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Albuquerque's Approach to Housing & Homelessness

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Our Mission

- To reduce homelessness, expand affordable housing access, and build a system of care through local leadership, innovation, and partnership.



What We've Built So far

- Gateway Center: Medical respite, Gateway West shelter, Housing & Treatment Navigation, Medical Sobering, Gateway Recovery, First Responder drop off
- Affordable Housing: 2492 units created/ 1258 affordable
- Programs: Mortgage Reduction- Down payment assistance and Home Rehabilitation Programs.
- Motel Conversion Ordinance: Streamlines hotel-to-housing
- ACS First Responder Teams: Housing and behavioral health response
- Eviction Prevention Services: Mediation, legal aid, and flexible assistance



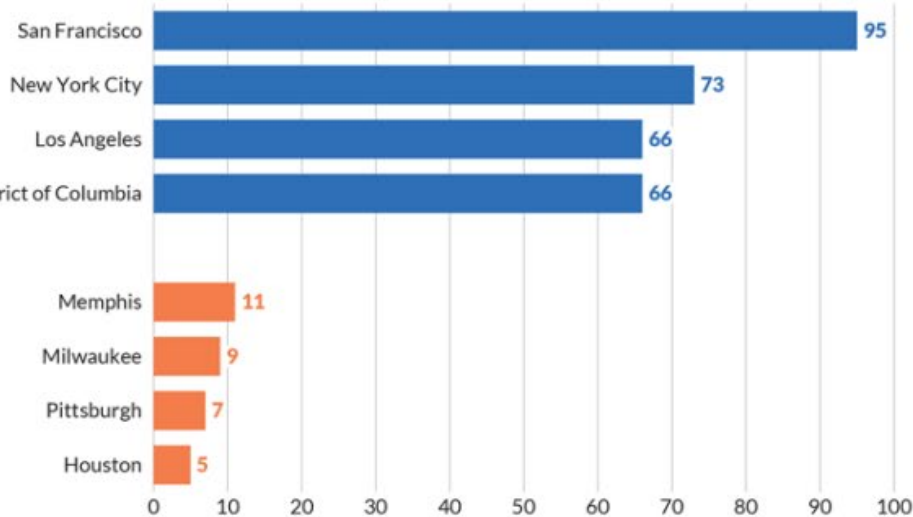
Based in Research

Root Policy & Harvard Findings: Our Needs Are Clear

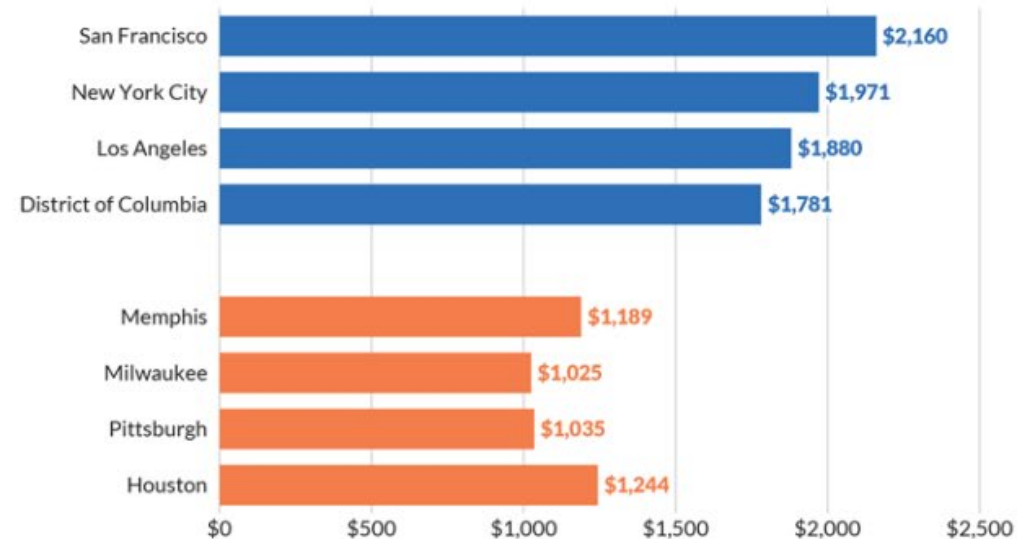
Key Takeaways

- New Mexico's Housing Inventory is half of what it was 6 years ago
 - Leading to rising rents
- Homelessness is far higher in areas where rents are higher
- Modernizing land-use regulations helps to stem runaway rent growth

Homelessness per 10,000 residents in 2022



Median rent in January 2022



What's Working

Local Innovation

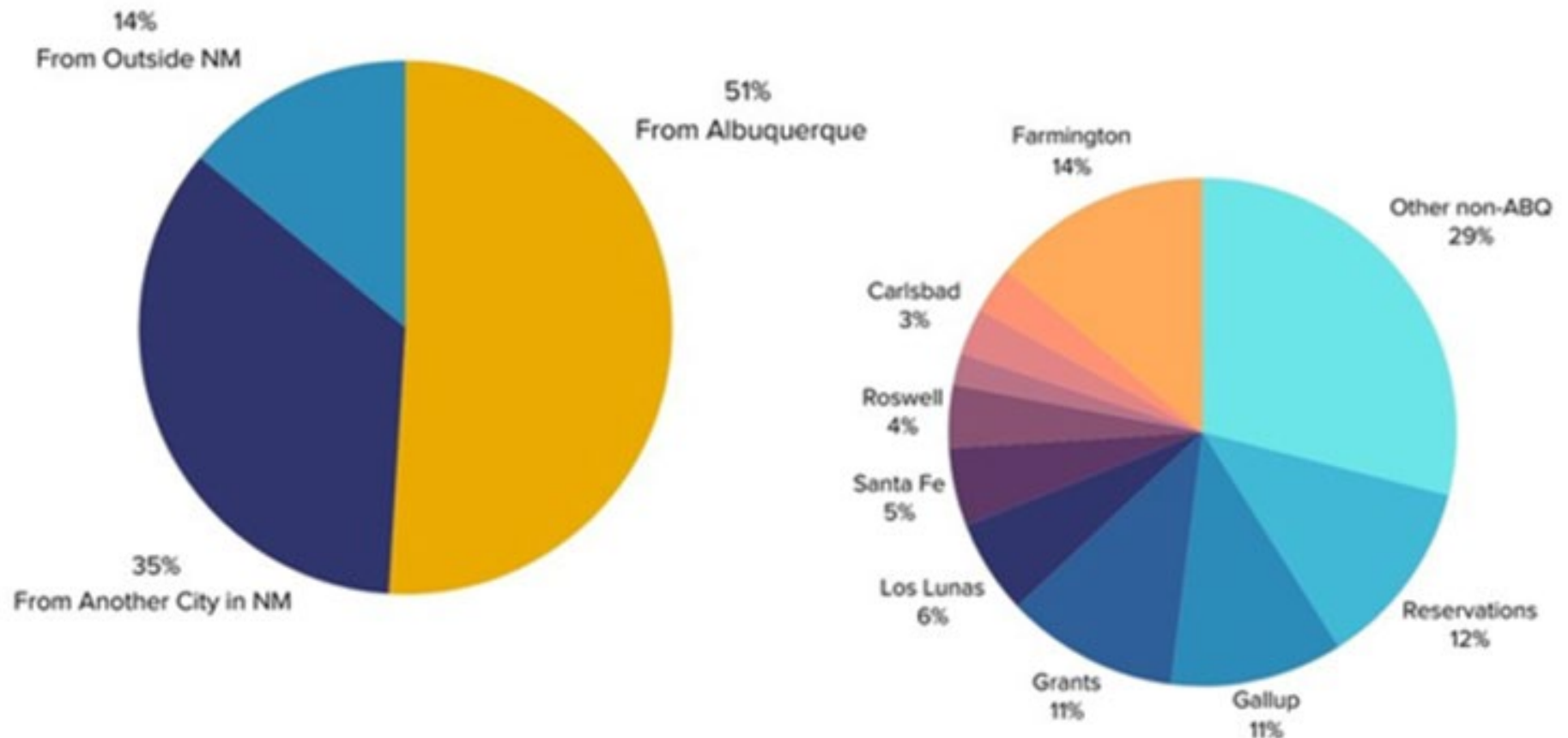
- Permitting & zoning reforms to accelerate housing
- Public-private partnerships with nonprofits and developers
- City-owned shelter/navigation/treatment/housing campus (Gateway)
- Integrated behavioral health and housing services





Data Driven Analysis

2023 Unhoused Population Demographics in Albuquerque. Data from the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness's Coordinated Entry System.



Prevention and Diversion Solutions

- Eviction Diversion:
 - Legal Aid, mediation, rent assistance
- Flexible emergency aid to prevent shelter entry
- ACS field-based outreach and crisis intervention
- Warm handoffs to Housing Navigation Teams, including through the Gateway System of Care



What we Need From the State

- Funding:
 - Predictable capital for affordable housing & conversion projects
 - Investment in vouchers, matching or complementing local investments
 - Ongoing investment in operations and services
- Behavioral Health Policy:
 - Closing Medicaid reimbursable service gaps, including:
 - Shelter services, outreach, case management, and expanding reimbursable services.
 - Managed Care Organization (MCO's) work in partnership with municipalities on coordinated support for unhoused.
 - Long-term goal: reintroducing statewide MAC (Medicaid Administrative Claiming)

State Policy Opportunities

- Expand the Housing Trust Fund and flexible grants
- Support right-to-counsel and eviction defense
- Match funding for local prevention & diversion programs
- Build a real-time bed/service availability infrastructure
- Long-term opportunity: reintroducing statewide MAC (Medicaid Administrative Claiming)

What we Need From the State

- **Housing Policy:**

- Create legislation that allows state-owned buildings which are no longer needed to be used for development of Affordable /Homeless.
- Create legislation that promotes land owned by the Department of transportation which used State funds be transferred to municipalities for the purpose of creating affordable transited related development.
- Create legislation to ensure at least a year's notice is provided to the local municipality that a federally subsidized low-income housing tax credit development is at the end of its affordability period.

Closing

- Albuquerque is building the infrastructure
- We need a strategic, long-term partnership with the State to ensure housing and services can scale to meet demand.

***We're ready to lead.
Let's invest together.***