## The Housing Credit’s Benefits for Low-Income Families & The Economy
1986 – 2017

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<td>Homes developed or preserved in IL-01</td>
<td>9,578</td>
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<td>Jobs supported for one year</td>
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<td>Tax revenue generated</td>
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## The Need for Affordable Housing
The Housing Credit, combined with other key resources, has had a tremendous impact in Illinois. However, much more affordable housing is still needed to meet the growing demand.

419,221 renter households in Illinois pay more than half of their monthly income on rent, leaving too little for other expenses like health care, transportation and nutritious food.

In order to afford a modest one-bedroom apartment, a minimum wage worker in Illinois has to work 85 hours per week.

## Addressing Our Nation’s Severe Shortage of Affordable Housing
17,727 additional affordable homes could be built in Illinois over the next ten years through a 50 percent increase in Housing Credit allocation authority.

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 over 3 million apartments nationwide since 1986, providing about 7.4 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.

The ACTION Campaign calls on Congress to:

- **Expand** the Housing Credit to make a meaningful dent in our nation’s severe shortage of affordable housing.
- **Strengthen** the Housing Credit by making it more streamlined and flexible.
- **Enhance** multifamily Housing Bonds, which provide critical financing to about 50 percent of Housing Credit developments.

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