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Housing Problems - Renter-Occupied Units (SELECTED METROPOLITAN AREAS)
2011 American Housing Survey

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Geography: Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA AHS Area

Characteristics	Total renter-occupied units	Housing unit characteristics			Household characteristics			
		New construction past 4 years	Manufactured/mobile homes	Black alone	Hispanic	Elderly (65 years and over)	Below poverty level	
Total	1,708.6	25.5	7.0	187.1	766.5	223.3	520.4	
SELECTED PHYSICAL PROBLEMS								
Severe physical problems [1]	46.4	-	0.8	4.6	25.1	6.2	9.9	
Plumbing	25.1	-	0.8	2.9	11.9	3.1	4.1	
Heating	20.4	-	-	1.8	13.2	3.1	4.9	
Electric	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	
Upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Moderate physical problems [1]	115.5	-	-	12.0	48.8	9.7	36.8	
Plumbing	4.5	-	-	0.9	1.8	0.9	1.8	
Heating	6.5	-	-	-	2.9	-	1.0	
Upkeep	19.8	-	-	1.8	9.9	0.9	8.0	
Kitchen	87.5	-	-	9.3	34.3	8.8	26.9	
SELECTED DEFICIENCIES [1]								
Signs of rats in last 12 months	35.5	-	-	1.8	26.5	0.9	11.6	
Signs of mice in last 12 months	66.0	-	-	3.7	47.6	5.5	25.8	
Signs of rodents, not sure which kind in last 12 months	17.1	-	-	3.0	9.5	3.6	2.7	
Signs of cockroaches in last 12 months	449.1	3.8	2.7	45.8	281.8	34.7	186.5	
Holes in floors	16.5	-	-	0.9	8.2	2.0	7.5	
Open cracks or holes (interior)	85.6	-	-	13.7	39.0	6.5	29.0	
Broken plaster or peeling paint (interior)	56.8	1.1	1.1	5.6	30.6	3.8	16.8	
No electrical wiring	9.5	-	0.8	-	3.5	2.1	5.5	
Exposed wiring	32.5	1.0	-	3.6	15.5	2.3	9.5	
Rooms without electric outlets	30.8	-	-	5.6	18.1	1.4	12.7	
FLUSH TOILET BREAKDOWNS								
With one or more flush toilets	1,705.8	25.5	7.0	187.1	764.6	223.3	520.4	
With at least one toilet working at all times in last 3 months	1,632.4	24.5	7.0	180.6	733.1	217.7	493.6	
None working some time in last 3 months	62.3	-	-	4.6	30.6	3.9	23.1	
No breakdowns lasting 6 hours or more	13.9	-	-	-	6.7	1.1	3.1	
Number of breakdowns that lasted 6 hours or more:								
1	35.7	-	-	2.7	16.6	1.9	15.5	
2	5.4	-	-	-	3.6	-	1.8	
3	1.8	-	-	-	0.9	0.9	0.9	

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4 or more	3.6	-	-	0.9	1.8	-	1.8
Number of breakdowns not reported	1.8	-	-	0.9	0.9	-	-
Breakdowns not reported	11.1	1.0	-	1.8	1.0	1.8	3.7
HEATING PROBLEMS							
With heating equipment and occupied last winter	1,400.8	18.5	6.2	160.9	620.8	206.0	408.3
Not uncomfortably cold for 24 hours or more	1,205.3	16.5	6.2	133.8	527.4	185.3	350.2
Uncomfortably cold for 24 hours or more [2]	163.6	0.9	-	19.3	82.2	17.2	49.6
Equipment breakdowns	56.3	-	-	6.3	27.8	6.0	15.0
No breakdowns lasting 6 hours or more	2.7	-	-	-	2.7	-	0.8
Number of breakdowns that lasted 6 hours or more:							
1	26.0	-	-	4.6	7.4	2.9	7.4
2	6.4	-	-	-	4.5	-	1.8
3	2.7	-	-	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
4 or more	17.6	-	-	0.9	12.3	2.2	4.0
Number of breakdowns not reported	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other causes	111.8	0.9	-	12.9	58.0	11.2	35.5
Utility interruption	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	0.9
Inadequate heating capacity	36.9	-	-	3.5	19.7	3.9	13.2
Inadequate insulation	32.9	-	-	4.5	15.8	5.4	9.3
Cost of heating	16.5	0.9	-	2.8	6.5	2.9	4.7
Other	33.1	0.9	-	3.9	19.1	1.9	11.3
Not reported	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reason for discomfort not reported	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Discomfort not reported	31.9	1.0	-	7.8	11.1	3.6	8.5
ELECTRIC FUSES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS							
With electrical wiring	1,699.1	25.5	6.2	187.1	763.0	221.2	514.9
No fuses or breakers blown in last 3 months	1,563.4	22.4	4.3	171.5	715.9	213.4	482.2
With fuses or breakers blown in last 3 months	123.4	2.1	1.9	13.7	55.9	5.9	28.9
1 time	60.4	2.1	1.0	8.2	22.2	3.8	15.7
2 times	28.3	-	0.8	2.7	10.2	0.9	6.6
3 times	9.9	-	-	-	3.3	1.2	0.9
4 times or more	23.8	-	-	2.7	10.2	-	4.6
Number of times not reported	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Problem not reported or don't know	12.2	1.0	-	1.8	1.1	2.0	3.8
WATER SUPPLY STOPPAGE							
With hot and cold piped water	1,705.9	25.5	6.2	187.1	765.5	223.3	520.4
No stoppage in last 3 months	1,591.3	24.5	6.2	173.2	724.6	209.2	499.9
With stoppage in last 3 months	103.6	-	-	12.9	39.9	12.3	17.7
No stoppage lasting 6 hours or more	30.0	-	-	2.9	9.4	6.2	5.6
Number of stoppages that lasted 6 hours or more:							
1	40.1	-	-	2.7	18.2	4.6	4.5
2	17.7	-	-	2.7	5.7	1.4	3.0
3	5.4	-	-	0.9	2.7	-	1.8
4 or more	10.3	-	-	3.7	3.9	0.1	2.8
Number of stoppages not reported	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stoppage not reported	11.1	1.0	-	0.9	1.0	1.8	2.7
WATER LEAKAGE DURING LAST 12 MONTHS							
No leakage from inside structure	1,509.5	23.5	7.0	167.3	681.6	207.0	472.8
With leakage from inside structure [1]	188.0	1.0	-	17.9	83.9	14.5	43.8
Fixtures backed up or overflowed	58.3	-	-	6.6	21.7	5.7	12.0
Pipes leaked	88.7	1.0	-	7.6	41.7	4.7	21.6
Broken water heater	11.9	-	-	1.8	7.3	2.8	3.6
Other or unknown (includes not reported)	41.7	-	-	4.7	17.7	4.0	9.5
Interior leakage not reported	11.1	1.0	-	1.8	1.0	1.8	3.7
No leakage from outside structure	1,544.9	23.5	6.2	171.8	694.7	206.6	477.9
With leakage from outside structure [1]	152.6	1.0	0.8	13.4	70.8	14.9	38.8
Roof	93.2	1.0	0.8	5.6	43.6	7.6	19.0
Basement	0.9	-	-	-	0.9	-	-
Walls, closed windows, or doors	57.0	-	-	4.6	24.3	5.5	17.9
Other or unknown (includes not reported)	17.7	-	-	3.2	9.2	1.8	4.7
Exterior leakage not reported	11.1	1.0	-	1.8	1.0	1.8	3.7
EXTERNAL BUILDING CONDITIONS [1][3]							
Sagging roof	6.5	-	-	-	2.9	-	-
Missing roofing material	10.5	-	-	2.1	5.7	0.9	3.9
Hole in roof	7.4	-	-	-	3.8	0.9	-
Missing bricks, siding, or other outside wall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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material	12.6	-	-	4.2	4.7	1.8	3.0
Sloping outside walls	1.8	-	-	0.9	-	-	-
Boarded up windows	12.0	1.0	-	1.8	9.3	-	2.8
Broken windows	29.9	-	-	4.5	18.0	0.9	10.5
Bars on windows	99.8	-	-	12.1	70.0	9.6	38.4
Foundation crumbling or has open crack or hole	26.3	-	-	2.0	16.0	4.8	5.7
None of the above	371.4	6.1	7.0	35.9	184.1	41.8	109.1
Not reported	0.9	-	-	0.9	-	-	-
SEWAGE DISPOSAL BREAKDOWNS							
With public sewer	1,699.9	25.5	6.2	187.1	761.4	221.5	516.2
No breakdowns in last 3 months	1,664.9	25.5	6.2	185.2	739.0	217.8	501.2
With breakdown(s) in last 3 months	35.0	-	-	1.8	22.4	3.8	15.0
No breakdowns lasting 6 hours or more	8.3	-	-	-	6.5	1.8	4.7
Number of breakdowns that lasted 6 hours or more:							
1	15.6	-	-	0.9	8.4	2.0	6.5
2	3.8	-	-	-	2.9	-	0.1
3	3.7	-	-	-	1.8	-	1.8
4 or more	3.7	-	-	0.9	2.7	-	1.8
With septic tank or cesspool	8.7	-	0.8	-	5.1	1.8	4.2
No breakdowns in last 3 months	8.7	-	0.8	-	5.1	1.8	4.2
With breakdown(s) in last 3 months	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No breakdowns lasting 6 hours or more	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of breakdowns that lasted 6 hours or more:							
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 or more	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1]Figures may not add to total because more than one category may apply to a unit.

[2]Other causes and equipment breakdowns may not add to the total as both may be reported.

[3]Figures do not include multiunit structures.

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