




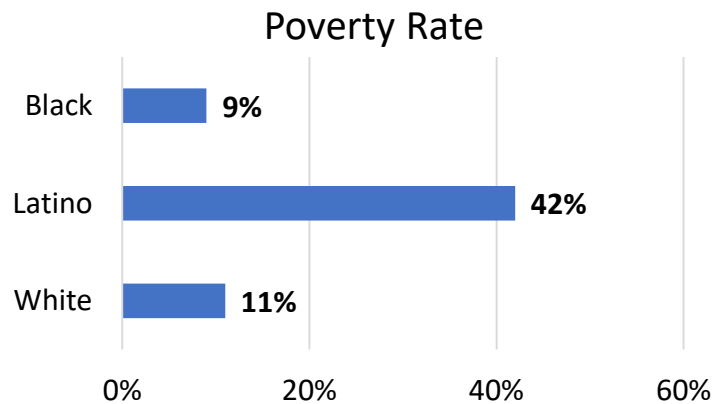
# Montour County, Pennsylvania Affordable Housing Challenges

Too many hard working families, seniors and people with disabilities are struggling to find and maintain homes they can afford. There are **64** affordable and available rental homes for every **100** extremely low income renter households in Montour County, compared to **38** affordable and available rental homes in Pennsylvania.

Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC), The Gap Report, March 2020; County data from NLIHC staff

## Population and Poverty in Montour County

Total	Individuals	In Poverty
18,259	Population 	1,836
3,697	Children < 18 	531
3,768	Seniors ≥ 65 	254



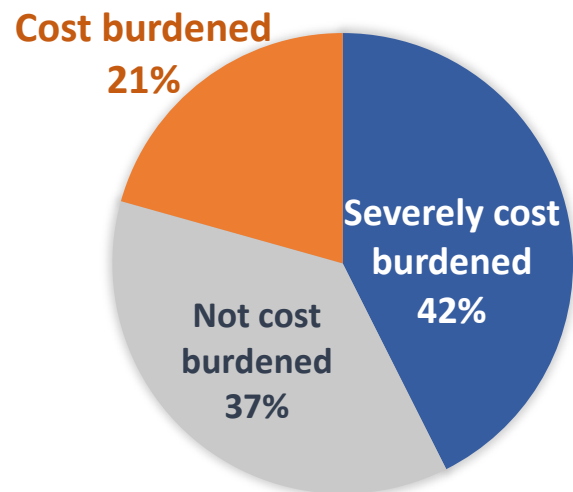
Source: U.S. Census, 2015-2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates, Montour County, PA

## Wages vs Housing Costs



Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach (2020), Montour County, PA

## Cost Burdened Extremely Low Income Households



Source: HUD, Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data, Montour County, PA; 2013-2017 ACS, Released August 25, 2020

Cost burdened households pay more than 30% of their income, and severe cost burdened pay more than 50% of their income, for housing expenses including rent/mortgage, utilities, and other housing related fees and taxes. Those living cost burdened or severely cost burdened may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and medical care.

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## Solutions that Work

### Reducing Homelessness

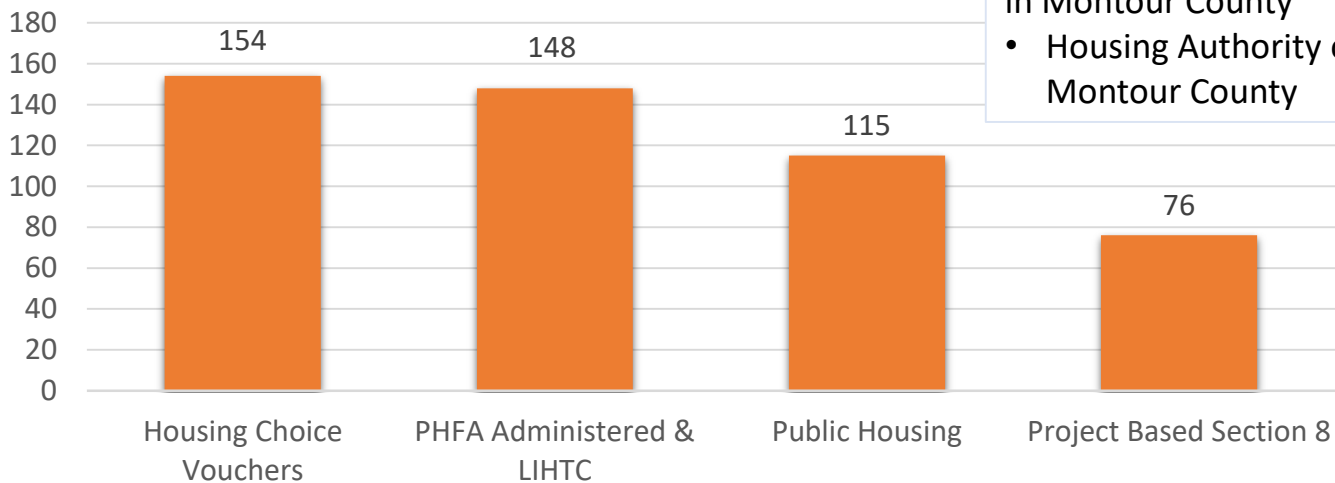
To end homelessness is to achieve and sustain **“Functional Zero”** – a well coordinated and efficient community system that quickly identifies and connects those experiencing a housing crisis with the supports they need and want to avoid staying on the street and to be moved to permanent housing as quickly as possible.

### The Eastern PA CoC Reduced the Length of Homelessness

Montour County, as part of the 33 county Eastern Continuum of Care, reduced the average length of homelessness by 44% between 2016 and 2019.

Source: US Interagency Council on Homelessness: Communities That Have Ended Homelessness (2021)

### Affordable Housing Units in Montour County



Public housing authorities in Montour County

- Housing Authority of Montour County

Sources: HUD, Picture of Subsidized Households data, 2020; PHFA Inventory of Multifamily Housing, Montour County Inventory of Affordable Housing, updated 2019

### PHARE Working in Your Community

#### New Start

The New Start program will help low-to-moderate income households weatherize their homes. Weatherization upgrades are intended to increase energy efficiency and relieve the burden of utility payments. The program will operate in Montour County and five other counties.

#### PHARE funds received in 2018

Source: Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, 2018 PHARE Project Summaries



Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania

The Housing Alliance is a statewide coalition working to provide leadership and a common voice for policies, practices and resources to ensure that all Pennsylvanians, especially those with low incomes, have access to safe, decent and affordable homes. We promote common-sense solutions to balance Pennsylvania's housing market and increase the supply of safe, decent homes for low-income people.