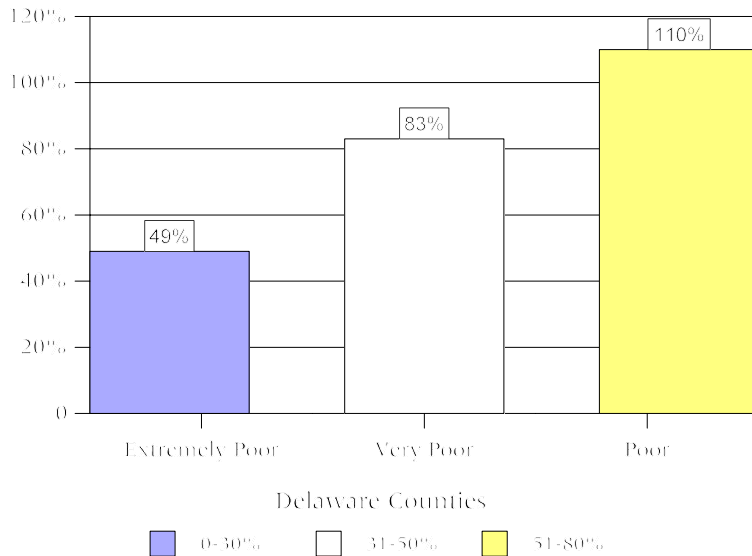


# Housing by the Numbers in Delaware

Affordable and Available Units per 100 Renter Households  
Delaware (2000)



Source: Losing Ground, [www.nlihc.org](http://www.nlihc.org)

Recently the National Low Income Housing Coalition released *Losing Ground in the Best of Times: Low Income Renters in the 1990s*.

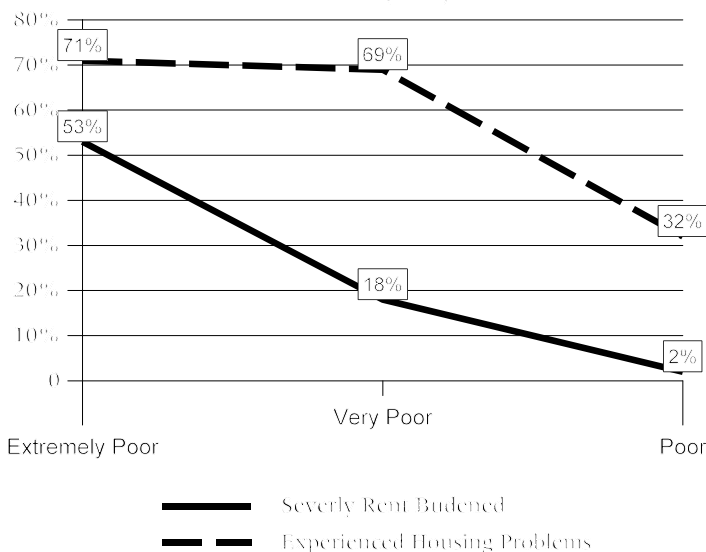
The report analyzes US Census data on the housing situation of low income renter households from 1990 to 2000. It finds that “despite improved income and housing conditions for Americans across a wide range of income levels in the 1990s, housing problems became more concentrated among the lowest income renter households and their access to affordable rental units declined.”

The authors found that in Delaware, 71% of extremely poor (30% of AMI and below) renters experience one or more housing problems in 2000 and 53% were severely rent burdened, meaning that they paid more than half of their income for rent. Among very poor renter households the same numbers were 69% and 18% respectively.

Nationally, “housing cost burdens have become the predominant form of housing problem.” The report goes on to state:

In 2000, almost all of the 5.9 million extremely low income renter households who had some housing problem paid more than 30% of their income for rent and utilities, the affordability standard used in federal rental housing programs since 1981.

Severe Rent Burden and Housing Problems Among Poor Renters  
Delaware (2000)



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The report’s also finds that “the incidence of severe rent burdens among extremely low income renter households is closely correlated with shortages of housing that is affordable and available to renter households with incomes below 30% of AMI.

There were only 49 affordable and available units per 100 extremely poor renter household in Delaware, for example.

The full report, *Losing Ground in the Best of Times: Low Income Renters in the 1990s*, by Kathryn P. Nelson, Mark Treskon, and Danilo Pelletiere is available at the NLIHC website.