

SNAPSHOT OF TENANTS IN CALIFORNIA 2019



16,906,728 Californians are tenants. That's **45%** of us!

High school graduate or higher: **81%**

Median age: **44**

Household with Children: **37%**

65 and older: **17%**

\$42,000

median household income of CA renters

\$84,000 median household income

of CA homeowners

\$1255 median rent in California

3-4 years median length of tenancy

Race/Ethnicity of Householders

40.5% White American

38.9% of White Americans
are tenants

36% Hispanic and Latino

57% of Hispanics and Latinos
are tenants

12.3% Asian American

43.7% of Asian Americans
are tenants

9.6% African American

64.4% of African Americans
are tenants

1.4% American Indian

63.8% of American Indians
are tenants

0.8% Native Hawaiian or
other Pacific Islander

55.1% of Native Hawaiian or
other Pacific Islanders are tenants

Educational Attainment

29.2% Bachelor's degree
or higher

24.7% High school diploma

21.4% Some college,
vocational training

Family Status

76% female-headed house-
holds with children are tenants

44% of all married house-
holds with children
are tenants.

35% of all married house-
holds are tenants.

Household Size

56% one-person households
are tenants

50% of all 6 and more
person households
are tenants

46% of all 4 to 5 person
households are tenants

43% of all 2 to 3 person
households are tenants

Rental cost

53% of households pay
a **\$1000** to **\$1999** rent

26% of households pay
a **\$500** to **\$999** rent

12.5% of households
pay a **\$2000**
to **\$2999** rent

Income and Rent

48% of households spend
35% or more of their
income on rent

23% of households spend
15% to **24.9%** of their
income on rent

21% of households spend
25% to **34.9%** of their
income on rent

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Sources: American Housing
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