Across Maryland, 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**

**EXTREMELY LOW INCOME RENTER HOUSEHOLDS**

- **193,819 OR 26%** Renter Households that are extremely low income

**AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE HOMES**

- **$31,640** Maximum income of 4-person extremely low income households (state level)
- **$59,480** Annual household income needed to afford a two-bedroom rental home at HUD's Fair Market Rent.
- **$131,793** Shortage of rental homes affordable and available for extremely low income renters

**HOUSING COST BURDEN**

- **74%** Percent of extremely low income renter households with severe cost burden

Note: Mutual 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, 14% of extremely low-income renter households are single adult caregivers, more than half of whom usually work more than 20 hours per week. Source: 2019 ACS PUMS.