

# Minnesota Housing Resources

Low income housing resources are accessed through Minnesota's Coordinated Entry System. Each county has resources to help low income families find housing. Search Coordinated Entry resources for each county at: [https://mn.hb101.org/i/map/homeless\\_map.htm](https://mn.hb101.org/i/map/homeless_map.htm). Write down the resource and contact information for the county of choice.

Many housing resources are online; some websites have housing resources across the state, others are specific to a geographic location. Some housing resources are specific to youth.

## Minnesota Housing Services and Supports

**Housing Benefits 101:** <https://mn.hb101.org>.

Find help for creating housing plans for families. Information on how to stay in current housing, or plan for a change in housing, are provided. Minnesota's Coordinated Entry System resources for those who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, are listed by county. Click on the **Homeless Services in Minnesota** tab.

**211 First Call for Help:** <https://www.211unitedway.org>.

Find resources specifically relevant to low income housing, market rate rental housing and seniors. For each resource category, enter Minnesota and the county in the search fields at the bottom of the map to see resources in close proximity. A live chat with a referral specialist is an option.

For specific information, click on the following:

- **Low income housing:** Find resources for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) management companies, housing search assistance, landlord/tenant assistance, low income/subsidized housing, public housing, single room occupancy, Section 8 applications, senior housing information and referral, tenant readiness education programs and transitional housing/shelters
- **Market rate rental housing:** Resources for housing search assistance, independent living communities, market rate rental lists and tenant readiness education programs
- **Housing for seniors:** Resources for assisted living facilities, independent living communities, public housing, and senior housing information and referral.

**Housing Link:** <https://www.housinglink.org>.

Search for housing using filters, such as distance from a certain point, rental costs, the number of bedrooms, building type, accessibility, and whether pets are allowed. Limit searches to subsidized housing or housing for seniors, persons with a disability or veterans. Enter the city, zip, or county in the field under **Where do you want to rent in Minnesota?** to view resources in a given area.

In addition, click on:

- **Subsidized housing:** In the navigation bar, watch a seven-minute video on Section 8 vouchers, project-based Section 8, public housing and Section 42.
- **Housing resources:** In the navigation bar, find a list of 18 ways to ruin your life renting an apartment.

**MinnesotaHelp:** <https://www.minnesotaHelp.info/SpecialTopics/HomelessPeople>.

For a variety of topics, click on:

- Options under **Topics**: A list of agencies that provide assistance such as advocacy and support, employment resources, families and youth, help with food, housing and shelters, income assistance, personal needs and services for animals.
- **Housing benefits 101 from MNDHS** under **Helpful Links**. Click on **Homeless services in Minnesota** to open an interactive map. Click on a county to see housing services in that county.
- **Guided searches** in the navigation bar: Searches for resources specifically for homeless youth, seniors who need care, or children with special needs.

**CommonBond Communities:** <https://commonbond.org>.

Click on **Find a home** in the navigation bar to start an online search for housing. Click **Find a home** again to search the entire online database. This allows searching for housing by state, county and city. Also, open a **Minnesota Family Directory** from this screen. The **Hotlist** search is not sorted geographically.

**Minnesota Housing Partnership:** <http://www.mhponline.org>.

Click on **Crisis housing** in the navigation bar to learn about the Crisis Housing Fund, a short-term housing assistance program for those with a serious mental illness.

**Home Line:** <https://homelinemn.org>.

Provides free legal help for renters.

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):**

<https://www.hud.gov/states/minnesota/homeless>.

Statewide housing resources and other information are on the HUD website.

## Twin Cities Housing Services and Supports

**Ramsey County:** <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/assistance-support/assistance/housing-services-support>.

Services are also at: <https://www.headinghomeramsey.org>. Click on **Where to find help**. Check both websites when looking for resources.

**Hennepin County:** <https://www.hennepin.us/coordinated-entry>.

**Anoka County:** <https://www.streetworksmn.org/coordinated-entry/anoka-county/>.

**Dakota County:** <https://www.streetworksmn.org/coordinated-entry/dakota-county/>.

**Washington County:** <https://www.streetworksmn.org/coordinated-entry/washington-county/>.

**Scott and Carver counties:** <https://www.streetworksmn.org/coordinated-entry/scott-county/>.

## Housing Services and Supports in Southwestern Minnesota

**Southwest Minnesota Housing Help:** [www.swmnhousinghelp.org](http://www.swmnhousinghelp.org).

Find an interactive map by county in southwestern Minnesota. Click on a county to view resources.

## Youth Services

**MinnesotaHelp:** <https://www.minnesotaHelp.info/SpecialTopics/Youth>.

Find resources for youth, including community connections, education, health care, housing, jobs, legal, money management and transportation. The resource list starts with services in the Twin Cities and resources in greater Minnesota.

**Youth Services Network:** <https://ysnmn.org>.

Find resources, including shelters, outreach workers, drop-in centers, food, medical, crisis line, counseling, youth who are parents themselves, education and employment.

**Heading Home Ramsey:** <https://www.headinghomeramsey.org/where-find-help>.

Click on the **Unaccompanied youth** tab to find services in St. Paul and Ramsey County.

**Minnesota Department of Health:**

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/safeharbor/response/navigators.html>.

Safe Harbor services across Minnesota for sexually exploited youth, including shelters and housing programs.

**Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), Minnesota field office:** <https://www.csh.org/about-csh/in-the-field/mn/>

Find information on transition planning for juvenile justice involved youth in Minnesota.