

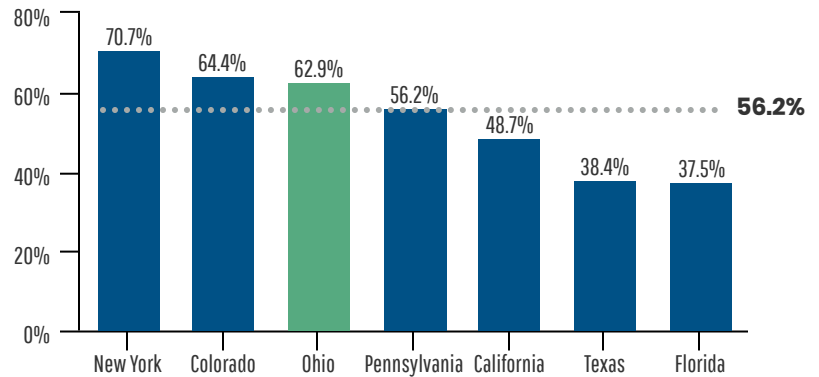
# AMERICAN HOUSING SURVEY: HOW OHIO COMPARES

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The American Housing Survey (AHS), conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, provides data on a wide variety of housing subjects such as quality and cost. In the past, data were only available at the national level and selected large metro areas. Starting with the 2015 survey, data are now available for seven states, including Ohio. This DataByte illustrates how Ohio compares to the six other states and the national average on selected indicators from the 2015 AHS. The results show that Ohio faces substantial housing challenges when compared to other states.

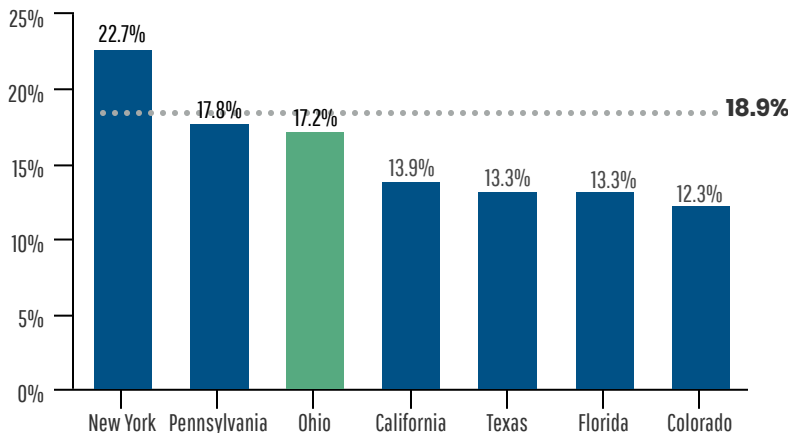
## Wheelchair Inaccessibility

Nearly two-thirds of Ohio's housing stock is inaccessible to someone with an ambulatory disability, which is higher than the national average and most of the comparison states. A housing unit is considered not accessible to a person in a wheelchair if steps are required to enter the residence from the outside.



Source: 2015 American Housing Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

## Government Rental Assistance

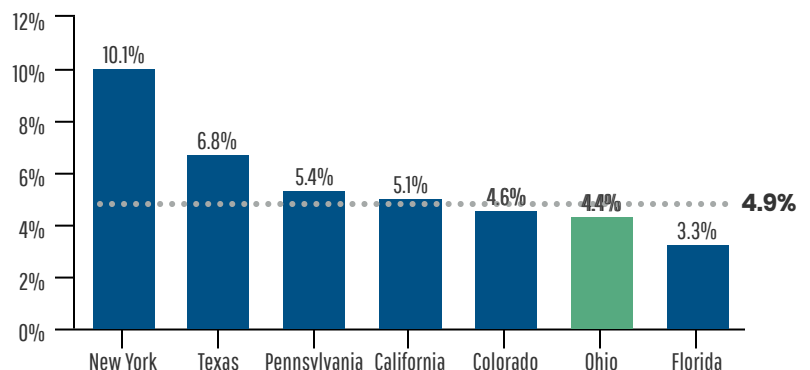


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Over 17 percent of Ohio renter households reported reduced rents due to government intervention of some form. While this is below the national average, it is still higher than most of the comparison states. Government-assisted rental housing includes public housing, vouchers and affordable housing funded through tax credits and similar federal and state programs.

## Housing Inadequacy

In Ohio, 4.4 percent of occupied housing units are considered inadequate, which is slightly below the national average. Among the comparison states, only Florida offers more adequate housing. Housing inadequacy is defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development based on structural deficiencies or lack of upkeep.



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