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FRESNO COUNTY'S HOUSING EMERGENCY UPDATE

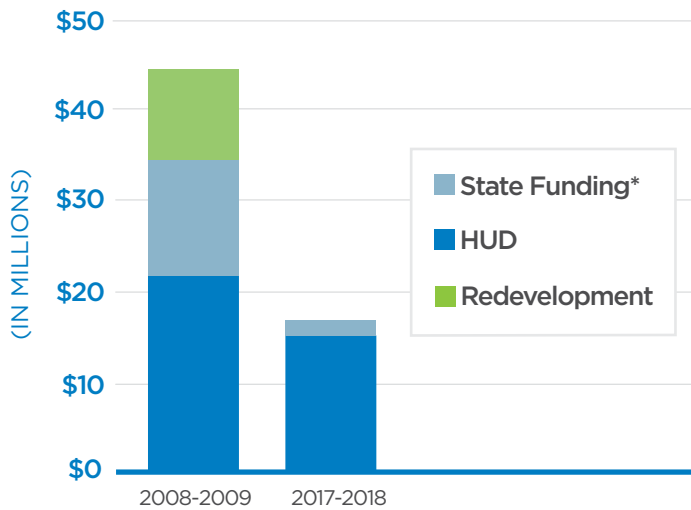


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California's Experts on Affordable Housing Finance, Advocacy & Policy

KEY FINDINGS

- Cuts in Federal and State funding have reduced investment in affordable housing in Fresno County by more than \$27 million annually since 2008, a 62% reduction.
- 72% of ELI households are paying more than half of their income on housing costs compared to just 2% of moderate income households.
- Fresno County needs 35,380 more affordable rental homes to meet current demand.
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit production and preservation in Fresno County increased 41% while State production and preservation decreased 23% from 2016-2018.
- Renters in Fresno County need to earn \$22.12 per hour - 1.8 times the State minimum wage - to afford the median monthly asking rent of \$1,150.

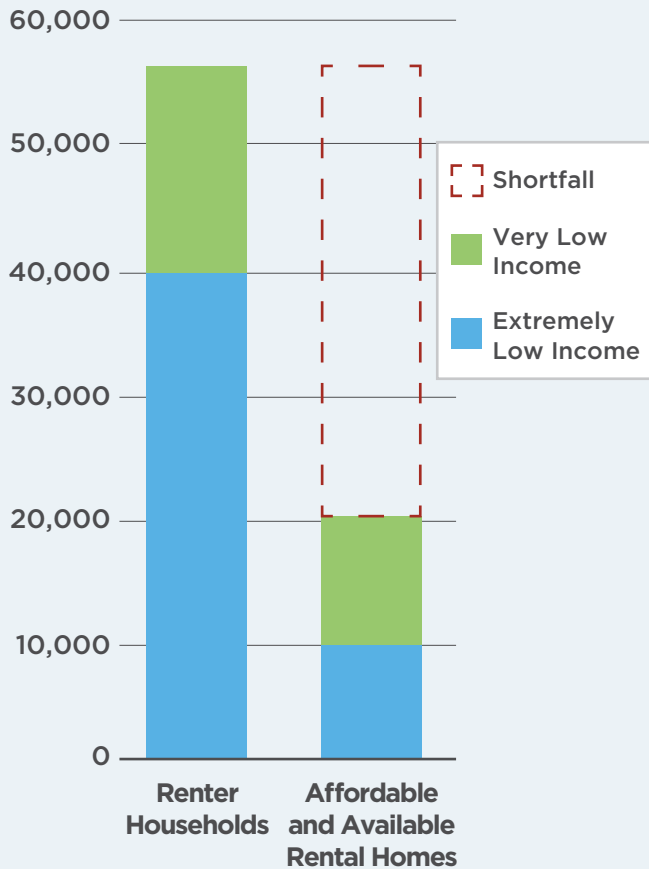
FRESNO COUNTY LOST 62% OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR HOUSING PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION FROM FY 2008-09 TO FY 2017-18



FUNDING SOURCE	FY 2008-09 (In thousands)	FY 2017-18 (In thousands)	% CHANGE
Redevelopment	\$9,564	\$0	-100%
State Housing Bonds and Housing Programs	\$12,526	\$1,746	-86%
HUD	\$22,045	\$14,843	-33%
TOTAL	\$44,135	\$16,589	-62%

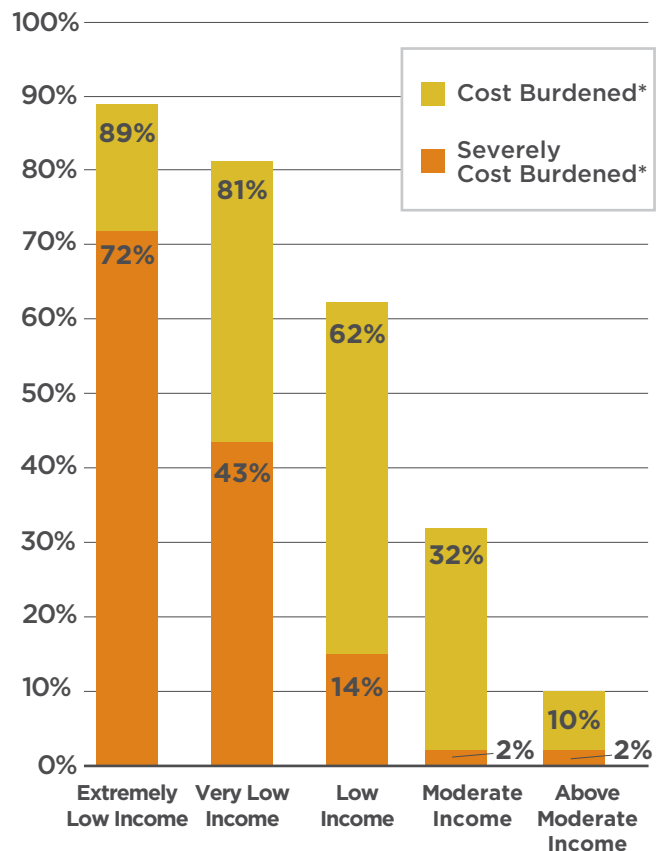
Source: California Housing Partnership analysis of 2008-2009 annual Redevelopment Housing Activities Report; 2008-2009 and 2017-2018 Annual HCD Financial Assistance Programs Reports; 2008-2009 and 2017-2018 HUD CPD Appropriations Budget Reports.
 *FY 2017-2018 does not include No Place Like Home Funding (NPLH) and no funds for the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program were awarded.

FRESNO COUNTY NEEDS 35,380 MORE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOMES



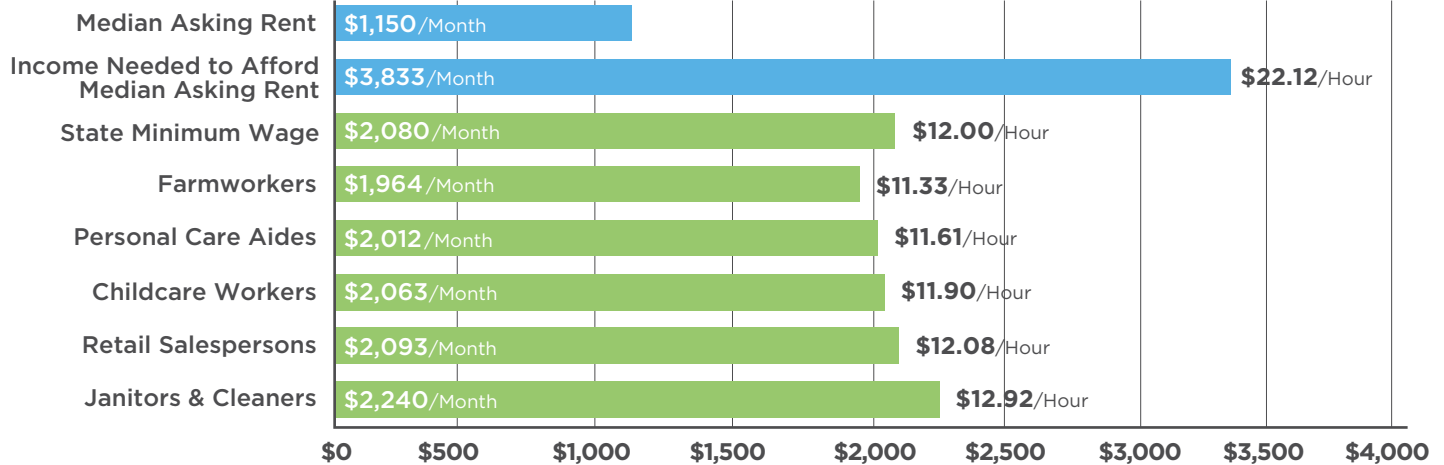
Source: NLIHC analysis of 2017 PUMS data.

LOWEST INCOME HOUSEHOLDS ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AND SEVERELY COST BURDENED



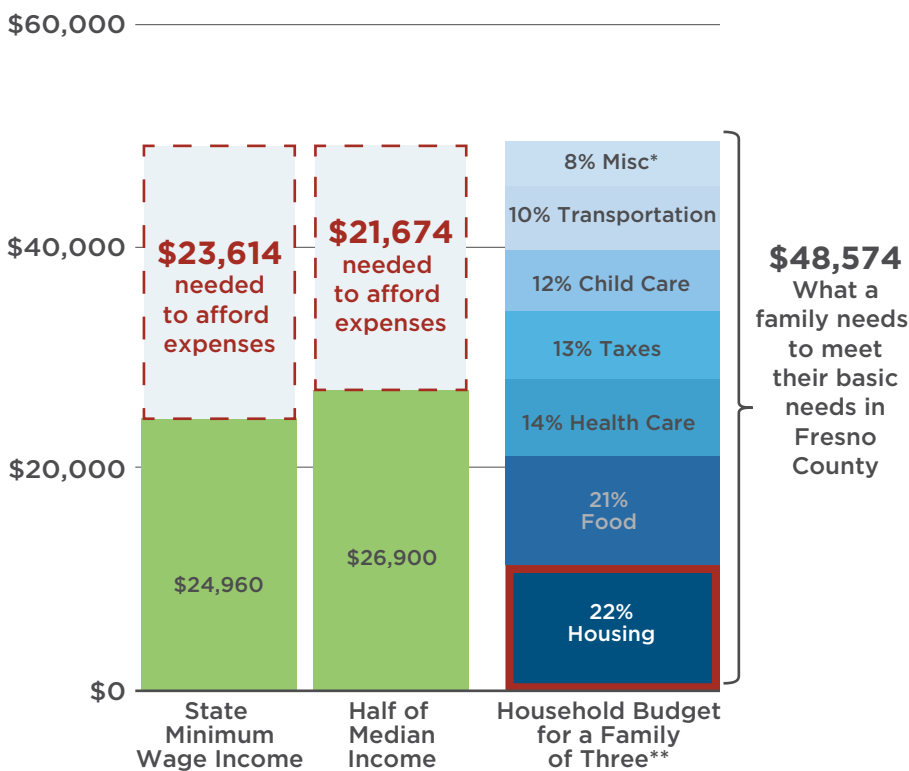
Source: NLIHC analysis of 2017 PUMS data.
 *Cost burdened households spend 30% or more of their income towards housing costs. Severely cost burdened households spend more than 50%.

RENTERS NEED TO EARN 1.8 TIMES MINIMUM WAGE TO AFFORD THE MEDIAN ASKING RENT IN FRESNO COUNTY



Source: Paul Waddell, Urban Analytics Lab, University of California, Berkeley, retrieved from analysis of online Craigslist listings in February 2019. Bureau of Labor Statistics Median Annual Wage Data for CA Occupations, 2018.

HOUSING & FOOD PRICES ARE DRIVING COSTS OF LIVING OUT OF REACH FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES IN FRESNO COUNTY



Source: The above budget is a preview of United Way's forthcoming data release on the Real Cost Measure. Please visit <https://www.unitedwaysca.org/realcost> for more information about what it takes to meet basic needs in Fresno County.

*The "miscellaneous" budget category includes all other categories not defined.

**The household budget for a family of three uses a population weighted average to estimate the costs associated with one working adult and two children (one school-aged child and one teenager). Each percentage represents how much a family's annual budget is captured in each cost category (housing, child care, etc.).

FRESNO COUNTY'S LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION INCREASED 41% WHILE STATE PRODUCTION DECREASED 23% FROM 2016-2018

STATEWIDE			
TYPE	2016	2018	% CHANGE
New Construction	9,285	9,373	1%
Acquisition & Rehab	15,032	9,430	-37%
All	24,317	18,803	-23%

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TYPE	2016	2018	% CHANGE
New Construction	189	217	15%
Acquisition & Rehab	505	762	51%
All	694	979	41%

Source: California Housing Partnership analysis of 2016-2018 California Tax Credit Allocation Committee data.

Note: The data does not include manager or market rate units created through the LIHTC program.

STATEWIDE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

The California Housing Partnership calls on State leaders to take the following actions to provide relief to low income families struggling with the high cost of housing:

- » Replace Redevelopment funding for affordable housing with at least \$1 billion annually to help local governments meet their State-mandated production goals.
- » Expand the State's Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program by \$500 million per year to jump-start affordable housing production and preservation.
- » Create a new California capital gains tax credit to preserve existing affordable housing at risk of conversion and to fight displacement pressures in Opportunity Zones.
- » Reduce the threshold for voter approval of local funding of affordable housing and infrastructure from 67% to 55% as was done for educational facilities in 2000.

LOCAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FRESNO COUNTY

- » Identify and approve multiple local revenue sources for affordable housing and place the proceeds in an affordable housing trust fund along with State SB 2 funds.
- » Propose new affordable housing that can successfully compete for new state funding including from the Multifamily Housing Program, Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities, No Place Like Home and Transformative Climate Communities.
- » In areas targeted for revitalization, focus on protecting and benefitting current low income residents by funding (1) the acquisition of existing housing affordable to and occupied by low-income households and (2) legal services for low income households threatened with displacement.
- » Appropriately zone and increase the density of property for affordable housing that is close to public transportation, schools, quality grocery stores and medical services.
- » Prioritize infrastructure improvements to facilitate infill residential development and to improve quality of life in low income communities.

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