# Why Housing Matters



**Our homes shape our lives every day. They are where we live, raise our families, and grow old.** Housing is at the center of many issues we care about, such as health, climate resiliency, equality, traffic reduction, livable places, and economic vitality.

## We need more homes to meet our growing needs.

It is getting harder for friends and neighbors to find housing that works for them. We need more homes overall and more options for our communities—whether it’s an affordable apartment, a place to start and grow a family, or a smaller home for aging in place.

Our biggest gap is homes for low-income households and aging adults.   
Recent analyses show that we need:

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| 52,000  more homes to meet current unmet needs | 216,000  more homes over the next ten years | 511,000  more homes than we have today by 2050 |

And the type of housing we need is changing, too. For example: many older adults want smaller homes that are in or close to the neighborhoods where they already live.

[Consider adding information about current and projected housing needs in your community here.]

## Our region has shared housing challenges.

**Housing affordability affects us all.** Every community—urban and rural, large and small, new and old—is finding it harder to create homes that workers can afford and to meet our changing needs.

**By working together, we can get more done.**

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| **Learning and sharing solutions** to common problems | **Sharing resources** and doing more  with less | **Bringing together home builders and financers** | **Strengthening our regional ecosystem** to achieve change |

## What the Denver Regional Council of Governments is Doing

DRCOG is bringing together government officials, housing providers, advocates, and funders across our region to collaborate in addressing our shared housing needs.

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| **An icon of a bar graph with a line graph above it.**  We completed a Regional Housing Needs Assessment to understand the shared housing challenges our region faces. | We are gathering information on **housing efforts across the region** to better understand what is working, what isn't, and what's missing. | We are getting input to shape the outline of a regional housing strategy: what we want to achieve and how we can best work together. |

## QR Code to the DRCOG Regional Housing Needs AssessmentMore Resources

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| QR code to DRCOG Regional Housing SurveyLearn about our region’s housing needs | Learn about our regional housing strategy | An icon of a computer screen with a circle with lines running up and down and across on it.  [Add other relevant links] |

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**Your voice matters in shaping solutions!**

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