

- South: Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Maryland experienced a decline in homeownership. Each of the three States which showed an increase were in the South Atlantic Division (South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia).
- West: Homeownership rates in Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada declined. Only Hawaii recorded a significant increase.

Homeownership rates varied in metro areas.

In 1989, homeownership rates in the 61 largest MSA's ranged from 34 percent in the New York, NY MSA to 77 percent in the Monmouth-Ocean, NJ MSA and the Nassau-Suffolk, NY MSA.

Homeownership rates in 5 of the 10 largest MSA's were higher in 1989 than in 1986: New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Detroit, MI; Washington, DC-MD-VA; and Atlanta, GA.

Overall decline in homeownership mainly resulted from decline in homeownership for nonmarried-couple family households.

Homeownership for households classified as nonmarried-couple families declined from 50 percent in 1982 to 47 percent in 1989. Also contributing to the overall decline in homeownership was a larger increase in nonfamily households compared to family households during the period. A smaller proportion of nonfamily households own homes than do family households, so a faster increase for them lowers the overall rate.

Homeownership rates for householders under 35 years old were lower.

The national homeownership rate for householders under 35 decreased or remained about the same from one year to the next

from 1982 to 1989. Unlike the rest of the country, the homeownership rate in the Northeast for householders under 35 years old increased from 1982 to 1989. In 1982, the homeownership rate for householders under 35 years old was 43 percent in the South and 37 percent in the Northeast; by 1989 the rates in the two regions were approximately the same: 41 percent. Homeownership rates for householders under 35 fell 3 percentage points in the Midwest and fell 4 percentage points in the West from 1982 to 1989.

For information on homeownership:

See *Homeownership Trends in the 1980's*, Current Housing Reports, Series H-121/90, No. 2. This publication is for sale for \$1.50 by Customer Services at the Census Bureau. Use (301)763-4100 for telephone orders.

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Homeownership Rates for Those Under 35 Years Old Declined in Most Regions

Homeownership rates for householders under 35 years old: 1982 and 1989

