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- A lack of affordable housing is contributing to an increase in homelessness
- In 2019, <u>48.4%</u> of renters were rentburdened
- Nearly <u>7 million</u> affordable homes are needed nationwide for the approximately <u>11 million</u> people in extremely low-income families
- In 2021, 32 states and the District of Columbia passed 184 bills related to housing and homelessness



Affordable Housing

States that Enacted Housing and Homelessness Legislation in 2021



Enacted Legislation

Did not enact legislation



Housing and Homelessness Legislation in 2022



- Enacted Legislation
- Introduced Legislation
- No legislation introduced or enacted



Potential Strategies for Addressing Housing Challenges











Enacting rent control and providing rental assistance

Building and rehabilitating affordable housing developments

Bolstering home ownership programs

Leveraging federal funding (ARPA)

Expanding shelter access, particularly for youth



- Colorado S 242: Allows local governments to utilize grants for the rental, acquisition, or renovation of hotels and motels to provide affordable housing for people experiencing homelessness.
- Connecticut S 356: Establishes an energy efficiency retrofit grant program for affordable housing.
- Hawaii H 79: Establishes an affordable homeownership revolving fund to facilitate greater homeownership opportunities for the state residents.
- Illinois H 449: Provides bridge rental subsidies for individuals at high risk of unnecessary institutionalization and individuals at high risk of overdose.



2021 Enacted Legislation on Affordable Housing







Kansas H 2187: Enacts the First Time Home Buyer Savings Account Act.

Maryland S 859: Establishes the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program to make financial assistance available to affordable housing developers working in low-income census tracts.

Texas H 707: Authorizes a study on expanding recovery housing in the state.

Utah H 34: Requires the Department of Health to apply for a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment for medical respite care for homeless individuals.

West Virginia H 1277: Provides for an additional revenue source for eviction prevention and housing stability services



- Alabama H 171: Extends the ability to create a first-time and second chance home buyer savings account and allows deposits for ten years.
- California A 411: Enacts the Veterans
 Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act.
- Florida S 962: Authorizes counties and municipalities to approve any residential development project on parcels zoned for commercial or industrial use if certain conditions are met.
- Indiana H 1028: Establishes the student hunger and homelessness study committee to study the prevalence of homelessness, housing insecurity, and food insecurity among students at state colleges and universities.



2022 Pending Legislation on Affordable Housing



- Minnesota H 3210: Expands existing programs to provide homelessness prevention assistance to families with minor children.
- Nebraska L 940: Appropriates federal funds for housing.
- New York A 1740: Requires affordable housing units to be equally distributed throughout building projects.
- Oregon D 55: Creates credits against income taxes for purchasing publicly supported housing to retain as affordable housing.
- South Carolina H 3938: Allows counties and municipalities to adopt voluntary inclusionary housing strategies to increase the availability of affordable housing.



2022 Pending Legislation on Affordable Housing







- Administrative updates
- Development and funding
 - Land trusts, density bonuses, tax incentives
- Eviction prevention
- Mortgage and financing assistance
 - First time homebuyers' programs
- Workforce development and training opportunities
- Housing for veterans
- Transit-oriented development

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- Housing and Homelessness Database
- Economic Mobility Database
- Evictions and the Pandemic, Podcast
- Youth Homelessness Overview
- Is the American Dream Still a Reality?
 Exploring Upward Economic Mobility,
 Webinar
- Subscribe to policy newsletters



Additional NCSL Resources

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