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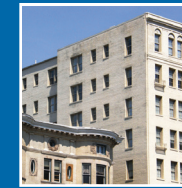
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U.S. Housing Market Conditions Portal (USHMC)

The USHMC website contains all the national, regional, state, metropolitan, and local data and analysis in one location.

- National data can be manipulated using a variety of indicators and time constraints to depict historical trends in housing supply, demand, ownership and vacancy, and finance and investment.
- Regional data includes Housing Market Profiles, Market-at-a-Glance Data, and Narratives for HUD's 10 regions.
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Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse (RBC)

RBC collects and disseminates information on the creation and maintenance of affordable housing and sustainable communities through a searchable database of state and local laws, regulations, and policies that promote housing affordability.

Sustainable Construction in Indian Country (SCinC)

The Offices of Policy Development & Research and Native American Programs are encouraging sustainable construction practices in Native American communities. Through this initiative, tribes can access practices that help provide their members with healthier and more efficient homes.

Expert Convenings

At Expert Convenings experts in a given field are invited to HUD to deliberate about a relevant policy issue or research topic with HUD staff. An average of seven Expert Convenings is expected to be held annually. Convening proceedings are developed which PD&R can draw on in the future.



The Edge

The Edge, an online magazine, provides easily understood translations of PD&R and HUD partners' research, a message from PD&R Senior Staff, and a wide range of information on housing and community development issues, regulations, and case studies.



HUD Secretary's Awards

Each year, the HUD Secretary, in collaboration with various associations, recognizes outstanding achievements in housing and urban development by presenting awards in the following categories: Housing

and Community Design, Excellence in Historic Preservation, Opportunity and Empowerment, and Public-Philanthropic Partnerships.

The Office for International and Philanthropic Innovation (IPI)

IPI provides expert resources and a venue to access the best available evidence, innovations, and lessons from the philanthropic and international housing sectors.



The Innovation in Affordable Housing Student Design and Planning Competition

First launched in 2014, the Innovation in Affordable Housing Student Design and Planning Competition gives multidisciplinary teams of graduate students the opportunity to respond to a planning and design challenge faced by a public housing authority. Finalists are invited to visit the site where they can see the challenges first hand and talk to community members. The teams later travel to HUD Headquarters to present their final projects in front of a live audience and a panel of jurors. Cash prizes are awarded to the winner and runner up.

Office of University Partnerships (OUP)

OUP facilitates the formation of campus-community partnerships that enable students, faculty, and neighborhood organizations to work together to revitalize the economy, generate jobs, and rebuild healthy communities. Subscribers receive information about relevant conferences, as well as our quarterly eNewsletter *Partners in Progress*, which highlights research partnerships, grantees, anchor institutions, and other news.

A Consumer's Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes

The Consumer's Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes offers concise descriptions of strategies to improve air quality and energy efficiency in an easy-to-navigate format. Using the guide, consumers can access information about product options, energy audits, health assessments, and financial incentives for energy-efficiency improvements. The guide also provides links to more detailed, in-depth topical content from other federal agencies and allied organizations.

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