Rent Paid as a Percent to Income
Ten Largest in the US

Source: 2013 American Community Survey: U.S. Census Bureau
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- ‘Rent‘ is the amount of the contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities (electricity, gas, and water and sewer) and fuels (oil, coal, kerosene, wood, etc.) if these are paid for by the renter.
- 40% Houston and Dallas renters pay over 35% of their household income as rent, which is lowest among the ten largest cities in the US. Renters in Los Angeles pay over 50% of their income, followed by Philadelphia (49%),
- San Jose (46%) and New York City (45%).
- 41% of Houston renters pay less than 25% of their income as rent, which is the highest proportion among other cities. This proportional share is slightly higher than Dallas and San Antonio.
- Median rent in Houston is $868. (Dallas $839 and San Antonio $829).