

The federal government defines affordable rent for low-income families as paying no more than 30% of household income. The Trump Administration is proposing to increase rents for those with federal rental assistance, including Section 8, from 30% of adjusted income to 35% of their gross income. Below is an assessment of the impact on New York City residents with Section 8 rental assistance vouchers.

Non-Elderly and Non-Disabled Head of Household no Children <i>(voucher holders)</i>	
Average household gross income	\$19,961
Average increase impact per household	\$99
Average increase in rent (%)	19%

Non-Elderly and Non-Disabled Head of Household with Children <i>(voucher holders)</i>	
Average household gross income	\$22,444
Average increase impact per household	\$97
Average increase in rent (%)	20%

Cost of Living in New York City <i>(one adult and one child, across 5 boroughs – assumes no additional assistance from SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, or free childcare)*</i>	
Item	Cost
Food (assuming no take-out or restaurant meals)	\$653
Childcare (less Child Care Tax Credit and Child Credit)	\$1,244/child
Transportation	\$121/person
Healthcare (coverage and out of pocket costs)	\$720
Cost of Living without Rent	\$2,738 - Monthly \$32,856 - Annual

In Focus

Over 125,000 families in NYC rely on Section 8 for their housing, nearly half of whom are seniors or disabled, and a quarter of whom have children.

Section 8 in New York City

- Rent increases would affect **28,016 Section 8 households** with a non-elderly and non-disabled head of household with children.
- Rent increases would affect **23,986 Section 8 households** with a non-elderly and non-disabled head of household with no children.
- Over **35,000 seniors** would face increased rent costs.

* Estimates from Economic Policy Institute Family Budget Calculator