



HOUSING & INCLUSIVE GROWTH

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Why does housing matter for inclusive growth?



Housing takes up a large and growing share of household budgets, for both low- & middle-income households.



High housing costs, especially for renters, can exacerbate inequality between homeowners & renters.



Housing is the main driver of wealth accumulation & the biggest source of debt among most households.



Housing and the broader neighbourhood affect health, job & education outcomes – effects that can begin in childhood and be long lasting.

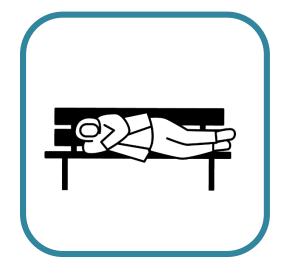


Some groups face barriers in the housing market.









Low-income households (especially renters)

Children and youth

Seniors

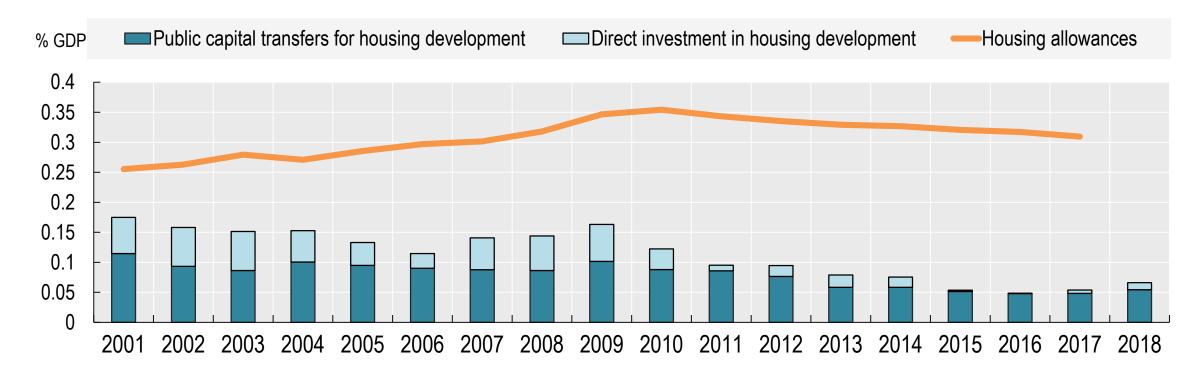
Homeless



Governments are spending less to develop housing, while spending on housing allowances is holding up.

Public capital transfers and public direct investment in housing development, and public spending on housing allowances and rent subsidies

OECD-25 average, as % GDP, 2001 to 2018





A range of policy responses are needed to make housing more affordable & inclusive

Boost the supply of affordable housing & address distortions in the housing market:

- Make housing an integral part of an Inclusive Growth strategy
- Expand the supply of affordable and social housing
- Apply an inclusive lens to the overall housing policy approach
- Make the private rental market more affordable
- Improve housing and neighbourhood quality

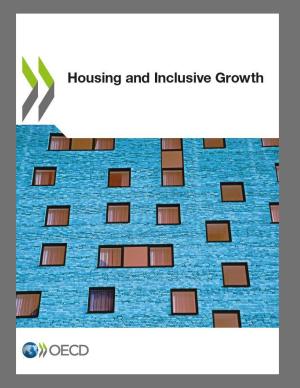
Address the housing challenges facing low-income households, youth, seniors & the homeless:

- Improve targeting of public support for housing to ensure it benefits those who need it most
- Help youth and young families get on a stable, affordable housing ladder
- Help elderly households meet their evolving housing needs and combat ageing unequally
- Invest in homelessness prevention

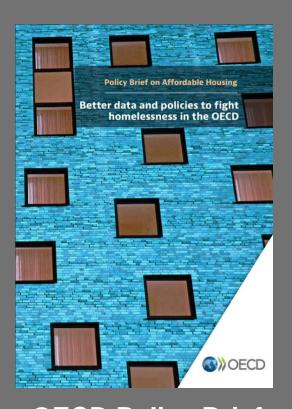
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