Across Idaho, 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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**KEY FACTS**

- 43,536 or 23% Renter Households that are extremely low income
- $25,100 Maximum income of 4-person extremely low income households (state level)
- -$24,295 Shortage of rental homes affordable and available for extremely low income renters
- $34,511 Annual household income needed to afford a two-bedroom rental home at HUD’s Fair Market Rent.
- 65% Percent of extremely low-income renter households with severe cost burden

**EXEMPLARY 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. Fifteen percent of extremely low-income renter households include a single adult caregiver, more than half of whom usually work more than 20 hours per week. Eleven percent of extremely low-income renter households are enrolled in school, 48% of whom usually work more than 20 hours per week. Source: 2018 ACS PUMS.

**AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE HOMES PER 100 RENTER HOUSEHOLDS**

- 0% – 100% of AMI: 101
- 0% – 80% of AMI: 96
- 0% – 50% of AMI: 61
- 0% – ELI: 44

**HOUSING COST BURDEN BY INCOME GROUP**

- Cost Burdened
- Severely Cost Burdened

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: NLIHC tabulations of 2018 ACS PUMS.

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