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Happy 4th of July!

Maine Surpasses 2025 Housing Production Goal — and Sets the Pace for What Comes Next



Members of MaineHousing's leadership team traveled to Bangor May 15, to join a construction celebration at Milford Place, a Penquis development that will

provide housing for older Mainers, 55+. Laurie Warzinski, MaineHousing's new Development Director, delivered congratulatory remarks as part of a lineup of speakers that included representatives of the state Legislature, the City of Bangor, Penquis, Bangor Savings Bank, and many other partners and supporters of the development.

As Maine and America celebrate the nation's 250th Anniversary, Maine is also celebrating great progress in its work to create the housing we need now and for the future.

MaineHousing's historically large affordable housing development pipeline is a critical component of this growth, but the [state's goal](#) includes all types of housing for all income levels and depends on both subsidized and market-rate development.

Maine entered 2025 with a clear benchmark: permit 6,900 new homes and begin closing the gap created by years of underproduction. New statewide data show that Maine communities did more than meet that goal — they exceeded it.

According to the [Administration of Governor Janet T. Mills](#), Maine communities permitted an estimated 7,499 new housing units in 2025, surpassing the state's annual target by about 9 percent.

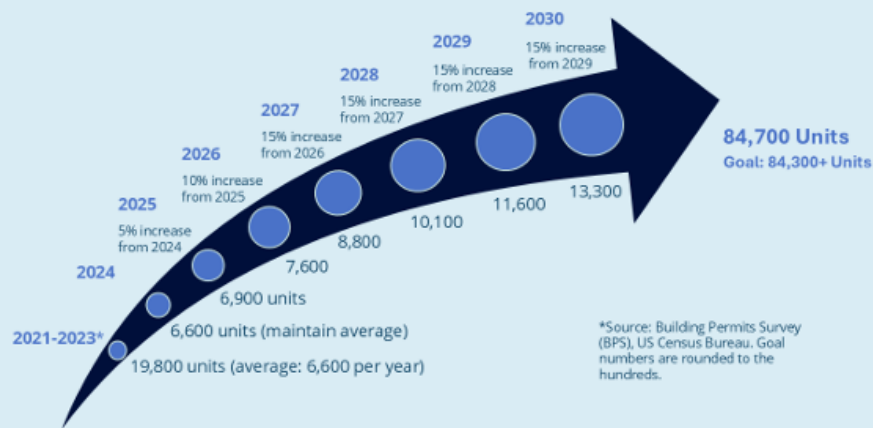
The first-ever statewide housing data collection effort gives policymakers, communities, and housing partners a clearer baseline for measuring progress toward Maine's longer-term goal of creating 84,000 new homes by 2030.

For [MaineHousing](#), the state's milestone is both an accomplishment and a call to keep going. More homes permitted mean more opportunities for families, older adults, workers, and communities. It also underscores the scale of the work ahead: Maine must continue to accelerate production, support affordable housing, and help communities turn plans and permits into homes people can live in.

That progress depends on partnerships — among state agencies, municipalities, developers, nonprofits, lenders, service providers, and local leaders. It also depends on the day-to-day work happening within MaineHousing: financing projects, supporting programs, strengthening communications, improving systems, and ensuring public resources are delivered with care and accountability.

"This is real progress, and it reflects the work of many partners across Maine," said MaineHousing Director Dan Brennan. "But we all know the housing challenge was not created overnight, and it will not be solved by a few good years. Our job now is to build on this momentum — to keep producing housing, keep supporting communities, and keep focusing on the people who need a safe, stable, affordable place to call home."

Statewide Housing Production Goal



MaineHousing Sees Surge in Investment, Policy Momentum, and National Visibility



Maine Legislature Invests Nearly \$70 Million in New Housing Investments

MaineHousing is preparing to deploy nearly \$70 million in new state funding to increase housing production, prevent evictions, and support vulnerable households across Maine, as a result of the 2nd Session of the 132nd Legislature.

This includes \$37.5 million for housing development, \$11 million for eviction prevention programs, \$12 million for emergency housing relief, and expanded support for homeless initiatives.

State leaders have also directed MaineHousing to take on additional responsibilities, including supporting improvements to mobile home communities—an indication of the agency's growing role in addressing complex housing needs.

These investments represent a meaningful commitment to housing in Maine and will directly impact housing availability and stability statewide.

New Financing Tool Expands Housing Opportunities



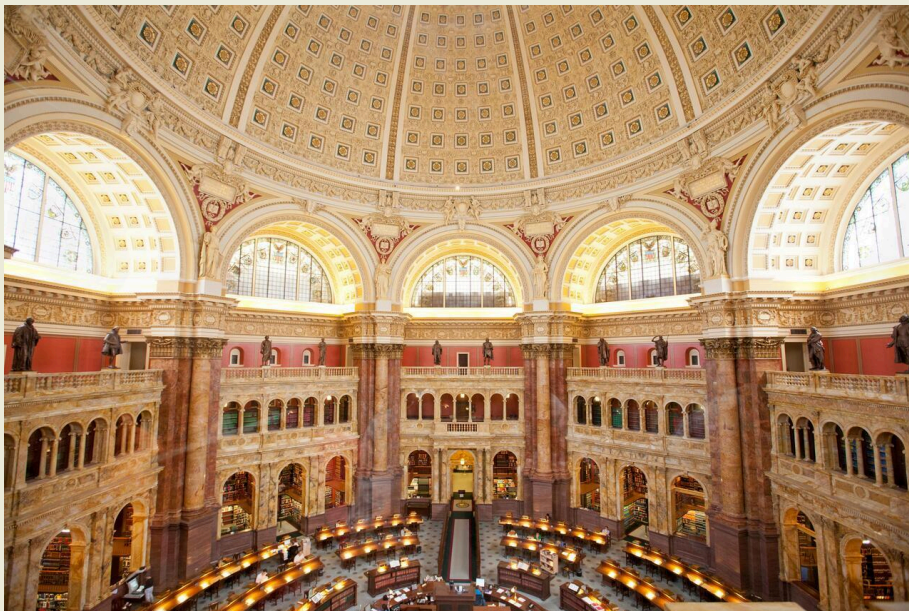
Earlier this spring, MaineHousing’s Board of Commissioners approved a new bond resolution that increases the agency’s flexibility to finance a wider range of housing projects.

This tool allows MaineHousing to finance mobile home parks and housing cooperatives, support projects that fall outside traditional lending structures, and respond more quickly to emerging housing needs.

Feedback from national financial partners has reinforced MaineHousing’s position as a stable and credible housing finance leader.

This expanded toolkit enables the agency to reach underserved parts of the housing market and accelerate development in areas that have historically been harder to finance.

Federal Housing Policy Gains Momentum



Congress has advanced the **21st Century Road to Housing Act**, a broad package expected to expand housing opportunities nationwide. As of this writing, it is awaiting action by President Trump.

Housing is also expected to be a central issue in upcoming elections, elevating its visibility and importance across party lines.

Increased federal attention, combined with bipartisan support, could translate into additional resources and policy changes benefiting Maine communities.

Key points in this landmark legislation include:

- This legislation is a rare bipartisan breakthrough that elevates affordable housing from a state-by-state concern into a national conversation about supply, cost, and shared responsibility.
- The bill modernizes core federal housing programs, including HOME, HUD, and USDA programs, financing tools, and preservation resources that state housing agencies rely on.
- It focuses on increasing supply by cutting red tape, streamlining approvals, supporting new construction approaches, and making federal programs work better.

Why it matters for Maine

For Maine, the bill aligns with the work already underway to expand housing production, especially in rural communities where supply constraints are acute.

It provides incentives and zoning support to preserve local control, putting communities in charge of their housing development while also making clear that every community has a responsibility to do its share.

Maine's vibrant manufactured housing industry could benefit from modernized rules, including changes that lower costs for factory-built modular homes intended for permanent placement.

Strengthening the Team at MaineHousing



It's been a busy spring at MaineHousing, and while much of our work is very visible, our behind-the-scenes efforts to continually improve our workflow, collaboration, and teamwork never stop. Here are a few updates on changes taking place here inside the agency:

Improving How MaineHousing Communicates and Delivers

MaineHousing continues to modernize the way it manages design, web, survey, and communications requests. The expanded use of Lytho, an online system for tracking and organizing our work, including a digital asset

management system, will help staff better organize approved materials, streamline workflows, and maintain consistent public-facing communications.

Listening From Within to Better Serve Maine

MaineHousing's E-Team (Employee Experience) has launched a staff suggestion box to invite ideas from across the agency.

The effort encourages continuous improvement and gives employees another way to help shape how MaineHousing works, collaborates, and solves problems.

Celebrating the People Behind Maine's Housing Solutions

Recent staff recognitions at MaineHousing's annual All-Staff retreat highlighted the teamwork, creativity, and commitment that support the agency's mission. From program delivery to operations and communications, MaineHousing's impact depends on people working together across departments.

Ongoing staff learning helps MaineHousing deliver programs effectively, fairly, and responsibly. A recent Legal and Compliance staff session translated complex information into practical knowledge — supporting stronger decision-making and stewardship of public resources.



MaineHousing's entire team joined in an all-staff retreat at the Elks Lodge in Augusta recently. With a red-carpet theme, employees worked not only to celebrate each other as the stars they are, but also to focus on the agency's core values, our new strategic plan, and our mission. The day was a fun way to recognize last year's accomplishments and focus on the work ahead.



In carrying out our work we pride ourselves on our Integrity and Accountability, Collaboration and

We're Hiring!

The following positions are currently seeking applicants:

[Financial Compliance Specialist](#), Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)

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Communication, Innovation and Creativity, and Caring.

We believe that a focus on continuous improvement makes us stronger and better able to deliver on our mission.

How we do our work matters.

We are committed to upholding our core values while striving toward an agency-wide culture that is ever more responsive and innovative.

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MaineHousing's mission is to empower employees and partners in helping Maine people afford safe, high-quality housing as a foundation for healthy communities.

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Innovation & Creativity, Caring.**

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