2022 ALASKA HOUSING PROFILE

Across Alaska, there is a shortage of rental homes affordable and available to extremely low income households (ELI), whose incomes are at or below the poverty guideline or 30% of their area median income (AMI). Many of these households are severely cost burdened, spending more than half of their income on housing. Severely cost burdened poor households are more likely than other renters to sacrifice other necessities like healthy food and healthcare to pay the rent, and to experience unstable housing situations like evictions.

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17,129
OR
19%
Renter Households that are extremely low income

-10,756
Shortage of rental homes affordable and available for extremely low income renters

$32,750
Maximum income of 4-person extremely low income households (state level)

$49,382
Annual household income needed to afford a two-bedroom rental home at HUD’s Fair Market Rent.

64%
Percent of extremely low income renter households with severe cost burden

Extremely Low Income = 0-30% of AMI
Very Low Income = 31%-50% of AMI
Low Income = 51-80% of AMI
Middle Income = 81%-100% of AMI
Cost Burdened
Severely Cost Burdened

In Labor Force
Senior
Disabled
School
Single caregiver

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 of a household member with a disability, and other. Nationally, 15% of extremely low-income renter households are single adult caregivers, 55% of whom usually work more than 20 hours per week. Source: 2020 5-Year ACS PUMS data.

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