

Housing in the 21st Century: Affordable Housing Challenges and Solutions

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The Gap 2023

There is a national shortage of **7.3 million rental**

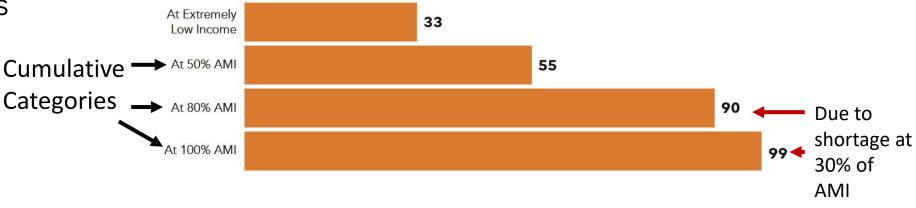
homes affordable and available to households with extremely low incomes.

Shortage increased by 500,000 during the pandemic.



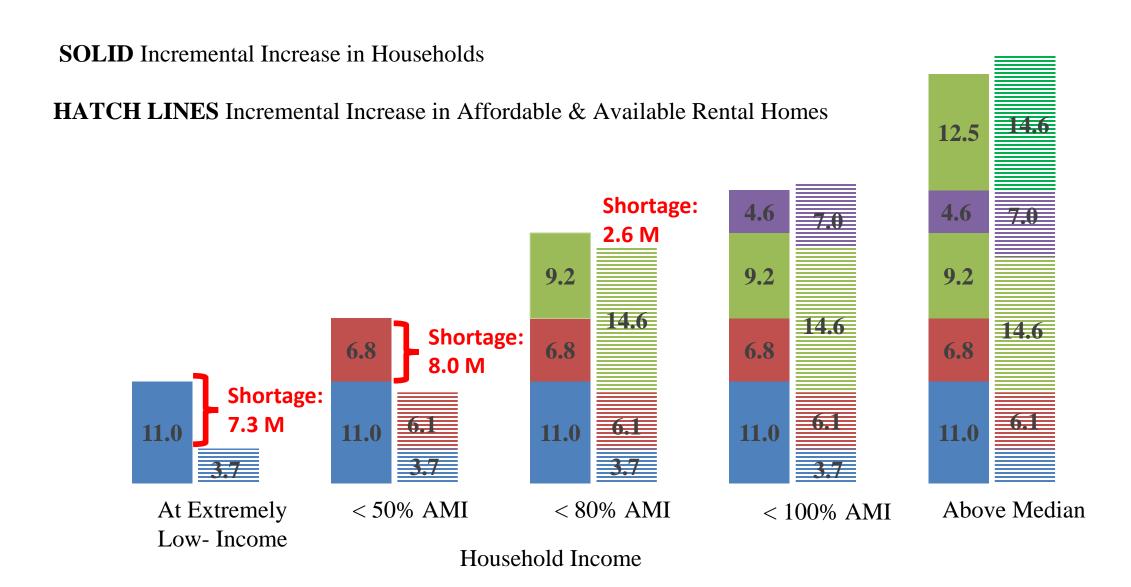
THE RELATIVE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE RENTAL HOMES INCREASES WITH INCOME

AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE RENTER HOMES PER 100 RENTER HOUSEHOLDS, 2021





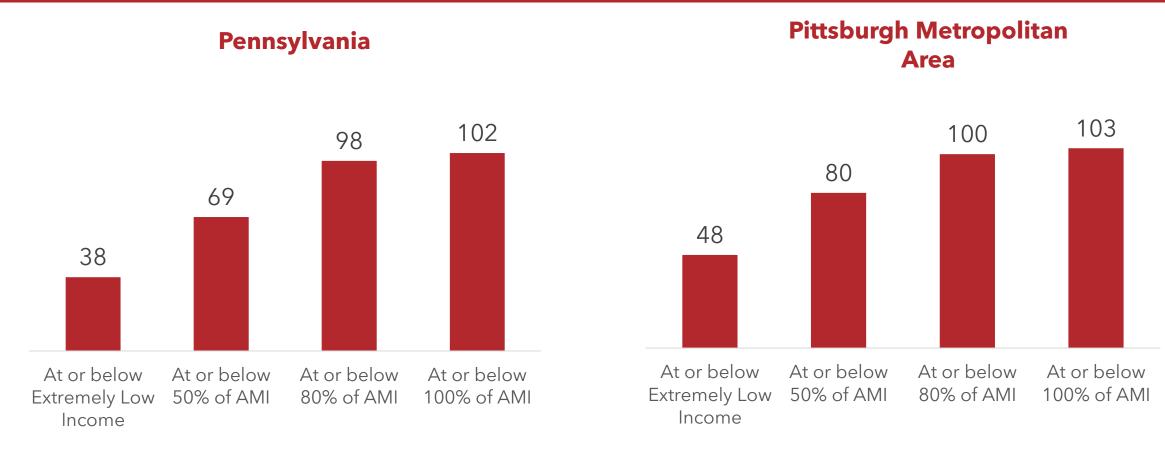
Renter Households and Affordable & Available Rental Homes



Affordable and Available Rental Homes in Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh Metro



Affordable and Available Rental Homes Per 100 Renters



LEAST SEVERE MOST SEVERE

Metropolitan Area	Affordable and Available Rental Homes per 100 Renter Households	Metropolitan Area	Affordable and Available Rental Homes per 100 Renter Households
Providence-Warwick, RI-MA	48	Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	14
Pittsburgh, PA	48	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	15
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	44	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	16
Kansas City, MO-KS	39	Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown, TX	16
Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	38	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	19
Cleveland-Elyra, OH	38	San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA	19
St. Louis, MO-IL	37	Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ	19
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	36	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	20
Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN	35	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	20
Hartford-East Hartford-Middletown, CT	35	Jacksonville, FL	21
		Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	21

Source: 2021 ACS PUMS

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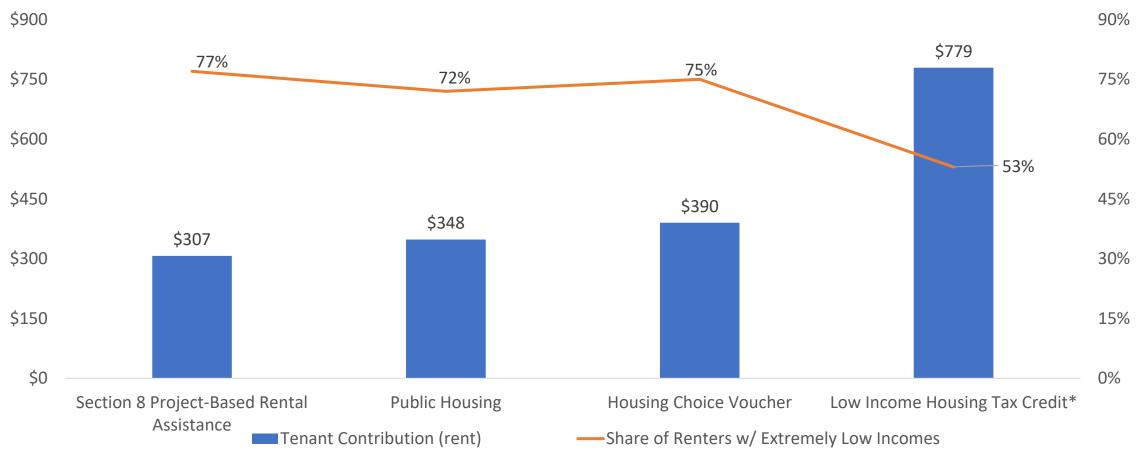
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Average Monthly Tenant Rent Contribution and Share of Renters w/ Extremely Low Incomes, by Program



^{*} Tenants without rental assistance. Source: Picture of Subsidized Households (2019) & LIHTC tenant administrative data (2019).

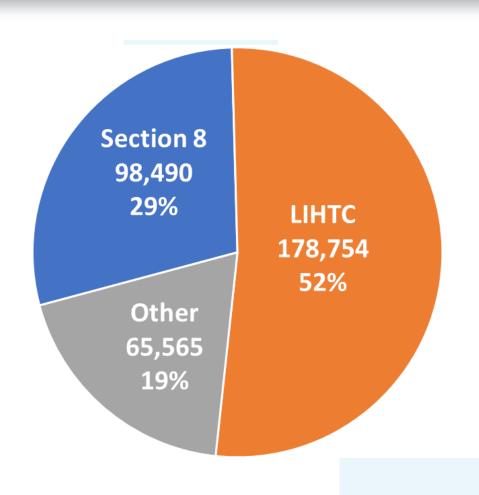
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- Affordability restrictions on the subsidized housing stock expire (and housing quality may decline) without additional public investment, which is insufficient

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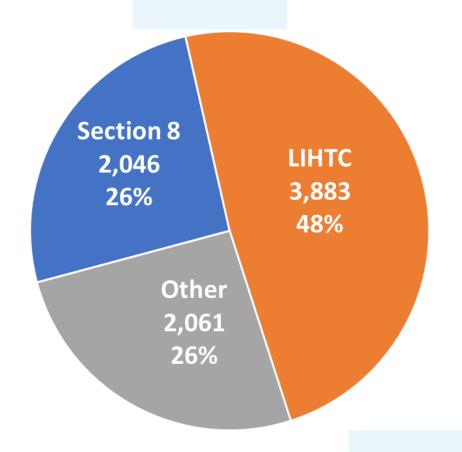


- Many units will see their restrictions renewed
 - Section 8 (PBRA) contracts renewed
 - Recapitalizations

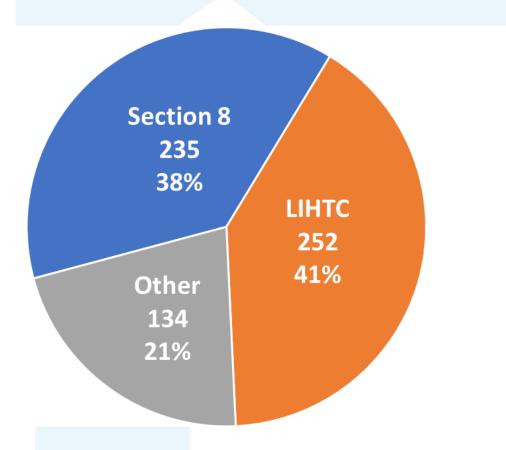
Expiring Affordability Restrictions Within 5 Years (Exit Risk), Pennsylvania and Allegheny County



Pennsylvania



Allegheny County



Federal Solutions



- Rental assistance (vouchers) for all eligible renters who need it
- Preserve and expand the supply of rental housing affordable to renters with the lowest incomes
 - National Housing Trust Fund
 - Capital investment in public housing (and repeal of the Faircloth amendment)
- Emergency rental assistance for renters in temporary financial crises
- Strengthen tenant protections

Additional Materials



- NLIHC website: https://nlihc.org/
- The Gap: https://nlihc.org/gap
- Out of Reach: https://nlihc.org/oor (Compares housing costs and wages for every county)
- State & Congressional District Housing Profiles: https://www.nlihc.org/housing-needs-by-state, select Michigan, go to "Resources" tab
- Advocates' Guide, A Primer on Federal Affordable Housing & Community Development Programs & Policies: https://nlihc.org/explore-issues/publications-research/advocates-guide

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