

Q9 When you hear the term affordable housing, what comes to your mind?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Low income	4/24/2022 10:01 AM
2	Trouble	4/23/2022 3:03 PM
3	Low income families	4/21/2022 8:53 PM
4	Increase in crime	4/21/2022 5:19 AM
5	Nothing good	4/20/2022 10:14 PM
6	Low income families receiving a handout for housing that middle class families work hard for just to make ends meet.	4/20/2022 9:56 PM
7	Low income	4/20/2022 5:32 PM
8	More crime more problems	4/20/2022 5:28 PM
9	low and middle income housing. More rentable properties	4/20/2022 5:03 PM
10	reasonable costs, with heat, & electric & water included	4/20/2022 4:48 PM
11	Subsidies	4/20/2022 4:11 PM
12	No Affordable housing	4/20/2022 1:40 PM
13	apartment complexes	4/20/2022 12:45 PM
14	I am hesitant but I believe it can be a positive for anyone trying to raise their children outside of a bigger city.	4/20/2022 12:22 PM
15	Seniors	4/20/2022 11:53 AM
16	Income based	4/20/2022 11:47 AM
17	Rent that is less expensive for individuals who can not afford to live in areas where living costs are higher.	4/20/2022 11:10 AM
18	Easier to get by . Helping elderly and young adults	4/20/2022 10:35 AM
19	Bringing options to an adjusted level to help people afford the payments with continued long-lasting guidance	4/20/2022 10:34 AM
20	Bringing in low income families who will become a burden on other taxpayers and not contribute to the tax base which supports town services.	4/20/2022 10:16 AM
21	Crime	4/20/2022 10:13 AM
22	Low income leads to more crime.	4/20/2022 9:32 AM
23	Criminals	4/20/2022 8:55 AM
24	More money for tax payers	4/20/2022 8:48 AM
25	Price control, lower real estate prices for homeowners that worked hard to move to a better community.	4/20/2022 8:44 AM
26	Higher crime rates	4/20/2022 8:26 AM
27	Projects	4/20/2022 8:08 AM
28	Ghetto	4/20/2022 8:05 AM
29	Waterbury, trouble, living off the government and my tax dollars because you can't find a way.	4/20/2022 7:54 AM

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Go somewhere else that already has affordable section 8 homes till you can work your way back into town.

30	Crime and drugs	4/20/2022 7:51 AM
31	Rentals that are affordable	4/20/2022 7:49 AM
32	Helping	4/20/2022 7:35 AM
33	Senior Housing or Projects	4/20/2022 7:22 AM
34	Section 8 housing	4/20/2022 6:49 AM
35	People who are going to bring the value of current homes down	4/20/2022 6:08 AM
36	Low income.	4/20/2022 4:09 AM
37	Living facilities for people making less than \$100,000/year, and for minorities	4/20/2022 3:20 AM
38	Less space for residents who moved here for the small town charm.	4/19/2022 11:50 PM
39	Rise in crime.	4/19/2022 10:08 PM
40	Not overly price housing	4/19/2022 10:04 PM
41	There is a huge difference between affordable housing and low income What are you trying to promote?	4/19/2022 9:43 PM
42	Trash. Crime. Negative impact on our schools and children.	4/19/2022 9:39 PM
43	Section 8 housing	4/19/2022 9:30 PM
44	low income housing	4/19/2022 9:23 PM
45	Condos and subdivisions with tract housing	4/19/2022 9:03 PM
46	People will live in thomaston at affordable rates but not contribute to the taxes which continues to impact our schools. We already have alot of renters with multiple children who do not pay the taxes that needs to be paid in order for children in the district to get the education they need!	4/19/2022 9:03 PM
47	Stability	4/19/2022 8:49 PM
48	Unemployed moms with 3 babies with 3 different dads who are gang bangers ♀	4/19/2022 8:45 PM
49	Welfare	4/19/2022 8:39 PM
50	Poverty	4/19/2022 8:38 PM
51	Low income, projects	4/19/2022 8:36 PM
52	Housing units both rental and ownership for working families.	4/19/2022 8:28 PM
53	Average people being able to live here	4/19/2022 8:06 PM
54	Cheap apartments and not reliable leasing companies doing nothing to help the people that live in them.	4/19/2022 7:49 PM
55	Housing for low income families	4/19/2022 7:15 PM
56	Clearing the woods behind our house to back door Section 8 housing in a quiet residential neighborhood.	4/19/2022 7:11 PM
57	Section 8 housing and cheaply made. Clearing land behind homes to build houses	4/19/2022 7:10 PM
58	More government services used.	4/19/2022 6:59 PM
59	Government run Projects	4/19/2022 6:11 PM
60	Low income apartments	4/19/2022 5:24 PM
61	A large development for families with low to no income.	4/19/2022 5:14 PM
62	Ugly structures	4/19/2022 5:11 PM

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63	Low income	4/19/2022 5:09 PM
64	Subsidized housing	4/19/2022 4:49 PM
65	Being able to afford where I live and options for lower income individuals to own a home	4/19/2022 4:11 PM
66	The ghetto	4/19/2022 3:29 PM
67	An opportunity for families to improve their circumstances.	4/19/2022 2:27 PM
68	Low income, welfare	4/19/2022 2:07 PM
69	Apartments	4/19/2022 1:12 PM
70	Reasonable rents for blue collar workers	4/19/2022 1:05 PM
71	Section 8	4/19/2022 1:00 PM
72	If your unable to sustain your home. Then moving to an area that your able to would be a start. Why is it that the State should subsidize your rent.A person should look for an area near there employer to reduce the cost effect to them.	4/19/2022 12:23 PM
73	Lower cost/senior community,	4/19/2022 12:02 PM
74	Housing that is within reasonable ranges based on income. Sometimes you can't live in the biggest fanciest house in the neighborhood	4/19/2022 11:45 AM
75	Riff raff	4/19/2022 11:33 AM
76	Crime, and people trying to live off others hard work	4/19/2022 11:19 AM
77	Government subsidized	4/19/2022 11:16 AM
78	Based on income	4/19/2022 11:06 AM
79	Young people, should get a job that pays, so they can afford things.	4/19/2022 11:06 AM
80	More people in poverty with less moral entering the town	4/19/2022 10:56 AM
81	Housing for low income families. The housing market is not accessible to the average family.	4/19/2022 10:53 AM
82	Slum	4/19/2022 10:52 AM
83	Affordable housing.	4/19/2022 10:48 AM
84	Low income - 'projects'	4/19/2022 10:42 AM
85	A fair opportunity for a basic human right.	4/12/2022 9:36 AM
86	Housing for people who have difficulty paying current prices for housing	4/11/2022 6:41 PM
87	IOW-INCOME	4/11/2022 4:26 PM
88	People being able to provide shelter for their families.	4/3/2022 5:16 PM
89	Low income housing for young adults that are disabled and it goes on there income and it does not get increased every year	3/30/2022 3:29 PM
90	Cheap homes bringing down our home values	3/27/2022 10:00 AM
91	Opportunity for Low income families. Providing for people that need housing support. Diversity. Inclusion	3/27/2022 8:07 AM
92	Housing someone can afford	3/27/2022 2:52 AM
93	Poorly maintained rental property	3/26/2022 8:08 AM
94	Low income section 8 and crime	3/25/2022 9:21 PM
95	Low income section 8	3/25/2022 9:20 PM
96	Several things come to mind, but first affordable housing is needed if my kids want to remain in town. I am a third generation Thomaston resident, and I see that the likely prospect of my children growing and remaining in town is much less likely then when I sought to purchase a home. There is however a balance, the negatives associated with affordable housing are hard	3/25/2022 11:29 AM

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to overlook, and can be very broad. I want to stress however that my thoughts on the subject have nothing to do with race. Factors included with discussion on the topic affordable housing however should include, the expectation of property maintenance, respect for others property and value, a neighbors reasonable right to privacy and general use of there own property, noise, parking, public services, public safety, traffic/speed, are all things that can and should be considered when discussing. In short affordable housing is needed, but not at the expense of the investment others have made to shape why the town is desirable to begin with. If the balance tips, and more reasons it becomes undesirable to the middle class, I'll be first to submit an 8-30g application. Focus on developing the Central Business District, allow for accommodations to increase density or mixed use along the main corridors which will support economic development, but leave the rest to private development. If a developer wants to increase density and provide affordable units, there are land-use mechanisms and procedures available to seek approval.

97	Problems.	3/25/2022 11:18 AM
98	low rent apartments designated for minority populations	3/25/2022 9:20 AM
99	Ghetto	3/25/2022 7:08 AM
100	Towns like Waterbury and Torrington! More disruption coming into the town as far as troubled people.	3/25/2022 5:44 AM
101	When the expense of your shelter leaves you still able to afford utilities transportation to work and groceries clothe your children and still afford to feed them healthy Where where active health working elder people can choose to live amongst family housing etc instead of forced to live along side elders whom are non active and maybe I'll it's depressing and drags the healthy ones down instead of allowing them to thrive and contribute as long as possible	3/25/2022 3:06 AM
102	Projects	3/24/2022 9:17 PM
103	Condos and apartments	3/24/2022 7:14 PM
104	Housing that reflects the current minimum wage that people can actually afford	3/24/2022 6:42 PM
105	Slums	3/24/2022 6:38 PM
106	Housing complex with low income families Increased problems and no tax income	3/24/2022 11:35 AM
107	Clean, safe, minimal housing that is priced at 30% or less of income. Elders wanting to downsize, or needing a more accessible housing due to physical challenges. Young adults or families that are just starting out and have challenges finding affordable housing. Housing prices have skyrocketed and many young adults are priced out of the market.	3/24/2022 11:34 AM
108	Low income apartments/town houses,	3/24/2022 9:41 AM
109	Section-8, government subsidies	3/24/2022 8:59 AM
110	Low rent	3/24/2022 8:21 AM
111	Options	3/24/2022 2:19 AM
112	Low cost	3/24/2022 1:40 AM
113	Limiting out of state/county investors who are buying up all lower end condos and houses for way over asking all in chance. This doesn't allow young buyers, fthb, or those with lower financial ability to find housing that will not drain their entire monthly budget. When I hear affordable housing, being able to not live paycheck to paycheck and afford emergencies/ save comes to mind; having housing be no more than 30% of our total income.	3/23/2022 8:41 AM
114	Housing that meets the requirements of not being more than 30% of your income.	3/23/2022 7:57 AM
115	Ghetto	3/23/2022 1:00 AM
116	Housing options for those who may need assistance because they don't make enough income	3/22/2022 10:34 PM
117	I think of sliding scale income properties that allow individuals with lower income to live comfortably. I believe the town is comprised of numerous affordable options including apartments, starter homes and condominiums which are frequently for sale and provide enough options for those who our town can support. Building additional housing options will create	3/22/2022 9:30 PM

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higher traffic, greater demand for necessities at our local markets, longer voting lines, and more people to an already over capacity small town, this driving our property values down.

118	Individuals and families struggle to meet basic needs because of stagnant wages, high cost of health care and housing ...	3/22/2022 9:19 PM
119	Unemployed tenants	3/22/2022 8:59 PM
120	Cheap homes, drug filled neighborhoods	3/22/2022 8:51 PM
121	housing for low income persons	3/22/2022 4:19 PM
122	Housing offered for low income	3/22/2022 3:46 PM
123	Family's or individuals that how low income or are disabled	3/22/2022 2:55 PM
124	Housing for seniors and adults over 55 who cannot afford a regular place to rent.	3/22/2022 11:15 AM
125	Issues	3/22/2022 8:26 AM
126	Young people struggling to get ahead. Some of these have no home to live in and grew up in Thomaston. Now they have to go live in Waterbury or Bristol in order to make ends meet. Especially the ones that have young children.	3/22/2022 7:46 AM
127	Small homes in a development	3/22/2022 7:00 AM
128	Cluster housing, lower quality housing. Would like affordable to include quality.	3/22/2022 5:29 AM
129	Housing at a reasonable price, specifically more options for elderly and disabled, single parents	3/21/2022 11:15 PM
130	An opportunity to live in a nice community and raise children	3/21/2022 10:55 PM
131	Section 8 & other subsidized housing programs.	3/21/2022 10:43 PM
132	senior /fixed income housing/ independent living communities	3/21/2022 10:36 PM
133	I think of people who are trying to get to a better place in their lives where they can find security and safety.	3/21/2022 10:32 PM
134	Low income people who don't pay rent and live off state money	3/21/2022 10:21 PM
135	Crime over population	3/21/2022 9:17 PM
136	Elderly need	3/21/2022 9:12 PM
137	Single parents and families in recovery from any number of life challenges.	3/21/2022 9:10 PM
138	Section 8, low income	3/21/2022 8:33 PM
139	Projects	3/21/2022 8:19 PM
140	Low income housing which will effect the value of my home long term	3/21/2022 7:43 PM
141	A comfortable home with 1 to 3 bedrooms depending on family size. Neighborhood should be safe and public/private transportation readily available.	3/21/2022 7:31 PM
142	Absent landlords renting property that's not taken care of and hurting neighborhoods.	3/21/2022 7:26 PM
143	Lower priced available housing	3/21/2022 7:26 PM
144	Poor	3/21/2022 7:20 PM
145	Low income housing.	3/21/2022 6:29 PM
146	Tenements,row house low income housing	3/21/2022 6:28 PM
147	Make Comfortable living for some who cannot afford to	3/21/2022 5:38 PM
148	Welfare recipients	3/21/2022 5:03 PM
149	Low income housing. Crime, drugs and vandalism. Lower property values. Case study - Bunker Hill section of Waterbury. Oakville ave /Angel drive section.	3/21/2022 4:56 PM
150	Safe housing for families and single ones	3/21/2022 4:14 PM

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151	Low income	3/21/2022 4:08 PM
152	A comfortable place to live in my hometown	3/21/2022 3:52 PM
153	larger multifamily units, more renters without concern for the town, who are just looking to get out of Waterbury/Torrington.	3/21/2022 2:33 PM
154	Apartment complexes with access to public transit options. Accessible rental units for people with disabilities.	3/21/2022 2:00 PM
155	Working class	3/21/2022 1:22 PM
156	Section 8	3/21/2022 1:20 PM
157	Negative impact on the town.	3/21/2022 12:43 PM
158	Crime	3/21/2022 12:26 PM
159	Unfortunately condos	3/21/2022 12:21 PM
160	Ghetto	3/21/2022 12:18 PM
161	The stigma linked to low income, drug use, and crime.	3/21/2022 12:16 PM
162	Modestly sized accommodations. 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. Small or shared yard. Maybe condos or townhouses.	3/21/2022 12:07 PM
163	Out of town renters and landlords that don't take care of their properties as much as they should.	3/21/2022 11:15 AM
164	Low income welfare types	3/21/2022 10:27 AM
165	Housing that is made affordable by having some form of application process where we could get extended help with our rent. Something similar to section 8, or HUD. Letting us apply based on our income and getting the extra help we need to live a normal life in a decent facility. Thank You!!	3/21/2022 10:21 AM
166	No management over property or residents	3/21/2022 9:58 AM
167	Concern that the term may equate to "low income" housing.	3/19/2022 4:46 PM
168	Senior housing or smaller single family housing. Highwood Farms was first pitched as affordable but now they are among the most expensive homes in town.	3/18/2022 11:21 AM
169	Housing designed to meet the financial means of people who are in the average or below average income range.	3/18/2022 10:29 AM
170	Low income = more crime, drugs etc. then we'll have to beef up our police force it's not with it just look up the road to Torrington it's a mess	3/18/2022 10:00 AM
171	Projects and low income housing	3/18/2022 7:40 AM
172	Multi unit high density housing	3/18/2022 7:33 AM
173	The availability of housing across a large price range.	3/18/2022 6:42 AM
174	Section 8.	3/18/2022 5:45 AM
175	Housing cost in line with income	3/18/2022 4:46 AM
176	Low income families	3/16/2022 3:49 PM
177	Affordable rentals in apartment building complexes	3/16/2022 10:13 AM
178	Low income	3/16/2022 9:45 AM
179	inexpensive rentals	3/16/2022 9:31 AM
180	Green Manor/Grove Manor	3/16/2022 9:16 AM
181	Paying able to afford to pay your house.	3/14/2022 1:59 PM
182	low income, subsidized housing, welfare	3/14/2022 1:46 PM

