



BY ALEXANDRIA CITY HIGH SCHOOL

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TOPIC

Affordable
Housing

CYCP GOAL

All Children, Youth, and Families
will be Physically Safe and Healthy

RESULT

Alexandria is an affordable
place for families to live

SUCCESS STORY

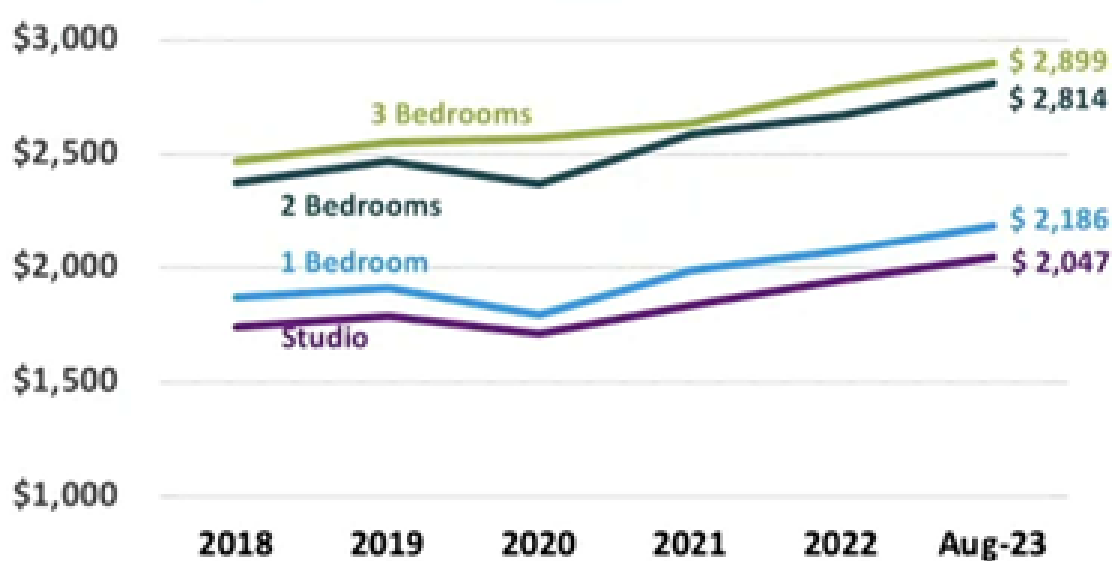
We are celebrating the work of housing Alex for advocating affordable housing options in Alexandria. Their efforts help ensure that families have access to safe, stable living environments, which improves children's health, education, and emotional well-being.

SIGNIFICANCE

Affordable housing is essential because it allows families to live in safe, stable environments without the constant stress of eviction or overcrowding. When families can afford housing, children are more likely to stay in the same school, maintain good mental health, and build strong community relationships. This result matters because stable housing leads to better education, health, and life outcomes for Alexandria's youth.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

RENT GROWTH BY BEDROOMS, 2018-2023 3rd QTR



STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

1. Advocate for local policies that expand affordable housing development.
2. Support rent control or rent stabilization policies.
3. Increase funding for housing assistance programs.
4. Promote mixed-income housing projects.
5. Partner with developers to reserve units for low-income families.

CHAMPION

- Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC).
- Office of Housing, City of Alexandria.
- Local nonprofit organizations such as Carpenter's Shelter or Housing Alexandria.

PARTNERS

- City of Alexandria Office of Housing
- Local nonprofit for food and shelter support
- Local businesses providing job opportunities

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

- Collected and analyzed local rent trend data
- Identified the rising cost of 1-3 bedroom units in Alexandria
- Shared findings with classmates, school staff, or community stakeholders
- Raised awareness about housing insecurity among youth and families

HOW MUCH WAS DONE?

Since 2018 up to august 2023 the costs have raised up a lot more. We now see a lot of money put into housing and other living expenses. Up to 2k dollars.

HOW WELL WAS IT DONE?

They did pretty well by changing the cost of housing and coming up with strategies to fix it up until 2023.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE EFFECTS SO FAR?

- Increased awareness of housing insecurity.
- Sparked conversations among students and staff.
- Some community members expressed interest in advocacy efforts.

WHAT ARE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

- Expand research to include eviction rates or affordable housing programs
- Collaborate with local organizations for broader outreach
- Propose solutions or policy recommendations

WHERE CAN PEOPLE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR TOPIC?

- City of Alexandria Housing