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Latest on the State of Evictions During the Pandemic

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Eviction Tracking System
Update January 19, 2021

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Data through Saturday, 1/16

Across 5 states and 27 cities that we are tracking:

• 221,247 eviction filings since 3/15/2020

• 4,432 eviction filings last week

https://evictionlab.org/eviction-tracking/
Full-state ETS data

- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Indiana
- Minnesota
- Missouri
Eviction filings in 2020

1. Number and pace of filings
2. Who was filed against
3. How much was owed
Eviction filing patterns in 2020
2020: 208,563
Typical: 594,731
Extrapolating beyond the ETS

The ETS covers 1 in 5 renter households
  • Used regression methods to predict filings elsewhere

Non-ETS counties between 3/15 and 12/31:
  • 2020: 927,000 eviction filings
  • Typical: 2,100,000 eviction filings

• 1.55 million fewer cases nationwide
Pace of filings

Cumulative Number of Filings

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan

50,000/month

2020 Historical Average
Pace of filings

Cumulative Number of Filings

- 50,000/month
- 2,100/month

- 2020
- Historical Average
Pace of filings

Cumulative Number of Filings

- 50,000/month
- 2,100/month
- 7,000/month

2020 Historical Average
Who was filed against

• Normally, disproportionate eviction risk for
  • Black renters
  • Female renters

https://evictionlab.org/demographics-of-eviction/

• Has that held true during the pandemic?
Who was filed against

- Asian
- Black
- Latinx
- White

- Share of Renters
- Share of Defendants Pre-pandemic
- Share of Defendants During Pandemic
How much was owed

• In four ETS sites we observe claim amounts
  • Cincinnati
  • Houston
  • New York City
  • Phoenix

• Large increases in claim amounts over 2020
How much was owed
Key take-aways

• Many fewer eviction filings since the pandemic began
  • But the pace of filings has been increasing
  • https://evictionlab.org/missing-eviction-filings/

• Black renters and women are over-represented among those facing eviction
  • https://evictionlab.org/pandemic-filing-demographics/

• The amounts claimed in eviction cases are up
  • https://evictionlab.org/rising-claim-amounts/
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