NLIHC Resources

In addition to the Advocates’ Guide, NLIHC offers many other resources for advocates, policymakers, students, and others providing 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 NLIHC members’ best direct resource for questions regarding federal policy or NLIHC membership. The organizers also mobilize advocates from NLIHC’s field when there is a federal housing issue that needs attention. NLIHC’s Housing Advocacy Organizers are assigned specific states. Find the contact information for your state’s Housing Advocacy Organizer at https://nlihc.org/state-partners or e-mail outreach@nlihc.org.

TENANT TALK
Tenant Talk is NLIHC’s periodic newsletter geared toward low-income renters and their allies. 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 and to view past issues of Tenant Talk, visit www.nlihc.org/explore-issues/publications-research/tenant-talk.

OUR HOMES, OUR VOICES
Housing Advocacy Organizers work to support advocates throughout the country in planning and executing effective local events during the Our Homes, Our Voices National Housing Week of Action. The Week of Action is an effort for communities to join together to call for better federal budget support for affordable housing and community development programs. There were more than 120 local events put on by field advocates in 2019. The dates for the upcoming Our Homes, Our Voices Week of Action in 2020 are May 2-12. More information can be found at www.ourhomes-ourvoices.org.

OUR HOMES, OUR VOTES: 2020
A non-partisan campaign to register, educate, and mobilize more low-income renters and affordable housing advocates to be involved in voting. Renters, especially low-income renters, are underrepresented among voters. To ensure low income housing interests are represented, it is critical that organizations engage these renters and other low-income people in the voting process. More information can be found at https://www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org/.

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 https://nlihc.org/explore-issues/policy-priorities.

NLIHC also convenes a Policy Advisory Committee, comprised of NLIHC members and members of the Board of Directors. The Policy Advisory Committee informs NLIHC’s policy agenda. Committee information is available online at https://nlihc.org/take-action/policy-engagement.

RESEARCH
NLIHC’s research team publishes research on housing-related topics throughout the year. Access the latest research and reports at https://nlihc.org/explore-issues/publications-research/research.

OUT OF REACH
NLIHC’s annual research publication, Out of Reach, offers a side-by-side comparison of wages.
and rents for every county, metropolitan area [Metropolitan Statistical Area or HUD Metro
Fair Market Rent (FMR) Area], combined state
nonmetropolitan area, and state in the United
States. Advocates across the country use the
data in this report to show the lack of housing
affordability in their communities for low and
minimum wage workers, and other low-income
households. For each jurisdiction, the report
calculates the Housing Wage, which is the hourly
wage a full-time worker must earn to afford a
rental home priced at the area’s FMR, based on
the generally accepted affordability standard of
paying no more than 30% of income for housing
costs. The Housing Wage is available for a range
of apartment sizes. Out of Reach is available
on NLIHC’s website at www.nlihc.org/oor. The
Housing Wage for metropolitan area ZIP codes is
also available online.

THE GAP

NLIHC’s other annual research publication,
The Gap, documents the shortage of housing
for extremely low-income renter households.
For the nation, each state, and the 50 largest
metropolitan areas, this yearly report estimates
the deficit/surplus of rental homes, cost burdens
(households spending more than 30% of their
income on housing), and severe cost burdens
(households spending more than 50% of their
income on housing) for extremely low-income,
very low-income and low-income renter
households. The report documents the number of
additional affordable and available rental homes
that are needed for the lowest-income renters.
The Gap is available on NLIHC’s website at https://
reports.nlihc.org/gap.

STATE HOUSING PROFILES

NLIHC’s State Housing Profiles illustrate 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 https://nlihc.
org/housing-needs-by-state by selecting the state
and then clicking on the Resources tab.

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 data 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 https://nlihc.org/housing-
needs-by-state by selecting the state and then
clicking on the Resources tab.

NATIONAL HOUSING
PRESERVATION DATABASE

NLIHC and the Public and Affordable Housing
Research Corporation maintain an online
database of nearly 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
being lost from the affordable housing stock. The
National Housing Preservation Database (NHPD)
is the only de-duplicated, geo-coded, extractable,
national inventory of federally subsidized
properties which links all of a property’s
subsidies to its main address. The database
can be found at www.preservationdatabase.org.
Users can also access “Preservation Profiles”
on the NHPD website, which provide national
and state-level snapshots of preservation needs.
The Preservation Profiles are available at https://
preservationdatabase.org/reports/preservation-
profiles/.

For more information on the database, visit www.
preservationdatabase.org or email aaurand@nlihc.org or kstater@housingcenter.com.

CONTACT YOUR ELECTED
OFFICIALS

To find contact information for your federal
elected officials, visit www.govtrack.org, then
enter your address in the search box. Access
NLIHC's entire Legislative Action Center at www.nlihc.org/take-action.

**NLIHC STATE COALITION PARTNERS**

NLIHC maintains close ties with our State Coalition Partners, housing and homeless advocacy organizations who serve statewide or regional areas. To find a list of State Coalition Partners and for information on becoming a State Partner, visit www.nlihc.org/explore-issues/projects-campaigns/state-partner-project or email outreach@nlihc.org.

**ANNUAL HOUSING POLICY FORUM**

NLIHC hosts a forum every spring in Washington, DC. The forum offers federal housing policy plenary sessions and keynote speakers, as well as a Capitol Hill Day, during which advocates have the opportunity to meet with Members of Congress and their staff. For more information, visit www.nlihcforum.org.

**NLIHC ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Facebook: Like NLIHC on Facebook and get instant updates on the latest housing news and information at https://www.facebook.com/NLIHCDC/.

Twitter: Follow @NLIHC on Twitter for daily updates at https://twitter.com/NLIHC?lang=en.

Instagram: Follow @nlihc on Instagram for quick snapshots of information at https://www.instagram.com/nlihc/?hl=en.