

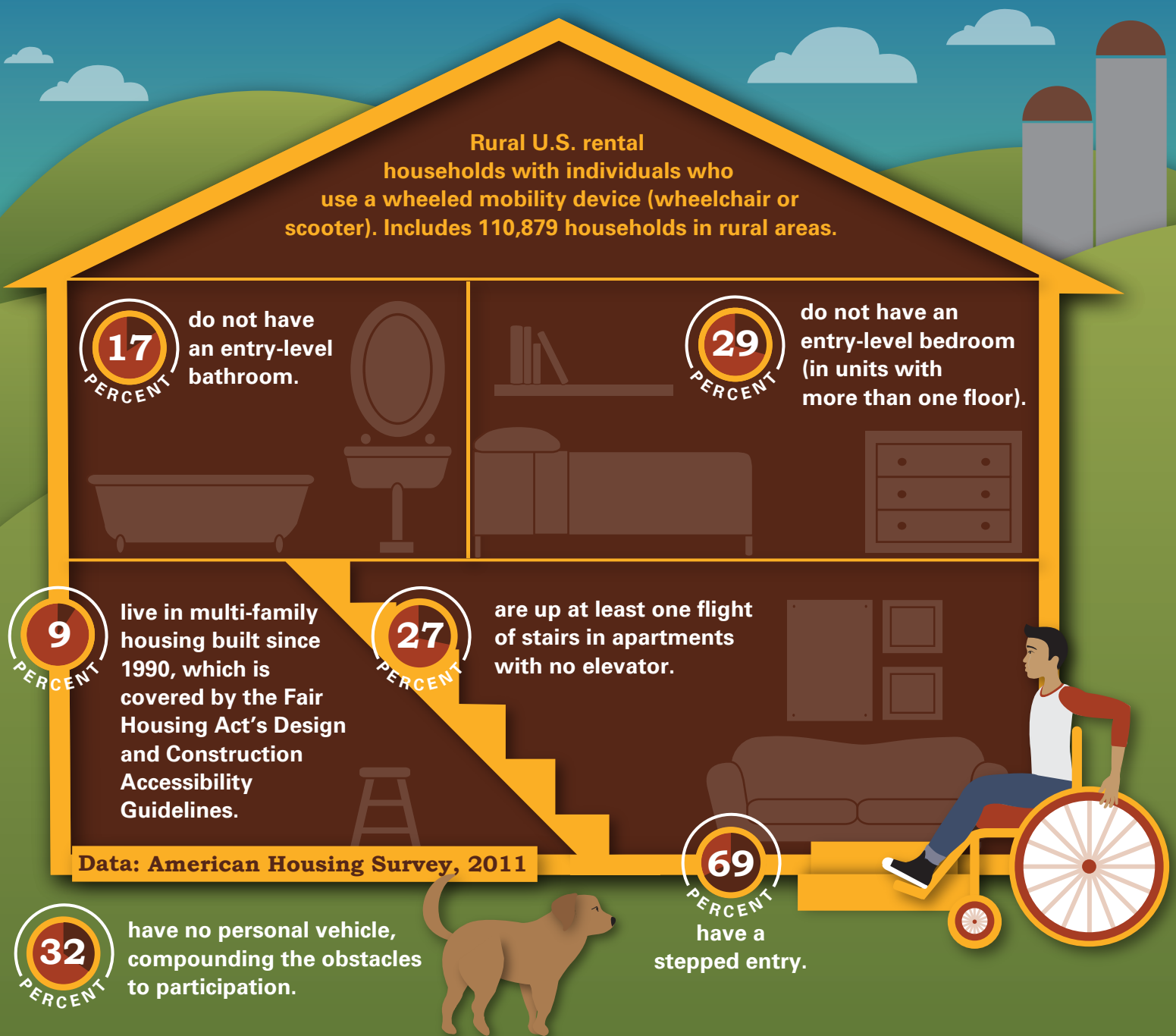


# RURAL HOUSING *for* PEOPLE *with* DISABILITIES

## The On-ramp to Community Participation

### Why It Matters

Participation in the community starts at home. If people cannot maneuver safely in their homes or come and go as they please, their ability to participate in the community is reduced. For the majority of people with mobility impairments (whether chronic or newly acquired), it is not easy to leave home.



### Implications *for* Change



#### ADVOCATE

Where there is enough accessible housing, consumers and advocates could use new strategies to get people with disabilities into these units.



#### AMEND

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act provides for moving tenants out of accessible apartments when someone with a disability needs the apartment. Policymakers could amend the Fair Housing Act with a similar provision.



#### ACT

Most rental units are not covered by the Fair Housing Act's design and construction requirements. Policymakers must find alternative solutions to address housing usability and accessibility needs.

