



OPPORTUNITY STARTS AT HOME

DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATES ARE HOUSING ADVOCATES

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE OFTEN “PRICED OUT” OF STABLE, AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE HOUSING.

“Nationally, the average rent for a modest one-bedroom rental unit was \$861, equal to 113% of the national average monthly income of a one-person Supplemental Security Income (SSI) household. This finding confirms that in 2016 it was virtually impossible for a single adult receiving SSI to obtain decent and safe housing in their community without some type of rental assistance.”

Quoted from [Priced Out: The Housing Crisis for People with Disabilities](#)

“In 21 states, discretionary state-funded SSI supplements provided additional monthly income to people with disabilities who were living independently in the community. Even with this additional income, SSI recipients in those 21 states were still unable to afford the rents charged for modestly priced units. State SSI supplements ranged from a high of \$362 in Alaska to a low of \$10 in Maine.”

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“In 220 housing market areas across 40 states and the District of Columbia, one-bedroom rents exceeded 100% of monthly SSI. Rents for modest units in 26 of these areas exceeded 150% of SSI.”

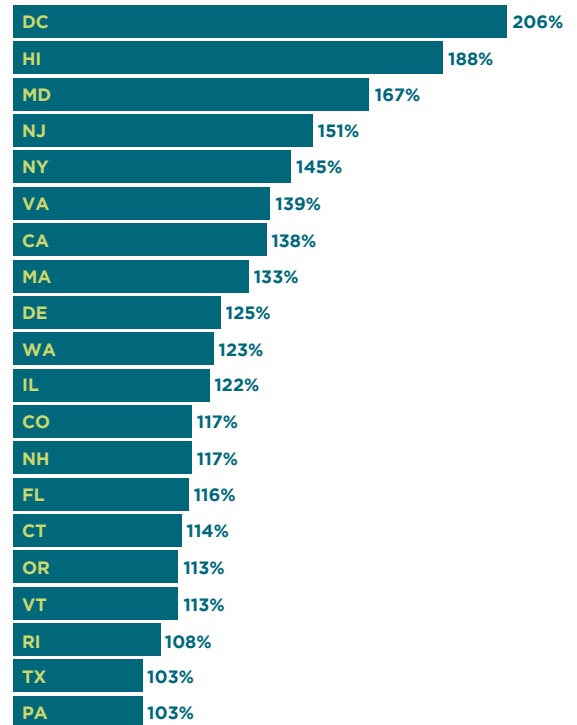
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PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY ENCOUNTER HOUSING DISCRIMINATION.

“Many apartment owners make direct comments refusing to make reasonable accommodations or modifications for people with disabilities so discrimination is easier to detect. Additionally, even though HUD has spent millions of dollars on the Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST program attempting to educate architects and builders about their fair housing responsibilities, developers continue to design and construct obviously inaccessible apartment buildings that do not meet the Fair Housing Act’s standards.”

Quoted from [National Fair Housing Alliance, 2012 Fair Housing Trends Report](#)

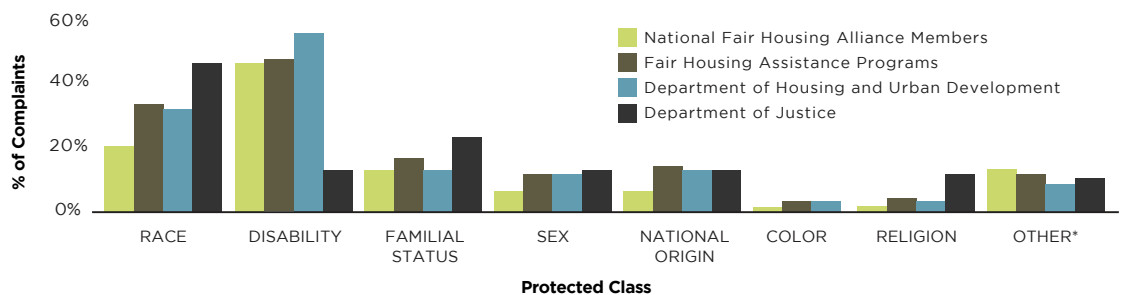
STATEWIDE AVERAGE ONE-BEDROOM RENTS WERE HIGHER THAN MONTHLY SSI PAYMENTS



Source: Priced Out: The Housing Crisis for People with Disabilities

Discrimination by Protected Class

This chart breaks out the percentage of claims, complaints, or case filings investigated by each agency by protected class.



Source: National Fair Housing Alliance, 2012 Fair Housing Trends Reports

“Independent living philosophy emphasizes consumer control, the idea that people with disabilities are the best experts on their own needs, having crucial and valuable perspective to contribute and deserving of equal opportunity to decide how to live, work, and take part in their communities, particularly in reference to services that powerfully affect their day-to-day lives and access to independence.”

National Council on Independent Living

IF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CANNOT MANEUVER SAFELY IN THEIR HOMES, THEIR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY IS REDUCED

Source: [The University of Kansas Research and Training Center on Independent Living](#)

Why It Matters

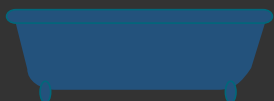
Participation in the community starts at home. If people cannot maneuver safely in their homes

or come and go as they please, their ability to participate in the community is reduced. For the majority of people

with mobility impairments (whether chronic or newly acquired), it is not easy to leave home.

U.S. rental households with individuals who use a wheeled mobility device (wheelchair or scooter). Includes 385,287 households in both urban and rural areas.

7
PERCENT do not have an entry-level bathroom.



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PERCENT do not have an entry-level bedroom (in units with more than one floor).



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PERCENT live in multi-family housing built since 1990, which is covered by the Fair Housing Act's Design and Construction Accessibility Guidelines.

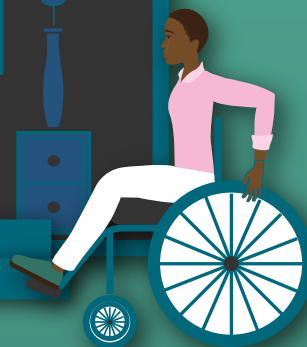
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PERCENT are up at least one flight of stairs in apartments with no elevator.



Data: American Housing Survey, 2011

45
PERCENT have no personal vehicle, increasing the obstacles to participation.

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PERCENT have a stepped entry.



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