



HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN AMERICA

Fact Sheet

Affordable Housing in America

- 20.6 million households now pay more than half of their income for housing, including seven out of ten households with annual incomes of less than \$15,000 (State of the Nation's Housing).
- Minimum wage earners are unable to afford even a one-bedroom home anywhere in the country (Out of Reach report).
- 57% of renters in cities live in areas where the fair market rent for a two-bedroom rental is not affordable even with two minimum wage jobs (Out of Reach Report).
- The 2013 Housing Wage is \$18.79, exceeding the \$14.32 hourly wage earned by the average renter by almost \$4.50 an hour (Out of Reach Report).

PUBLIC HOUSING

- Public housing is home to more than 2 million people, almost 40 percent of whom are children.
- Public housing faces an estimated at over \$26 billion backlog in capital repairs.
- 35 percent of residents in federally assisted housing have a disability; 31 percent are age 62 or older; and 38 percent are single-parent families (State of the Nation's Housing).
- 10,000 public housing units are lost every year (State of the Nation's Housing).
- For every 100 extremely low income households, there are only 30 affordable units available (Out of Reach report).

VOUCHER FUNDED ASSISTANCE

- The FY 2014 appropriations bill provides a nearly \$1 billion increase in HAP renewal funds.
- According to HUD, 2,383,143 ACC units received some form of voucher-funded assistance from 2012 to 2013.
- 13 percent of those receiving voucher funded assistance were part of the program for less than one year; 30 percent from one to five years; 52 percent from five to 20 years; and five percent received assistance for more than 20 years.
- 43 percent of residents paid between \$201 and \$350 total per month, with the average monthly payment nationally being \$305.

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