




Erie County, Pennsylvania

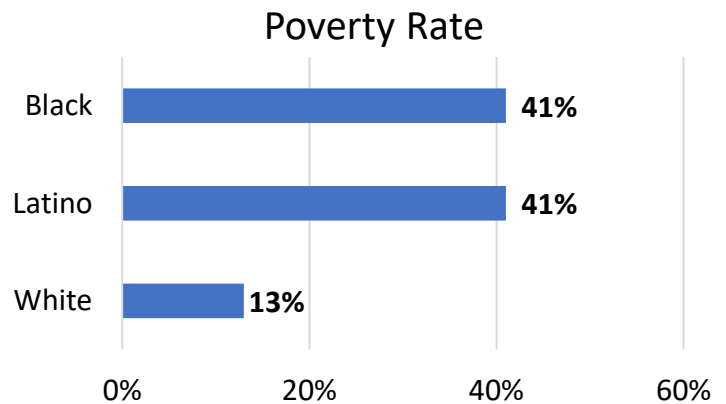
Affordable Housing Challenges

Too many hard working families, seniors and people with disabilities are struggling to find and maintain homes they can afford. There are **34** affordable and available rental homes for every **100** extremely low income renter households in Erie County, compared to **38** affordable and available rental homes in Pennsylvania.

Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC), The Gap Report, March 2020; County data from NLIHC staff

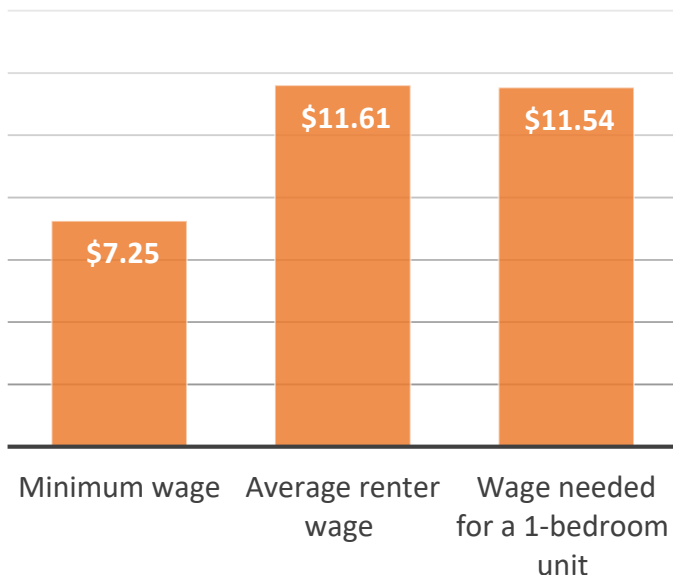
Population and Poverty in Erie County

Total	Individuals	In Poverty
273,835	Population 	41,793
58,915	Children < 18 	13,293
47,517	Seniors ≥ 65 	3,891

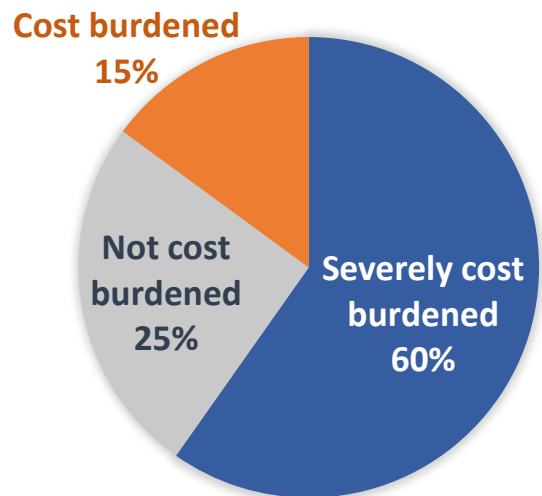


Source: U.S. Census, 2015-2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates, Erie County, PA

Wages vs Housing Costs



Cost Burdened Extremely Low Income Households



Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach (2020), Erie County, PA

Source: HUD, Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data, Erie County, PA; 2013-2017 ACS, Released August 25, 2020

Cost burdened households pay more than 30% of their income, and severe cost burdened pay more than 50% of their income, for housing expenses including rent/mortgage, utilities, and other housing related fees and taxes. Those living cost burdened or severely cost burdened may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and medical care.

Erie County, Pennsylvania Solutions that Work

Reducing Homelessness

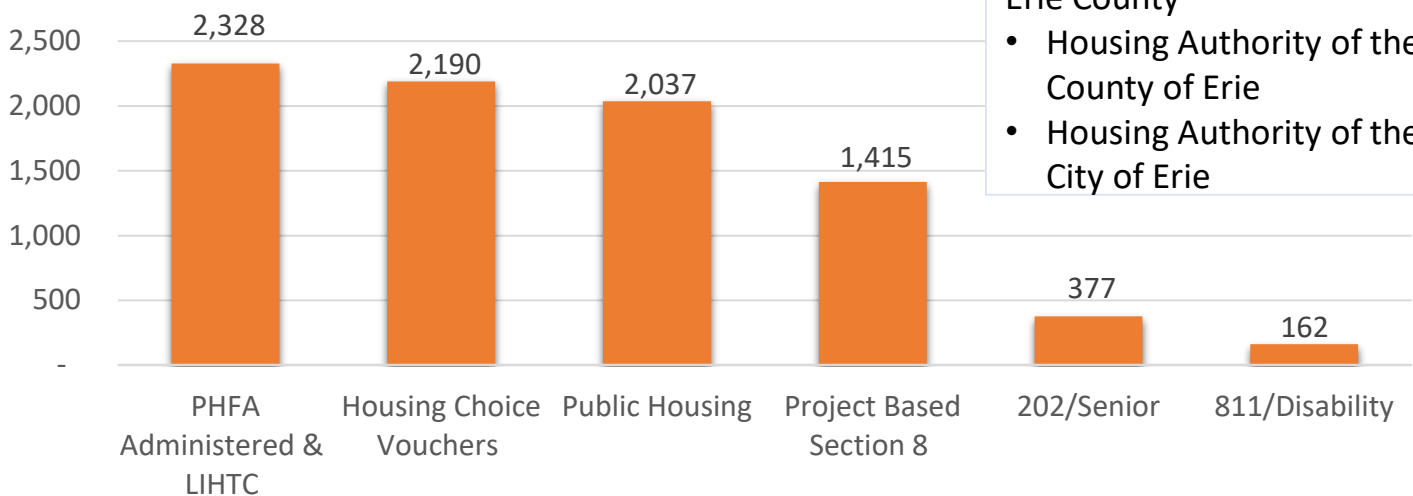
To end homelessness is to achieve and sustain **“Functional Zero”** – a well coordinated and efficient community system that quickly identifies and connects those experiencing a housing crisis with the supports they need and want to avoid staying on the street and to be moved to permanent housing as quickly as possible.

Erie County is Reducing Length of Time Spent Experiencing Homelessness

In 2019, Erie County reduced the length of time a person experiences homelessness by 4% from the previous year.

Source: HUD 2019 CoC Performance Profile PA-605

Affordable Housing Units in Erie County



Sources: HUD, Picture of Subsidized Households data, 2020; PHFA Inventory of Multifamily Housing, Erie County Inventory of Affordable Housing, updated 2019

PHARE Working in Your Community

City of Erie Homeowner Mini-Grant Program

The City of Erie will use \$75,000 in PHARE funds to assist low to moderate income homeowners with repairs or necessary home improvement costs for projects up to \$3,000. The program will also connect neighborhood groups, homeowners, community-based organizations, PHFA & HUD programs, and social service agencies to existing resources through referrals.

Erie County received a total of \$625,000 in PHARE funds in 2020

Source: Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, 2020 PHARE Project Summaries



Housing Alliance
of Pennsylvania

The Housing Alliance is a statewide coalition working to provide leadership and a common voice for policies, practices and resources to ensure that all Pennsylvanians, especially those with low incomes, have access to safe, decent and affordable homes. We promote common-sense solutions to balance Pennsylvania's housing market and increase the supply of safe, decent homes for low-income people.