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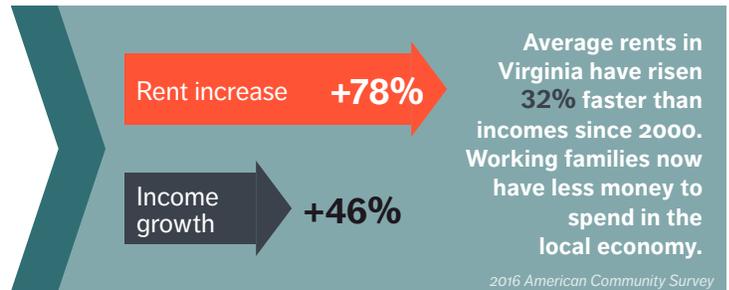
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA FACT SHEET

•••• Stable homes build strong communities. ••••

Rents across Virginia continue to quickly outpace incomes.

Between 2000 and 2016, the average rent in Virginia grew by **78%**, from **\$650** to **\$1,159**. At the same time, median household incomes only increased **46%**, from **\$46,677** to **\$68,114**.

2000 US Census; 2016 American Community Survey



For every 100 Virginia families in need of a home within their budget, the following # are available and affordable for each income level:



Extremely Low Income



Very Low Income

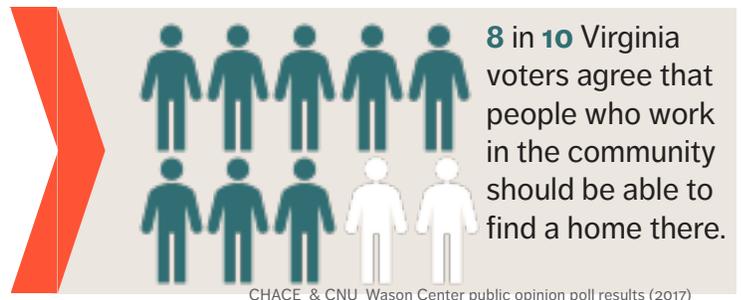
NLIHC Gap Report (2018)

Secure housing remains out of reach for families at various income levels.

In Virginia, a person earning minimum wage would need to work **111** hours a week in order to afford a modest 1 bedroom apartment at fair market (**\$1,048**).

NLIHC Out of Reach Report (2018)

Public opinion poll results show that Virginia voters recognize housing affordability as a challenge throughout the Commonwealth.



The eviction process disrupts a family's life making it harder for them to meet their basic needs.

2.34%

National average



2016
eviction
rates

Eviction Lab

5.12%

Virginia

Safe and accessible homes are the cornerstone for healthy, productive lives.



Federal support for homelessness and housing programs enables the creation, revitalization, and financing of homes for Virginia families. For example, HUD's **Housing Choice Voucher** program helped **46,348 Virginia families** remain in their homes and avoid homelessness in 2016. Continued federal investment will help ensure that families can thrive in their communities, and prevent life unsettling events such as homelessness and eviction. Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (2016)

The Campaign for Housing and Civic Engagement is a collaboration between housing advocates and providers throughout Virginia working to bring housing issues to the forefront of elections across the state. CHACE is non-partisan and does not endorse candidates. For more information, visit chaceva.org