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GREATER BIRMINGHAM HOUSING RESOURCES



*If you need help navigating these resources, reach out to us at president@alirp.org.

HOUSING IN THE UNITED STATES

Housing in the U.S. is expensive, and finding a place to live can be difficult. There are several living options including buying a home, renting a hotel room (pay by the night), or renting a home, apartment, or mobile home, which is most common.

Rental Agreement (Lease)

When you rent an apartment or house in the United States, you must sign a piece of paper called a lease. A lease is a legal document that explains the responsibilities of the tenant (you) and the landlord (the owner of the building). The lease states the amount of the monthly rent for the apartment or house. The rent may include the cost of utilities (gas, electricity, water, and trash removal), or these may be charged separately. If you fail to pay the amount in the lease on time, then you may be charged additional fees or be evicted (removed from the apartment.)



Mobile Homes

Mobile homes can also be called trailers or manufactured homes. They are usually bought or rented at a much lower cost than regular homes. Mobile homes can be found across Birmingham, but they're typically found in communities that consist entirely of mobile homes.

Homes

Regular houses are typically the most expensive option to rent or buy. However, houses are sometimes available for "rent to own." This means that you (the renter) can purchase the house after an agreed amount of time renting. This option is entirely dependent on the landlord.

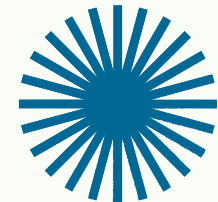
Apartments

Apartments are the most common and relatively inexpensive renting option. They are located throughout Birmingham and surrounding locations.

Finding Housing

Finding housing can be difficult and expensive. Some helpful tips are:

- search the internet for: "mobile homes/apartments/ homes for rent"
- look for roommates to make rent cheaper; search for: "find a roommate in Birmingham, Alabama" for helpful websites
- ask friends, family, neighbors, or community organizations where you may be able to find housing and roommates



HOUSING RESOURCES

The resources below assist in finding temporary and/or long-term housing.

Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama (HICA)

Services: Housing counseling programs focused on homeownership and renting; emergency assistance for utilities and/or rent (up to \$500); has Spanish-speaking staff

Location: 117 Southcrest Drive Birmingham, AL 35209

Website: www.hicaalabama.org/en/our-team

Phone: (205) 942-5505

YWCA Housing

Services: intimate partner violence support services for women and children; temporary, transitional, and supportive housing; interpreter services available

Location: 309 23rd St N Birmingham, AL 35203

Website: www.ywcabham.org/apply-housing

Phone: (205) 322-7867

United Way

Services: Housing assistance; financial assistance; call 2-1-1 and United Way will refer you to the appropriate resources; language services available

Location: 3600 8th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35222

Website: www.uwca.org

Phone: 2-1-1 (language services available)

Common Thread

Services: Renovates homes for the purpose of housing refugee families; homes currently available for rent within walking distance to the Cultural Center (a center for education, job skill training, fitness/sports, and community development in Titusville; currently being renovated)

Location: 174 Oxmoor Rd Birmingham, AL 35209

Website: www.commonthread.org

Phone: (256) 665-1826

One Roof

Services: Will link to housing services, but many of their housing options require legal status; an intake form will determine eligibility for their housing resources; has resources for housing, shelter, apartments, and emergency assistance listed on their website; language services are available

Location: 1515 6th Ave S, 5th Floor, Cooper Green Mercy Services Birmingham, AL 35233

Website: www.oneroofonline.org

Phone: (205) 254-8833

Housing Authority of Birmingham

Services: Will assist in finding housing, but you must have legal status in the United States to be eligible for services.

Location: 1826 3rd Ave S, Birmingham, AL 35233

Website: www.habd.org

Phone: 205-324-0641

Jefferson County Family Resource Center

Services: Workforce development programs; offers assistance with rent, utilities, and finding housing; parenting classes; has an essentials closet containing diapers, clothing, and hygiene products; case management services; assists in providing school supplies and food; language services not provided (reach out to ALIRP if you need help finding interpreter services)

Location: 120 2nd Court N Birmingham, AL 35204 (located within the courthouse)

Website: www.facebook.com/jeffcofrcal

Phone: (205) 264-8161

SHELTERS

Shelters are temporary places of residence for individuals and families without a home. They are free of charge. Some shelters only help certain people, such as women and children. It is important to know the criteria for receiving service for each shelter before you contact the shelter

Pathways

Services: Day Center (M-F 9am-3pm); shelter for women and children

Location: 409 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N
Birmingham, AL 35203-3308

Website: www.pathwayshome.org

Phone: (205) 322-6854

Jessie's Place

Services: Christian faith-based shelter for women and children

Location: 2305 5th Avenue North Birmingham,
AL 35203

Website: www.jessiesplace.com

Phone: (205) 323-0170

Mary's House

Services: Hospitality for those in need; able to take long-term guests

Location: 2107 Avenue G Birmingham, AL 35218

Website: www.maryshousebham.com

Phone: (205) 780-2020

Family Violence Center

Services: Confidential shelter for victims of violence

Website: www.ywcabham.org/domestic-violence-services-and-programs

Phone: (205) 322-4878

King's Home

Services: Shelter and housing for women and children fleeing violence and homelessness

Location: 221 King's Home Drive Chelsea, AL
United States 35043

Website: www.kingshome.com/women

Phone: (205) 678-8331

Hope House

Services: Day Shelter for homeless youth (M-F 9am-5pm); temporary shelter for homeless teenagers

Location: 1321 7th Avenue North

Website: www.familyconnection-inc.org/services-overview/project-hope-homeless-not-hopeless/

Phone: (205) 252-4673

Firehouse Shelter

Services: Men's emergency shelter; check-in at 6pm

Location: 626 2nd Ave N Birmingham, AL
35203

Website: www.firehouseshelter.com

Phone: (205) 252-9571

First Light

Services: Emergency shelter for homeless women and children

Location: 2230 Fourth Avenue North Birmingham, AL
35203

Website: www.firstlightshelter.org

Phone: (205) 323-4277

Salvation Army

Services: Emergency shelter for men, women, and families

Location: 2015 26th Ave North Birmingham 35234

Website: www.birmingham.salvationarmy.org

Phone: (205) 328-2420

Bethany Home

Services: Homeless women's shelter

Location: 1615 Cullom Street South Birmingham, AL
35205

Phone: (205) 934-0144

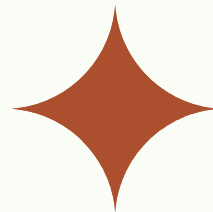
Interfaith Hospitality House

Services: Transitional housing support for homeless families (two-parent family with children; single father with a child/children; single mother with at least one son over the age of 10)

Location: 309 23rd Street North, Birmingham, AL
35203

Website: www.ywcabham.org/housing-families-experiencing-homelessness

Phone: (205) 591-4302



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

The organizations below offer emergency financial assistance to help people pay utility bills and/or rent.

Greater Birmingham Ministries

Services: Call at 9am on the first Wednesday of the month (except July, December, and January); only 16 calls are accepted per month; income must be <\$37,010; eligibility determined on the intake phone call

Location: 2304 12th Avenue North Birmingham, AL 35234

Website: www.gbm.org/serving-people/utility-assistance

Phone: (205) 716-2158

Serving You Ministries

Services: Utility assistance; must bring a state-issued ID, proof of income, proof of address, and the current utility bill for which you are needing assistance

Location: 6523 1st Avenue North Birmingham, AL, 35206

Website: www.servingyou.org

Phone: (205) 777-3653

Shelby Emergency Assistance

Services: Housing and utility assistance; must call number to complete assessment and determine eligibility

Location: 160 Shoshone Drive, Montevallo, AL 35115, United States

Website: www.shelbyemergencyassistance.org

Phone: (205) 665-1942

Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity (JCCEO)

Services: Rent and water (utility) assistance for Jefferson County residents; must apply online

Location: 300 Eighth Avenue West Birmingham, Alabama 35204

Website: www.jcceo.org

Phone: (205) 327-7500

HICA Emergency Assistance

Services: Rent and utility assistance; language services available

Location: 117 Southcrest Drive Birmingham, AL 35209

Website: www.hicalabama.org/en/covid19resources

Phone: (205) 942-5505





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