

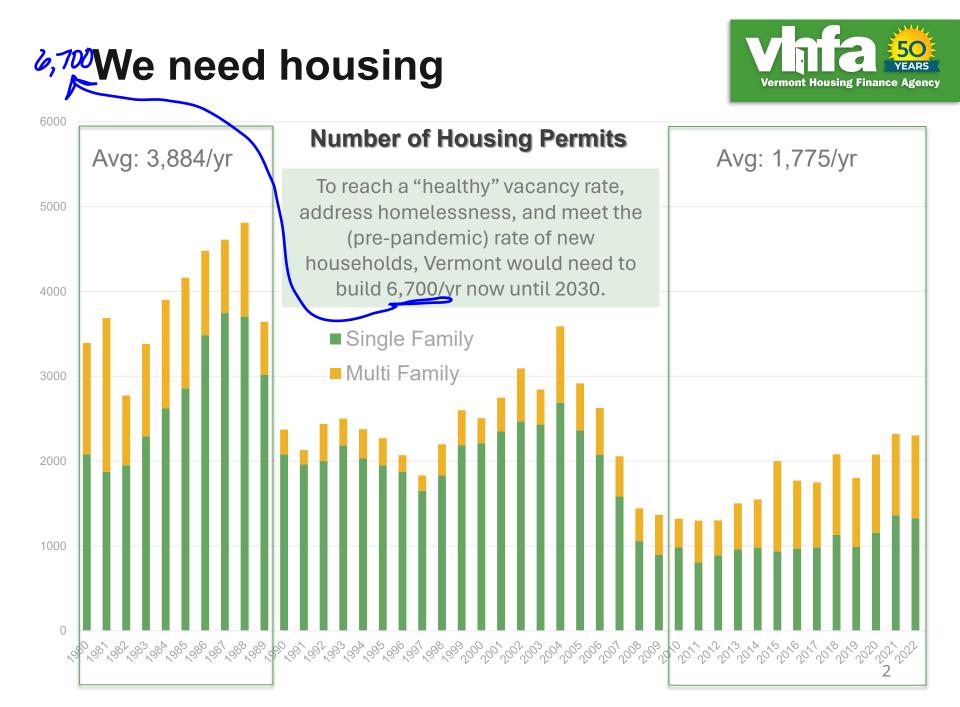




Testimony on S.311

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We need to support density



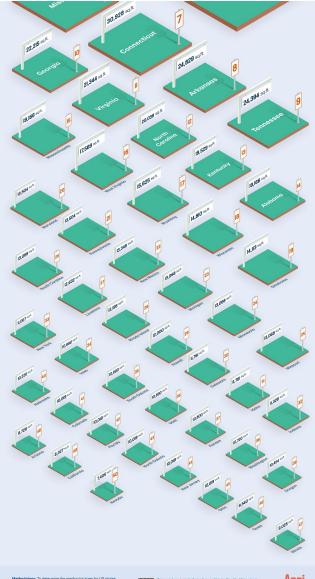
Vermont has largest lot size in the nation

National avg lot size is just over 15,000 sf

THE MEDIAN LOT SIZE IN EVERY U.S. STATE

Many Vermont towns have strict zoning laws that establish minimum lot size to preserve low population density and protect environmentally ensitive areas. The typical lot in Vermont is 78,408 sq. ft, the largest of any state. Meanwhile, in Nevada, where rapid housing growth and dry land encourage compact laws, the typical lot is 7,405 sq. ft, the smallest of any state.





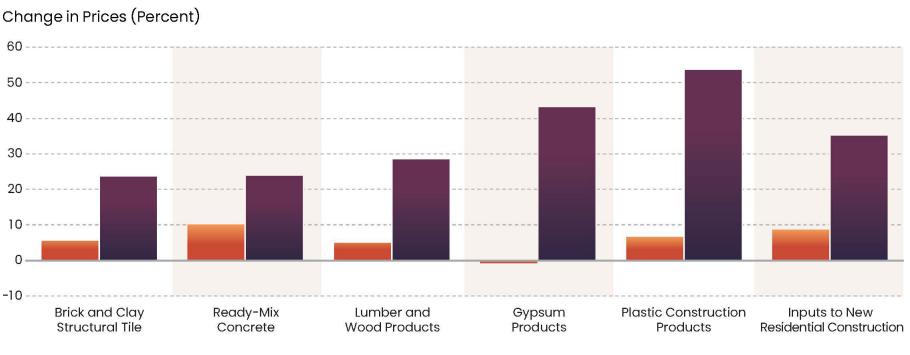
We need housing to move fast





Image courtesy of NHHFA. Payments based on \$400,000 home with 5% downpayment. Excludes insurance and taxes.

Material and labor shortages increase costs, so predictable timing matters



February 2017-2020 February 2020-2023

Note: Inputs to new residential construction is not a composite of the other components and excludes capital, labor, and imports. Source: JCHS tabulations of US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Producer Price Indexes.

Vermont Housing Finance Agency

Cost of 2 year delays in Vermont



	January-June 2021	January-June 2022	January-June 2023
Vermont median primary home price	\$259,900	\$295,000	\$315,000
Average interest rate on 30-year mortgage, no points	3.11%	4.72%	6.44%
Monthly mortgage payment (includes mortgage, PMI, insurance, property taxes)	\$1,710	\$2,192	\$2,595
Income needed to afford	\$68,394	\$87,671	\$103,776
Estimated Vermont renters with enough income to purchase median priced home	24,500	11,100	4,696

