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## THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### SEVERE HOUSING COST BURDEN IN SIOUXLAND

>50% of Income Goes to Housing

According to the 2023 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps report, **11%** of people in Woodbury County, IA and Dakota County, NE are experiencing severe housing cost burden; a 1% (IA) and 2% (NE) increase from the 2022 report. Meanwhile, Union County, SD saw an **8%** severe housing cost burden among individuals, remaining stable from the previous year.

The severe housing cost burden in Siouxland has far-reaching ramifications, impacting **economic disparities, educational challenges, and health-related issues**. Families facing high housing costs may experience disruptions in education and overall well-being, while the strain on local resources, from homelessness and increased demand for social services, further compounds these challenges.

### IMPACTS OF SEVERE HOUSING COST BURDEN

Impact on Siouxland

### ADDRESSING HOUSING COST BURDEN CONCERNS

Finding a Solution

Addressing the severe housing cost burden involves a multifaceted approach including, but not limited to, **incentivizing the construction of affordable housing units, implementing fair rent control policies to safeguard tenants from unjustified increases, and fostering public-private partnerships to attract investments for sustainable housing projects**. Also, community engagement and education efforts can empower residents with knowledge about available services.