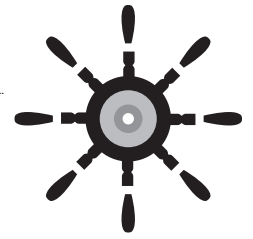


# NLIHC Resources



In addition to the *Advocates' Guide*, NLIHC offers many other resources for advocates, policymakers, students, and others in order to provide information on the most relevant housing and housing-related programs and issues. Here are ways to get the most out of your relationship with NLIHC.

## FIELD

Your first point of contact at NLIHC is your Housing Advocacy Organizer. Housing Advocacy Organizers are members' best direct resource for answers to federal policy or membership questions. The field team also coordinates responses from NLIHC's field when there is a federal housing issue that needs attention. NLIHC's Outreach Associates are assigned specific states. Find the contact information for your state's Outreach Associate at <http://nlihc.org/takeaction/field>, or e-mail [outreach@nlihc.org](mailto:outreach@nlihc.org).

*Tenant Talk*. *Tenant Talk* is NLIHC's quarterly newsletter geared toward residents and tenants. *Tenant Talk* provides NLIHC's low income resident members and others with updates about the policies affecting them, ways to take action and get involved, tips for effective organizing, local tenant victories, and other resources. *Tenant Talk* is distributed through email and mail. To be added to the mailing list, email [tenanttalk@nlihc.org](mailto:tenanttalk@nlihc.org). To view past issues of *Tenant Talk*, visit [www.nlihc.org/library/tenanttalk](http://www.nlihc.org/library/tenanttalk)

## POLICY

NLIHC's policy team tracks, analyzes, and advocates for NLIHC's policy priorities. The policy team updates Fact Sheets on NLIHC's policy initiatives and priority legislation on a monthly basis. NLIHC's policy priorities can be found at [www.nlihc.org/issues](http://www.nlihc.org/issues) NLIHC also convenes a policy advisory committee, comprised of NLIHC board members and individual members. The policy advisory committee informs NLIHC's policy agenda. Committee information is available on the website at [www.nlihc.org/involvement/policycomm](http://www.nlihc.org/involvement/policycomm).

## RESEARCH

NLIHC's research team publishes resources on housing-related topics throughout the year. Access

the latest research and reports in our "Resource Library" online at [www.nlihc.org/library](http://www.nlihc.org/library)

*Out of Reach*. NLIHC's flagship research publication, *Out of Reach*, offers a side-by-side comparison of wages and rents in every county, metropolitan area (Metropolitan Statistical Areas and HUD Metro FMR Areas), combined nonmetropolitan area and state in the United States. Advocates across the country use the data in this report to show the extent of housing need in their communities. For each jurisdiction, the report calculates the amount of money a household must earn in order to afford a rental unit at a range of sizes at the area's Fair Market Rent (FMR), based on the generally accepted affordability standard of paying no more than 30% of income for housing costs. *Out of Reach* is available on NLIHC's website at [www.nlihc.org/oor](http://www.nlihc.org/oor)

*Housing Spotlight*. This series of occasional research briefs uses data from different sources to highlight a variety of housing issues. NLIHC members receive each issue of *Housing Spotlight* by email and by mail. Find them online in the Resource Library at [www.nlihc.org/library/housingspotlight](http://www.nlihc.org/library/housingspotlight)

Congressional District Housing Profiles. NLIHC's Congressional District Housing Profiles offer a snapshot of housing needs for each Congressional district in the country. Each profile pulls from a variety of sources and illuminates several dimensions of housing affordability for renter households in each district, the surrounding area, and the state. The profiles can be found at [www.nlihc.org/library/CDP](http://www.nlihc.org/library/CDP)

State Housing Profiles. This resource illustrates the housing needs of low income renter households for each state in the country. The profiles include visual representations of housing affordability issues as well as key facts about housing in each state. The profiles can be found at [www.nlihc.org/library/SHP](http://www.nlihc.org/library/SHP)

National Housing Preservation Database. NLIHC and the Public and Affordable Housing Research Corporation (PAHRC), maintain an inventory of all federally assisted multifamily housing in the country. It includes information on properties subsidized by HUD, the USDA, and the Treasury

Department. Advocates can use this database to get a clear picture of the subsidized stock of housing in their community and to identify properties that might be at risk of losing a subsidy. The National Housing Preservation Database can be found at [www.preservationdatabase.org](http://www.preservationdatabase.org) For more information on the database and background on its development, visit [www.nlihc.org/library/other/preservation](http://www.nlihc.org/library/other/preservation)

## CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

To find contact information for your state or federal elected officials, visit [www.nlihc.org](http://www.nlihc.org) and enter your ZIP code in the “Contact Congress” box on the lower left side of the page. Access NLIHC’s entire Legislative Action Center at [www.cqrcengage.com/nlihc](http://www.cqrcengage.com/nlihc)

## NLIHC STATE COALITION PARTNERS

NLIHC maintains close ties with our state partners, housing and homeless advocacy organizations who serve statewide or regional areas. To find a list of State Coalition Partners, visit [www.nlihc.org/partners/state](http://www.nlihc.org/partners/state) For information on becoming a State Coalition Partner, visit [www.nlihc.org/involvement/state-coalition/apply](http://www.nlihc.org/involvement/state-coalition/apply)

## ANNUAL HOUSING POLICY FORUM

NLIHC hosts a forum every spring in Washington, D.C. The forum offers federal housing policy plenary sessions, and keynote speakers, as well as a lobby day at which advocates have the opportunity to weigh in with Members of Congress and their staffs. For more information, visit [www.nlihcforum.org](http://www.nlihcforum.org)

## NLIHC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook. Like NLIHC on Facebook and get instant updates on the latest housing news and information at [www.facebook.com/NationalLowIncomeHousingCoalition](http://www.facebook.com/NationalLowIncomeHousingCoalition)

Twitter. Follow @NLIHC on Twitter for daily updates at [www.twitter.com/NLIHC](http://www.twitter.com/NLIHC)

LinkedIn. Connect with NLIHC on LinkedIn and interact with some of the people who are part of our work. <http://www.linkedin.com/company/national-low-income-housing-coalition>

Blog. NLIHC’s blog, *On the Home Front*, features news and analysis from our staff, guest posts from state and national partners, and opinions on the latest developments in housing policy. Join the discussion at <http://hfront.org> ■