

Methodology

Priced Out in 2010

Priced Out in 2010 assesses housing affordability for people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) across the United States. To complete this assessment, five separate data sets were used:

1. The final U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Market Rents (FMRs) effective October 1, 2010, for each state, county, and housing market area in the United States. These rent limits are based on the cost of modest rental housing and are calculated annually by HUD for use in the Housing Choice Voucher program. A housing unit at FMR is meant to be modest, not luxurious, costing less than the typical unit of that bedroom size in that city or county. The FMRs used in *Priced Out in 2010* can be found on HUD's website at www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/fmr.html.

2. 2010 median incomes for one-person households used by HUD to determine the income limits for federal housing programs, including the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program and the Housing Choice Voucher program. Data on annual HUD income limits are available on HUD's website at: www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html.

3. 2010 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for individuals with disabilities living independently from *State Assistance Programs for SSI Recipients, January, 2010*, a publication of the Office of Research,

Evaluation, and Statistics of the U.S. Social Security Administration. The SSI payment is made up of the federal SSI payment of \$674 in 2010, plus the optional state supplement in the 21 states that uniformly provide a state-determined, state-funded additional amount to all SSI recipients who live independently in the community. Data regarding 2010 SSI payments and supplements can be found online at www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/progdesc/ssi_st_asst/2010/index.html. The authors computed the national SSI amount based on the average of the SSI amount in each state.

4. The Housing Wage computed by the National Low Income Housing Coalition as part of their publication, *Out of Reach 2010: Renters in the Great Recession, the Crisis Continues*, which is available online at www.nlihc.org/OOR/OOR2010/.

5. Renter household information also provided by the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Data included in *Priced Out in 2010* has been weighted to reflect the number of renter households residing in each housing market area of the country in order to provide the most accurate information possible.