Data Spotlight: Housing Insecurity Among Young Adults

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Background

HOUSING INSECURITY (HI) | Construct defined by absence (“lack of”)

HOUSEHOLD PULSE SURVEY (HPS) | Renter questions focus on being behind on rental payments and fear of imminent eviction
What Do We Know?

**UNIVERSITY SETTINGS** | An estimated 3 in 5 college students experience housing insecurity

**INTERSECTIONALITY** | Lived experience matters

**PREVIOUS HPS RESEARCH** | YAs were disproportionately affected by housing insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic

*Source: Young adults disproportionately affected by food and housing insecurity and mental health symptoms during pandemic*
YA Households

Defined as renter households with only one adult aged 18-25
10.5%

Of YA households are behind on rental payments

Data Source: Census Household Pulse Survey
Data Collection Period: July 2021 - April 2022 (Survey Weeks 34-44)
95% Confidence Interval: 8.9%-12.5%
5.5%

Of YA households are fearful of imminent eviction

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YA HHs Experiencing Housing Insecurity by Race/Ethnicity

- Behind on Rental Payments:
  - White, Not Hispanic: 5.8%
  - Black, Not Hispanic: 13.2%
  - Hispanic: 12.4%
  - Other: 27.8%

- Fearful of Imminent Eviction:
  - White, Not Hispanic: 2.6%
  - Black, Not Hispanic: 5.0%
  - Hispanic: 3.7%
  - Other: 19.8%
YA HHs Experiencing Housing Insecurity by LGBTQ+ Status

- Behind on Rental Payments:
  - LGBTQ+: 12.4
  - Not LGBTQ+: 9.8

- Fearful of Imminent Eviction:
  - LGBTQ+: 4.0
  - Not LGBTQ+: 4.9
YA HHs Experiencing Housing Insecurity by Race/Ethnicity and LGBTQ+ Status

- White, Not LGBTQ+: Behind on Rent 4.9%, Fearful of Imminent Eviction 1.9%
- White, LGBTQ+: Behind on Rent 4.9%, Fearful of Imminent Eviction 7.9%
- Black, Not LGBTQ+: Behind on Rent 23.4%, Fearful of Imminent Eviction 16.7%
- Black, LGBTQ+: Behind on Rent 48.9%, Fearful of Imminent Eviction 35.4%
- Hispanic, Not LGBTQ+: Behind on Rent 12%, Fearful of Imminent Eviction 5.3%
- Hispanic, LGBTQ+: Behind on Rent 10%, Fearful of Imminent Eviction 3.3%
- Other, Not LGBTQ+: Behind on Rent 13.5%, Fearful of Imminent Eviction 3.1%
- Other, LGBTQ+: Behind on Rent 8.2%, Fearful of Imminent Eviction 3.5%
YA HHs Experiencing Housing Insecurity by Presence of Children

- Children: 26.5% Behind on Rental Payments, 16.5% Fearful of Imminent Eviction
- No Children: 7.5% Behind on Rental Payments, 3.3% Fearful of Imminent Eviction
Intersectionality and Lived Experience
Thank You!

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