

## Finding Housing Resources

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The lack of affordable and accessible housing in North Carolina remains a significant barrier to meeting the needs of a large majority of the population including extremely low income households, older adults, and people with disabilities. The following are opportunities to find information about housing resources in your community. If you need access to a computer, visit your local public library.

1) NC Housing Search is located on [www.nchousingsearch.org](http://www.nchousingsearch.org) NCHousingSearch.com is designed to help all with their housing-related needs. Whether you are looking for housing with accessibility features, age-restricted housing, affordable or market-rate housing, NCHousingSearch.com helps people locate available apartments, rental homes, condos and other housing that fits individual and family needs. This service can be accessed online 24 hours a day and through a toll-free, bilingual call center, Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm EDT at 1-877-428-8844. NCHousingSearch.org also connects people to other housing resources through website links and provides helpful tools for renters such as an affordability calculator, rental checklist, and information on renter rights and responsibilities.

2) HUD public housing and housing choice vouchers may be available at a local public housing authority (PHA). If you need public housing assistance or would like specific information about housing choice vouchers or other programs, call your local PHA located on <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/states/nc.cfm> or call the customer service center at 1-800-955-2232.

3) HUD subsidized privately owned housing can be located on [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov). For those eligible, renters pay 30% of their household income for housing costs. Copy and paste the following into your browser:  
[http://www.hud.gov/apps/section8/results.cfm?city\\_name\\_text=&county\\_name\\_text=&zip\\_code=&property\\_name\\_text=&client\\_group\\_type=&maxrec=20&state\\_code=NC&statename=North+Carolina](http://www.hud.gov/apps/section8/results.cfm?city_name_text=&county_name_text=&zip_code=&property_name_text=&client_group_type=&maxrec=20&state_code=NC&statename=North+Carolina)

4) USDA subsidizes elderly or family apartment complexes in many rural communities. The properties are serviced by approved management agencies and eligible renters pay 30% of household income. These multi-family rentals can be located on [http://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select\\_state.jsp](http://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select_state.jsp)

5) Tax credit properties are privately owned apartments financed by North Carolina Housing Finance Agency [www.nchfa.com](http://www.nchfa.com) that are affordable for those earning 60% or less of the area medium income. Copy and paste the following into your browser [http://www.nchfa.com/Applications/Apt\\_Afford\\_Locator/AAL\\_Search.aspx](http://www.nchfa.com/Applications/Apt_Afford_Locator/AAL_Search.aspx) and call locations of interest for more information.

6) The Affordable Housing Primer is designed to provide important basic information and resources that anyone, particularly people with disabilities, their advocates, families, and service providers, can use to increase understanding of the housing system. Find this publication on <http://www.nchousing.org/research-data/affordable-housing-primer> in addition to many other opportunities through the North Carolina Housing Coalition [www.nchousing.org](http://www.nchousing.org).

Links to other topics of interest:

Fair Housing/Reasonable Accommodations/Reasonable Modifications: [www.doa.state.nc.us/hrc/](http://www.doa.state.nc.us/hrc/); Landlord-Tenant Laws: [www.ncjustice.org](http://www.ncjustice.org); Renter's Rights and Responsibilities: [www.nchfa.com](http://www.nchfa.com); Legal Services: [www.legalaidnc.org](http://www.legalaidnc.org); Advocacy for people with disabilities: [www.nc-ddc.org](http://www.nc-ddc.org) and [www.disabilityrightsnc.org](http://www.disabilityrightsnc.org).

Support Services: NC Department of Health and Human Services: Division of Aging and Adult Services [www.ncdhhs.gov/aging](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging); Services for the Blind [www.ncdhhs.gov/dsb](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dsb); Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dsdhh>; Mental Health Developmental Disabilities Substance Abuse Services [www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas); Social Services [www.ncdhhs.gov/dss](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss); Public Health <http://publichealth.nc.gov> or <http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov>; Vocational Rehabilitation [www.ncdhhs.gov/dvrs](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dvrs); Child Development <http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us>