

Department of Housing Homes RI

July 17, 2023



Outline

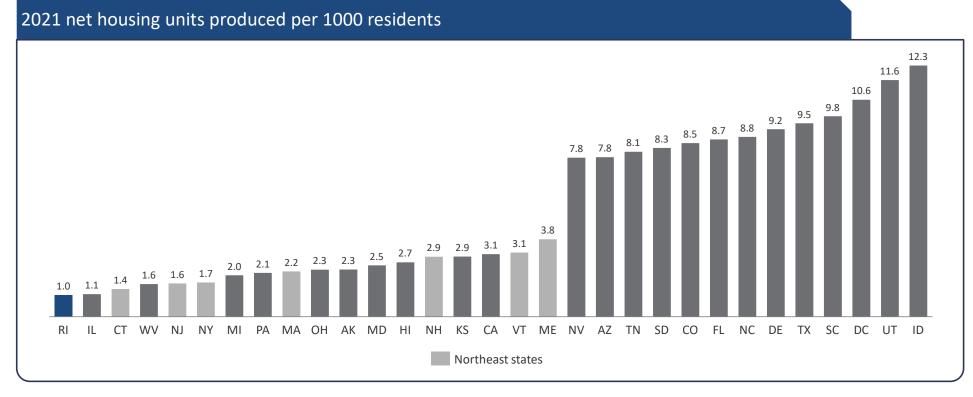
Reminder: State of Housing in Rhode Island

Successful legislative session

New state investments

Homelessness updates

In 2021, Rhode Island's annual housing production per 1,000 residents ranked last in the nation



Note: total housing units produced per 1000 residents calculated by finding the difference in total housing units YoY from 2020-2021; data excludes middle 20 states (not including Northeast states): WA, MT, GA, MT, OR, NE, AR, AL, ND, LA, WY, IA, MS, IN, VA, OK, WI, NM, MO, KY Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey; Up For Growth

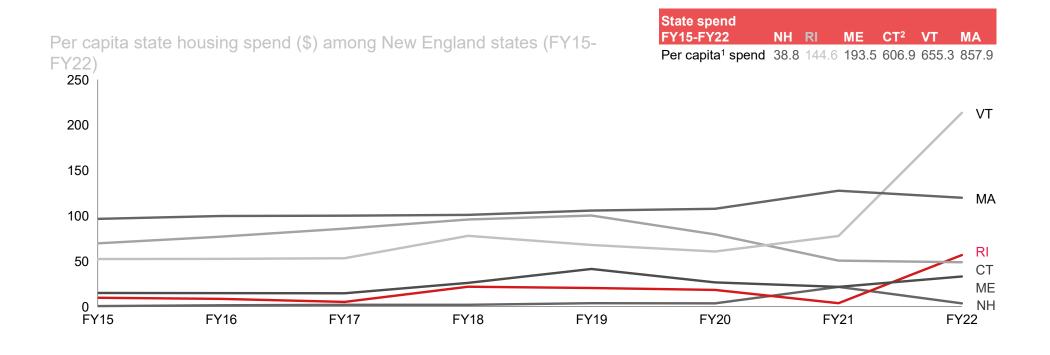
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Across the state, 150,000 households are cost-burdened, paying more than 30% of net income on rent and utilities

Woonsocket	Municipality	Total housing cost- burdened	% housing cost- burdened	Municipality	Total housing cost- burdened	% housing cost- burdened
Burrillville North Cumberland Smithfield	Central Falls	3488	50%	Johnston	3319	29%
	New Shoreham	181	45%	Barrington	1761	29%
Gloucester Smithfield Lincoln Central Falls	Narragansett	2435	42%	Exeter	648	29%
North	Pawtucket	11539	40%	Tiverton	1885	29%
Johnston Providence Foster Scituate East	Woonsocket	6406	39%	Hopkinton	903	28%
Cranston	West Warwick	5264	38%	Foster	392	28%
Barrington Warren	Warwick	13788	38%	Cumberland	3721	27%
West Warwick	Providence	24093	37%	Lincoln		
	Cranston	11844	37%		2250	27%
East Greenwich Tiverton	Cranston	11844	37%	Little Compton	405	27%
	Middletown	2541	36%	Glocester	953	27%
Exeter Portsmouth	East Providence	7131	36%	Charlestown	897	26%
Kingstown Jamestown Little	North Smithfield	1797	36%	Portsmouth	1965	27%
Richmond	North Providence	4622	33%	South Kingstown	2771	27%
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Charlestown Narragansett	Warren	1552	32%	North Kingstown	2738	25%
	Smithfield	2422	31%	Richmond	730	25%
Westerly New Shoreham	Newport	12358	33%	Scituate	874	21%
	Bristol	2470	31%	Coventry	2880	20%
	East Greenwich	1544	30%	Burrillville	1138	19%
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Over the past eight years, Rhode Island has ranked second-to-last in per capita state housing spend in New England

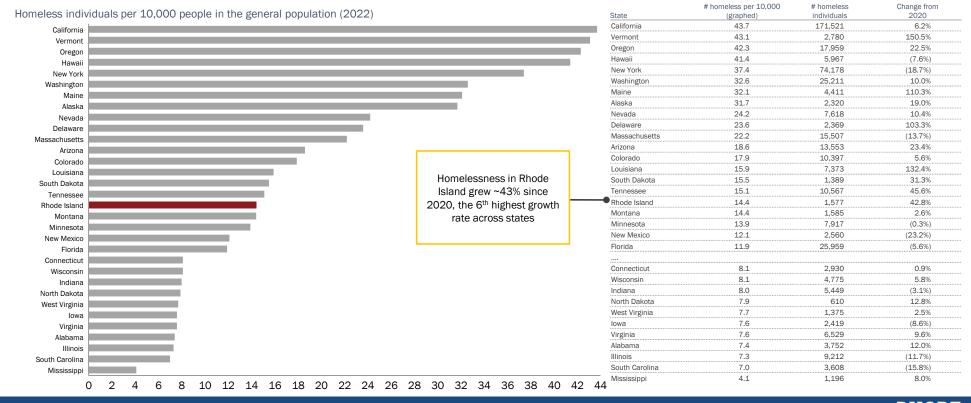


Thank you to RI Housing and HousingWorks RI for providing this data

1. Spend (\$) per resident Source: RI Housing; HousingWorks RI	5	RHODE ISLAND
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Rhode Island had the 17th highest per capita homelessness count

According to HUD's latest per capita point-in-time estimate of homeless individuals conducted in 2022





Rhode Island had the 32nd highest per capita unsheltered homelessness count

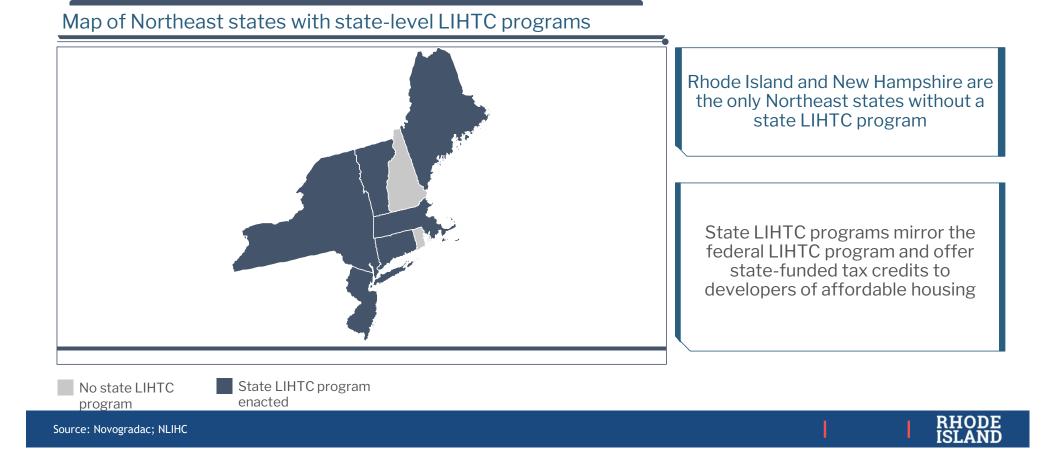
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Note: Count includes only unsheltered homeless individuals. Excludes DC. Counts are typically based on point-in-time estimates of homelessness collected on a single night in January 2022; however, due to COVID, ~1/3 of CoCs conducted the PIT count in late February or early March, potentially leading to a slight undercount due to warmer weather Source: The 2022 Applied Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress submitted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (December 2022)



Both of our neighboring states (and 6 of 8 Northeast states) have enacted a state LIHTC program



Successful Legislative Session

FY24 Budget -- \$101.5 for housing investments

- Financing for projects
- Tools for municipalities
- Proactive development entity
- Homelessness services and infrastructure

State-level Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)

Legislation to enable more development

- Package of bills brought by Speaker Shekarchi makes development process simpler and more predictable
- 13 out of 14 proposed bills passed



Building Housing – Expanding Options and Affordability

New Development Resources

- Low Income Housing Tax Credit -- \$30M
- Priority Projects Fund -- \$27M
- Transit-Oriented Development -- \$4M
- Proactive Development Entity -- **\$1.4M**
- Homelessness Infrastructure -- \$30M





Building Housing – Expanding Options and Affordability

Support for Cities and Towns

- Municipal fellows program to support capacity -- \$1.4M
- Technical assistance specific to Transit-Oriented Development -- \$1M
- Infrastructure related to housing development -- \$4.3M
- Support for efforts to address homelessness -- \$2.5M



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Addressing Homelessness – Funding Available

Consolidated Homeless Fund Partnership

Brings together the State of Rhode Island Department of Housing, Housing Resources Commission, the Department of Human Services, and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Entitlement Cities of Pawtucket, Providence, and Woonsocket.

- Consolidated application process for multiple funding sources.
- Accepting applications for \$9.4+ million in funds.

Principles of Service Delivery (new this year)

In selecting vendors, the Department of Housing and the CHFP will evaluate proposals based on the extent they demonstrate alignment with the following principles:

- 1. Reducing unsheltered homelessness
- 2. Emphasizing housing-oriented and permanent solutions
- 3. High quality, client-oriented approaches
- 4. Sustainability, cost effectiveness, and responsible stewardship of resources
- 5. Data-driven decision making and systems approaches



Consolidated Homeless Fund – Eligible Activities

The \$9.4 million in resources can support various types of supports and interventions

- Emergency Shelters to provide temporary shelter with an emphasis on Housing First approach
- Street Outreach projects are to assess the immediate needs of people experiencing homelessness in unsheltered locations,
- · Rapid Re-Housing projects to help those who are homeless quickly transition into permanent housing
- Housing problem solving projects to assist households by preventing housing loss and helping households who have lost their housing regain stability quickly without utilizing longer-term mainstream homeless assistance resources
- Supportive Services projects such as operating a Day Center, Day Shelter, or projects that ONLY support the services component of permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects etc.
- Systems projects like a landlord outreach and incentives program, etc.
- Warming Centers or Temporary Seasonal Shelters (contract term anticipated to be from November 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024)

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New Applicants Welcome!

Encourage service providers and community organizations to submit proposals, whether or not they have been funded in prior years. New, innovative ideas are encouraged!

- Last year, the Consolidated Homeless Fund Partnership provided funding to proposals from 27 Rhode Island organizations.
- Find and read the Request for Proposals by going to the Office of Housing & Community Development webpage at https://ohcd.ri.gov and look for the RFP under "Special Announcements."
- Information session recordings
 - General information session can be found here: <u>http://alturl.com/v3jzy</u>
 - Information on proposals from bidders new to the CHF process can be found here: <u>http://alturl.com/dveaq</u>

