

Renter Facts for Legislative District 7

This fact sheet contains information collated from the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey 2022 data.¹ This is the most recent ACS data available.

Key Facts:

- Renters are approximately 26% or 40,389 of the 155,797 people housed in LD 7.
- Approximately 40% of renter households in LD 7 pay more than 30% of their income in rent. HUD defines these households as cost burdened. That’s approximately 5,238 renter households.
- Median monthly rent in LD 7 is \$863 or \$10,356 annually.
 - o The first 7% annual increase in rent will be \$60.
 - o The second annual 7% increase will be \$65.
 - o The third annual 7% increase will be \$69.
 - o Rent will have increased \$194 amount over just 3 years to a total of \$1,057 a month.
 - o Total annual rent for the household will be \$12,687.

Seniors in LD 7:

- The median annual income for those age 65+ in LD 7 is \$50,619. The median senior in LD 7 pays 20% of their annual income on rent. 20% of LD 7 seniors are cost burdened.

Rent Stabilization is a Racial Justice Issue:²

| WA Renter Households by Race/Ethnicity and Housing Cost Burden | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Not Burdened | Moderately Burdened (30-50%) | Severely Burdened (>50%) | % Cost-Burdened (>30%) | % Severely Cost-Burdened (>50%) |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 27,054 | 14,667 | 21,513 | 57% | 34% |
| Hispanic | 76,612 | 35,726 | 31,392 | 47% | 22% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 4,471 | 1,028 | 1,036 | 32% | 16% |
| White, non-Hispanic | 350,094 | 146,037 | 153,285 | 46% | 24% |
| Asian | 53,911 | 13,682 | 21,312 | 39% | 24% |
| Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander | 4,890 | 1,872 | 1,407 | 40% | 17% |
| Other race/Two or more races | 32,032 | 12,592 | 19,256 | 50% | 30% |
| Inter-racial couple (married) | 44,324 | 12,369 | 6,273 | 30% | 10% |

Highlights:

- Statewide, 57% of Black, non-Hispanic households are cost burdened compared to 46% of White, non-Hispanic households.
- Statewide, 30% of multiracial households pay more than 50% of their income on housing costs compared to 24% of White, non-Hispanic households.

¹ Data from tables B25008, DP04, S1901, B25064, and S1903 are collated in this document.

² Source: NLIHC tabulations of 2021 ACS PUMS data.