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<td>Percent of Area</td>
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### Basic Housing Quality

- **Severe physical problems**: 1.4% (0.9% compared to Nat.)
- **Severe/Moderate physical problems**: 1.9% (8.7% compared to Nat.)
- **Moderate physical problems**: 0.5% (1.5%)

### Interior Problems

- **Holes in floors**: 0.7% (2.6% compared to Nat.)
- **Open cracks or holes in walls**: 3.0% (8.9% compared to Nat.)
- **Broken plaster/peeling paint**: 1.8% (1.2% compared to Nat.)
- **Signs of rats**: 0.3% (0.4% compared to Nat.)
- **Signs of mice**: 9.3% (4.3% compared to Nat.)
- **Water leaks from inside**: 6.6% (13.2% compared to Nat.)
- **Water leaks from outside**: 12.5% (7.5% compared to Nat.)
- **Water supply stopage**: 2.0% (4.9% compared to Nat.)
- **Flush toilet breakdown**: 0.5% (1.0% compared to Nat.)
- **Sewage disposal breakdown**: 0.7% (0.3% compared to Nat.)
- **Lacking complete plumbing**: 0.8% (2.1% compared to Nat.)
- **Heating equip breakdown**: 3.1% (2.0% compared to Nat.)
- **Space heater w/o flue**: 0.3% (2.1% compared to Nat.)
- **Exposed wiring in unit**: 0.3% (0.6% compared to Nat.)
- **Rooms w/o working elect. outlet**: 1.2% (0.8% compared to Nat.)
- **Lacking kitchen facilities**: 0.2% (0.4% compared to Nat.)

### Exterior Problems (non multiunit)

- **Roofing problems**: 7.7% (13.1% compared to Nat.)
- **Siding problems**: 1.8% (2.4% compared to Nat.)
- **Window problems**: 2.2% (5.5% compared to Nat.)
- **Foundation problems**: 1.3% (1.8% compared to Nat.)

### Any Identified Problem

- **Any Identified Problem**: 37.1% (43.6% compared to Nat.)
- **Any Identified Exterior Problem (non multiunit)**: 10.9% (17.8% compared to Nat.)
- **Any Identified Interior Problem**: 31.3% (40.6% compared to Nat.)

(1) National data only includes homes in any Metropolitan Statistical Area in the US. See [http://nchh.org/Training/HealthyHomesTrainingCenter/AHSData.aspx](http://nchh.org/Training/HealthyHomesTrainingCenter/AHSData.aspx) for more info.
NCHH developed Healthy Housing Profiles for 47 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). The one-page profiles summarize the health-related housing problems in the MSA. NCHH designed the profiles to enable communities to compare their communities to national averages and to better understand the opportunities and challenges for improving housing conditions. They are based on health-related housing problems tracked by the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Housing Survey (AHS) for more than 30 years. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the AHS. See http://www.nchh.org/Training/HealthyHomesTrainingCenter/AHSData.aspx for more details.

NCHH broke housing into the following categories:

1. **Housing Within the Central City**
   a. Owner-Occupied
   b. Rental

2. **Housing Outside the Central City**
   a. Owner-Occupied
   b. Rental

The Central City is the legal jurisdiction under the control of the city or cities named in the MSA. Strategies to improve housing conditions are likely to be quite different within a central city compared to outside the central city. A central city is likely to have a mayor and city agencies responsible for housing and health conditions in the city. While outside the central city, there are smaller and more varied jurisdictions that are only responsible for a portion of the housing. Accordingly, strategies to address owner-occupied and rental housing may vary.

The Healthy Homes Profiles compare a community’s health-related housing problems to national averages for each of the four categories. Red identifies conditions that are significantly worse than average. A solid red box identifies more serious problems. Green identifies significantly better than average. A solid green box identifies much better than average problems. NCHH provides the national average whenever local conditions are significantly different (i.e. there is a red or green highlight). See legend at bottom of table for details.

The Profiles compare sixteen interior and four exterior health-related problems as well as three composite measures: serious physical problems, moderate physical problems, and housing having any of the twenty interior or exterior problems. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Healthy People 2010 Objective 8-23 set a goal of reducing the number of homes with severe and moderate physical problems by more than half by 2010 from 1995. See http://www.nchh.org/Portals/0/Definitions.pdf for details on each of these problems. Please note that the AHS does not track environmental health hazards such as the presence of cockroaches and radon or the presence of lead in paint, dust, or soil.

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