

Data Walk: Cowley County
HOUSING

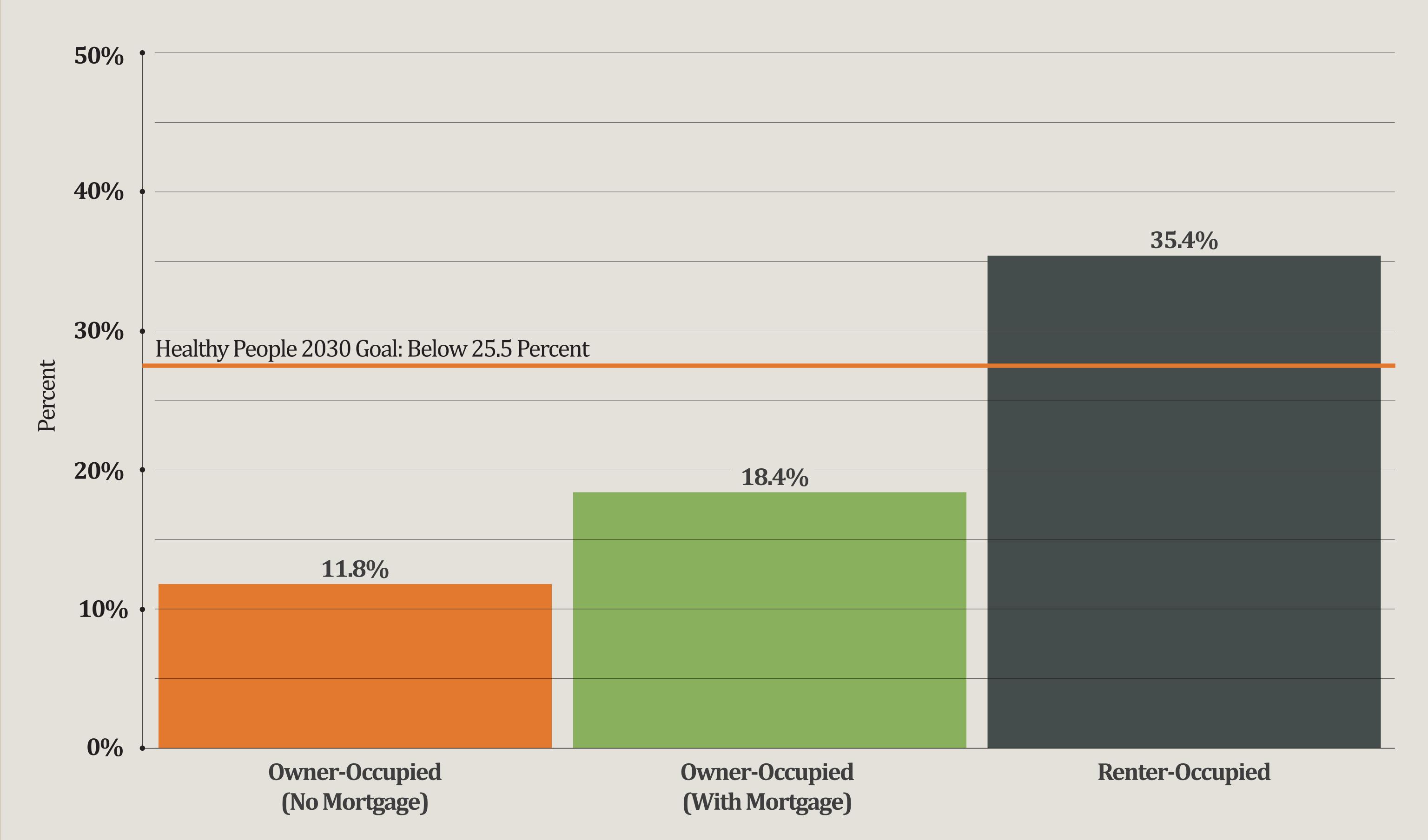
What This Measures: -

The percent of households by type without affordable housing. Affordable housing is defined nationally as spending no more than 30 percent of gross income on housing costs including utilities.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

More than 1/3 renters in Cowley County do not have affordable housing.

Percent of Cowley County Residents Without Affordable Housing by Housing Arrangement, 2016-2020 5-Year Estimate



Note: Number of housing units = 4,503 for owner-occupied (no mortgage), 4,792 for owner-occupied (with mortgage) and 3,871 for renter-occupied. Without affordable housing is calculated as the percent of households spending more than 30 percent of their gross income on housing costs (including utilities) by situation.

Source: Kansas Health Institute analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (2016-2020) 5-year estimates.

When families must spend a large portion of their income on housing, they may not have enough money to pay for things like

healthy food or healthcare. This is linked to increased stress, mental health problems, and an increased risk of disease.

The Healthy People 2030 national health target is to reduce the proportion of families that spend more than 30 percent of income on housing to 25.5 percent.



(Source: Healthy People 2030)





