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Affordable Housing

Pennsylvania has a housing crisis. More than 12,000 Pennsylvanians were reported as homeless in 2023 due to the rising costs of renting or owning a home, which has roughly doubled in the last 10 years. Many households spend more than half of their income on housing. Home ownership has decreased over the last few years, and new housing is not meeting demand. The National Low Income Housing Coalition states Pennsylvania has a shortage of more than 265,000 rental homes that are both affordable and available to extremely low-income families.

Last fall, Governor Josh Shapiro signed an executive order to create a Housing Action Plan to increase affordable housing and address homelessness in Pennsylvania. The PA Municipal League views housing as a statewide issue. In order for solutions to be truly effective, they must be tailored to a municipality's unique community and its specific needs. The League urges the General Assembly to consider local government needs and concerns, and to invite them to participate in the solutions process.

Media Resources:

Media Center Link to written quotes, video sound bites from PA Municipal League Executive Staff pml.org



Staff provide pre-recorded answers to the following questions:

Does Pennsylvania have a housing crisis? In what way?

PA is developing a Housing Action Plan, will that be enough?

Why should local government be involved in the Housing Action Plan's solutions to affordable housing?

How can the PA General Assembly involve local government to participate in solution strategy?

What is the Pennsylvania Municipal League?

More Information:

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