

Housing Instability Index (HII)

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Item #	Question	Score
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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