

the housing report



Affordable and safe housing remains a major barrier for many of the families with whom VEAP works. In 2019, we asked them just how deeply their housing costs affect their monthly budget. Here's what we found...

who?

377 people

nearly 70% live in Bloomington, 20% in Richfield, 10% in Edina



people living in average household



oftentimes sharing rooms, with 1.7 people per bedroom on average



children live in **43%** of households



seniors live in **33%** of households



67%

do **not** receive any housing assistance in the form of a subsidy



how much?

those *without* a housing subsidy

average cost of rent/month **\$1,055**

average net income/month **\$1,753**



59%

of income goes to housing

those *with* a housing subsidy

average cost of rent/month **\$579**

average net income/month **\$1,331**



37%

of income goes to housing

is their housing safe?



16%

experience accessibility issues due to housing



that's **60** individuals without the ability to comfortably move through their home



19%

experience health-related issues due to housing



asthma and allergies due to **mold** overwhelmingly noted as cause of health problems

is it stable?



66%

experienced a raise in their rent over the last year



\$76.49

average monthly rent increase amount

VEAP's response to the housing crisis...

Our approach is three-fold: provide access to food, give direct assistance and advocate in key forums for change.

VEAP's Food Pantry distributed 4.3 million pounds of food last year, serving as a major resource to meet the immediate needs of financially-stressed families.

Through holistic case plans and emergency financial assistance provided directly to those in need, VEAP additionally helped prevent homelessness for hundreds of individuals. We're ensuring renters understand how to communicate with their landlords to prevent eviction and build stability in their lives.

VEAP also actively engages in local housing teams, city groups, and community collaboratives to offer insight and perspective into the needs of our participants. We're aiming to pull the highest levers possible to facilitate change in our community.



By receiving assistance from VEAP I was able to rise above poverty, receive a promotion within my place of employment, and keep my home. Thank you for helping me fight homelessness.



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