

Portable Solar

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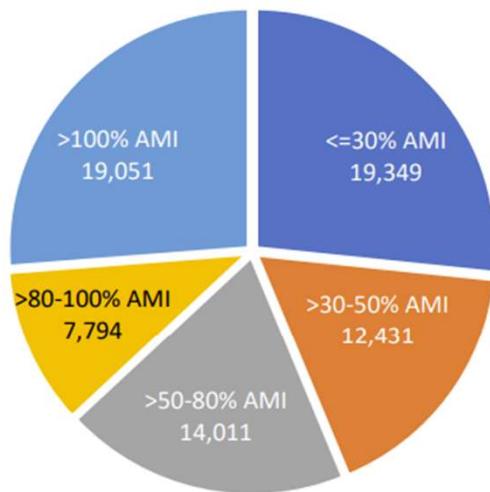
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Why Portable, Plug-in Solar?

**Plug-in solar
increases
access to
solar.**

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Renter households by income level

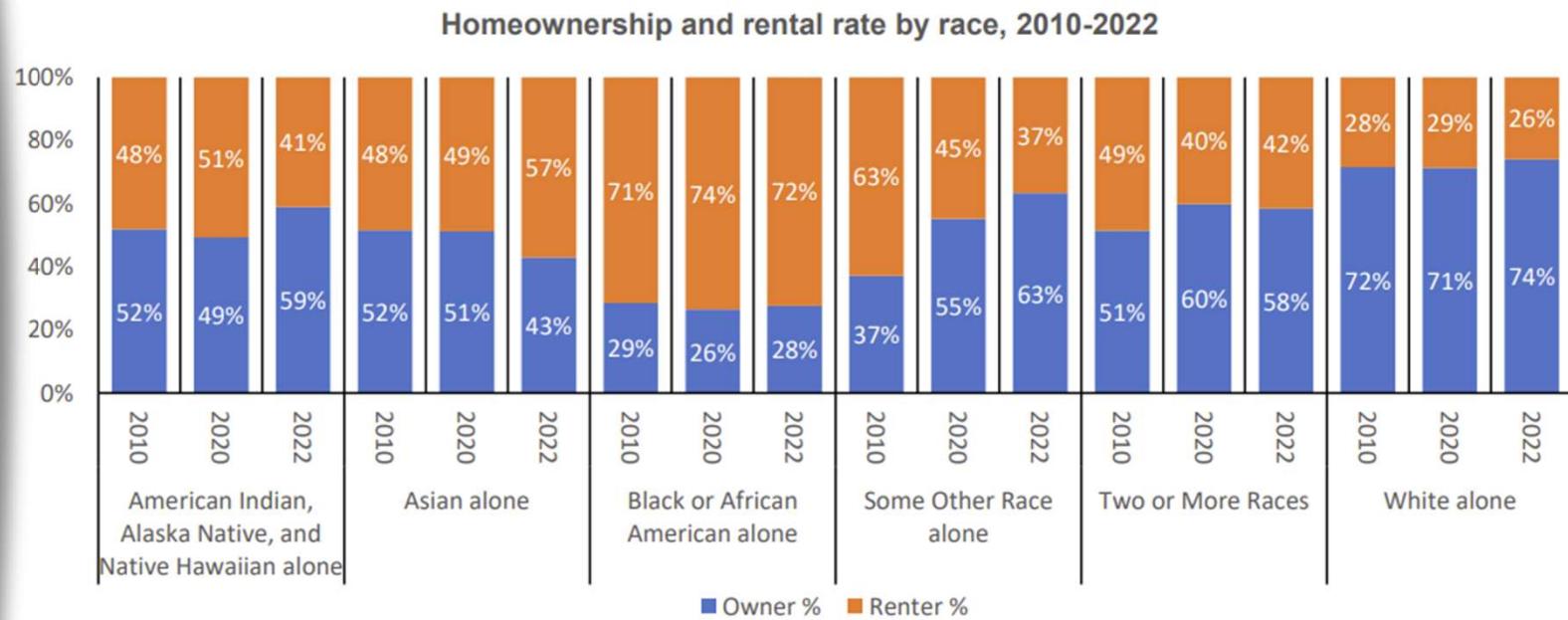


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2018-2022

Area Median Income (AMI) group	Household Income
30% AMI	\$22,204
50% AMI	\$37,007
80% AMI	\$59,211
Statewide Median Income (100% AMI)	\$74,014
Renter Median Income	\$43,102
Homeowner Median Income	\$90,311

Source: HUD income guidelines and American Community Survey 5-year estimates 2018-2022

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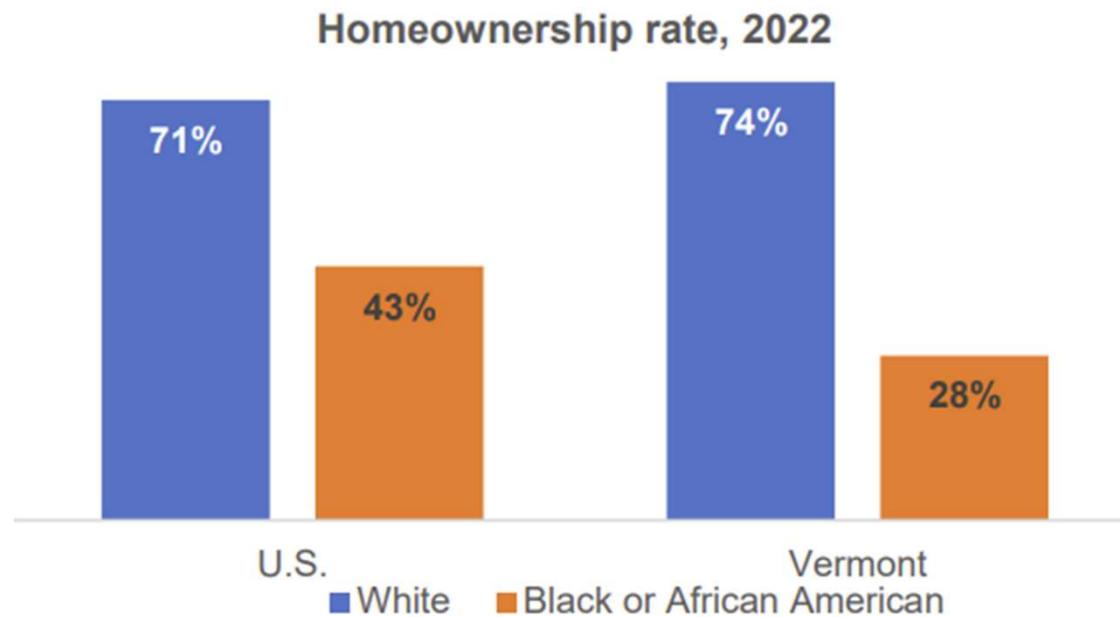


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Why Portable, Plug-in Solar?

- Makes solar accessible to people shut out today
- No or limited electrical work required
- No “soft costs” = lower total costs
- Allows people to “try out” solar
- Smaller - complements traditional solar
- Renters can take systems with them when they move

The Solution

Cut the red tape and let people do it

- No applications
- No permits
- No fees
- No wait time
- No asking for permission

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