



# QUICK FACTS

Seattle Housing Authority is a public corporation, providing affordable housing to more than 28,500 people. Approximately 10,300 Seattle Housing residents are elderly or disabled and 9,450 are children.

In keeping with our mission, the agency supports a wide range of community services for residents, including employment services, case management and youth activities.

## HOUSING PROGRAMS

### Public Housing

The low income public housing program manages more than 5,400 public housing units in large and small apartment buildings; multiplex and single family housing; and in communities at NewHolly, Rainier Vista, High Point and Yesler Terrace. Funding to cover costs exceeding rental income comes from federal subsidies and grant programs.

### Senior Housing

The Seattle Senior Housing Program was established by a 1981 Seattle bond issue. It has 23 apartment buildings — with at least one in every major neighborhood of the city — totalling nearly 1,000 units with affordable rent for elderly or disabled residents. Seattle Housing Authority receives no federal subsidy for this program.

### Housing Choice Vouchers

Also known as Section 8, the Housing Choice Voucher Program is a public/private partnership that provides vouchers (housing subsidies) to low income families for use in the private rental housing market. It is funded and regulated by the federal government. Seattle Housing Authority administers more than 8,700 vouchers.

### Additional Options

Seattle Housing Authority's Impact Property Management division manages nearly 2,300 units in town homes and small apartment complexes throughout Seattle, including low and moderate income rental housing in the agency's redeveloped family communities: NewHolly, Rainier Vista and High Point.

## OUR RESIDENTS

### Annual Income

Among Seattle Housing Authority households, 86 percent have annual incomes below 30 percent of area median income; the average income is \$13,183 per year.

### Race

*Head of household for all programs*

White	44%
African/African American	38%
Asian/Asian American	15%
Native American	2%
Pacific Islander	1%

### Waiting Lists

*As of December 31, 2010*

Housing Choice Vouchers (closed)	1,821
Public Housing	6,139
Senior Housing	643
Total on any list	8,179

*Housholds may be on more than one list. Excludes waiting lists for redeveloped family communities.*

## BUILDING AND RENOVATING HOUSING

Seattle Housing Authority is engaged in a multi-year redevelopment of three public housing communities: NewHolly, Rainier Vista and High Point. When complete, these redevelopments will have created more than 4,600 new units of housing for people across the income spectrum, as well as new infrastructure, parks and community facilities. The initial stages of redevelopment are also underway at Yesler Terrace. In addition, Seattle Housing's homeWorks project is renewing major building systems in 24 high-rise apartment buildings.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Seattle Housing Authority is to enhance the Seattle community by creating and sustaining decent, safe and affordable living environments that foster stability and self-sufficiency for people with low incomes.