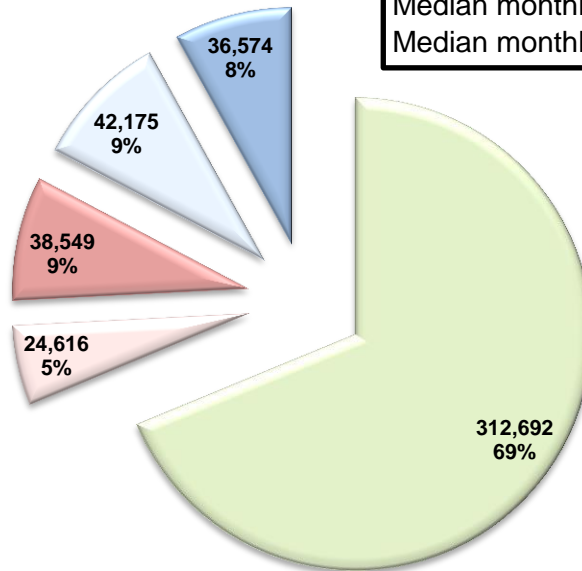


## Housing Affordability Challenges in the Richmond Metro Area

- In the Richmond metro area, 66,791 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 25% of renters spending at least half their income on housing.
- Median household income in the Richmond metro area is \$57,330, 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

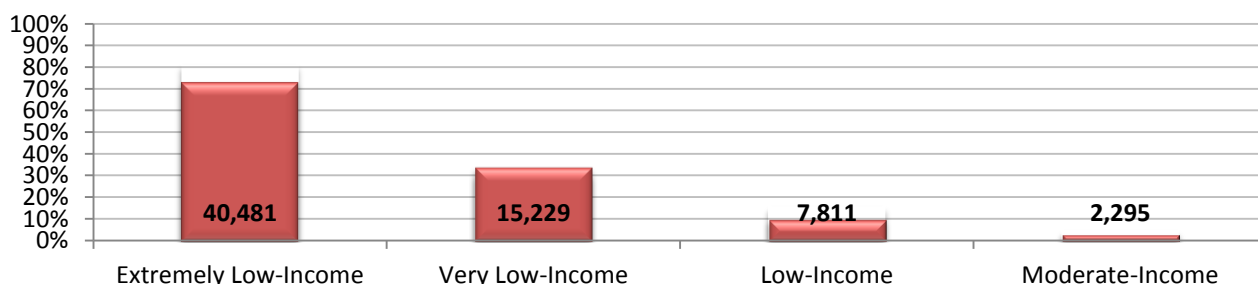
- Households spending less than 30% of their income on housing
- Owner households spending at least half their income on housing
- Owner households spending between 30% & 50% of their income on housing
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### Richmond Metro Area Households: 2013

Total households 461,374  
 Renters make up 36% of households  
 Owners make up 64% of households  
 Median household income is \$57,330  
 Median monthly owner housing cost is \$942  
 Median monthly renter housing cost is \$1,154

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



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

### Working Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden

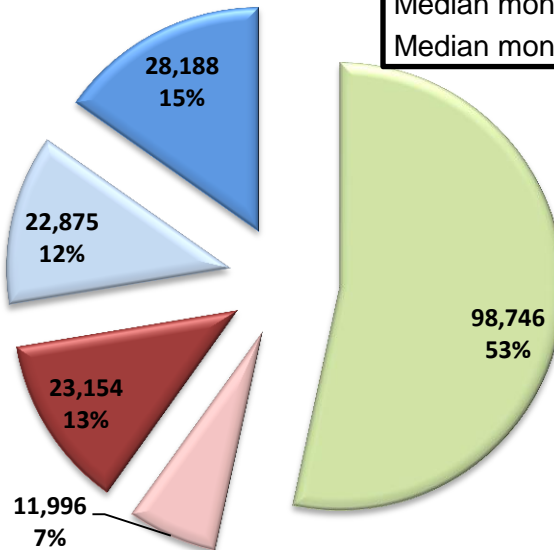
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#### Richmond Metro Area Working Households: 2013

Total households 184,959

Renters make up 53% of households

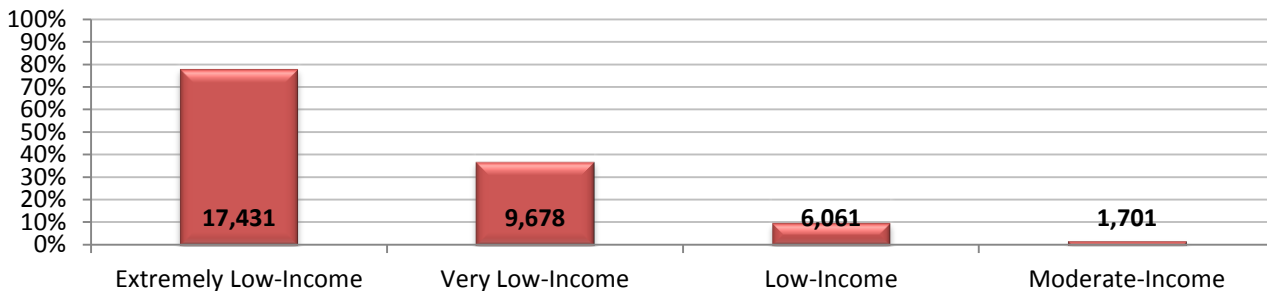
Owners make up 47% of households

Median household income is \$40,604

Median monthly owner housing cost is \$1,031

Median monthly renter housing cost is \$925

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



#### Definitions

**Severely Housing Cost Burdened:** Households who spend at least half of their income on housing costs.

**Extremely Low-Income:** Households who earn 30 percent or less than the median income for households in their area (AMI).

**Very Low-Income:** Households who earn between 31 and 50 percent of AMI.

**Low-Income:** Households who earn between 51 and 80 percent of AMI.

**Moderate-Income:** Households who earn between 81 and 120 percent of AMI.

**Working:** Households whose members work a total of at least 20 hours a week on average.

**Metro Area:** Metropolitan area defined by the Office of Management and Budget.

#### Data Notes

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

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