

WHERE'S THE BUS? AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE VALUE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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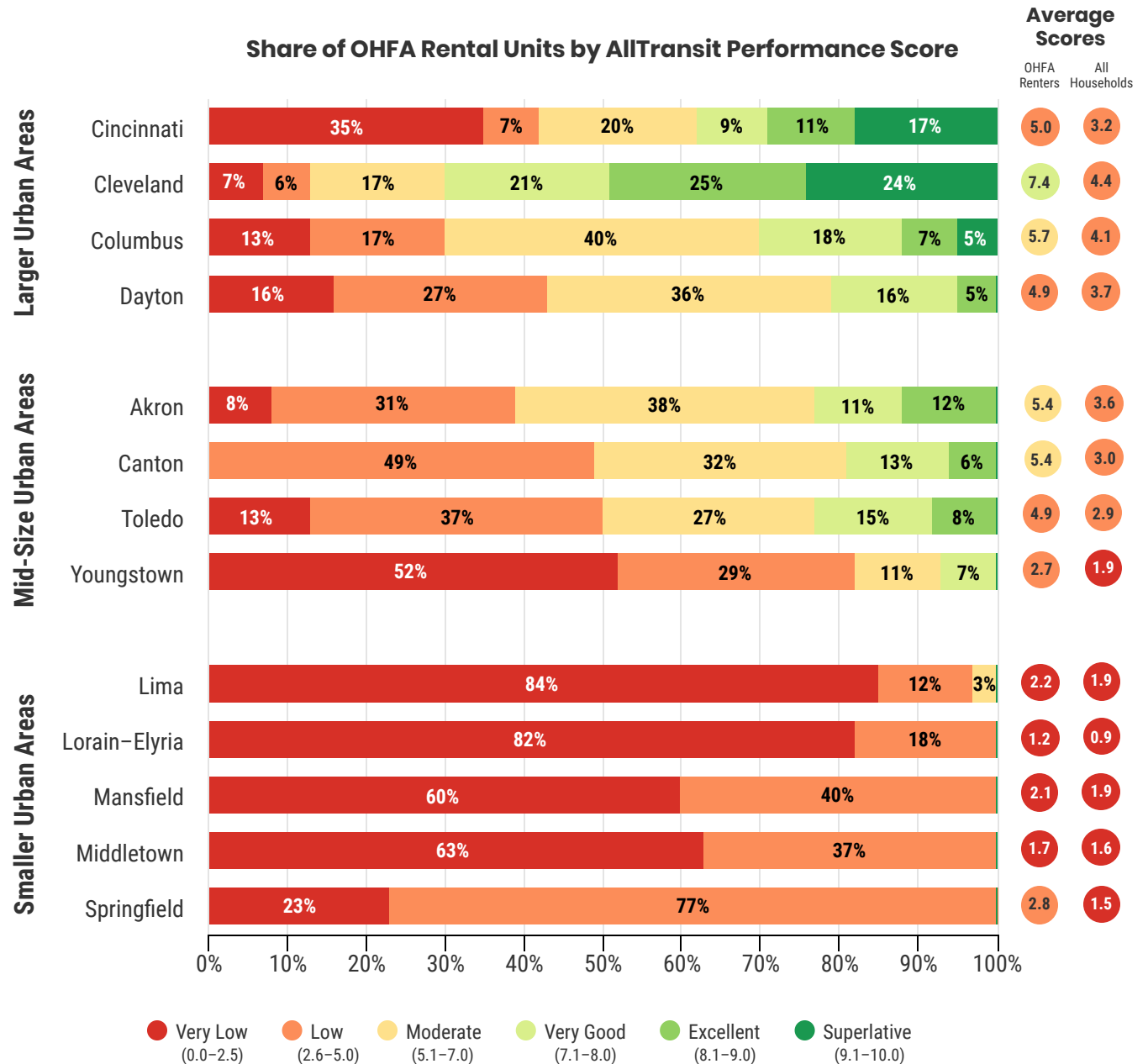
How well are low-income workers living in OHFA-financed affordable rental units served by local transit? Across 13 urban areas in Ohio, OHFA renters are better served by transit than the average household. Yet the quality of access varies substantially based on the size of the urban area.

This infographic uses the location of OHFA rental properties and the AllTransit Performance Score—a neighborhood-level measure of transit connectivity, access and frequency from the Center for Neighborhood Technology—to show how access to transit and jobs vary across Ohio communities.

OHFA renters have better access to transit in most mid-size and larger urban areas, such as Cleveland and Akron, where the gap between scores can be as great as three points. However, in smaller communities, where the vast majority of OHFA properties score 'low' or 'very low' on the index, the average OHFA renter is not much better off than commuters in general. Access to jobs is important for low-income workers, who face higher daily costs to get to work without transit. While OHFA aims to ensure properties have access to transit, this infographic shows the continued need for accessible transit in smaller communities.

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Note: The AllTransit Performance Score combines transit information with data on jobs from the Census Bureau to produce a single metric of the value of transit as a 0–10 index, with 10 being the best.



Source: AllTransit, Center for Neighborhood Technology; OHFA DevCo data (as of December 31, 2018)