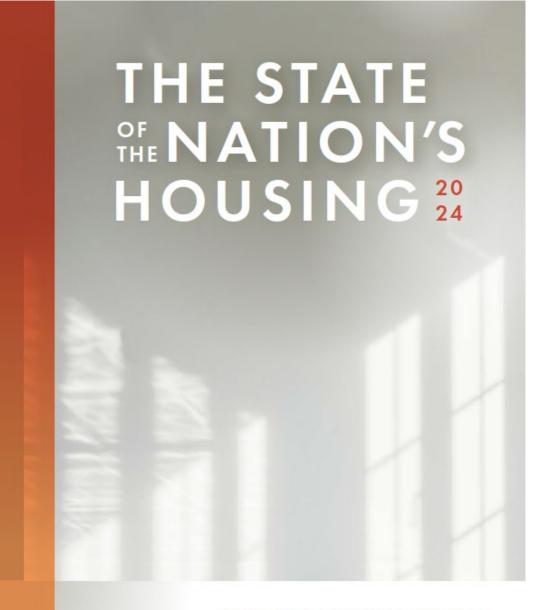




Major Themes for 2024

Rising Housing Costs and Unaffordability
Costs Push Homeownership Out of Reach
Surge in Apartments Softens Rental Markets
Drivers of Housing Demand Remain Strong
Challenges Ahead for Housing Policy



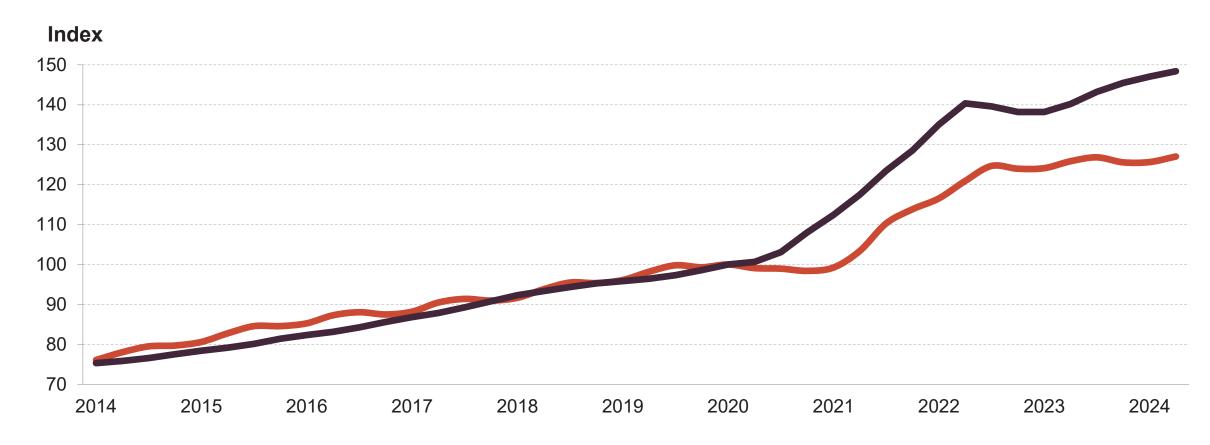
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Housing Costs Remain Elevated After Pandemic-Era Surges



—Asking Rents —Home Prices

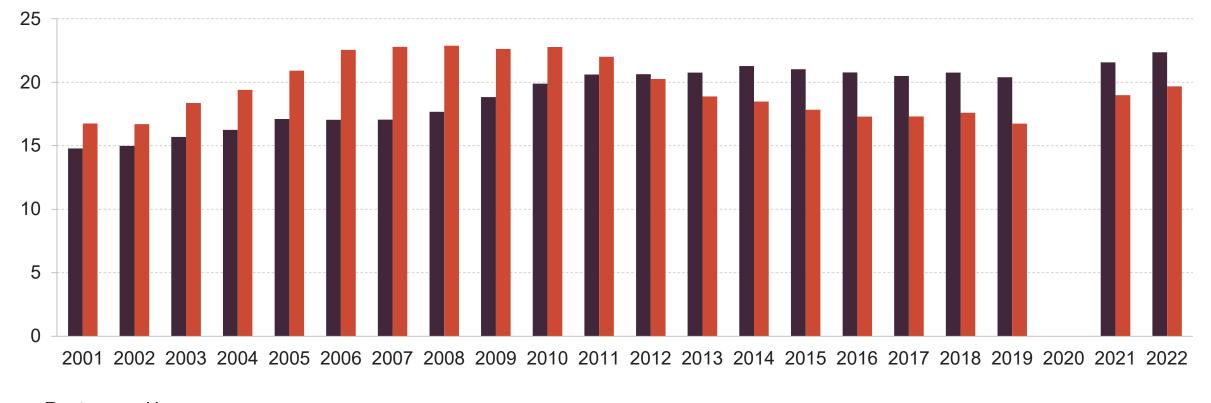
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Source: JCHS tabulations of RealPage data; S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller US National Home Price Index.



Cost Burdens Hit New High for Renters While Also Rising for Homeowners

Cost-Burdened Households (Millions)



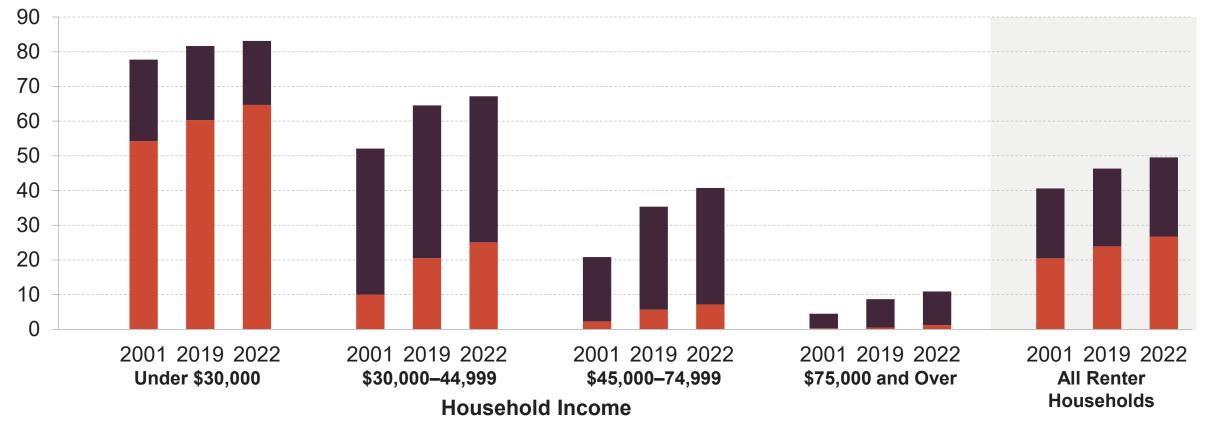
■ Renters ■ Homeowners

Notes: Cost-burdened households spend more than 30% of income on housing and utilities. Estimates for 2020 are omitted due to data collection issues experienced during the pandemic.



Renter Cost Burdens Are Rising Fastest Among Middle-Income Households

Share of Renter Households with Cost Burdens (Percent)



■ Severely Burdened ■ Moderately Burdened

Notes: Household incomes are adjusted for inflation using the CPI-U for All Items. Moderately (severely) cost-burdened households spend more than 30% (more than 50%) of income on housing and utilities. Households with zero or negative income are assumed to have severe burdens, while households paying no cash rent are assumed to be unburdened.



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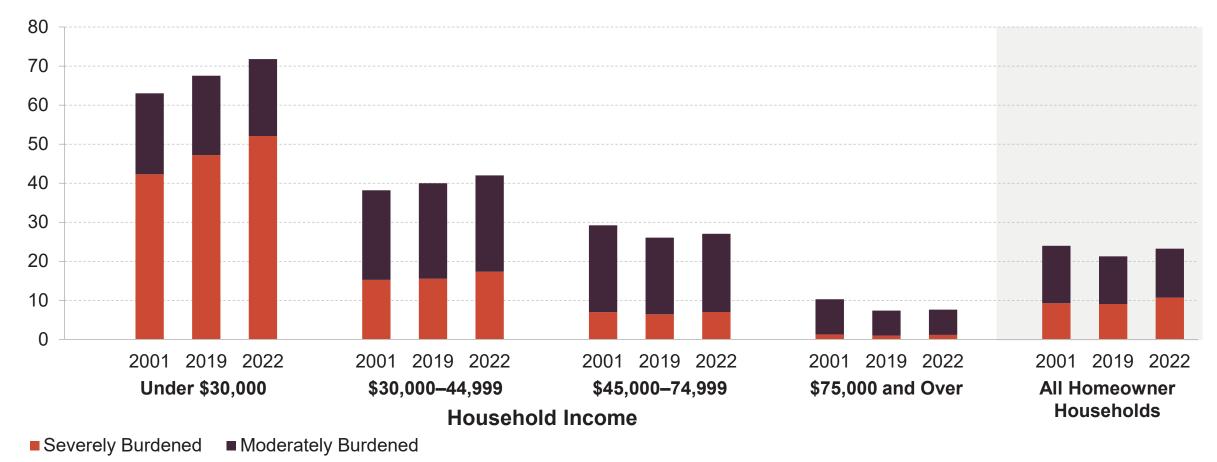


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Cost-Burden Rates Continue to Rise Among Homeowners with Lower Incomes

Share of Homeowner Households with Cost Burdens (Percent)



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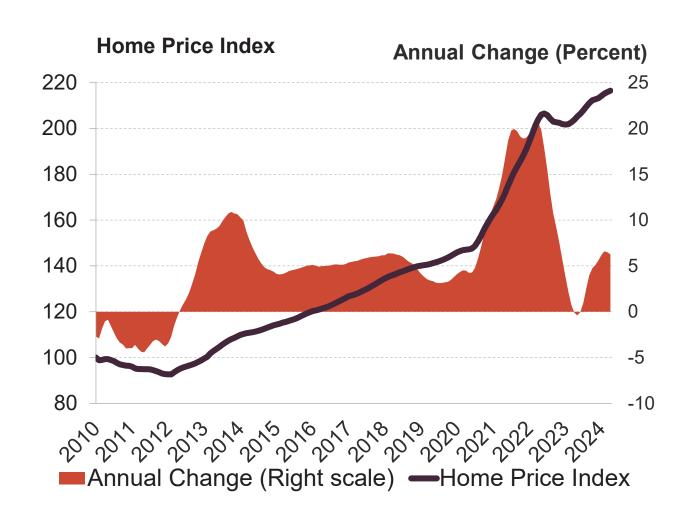






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Price Increases Have Negated the Impact of Interest Rate Declines on Affordability

Homebuyer Costs on the Median-Priced US Home

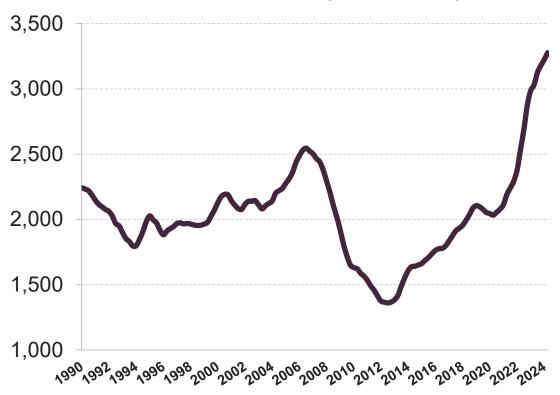
	January 2024	Current
Median Home Price (Dollars)	382,900	400,513
Interest Rate (Percent)	6.64	6.2
Total Monthly Owner Costs (Dollars)	3,018	3,045
Monthly Owner Mortgage Payment	2,370	2,367
Other Monthly Owner Costs	648	678
Annual income needed at 31 percent max DTI ratio	116,833	117,869
Total Cash Needed at Closing (Dollars)	24,889	26,033

Notes: Monthly payments assume a mortgage with a 3.5% downpayment on a 30-year fixed rate loan with zero points and 0.55% mortgage insurance, 0.35% property insurance, and 1.15% property tax rates. Current home price is the 4.6% Jan-June indexed increase to the January NAR median sf home price.

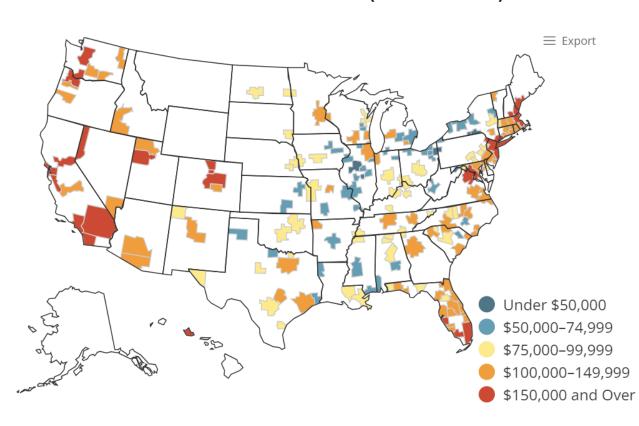
Source: JCHS tabulations of Freddie Mac, Primary Mortgage Market Surveys; National Association of Realtors, Existing Home Sales.

Homebuyers Need High Incomes to Afford Monthly Payments

Monthly Housing Payment on Median-Priced US Home (2024 dollars)



Annual Income Required to Afford the Median-Priced Home in Metro (2024 dollars)

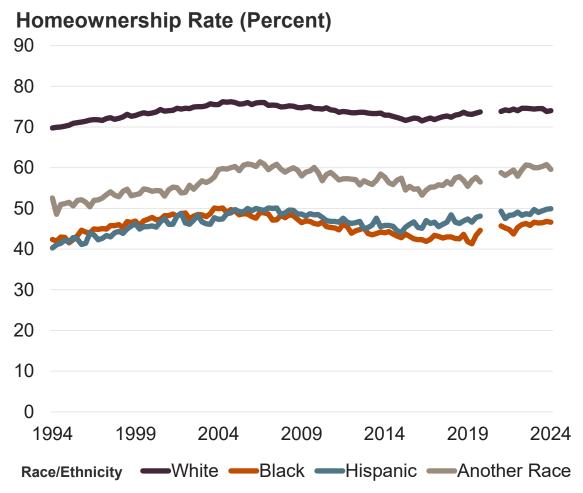


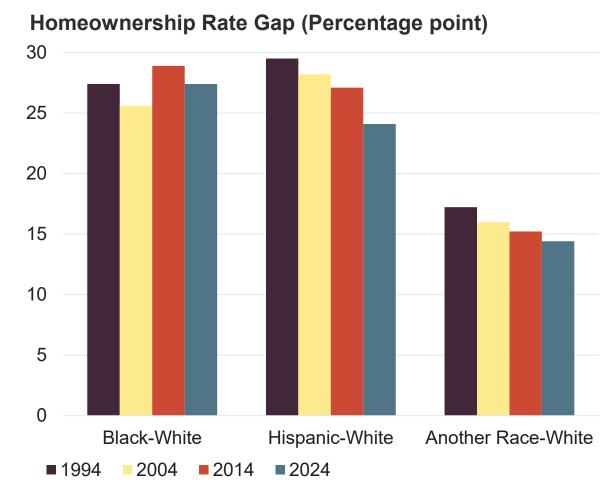
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Wide Racial Homeownership Gaps Have Improved Little in Decades



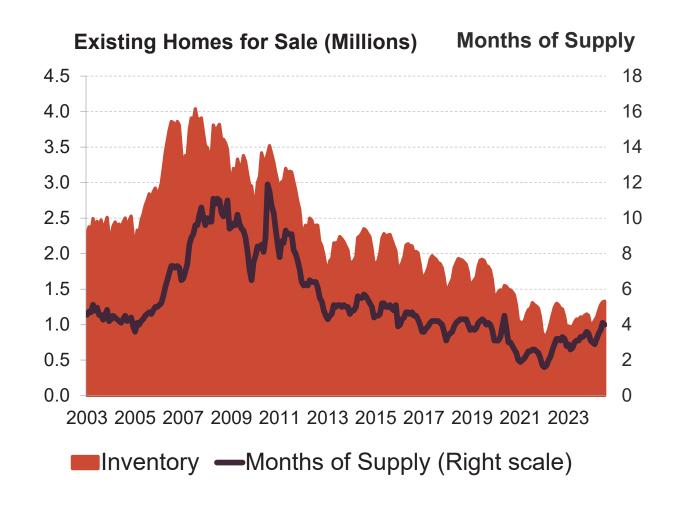


Notes: White, Black, and another race householders are non-Hispanic. Hispanic householders may be of any race. "Another race" householders are Asian, multiracial, or of another race. Rate gaps shown in right panel are from the first quarter of each year. Estimates for 2020 are omitted due to data collection issues experienced during the pandemic Source: JCHS tabulations of US Census Bureau, Housing Vacancy Surveys.

Despite Slight Gains, For-Sale Inventories Are Still Near Record Lows

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Inventories of Homes For Sale Rising, But Remain Low



Notes: Months of supply measures the length of time needed at the present pace to sell homes currently listed for sale. A balanced market is typically considered six months. Source: JCHS tabulations of National Association of Realtors, Existing Home Sales.



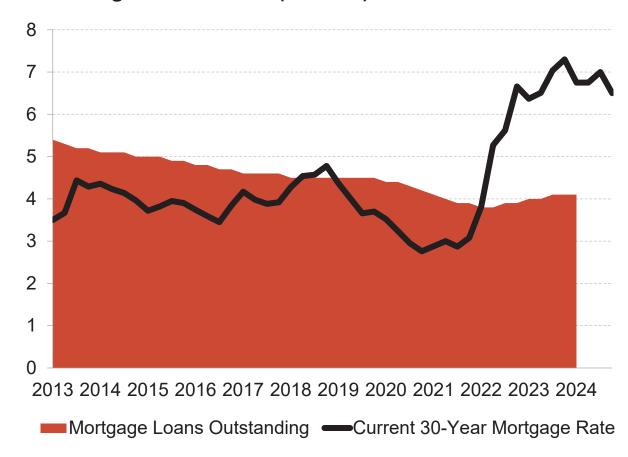
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Interest Rates Falling, but Remain Elevated

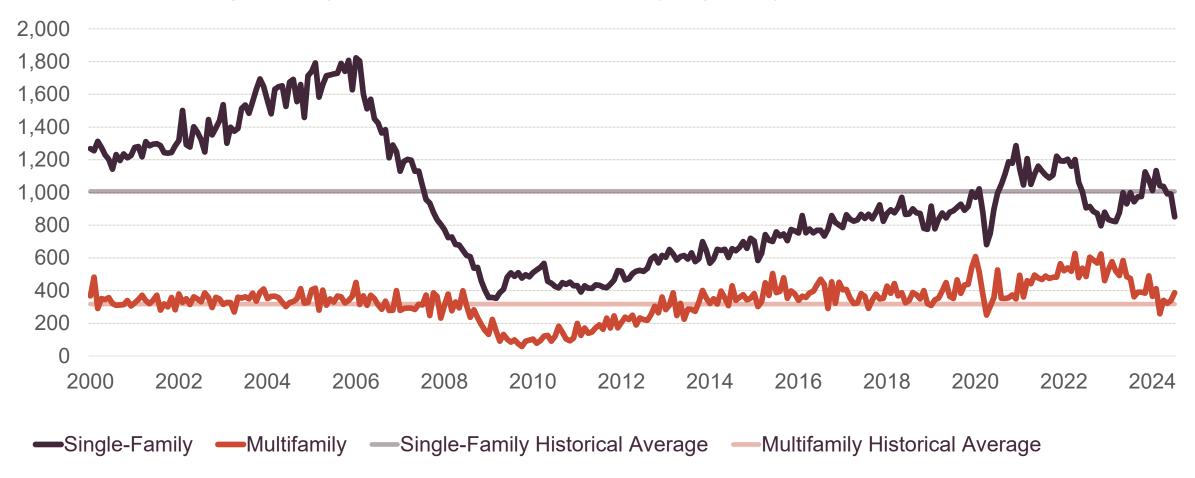
Average Interest Rate (Percent)





Strength in Single-Family Construction Faded While Multifamily Development Decline Continued

Annualized Housing Starts (Thousand of units, seasonally adjusted)



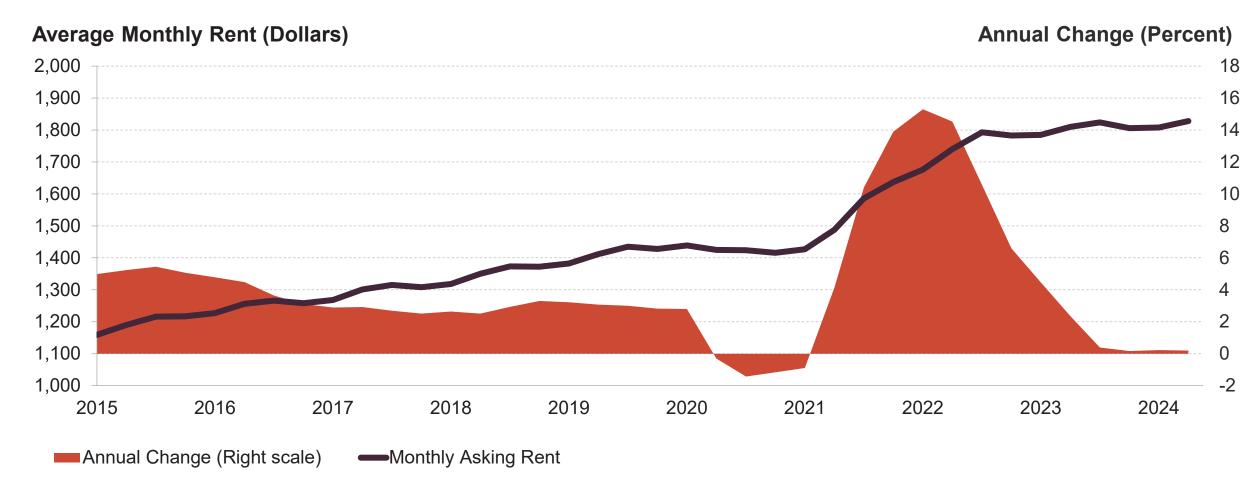
Note: Single-family and multifamily historical averages are of seasonally adjusted monthly data from January 1990 to March 2024. Source: JCHS tabulations of US Census Bureau, New Residential Construction.







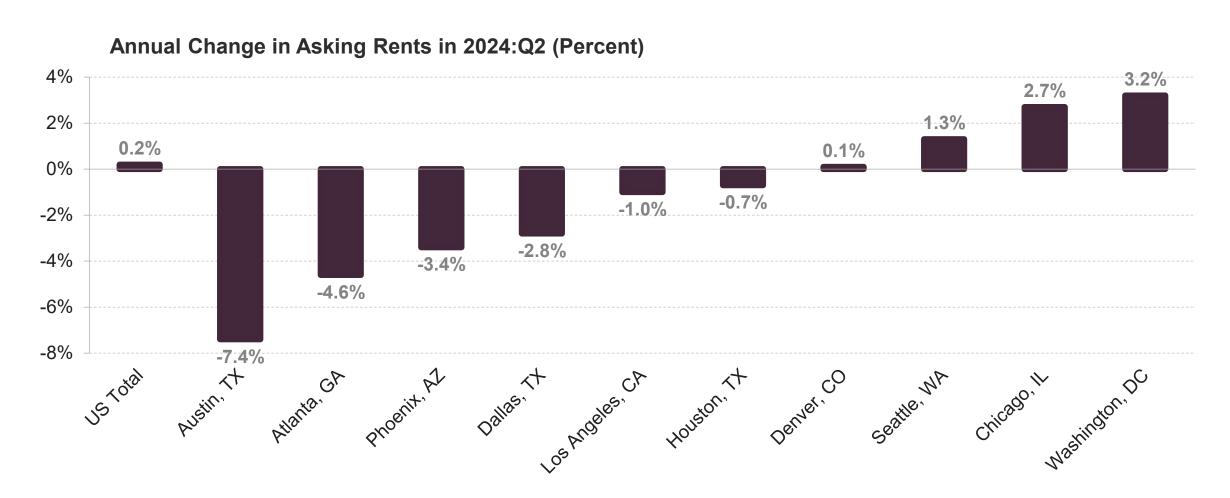
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Rent Growth Has Varied Widely Across Metro Areas

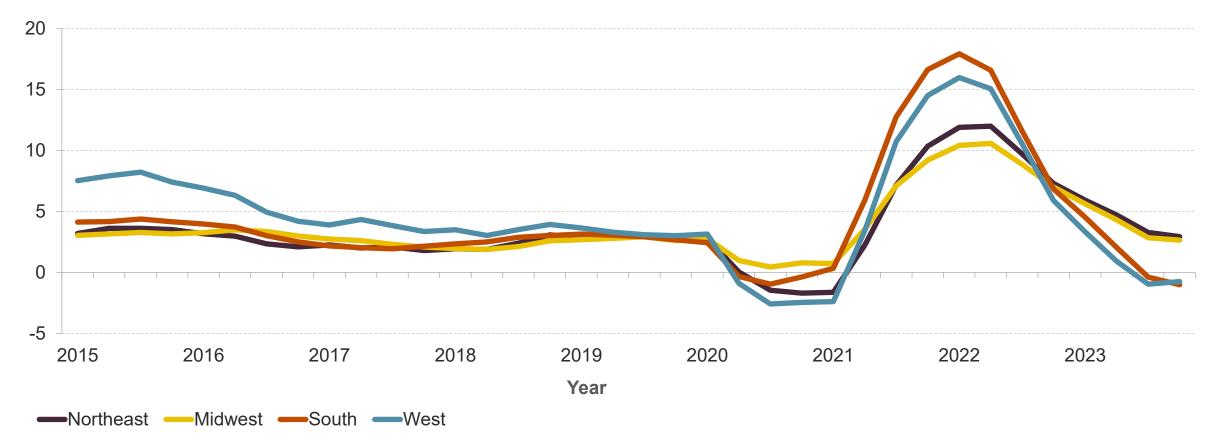


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Annual Rent Change (Percent)

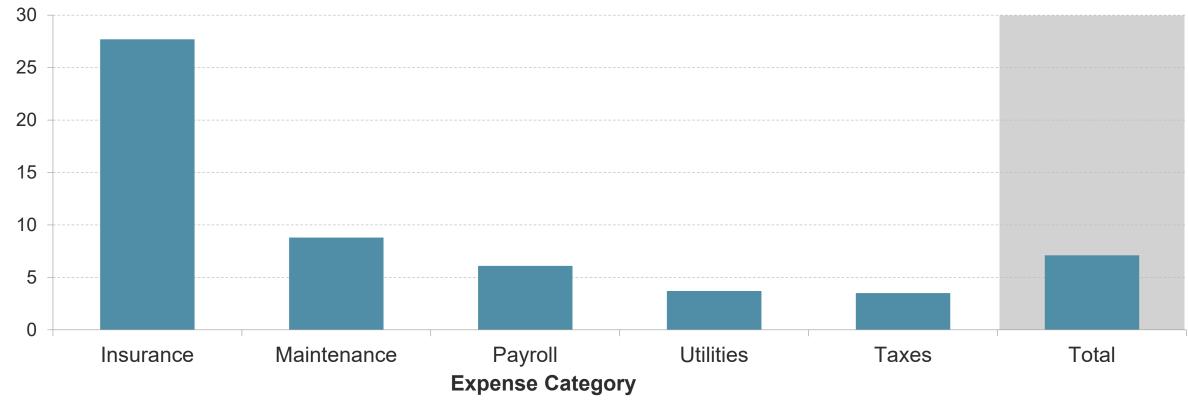


Note: Rent growth is for same-store asking rents. Data cover professionally managed apartments in buildings with five or more units. Source: JCHS tabulations of RealPage data.



Insurance Costs for Multifamily Properties Are Up Significantly



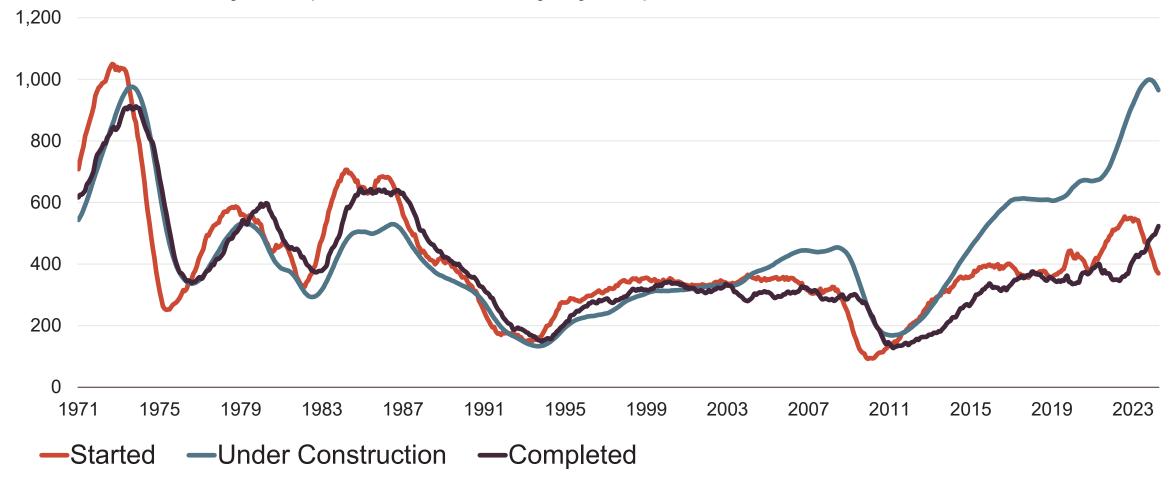


Note: Estimates are for the 12 months ending January 2024. Source: Yardi Matrix Research Bulletin, Multifamily Expenses.



Apartment Completions Continue to Rise Even as Multifamily Starts Decline

Annualized Multifamily Units (Thousands, seasonally adjusted)

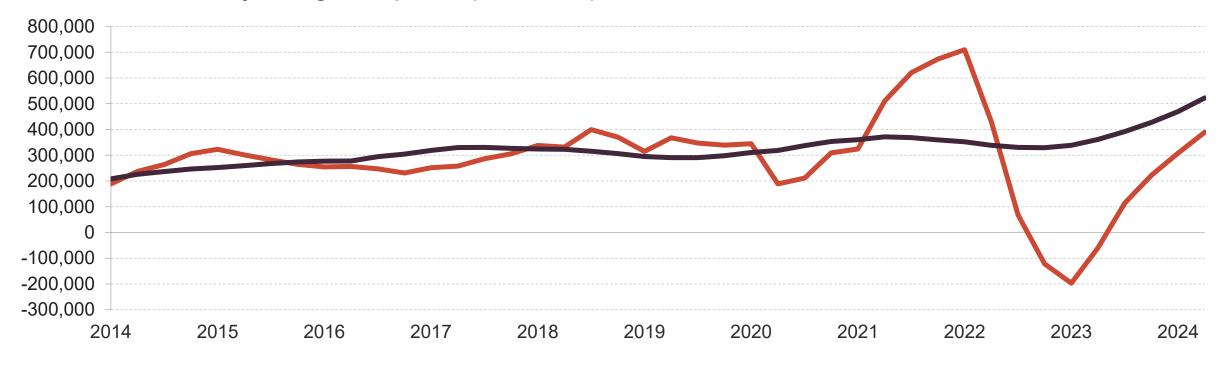


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Rental Demand is Strong, but Outpaced by New Supply

Units in Professionally Managed Properties (Thousands)



—Net Change in Apartment Households —New Completions

Note: Estimates are four-quarter rolling totals for professionally managed apartment buildings with five or more units. Source: JCHS tabulations of RealPage data.





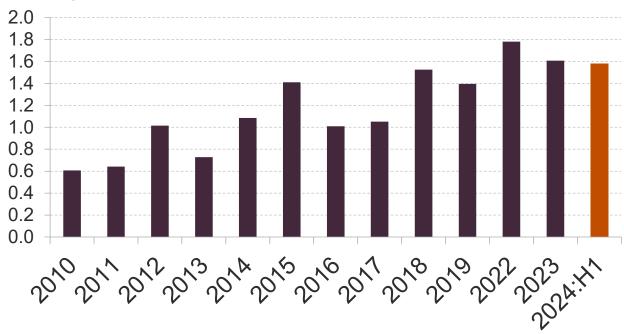


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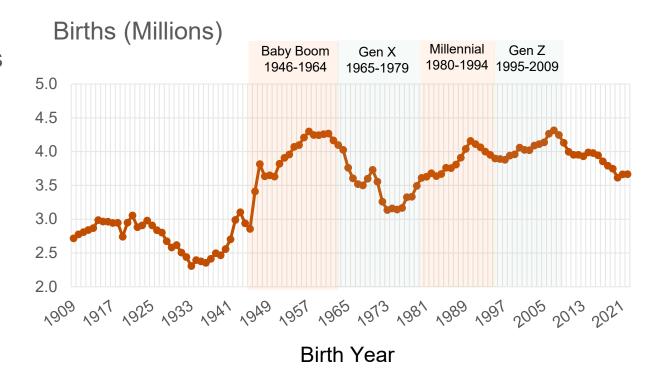
Change in Households (Millions)



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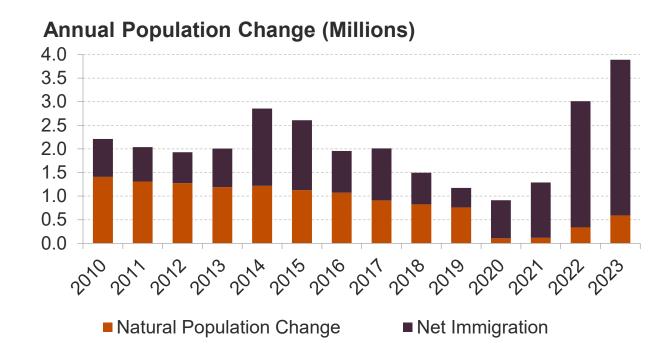
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Also:

Surge in Immigration

Immigration Surge Boosts Population Growth



Note: Natural population change is the difference between births and deaths. Source: JCHS tabulations of Congressional Budget Office, The Demographic

Outlook: 2024 to 2054.

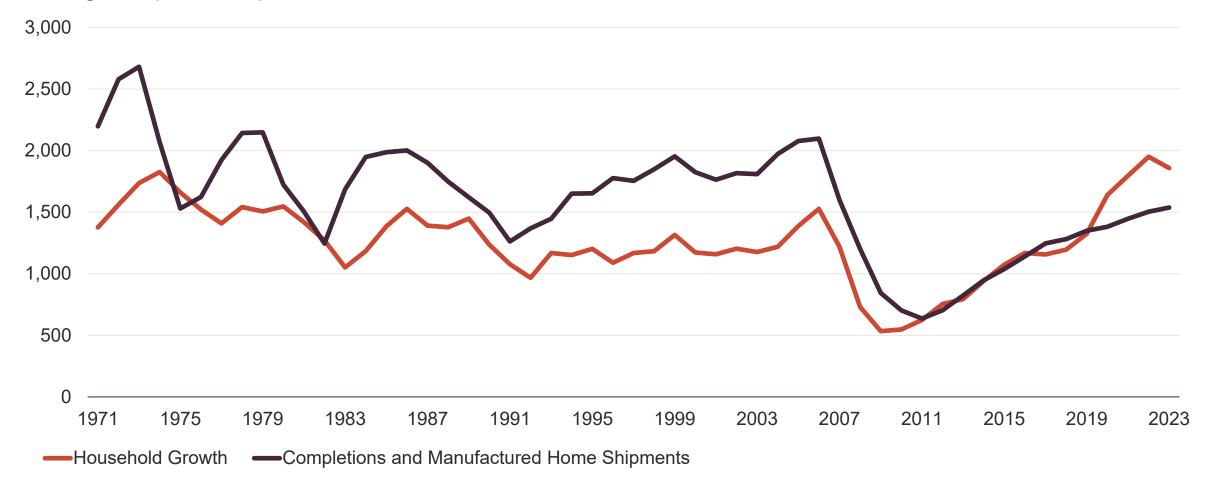






Construction Levels Failing to Keep Up with Demand Growth

Housing Units (Thousands)



Note: Household growth estimates are based on three-year trailing averages.

Source: JCHS tabulations of US Census Bureau, Housing Vacancy Survey, New Residential Construction, and Manufactured Housing Survey data.



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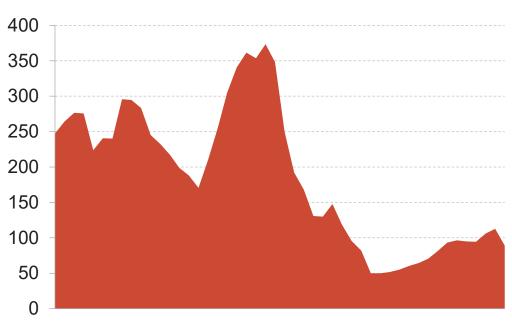
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Manufactured Home Production Is Still Well Below 1990s Levels

Manufactured Home Shipments (Thousands)



1976 1981 1986 1991 1996 2001 2006 2011 2016 2021

Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Manufactured Home Survey via FRED.

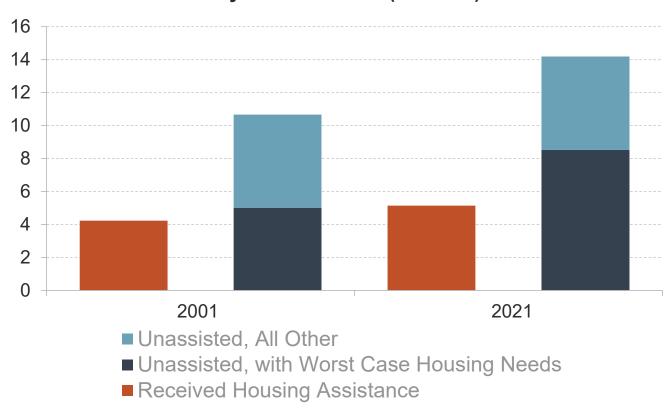


Even as Need Surges, Rental Assistance Has Essentially Stalled

Between 2001 and 2021:

- The number of assisted households increased by 0.9 million
- The number of income eligible renter households increased by 4.4 million

Households with Very Low Incomes (Millions)



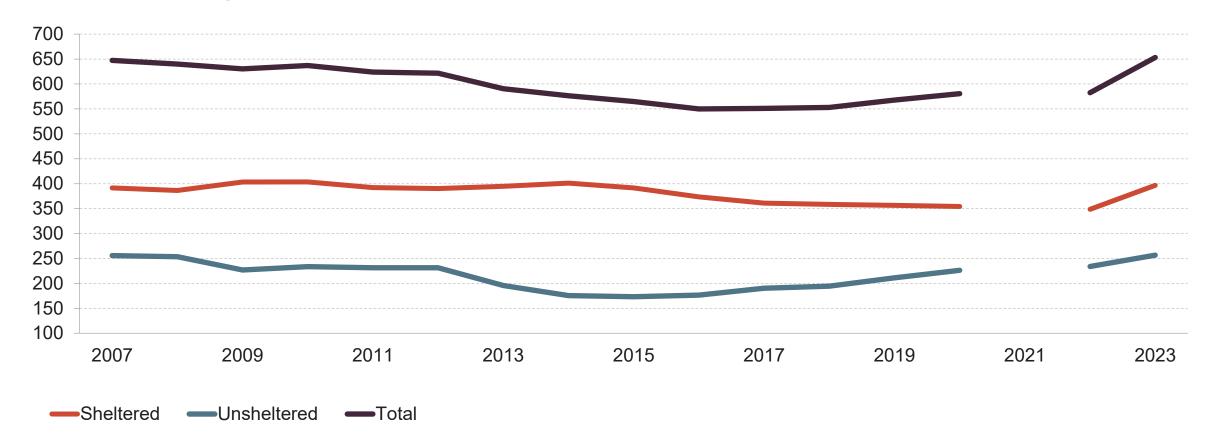
Notes: Households with very low incomes earn 50% or less of area median income. Worst case needs include spending more than 50% of income on rent and utilities or living in severely inadequate housing.

Source: JCHS tabulations of HUD, Worst Case Housing Needs Reports to Congress.



A Record Number of People Are Unhoused

People Experiencing Homelessness (Thousands)

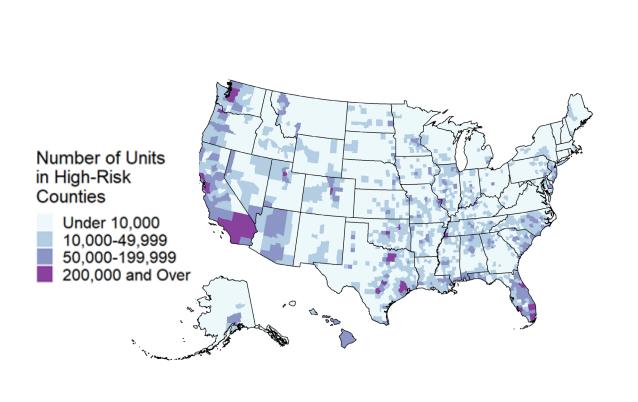


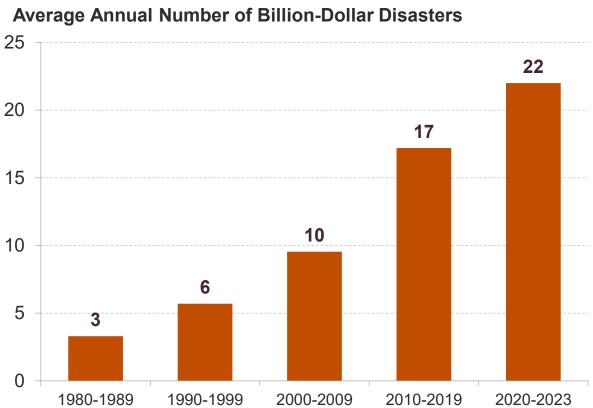
Notes: Because of the pandemic, complete unsheltered counts were unavailable in January 2021 and sheltered counts were artificially low, likely because of reduced shelter capacity.

Source: JCHS tabulations of US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Annual Homeless Assessment Report Point-in-Time Estimates



More than 60 Million Homes Are at Risk of Environmental Hazards





Notes: High-risk areas are census tracts with a relatively moderate, relatively high, or very high expected annual loss (EAL) score. EAL represents the average economic loss in dollars resulting from natural hazards each year. The number of units in high-risk areas is aggregated to the county level.

Sources: JCHS tabulations of Federal Emergency Management Agency, July 2023 National Risk Index EAL data; US Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey

5-Year Estimates; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters



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