

NLIHC's HoUSed Campaign for Long-Term Housing Solutions

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Welcome & Overview



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- Brooke Schipporeit, Senior Director for Field Strategy & Innovation, NLIHC

Forecast for October-December

- **Congress currently in recess until November 9**
 - Before adjourning, passed a continuing resolution (CR) through December 11
 - Included temporary block of OMB proposed rule, “Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance” through December 11
 - Included language clarifying PHAs can use funding for the Tenant Protection Voucher (TPV) account to transfer Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) holders to new assistance
- **Returns to session November 9 for just five weeks of work before the end of the 119th Congress**
 - Congressional priorities depend on outcome of November elections:
 - Will Congress pass their FY27 spending bills before adjourning, or another CR?
 - Will Republicans try to move one more reconciliation bill?
 - Will there be a disaster supplemental to help disaster-impacted communities?

Forecast for October-December

- **NLIHC's priorities do not change:**

- Increased funding in a final FY27 spending bill for HUD programs, including:
 - Sufficient funding to renew all existing TBRA contracts
 - At least \$5.1 billion for HUD's homelessness assistance programs, and language protecting funding for the Continuum of Care (CoC) program
 - Fully funding the Public Housing Operating Fund and increased funding for the Public Housing Capital Fund to begin addressing the capital needs backlog in Public Housing.
 - Investing in accessible, affordable homes for older adults and people with disabilities by fully renewing and expanding contracts under the Section 811 and 202 programs
 - Funding for HUD's Eviction Protection Grant Program (EPGP)
 - At least maintaining funding for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program and increasing funding for the IHBG-Competitive program
 - Language blocking implementation of harmful rules proposed by the Trump administration, including changes to HUD's "Mixed Status" and Equal Access rules

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Forecast for October-December

- **Plus:**

- A disaster supplemental that provides funding for the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)
- Language protecting funding for Continuum of Care (CoC) programs so they are not destabilized by potential changes from the administration
- Language permanently blocking implementation of OMB's proposed rule, "Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance"

Need for Increased Voucher Renewal Funding in HUD's FY27 Spending Bill



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2027 Funding Must Include Increase for Vouchers to Prevent Loss in Assistance



Housing vouchers help bridge the gap between incomes and rents in the private market



Vouchers need annual funding increases to respond to fluctuations in rental costs



Without an increase, new families will continue to wait for help

471,000 Fewer People Would Receive Housing Vouchers under House Bill



178,000 Children



121,000
People with
Disabilities



81,000
Older Adults



293,000 Women
& Girls

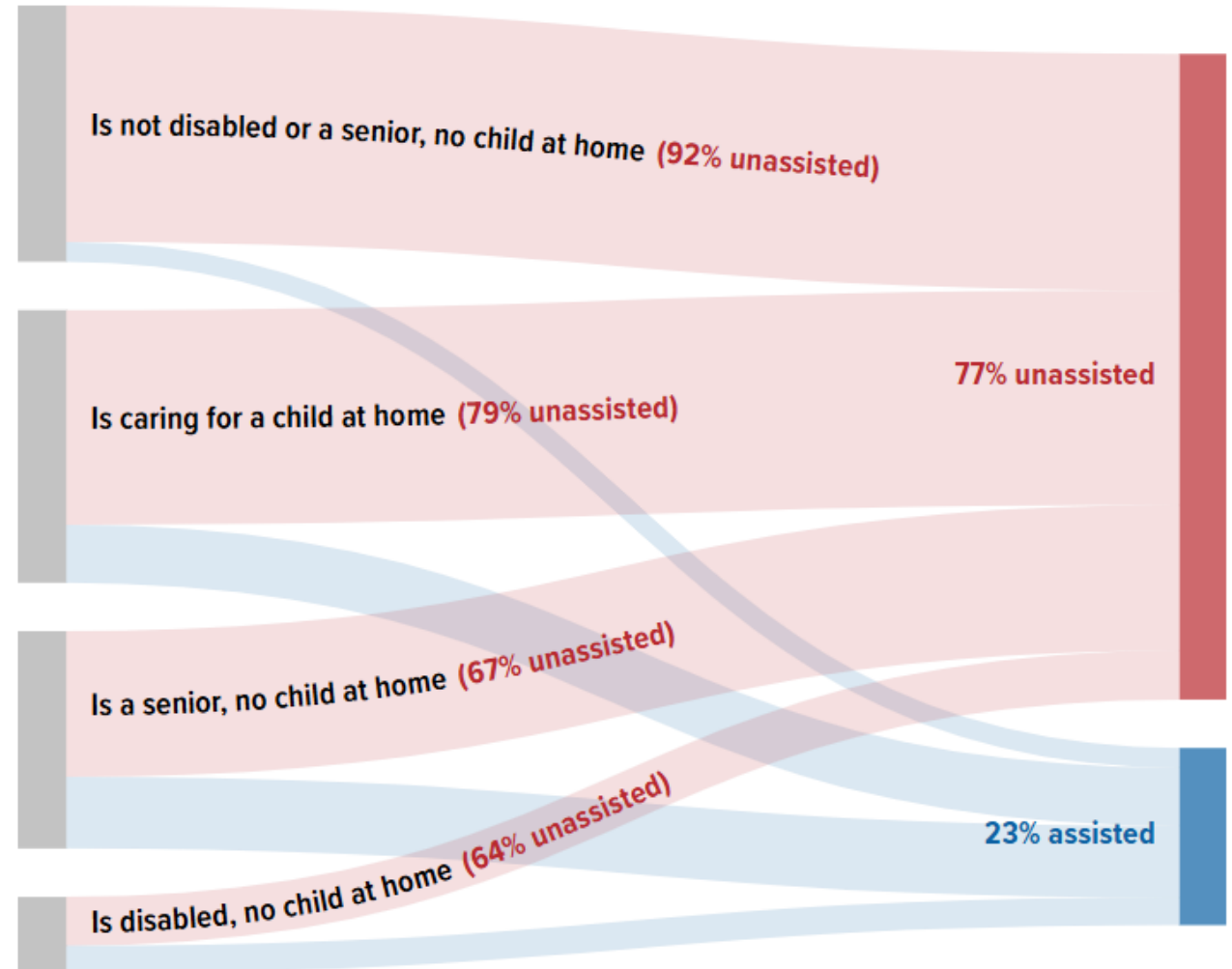
A Fraction of Families Actually Receive Help Because of Limited Funding

About 17.6 million households needing assistance don't receive it.

Federal policymakers have not funded assistance to meet the need.

77% of Low-Income Renters Needing Federal Rental Assistance Don't Receive It [↗](#)

Unassisted vs. assisted households, headed by someone who: [↗](#)



New Vouchers for Families with Emergency Housing Vouchers

The funding bill for 2027 will cover ongoing assistance for the 37,000+ households who would have otherwise been pushed back into homelessness

Thank You

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Overview

Looking Ahead: 120th Congress

- **120th Congress Starts in January**

- Congressional priorities depend on outcome of November elections & what 119th Congress left on their to-do list
- New offices will need time to staff up; committee assignments
- (Likely) on the roster:
 - Finalizing FY27 spending bills
 - Implementing ROAD – funding?
 - Second housing bill?

“Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act” and “Eviction Crisis Act” Reintroduction



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Indiana's Community Economic Development Network



200+ organizations

1300+ members

Banks ~ Developers ~ Housing Authorities
Social Justice Advocates ~ Utilities ~ United Ways
Foundations ~ Human Service Providers
Community Development Corporations ~ Associations
Local Governments ~ Healthcare Corporations
Universities ~ Community Action Agencies
Neighborhood Groups ~ Students and more!

Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition



Priorities: Housing stability & affordability, tenant protections, housing equity

**Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition
Steering Committee**



Great News: the ECA & FSOVA were just reintroduced. How? What's next?

- How? Long-term relationship-building and maintenance with the office of Sen. Todd Young.
- Leveraging the experience and advocacy of our statewide network of members & partners.
- Providing supportive, bend-but-don't break pressure to encourage bills' advancement.
- Making our network available and valuable moving forward.
- Long-term goal: linking State and Federal impact of the ECA.

Long-term relationship-building and maintenance with Sen. Young



- Despite previous appearances and partnership, opportunities for direct advancement can ebb and flow
- Staff turnover (and advancement) happens
- Relationships can be a constant, positive resource

Leveraging the experience and advocacy of our statewide network of members & partners.

- Our network advised staff on the evolution of the ECA based on experience of our ERA Housing Stability Network
- Those relationships later came in handy for advocacy

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'All of Government Approach' that includes community engagement key to increasing effectiveness of Indiana's Emergency Rental Assistance Programs

INDIANAPOLIS – With the CDC's **eviction moratorium ended** as of August 26, it is now more critical than ever for Indiana's state and local policymakers to expedite distribution of Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funds to the renters, landlords, and communities who need them most. The Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition calls on Indiana to engage an 'All-of-Government Approach' to prevent evictions and the long-term economic and public health damage they cause. This approach must include the coordination of state and local administrations, courts, and legislative bodies working together with each other and local partners to provide the outreach and assistance necessary to prevent evictions. In this release, the Coalition identifies key tools and steps for community engagement for ERA programs and government entities necessary to engage with local and statewide partners to provide resources to effectively and efficiently get funds out the door to the hardest-hit Hoosiers.

Recently-available outcome data from Indiana's **seven ERA programs** shows that 17,899 Hoosier households have been assisted by these programs statewide.^[1] However, a new estimate from the National Equity Atlas' **Rent Debt Dashboard** estimates 93,000 Hoosier households that include approximately 84,000 children are behind on rent and at risk of eviction. The dashboard also estimates that 83% of Hoosier renter households in arrears have not yet applied for rental assistance. Among Indiana's estimated households behind on rent, 92% are low-income, 55% have children, and 52% are currently unemployed, while 37% are Hoosiers of color. These estimates not only illustrate the need for additional proactive outreach, but the data points to the Hoosiers and communities most in need of that assistance.

The Coalition found that, for every Hoosier household served by one of Indiana's ERA programs, more than five households are estimated to be behind on rent and at risk of eviction. Among the 10 counties with the highest rates of ERA distribution, four are served by locally-administered ERA programs; seven are served by the Indiana Emergency Rental Assistance Program (IERA), which covers all areas not served by one of the six locally administered programs. The City of Fort Wayne ERA and IERA both serve Allen County.

[Download the data for all Indiana counties.](#)



May 14, 2024

The Honorable Todd Young
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Young:

We, the undersigned 75 national and Indiana organizations, write to urge you to re-introduce the Eviction Crisis Act and to work with your colleagues to ensure that it and the Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act are included in any bipartisan housing packages that moves forward in the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee. Both bipartisan bills are top priorities for the Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition, Prosperity Indiana, and the National Low Income Housing Coalition, as well as each of the organizations signed below. Each of these bills would represent major steps forward in tackling Indiana's and the nation's housing crisis.

While affordable housing issues are sometimes thought of as an urban problem, Indiana's housing crisis is an issue that affects communities of all sizes across the state. Seventy-six percent of extremely low-income Hoosier households are severely cost burdened with housing costs, meaning they spend more than half of their income on rent and utilities. This is the single highest rate in the Midwest and leaves virtually no margin for unexpected expenses. Broken down cars or unreimbursed medical bills can quickly send households down a spiral of housing instability, eviction, and in worst cases, homelessness. Housing instability leads to employment disruptions and reduces intergenerational economic mobility for Hoosiers and is known to cause long-term damage to health for families and children, including through increased exposure to lead poisoning, infectious disease, and respiratory damage.

The Eviction Crisis Act would create ongoing funding for proven interventions to help low-income households facing housing instability due to an unexpected economic shock. By providing emergency rental assistance and housing stability services, the bill will help stabilize households before they face housing instability and homelessness, which often require more prolonged, extensive, and expensive housing assistance. It builds on the tremendous successes and lessons learned from the more than 500 ERA programs created during the pandemic that helped millions of households avoid eviction and homelessness and housing providers remain solvent, including over 50,000 Hoosier households and providers. Reintroducing the Eviction Crisis Act and moving it forward in any bipartisan housing package are necessary steps to help low-income households that live on the edge of what they can afford and will save taxpayer money in the process.

The Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act would help an additional 250,000 families with young children who need longer-term assistance to afford homes in communities of their choice, including well-resourced neighborhoods with high-performing schools, strong job prospects, and other resources. The legislation prioritizes these new vouchers for households with a recent history

Providing supportive, bend-but-don't break pressure to encourage advancing the bills

- Letter signed by nearly 100 IN orgs & faith groups urging reintroduction
- Op-eds & media quotes
- Delivered letter to Sen. Young during Hill Day



Making our network available and valuable moving forward

Prosperity Indiana Thanks Senator Young for Supporting Housing Affordability and Stability through Newly Reintroduced Legislation

by Anonymous member (Administrator) on 06 Oct 2026 3:30 PM

Prosperity Indiana Thanks Senator Young for Supporting Hoosiers' Housing Stability through Newly Reintroduced Legislation



Senator Young receives letter signed by Prosperity Indiana partners encouraging him to reintroduce the Eviction Crisis Act and Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act.

INDIANAPOLIS – Prosperity Indiana thanks Senator Todd Young for taking action to address Indiana's housing affordability crisis by reintroducing the [Eviction Crisis Act](#) and the [Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act](#). Prosperity Indiana encourages Hoosiers to reach out to thank Senator Young for standing with Hoosiers who believe stable housing is an essential foundation for better futures and strong communities and urge other members of Indiana's Congressional delegation to speedily pass both bills.

- Issued a 'thank you' press release with action alert to IN delegation
- Staff accepted offer of webinar to explain/promote bills
- Planned meeting with PI & NLIHC to offer additional resources and assistance

Contact Indiana's
Lawmakers

Linking State & Federal Impact of ECA



- ECA would provide funding for emergency rental assistance
- ECA would also help revive IN's Housing Stability Network and services
- Meanwhile, PI is pursuing state legislation to expand IN's state Housing Trust Fund to provide Network members with flexible eviction prevention funding



Be part of the conversation: Sign up for PI and HHNC updates



PI Advocacy



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Take Action



Contact your members of Congress
urging them to pass a final spending bill
for FY27 with NLIHC's priorities:
→ <https://nlihc.quorum.us/campaign/qxjxfpqg/>

Join the Movement!



Who?

- NLIHC Membership is for **individuals** and **organizations**, and includes a wide spectrum of advocates

Why?

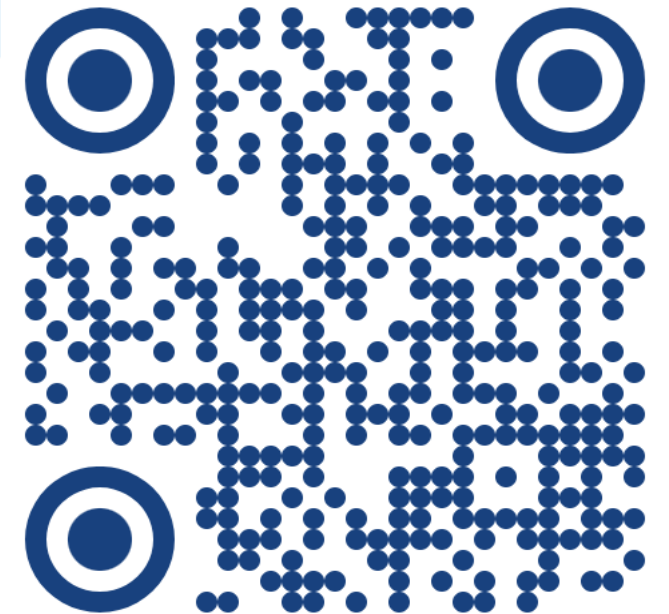
- Build connections with advocates nationwide
- Access advocacy support and training
- Strengthen the housing justice movement
- Receive other exclusive benefits

What are the Dues?

- Members can join or renew at **any amount** that is affordable to them

Questions?

- membership@nlihc.org or 202-662-1530 x206



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Continue the Conversation



Join our next National Call:
Tuesday, November 10 at
4:00-5:00 pm ET

NLIHC's National Calls are now monthly!
Second Tuesday of the Month at 4pm ET