

Current State of Housing and Homelessness in Washington, DC

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- The total number of people who are homeless in DC is 6,954, including:
 - 983 families
 - 3,696 individuals(2013 Point in Time Count, MWCOG)

- According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for rental housing to be affordable, it should cost no more than 30% of the household's income.
 - 48,800 households in DC spend more than half their income on housing. This includes almost 25% of District renters.("Disappearing Act," DC Fiscal Policy Institute, 2012)

- 32,000 households pay more than half their income in rent.
 - Of those, about half include someone with a fulltime job
 - 7,000 of the households paying more than half their income for rent are seniors.(DC Office of Planning; American Communities Survey)

- In the last year, 102 buildings containing nearly 5,000 apartments were put up for sale.
(FOIA Request, DHCD; November 2012)

- DC's First Right Purchase program has helped preserve 1,391 units of affordable housing.
(“DC's First Right Purchase Program Helps to Preserve Affordable Housing and Is One of DC's Key Anti-Displacement Tools,” DC Fiscal Policy Institute, 2013)

- In the last ten years, DC lost more than half of the low-cost rental housing from 70,600 down to 34,500.
(“Disappearing Act,” DC Fiscal Policy Institute, 2012)

- A resident of the District earning a minimum wage of \$8.25 per hour would need to work 140 hours per week to afford the 2012 fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment.
(Out of Reach 2012, National Low Income Housing Coalition)

- Only 45 percent of DC residents are homeowners, which is 20% below the national rate. It's even lower in Ward 8, where the homeownership rate is only 23%.
(*Neighborhood Info DC; 10/30/12 Press Release, U.S. Census Bureau*)

- 12,500 households have been helped to purchase their first home in DC with the Home Purchase Assistance Program.
(Manna, Inc.)



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