

Renters Became the Majority Population in 22 Big US Cities

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Renters took over 22 of the largest cities

Though this shocking imbalance would have had to go on for a while longer to convert America into a renter nation, it was enough to tip the balance in some of the largest cities that used to be dominated by homeowners. In fact, renters have become the majority in almost a quarter of the 100 most populous cities.

Back in 2006 **only 20 out of the 100 largest cities had more renters than owners**. A decade was enough to boost the number of renter-dominated cities to 42.

The table below contains the 22 big cities where the number of renters has exceeded that of homeowners between 2006 and 2016.

Rank	City	Renter Share 2016	Renter Share 2006	Renter Share Change 2006 vs 2016
1	Toledo, OH	50.3%	38.3%	31.3%
2	Memphis, TN	56.6%	44.6%	27.0%
3	Tampa, FL	50.3%	39.7%	26.8%
4	Hialeah, FL	54.7%	43.2%	26.5%
5	Stockton, CA	53.6%	42.4%	26.2%
6	Honolulu, HI	56.1%	44.6%	25.7%
7	Anaheim, CA	57.9%	46.3%	25.1%
8	Baton Rouge, LA	52.0%	42.4%	22.4%
9	Santa Ana, CA	56.6%	48.2%	17.5%
10	Columbus, OH	55.1%	46.9%	17.5%
11	Detroit, MI	52.0%	44.3%	17.4%

Data Source: U.S. Census

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Methodology — Who is RENTCafe and How Did We Compile the Data?

- *RENTCafe is a nationwide apartment search website that enables renters to easily find apartments and houses for rent throughout the United States.*
- *In our study we have analyzed the largest 100 cities by population, comparing the number of people living in renter- and owner-occupied units in 2006 and 2016.*
- *The population data used in this research was provided by the U.S. Census Bureau's public databases (Population in Occupied Housing Units by Tenure).*
- *The population changes at national, state and city levels have been computed from the 2006 American Community Survey and the 2016 ACS One-Year Estimates.*