Income vs. Housing

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Problem

Housing affordability remains a critical issue for both renters and homeowners, with many households experiencing housing cost burdens, spending more than 30% of their income on rent or mortgage costs.



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Questions

- 1. What percent of households are cost-burdened?
- 2. How does housing cost burden vary across income levels?
- 3. Are renters or homeowners more likely to experience severe housing cost burden?
- 4. How does housing cost burden vary by urban vs. rural areas?
- 5. Are specific demographics more likely to experience severe housing cost burden?

Variables

- 1. HINCP (Household Income)
- 2. ADJINC (Inflation-Adjusted Income)
- 3. GRPIP (Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income)
- 4. RAC1P Race of the householder
- 5. AGEP Age of the householder (used to categorize the age groups).
- 6. YRBLT Year structure built.
- 7. NP Household size
- 8. ESR Employment Status
- 9. MRGP Mortgage Payment
- 10. RNTP Monthly Rent

Ingestion

- Data is extracted from the American Community Survey (ACS) 2023 1-year dataset
- Two separate files were used: Household file (husa.csv) and Person file (pusa.csv)
- Both Household and Person file had 287 features



Wrangling

- Data Cleaning
- Data Integration
- Data Reduction
- Data Validation
- Feature Engineering



Literature Review

Housing Cost Burden Across Income Levels

Definition: Spending >30% of income on housing; severe burden >50%.

Key Disparities:

- o Income
- Race
- Housing Age
- Market & Policy Factor
- Research Gaps.

Review Questions

- Housing Cost Burden & Income Disparities
- Racial & Demographic Disparities
- Housing Age & Structural Factors
- Policy & Market Influences
- Mortgage & Homeownership Trends



Let's Explore

- Variables include income, housing costs, & demographic and household.
- The final analytic dataset will have roughly eight to ten features
- Feature Engineering
 - 0 = No burden (<30% of income)
 - o 1 = Burden (30% 49% of income
 - 2 = Severe burden (>50% of income)
- Missing data, outliers, and Inconsistencies



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      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import seaborn as sns
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120 rows x 527 columns!
[15... #Check the column names in the merged dataset
      print(merged_df.columns)
      Index(['RT x', 'SERIALNO', 'DIVISION x', 'SPORDER', 'PUMA x', 'REGION x',
             'STATE_x', 'ADJINC_x', 'PWGTP', 'AGEP',
             'WGTP71', 'WGTP72', 'WGTP73', 'WGTP74', 'WGTP75', 'WGTP76', 'WGTP77',
             'WGTP78', 'WGTP79', 'WGTP80'],
           dtype='object', length=527)
[18... # List of columns you want to keep
      columns to keep = [
          'HINCP', # Household Income
          'GRPIP', # Gross Income
          'AGEP', # Age
          'YRBLT', # Year Built
          'NP', # Number of People
          'ESR', # Employment Status
          'RAC1P', # Race
          'MRGP', # Mortgage
          'RNTP' # Rent
      # Select only the relevant columns
      selected_data = merged_df[columns_to_keep]
      # Check the first few rows to confirm
      print(selected_data.head(20))
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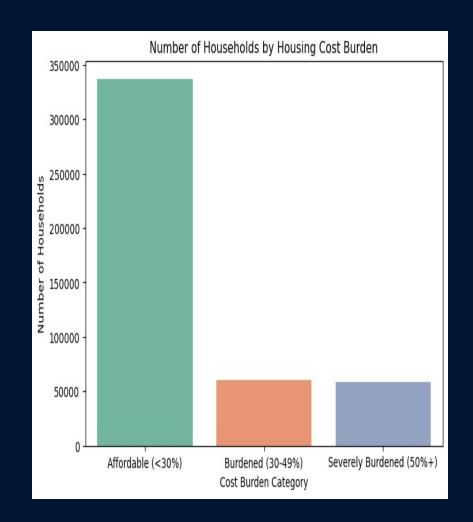
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[22... # Save the selected data to a new CSV file
     selected_data.to_csv("HousingVsIncome.csv", index=False)
[30... import pandas as pd
    # Read the file you already filtered down to the 11 variables
     df = pd.read csy('//Users//justinzavala//Documents//Justin Dataset 2//HousingVsIncome.csy')
     # Handling Missing Data - Column by Column Strategy
     # Income and rent/mortgage amounts - Fill with median (less sensitive to outliers)
     df['HINCP'].fillna(df['HINCP'].median(), inplace=True)
     df['GRPIP'].fillna(df['GRPIP'].median(), inplace=True)
    df['RNTP'].fillna(0, inplace=True) # Set rent to 0 for missing (likely owners)
     df['MRGP'].fillna(0, inplace=True) # Set mortgage to 0 for missing (likely renters)
     # Categorical variables - Fill with most common value (mode)
     df['RAC1P'].fillna(df['RAC1P'].mode()[0], inplace=True)
     df['AGEP'].fillna(df['AGEP'].mode()[0], inplace=True)
     df['ESR'].fillna(df['ESR'].mode()[0], inplace=True)
     # Year built - Could fill with median (reasonable assumption for age of homes)
     df['YRBLT'].fillna(df['YRBLT'].median(), inplace=True)
    # Household size - Fill with median (smaller households more common)
     df['NP'].fillna(df['NP'].median(), inplace=True)
     # Optional - Save the cleaned version if you want
     df.to_csv('HousingVsIncomeCleaned.csv', index=False)
     print('Missing data handled! Cleaned file saved as HousingVsCleaned.csv')
     print(df.info()) # Check for remaining missing values
     Missing data handled! Cleaned file saved as HousingVsCleaned.csv
     <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
     RangeIndex: 1732343 entries. 0 to 1732342
     Data columns (total 9 columns):
      # Column Dtype
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          RAC1P
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     dtypes: float64(6), int64(3)
     memory usage: 119.0 MB
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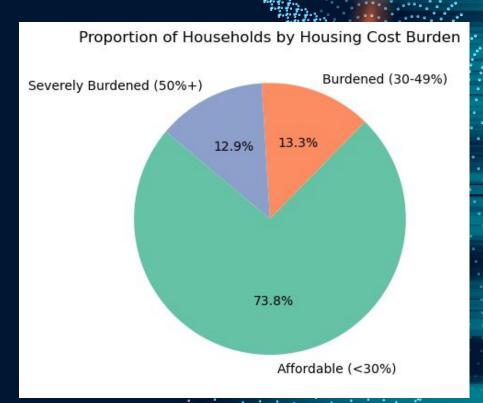
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       df['YRBLT'].fillna(df['YRBLT'].median(), inplace=True)
       # Household size - Fill with median (smaller households more common)
      df['NP'].fillna(df['NP'].median(), inplace=True)
      # Optional - Save the cleaned version if you want
       df.to_csv('HousingVsIncomeCleaned.csv', index=False)
       print('Missing data handled! Cleaned file saved as acs_cleaned_variables1.csv')
       print(df.info()) # Check for remaining missing values
       Missing data handled! Cleaned file saved as acs cleaned variables1.csv
       <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
       RangeIndex: 1732343 entries, 0 to 1732342
       Data columns (total 9 columns):
       # Column Dtype
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       dtypes: float64(6), int64(3)
       memory usage: 119.0 MB
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 [25... import pandas as pd
       # Load the cleaned dataset
       df = pd.read_csv('HousingVsIncomeCleaned.csv')
       # List of your selected variables
       selected_columns = [
           'HINCP', 'GRPIP', 'RAC1P', 'AGEP',
          'ESR', 'YRBLT', 'NP', 'RNTP', 'MRGP'
       # Create a new DataFrame with only those variables
       df_selected = df[selected_columns]
      # Save the new dataset
       df selected.to csv('HousingVsIncomeCleaned2.csv', index=False)
       print('New file saved as HousingVsIncomeCleaned2.csv with only selected variables.')
       print(df_selected.head()) # Preview first few rows
       New file saved as HousingVsIncomeCleaned2.csv with only selected variables.
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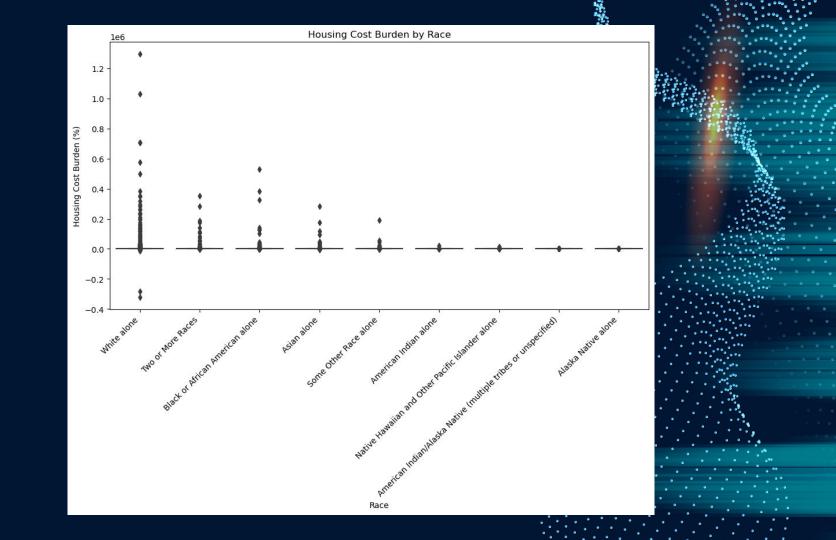
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    # Load the cleaned dataset with your selected variables
    df = pd.read_csv('HousingVsIncomeCleaned2.csv')
    # Calculate Adjusted Income (inflation-adjusted household income)
    df['ADJUSTED_INCOME'] = df['HINCP'] * (df['ADJINC'] / 1000000)
    # Total Monthly Housing Cost (Rent + Mortgage Payment)
    df['HOUSING_COST'] = df['RNTP'] + df['MRGP']
    # Calculate Housing Cost Burden (Annual Housing Cost as % of Income)
    df['COST BURDEN'] = (df['HOUSING COST'] * 12 / df['ADJUSTED INCOME']) * 100
    # Classify Cost Burden into Categories
    df['BURDEN_CATEGORY'] = pd.cut(
        df['COST BURDEN'].
        bins=[0, 30, 50, float('inf')].
        labels=['Affordable (<30%)', 'Burdened (30-49%)', 'Severely Burdened (50%+)']
    # Add Race Mapping
    race lookup =
       1: 'White alone'.
       2: 'Black or African American alone',
       3: 'American Indian alone',
        4: 'Alaska Native alone'.
        5: 'American Indian/Alaska Native (multiple tribes or unspecified)',
        6: 'Asian alone'.
       7: 'Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone',
        8: 'Some Other Race alone'.
       9: 'Two or More Races'
    df['RACE'] = df['RAC1P'].map(race_lookup)
    # Save updated dataset (with burden & race names)
    df.to csv('acs with cost burden and race.csv', index=False)
    # Visualization Section
    # Bar Chart - Number of Households by Burden Level
    plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))
    sns.countplot(x='BURDEN_CATEGORY', data=df, palette='Set2')
    plt.title('Number of Households by Housing Cost Burden')
    plt.ylabel('Number of Households')
    plt.xlabel('Cost Burden Category')
    plt.show()
    # Pie Chart - Proportion of Households by Burden Level
    df['BURDEN_CATEGORY'].value_counts().plot(
        kind='pie'.
        autopct='%1.1f%'.
        startangle=140,
        colors=['#66c2a5', '#fc8d62', '#8da0cb']
    plt.title('Proportion of Households by Housing Cost Burden')
    plt.vlabel('')
    plt.show()
    # Histogram - Distribution of Cost Burden
    plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
    sns.histplot(df['COST_BURDEN'], bins=30, kde=True)
    plt.axvline(30, color='red', linestyle='--', label='30% Burdened Threshold')
    plt.axvline(50, color='orange', linestyle='--', label='50% Severely Burdened Threshold')
    plt.legend()
    plt.title('Distribution of Housing Cost Burden (%)')
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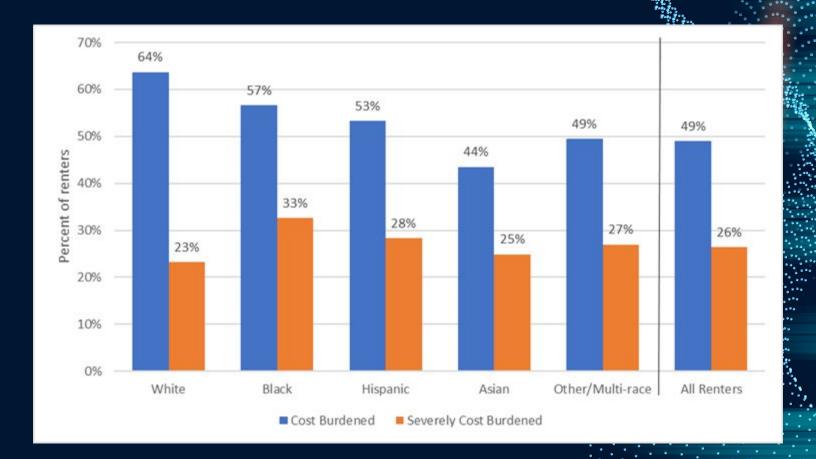
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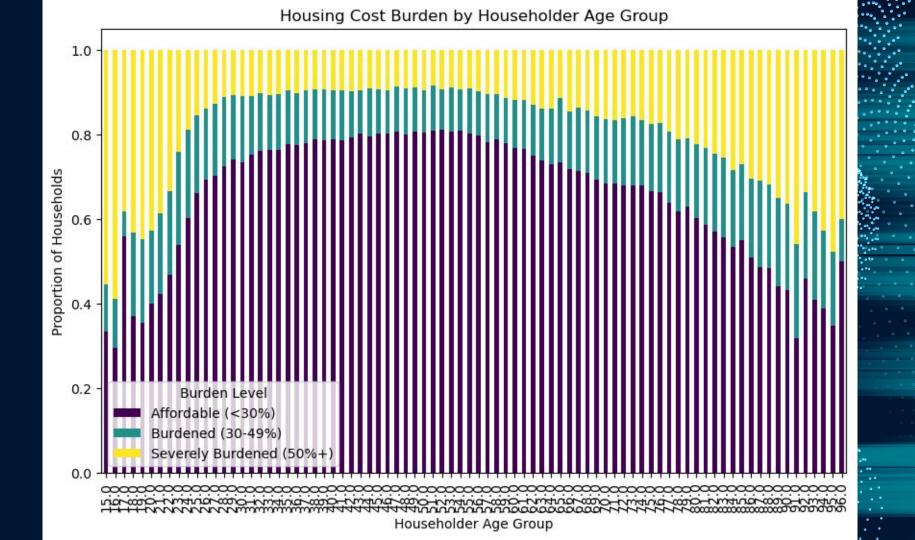
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9: 'Two or More Races'
df['RACE'] = df['RAC1P'].map(race lookup)
# Save updated dataset (with burden & race names)
df.to_csv('acs_with_cost_burden_and_race.csv', index=False)
# Visualization Section
# Bar Chart - Number of Households by Burden Level
plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))
sns.countplot(x='BURDEN_CATEGORY', data=df, palette='Set2')
plt.title('Number of Households by Housing Cost Burden')
plt.ylabel('Number of Households')
plt.xlabel('Cost Burden Category')
plt.show()
# Pie Chart - Proportion of Households by Burden Level
df['BURDEN_CATEGORY'].value_counts().plot(
    kind='pie'.
    autopct='%1.1f%%'.
    startangle=140,
    colors=['#66c2a5', '#fc8d62', '#8da0cb']
plt.title('Proportion of Households by Housing Cost Burden')
plt.ylabel('')
plt.show()
# Histogram - Distribution of Cost Burden
plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.histplot(df['COST_BURDEN'], bins=30, kde=True)
plt.axvline(30, color='red', linestyle='--', label='30% Burdened Threshold')
plt.axvline(50, color='orange', linestyle='--', label='50% Severely Burdened Threshold')
plt.title('Distribution of Housing Cost Burden (%)')
plt.xlabel('Housing Cost Burden (%)')
plt.show()
# Box Plot - Housing Cost Burden by Race (with Race Labels)
plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
sns.boxplot(x='RACE', y='COST_BURDEN', data=df, palette='muted')
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
plt.title('Housing Cost Burden by Race')
plt.xlabel('Race')
plt.ylabel('Housing Cost Burden (%)')
plt.show()
# Stacked Bar Chart - Burden Level by Householder Age Group (AGEP)
burden_by_age = df.groupby('HHLDRAGEP')['BURDEN_CATEGORY'].value_counts(normalize=True).unstack(fill_vi
burden_by_age.plot(kind='bar', stacked=True, colormap='viridis', figsize=(10,6))
plt.title('Housing Cost Burden by Householder Age Group')
plt.ylabel('Proportion of Households')
plt.xlabel('Householder Age Group')
plt.legend(title='Burden Level')
plt.show()
# Save summary table
summary_table = df['BURDEN_CATEGORY'].value_counts(normalize=True).reset_index()
summary_table.columns = ['Burden Level', 'Proportion']
summary table.to csv('BurdenLevel.csv', index=False)
print(" Analysis complete! Results saved to 'CostBurdenAndRrace.csv' and 'BurdenLevel.csv'")
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What would I change?

Any errors or Issues?



Sources

- High Housing Costs are Consuming Household Incomes (Harvard Joint Center For Housing Studies
- Measuring Housing Affordability (PDF)
- High Rents are posing Financial Challenges (Urban Institute)
- National Low Income Housing Coalition
- Rising Cost Homeownership are Increasing Burdens
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