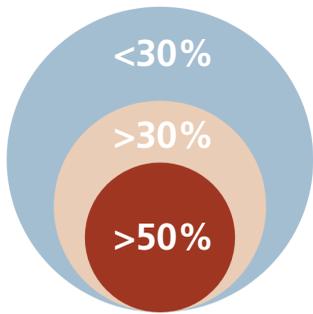


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AFFORDABILITY



48%
of renters spend
>30% of income
on housing costs

24%
of renters spend
>50% of income
on housing costs

In 2018, Connecticut had the **9th highest housing wage** in the United States. A Connecticut resident would need to earn **\$24.90 per hour** in order to afford the median rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in the state. In the Bridgeport/Stamford/Norwalk metro area, this figure rises to **\$38.19 per hour** – the fifth highest housing wage in the country.

In total, Connecticut has only **38 affordable rental homes per 100** extremely low-income (ELI) households. 95,465 ELI households in the state spent **over half of their income** on housing costs.

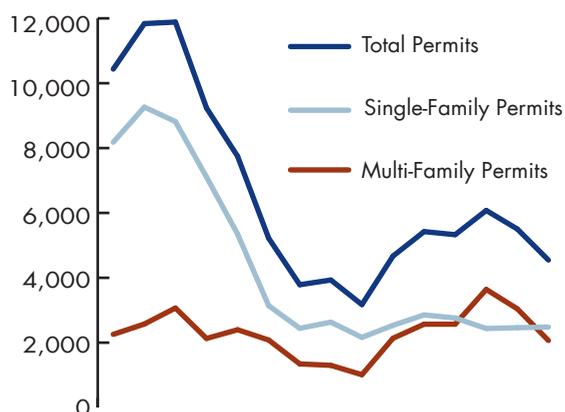
The median renter household in Connecticut spends 31.2% of their income on housing costs – which is greater than the HUD threshold of 30% to determine which renters are “cost-burdened.”

HOUSING SUPPLY

SHARP DECLINE IN MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING

In 2017, the number of building permits for 2+ unit homes in Connecticut declined to the lowest level since 2011. In total, 2,067 multifamily permits were issued, a decline from 3,043 the previous year.

CONNECTICUT HOUSING PERMITS BY YEAR, 2003-17



Housing construction in Connecticut has lagged behind that of its neighbors. In 2017, Connecticut ranked second-to-last in U.S. states in permit issuance rate, with a rate of 1.3 permits per 1,000 residents.

While the Northeast consistently has a lower rate of construction than the rest of the nation, Connecticut's permit rate is significantly lower than New York at 2.0 per 1,000, Massachusetts at 2.7 per 1,000, and New Jersey at 3.2 per 1,000.

“Connecticut’s housing stock is some of the oldest in the country. New construction is urgently needed to keep Connecticut homes safe, affordable, and appealing for families of all incomes.”

Sean Ghio,
Policy Director, PSC



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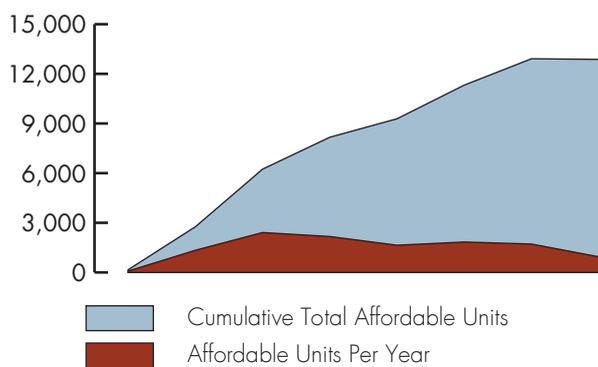
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AFFORDABILITY AT RISK

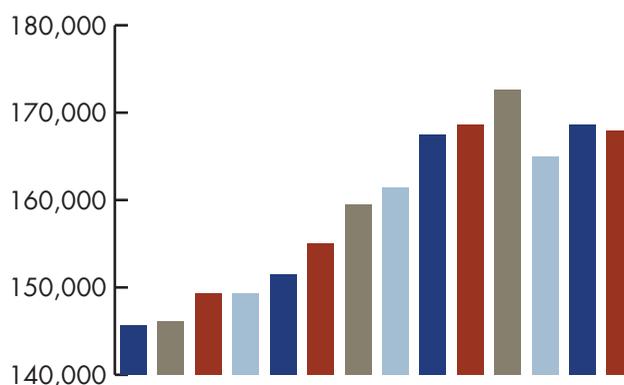
In 2018, a total of **1,098 affordable housing units** were funded by the Connecticut Department of Housing. This number is a 36% decline from 1,716 affordable units in 2017, and 1,838 in 2016.

AFFORDABLE UNIT CONSTRUCTION, 2011-18



The total number of units counted as affordable by the CT DOH numbered 167,911 in 2018, a decrease of 665 units from the previous year.

TOTAL AFFORDABLE UNITS, 2005-18



WHO WE ARE

Partnership for Strong Communities is a statewide nonprofit policy and advocacy organization dedicated to ending homelessness, expanding affordable housing, and building strong communities in Connecticut.

At the Partnership, we envision a state with strong, vibrant communities where all people can find safe, affordable homes with access to opportunities, and where being without a home, even briefly, is the rare exception.

Our Beliefs:

- Homelessness is unacceptable, solvable, and preventable.
- A safe, secure, affordable home is the foundation of individual opportunity and economic growth.
- Communities suffer when housing choices are limited. A wide array of housing choices creates a community where diverse groups of people can afford to live, thrive, and contribute.

Sources:

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