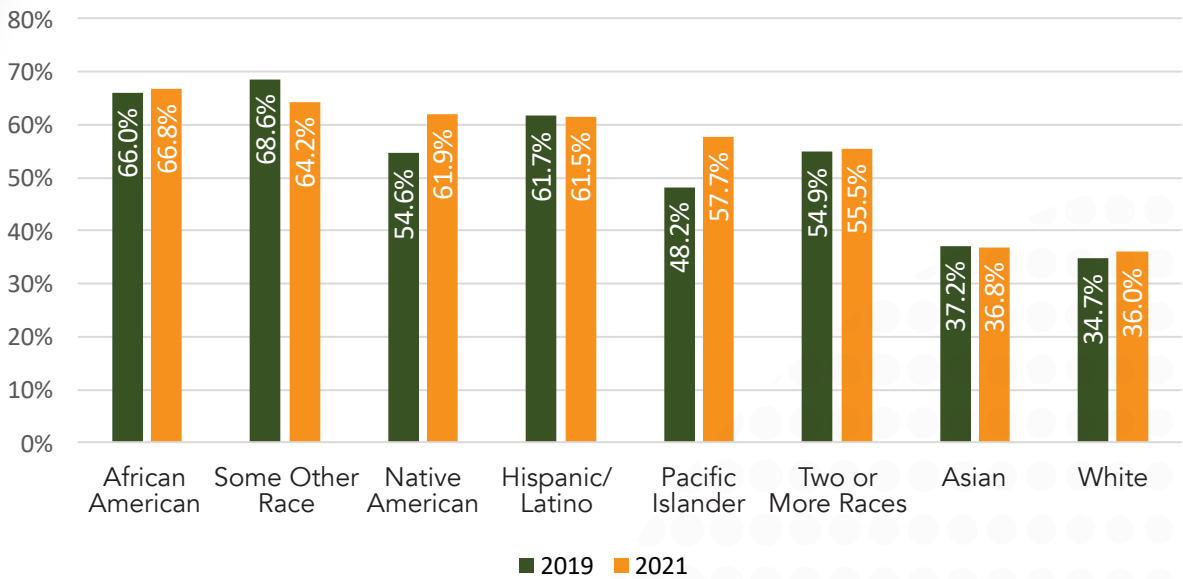


As increased interest rates have reduced housing affordability dramatically in the past year, more residents have been pushed to renting, with the overall renter-occupied housing rate in the county increasing from 42.9 percent in 2019 to 43.5 percent in 2021. This trend is true of most racial and ethnic groups. The largest increase occurred for Pacific Islanders, whose rental rate increased by 9.5 percentage points, followed by Native American residents (+7.3 percentage points) and White residents (+1.3 percentage points). Despite this overall increase in the proportion of renters, residents who identify as 'some other race' saw their proportion of renters fall 4.4 percentage points, followed by the number of Asian residents, which declined by 0.4 percentage points, and the number of Hispanic/Latino residents, which declined by 0.2 percentage points.

HOUSING COSTS PUSHING INCREASED PROPORTION OF POPULATION TO RENTING

RENTER-OCCUPIED HOUSING RATES BY RACE OR ETHNICITY IN ORANGE COUNTY, 2019 AND 2021



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates