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Capitol Hill Day 2026

Prep Webinar



Welcome

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Today's Agenda

- Introduction to Capitol Hill Day
- 2026 Policy Priorities & Talking Points
- Effective Storytelling
- What to Expect
- Q&A

Introduction to Capitol Hill Day

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What is Capitol Hill Day?

- March 13, 2026
- Join community
- Make your voice heard!
- Lutheran Church of the Reformation
 - *Optional meetup:*
212 East Capitol St NE
Washington, DC 20003



2026 NLIHC Policy Priorities & Talking Points

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Hill Day Priorities

- 1. Ensure the continued operation of HUD programs by protecting congressionally appropriated funding and adequately staffing HUD offices.**

Hill Day Priorities

- 2. Support the highest level of funding possible for HUD's affordable housing and homelessness programs in FY27, including:**
 - Full funding for voucher renewals, plus funding to expand vouchers to an additional 250,000 households
 - Full funding for Homeless Assistance Grants
 - Increased funding for public housing operations and maintenance
 - Increased investments in Section 811, Section 202, and PBRA
 - Maintained funding for EPGP
 - Increased funding for Tribal housing accounts



Hill Day Priorities

3. Oppose harmful policies that restrict access to affordable housing and homelessness services, including:

- “Mixed-Status” Rule
- Work Requirements and Time Limits on HUD-Assisted Households
- 30-Day Eviction Notice Requirement for Public Housing and PBRA Tenants
- Equal Access Rule

4. Oppose policies that undermine proven solutions to homelessness



Hill Day Priorities

Enact policies that already carry bipartisan support:

- ROAD to Housing Act -- S.2651; Sens. Scott (R-SC) and Warren (D-MA)
 - Reforming Disaster Recovery Act
 - Rural Housing Service Reform Act
 - Reducing Homelessness Through Program Reform Act
 - Housing Supply Frameworks Act
 - Choice in Affordable Housing Act
- Housing for the 21st Century Act – H.R.6644, Reps. Hill (R-AR) and Waters (D-CA) – *Passed House yesterday (390-9)!*
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 - Rural Housing Service Reform Act
 - Choice in Affordable Housing Act



Hill Day Priorities

Enact policies that already carry bipartisan support:

- Eviction Crisis Act/Stable Families Act
- Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act
- Fixing Emergency Management for Americans (FEMA) Act
- Reforming Disaster Recovery Act
- Fair Housing Improvement Act
- Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act
- Visitable Inclusive Tax Credits for Accessible Living (VITAL) Act
- Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA)

Hill Day Priorities

Continue seeding the ground for the targeted, long-term, large-scale solutions need to ensure everyone has a safe place to call home:

- Ending Homelessness Act
- Housing Crisis Response Act
- American Housing and Economic Mobility Act
- Our Homes, Our Votes Act

Talking Points

Use NLIHC's research to learn more about the affordable housing crisis in your community

nlihc.org/housing-needs-by-state

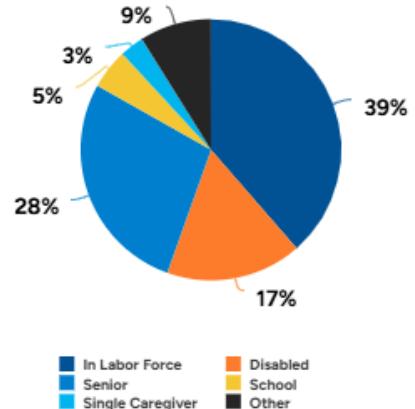
"In **Virginia**, there are only **33** affordable, available homes for every 100 ELI households; because of this shortage, **87%** of ELI renters are living in housing unaffordable to them, and **77%** of ELI renters spend over half of their income on rent, leaving little for other necessities."



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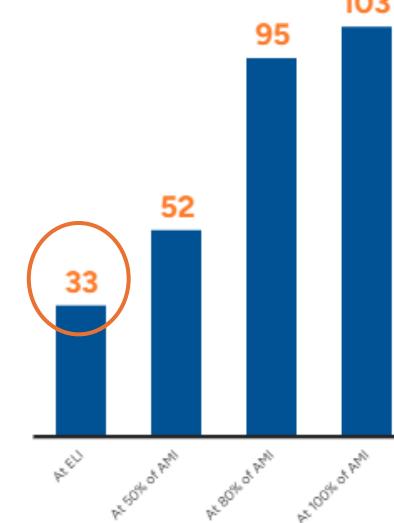


EXTREMELY LOW INCOME RENTER HOUSEHOLDS



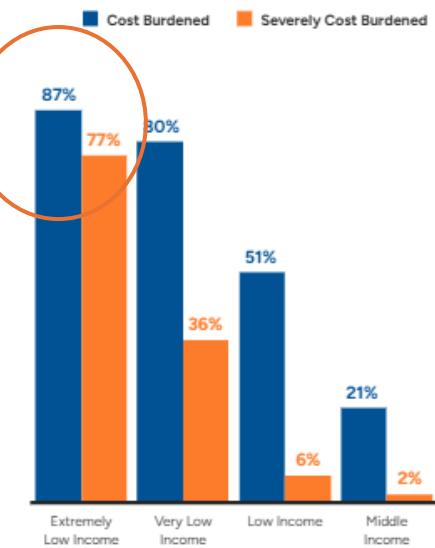
Note: Mutually exclusive categories applied in the following order: senior, disabled, in labor force, enrolled in school, single adult caregiver of a child under 7 or a person with a disability, and other. Thirteen percent of extremely low-income renter households include a single adult caregiver, 53% of whom usually work at least 20 hours per week. Eleven percent of extremely low-income renter households are enrolled in school, 48% of whom usually work at least 20 hours per week. Source: 2023 ACS PUMS
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AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE HOMES PER 100 RENTER HOUSEHOLDS

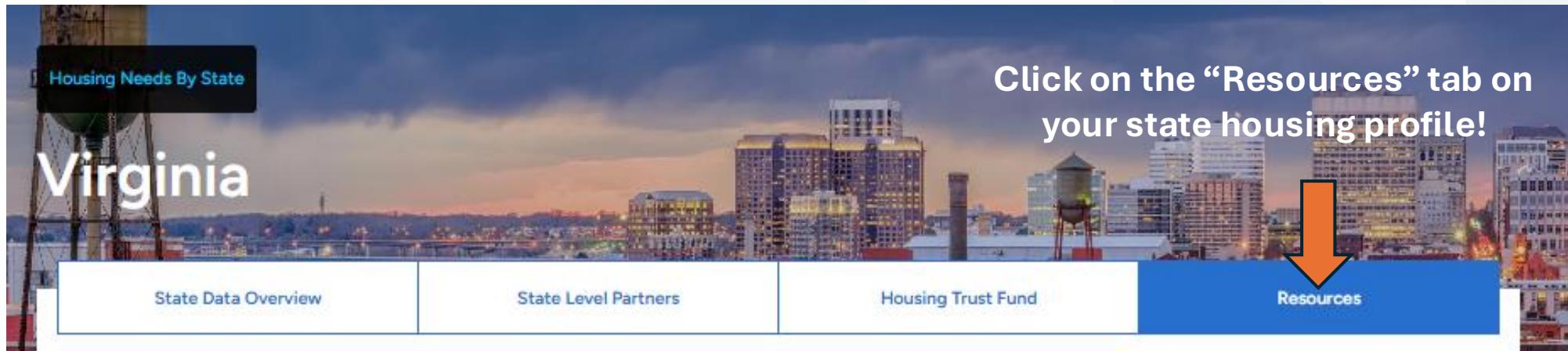


Source: 2023 ACS PUMS

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: 2023 ACS PUMS



Resources

Housing Profiles

STATE HOUSING PROFILE

[State Housing Profile: Virginia \(PDF\)](#)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT HOUSING PROFILE

[Congressional District Profile: Virginia \(PDF\)](#)

We have Congressional district information too!

Research and Data

NATIONAL HOUSING PRESERVATION DATABASE

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

OUT OF REACH: THE HIGH COST OF HOUSING



Talking Points

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Virginia



Select a state...

State Facts

MINIMUM WAGE	\$12.41
2-BEDROOM HOUSING WAGE	\$33.64
NUMBER OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS	1,091,768
NUMBER OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BELOW 30% AMI	243,675
PERCENT OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BELOW 30% AMI	22%
NUMBER OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BELOW 50% AMI	399,161
PERCENT OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BELOW 50% AMI	36%

Affordable Rent for Low Income Households

Minimum Wage Worker	\$645/mo
Household at 30% of Area Median Income	\$914/mo
Household at 50% of Area Median Income	\$1,524/mo

Fair Market Rent

1-Bedroom Fair Market Rent	\$1,532/mo
2-Bedroom Fair Market Rent	\$1,749/mo

Working at minimum wage

\$12.41/hr

Each week you have to work

95 HOURS

To afford a modest 1 bedroom rental home at Fair Market Rent

[DOWNLOAD STATE REPORT](#)



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Virginia



“In **Virginia**, minimum wage is **\$12.41** per hour; A minimum wage worker in **Virginia** needs to work at least **95** hours per week to afford a one-bedroom rental home at FMR.”

“Workers in **Virginia** need to be paid at least **\$33.64** per hour to afford a two-bedroom rental home at FMR without spending over 30% of their income on housing.



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Hill Day Priorities

Most importantly: Tell your members of Congress how HUD programs and policies impact you, your family, your community

Thank you for your time, work, and advocacy!

Your Voice Matters: Effective Storytelling

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What to Expect on Capitol Hill Day

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Questions & Discussion



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