Exploring renter population vulnerable to COVID-19

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Preliminary steps

- Group individuals into categories by age

- Recode race/Hispanic origin variable

- Create flag for poverty, groups for % of poverty

- Group individuals into categories by household income

Technical notes:

- Renters (OWNERSHP == 2) excludes group quarters

National numbers

Age

- About half the people in renter households are under age 30.

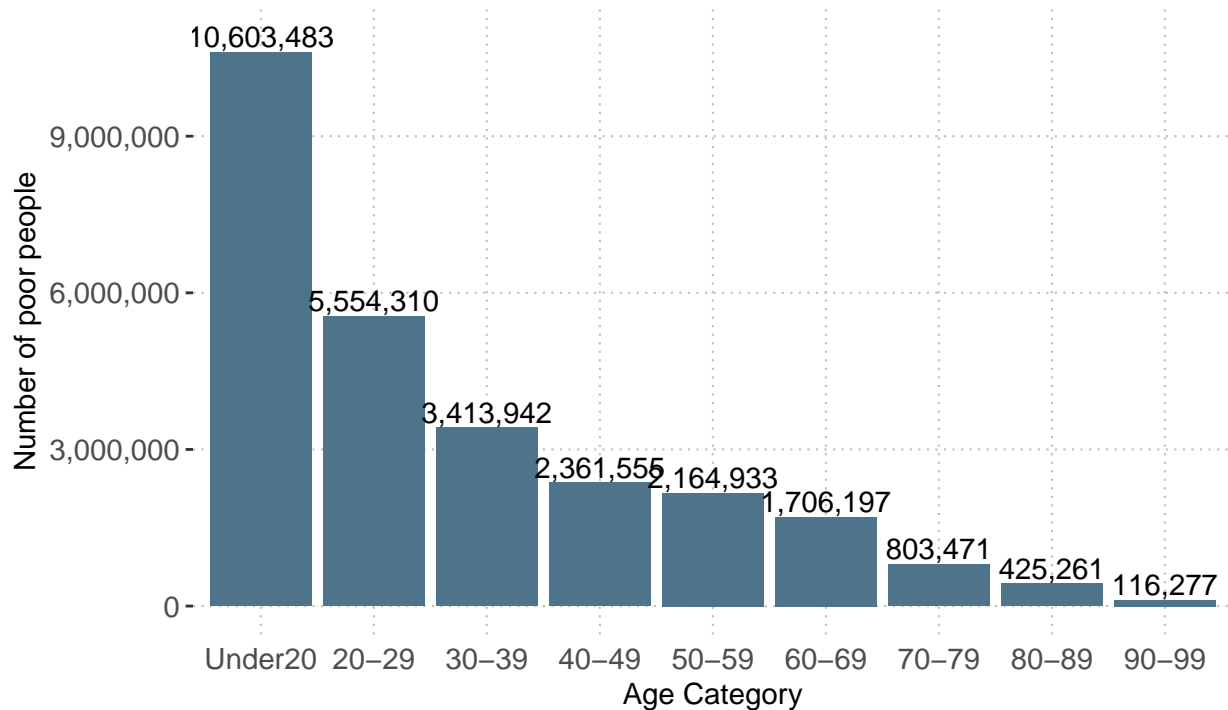- One-quarter of people living in renter households are over 60.

Table 1: Age distribution of renters, 2018

Age	Total #	# in renter households	Share renting	Share of renters	Cumulative share of renters
Under20	82143071	30896964	0.38	0.29	0.29
20-29	45038562	22648557	0.50	0.21	0.49
30-39	43668784	18176457	0.42	0.17	0.66
50-59	42414117	10152660	0.24	0.09	0.76
40-49	40779781	12617260	0.31	0.12	0.87
60-69	37815098	7273029	0.19	0.07	0.94
70-79	22845321	3773999	0.17	0.03	0.98
80-89	9950617	2006150	0.20	0.02	0.99
90-99	2512088	664287	0.26	0.01	1.00

Poverty status

More poor renters are young
Poor people living in renter households by age category, 2018

10,603,483

5,554,310

3,413,942

2,361,555 2,164,933

1,706,197

803,471

425,261

116,277

Number of poor people

Age Category

Under20 20–29 30–39 40–49 50–59 60–69 70–79 80–89 90–99

Source: ACS PUMS via IPUMS

About a fifth of older renters are poor
Share of people living in renter households by age category, 2018

34.32

24.52

18.78 18.72

21.32

23.46

21.29 21.2

17.5

Share in poverty

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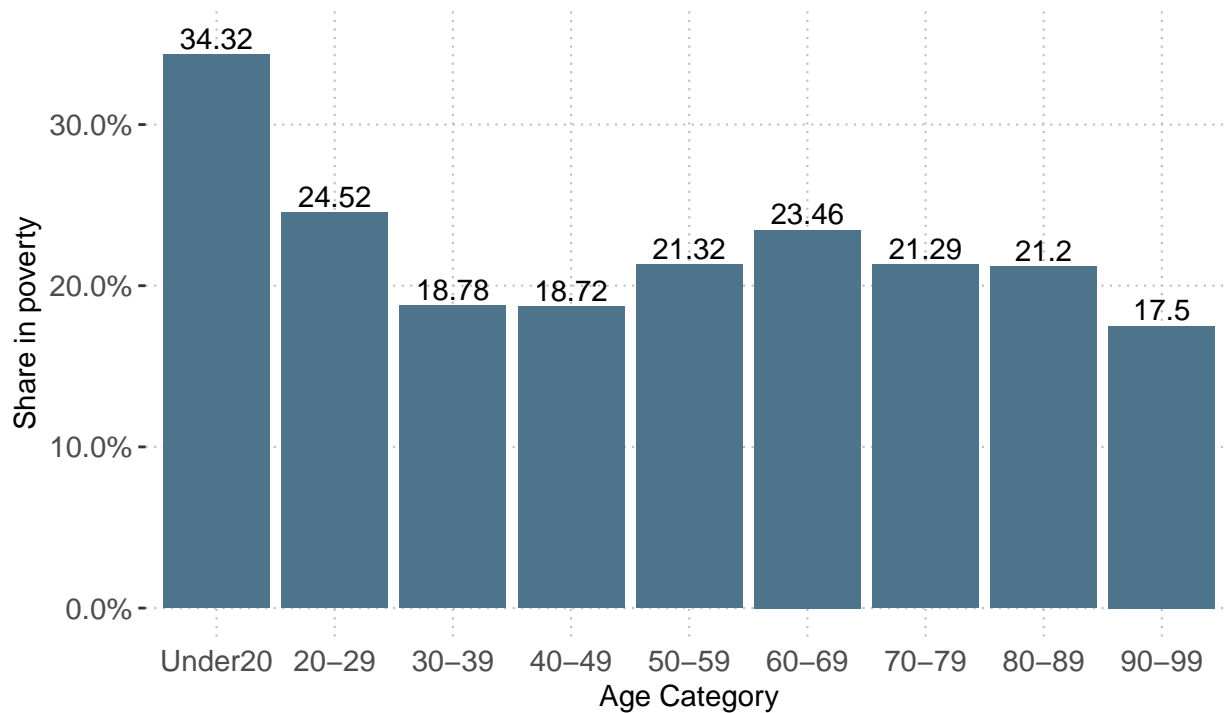
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Poorer renters skew younger

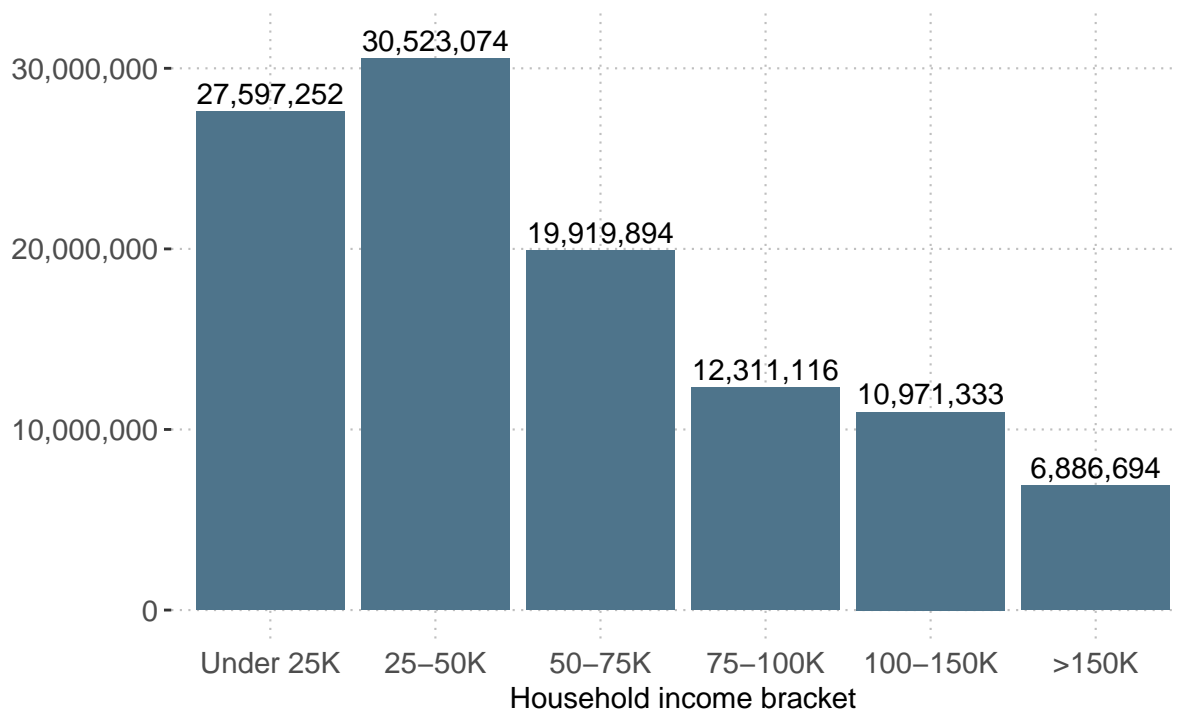Share of people of each age living in renter households by % of poverty, 2018
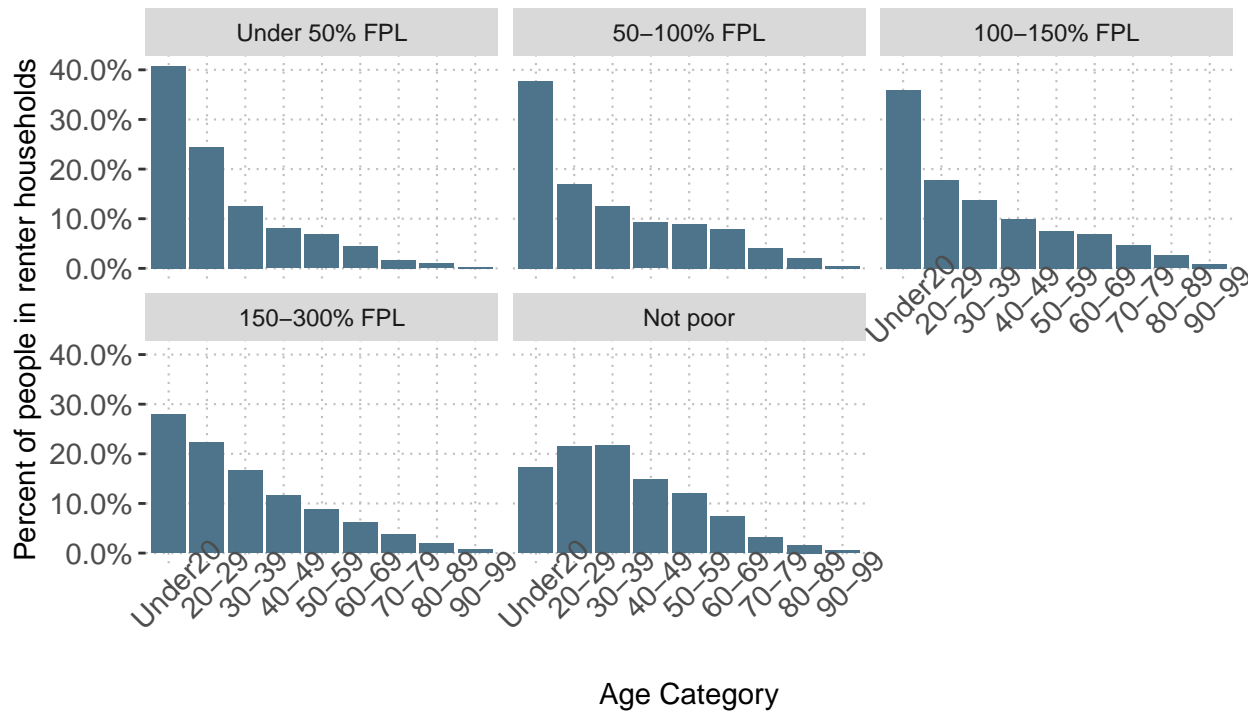
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Income

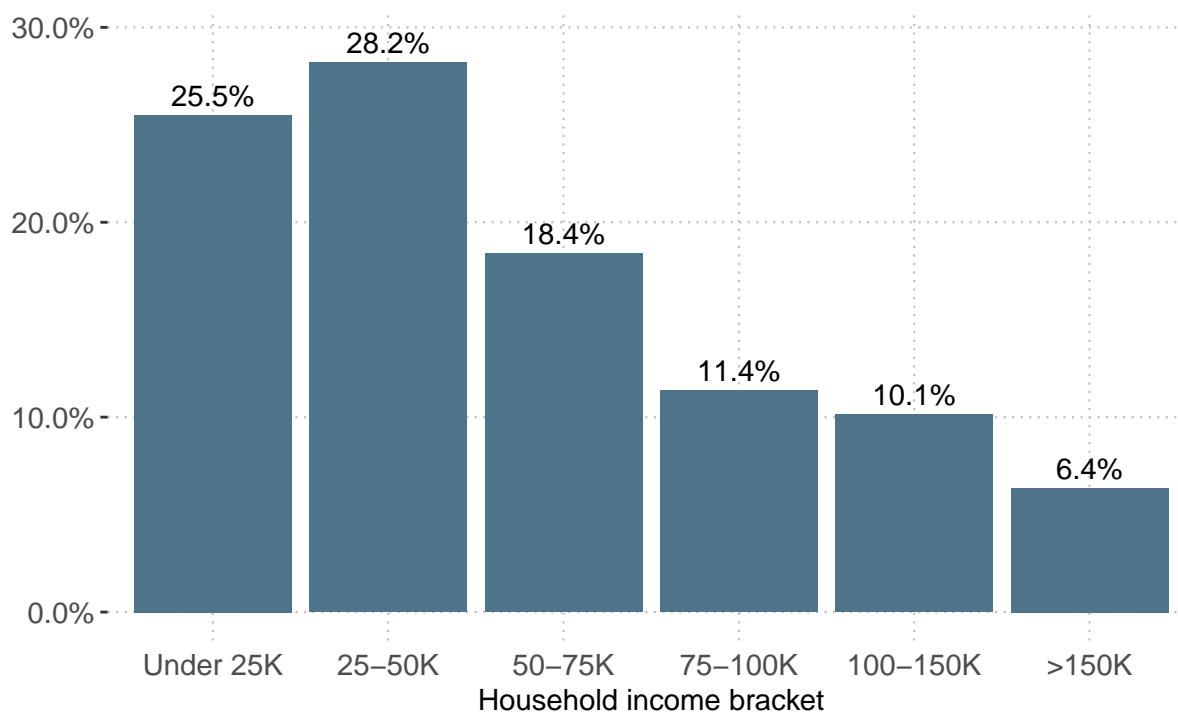## Most renters have low or modest incomes
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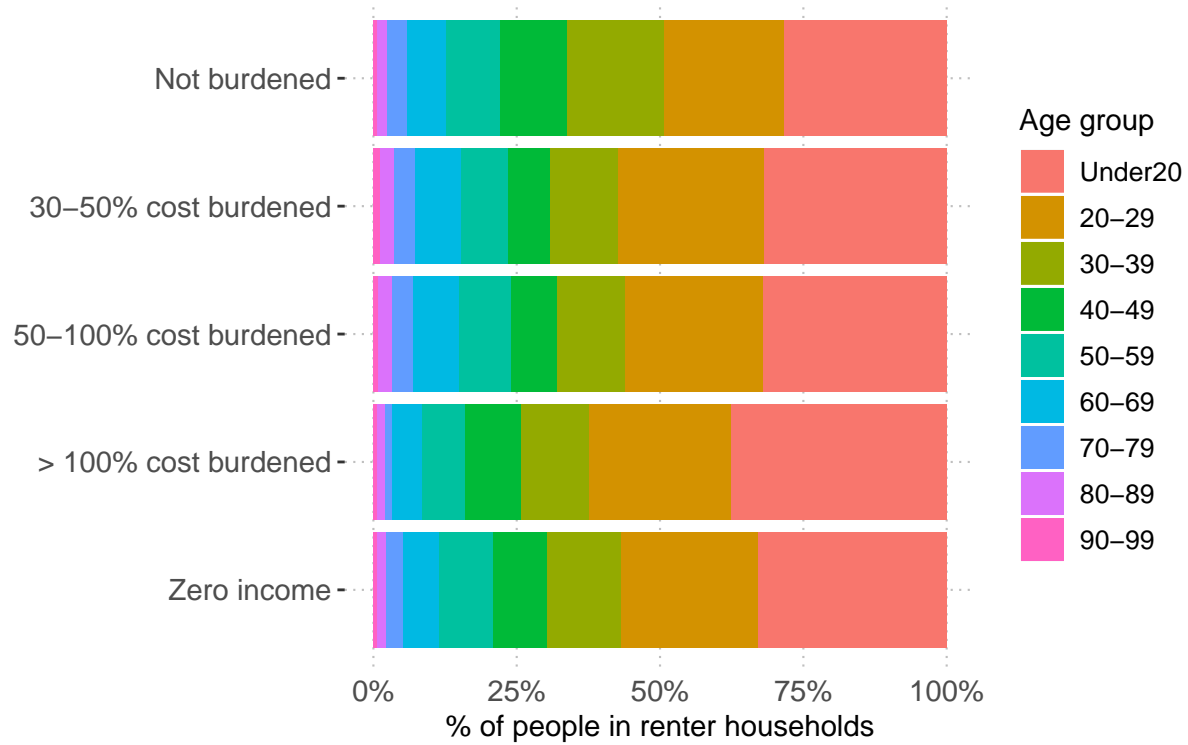Share of people in renter households by household income, 2018
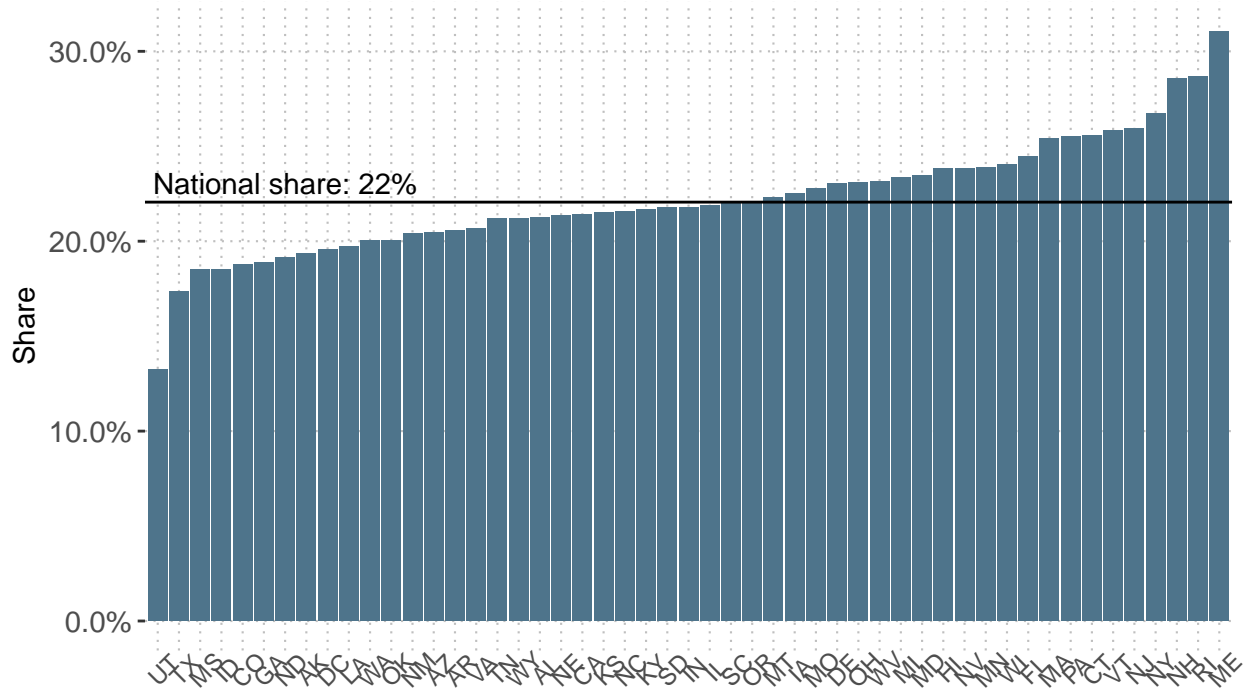

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Cost−burdened renters skew younger

Share of individuals of each age by gross rent as a share of h

A larger share of renters in the Northeast are older
Share of individals aged 50+ living in renter households by state, 2018

Occupations

- need to sort based on ability to telework

Additional ideas

- type of health insurance coverage: employer vs state sponsored
- look for multigenerational housholds, perhaps by # of rooms/bedrooms

Metro area numbers

- TO DO: check PUMA-MSA crosswalk