

# LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT IMPACT IN MAINE

## THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT'S BENEFITS FOR MAINE'S FAMILIES AND ECONOMY

1986 - 2014



13,097  
homes developed  
or preserved



30,516  
low-income households  
provided affordable homes



14,800  
jobs supported  
for one year



\$1.41 billion  
local income  
generated



\$555 million  
tax revenue  
generated

Sources: National Council of State Housing Agencies, National Association of Home Builders



**The Housing Credit is a proven solution to help address the affordable housing crisis.**

The Housing Credit is our nation's most successful tool for encouraging private investment in affordable rental housing. It has financed nearly 3 million apartments since 1986, providing roughly 6.5 million low-income families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities homes they can afford. Without the Housing Credit, it would be financially infeasible for the private sector to build affordable homes for the families that need them most.

However, viable and sorely needed Housing Credit developments are turned down each year because Housing Credit resources fall far short of the demand. On average, state Housing Credit allocating agencies receive applications requesting more than three times their available authority. With more Housing Credit resources, we could make a meaningful step towards addressing our nation's vast and growing affordable housing needs.

## THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS THAT STILL REMAIN

Though the Housing Credit has had a tremendous impact in Maine, much more affordable housing is still needed.



In Maine alone,  
**40,249 HOUSEHOLDS**

pay more than half of their income monthly on rent, leaving too little for other expenses like health care, transportation and nutritious food.



And in Maine, a minimum wage worker has to work  
**86 HOURS PER WEEK**  
in order to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment.

Sources: 2014 American Community Survey, National Low Income Housing Coalition's Out of Reach 2014

The ACTION Campaign calls on Congress to expand and strengthen the Housing Credit.

**AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING**  
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A Call To Invest in Our Neighborhoods

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