



2019 State of Home Affordability in Massachusetts

Help Habitat make the #CostOfHome something we all can afford.

In Massachusetts,



1 IN 6 HOUSEHOLDS

spend half or more of their income on housing.



Because of increased housing costs and growing income inequality, nearly one-third of households in the United States face cost burdens – paying either at least 30 percent of their income for housing (cost-burdened) or at least half of their income on housing (severely cost-burdened). These burdens leave nearly 38 million households with little income to afford the cost of food, health care and other basic necessities. With more than 18 million severely cost-burdened households in the U.S., the importance of advocating for home affordability for homeowners and renters cannot be overstated.

**\$33.81/hour or
\$70,333 annually**

Wage required to afford fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Massachusetts (\$1,758), working 40 hours per week.

(State minimum wage: \$12.00/hour or \$24,960 annually)

-169,809

Shortage of affordable and available households for extremely low-income renters in Massachusetts.