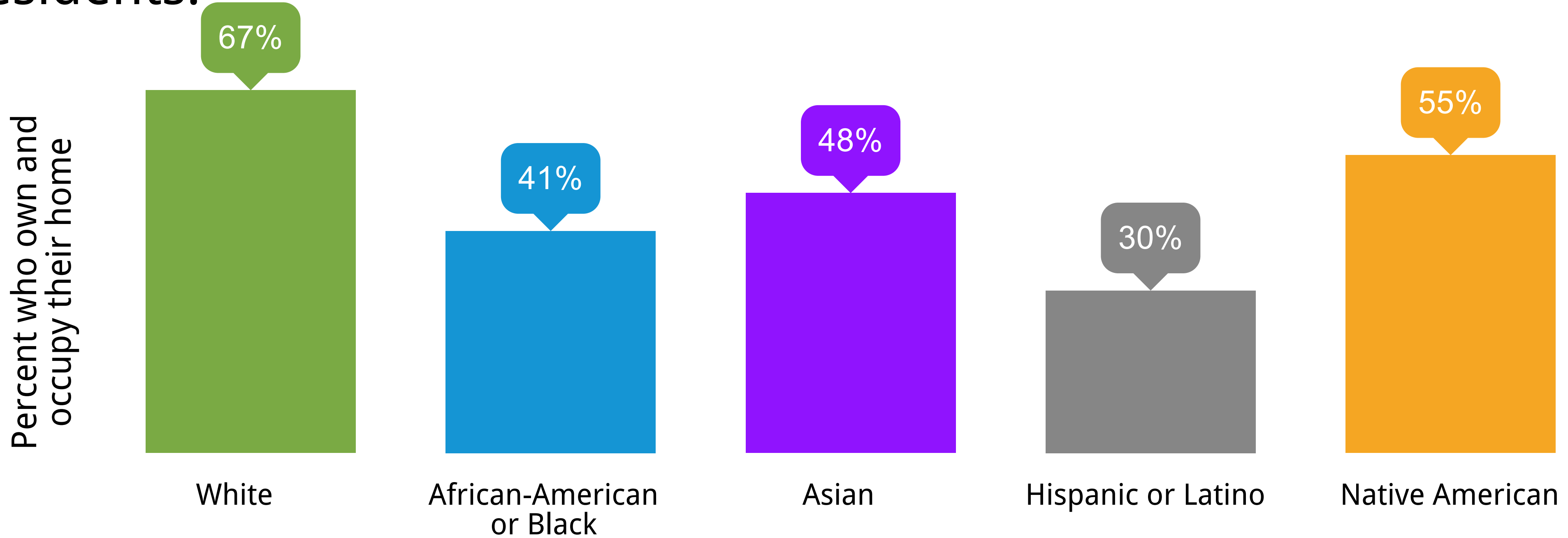


# Affordable Housing

Nearly **7 in 10** white residents own and occupy their home, compared to **4 in 10** African-American or black residents and **3 in 10** Hispanic residents.<sup>1</sup>



Owning a home is a key contributor to increasing household wealth. Historical and current policies have prevented people of color from being able to access resources available to whites that are often needed to purchase a home.<sup>2</sup>

## Affordable Housing in Durham by the Numbers:

**\$1,023**

median monthly housing costs for renters<sup>1</sup>

**\$377**

the price of affordable rent for a single, full time, minimum wage worker<sup>3</sup>

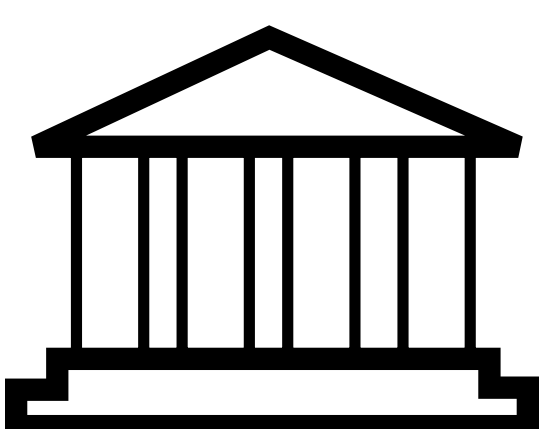
**49%**

of renters pay at least 30% of their income on rent<sup>1</sup>

**349**

homeless persons<sup>4</sup>

## What does it mean to have access to affordable housing?



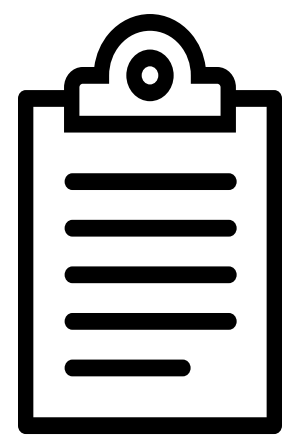
According to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), it is spending 30% or less of your income on rent and utilities.<sup>5</sup>



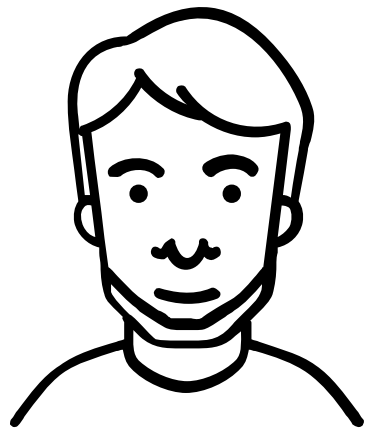
Durham residents say affordable housing means being able to pay basic expenses and having access to housing options at multiple price points, with some below the fair market rate.



## A Call-to-Action



**71% of residents** surveyed in 2018 said **affordable housing** is a top issue in Durham.<sup>3</sup>



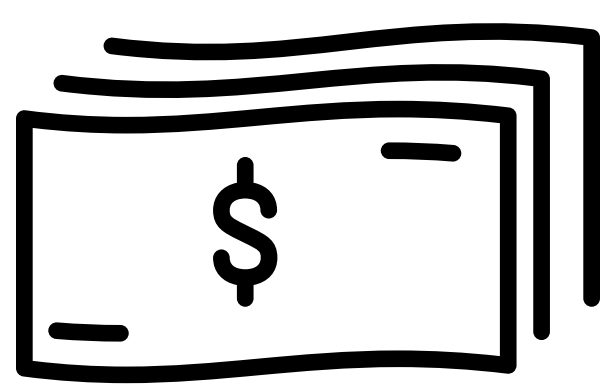
"I believe affordable housing is the most pressing issue we face in Durham. I don't have a solution but I feel this issue needs to be addressed immediately and with all resources available. Durham should be accessible to all its residents."

-Durham resident, 2018<sup>6</sup>

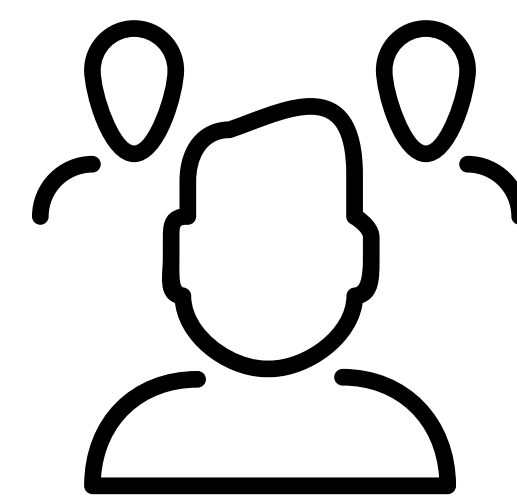
We heard you!

Here are some of the most common recommendations that came out of a series of six listening sessions with residents about how to address affordable housing in Durham.

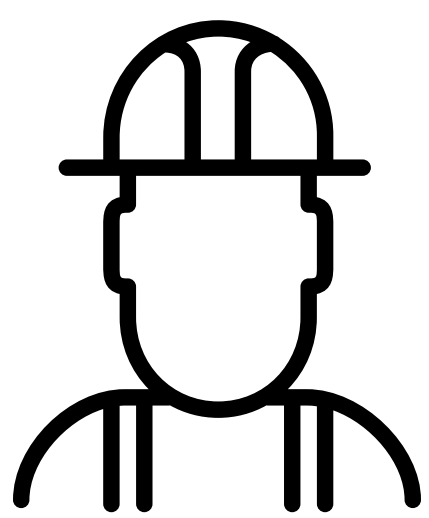
### Resident Recommendations



Cap property tax increases so homeowners aren't forced out of their homes.



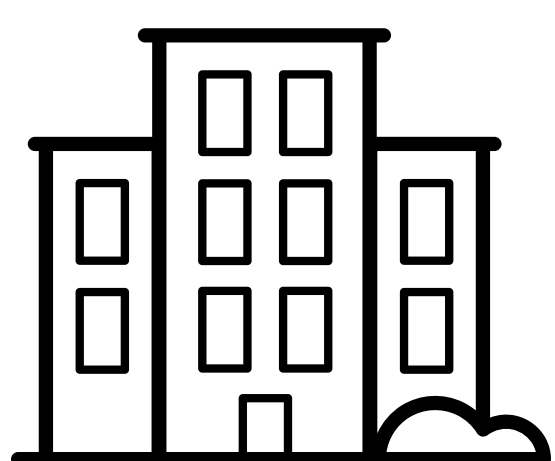
Include residents when creating development plans and publicize the process widely.



Hold landlords accountable for maintaining properties.



Control rent prices to prevent large increases.



Require developers to save a percentage of new homes for people with low income. This is known as inclusionary zoning and is an **evidence based practice**.<sup>7</sup>

For more information or to get involved, visit: [healthydurham.org](https://healthydurham.org)



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