

Rising rents cause homelessness. Tenant Based Rental Assistance prevents it.

Affordable housing is out of reach for too many low-income Americans. This growing problem drives homelessness in states, cities, and counties across the nation.

In many communities, homeless assistance systems are housing more people than ever. Yet homelessness is on the rise.

That's because too many people have been priced out of their homes and forced into homelessness for the first time.

The housing affordability crisis represents a **massive strain on the nation's homelessness assistance systems** and undercuts the outstanding work happening in communities nationwide.

Having more affordable housing would help communities prevent homelessness in the first place.

Without adequate federal funding to help people afford housing, homelessness will continue to rise, and the social and fiscal costs will increase, too.

We must preserve and increase funding for programs that help pay rent for low-income families and veterans.

To turn the tide on homelessness, we must ensure the most vulnerable Americans can afford a place to live.

Emergency rental assistance was a lifeline for countless households during the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, as these emergency resources expire, low-income households will once again be put at immediate risk of eviction and ultimately homelessness.

Investments in affordable housing will help people stay connected to their communities and economic opportunities, give children more stability at school, and reduce the health risks families face.

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The number of states, metros, and counties in which a worker earning minimum wage can afford a two-bedroom rental home.

1 in 4

The number of households who can receive housing assistance under the current program budget, compared to the number who are eligible for it.

\$100

A \$100 increase in median rent is associated with a 9 percent increase in the estimated homelessness rate, according to the GAO.

32%

The average threshold of income spent on rent in a community before it can expect a more rapid increase in homelessness.

Support **\$32.1 billion** for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance account. This will boost the federal government's commitment to reducing homelessness, help people with low incomes afford a place to live, and move more families out of poverty.

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