

Including child support payments in rent calculations could help noncustodial parents struggling to financially and emotionally provide for their children



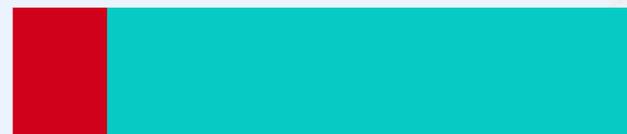
Noncustodial parents are parents who do not have custody of their children under age 21.

Housing assistance refers to federal or state rental assistance, such as Public Housing or Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs.

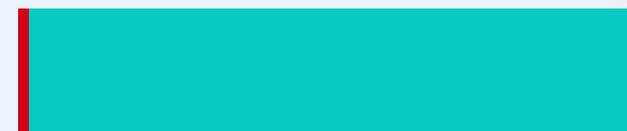
Over **1 in 5** of the 12.6 million noncustodial parents earn **below 80%** of their area's median income.

The average noncustodial parent eligible for rental assistance pays **\$2800** annually in child support.

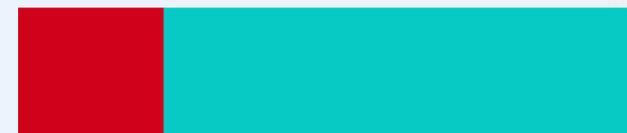
14% of noncustodial parents paying child support are eligible for rental assistance



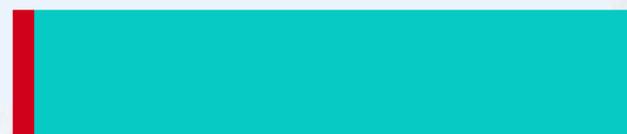
But only **2%** of them receive it



24% of noncustodial parents with another child in the household are eligible for rental assistance



But only **4%** of them receive it



If Housing Authorities Included Child Support Payments in Rent Calculations:

50-80 thousand

more noncustodial parents would be **eligible for rent assistance**

\$550

decrease in annual rent for noncustodial parents who pay child support and receive rent assistance

The data used in this brief are based on TRIM3 analysis of the 2016 Current Population Survey Child Support Supplement match file and the 2016 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic supplement.

Note that the TRIM3 baseline alignment process uses administrative data that does not directly control for custodial or noncustodial parent status.

