

Where the Numbers Come From

Priced Out in 2014 assesses housing affordability for people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) across the United States. To complete this assessment the following four separate data sets were used:

1. Final HUD Fair Market Rents (FMR) went into effect October 1, 2014, for each state, county, and housing market area in the United States. These rental amounts are based on the cost of modest rental housing and are calculated annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for use in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. A housing unit at FMR is meant to be modest, not luxurious, costing less than the typical unit of that bedroom size in that city or county. The FMRs used in *Priced Out in 2014* can be found on [HUD's website](#). Over the past two years, there has been a shift in the methods HUD uses to calculate FMRs. [Click here for a full description of HUD's updated methodology](#).

2. 2014 median incomes for one-person households used by HUD to determine the income limits for federal housing programs, including the Section 811 supportive housing for persons with disabilities program and the HCV program. [Data on annual HUD income limits is available on HUD's website](#).

3. 2014 SSI payments for individuals with disabilities living independently provided by the U.S. Social Security Administration. The 2014 SSI payment is made up of the federal SSI payment of \$721, plus the optional state supplement in the 21 states that uniformly provide a state-determined, state-funded additional amount to all SSI recipients who live independently in the community. Data regarding 2014 SSI payments and supplements was obtained from the [Program Operations Manual System of the Social Security Administration's Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics](#). TAC computes the national SSI amount based on the average of the SSI amount in each state. [Click here for a list of the monthly state supplement amounts](#).

4. Renter household information provided by the NLIHC as part of its publication *Out of Reach 2014*. Data included in *Priced Out in 2014* has been weighted to reflect the number of renter households residing in each housing market area of the country in order to provide the most accurate information possible.