

Illinois

With so many people calling Illinois home, it's no surprise that the state has long been facing housing affordability challenges. Combatting housing affordability issues in the state will require holistic solutions that address the needs of all Illinois residents.



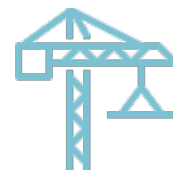
Illinois is home to approximately 12.8 million people — with 2.6 million residing in Chicago alone.



1.4 million Illinoisans call an apartment home, with demand on the rise.



72% of extremely low-income renters spend more than half of their income on housing.



Between now and 2030, Illinois will need to build 1,985 new apartment homes each year to keep up with demand.



Legal Landscape

The state of Illinois preempts local governments from implementing rent control. According to Illinois legislation, “A unit of local government, as defined in Section 1 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, shall not enact, maintain, or enforce an ordinance or resolution that would have the effect of controlling the amount of rent charged for leasing private residential or commercial property.”

CONTINUE PREEMPTION

Rent control is an outdated concept.
It benefits the very few—and not necessarily those in greatest need.

REJECT PRICE CONTROLS

Lawmakers should reject price controls and, instead, pursue alternatives such as voucher-based rental assistance for those in greatest need to better address housing affordability.