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Affordable Housing Programs In New Jersey



There are various affordable housing programs in New Jersey that people with disabilities may be able to access. The criteria for eligibility for affordable housing are based on both household income and size. Programs can be found at the state, county and municipal government levels. As there are often waiting lists for affordable housing programs, it makes sense for an individual to contact more than one program in a search for affordable housing. The following programs provide different levels of support to those seeking affordable housing.

Section 8

The objective of Section 8 is to provide housing that is affordable to very low-income households in the private rental market. Households must meet eligibility requirements. Through Section 8, renters pay no more than 30 percent of their adjusted monthly income towards their monthly rent and utilities. The balance of the rent is paid directly to the owner of the rental property. A helpful publication, *Guide to the Section 8 Housing Program*, is available through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. For more information on Section 8, you can contact both the state and county offices.

State Contact: New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
Division of Housing and Community Resources
101 South Broad Street
PO Box 806, Trenton, NJ 08625-0806
(609) 292-4080

County Offices:

Atlantic	(609) 441-3334	Middlesex	(732) 777-6999
Bergen	(201) 996-8990	Monmouth	(732) 780-6772
Camden/Burlington	(856) 614-3300	Morris	(973) 631-6285
Cape May	<i>See Atlantic</i>	Ocean	(732) 255-0818
Cumberland	(856) 453-3820	Passaic	(973) 225-7146
Essex	(973) 266-2822	Salem/Gloucester	<i>See Cumberland</i>
Gloucester	<i>See Cumberland</i>	Somerset/Hunterdon	(908) 707-9010
Hudson	(201) 217-7256	Sussex	(973) 383-5602
Hunterdon	<i>See Somerset</i>	Union	(908) 412-3700
Mercer	(609) 292-8537	Warren	<i>See Morris</i>

Section 8 Homeownership

Through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, participants in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program can also purchase a home using their Section 8. The voucher is applied to the mortgage payment, instead of the rent. The Section 8 Homeownership program also provides housing counseling and information about financial and community resources. For more information, contact the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs at (609) 292-9025.

Public Housing

As with Section 8, the objective of the public housing program is to provide housing that is affordable to very low-income households. This federal program is administered by local housing authorities, of which there are about 100 in New Jersey. Most housing authorities have rental units, but some have houses for sale. Rents and sale prices depend on household income, and public housing authorities may give priority to people who live or work in the communities they serve. In addition, public housing authorities may have long waiting lists. For a listing of local housing authorities in New Jersey, contact the Division of Housing at (609)-633-6303 to request a copy of the *Guide to Affordable Housing In New Jersey* or view the Guide online at <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/codes/publications/guide.html>

Homeless Prevention Program

The homeless prevention program may be able to provide limited financial assistance to those who, because of temporary financial problems beyond one's control, face eviction or foreclosure. For individuals and families who have become homeless, financial assistance may be provided to help secure permanent housing. For more information contact the Homelessness Prevention Program, Division of Housing and Community Resources, Department of Community Affairs at (609) 633-6204.

Subsidized Housing for Seniors & Disabled

Subsidized Housing specifically designated for seniors and people with disabilities is available throughout the state. To locate subsidized housing for seniors and people with disabilities in your area, contact your local county office for the disabled and/or your local county office on aging. County contact sheets which list the contacts for these offices are available through Brain Injury Association of New Jersey. You may also request a copy of the *Guide to Affordable Housing In New Jersey* by calling (609)-633-6303 or view online at <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/codes/publications/guide.html>

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The New Jersey Housing Resource Center, a FREE online, searchable registry of affordable and special needs housing located in New Jersey.



Additional housing resources may be available at your county level, including non-profit agencies that assist residents in finding and obtaining affordable housing. For more information on your county resources, dial 211 and be connected to the Information & Resources Helpline for health and human services, community resources and governmental assistance for your county.