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## Debunking the Myths of Affordable Housing

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### MYTH #1

Affordable housing only benefits the poor



Offering affordable housing for the workers in all neighborhoods benefits the business community, working and middle class families, and reduces traffic and emissions for the broader population

### MYTH #2

Affordable housing increases crime



Affordable housing can lower crime rates by providing safe housing in a good community

### MYTH #3

Affordable housing reduces property values



There are no studies in California proving that affordable housing developments reduce property values

### MYTH #4

Compact developments strain public services and infrastructure



High-density and affordable housing developments offer greater efficiency in use of public services and infrastructures

### MYTH #5

High-density and affordable housing causes too much traffic



Affordable housing residents own fewer cars and drive less than the average person

**CAUTION**

**- KNOW THE FACTS -**

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On average, low-income family households make

**\$1,470**

**- \$1,250 Housing Costs**

**= \$220**  
for everything else

Affordable housing residents own fewer cars and drive less than **40%** single-family home residents

Building 100 new low-income housing units leads to the creation of

**80 construction jobs**

**30 long-term jobs**

**\$2 MILLION**  
in annual revenue for local businesses

**25%** of emancipated youth have spent at least one night homeless within two to four years of emancipation

Hours a minimum wage worker must work to afford a median-priced 2-bedroom apartment in California **129**