



NLIHC's HoUSed Campaign for
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Welcome & Updates

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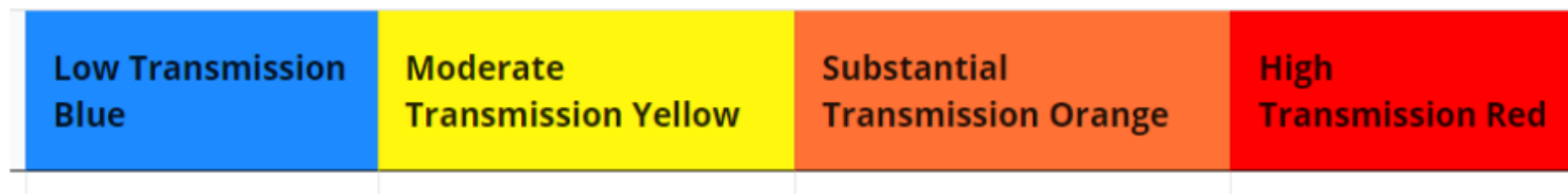
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How to Determine if a County is Covered by the CDC Eviction Moratorium

Which counties are covered by the CDC eviction moratorium?

- The CDC ranks a county's COVID-19 transmission rate on a four-color sliding scale of **Low (Blue)**, **Moderate (Yellow)**, **Substantial (Orange)** and **High (Red)**.



- Counties with **Substantial** or **High** COVID-19 transmission rates are covered by the moratorium and *will remain covered for at least 14 days or the moratorium expires on October 3, 2021, whichever is sooner.*
- Counties in the **Substantial** or **High** categories will continue to be covered until the moratorium expires on October 3, 2021 unless the transmission rate falls to **Moderate** or **Low** and remains there for 14 days in a row. The moratorium will no longer be in effect on the 15th day of **Moderate** or **Low** transmission levels.

What is today's county transmission rate?

Substantial or High

Moderate or Low

You are covered for at least the next 14 days or until the moratorium ends on October 3rd, whichever is sooner.

How long has the rate been Moderate or Low?

1 to 14 days in a row

15 or more days in a row

You are covered for now. The moratorium will lift when your county has gone more than 14 days in a row with Moderate or Low transmission, or when the moratorium ends on October 3rd, whichever is sooner.

You are not covered. You will become covered if the rate rises to Substantial or High before the moratorium ends on October 3rd.

How to Determine if a County is Covered by the CDC Eviction Moratorium

1. Go to the CDC's COVID County Data Tracker: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>
2. Select your state and county.

COVID-19 Integrated County View

Maps, charts, and data provided by CDC, updates daily by 8 pm ET[†]

Select state and county to populate county-specific data:

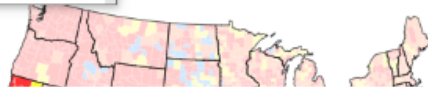
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California

County or metro area:
Select County
Alameda County
Alpine County
Amador County
Butte County
Calaveras County
Colusa County
Contra Costa County
Del Norte County
El Dorado County
Fresno County
Glenn County
Humboldt County
Imperial County
Inyo County
Kern County
Kings County
Lake County
Lassen County
Los Angeles County

This site provides an integrated, county view of key data for monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. It allows for the exploration of standardized data across the country.* The footnotes describe each data source and the methods used for calculating the metrics. For the most complete and up-to-date data for any particular county or state, visit the relevant health department website. Additional data and features are forthcoming.

*County level data are not available for territories. Territory level data is available under the [Cases, Deaths, and Testing tab](#). Data presented here for District of Columbia may differ from those presented on the [Cases, Deaths, and Testing tab](#). For CDC's most up to date data for District of Columbia, select District of Columbia in the dropdown on this tab or see the map below

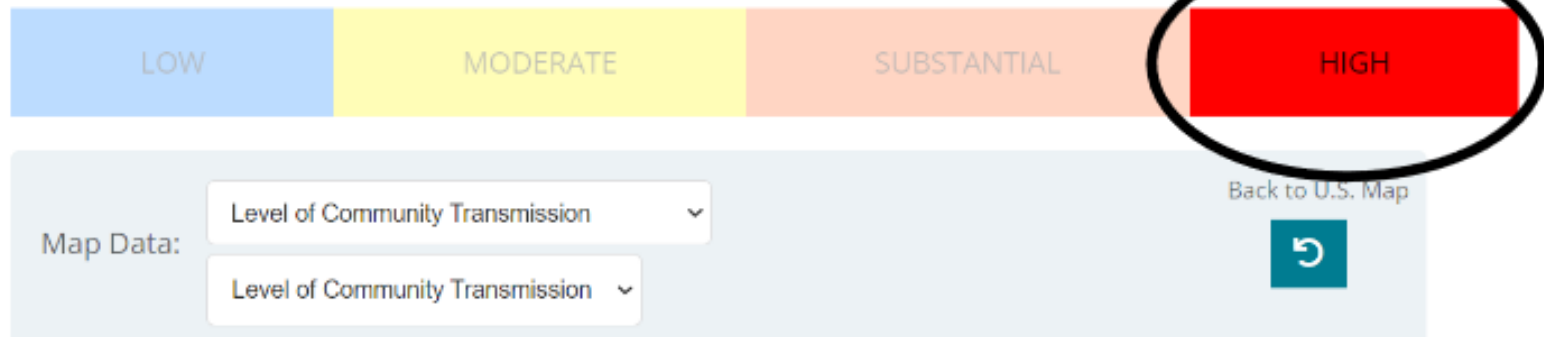
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3. Scroll down to the section called “Level of Community Transmission”, which will have 4 colored bars.

Level of Community Transmission in Alameda County, California



If your county is in the **Substantial (Orange)** or **High (Red)** category, you are currently covered by the eviction moratorium and will remain covered for at least 14 days.

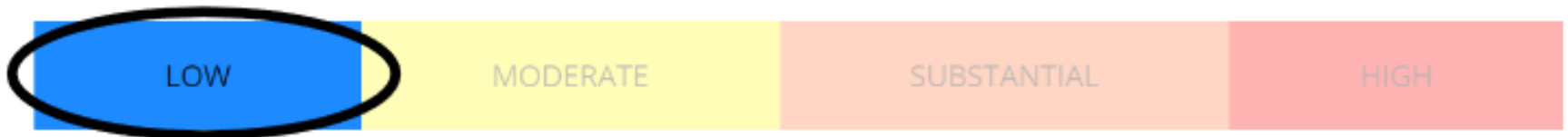
Counties in the **Substantial (Orange)** or **High (Red)** categories will continue to be covered until the moratorium expires on October 3, 2021 unless the transmission rate falls into the **Moderate (Yellow)** or **Low (Blue)** category and remains there for more than 14 days in a row.

You can stop here if your county is in the Substantial or High category.

How to Determine if a County is Covered by the CDC Eviction Moratorium: Part 2

4. If your county is in the **Low (Blue)** or **Moderate (Yellow)** category, you will need to take a few more steps to see if your county is currently covered by the eviction moratorium.

Level of Community Transmission in Esmeralda County, Nevada



Map Data:

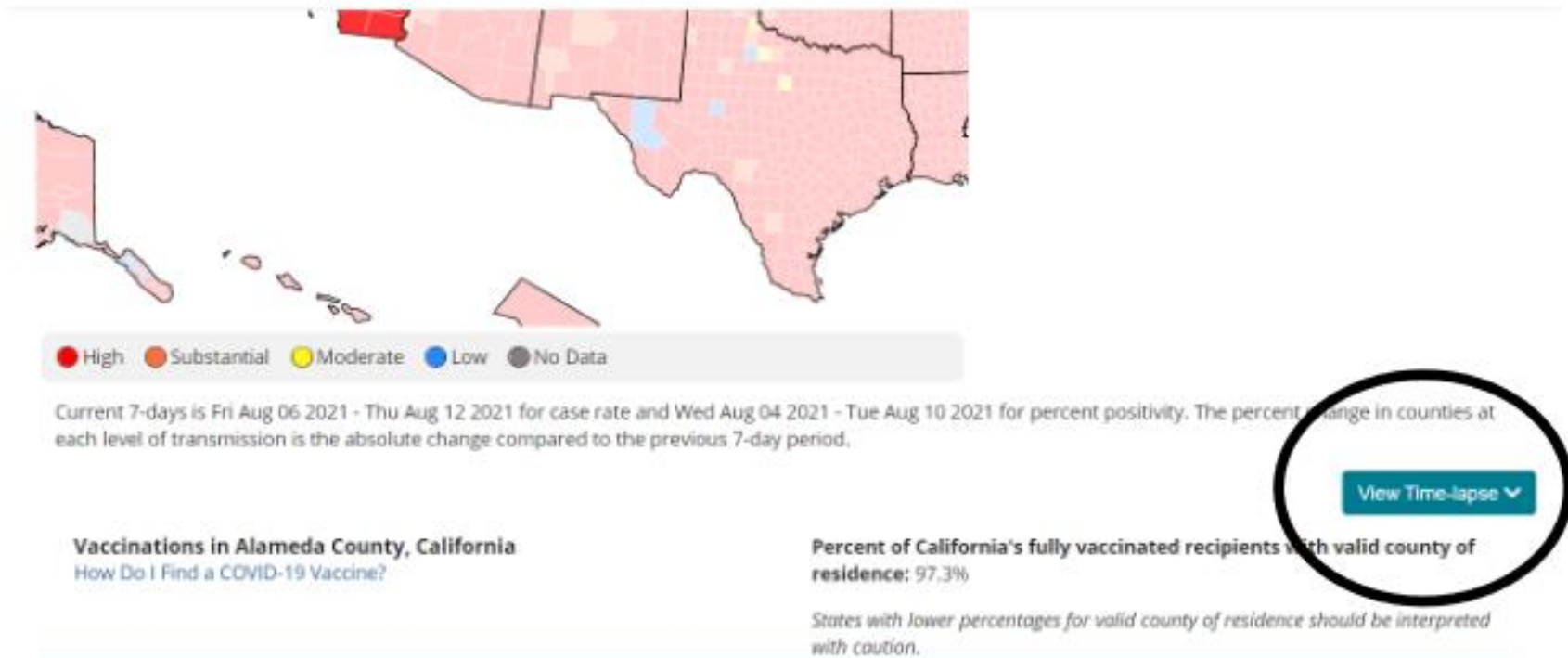
Level of Community Transmission ▼

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[Back to U.S. Map](#)

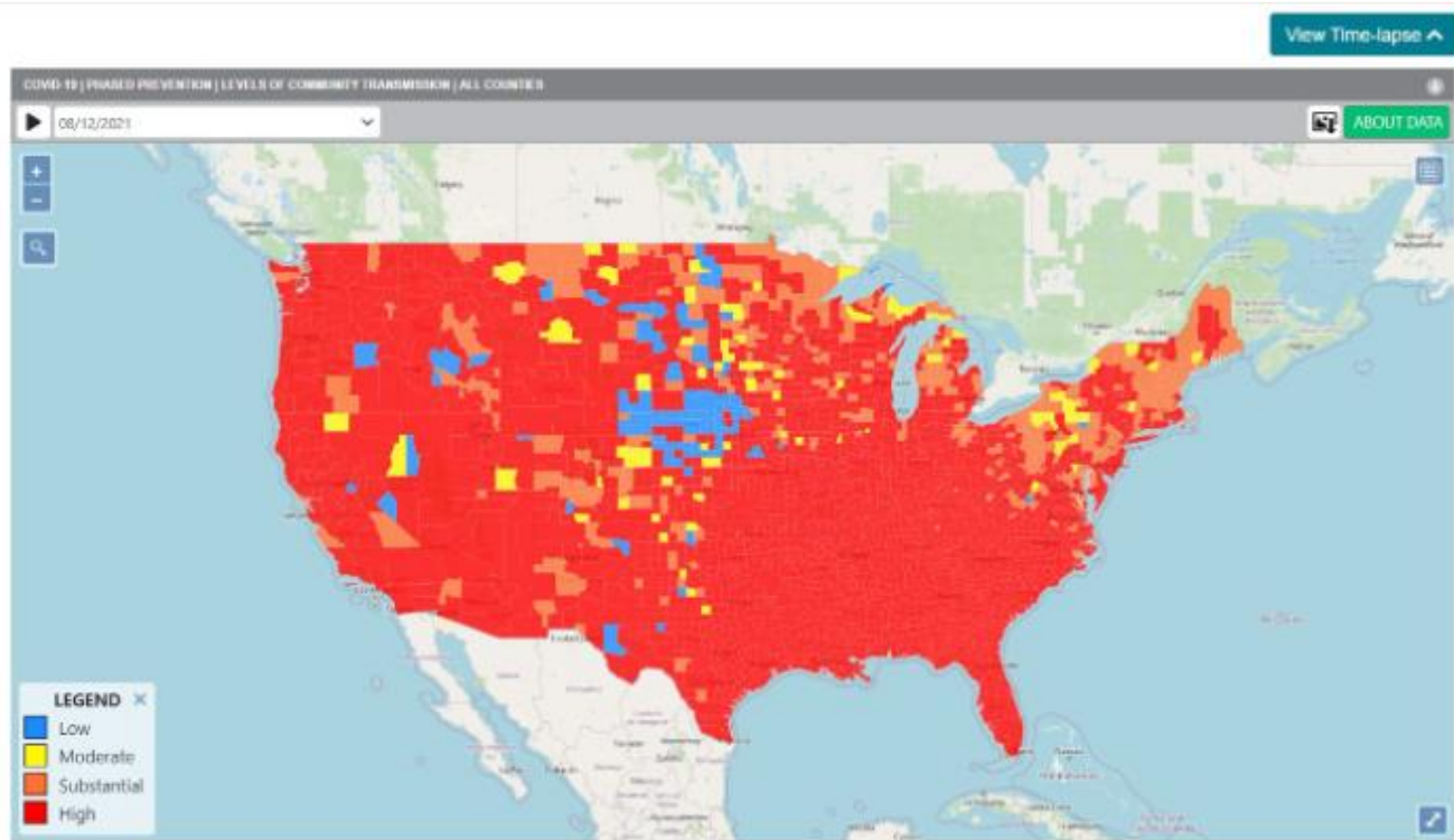
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5. Scroll to the bottom of the map and click on the button labeled “View Time Lapse”.



How to Determine if a County is Covered by the CDC Eviction Moratorium: Part 2

- This will open a second map of the U.S., with each county color-coded by its transmission rate. The county name will pop up when you hover your mouse.

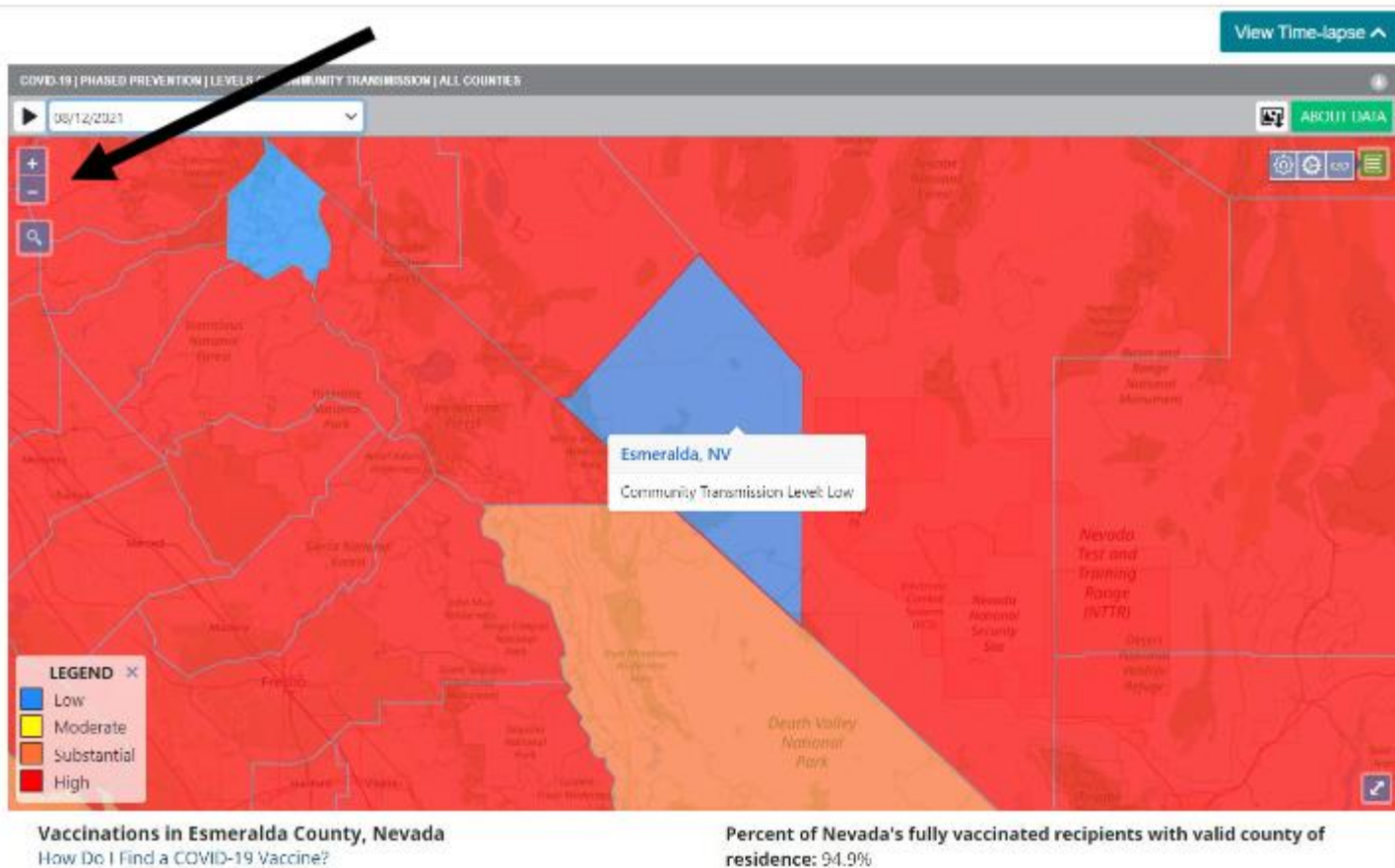


Vaccinations in Alameda County, California
How Do I Find a COVID-19 Vaccine?

Percent of California's fully vaccinated recipients with valid county of residence: 97.3%

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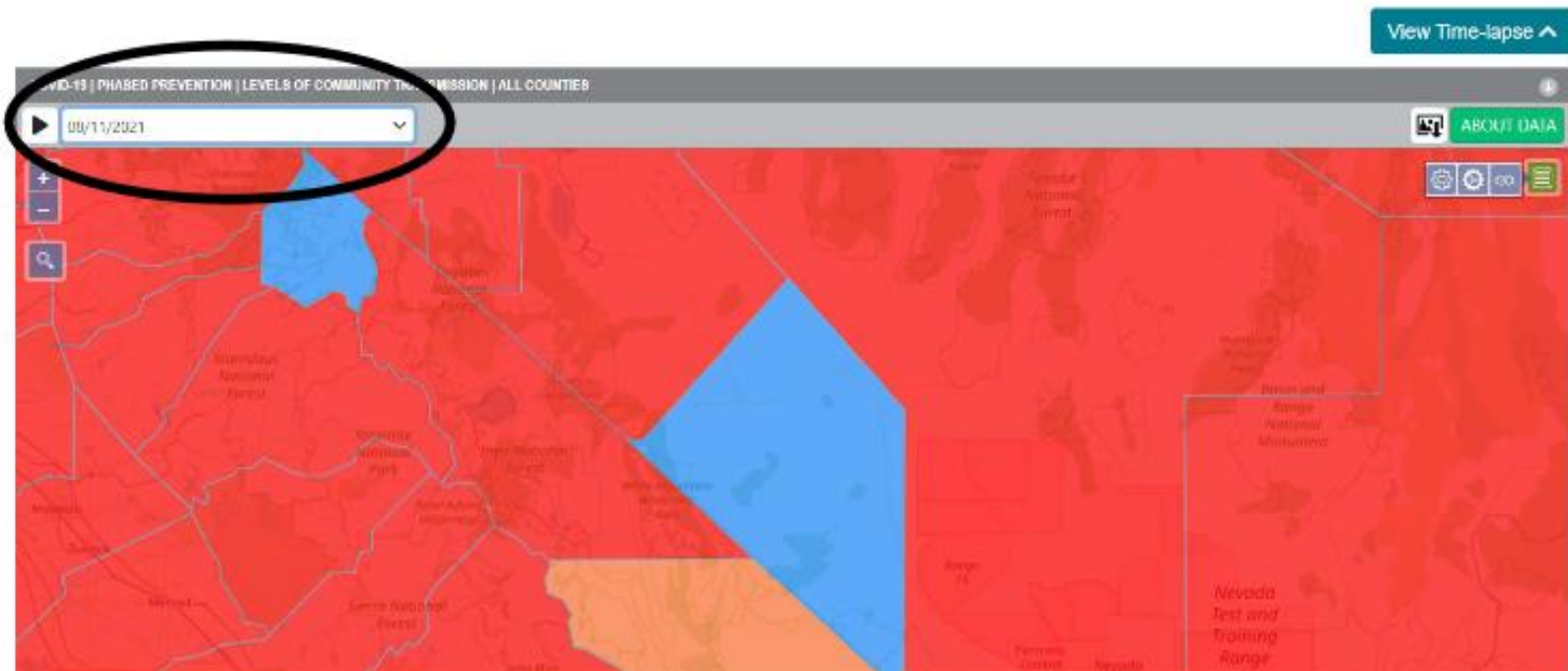
7. Locate your state and double click on it to zoom in. Hold down your mouse and drag to re-center the map. Keep double-clicking until you can easily see your county. You can also use the blue + and – buttons to zoom in and out.



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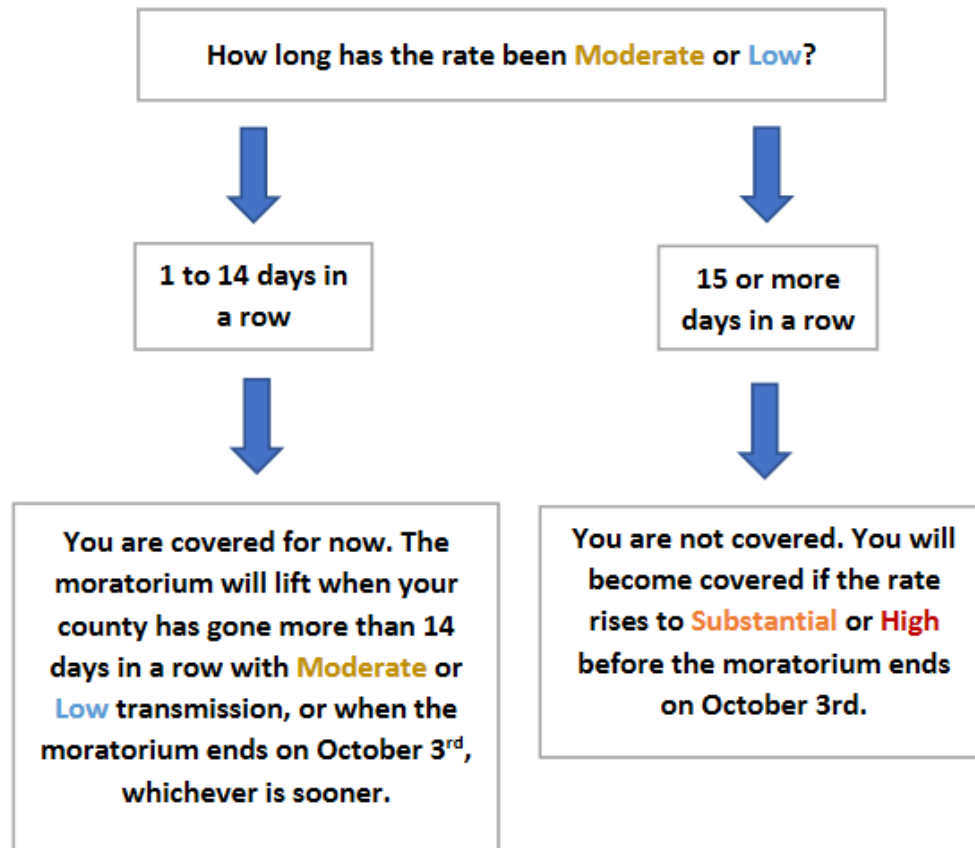
8. Click on the drop-down menu in the upper left corner of the map. You can use the menu to look up the county transmission rate for the last 30 days.

Select an earlier date from the menu. The map will refresh with that day's transmission level. Note that your county will not change color if the transmission level has not changed.



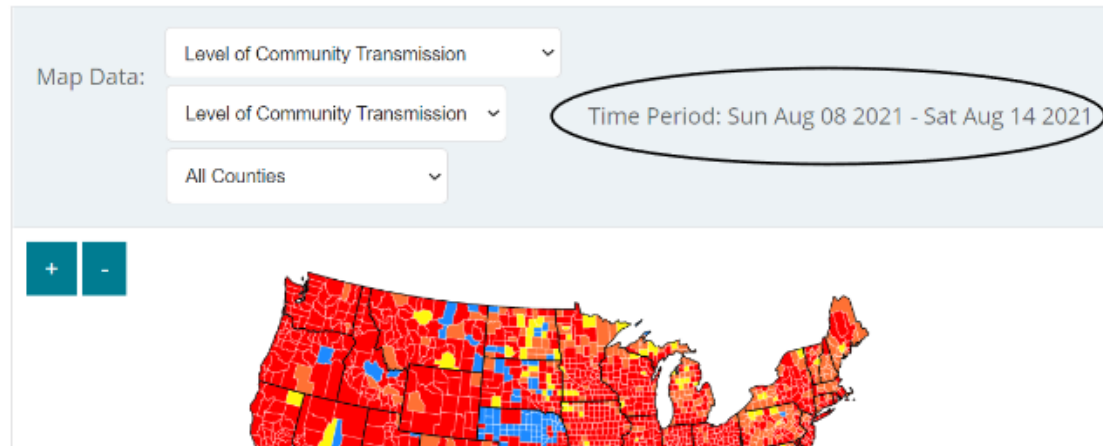
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9. On a piece of paper or in a spreadsheet, record each date and the transmission level for each date between today (day 1) and 15 days ago. Count how many days in a row your county has been **Moderate** or **Low**. Use the chart below to determine your coverage.



How to Determine if a County is Covered by the CDC Eviction Moratorium

Why does the CDC's website list a 7-day time period next to the transmission rate? Does today's transmission rate apply to the last 7 days?



- No, the daily transmission rate only applies to today. If you are trying to determine if your county is covered by the eviction moratorium, you must look up the transmission level for each day separately. The daily rate does not apply to the prior 7 days.
- The “time period” refers to the fact that the CDC uses information collected over the last 7 days to calculate today's transmission rate.

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What happens if my county's transmission rate changes?

It could mean that you are no longer covered by the eviction moratorium OR you may become newly covered by the moratorium.

- If your county's transmission rate was **Substantial** or **High** and it falls to **Moderate** or **Low**, you are still covered by the moratorium *until the transmission rate has been Moderate or Low for more than 14 days in a row*. After 14 straight days of **Moderate** or **Low** transmission rates, the moratorium will no longer cover your county.
- If your county's transmission rate was **Moderate** or **Low** and rises to **Substantial** or **High** at any point, you are covered by the moratorium.

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What should I do if my county is at or approaching 14 straight days of Moderate or Low transmission?

- Keep checking the CDC's county website daily. It is updated by 8 pm ET each day.
- If more than 14 days pass with a **Moderate** or **Low** transmission rated, you will no longer be covered and could be evicted. However, other laws may protect you from eviction. Consult a lawyer if you receive any notices from your landlord.
- If the transmission rate rises to **Substantial** or **High** before an eviction order is carried out, you will become protected

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How we got DC to tax the rich to fund historic investments in PSH

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- *The Way Home Campaign brings together 110 partner organizations and 6,000+ voters to push DC to end chronic homelessness.*
- *This year, we put our budget asks in very clear terms: continue the status quo of homelessness or increase taxes on the wealthy to pay for housing.*
- *The Way Home has spent the past 18 months working with other coalitions to design, develop and implement a revenue campaign.*



Some DC-specific context

- *DC has the highest per capita rate of homelessness in the United States.*
- *DC also has (or rather, had) an inequitable tax structure in which the top 20% of earners paid less in taxes per year than the bottom 80% as a share of their income.*
- *90% of people earning over \$250,000 per year in DC are white.*
- *Nearly 90% of individuals experiencing homelessness in DC are Black.*
- *Getting back to a pre-COVID level of homelessness is not good enough. Ending homeless is the goal.*

Tax justice is racial justice and housing justice

In DC, the average income of white households is **MORE THAN 2 TIMES HIGHER** than that of Black households, before AND AFTER paying taxes. A truly JUST tax system would meaningfully reduce that racial disparity.

WHITE HOUSEHOLDS



BLACK HOUSEHOLDS



Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, update to Who Pays?, 6th edition, provided January 2021.

*Note: Data reflects non-elderly tax units.

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DC**

A tax increase on
personal income
over \$250,000
would increase taxes
on just **3%** of
taxpayers in the
District.



A tax increase on the
wealthiest would barely
affect their lifestyle, since
the very wealthy spend
only a fraction of what
they earn.

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80%



of DC voters support
raising taxes on
income above
\$250,000 to support
residents facing hard
times and to sustain
DC's recovery.

Source: June 2021 PPP poll

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What we won

- *2,370 units of PSH for individuals*
- *540 units of PSH for families*
- *660 units of permanent housing vouchers for families*
- *100 units of permanent housing vouchers for special populations (seniors, LGBTQ+, returning citizens)*
- *Increase EITC for 40,000+ households*
- *Increase pay for thousands of early childhood educators*

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WHAT WE WON



Expansion of the Earned
Income Tax Credit to
become the strongest
in the country



Equitable pay for DC's
early childhood educators

Housing for
2,400
households



funded by

\$170 MILLION

in new local revenue by FY 2025

HUGE NEWS:

**DC'S BUDGET WILL END HOMELESSNESS
FOR 3,500 HOUSEHOLDS,
INCLUDING 2,370 INDIVIDUALS
EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS.**

THIS. IS. HUGE!

the Way
HME
Ending Chronic Homelessness in DC

Key takeaways

- *COVID, racial justice uprising, and increase in encampments changed the conversation*
- *This win was 6+ years in the making*
- *We only won because this was a multi-issue package*
- *There was notable pushback from business lobbies*
- *Influx of Federal funding created a significant challenge*
- *This is just the start - next up is taxing wealth*

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Emergency Rental Assistance and ERASE

Updates on tracking and resources

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Immediate State and Local Actions



- Create or extend state and local eviction moratorium
- Quickly distribute emergency rental assistance
- Adopt policies and procedural safeguards to ensure additional time for discovery and access to legal representation:
 - Postpone hearing eviction cases to give renters time to apply for and receive ERA.
 - Bar landlords from evicting tenants while an application is pending.
 - Bar landlords receiving ERA from evicting renters for at least 3 months.
- Enact additional renter protections
 - Right to counsel legislation
 - Develop and implement policies to seal eviction records

Immediate ERA Program Administrator Actions



- Increase communication efforts in courts
- Implement data-sharing between courts and ERA programs
- Be present in court
- Fast track applications
- Increase staffing
- Contract with local CBOs to reach most marginalized

Additional Supports to Ensure Housing Stability



- Connect program, processes, and resources to local Continuum of Care and coordinated entry processes
- Provide a bridge to longer-term or intensive housing stability supports for household who have greater needs such as a history of homelessness, chronic health conditions or disabilities
- Provide or coordinate with case management and other support services to support long term stability

Resources Online!

ERASE Check List



<https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/End-Rental-Arrears-to-Stop-Evictions.pdf>

- ✓ Make a quick assessment of emergency rental assistance programs
- ✓ Lay out attributes for model programs
- ✓ Offer strategies for program implementation, partnership development and course correction

New Resource!

Establishing Self Attestation



	ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY			DETERMINING RENTAL ASSISTANCE
	A. Establishing COVID hardship or unemployment	B. Establishing risk of housing instability or homelessness	C. Establishing annual 2020 income or current monthly income	D. Establishing rental residency and rental obligation
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT	Grantees must document applicants have either qualified for unemployment benefits; or (a) for ERA1, experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly , to the pandemic; or (b) for ERA2, experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship during the pandemic.	Grantees must document that one or more individuals within the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.	Grantees may determine income eligibility based on either the household's annual 2020 income or sufficient confirmation of the household's monthly income at the time of application. Applicants must have a household income below 80% of area median income (AMI).	Grantees must obtain, if available, a current lease signed by the applicant and the landlord that identifies the unit where the applicant resides and establishes the rental payment amount.
LOW-BARRIER DOCUMENTS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT	Treasury strongly encourages grantees to rely on the self-certification of applicants about whether their financial hardship meets the statutory requirements. See FAQ (6/24) #2 for information on allowing applicants to self-attest to COVID-related hardship or unemployment.	See FAQ (6/24) #3 for information on using self-attestation to demonstrate a risk of housing instability and homelessness.	See FAQ (6/24) #4 for more information on using self-attestation to document income. ERA programs can verify a household's income eligibility using fact-specific proxy, such as neighborhood or census tract as well as categorical eligibility. If a grantee accepts self-attestation of current income without further documentation (e.g., paystubs, W-2s, attestation from employer) or a fact-specific proxy , grantees must reassess the household's income every three months. Self-certification may also be used for non-duplication of benefits (see FAQ (6/24) #15)	In the absence of a signed lease, grantees may accept other reasonable documentation to establish residence and rental obligation. See FAQ (6/24) #5 for information on using self-attestation to document residency and rental obligation.
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White House Announcement on Extension of Reimbursement for COVID-19 Expenses



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ERA Implementation



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Treasury ERA programs in database

Programs open or soon to open **94.9%**



Programs closed **4.5%**



36.0%

Programs serving households with
federal rent subsidies **?**

[See Programs](#)

56.9%

Programs allowing at least one form of
self-attestation **?**

[See Programs](#)

Self-attestation for COVID
hardships **43.3%**



Self-attestation for income **15.9%**



Self-attestation for non-
traditional income **25.4%**



Self-attestation for housing
instability **12.8%**



Self-attestation for lease/ proof of
tenancy **7.1%**



22.2%

Programs with additional prioritization **?**



[See Programs](#)

27.8%

Programs allowing direct-to-tenant
assistance **?**

[See Programs](#)

48.2%

Programs covering other housing
expenses **?**

[See Programs](#)

Programs covering:

Relocation expenses **21.3%**



Late fees **16.9%**



Hotel/motel stays **7.3%**



Internet costs **24.8%**



Uncategorized housing
expenses **14.0%**

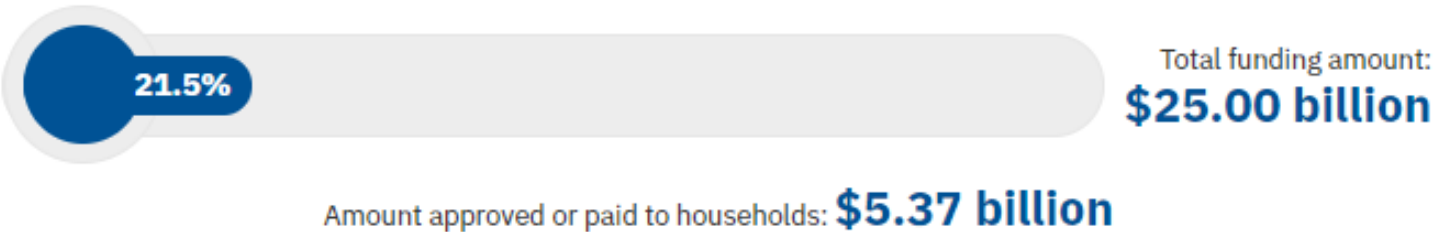


Link: nlihc.org/era-dashboard

ERA Spending



Spending Tracker (ERA1)



NLIHC tracks data on ERA1 funds approved or paid to households from all 50 state ERA programs the District of Columbia's ERA program, and nearly 300 local ERA programs. The tracker includes information from (1) U.S. Department of the Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance Program Monthly Compliance Report and Quarterly Reports, (2) publicly available data from program dashboards, (3) data from communications with program administrators and advocates, and (4) news articles. Data is not yet available for ERA programs run by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities, so the tracker does not include spending data from these grantees. This data will be added as it becomes available.

Additional data points and disaggregated spending and other data from state and local programs with ERA dashboards can be found [here](https://nlihc.org/era-dashboard) (see State spending rates in the third tab).

Link: nlihc.org/era-dashboard

New Resource!

ERA Spending Data



- **Link:** <https://bit.ly/3CyuaBS>
- **Data Available:**
 - ERA spending totals
 - Program-level data for programs with public dashboards
 - Program-level data for state ERA programs
- **Data Sources:**
 - U.S. Department of the Treasury ERA Reports
 - Publicly available data from program dashboards
 - Data from communications with program administrators and advocates
 - News articles



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Know of ERA dashboards not listed in the database?

**Email research@nlihc.org and we will
add it to the list!**

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