Like many other parts of the country, Florida’s growth has resulted in significant housing affordability challenges. Combatting housing affordability issues in the state will require holistic solutions that address the needs of all Florida residents.

- Florida has seen a sharp population increase, with 13.3% growth since 2010.
- More than 2.7 million Floridians call an apartment home, with demand on the rise.
- 80% of extremely low-income renters spend more than half of their income on housing.
- Between now and 2030, Florida will need to build 47,814 new apartment homes each year to keep up with demand.

**Legal Landscape**

The state of Florida preempts local municipalities from implementing rent control. According to Florida statute, “No municipality, county, or other entity of local government shall adopt or maintain in effect any law, ordinance, rule, or other measure which would have the effect of imposing controls on rents.”

**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Rent control is an outdated concept.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.

If you have questions about our efforts to promote holistic housing policies, please contact us at info@growinghomestogether.org