

What Types of Low-income Rental Housing Do We Need to Build Most?

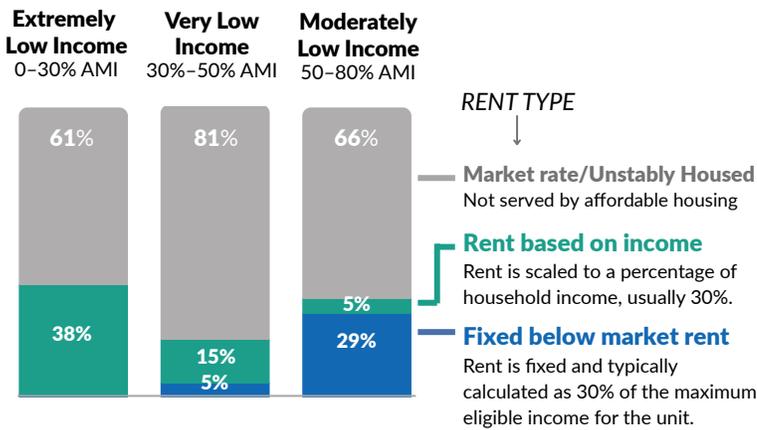
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The Housing Navigator MA and Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) joint report *Data Opens Doors: Measuring the Affordable Housing Gap* highlights that **Massachusetts only has enough affordable rental housing for 32% of its low-income households**. Across age, income, unit size, and municipality, **we need 441,000 more affordable units**. Help us fill this gap!

WHAT WE NEED BY INCOME AND HOUSEHOLD SIZE

These graphics match low income household need to the Housing Navigator MA income-restricted dataset

Low-income housing gap by household income & unit type



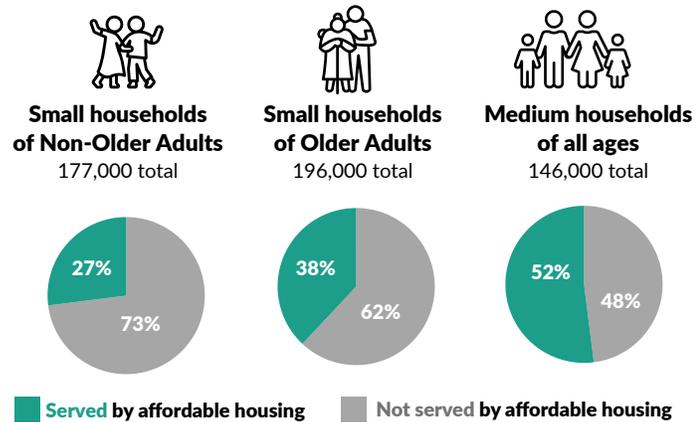
Data source: ACS PUMS, Housing Navigator MA, MAPC

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Extremely low income households are the largest group unserved by affordable housing, with 194,000 households unstably housed.

Households making 30-50% AMI are most likely to be unstably housed, with 81% of those households unstably housed.

Low-income housing gap by household type



KEY TAKEAWAYS

There is a growing need for small units (SROs, Studios, 1BRs) available to all ages, though units of all sizes are in demand.

Occupancy standards and age restrictions leave some households out



14% of low-income households do not live in an eligible configuration for affordable housing based on current occupancy standards



25% of municipalities in MA have age restrictions on 75% of their affordable rental stock, making them inaccessible to all households.



Most small units are age-restricted and rent based on income; we need more small rent based on income units that all ages can access.

Use this QR code to see a visualization of your region's age restricted housing



View Visualization (preferably on laptop)

We need rental housing that is more deeply affordable and available to all ages. Developers can proactively seek project-based vouchers, prioritize mobile voucher holders for fixed below market units to leverage subsidies, and/or seek partnerships with housing authorities.

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These findings are based on statewide numbers. We encourage you to read the report for regional information. These figures do not include use of mobile vouchers.