MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORT
2021-2022
ABOUT

The Housing Network of Rhode Island is the state’s membership organization of fifteen community development corporations and nonprofit housing developers across Rhode Island. Our members have longstanding commitments to the communities they serve, which they put into action by developing affordable homes and responsive resident-centered programming.

This report highlights the impact our member organizations have on Rhode Island and its residents. Members’ investments in affordable home development produce a ripple effect throughout the state, directly benefitting Rhode Islanders and all thirty-nine cities and towns.

The report focuses on the following areas of impact:

- **Economic**: how our members strengthen the Rhode Island economy as employers and property owners

- **Development**: how our members grow the inventory of affordable homes available to low-income Rhode Islanders

- **Community**: how our members respond to the needs and aspirations of the residents they serve to build thriving communities

The Housing Network of Rhode Island is committed to strengthening our member organizations and increasing awareness of and support for policies that address Rhode Island’s urgent affordable housing and community economic development needs. We achieve our mission by serving as conveners, champions, advocates, and capacity builders for our membership. Our collective work creates tangible state and community change, transforming the lives of low-income Rhode Islanders and neighborhoods.

You can learn more about our work and our members by visiting [www.housingnetworkri.org](http://www.housingnetworkri.org).

*Data not provided for survey
†Supporting member
Impact on the Rhode Island Economy

As employers, HNRI members contributed $60,560,792 to RI’s economy in organizational expenses.

- **386** full time employees
- **96%** RI residents
- **47%** people of color

- **$21,080,372** in wages
- **$2,244,129** in health benefits
- **$462,330** in retirement benefits

As property owners, HNRI members contributed $28,330,250 to RI’s economy and supported 500+ businesses.

**Support to Businesses:**

- **85%** of vendors were based in Rhode Island
- **20%** of vendors were minority or women-owned businesses

**Industries Supported by Affordable Housing Development:**

- Construction
- Finance & Insurance
- Maintenance & Repair
- Professional Services
- Real Estate Services
- Transportation & Warehousing
- Utilities

HNRI members have developed **59** commercial properties totaling **93,581** square feet.
Affordable Homes Developed by HNRI Members

889
homeownership units

7,440
total homes

6,551
rental homes

Key*

= 1-25 units

= 26-100 units

= 101-500 units

= 2,000+ units

homeownership units

rental homes

* Icon placement not representative of location within municipality
Impact on Rhode Island Communities

3,892 people served through arts, culture & community events
341 youth served through educational & social emotional development programs
166 people placed in jobs as a direct result of workforce development programs
651 people aged 62+ served through programs for older adults
52 residents served through leadership development programs
5,841 people received a total of 100,810 hours of case management

$611,659 spent making 162 homes lead safe

$3,033,124 in financial assistance provided to 701 tenant households to stay housed

$232,500 awarded to 18 households in home improvement loans

112 homes made energy efficient

52 residents served through leadership development programs

65% of members offer health and wellness programs and activities
100% of members offered vaccination clinics, rent relief, tests and masks, emergency food and shelter, and other supports in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

143 Households
208 Households
424 Households
Community Development Highlights

**House of Hope Community Development Corporation**
Over the past 5 years, the Shower to Empower program has provided free, low-barrier showers, medical care, haircuts, and street-based case management for people experiencing homelessness. Built on the belief that housing is a basic human right, the program has served 1,200+ Rhode Islanders, building meaningful relationships and using innovative strategies to restore dignity and extend radical hospitality.

**NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley**
Since opening in 2017, the Millrace Incubator Kitchen has supported over 50 small food entrepreneurs in launching or expanding their businesses. From caterers and food trucks to specialty bakers and pasta makers, Millrace provides affordable, certified workspace, increasing opportunities for economic growth, community building, and tasty food in the Woonsocket area.

**West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation**
Sankofa Gardens and World Market arose to meet the needs of an ethnically diverse community, who reported being unable to find fresh, affordable food reflective of culturally specific diets. The gardens and market have transformed formerly blighted properties into a thriving community centered on food and culture, and expand economic opportunities for local residents.

**South County Habitat for Humanity**
The South County ReStore covers 100% of the administrative expenses of the organization, so all donations go directly toward the homebuilding mission. In the past 5 years, 3,228,538 lbs. of material have been diverted from landfills, $2,483,491 have been raised, and volunteers have donated 51,022 hours to make the store successful.

**Pawtucket Central Falls Development**
PCFD’s comprehensive, bilingual Homeownership Program creates impactful homeownership and economic opportunities. The program includes HUD-approved pre-purchase homebuyer and landlord/tenant education classes, reaching more than 150 families a year. In just 6 years, the Homeownership Program has served 1,070 participants, primarily BIPOC and low to moderate income people, to improve quality of life, and build housing equity and generational wealth.