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## PD&R Research

PD&R lists HUD research publications spanning the major fields of housing and urban development. Publications are available as free downloads or in print for a nominal cost.



### Data Sets from HUD USER

Data sets published by PD&R include the American Housing Survey, HUD Median Family Income Limits, Fair Market Rents, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Data, GIS Maps, and Infographics. All data sets are available as free downloads; find what you need fast with our Data Set Reference Guide.

## 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.
- Local data includes Comprehensive Market Analysis reports, Housing Market Profiles, and Market-at-a-Glance reports for cities and counties.



### Best Practices

HUD USER publishes a series of Best Practice case studies based on federal, state, and local strategies that increase affordable housing opportunities, apply sustainable features and practices, and increase access to public transportation, among other objectives.

## HUD USER Periodicals

- **Cityscape**, published three times a year, is PD&R's journal of policy development and research.
- **Evidence Matters**, available in print and online, presents objective, unbiased views – based on research findings about key housing and urban development topics – to inform advocates, state and local policymakers, Congress, and researchers on future policy directions.

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## Initiatives

- **Aligning Affordable Rental Housing Policy:** State and local agencies, rental property owners, and Federal agencies are collaborating through this initiative to align and simplify administrative requirements and reduce costs to expedite access to affordable housing.
- **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 (SCiInC):** 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.



### The Edge

**The Edge**, an online magazine, provides easily understood translations of PD&R and HUD partners' research, a message from the Assistant Secretary, and a wide range of information on housing and community development issues, regulations, and best practices.

## HUD USER eLists

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- What's new on *The Edge*.
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## HUD USER's Bibliographic Database

The Bibliographic Database contains annotated citations to research reports, articles, books, and data sources in housing policy, building technology, economic development, urban planning, and other related fields.

## Social Networking

The HUD USER Forum enables the exchange of information and ideas among housing and community development researchers, academics, policymakers, and practitioners. Follow HUD USER on Twitter or become a fan on Facebook for updates on the latest information posted to the website.



## 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.

## 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. OUP strives to support and increase these collaborative efforts through grants, interactive conferences, and housing and urban development-related research. Subscribers receive our quarterly eNewsletter *Partners in Progress*, highlighting research partnerships, grantees, anchor institutions, and other news.

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