



## A Statewide Housing Plan for Michigan

*MSHDA is leading the development of Michigan's first collaborative statewide housing plan.*

### What is a Statewide Housing Plan (SHP)?

Housing is the cornerstone of thriving communities and every person deserves safe, affordable, and quality housing, yet according to the [Michigan Statewide Housing Needs Assessment](#), about **50%** of our state's renters, and **25%** of its homeowners pay too much for housing. A Statewide Housing Plan will help identify the causes of this and other housing issues and what must be done to address them equitably, inclusively, and in a way that best leverages all available resources.

### Why does Michigan need a SHP?

The lack of safe and affordable housing in Michigan is an economic development barrier, a strain on household finances, and in many cases, results in too many families struggling to afford basic necessities, or even maintain their health. It is vital to develop strategies that strengthen neighborhoods and communities grappling with barriers.

Michigan struggled with a lack of affordable housing before COVID-19. The pandemic amplified the challenge and highlighted the need to increase safety, address issues of quality, and tackle racial disparities. When combined with the ongoing affordability issue, these core challenges further illustrated the need for a statewide housing plan.

To be successful, the plan requires a collaborative, statewide, data-driven approach that identifies and provides steps on how to overcome our housing challenges. These are complex issues that cannot be resolved overnight or in a vacuum. With every stakeholder in the housing industry working together, we can identify and implement solutions that will result in meaningful changes at the individual, neighborhood, community, regional and state levels.

### How is the SHP created?

MSHDA is spearheading a statewide strategic planning process with the consulting group Public Policy Associates and the Michigan Statewide Housing Plan Partner Council comprised of housing experts and key partners. We will be conducting research, benchmarking with 16 national housing finance agencies, and reaching out to engage customers, partners, and the public to help develop Michigan's first five-year statewide housing plan.

Outreach and engagement efforts will be conducted in November 2020 and continue through June 2021 with the goal of having a statewide housing plan by the end of 2021.

## How do I get involved?

There are several opportunities for engagement and involvement in this year-long process. Start by signing up for updates today by visiting MSHDA's website at [michigan.gov/housingplan](https://michigan.gov/housingplan). If your organization wants more involvement in the planning and implementation process, please email [MSHDA-MISHP@Michigan.gov](mailto:MSHDA-MISHP@Michigan.gov).

## Data Resources

[Michigan Statewide Housing Needs Assessment](#) (MSHDA)

[Michigan Homeownership Study](#) (MSHDA)

[Ending Homelessness in Michigan: 2019 Annual Report](#) (Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness)

[The ALICE Report](#) (Michigan Association of United Ways)