



Affordable Housing, Young Adults, and Our Community



Young people play a pivotal role in shaping our community. They provide insight and new perspectives that influence their peers, who then influence policy makers, which creates change and growth. They also contribute to the economic development of our city as business owners, employees, and consumers.

But it's getting harder and harder for young adults to start the next chapter of their lives here. And avocado toast and iced coffee are not the problem.

Struggling to Find Adequate, Affordable Homes

The rise of house prices has made it increasingly difficult for young adults to buy their first home.

Rental prices have also increased.

The shortage of affordable, available rental units leaves young adults susceptible to experiencing housing insecurity.

Making Sacrifices

For many students, excessive living costs on top of tuition causes them to compensate in ways that make them less likely to graduate:

- **enrolling in fewer classes and working more hours**
- **foregoing the purchase of resources such as textbooks**

In a 2021 study*, 43% of CSU student participants said they experienced housing insecurity; 15% had to move 3+ times in a year in search of stable housing; 17% said they experienced homelessness in a temporary capacity.

Some students have made the decision to unenroll due to lack of housing.

Over half of the students who graduate from college plan to stay in or near the city where the college is located, which greatly benefits a city – like ours. Making changes that will create affordable, available housing will benefit the generation of young adults, and benefit our community.

But in order for them to call Fort Collins “home,” they are going to need someplace to live.