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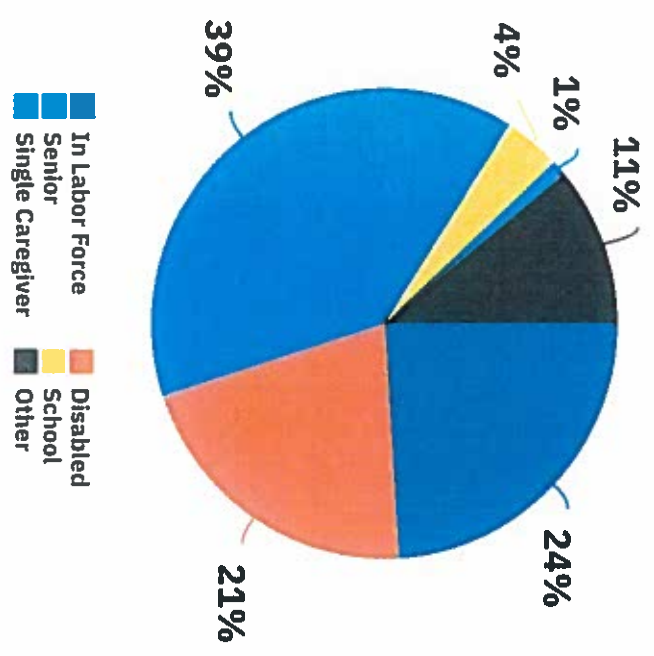
Across Rhode Island, there is a shortage of rental homes affordable and available to extremely low income households (ELI), whose incomes are at or below the poverty guideline or 30% of their area median income (AMI). Many of these households are severely cost burdened, spending more than half of their income on housing. Severely cost burdened poor households are more likely than other renters to sacrifice other necessities like healthy food and healthcare to pay the rent, and to experience unstable housing situations like evictions.

KEY FACTS

45,103	\$26,970	\$46,885	56%
OR	-21,678		

Renter households that are extremely low income
 Maximum income for 4-person extremely low income household (state level)
 Shortage of rental homes affordable and available for extremely low income renters
 Annual household income needed to afford a two-bedroom rental home at HUD's Fair Market Rent.
 Percent of extremely low income renter households with severe cost burden

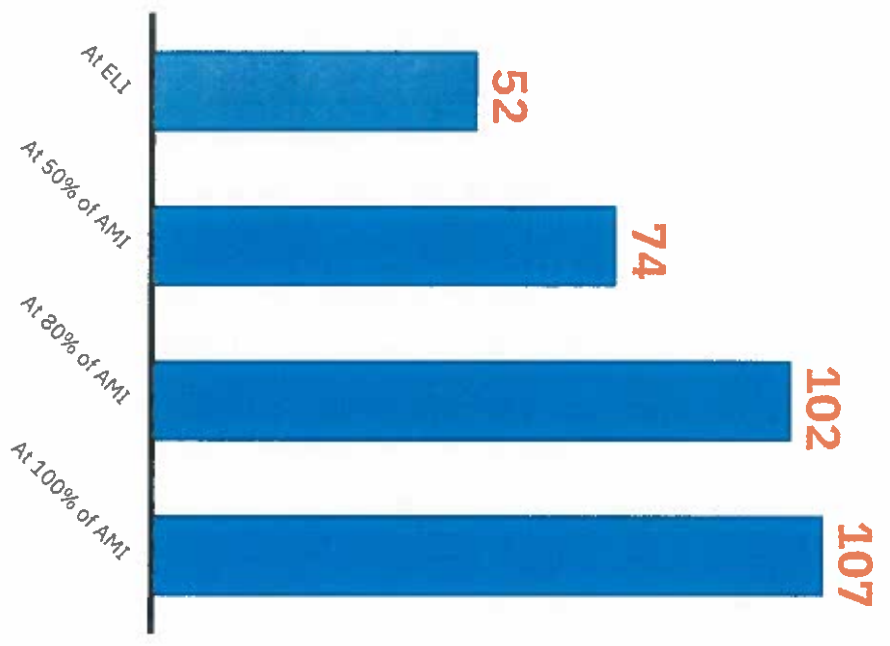
EXTREMELY LOW INCOME RENTER HOUSEHOLDS



Note: Mutually exclusive categories applied in the following order: senior, disabled, in labor force, enrolled in school, single adult caregiver of a child under 7 or a person with a disability, and other. At the national level, 14% percent of extremely low income renter households include a single adult caregiver, more than half of whom usually work more than 20 hours per week. More than 10% of extremely low-income renter households are enrolled in school, 48% of whom usually work more than 20 hours per week.

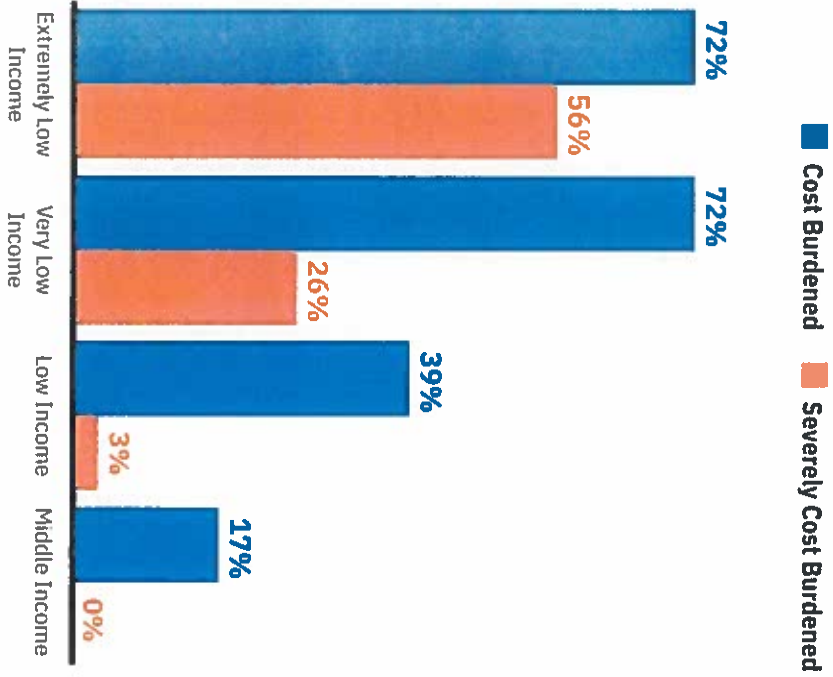
Source: 2019 ACS PUMS.

AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE HOMES PER 100 RENTER HOUSEHOLDS



Source: NLHC tabulations of 2019 ACS PUMS

HOUSING COST BURDEN BY INCOME GROUP



Note: Renter households spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs and utilities are cost burdened; those spending more than half of their income are severely cost burdened.

Source: NLHHC tabulations of 2019 ACS PUMS



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Become an NLIHC State Partner

NLIHC's affiliation with our state coalition partners is central to our advocacy efforts. Although our partners' involvement varies, they are all housing and homeless advocacy organizations engaged at the state and federal level. Many are traditional coalitions with a range of members; others are local organizations that serve more informally as NLIHC's point

of contact.

Inquire about becoming a state partner by contact





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HTF Implementation Information

NLIHC continues working with leaders in each state and the District of Columbia who will mobilize advocates in support of HTF allocation plans that benefit ELI renters to the greatest extent possible. Please contact the point person coordinating with NLIHC in your state (below) to find out about the public participation process and how you can be involved. Email [Tori Bouret](mailto:vbouret@nlihc.org) (<mailto:vbouret@nlihc.org>) with any questions.



Current Year HTF Allocation

\$3,000,000

[See Allocation Amount for Prior Year \(https://nlhfc.org/sites/default/files/NHTF_StateAllocations.pdf\)](https://nlhfc.org/sites/default/files/NHTF_StateAllocations.pdf)

HTF State Resources

2019

[REP and Scoring for HTE and HOME \(https://nlhfc.org/sites/default/files/inline-](https://nlhfc.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Rhode%20Island%20RFP%20and%20Scoring_HOME_HTF_Round_6_2019.pdf)

[files/Rhode%20Island%20RFP%20and%20Scoring_HOME_HTF_Round_6_2019.pdf\)](https://nlhfc.org/sites/default/files/Rhode_Island_2019-DRAFT-ANNUAL-ACTION-PLAN-2.pdf) (PDF)

[Draft Annual Action Plan, HTF starting on page 31 \(https://nlhfc.org/sites/default/files/Rhode_Island_2019-DRAFT-ANNUAL-ACTION-PLAN-2.pdf\)](https://nlhfc.org/sites/default/files/Rhode_Island_2019-DRAFT-ANNUAL-ACTION-PLAN-2.pdf) (PDF)

2018

[Final Annual Action Plan, with HTF](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/RI_Action_Plan_PY18.pdf) ([https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/RI Action Plan PY18.pdf](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/RI_Action_Plan_PY18.pdf))[discussion](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/RI_Action_Plan_PY18.pdf)

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[https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/RI Action Plan PY18.pdf](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/RI_Action_Plan_PY18.pdf)) (PDF)

2017

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[https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/RI Annual Action Plan PY17.pdf](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/RI_Annual_Action_Plan_PY17.pdf)) (PDF)

[Draft Annual Action Plan](http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/filelibrary/Annual_Action_Plan_PY17-Public_Comment_Draft.pdf) ([http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/filelibrary/Annual Action Plan PY17-Public Comment Draft.pdf](http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/filelibrary/Annual_Action_Plan_PY17-Public_Comment_Draft.pdf)), with

HTF discussion pages 28-32 (PDF)

[Public participation notice for 2017 Action Plan](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/2017_Annual_Action_Plan_Public_Hearing_Notice.pdf)

[https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/2017 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing Notice.pdf](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/2017_Annual_Action_Plan_Public_Hearing_Notice.pdf)) (PDF)

2016

[HUD-Approved HTF Allocation Plan](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/HUD-Approved-RI-HTF-2016-Allocation-Plan-HUD-Approved.pdf) (<https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/HUD-Approved-RI-HTF-2016-Allocation-Plan-HUD-Approved.pdf>) (PDF)

[July 29 Version sent to HUD](http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/filelibrary/HTF_Allocation_7.29.16_DRAFT.pdf) ([http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/filelibrary/HTF Allocation 7.29.16 DRAFT.pdf](http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/filelibrary/HTF_Allocation_7.29.16_DRAFT.pdf)) (PDF)

[Final HTF Allocation Plan by Rhode Island Housing](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/nhtf/ri/RI_HTF_Allocation_Plan_Final.pdf) ([https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/nhtf/ri/RI HTF Allocation Plan Final.pdf](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/nhtf/ri/RI_HTF_Allocation_Plan_Final.pdf)) (PDF)

[HTF Model Allocation Plan](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/NHTF_Model-Allocation-Plan.pdf) ([https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/NHTF Model-Allocation-Plan.pdf](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/NHTF_Model-Allocation-Plan.pdf)) (PDF)

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State Entity Webpage

[Rhode Island Housing \(https://www.rihousing.com/\)](https://www.rihousing.com/)

NHTF-specific page

[Builders and Developers \(https://www.rihousing.com/builders-developers\)](https://www.rihousing.com/builders-developers)

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Housing Profiles

STATE HOUSING PROFILE

[State Housing Profile: Rhode Island](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/SHP_RI.pdf) (https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/SHP_RI.pdf) ([PDF](#))
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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT HOUSING PROFILE

[Congressional District Profile: Rhode Island](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/Housing%20Profiles/2019-Congressional/RI.pdf) (<https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/Housing%20Profiles/2019-Congressional/RI.pdf>) ([PDF](#))

Research and Data

NATIONAL HOUSING PRESERVATION DATABASE

The [National Housing Preservation Database](https://preservationdatabase.org/) (https://preservationdatabase.org/) is an address-level inventory of federally assisted rental housing in the United States.

OUT OF REACH: THE HIGH COST OF HOUSING

Out of Reach documents the gap between renters' wages and the cost of rental housing. In [Rhode Island](https://reports.nlihc.org/oor) (https://reports.nlihc.org/oor) and [Nationwide](https://reports.nlihc.org/oor) (https://reports.nlihc.org/oor)

THE GAP: A SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOMES

The Gap represents data on the affordable housing supply and housing cost burdens at the national, state, and metropolitan levels. In [Rhode Island](https://reports.nlihc.org/gap/2017/ri) (https://reports.nlihc.org/gap/2017/ri) and [Nationwide](https://reports.nlihc.org/gap) (https://reports.nlihc.org/gap)

Other Links

[Rhode Island's State Housing Wage](https://reports.nlihc.org/oor/rhode-island) (https://reports.nlihc.org/oor/rhode-island)



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Protect and

Expand the

National

Housing Trust

Fund

Pass a Budget with

Strong Support for

Affordable Housing

Programs

Opportunity Zones Must

Benefit Low Income

People and Long-Term

Residents

Sign the letter to Congress

Contact your members of Congress

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Rental Assistance

NLIHC has estimated a need for no less than [\\$100 billion](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Needs-for-Workers-Struggling-due-to-COVID-19.pdf) (<https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Needs-for-Workers-Struggling-due-to-COVID-19.pdf>) in emergency rental assistance and broke down the need and cost for [each state](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/May-2020-Rental-Assistance-Estimate-State-and-National-Costs.xlsx) (<https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/May-2020-Rental-Assistance-Estimate-State-and-National-Costs.xlsx>) (download Excel spreadsheet).

In response to COVID-19 and its economic fallout, many cities and states are creating or expanding rental assistance programs to support individuals and families impacted by the pandemic, and NLIHC is tracking [in-depth information](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/1/d/1hLfybfo9NYdIptQu5wghUpkXecimh3gaoqT7LU1JGc8/edit#gid=79194074) (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/1/d/1hLfybfo9NYdIptQu5wghUpkXecimh3gaoqT7LU1JGc8/edit#gid=79194074>) on these programs.

You can use the interactive map and searchable database to find state and local emergency rental assistance programs near you. You can also see the latest news on rental assistance programs through the state-by-state news tracker. Note that this is not a comprehensive list of all rental assistance programs as we continue to update frequently. If you are aware of a program not included in our database, please contact research@nlhc.org (<mailto:research@nlhc.org>).

[COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS](#)

[Shelter Closings](#)

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[State and Local News](#)

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[State Level Guidance](#)

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[Eviction Update](#)

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COVID-19 Resources Other

National Media

What to Know About Housing and Rent During the COVID-19 Emergency? <https://tinyurl.com/y74ox85d> (<https://tinyurl.com/y74ox85d>)

Arbor Realty Trust launched an innovative \$2 million rental assistance program to help thousands of tenants and families significantly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. Arbor is contributing \$1 million to the program and participating borrowers will match Arbor's advances to its tenants in need to help fill the rent gap during the hard-hit months of May and June. Together, the partnership program will provide \$2 million in relief. <https://tinyurl.com/y9r6x9vb> (<https://tinyurl.com/y9r6x9vb>)

