

# Housing Insecurity In Arizona Exacerbated by COVID-19

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**The Arizona Housing Coalition (AZHC) is a collaborative association that leads in the efforts to end homelessness and advocate for safe, affordable homes for all Arizonans.**

# Homelessness in Arizona

**10,979** people experiencing homelessness in Arizona on any given night

- 14% are considered chronically homeless
- 11% are veterans
- 18% are adults with serious mental illness
- 18% are adults with substance abuse disorders
- 2% are adults with HIV/AIDS
- 21% are victims of domestic violence

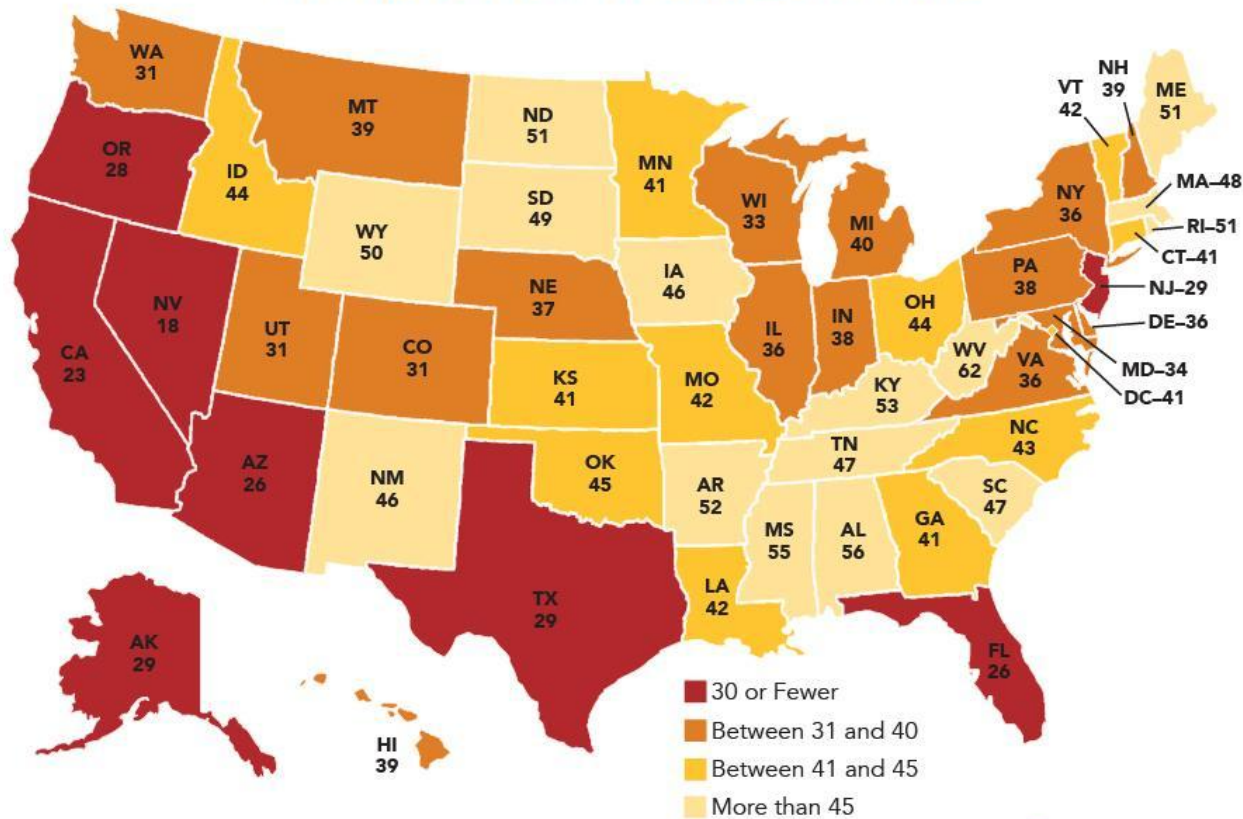
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# THE GAP

## RENTAL HOMES AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE PER 100 EXTREMELY LOW INCOME RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BY STATE



Note: Extremely low income (ELI) renter households have incomes at or below the poverty level or 30% of the area median income. Source: NLIHC tabulations of 2018 ACS PUMS Data.

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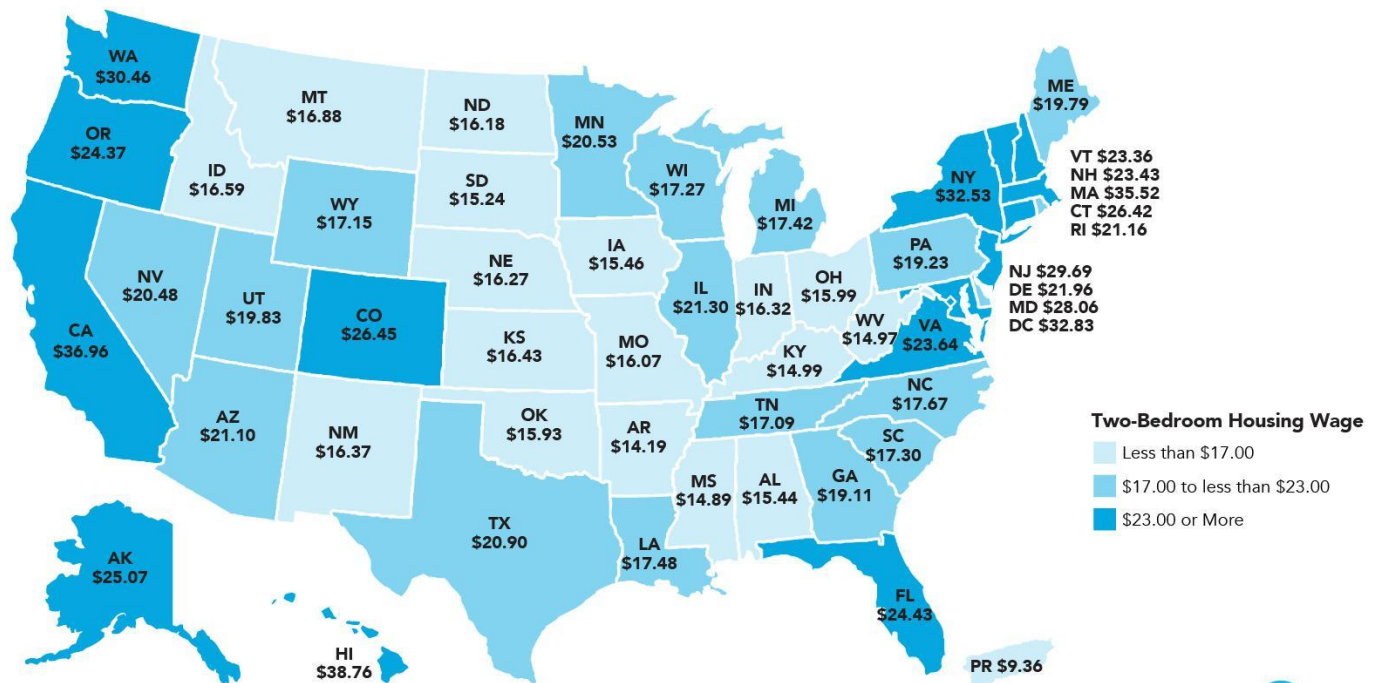


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## 2020 TWO-BEDROOM RENTAL HOUSING WAGES



Represents the hourly wage that a full-time worker must earn (working 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year) in order to afford the Fair Market Rent for a TWO-BEDROOM RENTAL HOME, without paying more than 30% of income.



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# Coronavirus & Housing Insecurity

## Short-term:

- Increased housing loss caused by economic insecurity and income loss
- Individuals experiencing homelessness are vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus
- Communities are grappling to secure quarantine and shelter options
- Confusion surrounding eviction moratorium



## Long term:

- Loss of existing housing units
- A halt in affordable housing plans and projects
- Increase in homelessness

# Evictions



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# The CDC Eviction Moratorium

**Effective: 09/04/20 – 6/30/2120**

- The federal CDC eviction moratorium supersedes the State moratorium
- Applies to evictions for non payment of rent, fees and charges
- Blocks all stages of evictions, including filing
- Applies to all standard rental housing, including mobile homes and park land
- **Tenants continue to be liable for all rent payment plus late fees and charges**

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# Renters must take action to use the CDC moratorium!

**Renters are not automatically protected and must do the following to be protected under the Moratorium:**

- Provide their landlord with a written declaration (Templates provided by the CDC)
- Apply for rental assistance
  - Veterans should contact their local SSVF provider for Homeless Prevention assessment
  - Non-SSVF qualifying veterans should apply for local funds (State, County, City, Non-profit agency)
- Make partial payments if possible

*Non-Complying landlords can be fined \$100k. Renters should attend court and seek counsel in this situation*

*We strongly encourage landlord-tenant communication during this time*

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