Pennsylvania's Housing Action Plan

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Developing the Housing Action Plan

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Executive Order 2024-03

On Sept. 12, 2024, **Governor Josh Shapiro** signed an executive order to **create a Housing Action Plan** to:

- Address our **housing shortage**
- Reduce **homelessness**, and
- Expand **housing options** affordable to working Pennsylvanians.



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GOALS

- Determine state and regional housing needs.
- Identify housing goals with measurable outcomes.
- Assess the effectiveness of existing housing programs.
- Recommend initiatives to improve housing outcomes.



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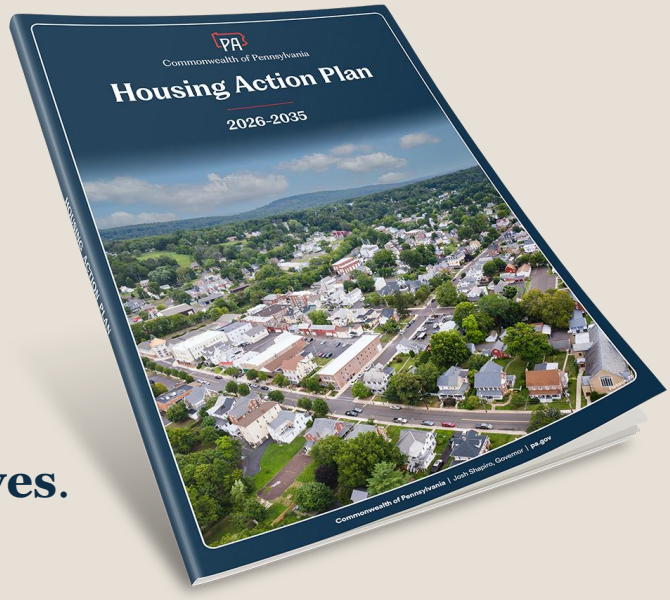
DEVELOPING THE PLAN

- 15 Regional Roundtables
- 2,489 Survey Responses
- Current State of the Pennsylvania Housing Market Report
- Future Trends in the Pennsylvania Housing Market
- Nationwide Review of State Housing Programs

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The result is **a unified statewide vision**, grounded in evidence and experience, with **five goals and 28 actionable initiatives**.



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PRIMARY AREAS OF FOCUS

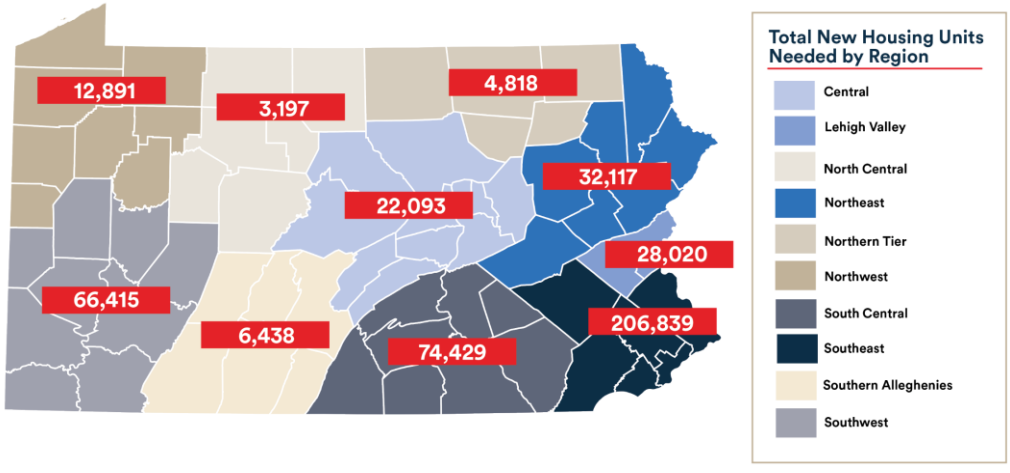
- **Build and Preserve Pennsylvania's Housing Stock**
- **Expand Housing Opportunity for All Pennsylvanians**
- **Provide Pathways to Housing Stabilization and Sustainability**
- **Modernize Pennsylvania's Housing Development Regulations**
- **Achieve Operational Excellence Across State and Local Government**

An "All of the Above" Approach to Housing

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Estimated New Residential Construction Demand by 2035



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Provide Pathways to Housing Stabilization & Sustainability

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OUR FOUNDATION: THE STATE OF HOUSING IN PENNSYLVANIA

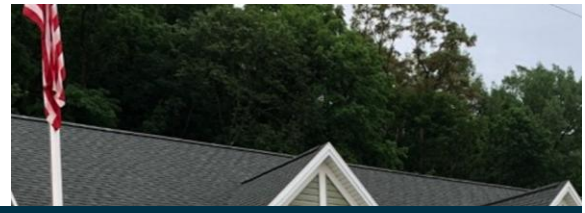
Commonwealth communities identified **14,088 Pennsylvanians experiencing homelessness** on a single night in 2024, an increase of 12% compared to 2023.

There were over
120,000
eviction filings or foreclosure actions taken against Pennsylvania households in 2024.

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Provide Pathways to Housing Stabilization & Sustainability



STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Align Homelessness Support Programs and Help Pennsylvanians Transition into Safe, Stable Housing
- Established an Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)
- Connect Unsheltered Medicaid Recipients to Stable Housing and Services through Investments in Health



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Provide Pathways to Housing Stabilization & Sustainability

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Increase funding for the Homeless Assistance Program and allow for expanded services to prevent and address homelessness.
- Increase Homeless Management Information System data sharing
- Provide communities with the tools and resources to development and implement sustainable and humane strategies to address encampments
- Research and identify nationwide best practices related to the intersection of rights of way, access to transportation, and individuals experiencing homelessness
- Increase funding for domestic violence prevention

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Provide Pathways to Housing Stabilization & Sustainability

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Protect, Support, & Stabilize Housing for Survivors of Domestic Abuse
- Expand Statewide Eviction and Foreclosure Programs
- Protect Manufactured Housing Affordability from Private Equity
- Invest in Fair Housing Education and Enforcement
- Reduce Household Energy Burden by Strengthening Consumer Protections

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Achieve Operational Excellence Across State & Local Government

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Fragmented oversight across Pennsylvania's housing functions limits the Commonwealth's ability to support the delivery of more housing units and meet the needs of residents who rely on supportive housing services.

Agency	Enforcement	Funding	Regulatory	Technical Assistance
Department of Aging – HS		•		•
Department of Banking and Securities – HD			•	
Department of Community and Economic Development – HD HS		•	•	•
Department of Corrections – HS				•
Department of Environmental Protection – HD	•		•	
Department of Health – HS		•		
Department of Human Services – HS		•		•
Department of Insurance – HD			•	
Department of Labor and Industry – HD		•	•	
Department of Military and Veteran Affairs – HS				•
Department of State – HD			•	
Department of Transportation – HD		•	•	
Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency – HS		•		
Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency – HS		•		•
Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency – HD HS		•		•
Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission – HS	•			•
Office of the Attorney General – HS	•			

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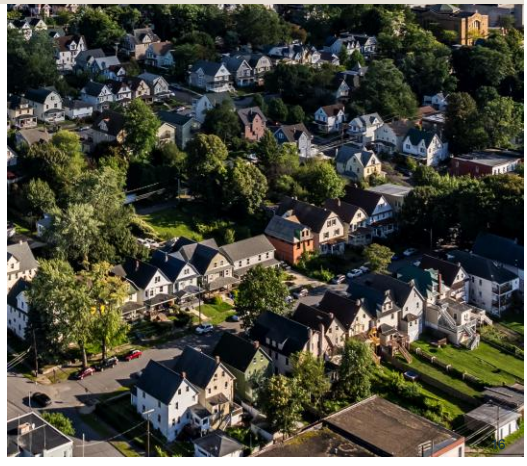
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STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Appoint a Deputy Secretary for Housing
- Reform and Revamp Pennsylvania's State and Local Housing Programs



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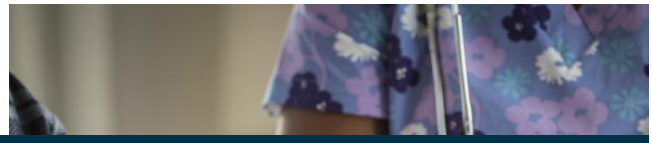
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STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Optimize Pennsylvania's Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Create a Housing One-Stop-Shop
- Improve the Commonwealth's Data Collection for Housing Programs and Share Housing Data Across Executive Departments

FY2026-27 Budget Wins to Support the Housing Action Plan

Investments in Health



Expanding connections to stable housing and supports for Pennsylvanians experiencing homelessness through a **$1 million Investments in Health** pilot program.



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Policy Reforms



PENDING LEGISLATION

New policy initiatives and reforms to:

- Strengthen **renter protections** and **housing stability measures.**
- Address **tangled titles.**
- **Protect manufactured housing communities** from sudden cost increases.
- Streamline **statewide housing leadership**, **coordination**, and **data sharing.**



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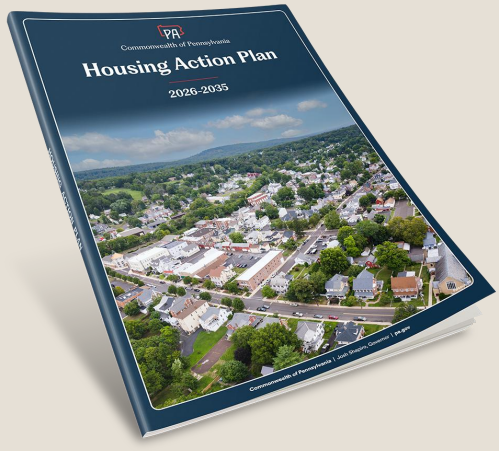
Wrap Up

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Get the Full Plan

The **Housing Action Plan** is available for viewing or download on **DCED's website**.

If you have questions, speaker requests, or looking for additional information, please email us at **RA-DCEDHousingPlan@pa.gov**.



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