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Wednesday, February 12th

9am to 5pm

HOUSING JUBILEE



2025

Hosted by:

- Panelists
- Workshops
- Breakout sessions

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Purpose of the Jubilee



The 2025 Housing Jubilee stands as a clarion call, a transformative gathering that seeks to unite a broad coalition of forces to confront and resolve the housing crisis gripping Northeast Pennsylvania. This momentous event will bring together government leaders, visionary politicians, tireless activists, dedicated community organizations, innovative social service providers, philanthropic champions, and other key stakeholders under one powerful shared mission: to ensure safe, stable, and affordable housing for all.

This is more than a meeting of minds; it is a convergence of purpose. The Housing Jubilee aims to forge partnerships, strengthen networks, and create actionable solutions that resonate far beyond the event. Participants will cross-reference resources from diverse community organizations, building robust pipelines for food and housing security to address the immediate needs of those most affected by the crisis.

Central to the gathering will be an exploration of cutting-edge energy efficiency practices in construction—a vital step toward creating sustainable, affordable housing that aligns with environmental goals. Equally important, the event will focus on fortifying rental control strategies to protect the working class from the crushing weight of runaway inflation.

But the Housing Jubilee is not merely about discussion; it is about action. It will culminate in the creation of a comprehensive plan, a roadmap to safeguard the economic stability and housing security of Northeast Pennsylvania's working-class residents. This plan will stand as a testament to the region's resilience and commitment to collective prosperity.





HUD Releases January 2024 Point-In-Time Count Report

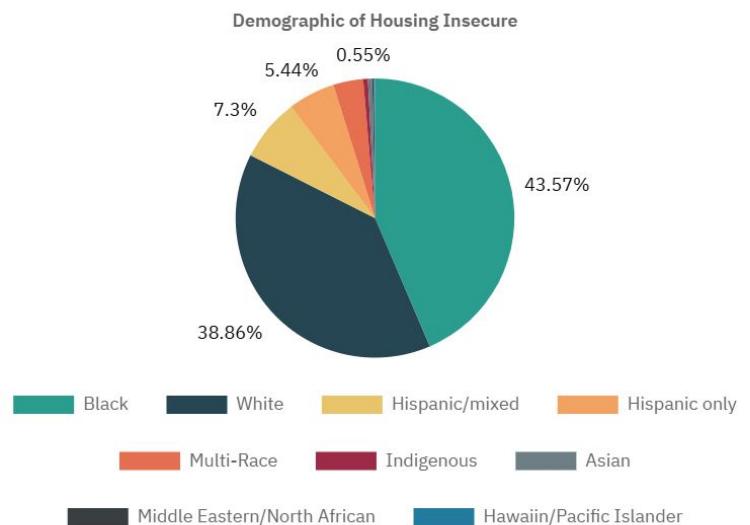
The Annual Homelessness Assessment Report: Part 1 data highlights progress and challenges in Addressing Homelessness Across the Nation

These graphs illustrates the distribution of the housing-insecure population in Pennsylvania, categorized by race and gender.

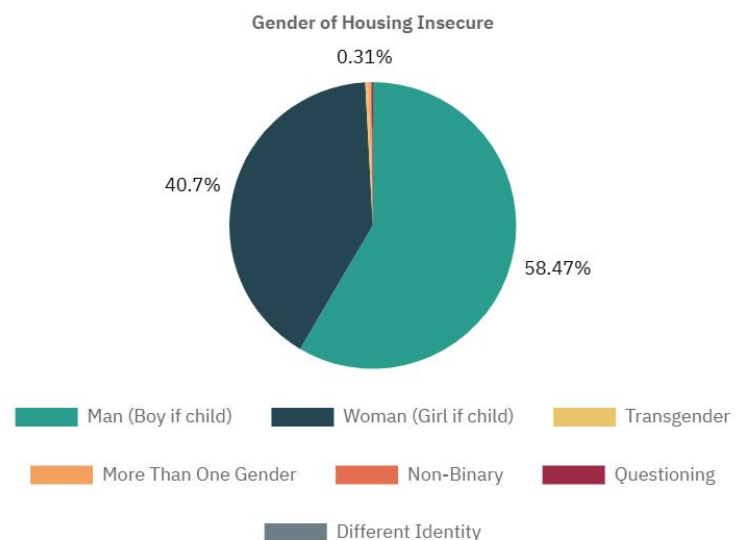
Housing insecurity is a combination of being unsheltered, in emergency shelters or in transitional housing.

Population Size

Blacks	6139
Whites	5476
Hispanic only	766
Hispanic/mixed	1026
Asian	67
Middle Eastern	30
Pacific Isl/Hawaiian	15
Native/Indigenous	78
Mixed Race	491



Culturally Specific Id	3
Man (Boy if child)	8,235
Non-Binary	28
Questioning	5
Transgender	43
Woman (Girl if child)	5,733
Different Identity	3
More Than One Gender	38



Political Press conference



Congressman Rob Bresnahan

Staff representing the
congressman's office

State Representatives



Kyle Mullins

Facilitator and
coordinator



Kyle Donahue

Contributor



**Bridget
Kosierowski**

Contributor



**Eddie Day
Pashinski**

Contributor

Housing and Food Security Panel Moderator



Amber Viola

Government Speakers and Panel Guests



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Council on
Homelessness



Drew Simpson

President of the
Eastern Atlantic
States Regional
Council of Carpenters



Kevin O'Boyle

Vice President of
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Phara Cherenfant

Private sector Speakers and Panel Guests



Apollo Mondesier

CEO of the Moses
West Foundation
CEO Rocksteady
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John Duesler Jr

Founder of the Pilot Mind
Drone Academy President
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Rashida Lovely

President Of Newave
Enterprise and CEO of the
Afree Foundation

Meet The Regional Committee



Drew Simpson

President of the Eastern
Atlantic States Regional
Council of Carpenters



Jeff Smith

President of Smith
Construction
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member Sierra Club



Gus Fahey

President of Valley in
motion



**Sarah
Helcoski**

President of the
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President of Rising
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Secretary of the
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**Brittney
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Luzerne County
Councilwoman



Dawn Simmons

Luzerne County
Councilwoman
Hopeful



Wanda Hicks

Housing Advocate
Community Activist



9am to 11:30am

Breakfast and networking

9am to 9:45am

Press conference

9:30am to 10am

Introduction to housing Jubilee/

Food security

10am to 10:30am

Panel Discussion on Housing and food security

10:30am to 11am

Panel Q and A

11am to 11:30am

11:30am - 2:30pm

Lunch and Networking

11:30pm to 12:30pm

Environmental Justice workshop with the Department of Environmental Protection

12:45pm to 1:15pm

Silent Breakout sessions for Community orgs

1:30pm to 2:15pm

Environmental Justice Breakout

1:30pm to 2:15pm

2:30pm - 5pm

Food Security Workshop

2:30pm to 3pm

Innovation panel

3pm to 3:30pm

Innovation Q and A

3:30pm to 4pm

Refreshments and networking

4pm to 4:45pm

***Regional Committee Commencement**