# New Mexico's Housing Shortage And Lessons from Policy Outcomes Elsewhere

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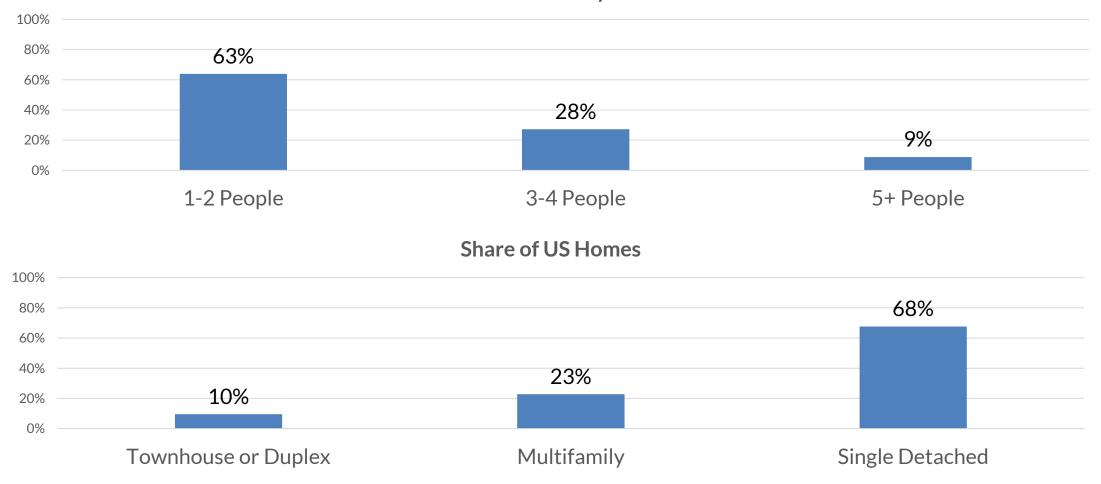


#### Housing Costs Have Reached All-Time High in the Past Year

- Half of renters are spending more than 30% of their income on rent
- One-quarter of renters are spending more than 50% of their income on rent
- First time median rent has reached \$1,400 or median sale price has topped \$420,000
- U.S. housing shortage estimated at 4 to 7 million homes



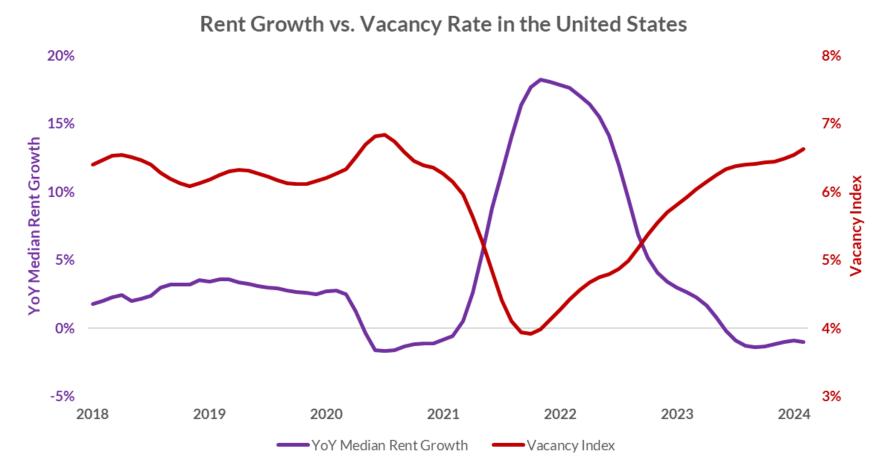
#### 63% of households have 1-2 people; just 23% of housing is multi-family



Share of US Households by Household Size



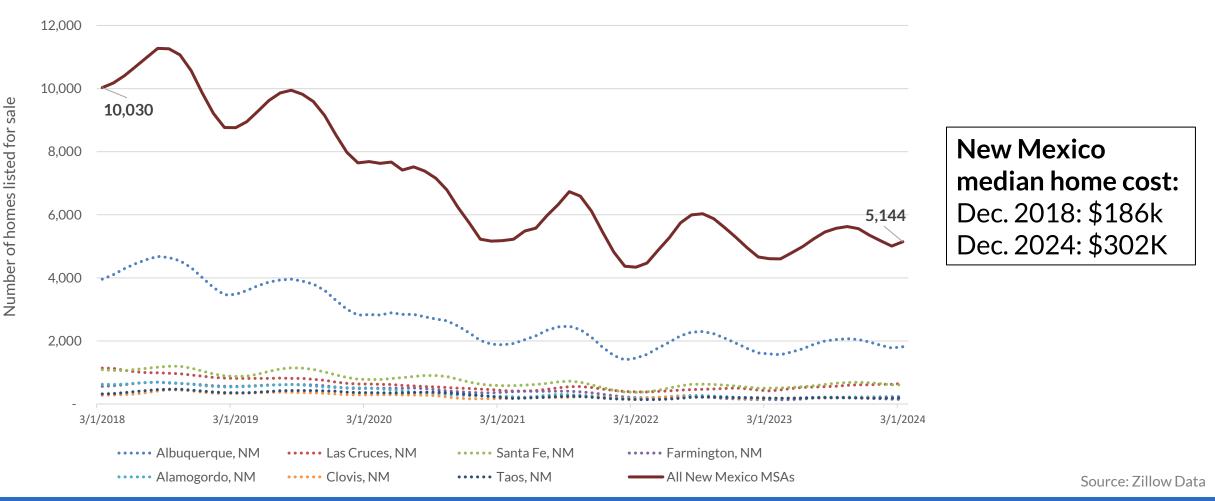
### **Rents Rise Quickly When Shortages Occur**



Source: Data from Apartment List



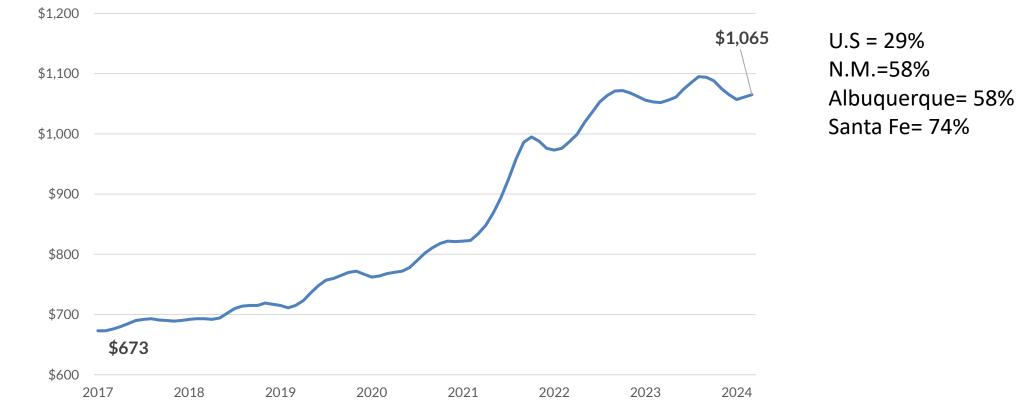
#### New Mexico's Housing Inventory Half of 2018 Level



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#### **New Mexico Rents Rise Amidst Shortage**

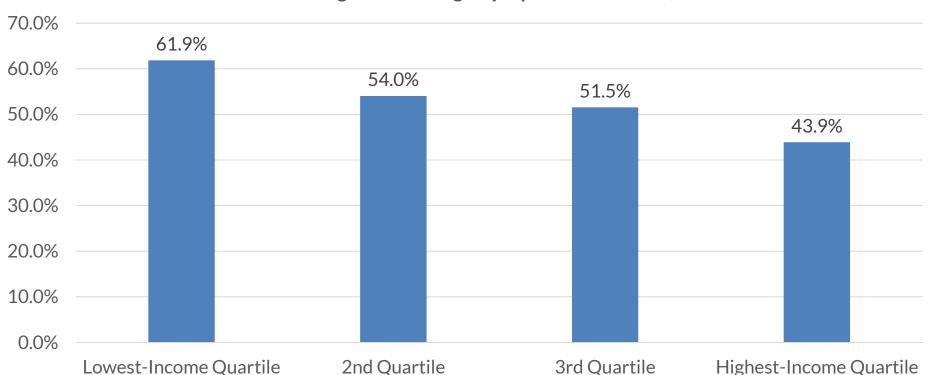
Median Monthly Rent in New Mexico Increased 58% from Mar. 2017 to Mar. 2024



Source: Apartment List Rent Estimate data



### Housing Shortage Hurts Low and Moderate-Income Households Most



National Average Rent Change by Zip Code Income Quartile

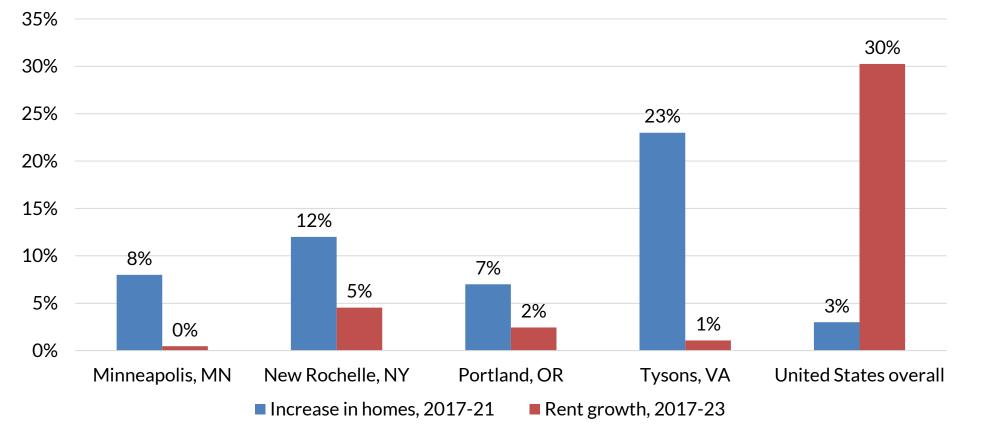
Source: Pew's analysis of Zillow rent estimate data (Sep. 2017-Sep. 2024) and IRS Income by ZIP Code data (2017)



## **New Data Confirms More Supply = Lower Housing Costs**



#### **Rent Growth Is Low Where Housing Has Been Added**

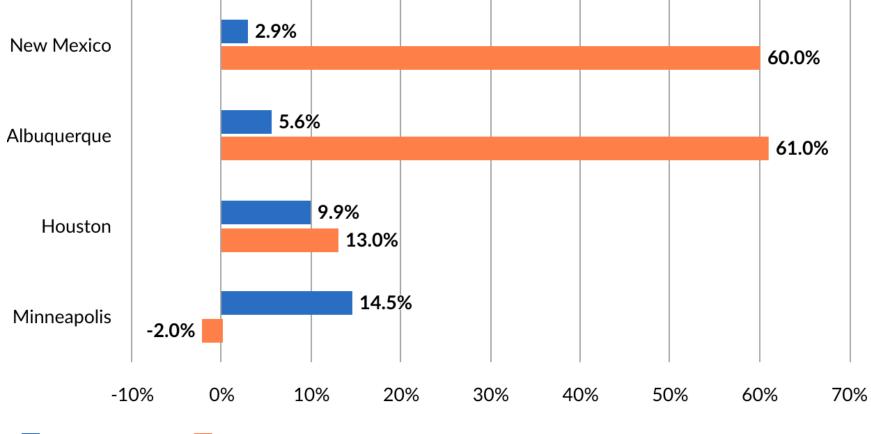


The four local jurisdictions shown added proportionally more households than the U.S. overall from 2017-21 indicating low demand was not the cause of their slow rent growth.

Source: Pew's analysis of Apartment List rent estimate data (Jan. 2017-Jan. 2023) and U.S. Census data on housing units (2017-2021)

## Land-Use Reform Boosts Supply, Affordability

Homes added (2017-2023) and rent growth (2017-2024)

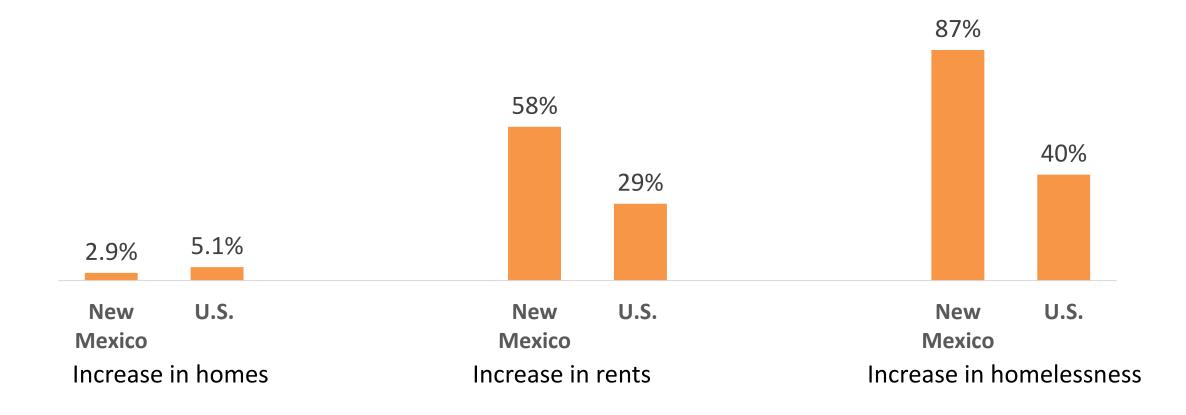


Homes added 🛛 📕 Rent growth



## New Mexico Added Less Housing Than U.S., Saw Rents & Homelessness Rise More

Homes Added cover 2017-2023, Rents & Homelessness cover 2017-2024



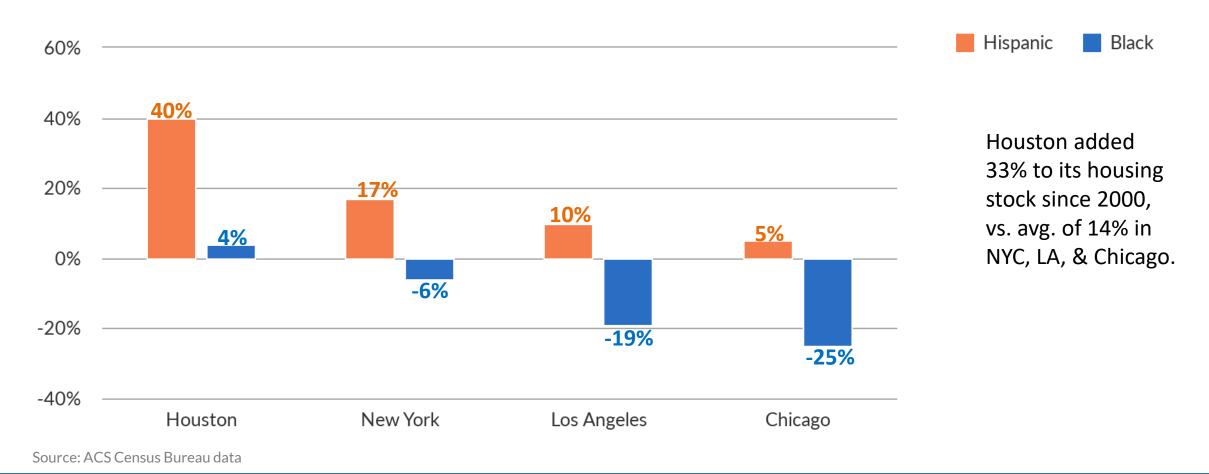
#### Supply Boost Has Driven Down Rents in Lower-Cost Apartments

Market	Effective Rent Change in 2023			
	Market Average	Class A	Class B	Class C
Austin	-6.0%	-4.4%	-5.7%	-7.9%
Dallas	-1.4%	-0.4%	-1.9%	-1.5%
Orlando	-4.0%	-2.9%	-5.1%	-3.1%
Phoenix	-4.3%	-1.9%	-3.9%	-7.2%
Salt Lake City	-3.4%	-1.9%	-3.9%	-3.6%
San Antonio	-2.9%	-1.7%	-3.6%	-2.8%

Source: RealPage rent data

## **Allowing More Housing Reduces Displacement**

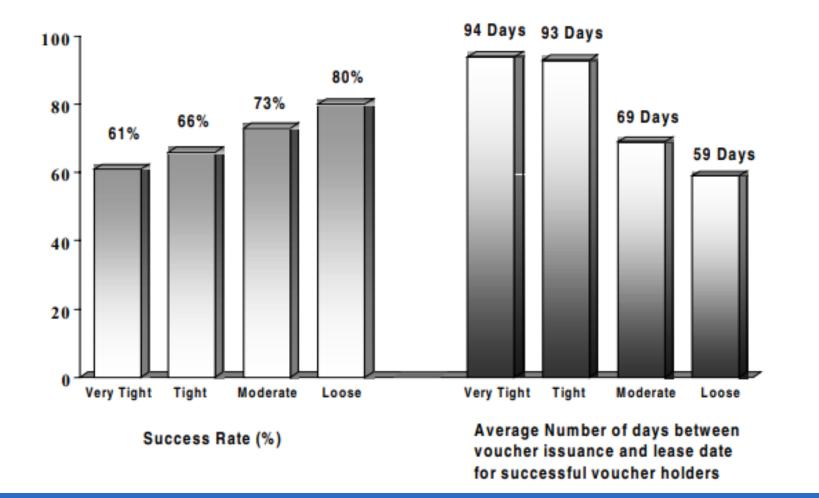
Percentage change in Black and Hispanic populations by city, 2000-21



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## **Overall Housing Supply Drives Outcomes of Section 8 Voucher Holders**

Success Rates and Time to Lease by Market Tightness

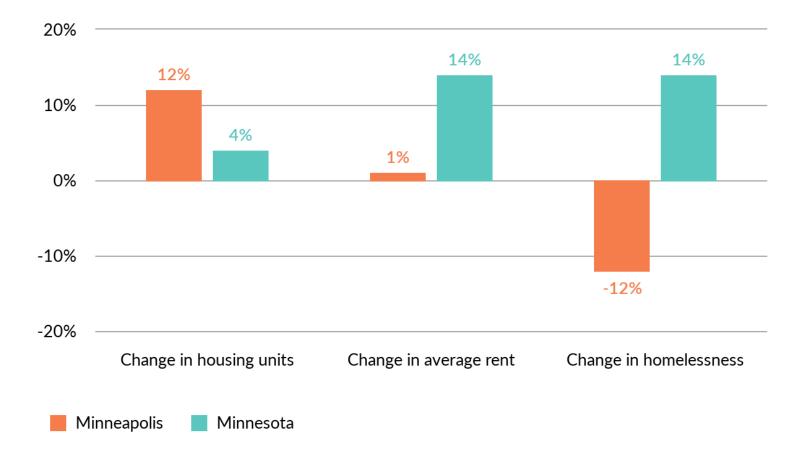


Source: Study by Abt Associates for HUD, 2001



#### With More Homes, Minneapolis Saw Low Rent Growth, Lower Homelessness

Income needed to afford median apartment rent dropped from 87% of area median to 72% from 2017-2022



Sources: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Apartment List, Census



## Allowing Multi-Family Housing On Commercially Zoned Land

- This provision is the state law equivalent of the most successful local zoning reforms
- California, Florida, Hawaii, Montana enacted in 2023 or 2024 with smaller-scale variations in Arizona & Colorado



## Building Code Reforms Enacted by States in 2023 & 2024

- Moving 3-4 unit buildings or 3-6 unit buildings under less-costly residential code with 1 & 2-unit homes (NC's 2023 HB488; WA's 2024 study bill, HB2071)
- Instead of mandating two staircases, allowing one staircase for 4-6 story buildings (mostly study bills) to enable them on small lots (8 states)
- Legalizing micro-units/co-housing, or home sharing (4 states)
- Limiting how much parking can be mandated for some housing types



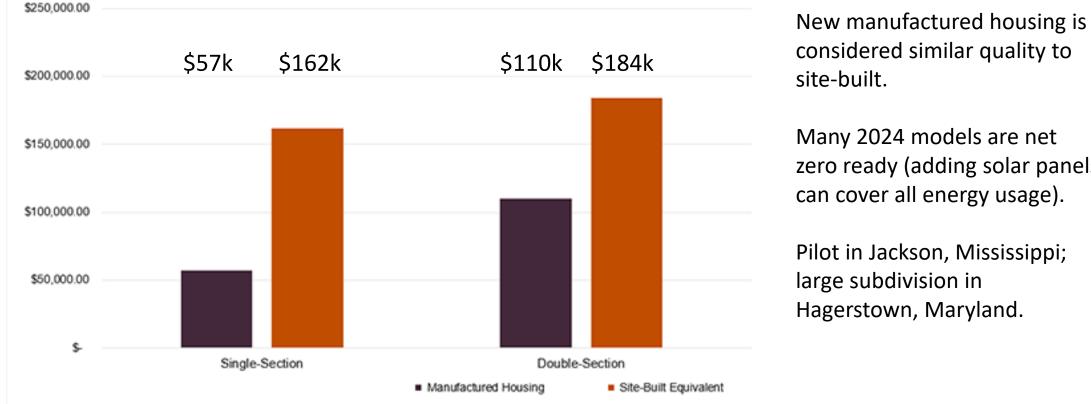
## 2023-2024: More States Passing Bills to Streamline Permitting

- Third-party reviews & inspections: FL, TN, TX
- Limiting environmental review/lawsuits: CA, MN
- Simplifying process, shortening timelines: AZ, MT, RI, VT
- ADU permitting: AZ, CA, CO, MT, RI, VT, WA



## **Manufactured Housing Costs Less Than Similar-Quality Site-Built Housing**

Cost figures from 2020, for home excluding land



Many 2024 models are net zero ready (adding solar panels can cover all energy usage).

> Pilot in Jackson, Mississippi; large subdivision in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Source: Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard, Comparison of the Cost of Manufactured and Site-Built Housing, 2023



## **Office-to-Residential Conversions**



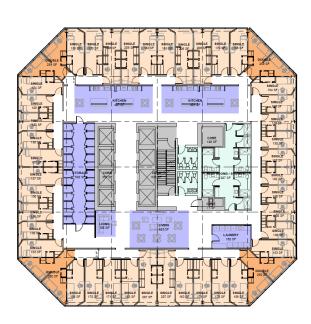
#### **Office to Co-Living Conversions Can Achieve Low Rents**



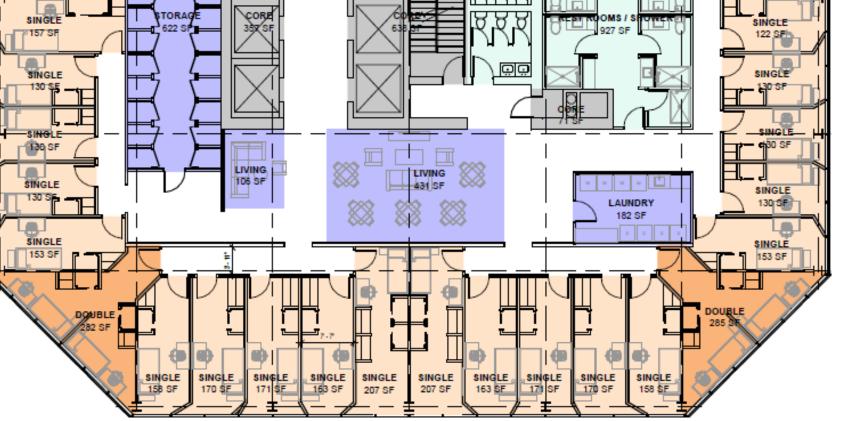
Source: median rents from Apt. List; projected rents estimated by Gensler and The Pew Charitable Trusts, 2024



**Denver Building Floor Plan** 



- 28 residential floors
- 48 beds per floor
- Total of 1,232 units (1,344 residents)





### **Co-Living Conversions Are Far More Cost Effective**

Denver subsidy and private costs by unit type, affordable at 35% of area median income

\$400,000 \$300,000 subsidy required \$300,000 \$23,300 subsidy \$200,000 required \$100,000 Source: estimates \$0 from Gensler and Newly built studio Adaptive reuse co-living apartment The Pew Charitable Trusts, 2024 Private-sector investment (per unit) Subsidy needed (per unit)

Co-living stretches scarce subsidy dollars



# Public Ranks Housing Affordability As Major Concern; Favors Most Ideas to Allow More Homes



## 2023 Pew Survey: Share of Americans Favoring Each Policy

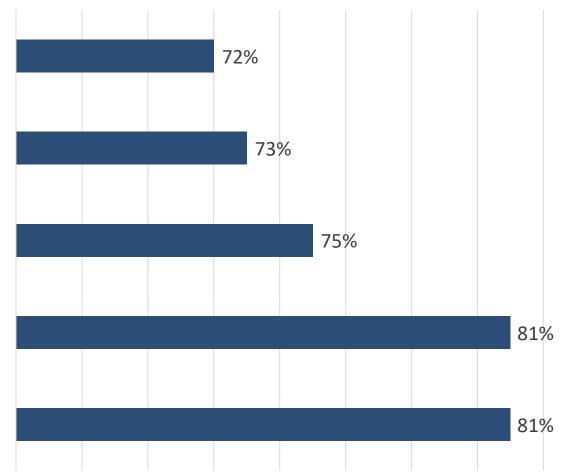
Allow adding an apartment in garage or backyard

Allow basement/attic conversion to apartment

Allow more apartments near offices, stores, or restaurants

Allow more affordable housing or dorms on church or college land

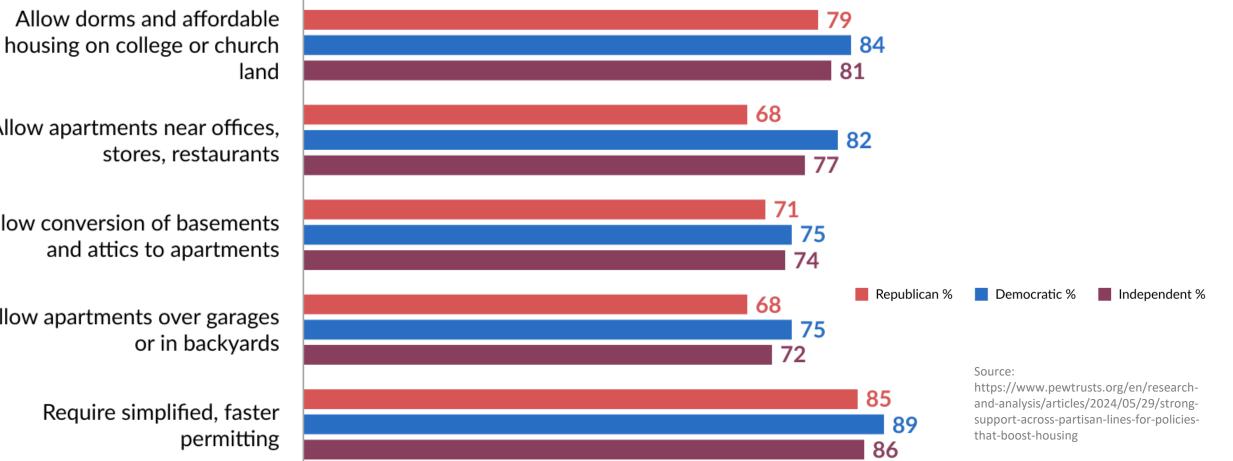
Allow more apartments near transit & jobs



Source: https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2023/11/30/survey-finds-large-majorities-favor-policies-to-enable-more-housing



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Allow apartments near offices, stores, restaurants

Allow conversion of basements and attics to apartments

Allow apartments over garages or in backyards

Require simplified, faster

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