

# LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND HOUSING

Listening session

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# AGENDA



9:00	Context	Andy
9:10	Sharing via Mentimeter	Emily
9:25	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pairs</li><li>• Small groups</li><li>• Full group</li></ul>	Sheila
10:10	Closeout conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposition 123 baselining</li><li>• Other open questions</li><li>• Exit ticket</li></ul>	Sheila





# WHAT DOES DRCOG HAVE TO DO WITH HOUSING?



# OUR SHARED VISION: METRO VISION



## Desired outcome

Diverse **housing options** meet the needs of residents of all ages, incomes and abilities.

## Objectives

Diversify the region's **housing stock**

Increase the regional supply of **housing attainable** for a **variety of households**.

Increase opportunities for **diverse housing accessible by multimodal transportation**

*Data sources:*

*U.S. Census  
Bureau 2015-  
2019 American  
Community  
Survey*

*State of  
Homelessness  
2021 Report,  
Metropolitan  
Denver Homeless  
Initiative*



Over **14%** of the region's households spend more than **50%** of  
their income on housing that's more than **170,000** households  
which is more than the total number of households in **Aurora**.





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An additional **18%** of the region's households spend  
**30-49%** of their income on housing that's more than  
**226,000** households combined that's over **396,000**  
which is more than the number of households in **Denver.**



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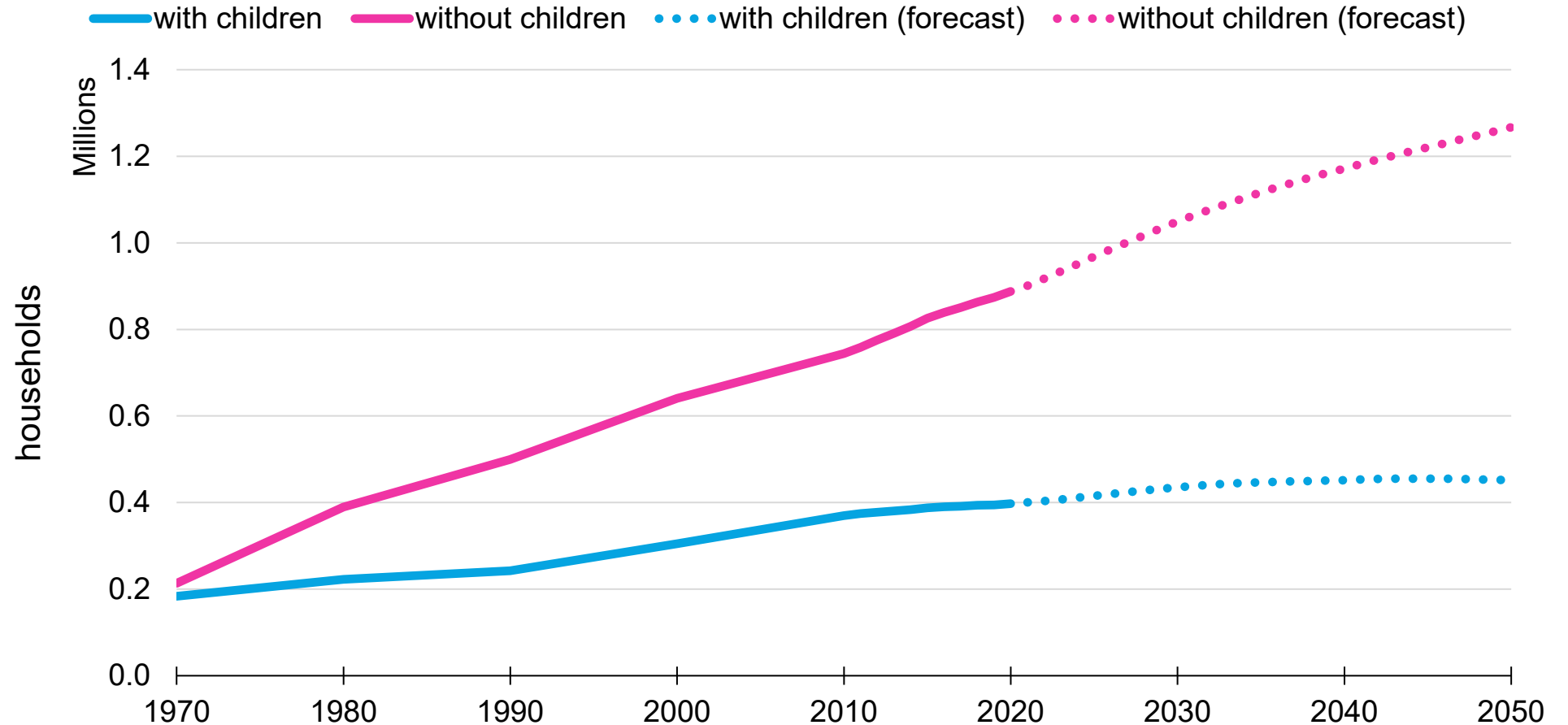


In 2021, over **32,000** individuals experienced homelessness  
that's equivalent to the population of **Wheat Ridge.**



# VARIETY OF HOUSEHOLDS AND DEMAND

**Denver region households by presence of children**



**Data sources:**  
State Demography  
Office

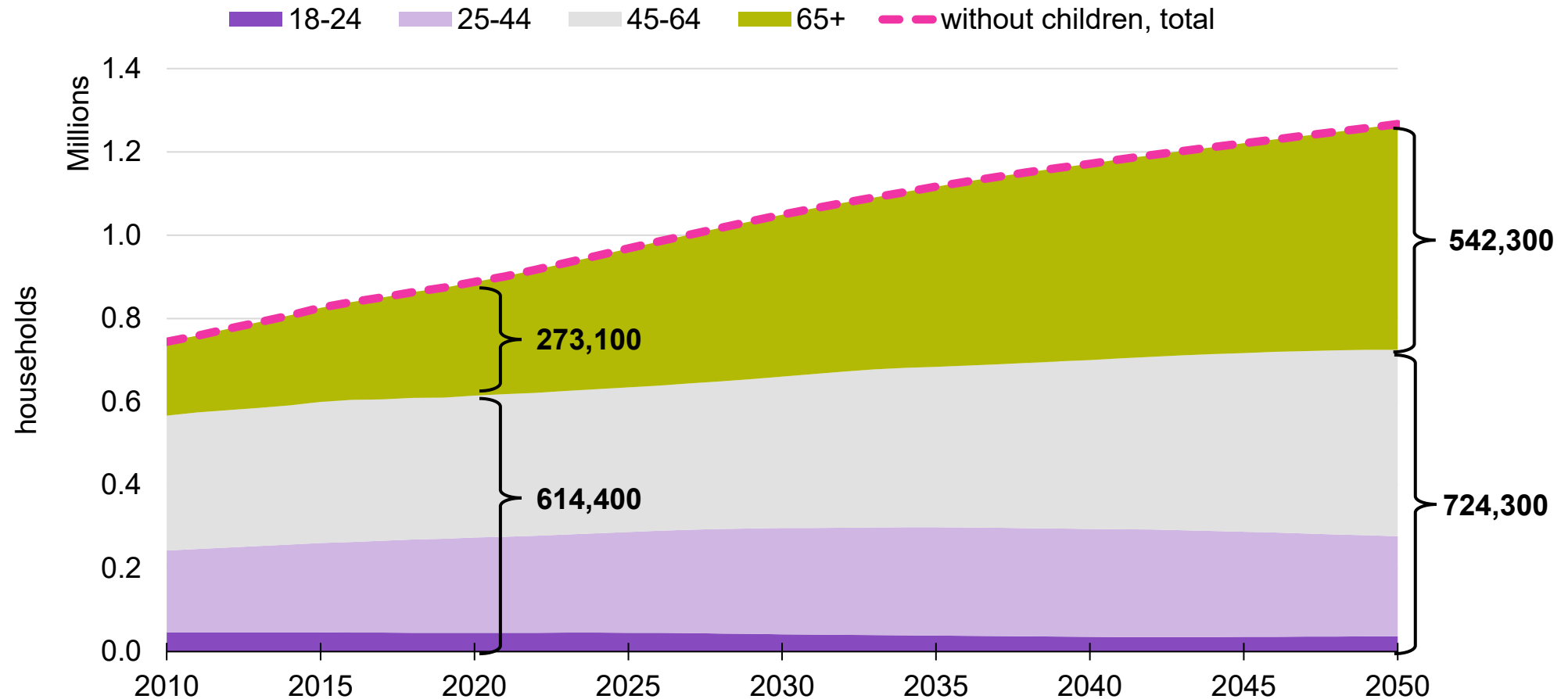
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# VARIETY OF HOUSEHOLDS AND DEMAND

**Denver region households without children by age of head**



**Data source:**  
State Demography  
Office





# RECENT BOARD DIRECTION



- **DRCOG Board Survey on Housing** – Sample actions that local governments have taken
  - Supported a housing authority
  - Created plans to address homelessness
  - Supported eviction defense programs and emergency rental assistance
  - Completed housing study
  - Amended Zoning to allow ADUs



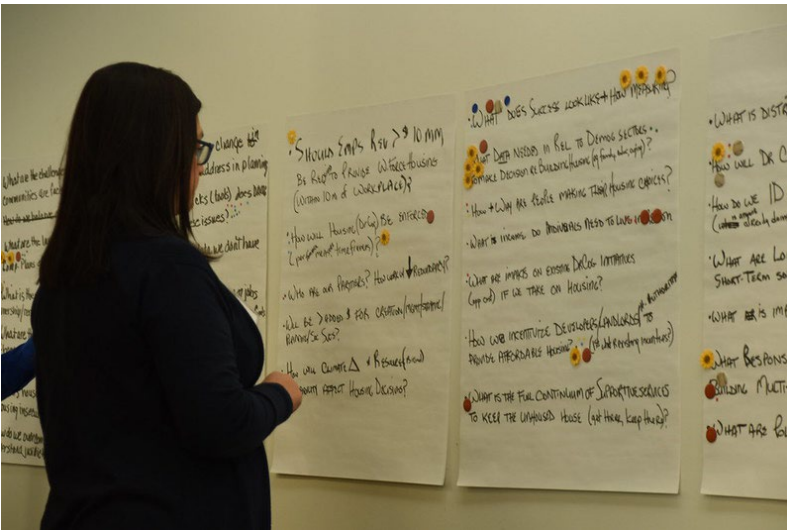
# BOARD RETREAT TAKE AWAYS



- **Housing Question Storming Activity** illuminated the complexity of housing challenges for local communities and identified key questions

- **Role Identification Exercise** identified three key roles for DRCOG:

- Data
- Regional Planning
- Convening





# THEMES FROM BOARD WORK SESSION - DEC. 7, 2022



- Convening, coordination, and project management are needed
- Data analysis and technical assistance that focuses on areas that local governments cannot address alone
- Policies and programs that are accessible across communities
- Broad and impactful communication strategies
- Development of shared goals and desired outcomes



# WORK UNDERWAY



- Peer organization interviews in other regions
- Learn from Affordable Housing Development Incentives grant recipients (Colo. House Bill 21-1271)
- Regional partnership development
- State program monitoring and advising
  - Colo. House Bill 22-1304 – Infrastructure and Strong Communities
  - Proposition 123 funding program development
- Monitoring current legislative session



# WHO IS HERE?



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**THANK YOU!**  
**QUESTIONS?**

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