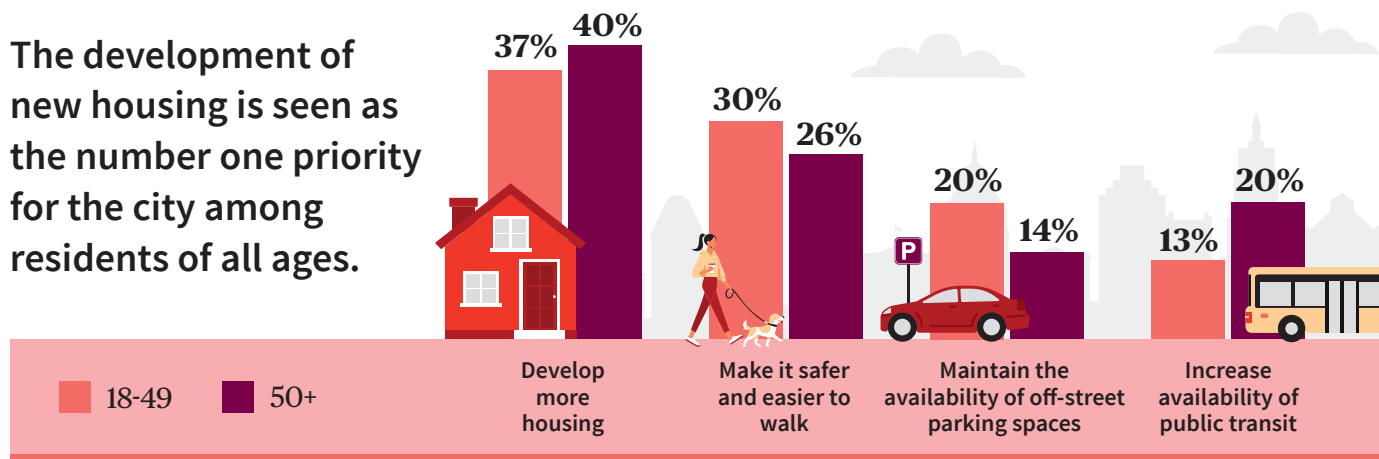


Providence Residents Value Affordable Housing Development Over Preserving Off-Street Parking

Findings from a survey among Providence residents ages 18-plus



The development of new housing is seen as the number one priority for the city among residents of all ages.



In fact, most are okay with less off-street parking if it meant more available and affordable housing development.



Younger residents in particular, ages 18-49, place higher importance on flood management than on maintaining off street parking access.



Data shows that Providence is the least affordable metro for renters in the United States.ⁱ Required parking minimums increase development costs and decrease the number of housing units that can be built. The square footage of two parking spots is equal to the square footage of a two-bedroom apartment. **Enabling property owners to determine how much off-street parking they need will create more housing units and make Providence affordable once again.**

“The amount of off-street parking should be left up to the homeowner or developer because they best understand the specific needs of the property, allowing for more efficient land use, cost savings, and flexibility in design without unnecessary government mandates.”

58% of residents ages 18-49 believe the homeowner or developer should be able to make the final decision on how many parking spaces are needed with new developments.



ⁱRedfin. (2025, February). Rental affordability report. Retrieved from <https://www.redfin.com/news/rent-affordability-2025/>.