

Hennepin Housing 2024

A safe and affordable place to live is the foundation on which people build successful lives and contribute to their communities.

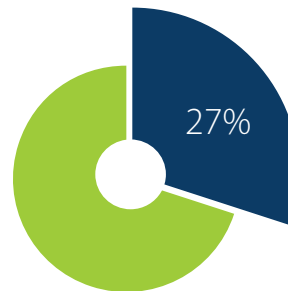
Here's a snapshot of our impact in 2024.



Liobovi and her daughter Angelina, housed in a county-financed building with the support of county services in 2024

Burden of housing costs

140,807 households (27% of all households) pay more than 30 percent of their income toward housing, putting them at risk of being unable to afford to meet other basic needs like health care, food, transportation and education.



Cost-burdened households 140,807

Non-cost-burdened households

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Data, IPUMS

Current area median income (AMI) for a family of four is \$132,000;

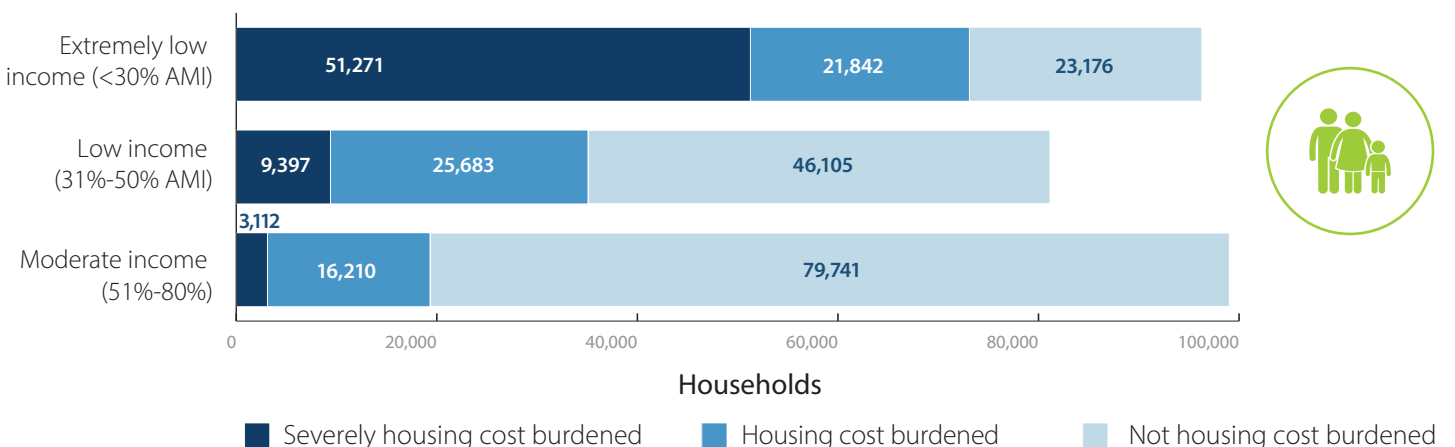
- 30% of AMI is \$40,000
- 50% of AMI is \$66,000
- 80% of AMI is \$104,20

People of color are disproportionately impacted, by severe housing cost burden, compared to White households



Indigenous households at a rate 3x higher
Black households at a rate 2.5x higher
Hispanic households at a rate 1.5x higher

Cost-burdened households by income range*



Hennepin County housing actions

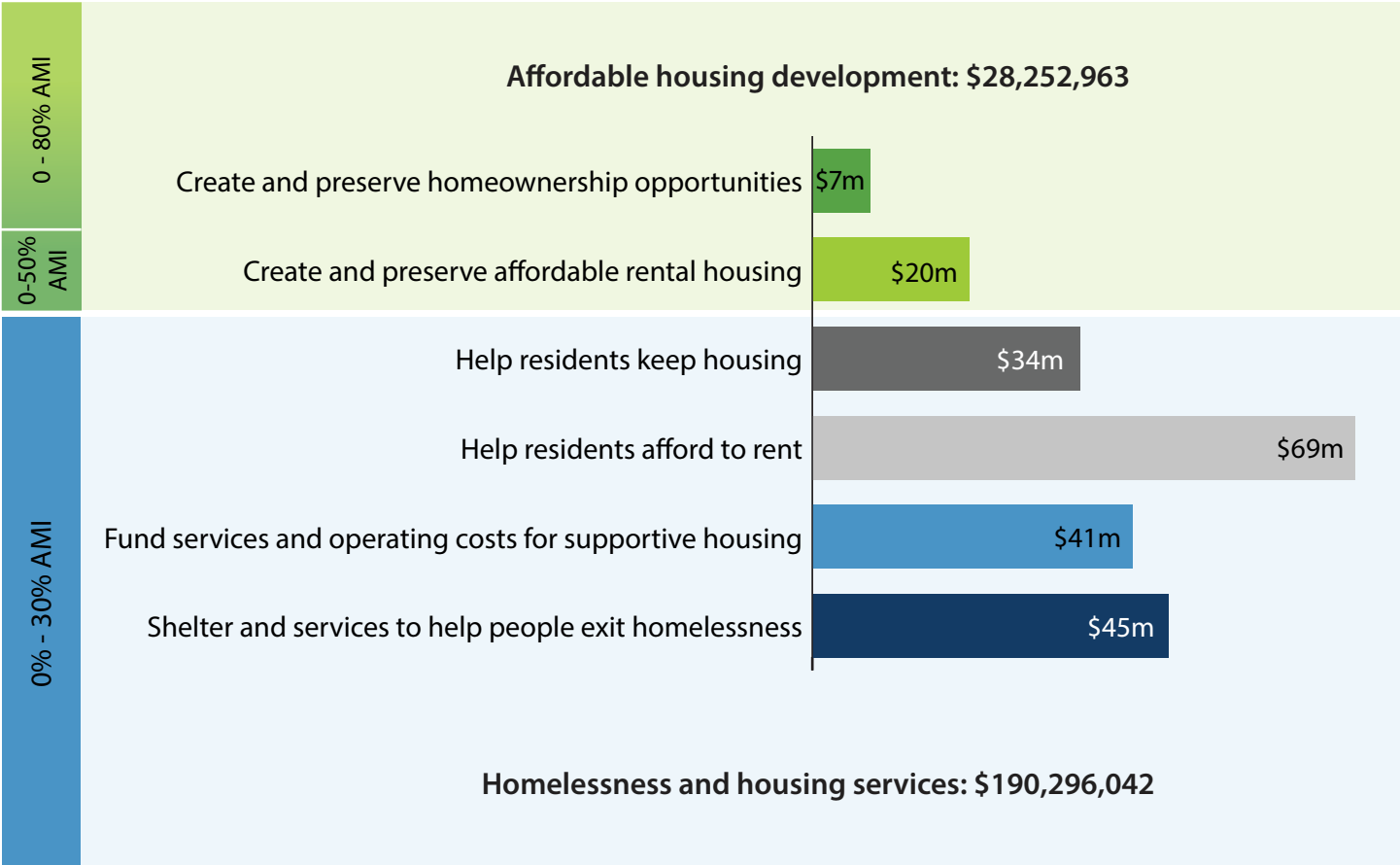
As one of several major agencies working to address affordable housing needs in the region, Hennepin County supports the creation and preservation of affordable housing through capital investment and meeting the housing needs of our most vulnerable residents through supportive housing services.

Since 2019, we have accelerated our impact in the creation and preservation of affordable housing by 65%, with 975 units of affordable housing financed in 2019 and 1,493 units supported in 2024.



Chris and his son Christian, housed in 2024

Funding by activity and Area Median Income (AMI)





Affordable housing development

\$19.5 million awarded to create or preserve affordable housing, compared to \$5.3 million in 2019

1,493 affordable rental units created or preserved through 23 projects

38% of all new rental units will be affordable to households below 30% AMI

62 families purchased their first homes through the newly launched Homebuyer Assistance Program

236 homes provided with financial assistance for health and safety repairs, including removing lead hazards and other critical repairs

\$17.3 million awarded to nine nonprofits through the one-time Repair + Grow program to help restore and boost their capacity to develop more affordable housing



Helping residents avoid evictions

Hennepin County administered \$13.5m in emergency rental assistance to help more than 3,500 households avoid eviction.

Sheltering people experiencing homelessness

Over 9,000 people used emergency shelters while experiencing homelessness. Increased demand for family shelter and the county's commitment to no child sleeping outside saw the expansion of family shelter to more than 4x its regular capacity by the start of 2024. The county maintained a shelter-all policy for families and invested in efforts to connect families to permanent housing. Over the course of 2024, these concerted housing efforts reduced the number of families in need of shelter by 50% as outflow from family shelter has exceeded inflow every month.

The county invested pandemic recovery funds to support new low-barrier shelters, keep existing shelters open 24/7, and expand housing-focused case management and encampment response teams over 2022-2024. We are exploring ongoing funding to sustain these efforts.

Helping residents exit homelessness

The "Homeless to Housing team has helped 1,906 people (including 211 families) transition from homelessness to permanent housing since its inception in late 2021. In 2024, the team housed 789 people, 51% more than in 2023."

Supportive housing services

In 2024, the county funded services and operations for more than 12,000 units of supportive housing, investing over \$110 million in transitional and permanent housing. 95% of this funding comes from state and federal agencies.

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