

# SNAPSHOT OF TENANTS IN CALIFORNIA 2022



**16,919,150** Californians are tenants. That's **45%** of us!

High school graduate or higher:	<b>83%</b>	<b>\$56,975</b> median household income of CA renters
Median age:	<b>43</b>	<b>\$103,870</b> median household income of CA homeowners
Households with a disabled person:	<b>15%</b>	<b>\$1503</b> median rent in California
Household with children:	<b>35%</b>	<b>3 years</b> median length of tenancy
Householder not a citizen of the U.S.:	<b>22%</b>	<b>25%</b> Median percent of income toward rent
65 and older:	<b>15%</b>	

## Race/Ethnicity of Householders\*

**38%** White householders

**41%** of White householders are tenants

**37%** Hispanic and Latinx

**56%** of Hispanics and Latinxs are tenants

**13%** Asian American

**40%** of Asian Americans are tenants

**9%** African American

**64%** of African Americans are tenants

**1%** American Indian

**49%** of American Indians are tenants

**0.4%** Native Hawaiian or other  
Pacific Islander

**58%** of Native Hawaiian or other  
Pacific Islanders are tenants

**4%** Mixed race

**54%** of Mixed races are tenants

**13%** Other

**61%** of Other are tenants

*These categories are how the census collects race & ethnicity data and does not accurately represent how many residents identify.*

## Educational Attainment

**33%** Bachelor's degree or higher

**20%** High school diploma

**30%** Some college, vocational

## Family Status

**75%** of single female-headed  
households with children are tenants

**64%** of single-male-headed  
households with children are tenants

**40%** of all married households  
with children are tenants

**31%** of all married households are  
tenants

**53%** of tenants have children  
under 6

**45%** of tenants have children 6-17

## Household Size

**2.85** Average household size  
of rented home

**45%** of one-person  
households are tenants

**47%** of 6-and-more-person  
households are tenants

## Rental cost

**50%** of households pay  
**\$1000** to **\$1999** in rent

**23%** of households pay  
**\$2000** to **\$2999** in rent

**19%** of households pay  
**\$0** to **\$999** in rent

## Income and Rent

**44%** of households spend 35%  
or more of their income on rent

**24%** 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

**6%** of tenants receive a subsidy  
for rent

**0.5%** of tenants rent public  
housing

## Housing characteristics

**29%** rental homes without air  
conditioning

**2%** with solar panels



**TENANTS TOGETHER**  
California's Statewide Organization  
for Renters' Rights  
[www.tenantsaltogether.org](http://www.tenantsaltogether.org)

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