Congressional Briefing:
Digging into the Data on Housing Markets

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Experts in the Housing Finance Center at the Urban Institute analyze the housing finance system and its effects on the economy, households, and communities. Their expertise spans the housing market and can specifically focus on single-family homeownership and mortgages.

Guiding questions for today’s briefing:

- How has COVID-19 impacted the housing market?
- What is the current state of homeownership in America?
- What is the racial homeownership gap?
- What is the impact of the government’s role in the mortgage market?

Additional data tools and interactives:

- The monthly Housing Finance At a Glance data chartbook contains more than 60 charts, tables and graphs about everything housing finance. It has been updated monthly since October 2013. Chart data is available in excel upon request.

- The monthly Global Markets Analysis Report offers nearly 100 charts, tables and graphs about government-backed loans (FHA, VA & USDA) securitized by Ginnie Mae. Chart data is available in excel upon request.

- The quarterly Housing Credit Availability Index (HCAI) which reveals, at a glance, how hard it is to get a mortgage.

- Forecasting State and National Trends in Household Formation and Homeownership allows users to view fact sheets with detailed trends and forecasts for household formation and homeownership rates by age and race or ethnicity in each state.

- An interactive view of the Housing boom and Bust allows users to see mortgage originations by race and geographic location from 2001 to 2019.

- A whiteboard video explains mortgage servicing: Help me Understand Mortgage Servicing.

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