

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 American?
- 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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