**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
**BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

THE COLORADO WAY OF LIFE IS BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF HOME.
BUT IT HAS GOTTEN HARDER TO FIND AN AFFORDABLE HOME.

### Housing in Colorado

- **$1,359**
  - 2018 median rent for 2BR
- **$23.93**
  - Hourly wage needed to afford 2BR
- **1 in 2**
  - Renters is cost burdened
- **1 in 4**
  - Homeowners is cost burdened

30,000 Coloradans are homeless

### Housing in El Paso County

Coloradans in all parts of the state are facing a housing crisis. Skyrocketing housing costs and stagnant wages force El Paso County residents to spend more of their limited income on rent.

#### Who can afford to live in El Paso County?

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<th>Job</th>
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Wage needed to rent 1BR: $15.25/hr
Wage needed to rent 2BR: $19.62/hr

### El Paso Profile

- **Total pop:** 713,856
- **Fair Market Rent:** $1,020/month
- **Rent affordable at minimum wage:** $530/month
- **50% of renters are cost burdened**
- **28% of homeowners are cost burdened**

Sources: American Community Survey, National Low-Income Housing Coalition, Bureau of Labor Statistics OES, 2018, DOLA
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