

# Barcelona's 30% Social-Housing Reserve (2018) — A Mandatory Inclusionary Quota With About 10% of Planned Homes Delivered

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Quality score: 24/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

## Summary

Since December 2018 Barcelona requires 30% social housing in developments over 600 m<sup>2</sup>. Council data show 156 of 1,650 planned homes built after five years; the mayor says it has not delivered and a flexible formula was proposed.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                                  | Score |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| Evidence of impact / measured results      | 1/3   |
| Transferability / demonstrated replication | 1/3   |
| Scalability                                | 1/3   |
| Sustainability / continuity                | 0/3   |
| Innovation                                 | 1/3   |
| Inclusiveness / equity                     | 1/3   |
| Multi-stakeholder collaboration            | 0/3   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-17

[Ajuntament de Barcelona](#) — accessed 2026-10-17

[Ara: X-ray of the 30% reserve of social housing](#) — accessed 2026-10-17

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