

# Housing Instability Index (HII)

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**Developed by the SHARE Study<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Score</b>
1.	In the past six months, how many times have you moved?	
2.	In the past 6 months, have you had to live somewhere that you didn't want to live? (Yes/No)	
3.	In the past 6 months, have you had difficulty (or were unable to) pay for your housing (Yes/No)	
4.	In the past 6 months, have you had to borrow money or ask friends/family or others for money to pay your rent/mortgage? (Yes/No)	
5.	Have you had trouble with a landlord in the last 6 months? (Yes/No)	
6.	In the past 6 months, has your landlord threatened to evict you? (Yes/No)	
7.	In the past 6 months, have you been served an eviction notice? (Yes/No)	
8.	Do you expect that you will be able to stay in your current housing for the next 6 months? (Yes/No)	
9.	Have you had trouble getting housing in the last 6 months? (Yes/No)	
10.	How likely is it that you'll be able to pay for your housing (rent or mortgage) this month? (Very Likely, Somewhat Likely, Somewhat Unlikely, Very Unlikely)	

**Scoring the Housing Instability Index:**

1 point for 3 or more moves (item 1)

1 point for each "yes" response to items 2-7 and 9

1 point for "no" response on item 8

1 point for "somewhat unlikely" or "very unlikely" response to question 10

**Total possible score is 10.**

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