





# American Community Survey

## Housing: Questions on Selected Monthly Owner Costs

### COMMUNITY BENEFITS

#### **Social Services**

Data about selected monthly owner costs are used to allocate funds for housing for the elderly under the Older Americans Act and for home energy assistance to low-income individuals and families under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

#### **Energy**

Data about the cost of utilities are used to analyze current residential energy supply and consumption in order to forecast future needs.

#### **Housing**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development uses these data as one of the selection criteria for urban development grants for cities and counties under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

These data are benchmark statistics used to measure progress toward the congressional declaration of goals for national housing policy: a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family.

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