

Affordable Housing

Facts

from 2000 Census

- 28,231 - Rental units (occupied) in Will County in 2004
- 4,301 - Below poverty level households occupying rental housing units
- 1,099* - Public housing units
- 1,039* - Households currently receiving Housing Choice Vouchers
- 696* - Households on waiting list for public housing
- 535* - Households on waiting list for Housing Choice Vouchers
- \$630 - Median gross rent in 2000 for Will County
- 52% - Families unable to afford a two-bedroom apartment
- 25.2% - Families in Will County that pay more than 35% of their income for rental housing

*Housing Authority of Joliet update, January 2005

Solutions

- Increase resources to preserve and develop affordable housing
- Remove barriers to accessing and developing affordable housing
- Utilize county, city and village government leadership on affordable housing matters
- Retain and develop Section 8 housing units
- Initiate and support advocacy efforts on affordable housing
- Promote awareness of affordable housing needs in Will County