

# Deciding What Type of Housing to Look For

Think about the types of housing you want to search for or apply for. Know that sometimes your ideal housing situation will not be available to you right away. The more types and opportunities you are open to, the more successful you're going to be with your search.

## Market Rate Housing

Market rate rental housing is housing that has a cost in line with similar housing in the same area. There typically are no restrictions on who can rent it. Market rate housing can include houses, multi-family homes, and apartments. It will be hard to afford market rate housing on your own if your income is limited, but finding a roommate or renting a room in someone's home could be an option.

- on my own
- with a roommate
- a rented room

## Affordable Housing

Affordable housing is housing that rents for less than other properties in the area. It is usually restricted to people who have low or moderate income, though the amount of rent you pay typically does not change if your income does. Many affordable housing opportunities begin with lotteries. Rooming housing can also be a source of affordable housing. Some affordable housing is especially for older adults or people with disabilities, while other options are for anyone who is meets income eligibility rules.

- housing lotteries
- rooming houses
- affordable housing options for older adults
- affordable housing options for people with disabilities
- other affordable housing options

## Subsidized Housing

Subsidized housing is private housing where the renter has a subsidy to help pay for rent. Housing vouchers are a major kind of housing subsidy. With a housing voucher, people with low to moderate income pay a part of that income each month towards rent. The remainder of the rent is paid by a local housing authority or regional administrating agency.

- state housing vouchers for people who have limited income
- state housing vouchers for people with disabilities



- federal housing vouchers for people who have limited income
- federal housing vouchers for people who are unhoused
- federal housing vouchers for veterans
- federal housing vouchers for people with disabilities
- federal housing vouchers for people living with HIV or AIDS
- subsidized housing for people with limited income
- subsidized housing for people with limited income who want to live in rural areas

## Public Housing

Public housing is housing that is owned by the local housing authority or regional administrating agency. Like subsidized housing, public housing is limited to people with low and moderate income who pay part of that income to rent each month.

- state funded public housing for people who have limited income
- state funded public housing for elders and people with disabilities
- federally funded public housing for people who have limited income
- federally funded public housing for elders and people with disabilities

## Supportive Housing

Supportive housing is housing that comes with services that help a person stay in their home and live as independently as possible. Supportive housing is usually restricted to people with disabilities or older adults.

- supportive housing for people who have been with a mental health conditions
- supportive housing for people dealing with substance use or addiction
- supportive housing for people who have intellectual or developmental disabilities
- supportive housing for people who have brain injuries
- supportive housing for people living with HIV and AIDS
- supportive housing for people with disabilities who need help with activities of daily living
- supportive housing for older adults who need help with activities of daily living

