



Vote for Better Housing

Housing remains out of reach for millions of Americans, despite it being one of our most basic human needs. We need lawmakers who will support and expand policies that ensure every person has access to safe, affordable housing.

Myth: The average American isn't at risk of becoming homeless.

Fact: 76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck. On average, a single full-time job is not enough to cover monthly expenses.

Myth: Rates of homelessness in the U.S. are going down.

Fact: In the past year, homelessness rose by 12% overall, 16% for families with children, and 15% for youth living on their own.

Myth: People facing homelessness are lazy, unmotivated, and don't want to work.

Fact: Over 50% of those in shelters and 40% of the unsheltered are employed.

Here's what we can do to help address this issue:

Focus on helping renters with low incomes. Only one in four renters who are eligible for federal housing assistance can get it. Without stable housing, people have difficulty finding and keeping jobs or getting education and healthcare. The harm to families can be long-lasting.

Establish a national renter tax credit. Homeowners currently receive tax benefits, but renters need help too. A national renter tax credit would give money to families whose housing costs exceed 30% of their income, helping more families than current rental assistance programs.

Create a better definition for homelessness. Our current definition leaves out millions of children and youth. We need to collect accurate data and provide better assistance to children and youth in unstable living situations.

Register more low-income voters. 82% of high-income earners registered to vote in 2022, compared to only 57% of low-income earners. We need more low-income registered voters to vote for politicians that prioritize their interests.

Get out and vote. On November 5th, 2024, vote for candidates who support housing for all.

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