Across Massachusetts, 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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**Extremely Low Income Renter Households**

- **313,607 OR 31%**
  - Renter Households that are extremely low income

**Affordable and Available Homes per 100 Renter Households**

- **At 100% of AMI**: 103
- **At 80% of AMI**: 98
- **At 50% of AMI**: 56
- **At ELI (0-30%* of AMI)**: 30

**Housing Cost Burden by Income Group**

- **79.3%** Cost Burdened
- **63.9%** Severely Cost Burdened

**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: 2021 ACS PUMS.