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# Who Needs Housing That's Affordable?

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## There's no place like home.

Home is safety and security, where children can do homework and families can succeed. But having an affordable home is a challenge for many in our community.

What is affordable housing? Typically, housing is a household's largest monthly expenditure. The federal government defines affordable housing as costing no more than 30% of a household's gross income. If your housing costs are reasonable, that leaves money for other household expenses, including food, healthcare, clothing, education, and transportation.

## Who needs affordable housing? We all need affordable housing.

That includes people who live on fixed incomes (like seniors and people with disabilities), low-wage working families, and middle-income families. Affordable housing is part of the fabric of our community. By ensuring that we have housing affordable to a variety of income levels, we ensure that Austin is a place all types of people and households can call home.

## City of Austin

