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## How does **source of income discrimination** affect Rhode Island?

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- Tenants experience source of income discrimination **based on the *type* of income** they rely on—i.e., Social Security, child support, veterans benefits—despite their ability to pay.
- **Most of New England already protects tenants from discrimination** against lawful source of income. Only Rhode Island and New Hampshire do not.
- Over **9,300 Rhode Island households** rely on a Housing Choice Voucher to afford safe and decent rental housing.
- Families with a voucher can afford more than a third of rental listings, **yet will ultimately be shut out of 93% of all units**, regardless of individual qualifications. These rejections reinforce patterns of poverty, homelessness, and segregation.
- Rhode Island can **increase housing opportunity** by ending income-based housing discrimination.

