HOUSING AND HEALTH

LINKING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND HOUSING STRESS IN WISCONSIN

HOUSING FINANCIAL STRESS:

SPENDING 30% OR MORE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME ON RENT OR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS AND OTHER HOUSING COSTS

23 *Percent of Homeowners* **IN WISCONSIN ARE HOUSING STRESSED**

44 *Percent of Renters* **IN WISCONSIN ARE HOUSING STRESSED**

Housing financial stress may force people, particularly older residents, to forego essential medical care.

By county, the share in fair or poor health increases with the share of housing stressed homeowners.

Homeowners are older than renters and, on average, more likely to have overlapping health issues.

INTERVIEWS: HOUSING SERVICE PROVIDERS AND HOUSING STRESSED INDIVIDUALS. GEOGRAPHY: 17 WISCONSIN COUNTIES TIME PERIOD: SPRING 2025

QUANTITATIVE DATA FROM THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY AND COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS WERE SPATIALLY ANALYZED TO REVEAL GEOGRAPHIC PATTERNS AND CORRELATIONS

QUALITATIVE DATA FROM INTERVIEWS WITH 32 WISCONSIN RESIDENTS (AGES 19-65) REVEALED A KEY THEME: FORGOING HEALTHCARE TO AFFORD HOUSING

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For more information please see:

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