

Housing 101: Overview of relevant laws

The Oregon legislature has passed several laws that require cities to allow more types of housing and created a more streamlined housing permitting and production process.



Recent legislation that shapes housing in Oregon includes

Accessory Dwelling Units (2018)

Requires cities over 2,500 in population to allow the development of at least one accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on any property zoned residential that allows single dwellings.

Read more: [Guidance on Implementing the Accessory Dwelling Units \(ADU\) Requirement](#).

Middle Housing (2019, 2023, 2025)

Ends exclusionary single-family zoning and allows for more diversity of housing choices. Requires cities over 2500 in population to allow duplexes, and cities over 25,000 in population to also allow triplexes, quads, and cottage clusters on all lots in residential zones that allow single dwellings.

Read more: [House Bill 2001: More Housing Choices for Oregonians](#) and [Key Elements of House Bill 2001 \(Middle Housing\)](#).

Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Program (2020)

Requires all cities of any size that are located within a metropolitan region with a population over 50,000 to identify climate-friendly areas where residents can meet most of their needs without driving a car, and increase housing production in those areas. It also requires cities to remove barriers to diverse housing production and affordability, such as parking mandates and road expansions.

Read more: [Increasing Housing Production and Transportation Choices](#).

Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (2023)

Creates a comprehensive framework and strategy for addressing each city's housing needs, with state coordination and support.

Read more: [Oregon Housing Needs Analysis](#).

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