	<p><b>REGION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Income too low</li> <li>2 Bad credit</li> <li>3 Eviction history</li> <li>4 Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earn</li> <li>5 I have Section 8/Housing Choice voucher</li> </ol>

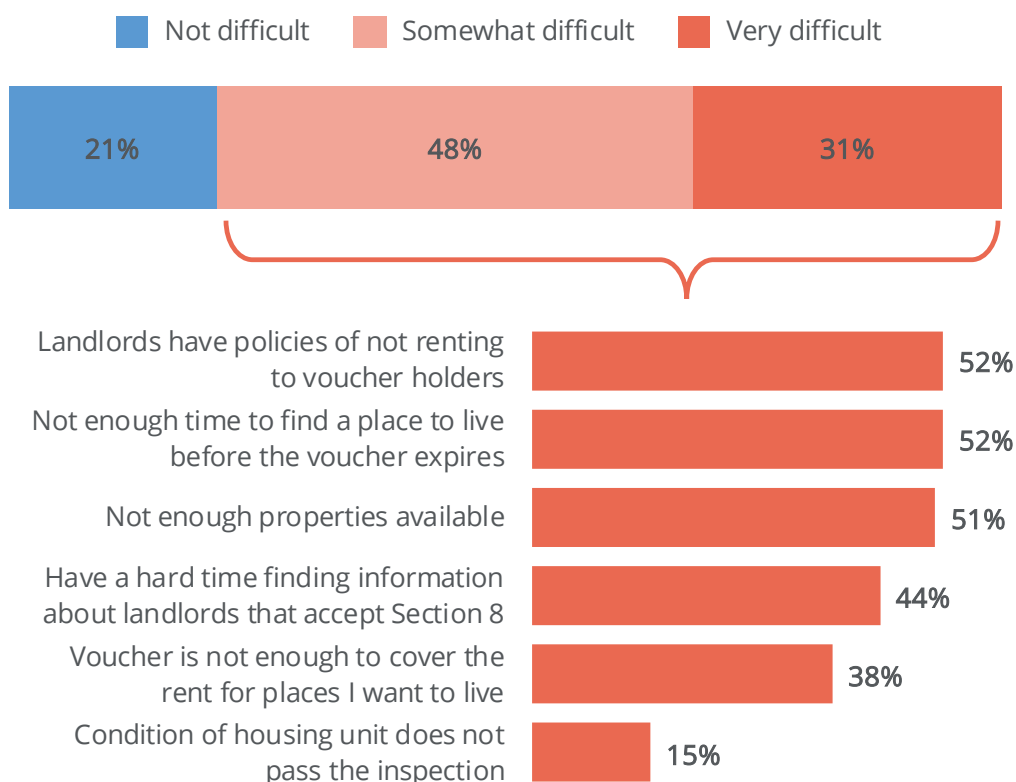
Note: Experience of housing denial occurred in the region but not necessarily in the place of current residence. – Insufficient data. “Landlord didn't accept the type of income I earned” includes social security and disability benefits/income.

Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.



**Experience using housing vouchers.** It is “difficult” or “very difficult” for four out of five voucher holders to find a landlord that accepts a housing voucher. As shown in Figure D-16, at least half of voucher holders who experienced difficulty attribute the difficulty to “landlords have policies of not renting to voucher holders,” “not enough time to find a place before the voucher expires,” and “not enough properties available.”

**Figure D-16.**  
**How difficult is it to find a landlord that accepts a housing voucher? Why is it difficult to use a housing voucher?**



Note: Data are for voucher holders. Only those who responded that it is “somewhat” or “very difficult” to find a landlord that accepts a housing voucher responded to the follow up question asking why it is difficult.

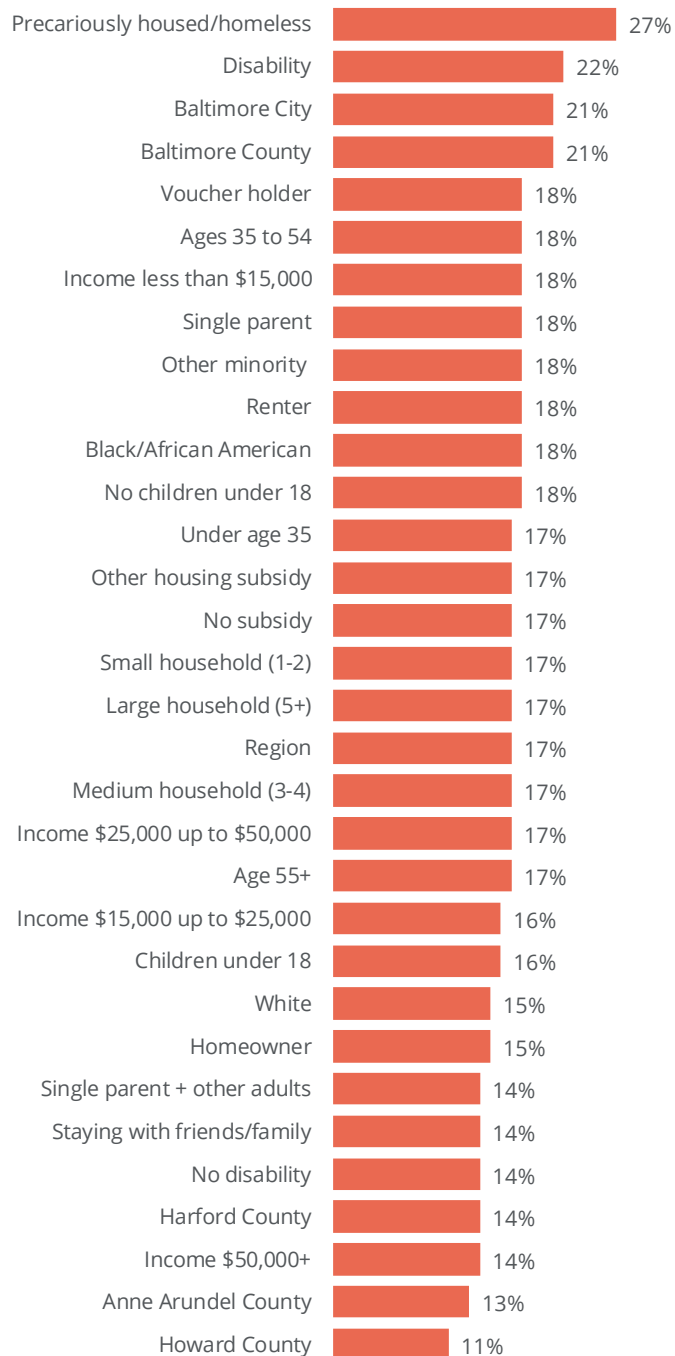
Source: Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.

**Experience with housing discrimination.** Overall, 17 percent of survey respondents felt they were discriminated against when they looked for housing in the Baltimore area.<sup>5</sup> Those who are currently precariously housed/homeless are most likely to say they experienced housing discrimination (27%) and residents of Anne Arundel and Howard counties are least likely (13% and 11% respectively).

<sup>5</sup> Note that this question applies to all respondents, not just those who seriously looked for housing in the past five years.

**Figure D-17.**  
**When you looked for housing in the Baltimore area, did you ever feel you were discriminated against?**

Source:  
 Root Policy Research from the 2019 Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Survey.



**Reasons for discrimination.** Respondents who believed they experienced discrimination when looking for housing in the region provided the reasons why they thought they were discriminated against. Note that the basis offered by residents is not necessarily protected by federal, state, or local fair housing law and that residents could provide multiple reasons why they thought they experienced discrimination.

Overall, the reasons for discrimination include:

- Race/ethnicity (42%);
- Age (25%);
- Income/class (23%);
- Familial status (21%);
- Voucher recipient (16%);
- Looks/appearance (11%);
- Disability (10%);
- Sex (7%);
- Past housing history (e.g., eviction, foreclosure) (7%);
- National origin (6%);
- Religion (2%);
- LGBTQ+ (2%); and
- Homeless (1%).

Examples of how respondents described why they felt they were discriminated against include:

- *“Looking for housing, some landlords do not like to rent to black people due to them saying they damage property, drugs, and etc. But all of black people are not the same.”*
- *“I’m speaking in general. Problems that occur often for people are—skin color, and also being a voucher holder in general, determining whether I would properly take care of the home, since the status quo is that people with vouchers are ‘ghetto.’ Also, if my program would pay enough to the landlord.”*
- *“Being a single parent of five and being black.”*
- *“When asked about my current residence, it was suggested that it might be hard to find a good place to rent because of the reputation of my current residence.”*
- *“Was only offered areas away from neighborhoods that I’m used to, and if I didn’t take what was offered—after being on a waiting list already for six years—that I could possibly be waiting another three years for something else to become available.”*
- *“I was told my child could NOT live with me in places where I was accepted.”*
- *“Single, stay-at-home parent, has child with disability, receives government assistance. We’re forced to accept institutionalized living conditions.”*
- *“Look at me as though I could not afford the rent even though I had a voucher, or, they looked at me differently because I was in a wheelchair. I am often ignored as if I am not even there.”*

- *"I felt that once people saw me or my husband in our Islamic attire (or his large size, as he is dark-skinned and over 300 pounds) that that was a part of their decision to select another applicant. I also felt that when management at a previous residence changed hands, the attitude towards me may have cooled as a result of discrimination, however, it is so hard to prove such instances for certainty."*
- *"Because of my sexual orientation. I'm gay male."*
- *"Because I was black trying to rent a home on Wilkens Avenue in the early 2000's. They weren't too fond of us back then, at least some of them weren't."*

## **Snapshots of Survey Respondent Segments**

The balance of this section presents the top 10 housing challenges and descriptive characteristics of segments of the survey respondent population. These respondent segment snapshots are for:

- Baltimore City residents (Figure D-18);
- Baltimore County residents (Figure D-19);
- Anne Arundel County residents (Figure D-20);
- Harford County residents (Figure D-21);
- Howard County residents (Figure D-22);
- African American respondents (Figure D-23);
- Other Minority respondents (Figure D-24);
- White respondents (Figure D-25);
- Households that include a member with a disability (Figure D-26);
- Households with children under the age of 18 (Figure D-27);
- Large households (Figure D-28);
- Voucher households (Figure D-29);
- Other housing subsidy households (Figure D-30);
- Households with no housing subsidy (Figure D-31);
- Respondents staying with friends or family (Figure D-32); and
- Respondents who are precariously housed/homeless (Figure D-33).

**Figure D-18.**  
**Snapshot of Baltimore City Respondents**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	49	7	High crime in my neighborhood	49	
Renter	406	58	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down payment	33	
Staying with friends/family	188	27	I am afraid to let my kids play outside	33	
Precariously housed/homeless	52	7	My house or apartment isn't big enough for my family	32	
			Worry about rent going up more than I can afford	32	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	No/few grocery stores in the area	31	
Voucher household	47	5	Poor/low school quality in my neighborhood	29	
Other housing subsidy	120	14	No safe places for children to play outside	28	
No housing subsidy	713	81	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	27	
			I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	25	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	333	65			
Single parent (no other adults)	154	32			
Single parent + other adults	129	27			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	172	34	Household includes a member with a disability	244	42
Medium household (3-4 people)	203	40			
Large household (5+ people)	135	26			

**Figure D-19.**  
**Snapshot of Baltimore County Respondents**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	28	5	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down payment	36	
Renter	420	77	I worry about my rent going up more than I can afford	34	
Staying with friends/family	79	14	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	27	
Precariously housed/homeless	22	4	My home isn't big enough for my family members	23	
			I can't pay my utilities	17	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	16	
Voucher household	190	26	Not enough job opportunities in the area	13	
Other housing subsidy	57	8	Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	12	
No housing subsidy	480	66	I am afraid I may get evicted	12	
			I am afraid to let my kids play outside	10	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	298	73			
Single parent (no other adults)	187	47			
Single parent + other adults	77	19			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	144	35	Household includes a member with a disability	197	42
Medium household (3-4 people)	184	44			
Large household (5+ people)	86	21			

**Figure D-20.**  
**Snapshot of Anne Arundel County Respondents**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	30	5	I have Section 8; worry landlord will stop accepting it	38	
Renter	285	46	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	34	
Staying with friends/family	216	35	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down payment	33	
Precariously housed/homeless	83	14	I worry about my rent going up more than I can afford	32	
			My home isn't big enough for my family members	28	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	I am homeless/without permanent housing	24	
Voucher household	55	7	Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	23	
Other housing subsidy	78	10	I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	16	
No housing subsidy	663	83	High crime in my neighborhood	15	
			I can't get to public transit/bus/light rail easily or safely	14	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	288	63			
Single parent (no other adults)	103	25			
Single parent + other adults	101	24			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	158	35	Household includes a member with a disability	262	50
Medium household (3-4 people)	185	41			
Large household (5+ people)	112	25			

**Figure D-21.**  
**Snapshot of Harford County Respondents**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	8	12	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down paymer	43	
Renter	46	67	I worry about my rent going up more than I can affo	25	
Staying with friends/family	8	12	Not enough job opportunities in the area	23	
Precariously housed/homeless	7	10	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	22	
			I can't get to public transit/bus/light rail easily or safel	20	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	I have Section 8; worry landlord will stop accepting it	20	
Voucher household	15	43	Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	16	
Other housing subsidy	11	12	My home isn't big enough for my family members	14	
No housing subsidy	66	45	I am afraid to let my kids play outside	14	
			No safe places for children to play outside	14	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	41	76			
Single parent (no other adults)	24	46			
Single parent + other adults	5	10			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	14	26	Household includes a member with a	18	30
Medium household (3-4 people)	29	54	disability		
Large household (5+ people)	11	20			



**Figure D-22.**  
**Snapshot of Howard County Respondents**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	5	2	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down payment	38	
Renter	206	85	I worry about my rent going up more than I can afford	31	
Staying with friends/family	24	10	My home isn't big enough for my family members	24	
Precariously housed/homeless	7	3	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	19	
			I can't pay my utilities	15	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	13	
Voucher household	126	43	Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	12	
Other housing subsidy	35	12	I can't get to public transit/bus/light rail easily or safely	12	
No housing subsidy	133	45	Not enough job opportunities in the area	11	
			I have Section 8; worry landlord will stop accepting it	10	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	142	75			
Single parent (no other adults)	107	61			
Single parent + other adults	15	9			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	66	34	Household includes a member with a disability	79	37
Medium household (3-4 people)	85	42			
Large household (5+ people)	38	24			

**Figure D-23.**  
**Snapshot of Black/African American Respondents**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	47	4	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down paymer	35	
Renter	832	66	I worry about my rent going up more than I can affo	30	
Staying with friends/family	281	22	My home isn't big enough for my family members	29	
Precariously housed/homeless	102	8	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	25	
			High crime in my neighborhood	25	
			I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	20	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Voucher household	321	25	I am afraid to let my kids play outside	19	
Other housing subsidy	206	16	No/few grocery stores stores in the area	18	
No housing subsidy	740	58	Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	17	
			I am homeless/without permanent housing	16	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	926	74			
Single parent (no other adults)	520	44			
Single parent + other adults	276	23			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	396	31	Household includes a member with a	486	38
Medium household (3-4 people)	542	43	disability		
Large household (5+ people)	322	26			

**Figure D-24.**  
**Snapshot of Other Minority Respondents**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	10	6	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down payment	43	
Renter	92	59	I worry about my rent going up more than I can afford	39	
Staying with friends/family	44	28	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	38	
Precariously housed/homeless	11	7	My home isn't big enough for my family members	32	
			High crime in my neighborhood	29	
			I am afraid to let my kids play outside	23	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Voucher household	25	16	I can't pay my utilities	22	
Other housing subsidy	18	11	Not enough job opportunities in the area	22	
No housing subsidy	114	73	Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	22	
			My home/apartment is in poor condition	20	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	102	66			
Single parent (no other adults)	48	32			
Single parent + other adults	30	20			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	47	30	Household includes a member with a disability	78	50
Medium household (3-4 people)	68	44			
Large household (5+ people)	41	26			

**Figure D-25.  
Snapshot of White Respondents**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	44	16	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	37	
Renter	130	47	I worry about my rent going up more than I can affo	34	
Staying with friends/family	80	29	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down paymer	29	
Precariously housed/homeless	20	7	My home isn't big enough for my family members	26	
			Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	20	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	I am homeless/without permanent housing	17	
Voucher household	16	6	I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	17	
Other housing subsidy	24	9	High crime in my neighborhood	17	
No housing subsidy	235	85	I am afraid I may get evicted	16	
			Inadequate sidewalks, street lights, in neighborhoo	16	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	126	46			
Single parent (no other adults)	25	10			
Single parent + other adults	38	15			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	123	45	Household includes a member with a	154	56
Medium household (3-4 people)	106	39	disability		
Large household (5+ people)	45	16			

**Figure D-26.**  
**Snapshot of Respondents whose Household Includes a Member with a Disability**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	62	6	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down paymer	35	
Renter	662	64	I worry about my rent going up more than I can affo	33	
Staying with friends/family	244	23	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	31	
Precariously housed/homeless	73	7	My home isn't big enough for my family members	27	
			High crime in my neighborhood	24	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	21	
Voucher household	229	21	No/few grocery stores stores in the area	20	
Other housing subsidy	157	15	Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	19	
No housing subsidy	656	63	I am homeless/without permanent housing	19	
			Health issues due to home or neighborhood conditio	16	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	709	58			
Single parent (no other adults)	384	43			
Single parent + other adults	199	22			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	305	37	Household includes a member with a	800	100
Medium household (3-4 people)	411	41	disability		
Large household (5+ people)	228	23			

**Figure D-27.**  
**Snapshot of Respondents with Children under 18**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	36	3	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down paymer	38	
Renter	712	65	My home isn't big enough for my family members	34	
Staying with friends/family	259	24	I worry about my rent going up more than I can affo	28	
Precariously housed/homeless	92	8	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	27	
			High crime in my neighborhood	26	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	I am afraid to let my kids play outside	24	
Voucher household	284	26	I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	20	
Other housing subsidy	180	16	Poor/low school quality in my neighborhood	19	
No housing subsidy	638	58	Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	18	
			No safe places for children to play outside	18	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	1,102	100			
Single parent (no other adults)	533	51			
Single parent + other adults	293	28			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	202	18	Household includes a member with a	393	36
Medium household (3-4 people)	546	50	disability		
Large household (5+ people)	351	32			

**Figure D-28.**  
**Snapshot of Respondents with Large Households**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	14	4	My home isn't big enough for my family members	43	
Renter	172	45	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down payer	38	
Staying with friends/family	166	43	High crime in my neighborhood	28	
Precariously housed/homeless	30	8	I am homeless/without permanent housing	27	
			I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	25	
			I am afraid to let my kids play outside	22	
			I worry about my rent going up more than I can affo	22	
			Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	21	
			I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	20	
			Poor/low school quality in my neighborhood	16	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Voucher household	75	20			
Other housing subsidy	45	12			
No housing subsidy	262	69			
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	352	92			
Single parent (no other adults)	97	27			
Single parent + other adults	147	42			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	-		Household includes a member with a	154	40
Medium household (3-4 people)	-		disability		
Large household (5+ people)	382	100			

**Figure D-29.**  
**Snapshot of Respondents with Housing Voucher**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	0	0	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down payment	38	
Renter	420	99	I worry about my rent going up more than I can afford	27	
Staying with friends/family	4	1	My home isn't big enough for my family members	21	
Precariously housed/homeless	2	0.5	I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	14	
			I can't get to public transit/bus/light rail easily or safely	12	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	Not enough job opportunities in the area	11	
Voucher household	433	100	I can't pay my utilities	10	
Other housing subsidy	-		I have Section 8; worry landlord will stop accepting it	9	
No housing subsidy	-		No/few grocery stores in the area	9	
			I am afraid to let my kids play outside	9	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	284	81			
Single parent (no other adults)	249	73			
Single parent + other adults	28	8			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	113	32	Household includes a member with a disability	171	43
Medium household (3-4 people)	167	47			
Large household (5+ people)	75	21			



**Figure D-30.**  
**Snapshot of Respondents with Other Housing Subsidy**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	6	8	High crime in my neighborhood	40	
Renter	254	48	I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	36	
Staying with friends/family	30	33	I worry about my rent going up more than I can affo	33	
Precariously housed/homeless	8	11	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down paymer	32	
			I am afraid to let my kids play outside	32	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	My home isn't big enough for my family members	30	
Voucher household	-		No safe places for children to play outside	27	
Other housing subsidy	301	100	No/few grocery stores stores in the area	21	
No housing subsidy	-		Poor/low school quality in my neighborhood	21	
			Buildings in my neighborhood are in poor condition	19	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	180	74			
Single parent (no other adults)	125	53			
Single parent + other adults	31	13			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	89	37	Household includes a member with a	122	44
Medium household (3-4 people)	109	45	disability		
Large household (5+ people)	45	19			

**Figure D-31.**  
**Snapshot of Respondents with No Housing Subsidy**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	109	8	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	25	
Renter	689	48	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down payment	22	
Staying with friends/family	481	33	I worry about my rent going up more than I can afford	22	
Precariously housed/homeless	161	11	My home isn't big enough for my family members	20	
			High crime in my neighborhood	17	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	16	
Voucher household	-		I am homeless/without permanent housing	15	
Other housing subsidy	-		I am afraid to let my kids play outside	12	
No housing subsidy	2,055	100	I have bad/rude/loud neighbors	11	
			No/few grocery stores in the area	11	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	638	62			
Single parent (no other adults)	201	21			
Single parent + other adults	268	29			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	352	34	Household includes a member with a disability	507	44
Medium household (3-4 people)	410	40			
Large household (5+ people)	262	26			

**Figure D-32.**  
**Snapshot of Respondents Staying with Friends/Family**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	-		My home isn't big enough for my family members	37	
Renter	-		I am homeless/without permanent housing	35	
Staying with friends/family	515	100	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	27	
Precariously housed/homeless	-		I want to buy a house, can't afford the down payment	26	
			High crime in my neighborhood	25	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	22	
Voucher household	4	1	I worry about my rent going up more than I can afford	19	
Other housing subsidy	30	6	I am afraid to let my kids play outside	17	
No housing subsidy	481	93	Not enough job opportunities in the area	16	
			Poor/low school quality in my neighborhood	15	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	259	68			
Single parent (no other adults)	12	3			
Single parent + other adults	185	53			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	65	40	Household includes a member with a disability	194	44
Medium household (3-4 people)	150	36			
Large household (5+ people)	166	25			

**Figure D-33.**  
**Snapshot of Respondents who are Precariously Housed/Homeless**

<b>HOUSING SITUATION</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOP 10 HOUSING CHALLENGES</b>	<b>%</b>	
Homeowner	-		I am homeless/without permanent housing	75	
Renter	-		Can't find a place to rent due to credit/rental history	31	
Staying with friends/family	-		High crime in my neighborhood	23	
Precariously housed/homeless	171	100	I struggle to pay my rent/mortgage	22	
			My home isn't big enough for my family members	19	
<b>VOUCHER/HOUSING SUBSIDY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	Not enough job opportunities in the area	19	
Voucher household	2	1	I am afraid to let my kids play outside	19	
Other housing subsidy	8	5	No/few grocery stores stores in the area	18	
No housing subsidy	161	94	I want to buy a house, can't afford the down payer	16	
			Health issues due to home or neighborhood conditio	16	
<b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>			
Children under 18 in home	92	72			
Single parent (no other adults)	28	30			
Single parent + other adults	26	28			
<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Small household (1-2 people)	48	40	Household includes a member with a	72	50
Medium household (3-4 people)	43	36	disability		
Large household (5+ people)	30	25			