Loan Program Eligibility
At-a-Glance
Check out Minnesota Housing’s array of affordable loan programs and basic eligibility requirements, then talk to a participating lender to get started.

Our Affordable Loan Programs
- **Start Up Loan Program**: Purchase loans for first-time homebuyers
- **Step Up Loan Program**: Purchase or refinance loans for existing homeowners and repeat homebuyers
- **Downpayment and Closing Cost Loans**: Only available with Minnesota Housing first mortgages
  - *Monthly Payment Loan up to $17,000*
  - *Deferred Payment Loans up to $15,000*

How to Qualify
These are the basic eligibility requirements for Minnesota Housing loan programs. Talk to a participating lender for more detailed qualification information.

- Qualify for industry standard product such as FHA, RD, VA or Conventional
- Meet minimum credit score and debt-to-income ratio requirements
- Meet income limits (subject to change):
  - **Household** | **11-County Twin Cities Metro Area** | **Dodge and Olmsted Counties** | **All Other Counties**
  - 1-2 person | $117,300 | $111,500 | $104,000
  - 3+ person | $134,800 | $128,200 | $119,600
- Purchase or refinance an owner-occupied single family home, townhome, twin home, condo or duplex within Minnesota Housing’s purchase price limits.
- Complete homebuyer education as required for some programs and borrowers

**Contact a participating Minnesota Housing lender to start the path to homeownership.**

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