Moderately or severely rent-burdened households, New York City

The key data points for this visualization are the share of renter households that spend more than 30 percent of their pre-tax income on rent (considered moderately burdened) and those spending more than 50 percent of their income on rent (considered severely rent burdened).

To show how these burdens have been changing over time, compare the most recently available data to that from an earlier year. It may also be helpful to benchmark these shares and their trends against those for the region and the nation as a whole.

The following example shows how to create the visualization using New York City data.

Share of households moderately and severely rent-burdened, New York City

![Bar chart showing rent burdened households in 2006 and 2016](image)

*Data Source: American Community Survey (accessed via American Fact Finder)*

Interpretation of New York City example

In 2016, over half of renter households (53.4 percent) were rent burdened (paying more than 30 percent of their income on rent) and 29.3 percent of renter households were severely rent burdened (paying over 50 percent of their income on rent). These measures of rent burden were up from 50.9 percent and 27.9 percent, respectively, in 2006.

How to construct

The data is downloaded from [American Fact Finder](https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/dataset.xhtml). Specifically, data is obtained for New York City from **TABLE B25070 GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS** for the one-year ACS estimates for 2005 through 2016. Moderately rent burdened households are those that spend between 30 and 50
percent of their income on gross rent; severely rent burdened households are those that spend over 50 percent of their income on rent as a share of all renter households.

**Figure note**
Data are shown for a single geography (New York City in this example). The data are displayed as a stacked column chart with each column representing a different year. The colors of the stacked bar chart distinguish between the two levels of rent burden.