

# Insights from National Housing Market Analyses

## Implications for Northeast Wisconsin

This brief summarizes recurring findings from neuro-inclusive Housing Market Analyses conducted in comparable U.S. regions. These insights provide context for regional leaders as Northeast Wisconsin's Housing Market Analysis is completed.



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# Executive Summary: Strategic Implications for Northeast Wisconsin

## **Core Pattern Across Regions:**

When housing affordability, long-term services and supports, and transportation are not aligned, adults with A/ID/DD default to family homes or provider-controlled settings.

## **Predictable System Pressure:**

As caregivers age, transitions occur suddenly. Crisis placements are more disruptive and more expensive than planned transitions.

## **Financial Reality:**

Disability income rarely aligns with market rents without subsidy support. Without intentional coordination, housing options remain constrained.

## **Leadership Opportunity:**

Regions that align housing, services, and transportation early reduce long-term public cost and improve stability and inclusion outcomes.



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## Housing, Support & Community Patterns

Across comparable regions, adults with autism and intellectual/developmental disabilities often rely on SSI, SSDI, or low-wage employment. These income levels rarely align with fair-market rents without subsidy or shared arrangements.

### Common Outcomes Observed:

- Most adults living with family
- Limited access to independent, scattered-site apartments
- Concentration in provider-controlled settings
- Persistent waitlists for subsidized housing

Without intentional diversification of housing models, family homes remain the structural default.



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## Policy & Design Implications

- Explicit inclusion of adults with A/ID/DD in housing plans
- Alignment of rental subsidies with Medicaid-funded supports
- Small-scale, community-integrated developments
- Cross-sector coordination across housing, disability services, and transportation

The strategic choice for Northeast Wisconsin is whether to proactively coordinate these systems or absorb higher fiscal and social costs through reactive responses.



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