

# HOUSING 2015

## Housing Affordability Challenges in the Hartford Metro Area

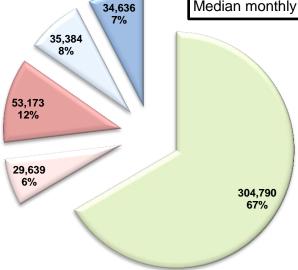
- In the Hartford metro area, 65,023 households, or 14% of households, spend at least half of their income on housing costs. Nationwide, 15% of all households are severely cost burdened.
- Renters are more likely to be severely housing cost burdened than owners, with 23% of renters spending at least half their income on housing.
- Median household income in the Hartford metro area is \$65,491, compared to the median U.S. household income of \$52,393.
- Among low- and moderate-income working households, 19% of households spend at least half of their income on housing costs.

### Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden

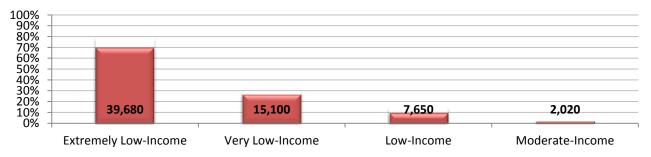
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### Hartford Metro Area Households: 2013

Total households 464,315
Renters make up 33% of households
Owners make up 67% of households
Median household income is \$65,491
Median monthly owner housing cost is \$980
Median monthly renter housing cost is \$1,563



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



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

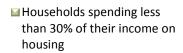
23,224 13%

17,974 10%

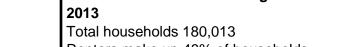
32,946

18%

### Working Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden

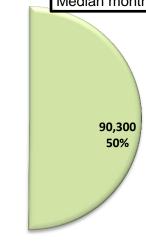


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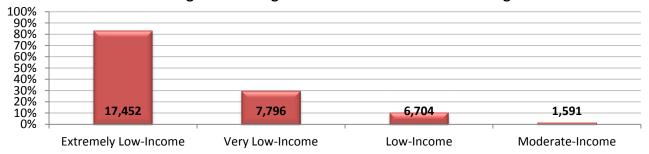


Renters make up 48% of households
Owners make up 52% of households
Median household income is \$50,377
Median monthly owner housing cost is \$1,513
Median monthly renter housing cost is \$1,000

**Hartford Metro Area Working Households:** 



## Percentage of Working Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden



15.569

### **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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