

A stylized graphic of a house roof. The roof is composed of several geometric shapes in shades of gray and red. The main roofline is a thick gray shape. Below it, there is a red triangular shape, and another gray shape that forms a smaller roof section on the left side. The overall effect is a layered, geometric representation of a house.

Intersection of Housing Insecurity with Gender-based Violence

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Agenda

- Case examples and statistics
- Background of housing insecurity
- Current state of housing
- Intersection with gender-based violence
- Future Vision



Case Example

- Words from a survivor communicating scarcity of affordable housing but how it can be a means of escape from violence
 - "I was lucky to get my housing. (...) Otherwise, I was in the street. (...) Because a lot of women endure the intolerable because they can't leave. **What let me leave was because I had that housing.** (...) Renting, it's \$800 for a small one-bedroom. And I don't know their financial situations, but there is no housing. In (city name) everything is full, affordable housing is all full. There are waiting lists for two years, three years, five years."

Case Example

- Words from a survivor further showing how affordability and safety are barriers when accessing housing
 - **“We left and I couldn’t find a single place to sleep or anything and I went back. I couldn’t find anywhere to go. I didn’t know about the help that there was. Once I left at night, walking, and my two children say let’s go, mommy, let’s go [away from the home]. They were very little. I left and went walking. I didn’t have money for the bus and I didn’t even know where I was going but, right then, I told them it was best for us to go back.”**

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Approximately **582,000** people experienced homelessness each day in 2022 (18 out of 10,000 people)

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38.3% of Americans are at risk of eviction or foreclosure

- **39.7%** of Bostonians are in these households

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In the U.S., **over 1 in 3** (36.4% or 43.6 million) adults experience intimate partner violence during their lifetime

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Approximately **one homeless woman in four** is homeless mainly because of her experiences with violence

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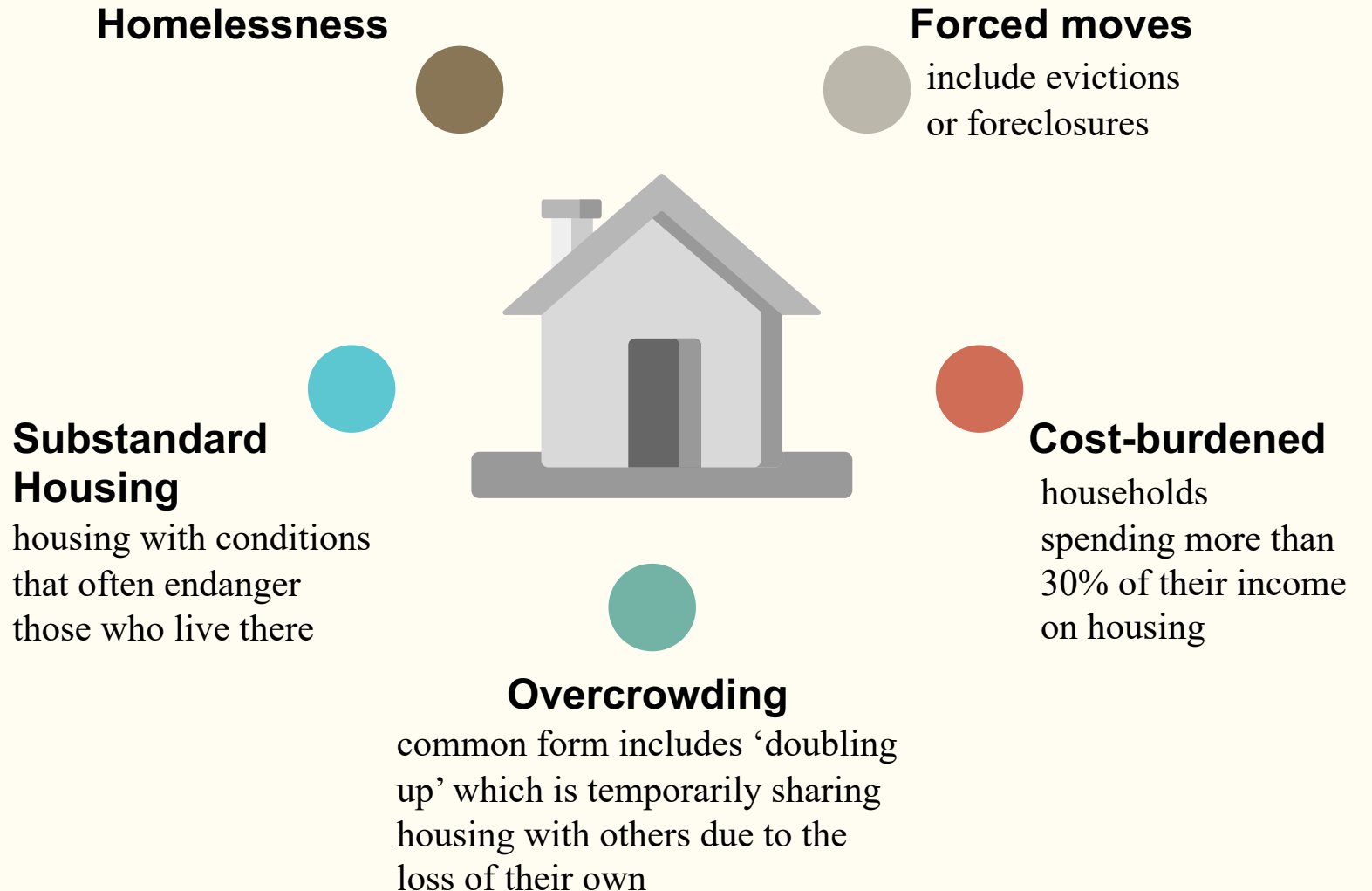
Approximately **84.5%** of DV survivors had unmet housing requests



Housing Insecurity

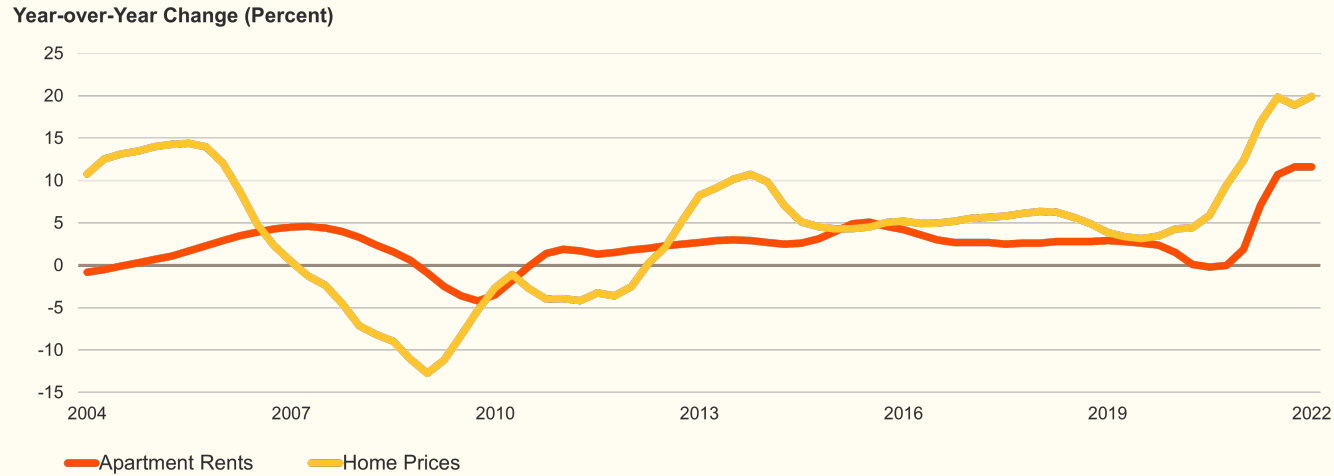
encompasses various housing problems people may experience, including affordability, safety, quality, insecurity, and loss of housing.

Types of Housing Insecurity:



U.S. State of Housing

Figure 1: Home Prices and Apartment Rents Soared to New Heights in 2021



Home price appreciation nationwide in 2021: **20%**
(highest jump in three decades)

Apartment rents in 2021: **12%**
(largest year over year increase in two decades)

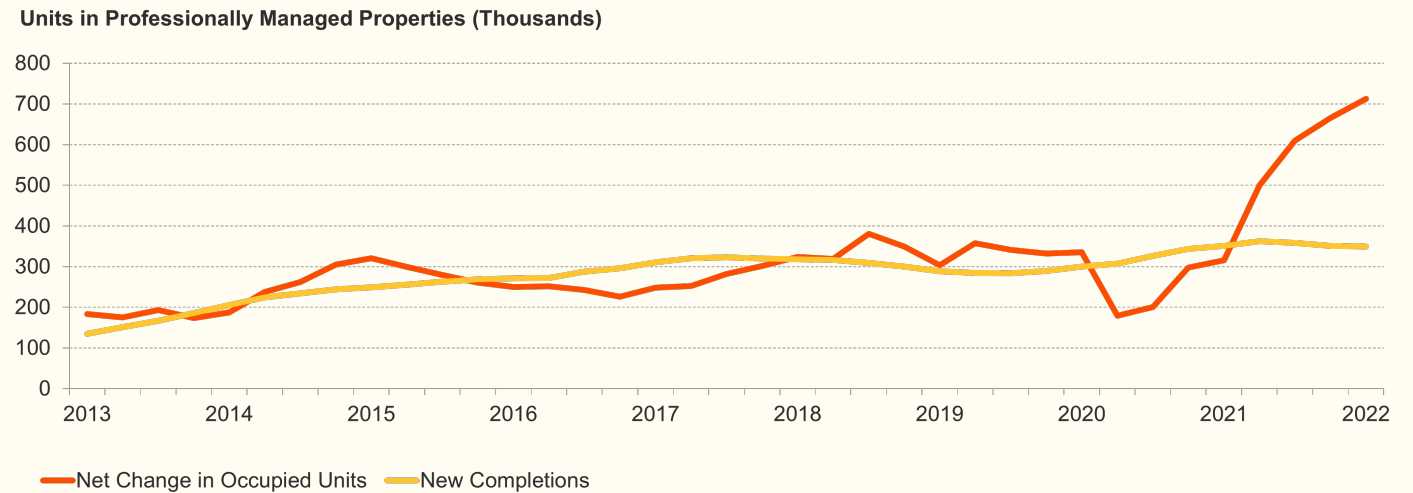
Home prices and rent growth are slowing in 2023, but the price for homes and rent are still at or near record highs.

Twice as much growth in demand than supply

The U.S. housing shortage affects all households but especially those who are lower income and cost-burdened.

Affordability continues to worsen due to high interest rates, savings needed to qualify for home loans and down payments, tight constraints on apartment and housing stock, etc.

Figure 2: Growth in Apartment Demand Far Outpaced Additions to Supply From 2021 to 2022



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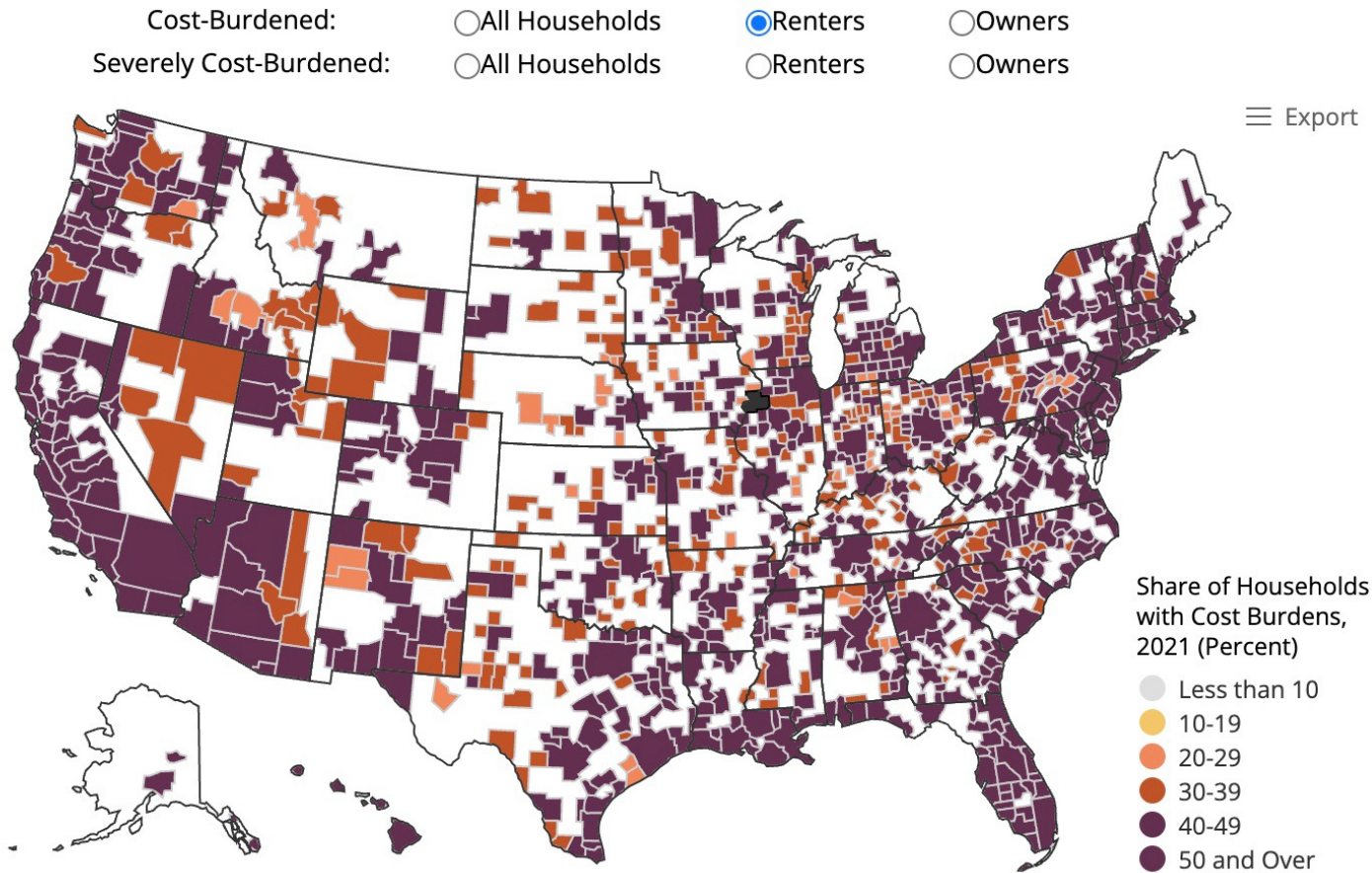


Figure 3: The percentage of cost-burdened renters across the U.S. are at record highs in 2023

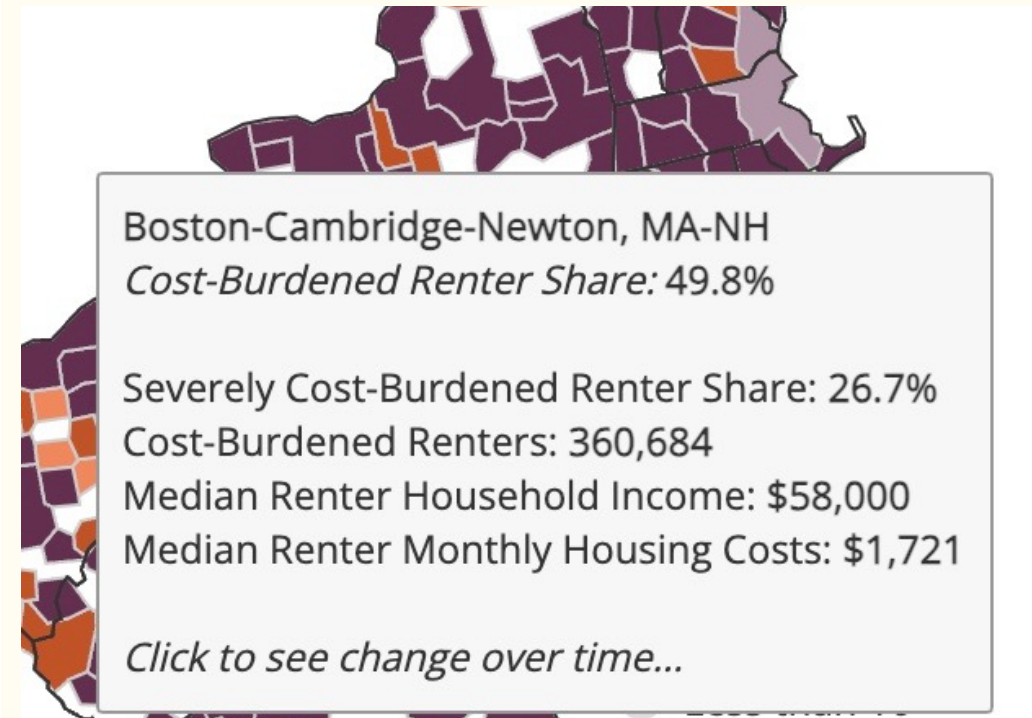
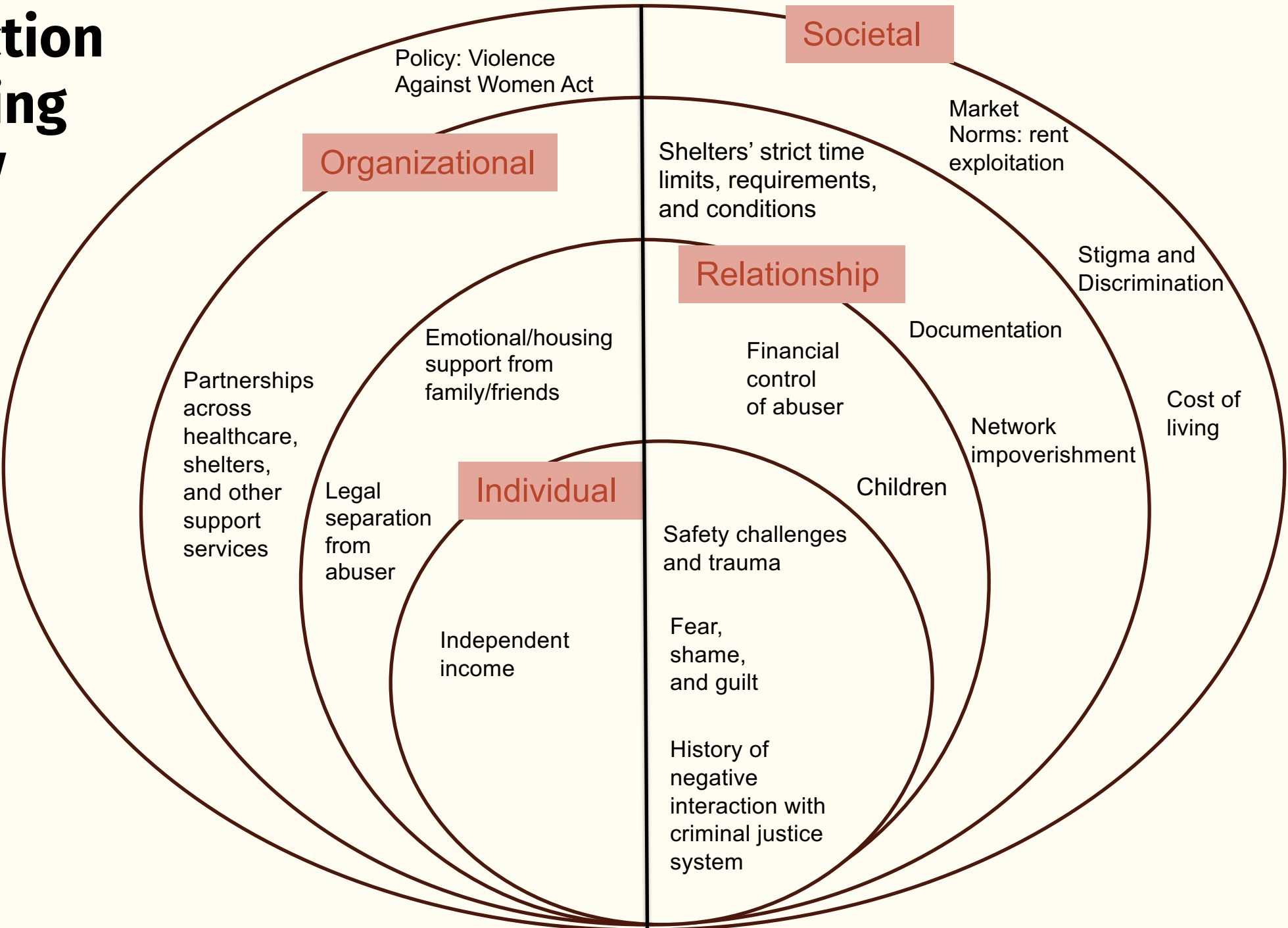


Figure 4: Massachusetts possesses a high percentage of cost-burdened renters

Intersection of Housing and GBV

Facilitators



Barriers

Future Vision

Research

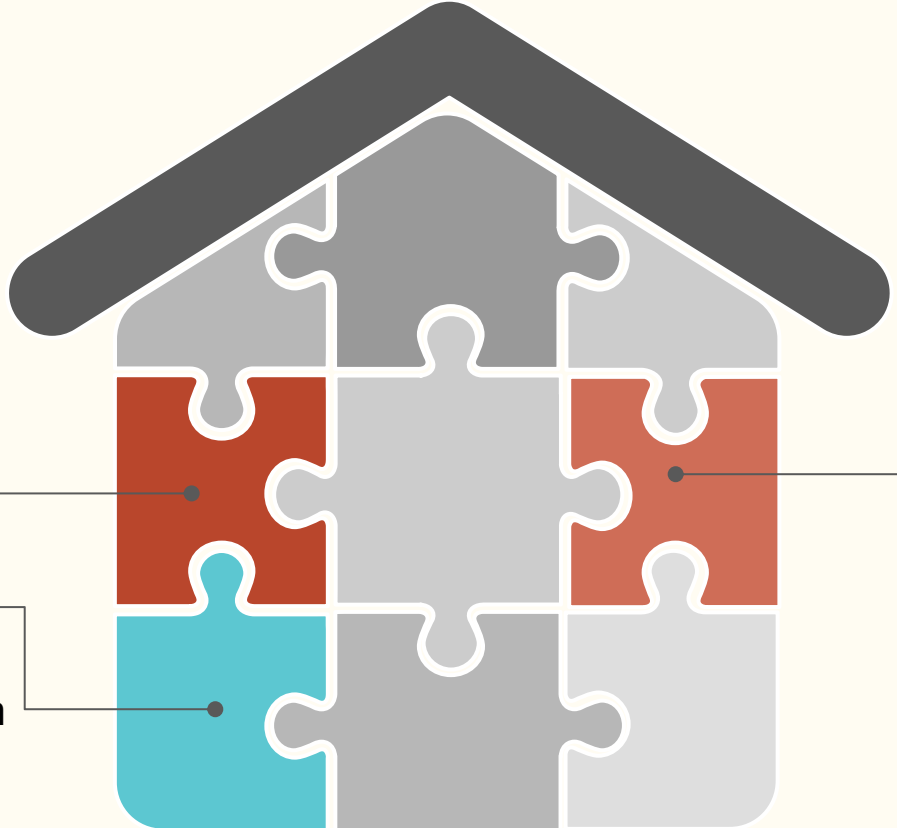
Current study → finding relationship between rent burden and number of calls to National Domestic Violence Hotline

Partnerships

- Medical students and trainees
- Local advocacy avenues outside hospital

Education

- How can healthcare providers inform housing agencies and policies, and vice versa?
- How can Strength and Serenity inform these support services and then directly or indirectly inform survivors of their options?





Thank You!



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