

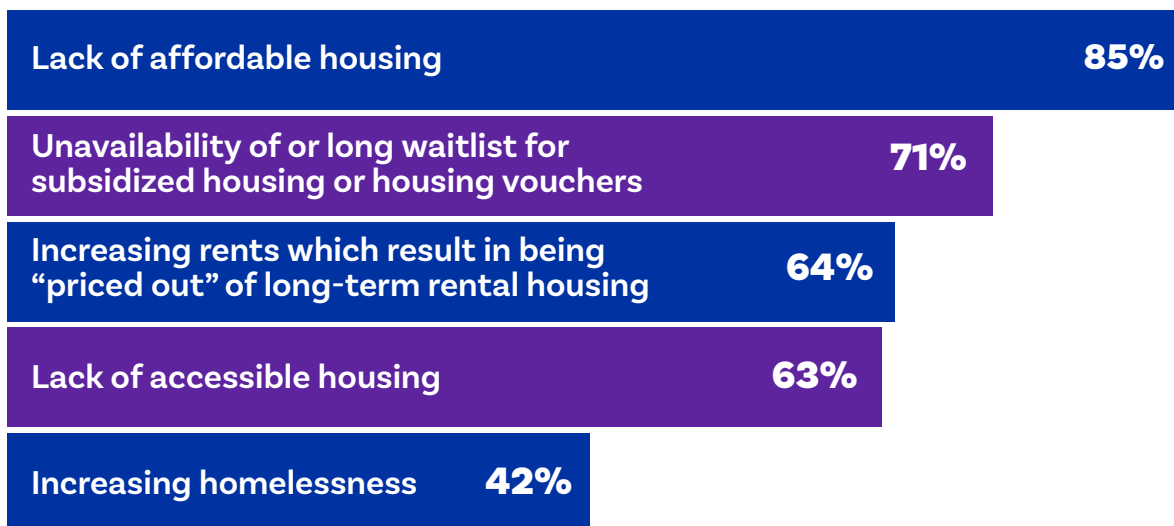
AAA Housing and Homelessness Programs and Partnerships

Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) provide a variety of supportive services that enable older adults to live independently at home, yet the root of that independence—stable housing—is a challenge for many older adults. In response, AAAs are increasingly providing housing and homelessness-related services. They are also developing innovative partnerships to help ensure that older adults have a place to call home.

Housing Challenges Facing Older Adults

AAAs regularly assess community needs and are positioned to understand local emerging housing challenges. AAAs see these as the top five “major challenges” facing older adults in their planning and service areas.

Top 5 Housing Challenges Facing Older Adults, Per AAAs



AAA Directors Say:

“A lack of safe and affordable housing is a growing issue across our state. Emergency homeless shelters specifically for older adults are needed.”

“The high cost of living in our mountain state impacts older adults in many ways. Older adults on fixed incomes cannot afford the increasing housing costs, and neither can the direct care workers who provide in-home services to our clients.”

“Within our rural region [in the Southwest], there is a lack of housing stock in general, and older adults are being priced out of their homes.”

Provision of Housing and Homelessness Services

Top 10 Housing-Related Services and Supports Provided by AAAs

81%
of AAAs provide one or more program or service related to housing and/or homelessness

60%	Home modification program
32%	Housing navigator, coordinator or other assistance with obtaining housing (e.g., locating affordable housing, applying for vouchers)
30%	Respite stays in long-term care settings
28%	At-home safety program (e.g., home safety assessment)
26%	Eviction prevention/diversion or mortgage foreclosure
21%	Rental assistance or tenancy supports
20%	Service coordination on site at housing property
20%	Homelessness intervention program (such as targeted case management) and/or homelessness prevention program
11%	Provide AAA services in a shelter
8%	Own or operate subsidized senior housing

Emerging Innovations in AAA Housing Services

To respond to challenges, some AAAs have begun developing and supporting innovative housing services such as:

- co-housing programs (multi-generational or older adults only)
- adult foster care programs
- accessory dwelling units (ADUs)
- owning or operating homeless or emergency shelters



Partnerships for Housing and Homelessness Services

AAAs partner with, on average, 14 types of organizations related to housing and homelessness services. Most of these are informal partnerships.

Top 10 Types of Partner Organizations, With Which More Than 75 Percent of AAAs Have a Formal or Informal Relationship, Include:

City, county or other local housing office	<p>“Our AAA has had success partnering with Community Action Agencies to advocate for and prioritize older adults for housing support services.”</p> <p>-AAA Director</p>
Legal support, such as for fair housing or tenant rights	
Public housing authority (including Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8)	
Hospitals or health systems	
Centers for Independent Living	
Long-term care residences (nursing homes, assisted living)	
Home repair programs such as Rebuilding Together or Habitat for Humanity	
Law enforcement or emergency services	
Homelessness partners, including homeless or emergency shelters	
Public or other subsidized housing	



Emerging Opportunities for Formalized Partnerships

AAAs represent the varied needs of older adults when they engage in partnerships with housing sector agencies. Approximately five percent of AAAs have a **formal partnership** with one of the following housing and homelessness partners:

- Supportive housing
- Public or other subsidized housing
- Homelessness partners, including homeless or emergency shelters
- Affordable housing coalition
- Continuum of Care or Coordinated Entry Systems for housing instability or older adults experiencing homelessness

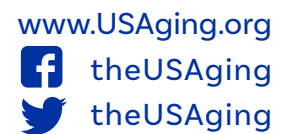


About Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)

AAAs across the country work to help older adults and people with disabilities live with optimal health, well-being, independence and dignity in their homes and communities. Formally established by the Older Americans Act in 1973, AAAs assess needs and plan, coordinate and deliver a range of long-term services and supports to consumers in their local planning and service areas. Learn more about AAAs at www.usaging.org.

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