2021 UTAH HOUSING PROFILE

Across Utah, 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.

SENATORS: Mike Lee and Mitt Romney

**Key Facts**

66,855
OR
22%

Renter Households that are extremely low income

$25,800

Maximum income of 4-person extremely low income households (state level)

-45,421

Shortage of rental homes affordable and available for extremely low income renters

$42,036

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

71%

Percent of extremely low income renter households with severe cost burden

**Extremely Low Income Renter Households**

- In Labor Force: 7%
- Disabled: 5%
- Senior: 19%
- School: 19%
- Single-adult caregiver: 1%
- Other: 1%

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

- At 100% of AMI: 108
- At 80% of AMI: 104
- At 50% of AMI: 63
- At ELI: 32

**Housing Cost Burden by Income Group**

- Extremely Low Income (0-30% of AMI): 86.4% Cost Burdened, 70.5% Severely Cost Burdened
- Very Low Income (31%-50% of AMI): 79.4% Cost Burdened
- Low Income (51%-80% of AMI): 27.2% Cost Burdened, 36.1% Severely Cost Burdened
- Middle Income (81%-100% of AMI): 2.8% Cost Burdened, 9.1% 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, 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.

**Extremely Low Income** = 0-30% of AMI

**Very Low Income** = 31%-50% of AMI

Note:*Or poverty guideline, if higher.

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