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# PRICED OUT: FACT SHEET

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**December 12, 2017** — The Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) and the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Housing Task Force have released a new report, *Priced Out: The Housing Crisis for People with Disabilities*, documenting the housing affordability crisis experienced by the lowest-income people with disabilities across the United States.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal program that provides income to people with significant and long-term disabilities who have extremely low incomes and savings.

- In 2016, the average annual income of a single individual receiving SSI payments was \$9,156 — equal to only 20% of the national median income for a one-person household and about 22% below the 2016 federal poverty level.
- The national average rent for a modest one-bedroom rental unit was \$861, equal to 113% of the national average monthly income of a one-person SSI household. This finding confirms that, in 2016, it was virtually impossible for a single adult receiving SSI to obtain decent and safe housing in the community without rental assistance.
- The national average rent for a studio/efficiency unit in 2016 was \$752, equal to 99% of monthly SSI. In 13 states and the District of Columbia, areas with the highest housing costs, the average studio/ efficiency rent exceeded 100% of SSI income.
- Often, statewide average one-bedroom rents were higher than monthly SSI payments, including: The District of Columbia (206%), Hawaii (188%), Maryland (167%), New Jersey (151%), New York (145%), Virginia (139%), California (138%), Massachusetts (133%), Delaware (125%), Washington (123%), Illinois (122%), Colorado (117%), New Hampshire (117%), Florida (116%), Connecticut (114%), Oregon (113%), Vermont (113%), Rhode Island (108%), Texas (103%), and Pennsylvania (103%).
- In four states — New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Vermont — and the District of Columbia, one-bedroom rents exceeded 100% of SSI in every single housing market area. More than 163,000 people with disabilities receiving SSI lived in these areas in 2016.
- In 220 housing market areas across 40 states, one-bedroom rents exceeded 100% of monthly SSI. Rents for modest rental units in 26 of these areas exceeded 150% of SSI.
- As a result of this housing affordability crisis, millions of non-elderly people with disabilities reside in homeless shelters, public institutions, nursing homes, unsafe and overcrowded board and care homes, at home with aging parents, or in segregated group quarters.
- Learn more at <http://www.tacinc.org/knowledge-resources/priced-out-v2/>.

