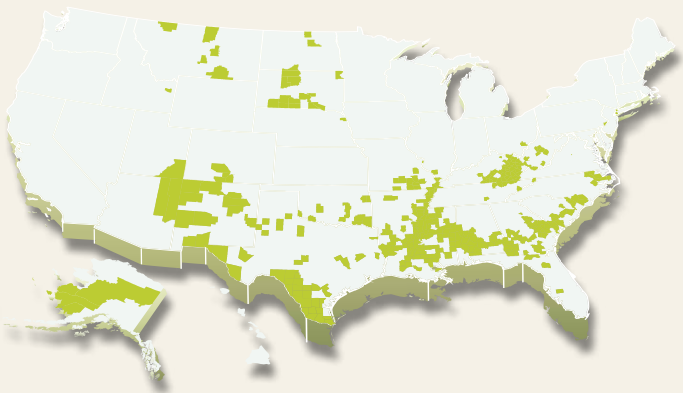


PERSISTENT POVERTY

85% OF PERSISTENT
POVERTY
COUNTIES
IN THE U.S.
ARE RURAL.



WHAT IS THE POVERTY RATE
IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

RuralDataPortal.org

HAC Tabulations of Census Bureau's 2009-2013 American Community Survey

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Housing Assistance Council is governed by a board of directors representing public, private, and nonprofit agencies at the national, state, and local levels.

Peter N. Carey,
Board Chair
Visalia, CA

Peggy R. Wright
President
Jonesboro, AR

Maria Luisa Mercado,
Vice President
Galveston, TX

Laura Buxbaum
Secretary
Brunswick, ME

Tom Manning-Beavin
Treasurer
London, KY

Gideon Anders
Oakland, CA

Andrew Bias,
Kansas City, MO

Robert Calvillo
McAllen, TX

Dave Castillo
Tempe, AZ

Sandra Ferniza
Tempe, AZ

Ninfa R. Gutierrez
Yakima, WA

Ilene Jacobs
Marysville, CA

David Lipsetz,
CEO
Washington, DC

Twila Martin-Kekahbah
Bismarck, ND

William (Bill) Picotte
Maricopa, AZ

Andres Saavedra
Washington, DC

Naomi Scipio
Columbia, SC

Irene E. Sikelianos
Albuquerque, NM

Rep. Bennie G. Thompson
U.S. House of
Representatives
Bolton, MS

Dazetta L. Thorne
Crowley, LA

Connie Wright
Atlanta, GA

Andrew B. Winter
White River Junction, VT

CONTACT HAC

Headquarters (Washington DC)
(202) 842-8600

Southeast Regional Office (Atlanta)
(404) 892-4824

Southwest Regional Office
(Albuquerque) (505) 883-1003

Midwest Regional Office
(Kansas City) (816) 860-0400



IMPROVING HOUSING CONDITIONS IN RURAL AMERICA SINCE 1971



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US:
RURALHOME.ORG

Follow us on



BUILDING RURAL COMMUNITIES

HAC'S MISSION

The Housing Assistance Council (HAC), a national nonprofit organization, has been helping local organizations in rural America build affordable homes since 1971. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., with offices in California, Georgia, Missouri, and New Mexico, HAC assists public, nonprofit, and private organizations in the development of both owner-occupied and rental housing with programs that focus on local solutions, empowerment of the poor, reduced dependence, and self-help strategies.

HAC's mission is to improve housing conditions for the rural poor, with an emphasis on the poorest of the poor in the most rural places, particularly regions and populations with high needs: Native American communities, the Mississippi Delta, farmworkers, the southwest border colonias, and Appalachia.



HOUSEHOLD INCOMES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES ARE NEARLY

25% LOWER THAN THE U.S. AVERAGE.

How do Incomes in Your Community Compare?
RuralDataPortal.org

97% OF U.S. LANDMASS IS RURAL
20% OF THE POPULATION LIVES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

How Rural Is Your Community?
RuralDataPortal.org

7 OVER 7 MILLION RURAL HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCE AT LEAST ONE MAJOR HOUSING PROBLEM.

How Many Housing Problems Exist in Your Community?
RuralDataPortal.org

BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

FINANCIAL PRODUCTS

HAC provides low interest rate loans to support single and multifamily affordable housing projects throughout the United States and territories. Loans may be used for pre-development, acquisition, site development, rehabilitation, and construction activities. Through HAC's Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP), financing is available to support self-help projects in which low-income families contribute sweat equity towards the construction of their home and/or other self-help participants homes.

For more information on the HAC Loan Fund

Visit ruralhome.org/loans

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

HAC is the nation's foremost source of information on rural housing. With a library of over 150 studies and reports on a wide range of topics related to rural housing, HAC's research and information division is a leading resource on rural housing data and issues and helping inform sound housing policy and strategy.

To access HAC's research and information products

Visit ruralhome.org/info

BUILDING SKILLS

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Each year, HAC delivers thousands of hours of technical advice to improve housing conditions for low-income residents in the rural United States, including local governments, private developers, and nonprofit organizations.

HAC's national and regional office staff assist by a variety of methods: the Internet, telephone, mail correspondence, and on-site consultations.

To request Technical Assistance for your organization

Visit ruralhome.org/ta

BUILDING ORGANIZATIONS

TRAINING

HAC sponsors regional training sessions, webinars, peer exchanges, and the HAC Rural Housing Conference every two years. Workshops focus on housing development and financing as well as building healthy local organizations.

HAC also hosts specialized trainings at the request of nonprofits, foundations, and local, state, and federal governments.

To register for HAC's trainings or request a training in your area

Visit ruralhome.org/training

HAC INFORMATION RESOURCES INCLUDE:

- » www.ruraldataportal.org, The Rural Data Portal, provides demographic, economic, and housing data for every county in the U.S.
- » *Rural Voices*, quarterly magazine
- » *HAC News*, bi-weekly newsletter

PUBLICATIONS:

- » Taking Stock: Rural People Poverty and Housing in the 21st Century
- » Rural Research Briefs and Notes
- » Research Reports
- » Policy analysis

VISIT

RURALHOME.ORG