2024 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT PROFILES

District 5B
17,019 Households

RENTERS in the DISTRICT

OWNER HOUSEHOLDS
13,662 | 80% of all households
Median Owner Income: $72,224 annually
Median Home Value: $178,900

RENTER HOUSEHOLDS
3,357 | 20% of all households
Median Renter Income: $33,917 annually
Median Rent: $745 per month

Too many Minnesotans are cost burdened—paying more than they can afford for housing.

The cost of housing is out of reach for many hard-working renters and homeowners.

THE WAGES OF HIGH-DEMAND JOBS FALL SHORT

Salary needed to afford: median-priced home / 2-bedroom apartment

$180K
$160K
$140K
$120K
$100K
$80K
$60K
$40K
$20K

Registered Nurses
Truck Drivers
Nursing Assistants
Cashiers
Home Health Aides

Cost burden = when a household spends more than 30% of income on housing costs.

Severe CB = more than 50%.
Low-income = households earning under $35,000/yr.

There are significant racial disparities in who owns a home in Minnesota.

INEQUITABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE

White* Homeowners: 12,995
BIPOC* Homeowners: 855

82%
51%

*White = non-Hispanic white | *BIPOC = Black, Indigenous, and people of color. Due to the small size of some districts, we have aggregated counts for BIPOC homeownership.

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Cost burden means facing the tough choice between paying for housing or other basic needs.

CHILDREN LIVING IN COST-BURDENED HOMES

281,000 children are living in cost-burdened homes, which is 22% or more than 1 out of every 5 children.

RISE IN COST-BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS: 9%

- 2021: 590,538
- 2022: 641,549

The impacts of cost burden are felt disproportionately.

RACIAL DISPARITIES IN COST-BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS with CHILDREN

- 16% White Households with Children
- 21% Asian HH with Children
- 34% Hispanic HH with Children
- 48% Black HH with children

RACIAL DISPARITIES in RENTER COST BURDEN

- 46% White Households
- 57% Black Households

Throughout the state, there are Minnesotans without a roof over their heads.

ON ONE SAMPLED NIGHT IN MINNESOTA:

- 2,962 children with families struggled with homelessness.

SPOTLIGHT ON MINNESOTA’S CHILDREN

7% of children are living in cost-burdened homes.

HOMES FOR PEOPLE WITH EXTREMELY LOW INCOMES (ELI) ARE SCARCE

- Total ELI renter households in Minnesota: 173,025
- Those with no home options they can afford: 114,131 (67%)

EVICTIONS ARE INCREASING

- Filings rose 44% relative to the pre-COVID average, jumping 8% in one year alone to 24,211 evictions filed.

Renters have few housing options available, and face instability even if they do find a home.

Affordable Housing Definition and Sources

-Affordable housing is defined as housing that costs an owner or renter no more than 30% of household income. A unit is affordable and available if that unit is both affordable and vacant or is currently occupied by a household at the defined income threshold or below.