



Calgary's Affordable Housing snapshot

Everyone deserves a safe and stable place to call home, but not everyone can afford one.

84,000 or nearly **1 in 5** households are struggling to pay for shelter costs



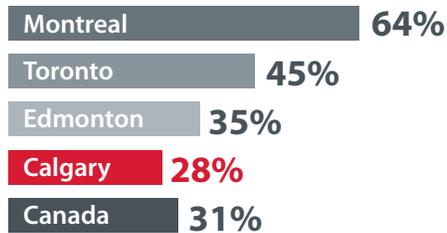
42,000 households at risk of becoming homeless due to spending more than 50 per cent of income on shelter costs

More than **3,200** Calgarians are homeless



According to The City's definition of affordable housing, a household is in need of affordable housing when it earns less than \$60,000/year and spends more than 30 per cent of gross income on shelter costs

Percentage rental



Calgary's lowest market rental rates are among the highest in Canada, and the supply is limited

Income needed to afford average rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Calgary

\$53,000

Approximately **21%** of households do not have sufficient income to afford an average rental apartment in the market



66%

of homes in Calgary are owner occupied single-family homes



75% Calgary households with insufficient income to buy a single-family house

Who does affordable housing support?

Affordable housing supports people in varying circumstances. People in the following professions, earning a single income, may benefit from affordable housing.¹



\$28,000
Cleaning/janitorial



\$29,000
Teacher assistants/
early childhood educators



\$34,000
Nurse's aide



\$40,000
Bank tellers



\$45,000
Trade helpers/
labourers



\$48,000
Transit operators

Only 3.6 per cent of all housing in Calgary is non-market housing; this is nearly half the national average in urban centres



The need for non-market housing is growing faster than the supply

80%

of non-market units are over 25 years old



¹ List of occupations collected from occinfo.alis.alberta.ca

Statistics in infographic collected from The City of Calgary's report *Housing in Calgary: An Inventory of Housing Supply, 2015-2016*

Affordable housing helps everyone

Affordable housing supports people of all ages, family compositions and demographics. People in affordable housing have greater chances to:

- Find and keep jobs
- Learn and build skills
- Be active participants in their communities



Keeping vulnerable residents off the streets reduces demand and pressure on emergency services, hospitals and correction facilities. Providing housing for one homeless person has been shown to save taxpayers **\$34,000** annually

Every billion dollars invested in housing grows Canada's economy by

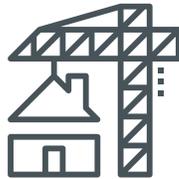
\$1.4 billion

and generates up to **13,000** indirect and direct jobs

What is The City doing to meet the ongoing need for affordable housing

In 2016, Council adopted The City of Calgary's Corporate Affordable Housing Strategy – Foundations for Home, which includes six key objectives over the next ten years:

Objective #1
Get the Calgary community building



Objective #3
Design and build new City units



Objective #5
Strengthen intergovernmental partnerships



Objective #2
Leverage City land



Objective #4
Regenerate City-owned properties

Objective #6
Improve the housing system



From 2016-2018, The City will build **160 new units** and support the development of **1,500** units by other housing providers



Affordable housing isn't just about building homes – it's about **building families and community**, and making Calgary a great place to live for all citizens



For more information or to find out how you can get involved, visit calgary.ca/affordablehousing