

2025 Legislative Session Outcomes for Housing Policy and Funding

MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY ACT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

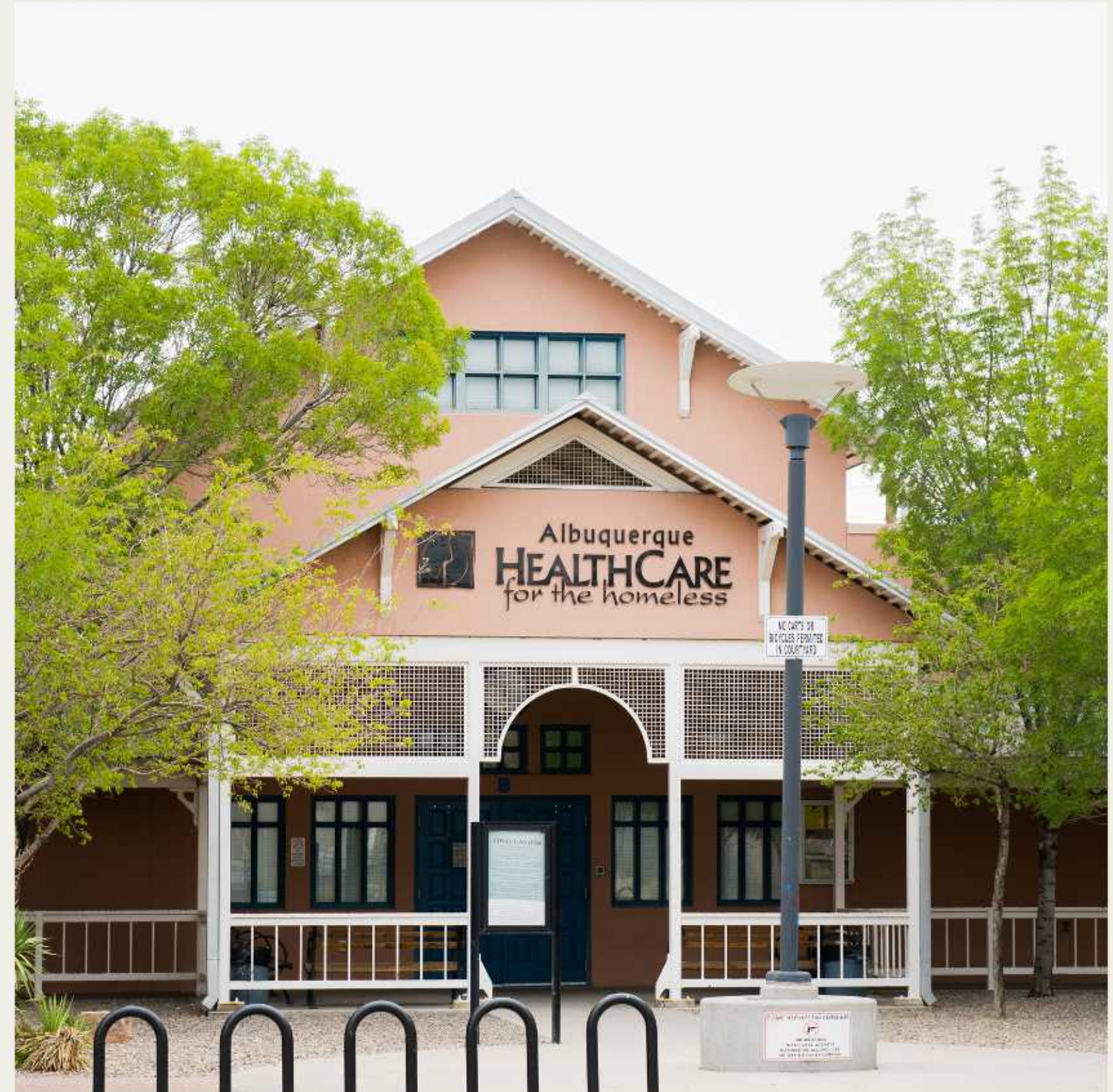
- Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless
- Housing and Homelessness in New Mexico
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 - Housing Policies
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- Opportunities



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ALBUQUERQUE HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS (AHCH)

- Albuquerque was one of the original 19 cities nationwide to participate in the pilot and develop the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) model in 1985.
- AHCH is a freestanding Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and standalone 330(h) HCH project.
- 120 staff
- Serves nearly 5,000 people without homes each year.
- Provides integrated primary medical and dental, behavioral health and social services through extensive outreach and at its central services campus.



Integrated Health Care

All AHCH services seamlessly integrate to create a network of person-centered care



Primary Health Care

Primary dental, medical, psychiatric, optometry, pharmacy, and behavioral health services both on-site as the health center and on site-based or roving outreach



Social Services

Resource Center meets people's basic needs as well as connects people to resources like housing, entitlements and IDs, as well as case management. ArtStreet also provides a safe space to create in community.



Outreach

Integrated health outreach team provides all on-site services remotely as well, roving Albuquerque's streets and arroyos to meet the need where the need is at.

AHCH IMPACT

2024 at AHCH



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people were turned away from care for inability to pay.



5,000+

people cared for through AHCH health and supportive services.



100%

of people in AHCH Medical Respite are eligible for a housing voucher.



4,702

Narcan kits in the hands of people who can prevent overdose.



4 out of 5

people remained housed after 12 months and continue to work with our permanent supportive housing program.



19,364

total encounters with AHCH clients across all services.



782

people served on outreach who otherwise would not have received care.



71

life-changing full and partial sets of dentures provided, giving people their smiles back.



The State of Homelessness in NM

2,740

People reported experiencing homelessness on a given night in Albuquerque in 2024, up 109% from 2022.

1 in 4

Renters in New Mexico are extremely low-income, and at increased risk of homelessness

– 52,409

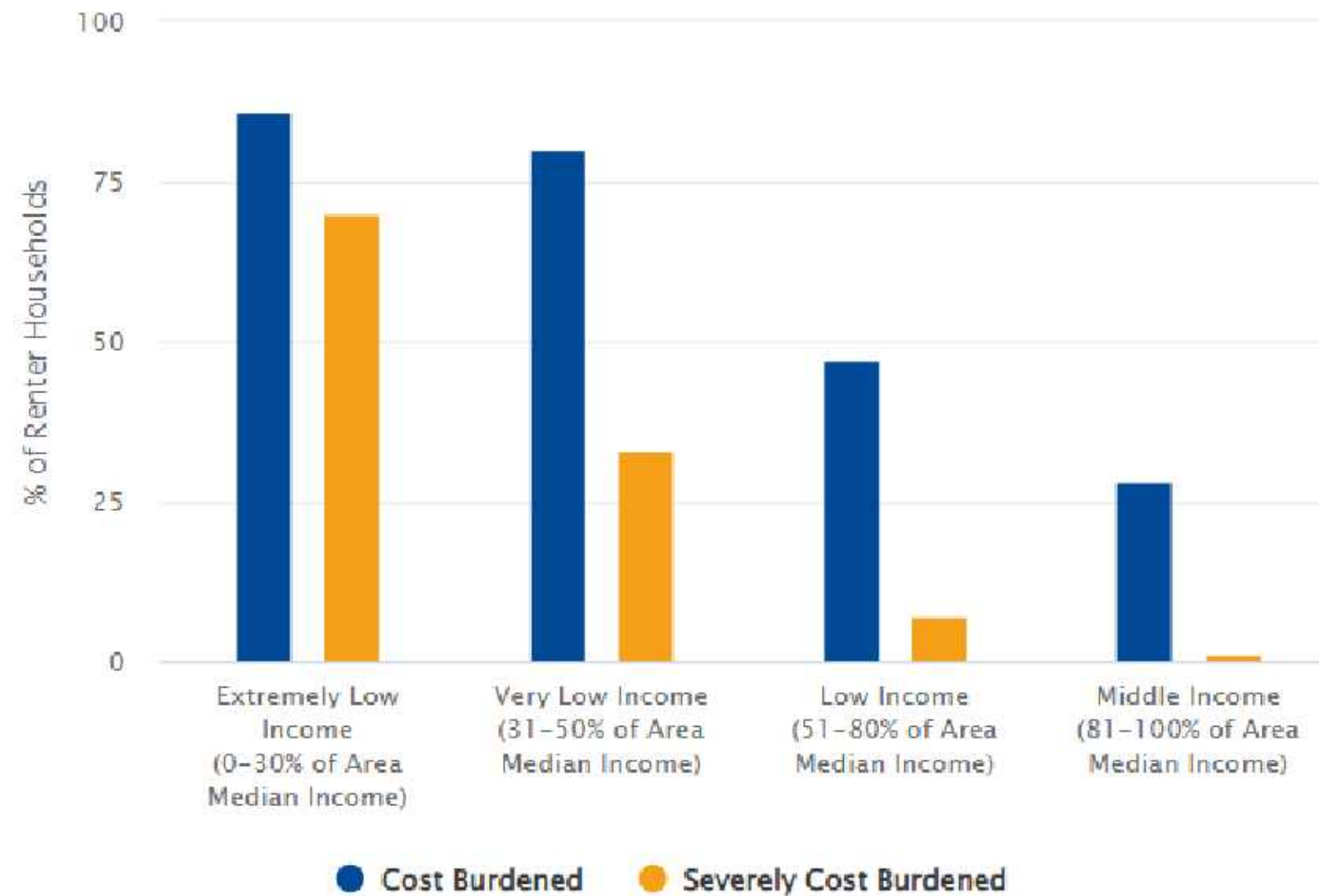
New Mexico has a shortage of 52,409 affordable and available rental units for people with low incomes.

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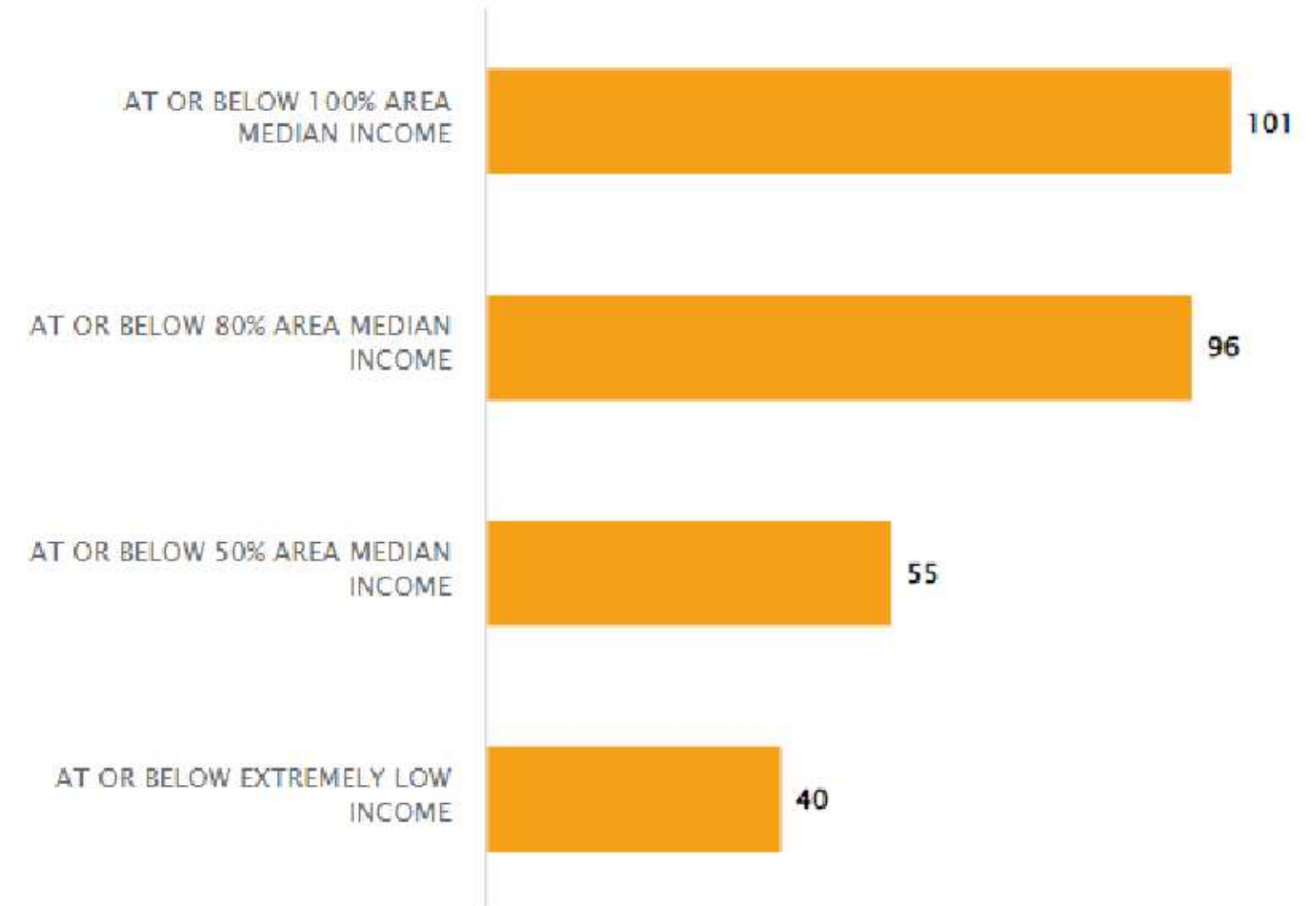
New Mexico ranked 2nd in the nation for states with largest increase in homelessness in 2023

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS IN NM

Housing Cost Burden by Income Group



Affordable and Available Homes per 100 Renter Households



Renter households spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs and utilities are cost burdened; those spending more than half of their income are severely cost burdened.

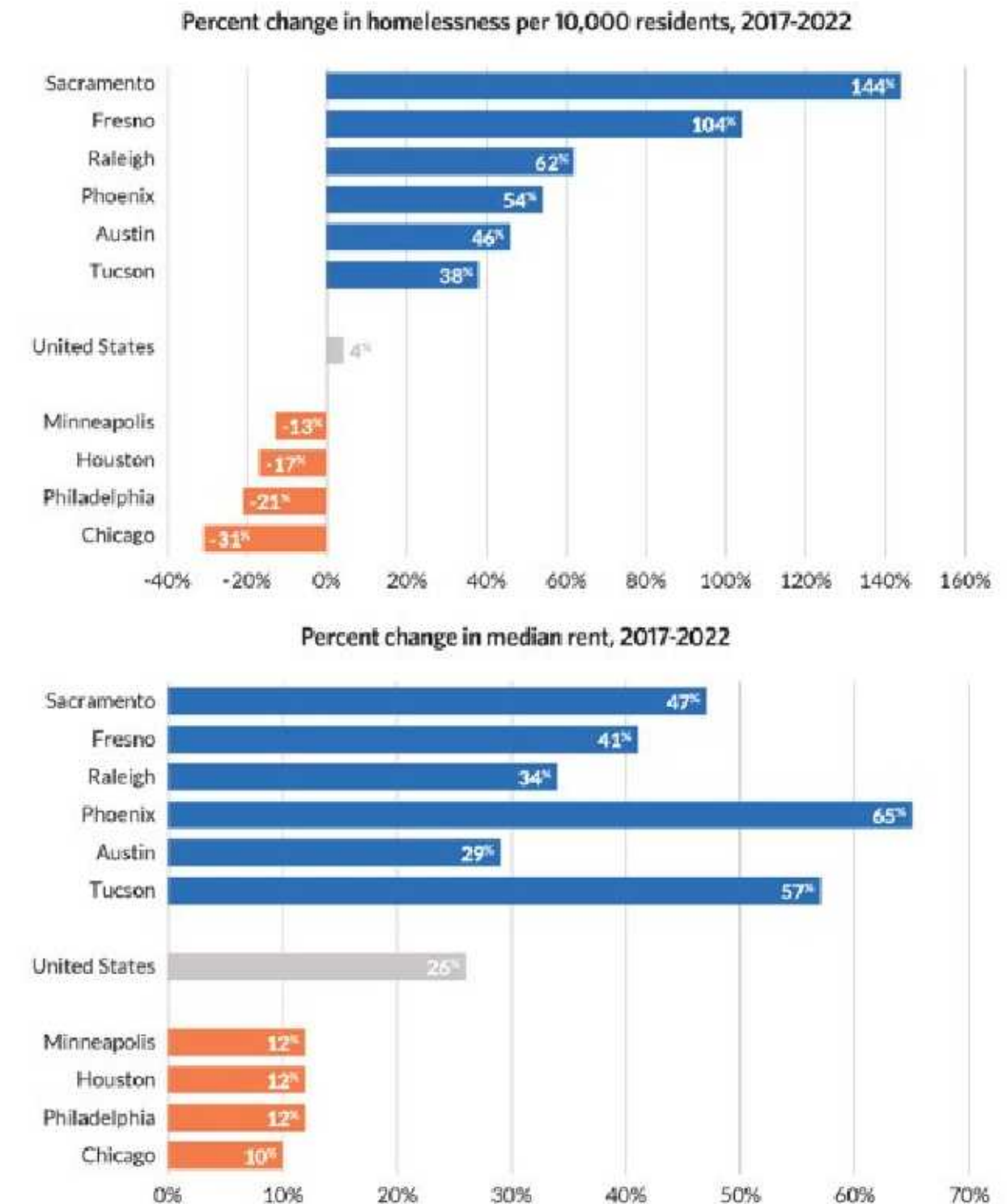
HOMELESSNESS IS A HOUSING PROBLEM

US GAO found that “median rent increases of \$100 a month were associated with a 9% increase in homelessness in the areas we examined.”

Source: Pew, 2023

Homelessness Increased in Areas Where Rents Soared

Percentage change in median rent and homelessness per 10,000 residents, January 2017 to January 2022



AHCH HOUSING BILL TRACKER

Bill	First Committee	Second Committee	Floor Vote	First Committee	Second Committee	Floor Vote	Governor's Desk	Signed into Law
HB339	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗			
HB253	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗			
HB418	✓	✗						
HB426	✓	✓	✓	✗				
SB267	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
HB98	✓	✓	✗					

RECAP: POLICIES TO DECREASE BARRIERS TO ACCESSING HOUSING

- **HB 339: Source of Income Discrimination**
 - **Not scheduled in last committee - Senate Judiciary**
- **HB 253: Eviction Sealing**
 - **Not scheduled in last committee - Senate Judiciary**
- **HB 418: Mobile Home Park Act Updates**
 - **Died in Second Committee**
- **HB 426: Opportunity to Purchase Act**
 - **Not scheduled in last committee - Senate Judiciary**
- **HB98: Automatic Expungement of Eviction Records**
 - **Not scheduled on House Floor**
- **SB 267: Housing Application Fees**
 - **Signed into law**



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INVESTMENTS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

- **HB 2: Invest an additional \$5 million in the Linkages Permanent Supportive Housing Program** in the Health Care Authority budget to ensure people experiencing homelessness can obtain and maintain housing.
 - Evidence demonstrates that when people are provided housing first, along with voluntary services, they access housing faster with an 80% to 98% success rate of maintaining housing over one year.
 - Win! An additional \$5 million was included in the House version of HB2.
- **HB 2: Increase investment in the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund** to develop and rehabilitate affordable housing for New Mexicans with low incomes. Not included.



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AHCH Supports Structural Solutions to End Homelessness

Four Decades of Experience: Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless (AHCH) has been a leader in providing integrated health care services to over 5,000 people experiencing homelessness throughout Bernalillo County since 1985.

We all need a safe place to sleep. We thrive and our communities thrive when everyone is housed and healthy. But homelessness is increasing as too many of us struggle to afford a place to live.

The 2024 New Mexico Point in Time Count highlighted that homelessness increased 109% since 2022. Increased cost of living and decreasing stock of affordable housing are driving the homelessness crisis in New Mexico. Since 2017, median rent in New Mexico has increased by 60%, while wages have only grown by 15%. Meanwhile, 1 in every 4 NM renters are extremely low-income and are at extreme risk of falling into homelessness.

OPPORTUNITIES: INVEST IN & CREATE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Homelessness is solvable.
- Prioritize housing funding in FY26 budget for:
 - Housing for highest need: extremely low income households
 - Invest in proven solutions:
 - Subsidize affordable housing development
 - Address restrictive zoning
 - Rental assistance/eviction prevention
 - Housing vouchers
- Reduce barriers to exiting homelessness and increase investments in affordable housing to ensure everyone has accessible, secure, and permanent housing.



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