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# Maryland

Like many other parts of the country, Maryland'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 Maryland residents.



Maryland is home to over 6 million people.



More than 867,000 Marylanders 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, Maryland will need to build 6,000 new apartment homes each year to keep up with demand.



## Legal Landscape

The state of Maryland allows rent control in certain counties. Maryland Code, Local Government § 13-923 dictates "The County Commissioners of Washington County may enact a local law or adopt regulations to control the increase of rent in the county."

### ESTABLISH PREEMPTION

Rent control is an outdated concept.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

### REJECT PRICE CONTROLS

It is important for lawmakers to pursue alternatives such as voucher-based rental assistance for those in greater need to better address housing affordability.