

Hot Topics in Affordable Housing

Heather K. Way

Clinical Professor, The University of Texas School of Law

Presented at:
The University of Texas School of Law
25th Annual Land Use Conference
April 15-16, 2021



1

1937



"The only government that has ever existed in the history of the world that has ever been able to do anything for the people of the world."

2

2021



Housing Shortage

7.2 million more affordable housing units are needed for extremely low income families



Homelessness

500,000+ people are experiencing homelessness on any given night



Housing Poverty

75% of all extremely low income families pay more than half their income on rent



Underfunded Programs

1 in 4 extremely low income families who need assistance receive it



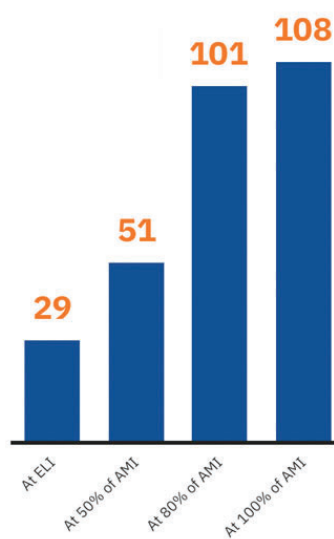
www.nlihc.org/oor

©2020 National Low Income Housing Coalition

3

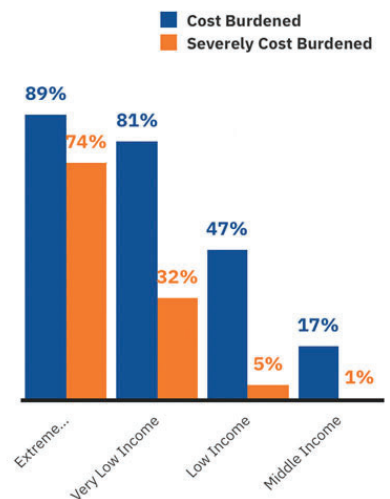
Texas' Affordable Rental Housing Crisis

AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE HOMES PER 100 RENTER HOUSEHOLDS



Source: NLIHC tabulations of 2019 ACS PUMS

HOUSING COST BURDEN BY INCOME GROUP



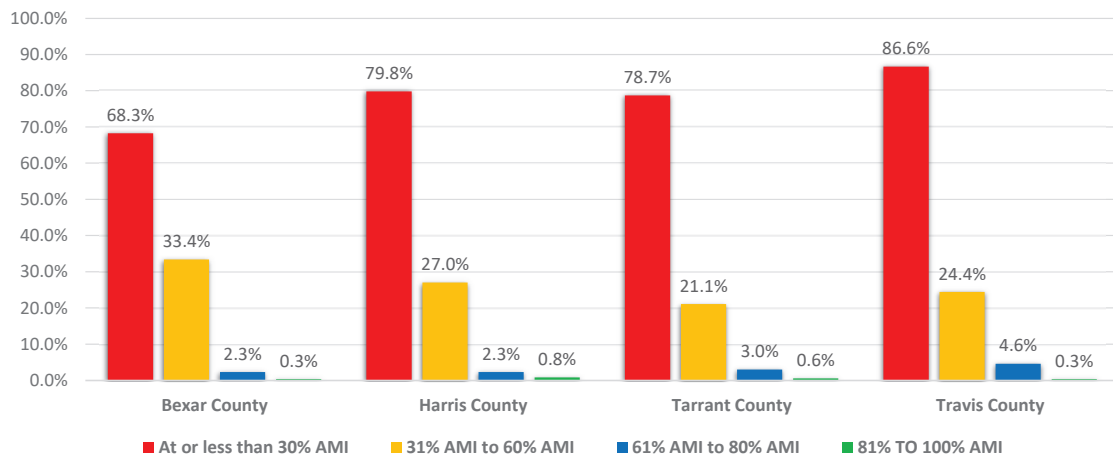
Note: Renter households spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs and utilities are cost burdened; those spending more than half of their income are severely cost burdened.

Source: NLIHC tabulations of 2019 ACS PUMS

4

Texas Urban Counties

Percent of Renter Households with Severe Cost Burden
(Paying more than 50% of Income on Rent)

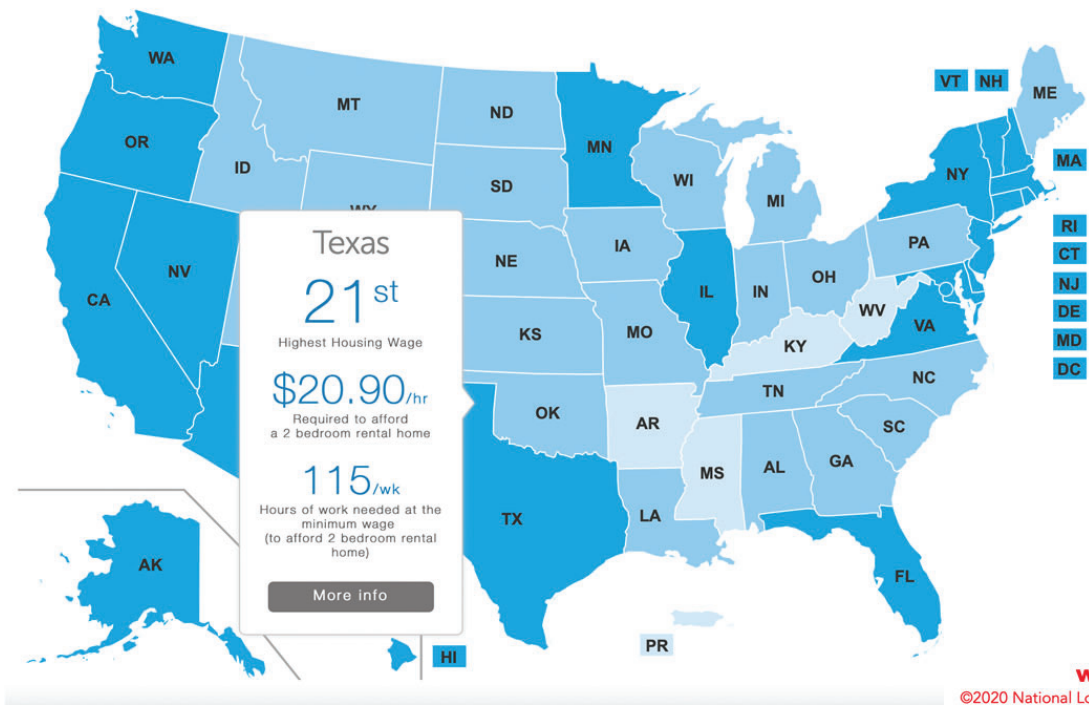


Source: National Low-Income Housing Coalition tabulations of 2018 ACS PUMS

5

Hourly wage required to afford a two bedroom rental home by state.

Below \$15.00 \$15.00 - \$20.00 Above \$20.00



6

Find the full text of this and thousands of other resources from leading experts in dozens of legal practice areas in the [UT Law CLE eLibrary \(utcle.org/elibrary\)](https://utcle.org/elibrary)

Title search: Hot Topics in Affordable Housing

Also available as part of the eCourse

[2021 Land Use eConference](#)

First appeared as part of the conference materials for the
25th Annual Land Use Conference session

"Hot Topics in Affordable Housing"