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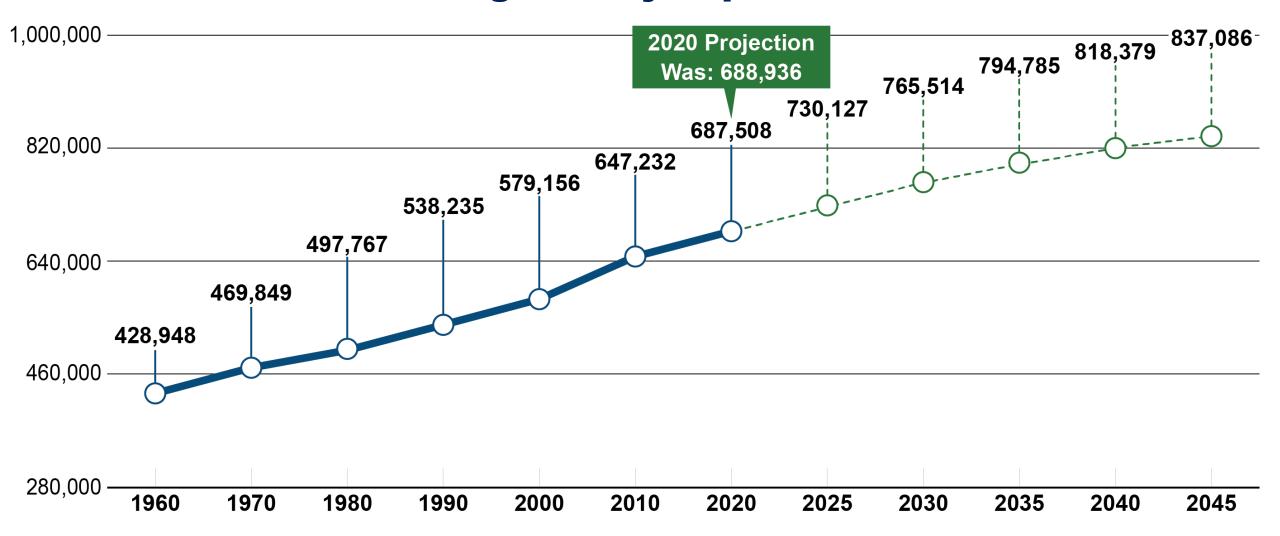
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trends to act on now

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environmental •
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economic •



Lehigh Valley Population





99,243

Projected population increase by 2050

10.9 Million Daily vehicle miles traveled

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912,256
Passengers and

118,972

Tons of freight cargo passed through Lehigh Valley **International Airport** in 2022

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461,401

Projected total employment in 2050

9.86 million

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metric tons CO²e

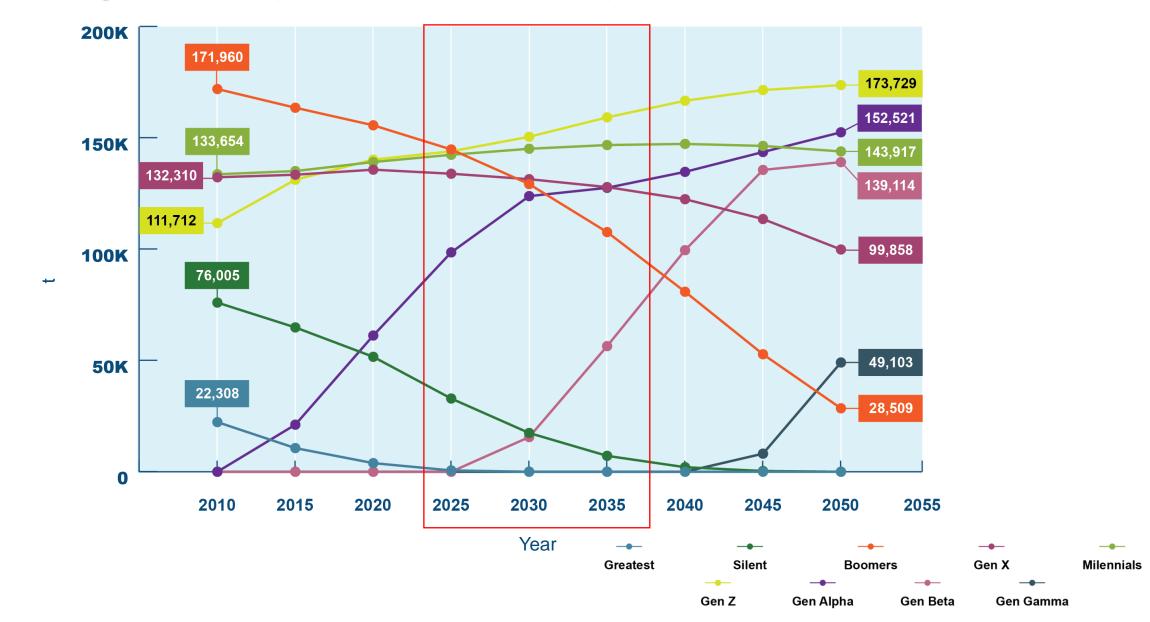
The total annual greenhouse gas emissions in the Lehigh Valley annually

\$43.8 Billion

Gross Domestic Product

4.6 Million **LANTA** riders per year

Lehigh Valley Population by Generation Forecast



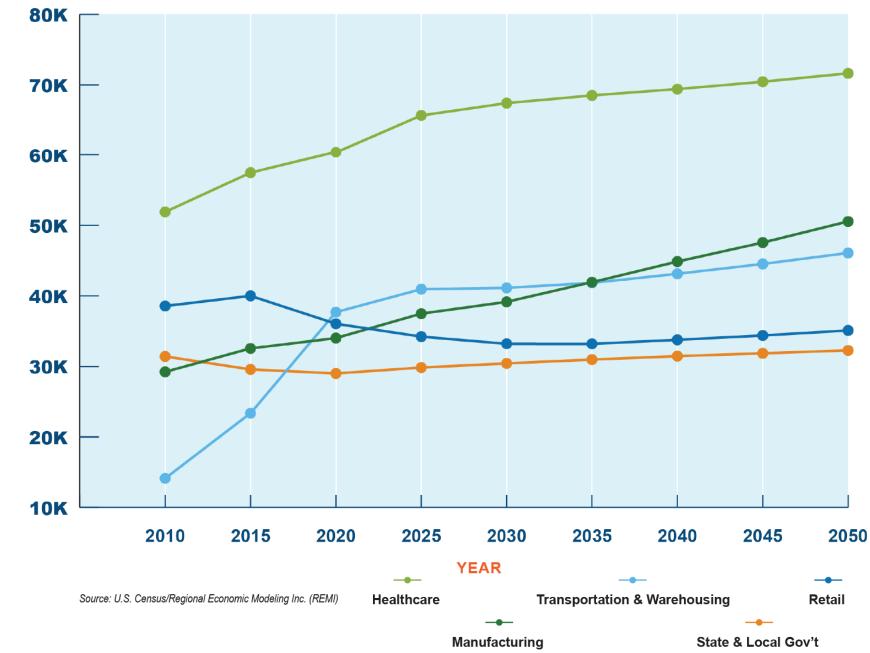


Employment

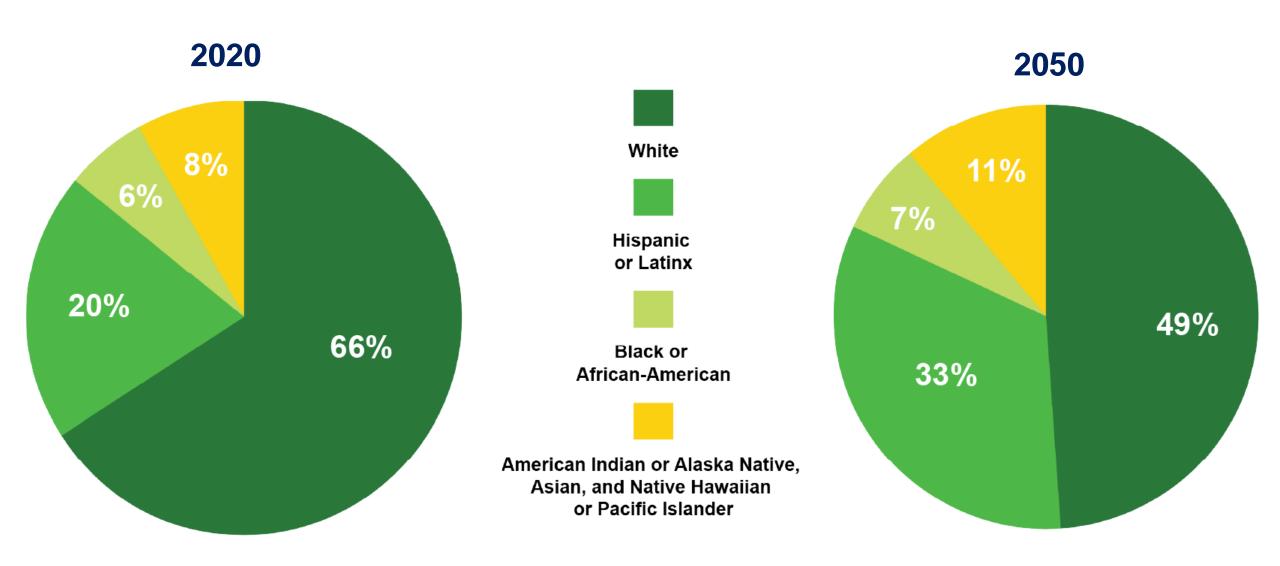
EMPLOYMENT

TOP FIVE INDUSTRY PROJECTIONS

2010 - 2050









RACIAL EQUITY IS ACHIEVED

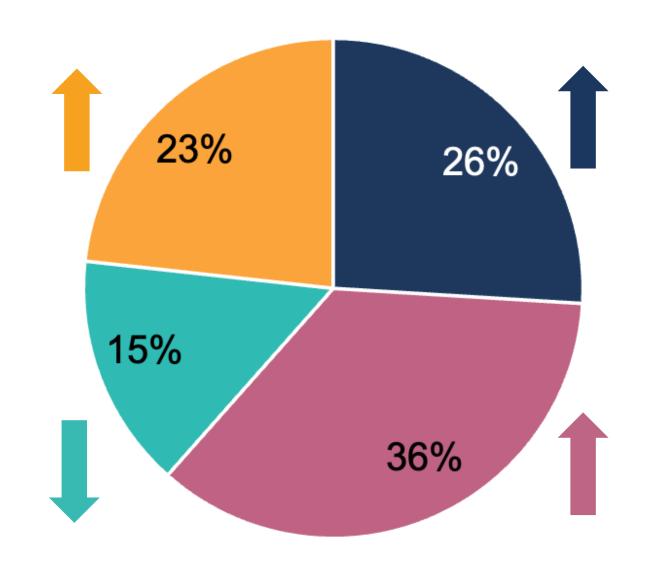
when race can no longer be used to predict life outcomes

A person of color in the Lehigh Valley is three times less likely to graduate from high school, half as likely to own their home and more than twice as likely to live in poverty

A person who is
Hispanic or Latinx
is nearly 4 times
as likely to live in
poverty.

With 51% of people racial/ ethnic minorities by 2050 the region will need to make significant equity-focused progress to ensure economic stability and growth

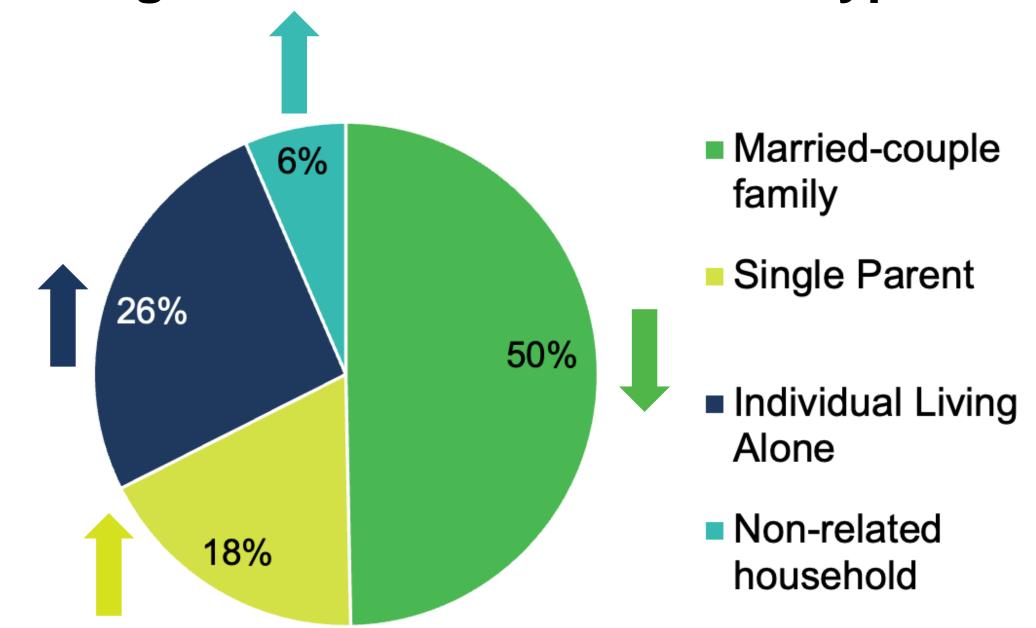
Shifting Living Preferences: Household Size



- 1-person household
- 2-person household
- 3-person household
- 4-or-moreperson household



Shifting Living Preferences: Household Type





Shifting Living Preferences: Multi-Generational

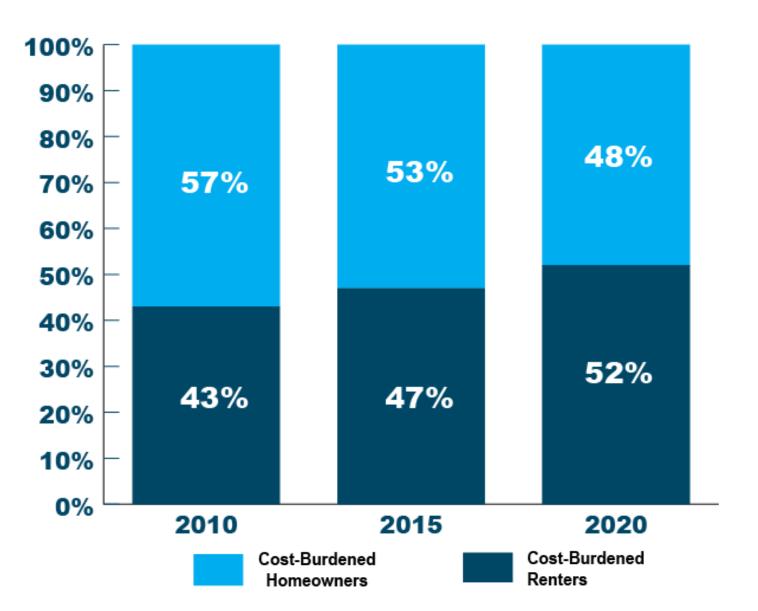
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Increase in households living with relatives other than parents and children





Regional Housing Cost Burden



192,202

people are cost-burdened

5.6 in 10

renter-households

2.2 in 10

owner-households

Housing Cost Burden by Age Group



60% 24 years or below 58% 25 to 34 years 49% 35 to 64 years 70% 65 and over

What housing is needed?



Higher-income households are either forced to buy down or remain in lower-cost housing as they gain wealth, creating a lack of units in mid- and lower-price ranges

Shortage of 34,716 housing units for incomes of \$100,000/year or more



Stock of 51,606 housing units for incomes of 25,000-\$99,999/year

Shortage of 16,058 housing units for incomes of \$24,999/year or less

Shortages in several income brackets add pressure on the entire system, creating constraints everywhere.

Housing Attainability by Income Level



Housing Costs		Demand		Supply			Attainability	
Attainable Purchase Price	Attainable Monthly Rent	Household Income	Total Households	Owner Units	Rental Units	Total Supply	Total Supply - Total Households	
\$69,999	\$625	\$24,999	39,909	8,033	15,818	23,851	-16,058	
\$99,999	\$875	\$34,999	<mark>21,894</mark>	7,615	22,570	30,185	8,291	
\$124,999	\$1,250	\$49,999	30,633	11,812	26,366	38,178	7,545	
\$199,999	\$1,875	\$74,999	<mark>45,151</mark>	48,081	16,556	64,637	19,486	
\$299,999	\$2,500	\$99,999	34,229	49,524	989	50,513	16,284	
\$399,999	\$3,750	\$149,999	<mark>44,859</mark>	27,972	803	<mark>28,775</mark>	-16,084	
>\$400,000	>\$3,751	>\$150,000	<mark>38,697</mark>	19,722	343	<mark>20,065</mark>	-18,632	



Comparable Wages for Lehigh Valley Occupations

Attainable Purchase Price	Attainable Monthly Rent	Household Income	Comparable Average Wage		
\$69,999	\$625	\$24,999	Food Preparation & Serving Related; Personal Care &		
\$99,999	\$875	\$34,999	Service; Healthcare Support; Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance		
\$124,999	\$1,250	\$49,999	Office & Administrative Support; Transportation & Material Moving; Sales & Related; Production; Community & Social Service; Installation, Maintenance, Repair		
\$199,999	\$1,875	\$74,999	Construction & Extraction; Educational Instruction & Library; Life, Physical & Social Science; Business & Financial Operations		
\$299,999	\$2,500	\$99,999			
\$399,999	\$3,750	\$149,999	Computer & Mathematical; Architecture & Engineering; Healthcare Practitioners & Technical; Legal; Management		
>\$400,000	>\$3,751	>\$150,000			



Comparable Wages for Lehigh Valley Occupations

Attainable Purchase Price	Attainable Monthly Rent	Household Income	Comparable Average Wage: Entry Level
\$69,999	\$625	\$24,999	*Sales & Related; Protective Services; Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media; Office & Administrative Support; Transportation & Material Moving; Production;
\$99,999	\$875	\$34,999	Educational Instruction & Library; Community & Social Service; Installation, Maintenance & Repair; Construction & Extraction
\$124,999	\$1,250	\$49,999	Life, Physical & Social Science; Legal; Business & Financial Operations; Healthcare Practitioners & Technical; Computer & Mathematical; Architecture & Engineering

^{*} Average Entry-Level Wage of All Jobs: \$29,060



Comparable Wages for Lehigh Valley Occupations

Attainable Purchase Price	Attainable Monthly Rent	Household Income	Percent of Workers Employed in an Industry with Comparable Average Wages	
\$69,999	\$625	\$24,999	4.00/	
\$99,999	\$875	\$34,999	18%	
\$124,999	\$1,250	\$49,999	52%	
\$199,999	\$1,875	\$74,999	13%	
\$299,999	\$2,500	\$99,999		
\$399,999	\$3,750	\$149,999	16%	
>\$400,000	>\$3,751	>\$150,000		

^{*} Average Wage of All Jobs: \$57,170

Lehigh Valley Housing Types - Supply





Single-Family Detached **53.1%**



2 Units **4.4%**



Single-Family Attached 23.2%



3-9 Units **8.1%**



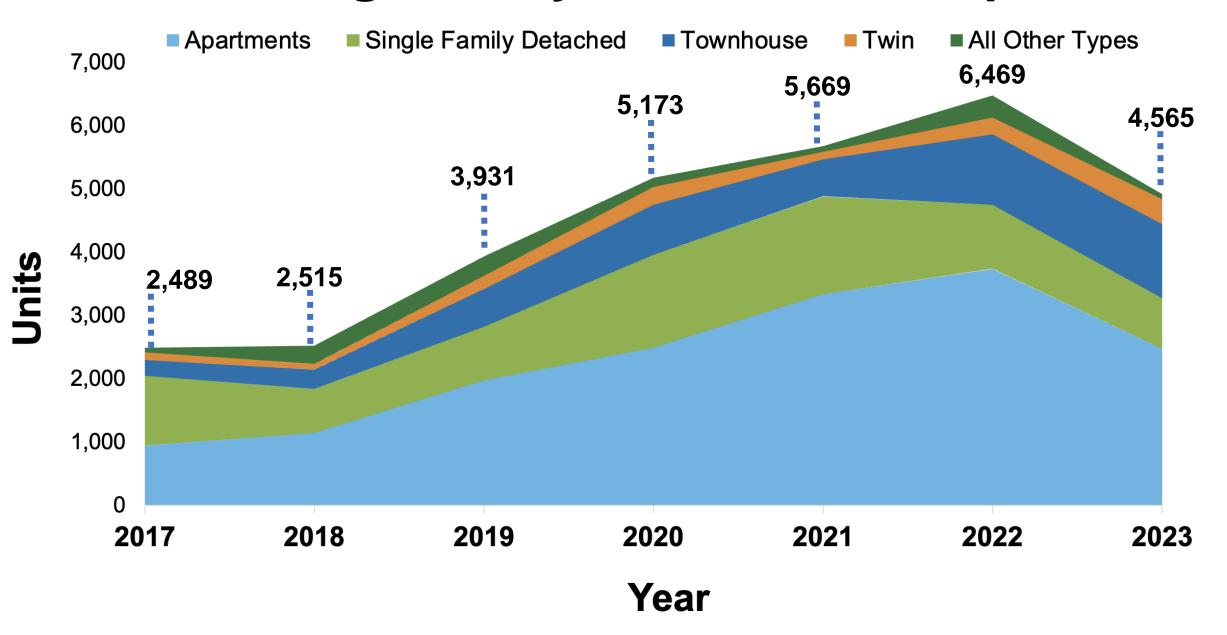
Manufactured Home 1.9%



10+ Units **9.3%**



Lehigh Valley Residential Proposals







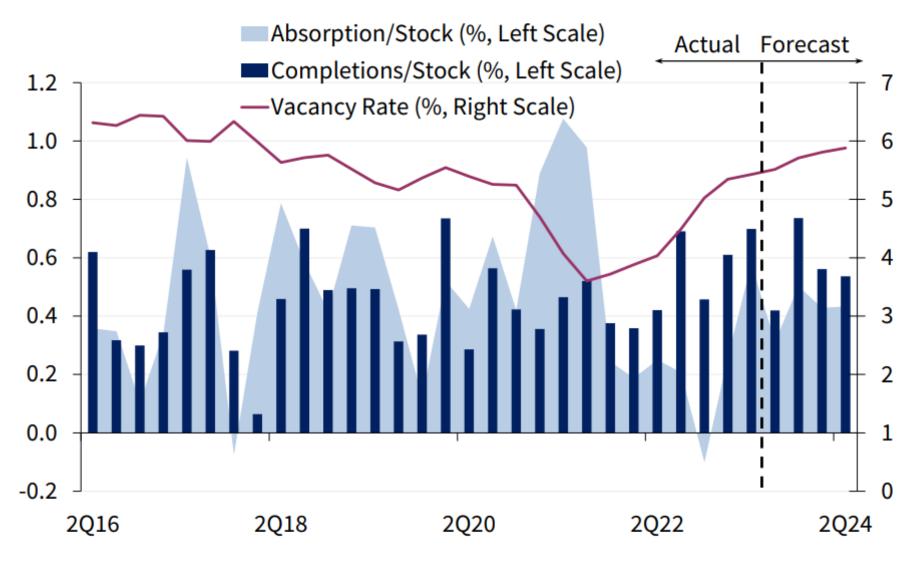
National Housing Story is Different than the Lehigh Valley's

What is Proposed in the Lehigh Valley





Apartment Supply and Demand Imbalance Is Cyclical



Source: CoStar.

Note: Data are weighted average of eighteen Pennsylvania markets, as of second quarter 2023.

Effect of Higher Interest Rates Comparison



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March 2024

Sales Price of Home

\$360,280

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13.1% Down Payment

\$46,836

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Average 30-Year Fixed Mortgage Interest Rate

2.65%

6.67%

Monthly Payment

\$2,080

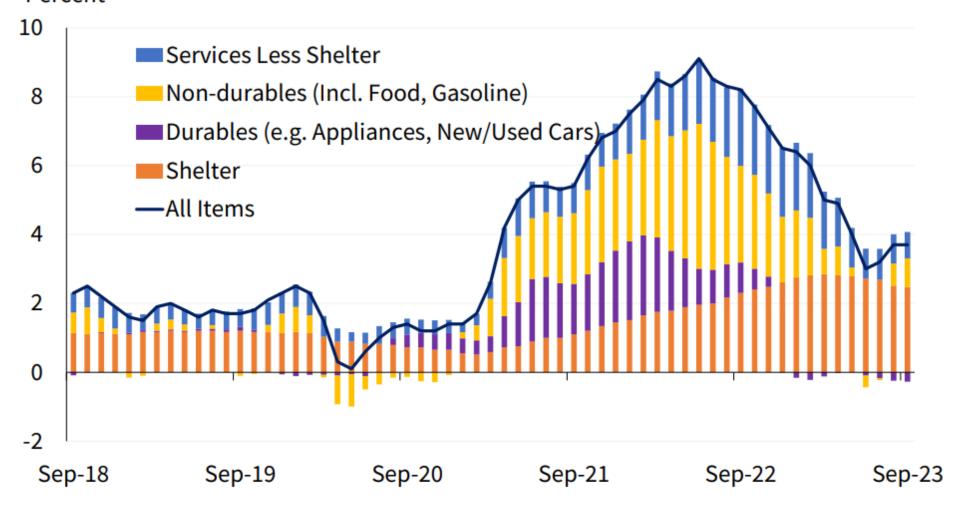
\$2,834

A buyer at their borrowing limit would need to reduce their purchase price to \$268,000



Shelter Costs Recede, But May Not Go Quietly

Component Contributions to Headline CPI Inflation , Year-over-year Percent



Source: BLS.

Note: Data are monthly.



Design What We Need Rather Than Replicating What **Exists**



Shopping Mall Redevelopment Concept Whitehall Mall at MacArthur Road and Grape Street, Whitehall Township

Lehigh Valley International





2024 Housing Supply + **Attainability Strategy**











embrace the power of many.