

1775-1850s:

LAND BECOMES MORE ACCESSIBLE

After independence, land ownership required significant capital. As the nation expanded westward, the government made land purchases more accessible.



Minimum purchase size:

- 1796: 640 acres
- 1830s-1850s: 40 acres



Average land price:

- 1776: \$2.00/acre
- 1854: \$0.125/acre

Source: University of Houston

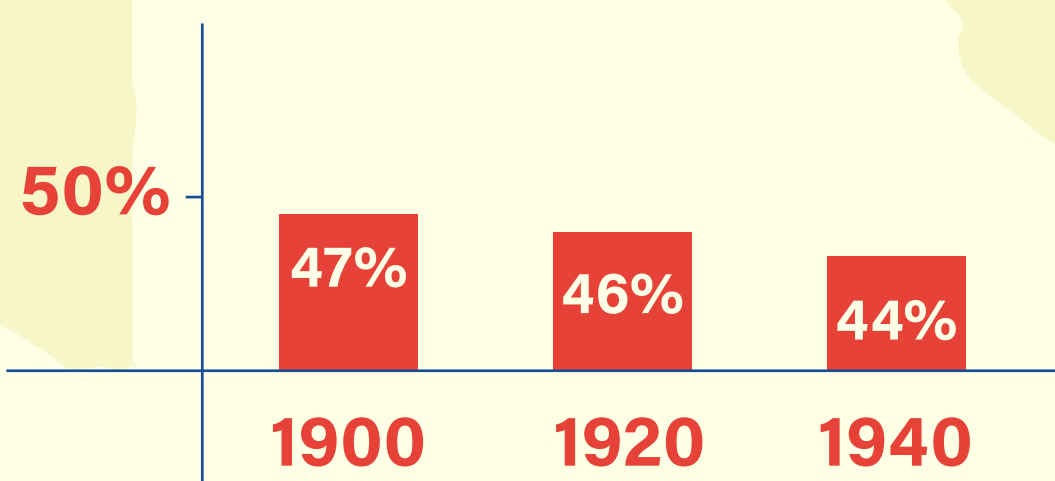
1860s-1930s:

URBANIZATION AND RENTING

The Industrial Revolution drove Americans to cities for jobs. As rural Americans left their multigenerational family homes behind to work in factories, renting in urban areas became more common.



Homeownership Rate:



Source: U.S. Census