The Location of Affordable Housing Across and Within the Largest Cities in the United States

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Motivation: National Report

Concerns About the Lack of Affordable **Housing Since at Least Ancient Rome**

- Always Known to Affect Lowest Income and a Couple of Large Cities on the Coasts
- Less is Known About Trends and Who is Affected in Other Large Cities in the United States

Importance of Quality Neighborhoods

- Higher Adult Earnings for Children of Subsidized Renters Raised in Low-Poverty Environments
- Majority of Subsidized Housing in High-Poverty Areas

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Goals for Today

1. Rental Housing Affordability Trends since '01

- Use Publicly Available Data from HUD for 50 Largest Cities
- Focus on Median Rents and Incomes since 2001
- **HUD Median 2-bedroom Rent Projections for 2022**

2. Changing Rental Burdens of Low-and Moderate-Income (LMI) Households

Use HUD Definitions of 60% AMI as Low-Income

3. Availability of Subsidized Rental Housing

Location of Public Housing, Vouchers, and LIHTC

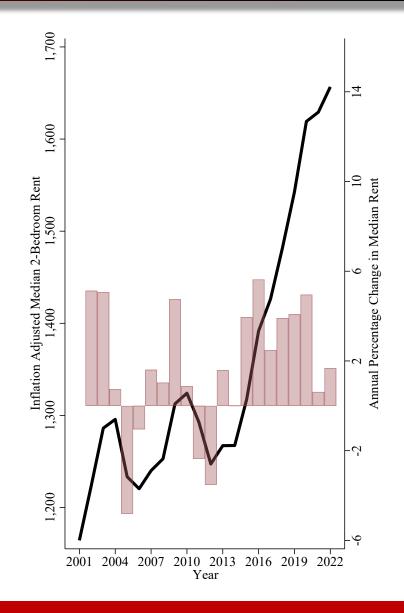
Median Rents in Top 50 Cities

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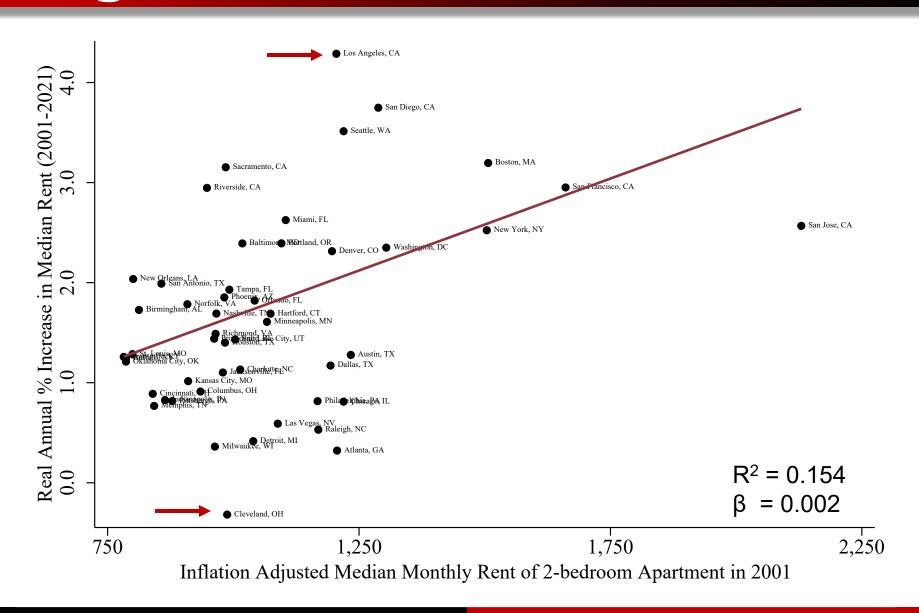
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Used for Income Eligibility and Subsidy Reimbursement Rates
- 2-bedroom Units with Utilities

Largest 50 Cities

- \$1,629 per month in 2021
- 5.1% Annual Increase since 2001
- 2.0% Above Non-Housing Inflation



Regional Real Rental Growth



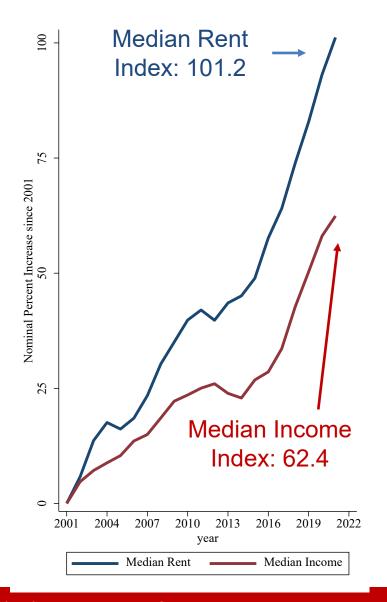
Relative Growth in Incomes

3-person Median Incomes

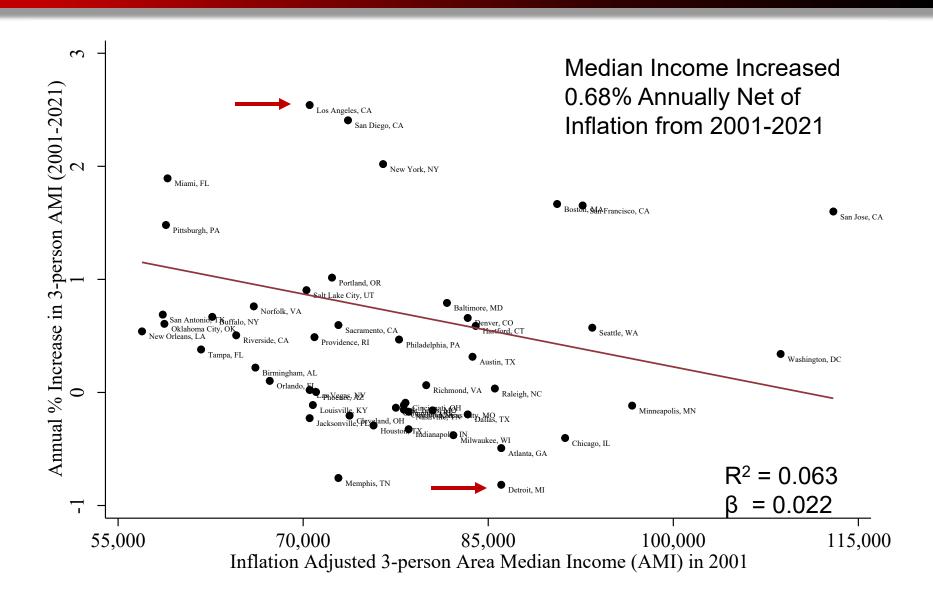
- \$91,836 in 2021 (Weighted Avg)
- 3.1% Annual Increase
- 0.68% Above Non-Housing Inflation Annually

Relative to Median Rent

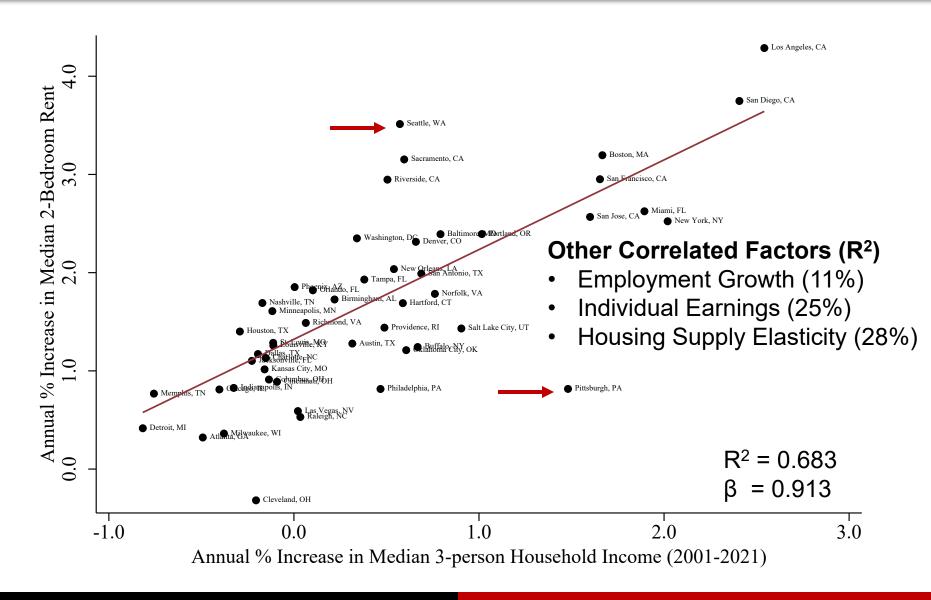
Median Rent Increased 194%
 Faster than Median Income



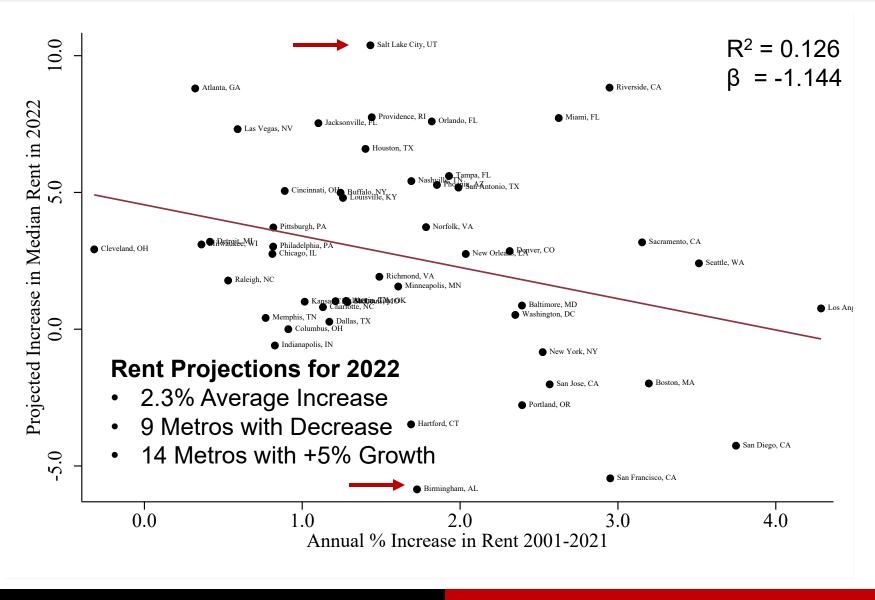
Real Median Income Growth



Median Rent v. Income Growth

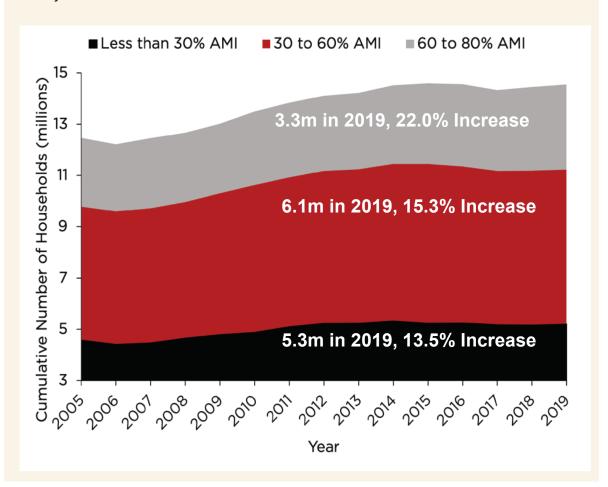


HUD Projected Rent Growth

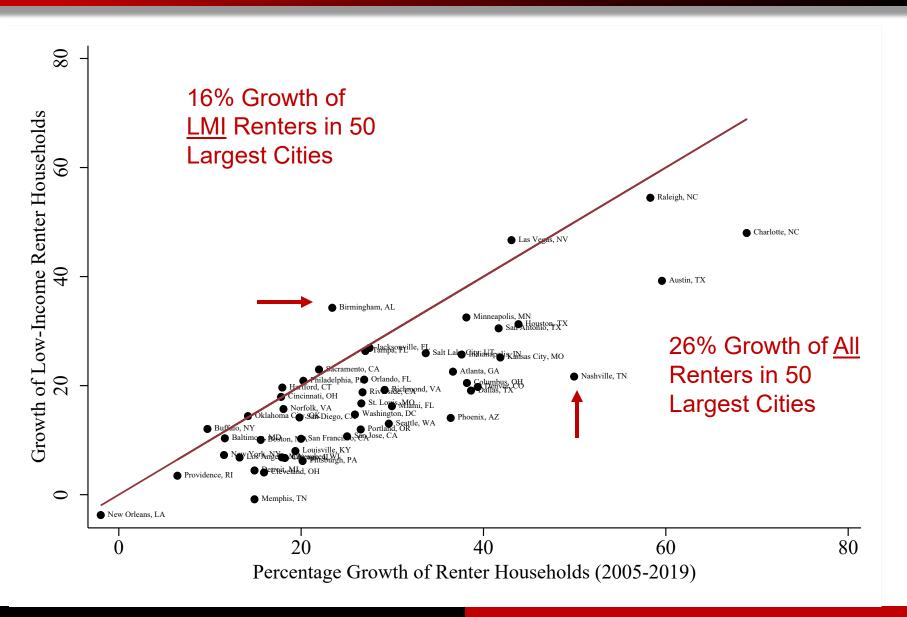


Growth of L&MI Renters

Figure 10. Total number of renter households in the 50 largest metropolitan areas who earned less than 30%, 60% and 80% AMI between 2005 and 2019.



Growth of LMI v. All Renters



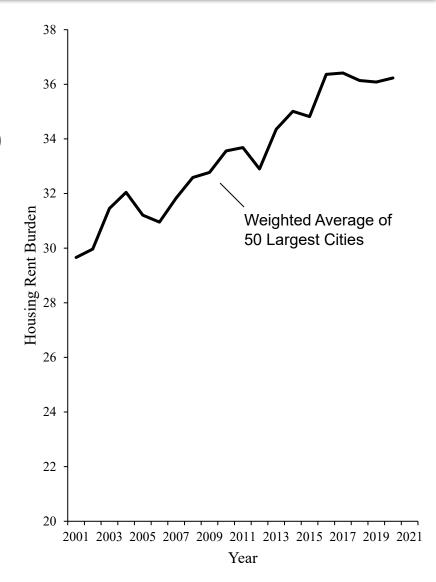
Measuring Affordability

Rental Burden

- % of Gross Income on Rent
- 2-bedroom unit w/ 60% AMI (3p)

Housing Affordability Gap

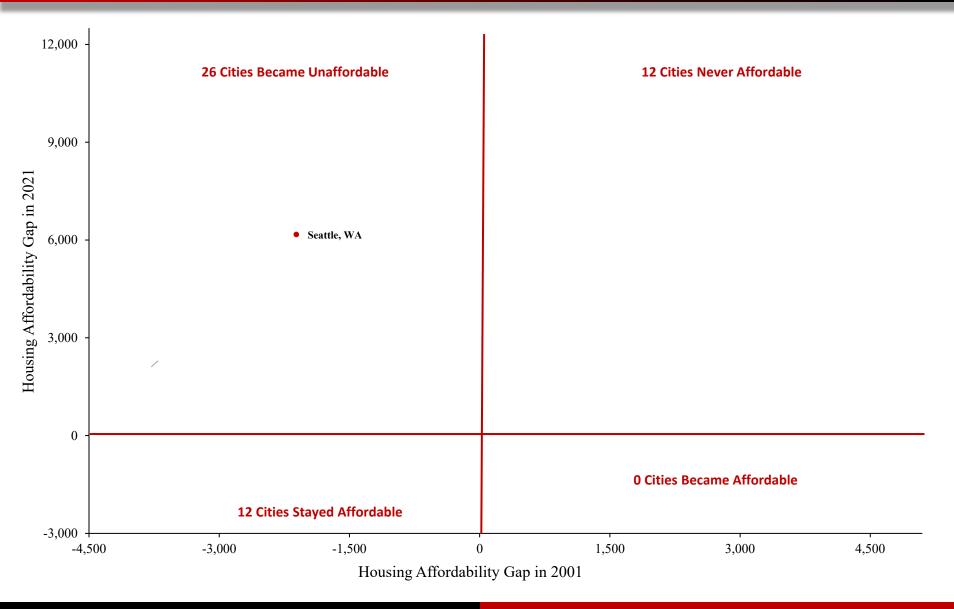
- Dollar Amount Needed for 60%
 AMI Household to Spend only 30% of Income to Rent Median
- Represents Minimum Housing Voucher (Section 8) Subsidy
- Negative Amount Indicates 60%
 AMI HH can spend less than 30%
 of Income to Rent Median Unit



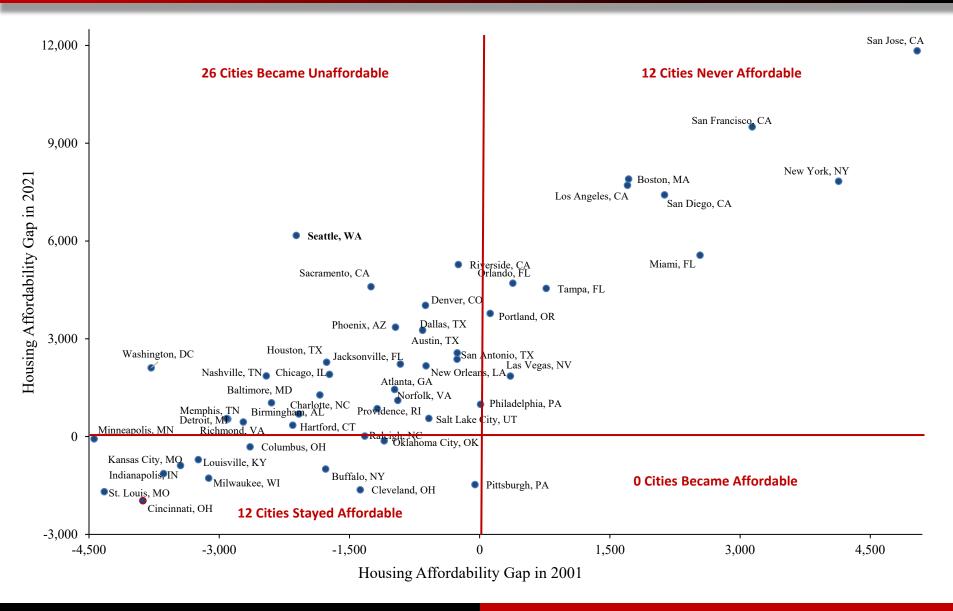
Affordability Gap (60% AMI)



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Rental Housing Subsidies

Traditional Public Housing

- Gov't Develops and Operates
- Tenant Pays 30% of Gross Income
- Rents Insufficient to Maintain Units

Housing Choice Vouchers

- Tenant Pays 30% of Gross Income
- Gov't Pays Private Landlord Gap Between Tenant Contribution and Fair Market Rent (40th or 50th Percentile)

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit

- Gov't Allocates Subsidy to Developers who Operates Rent-Restricted Units
- Income < 60% AMI; Rents < 18% AMI

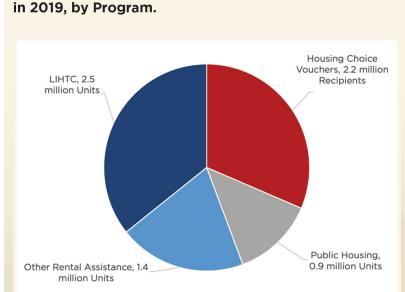
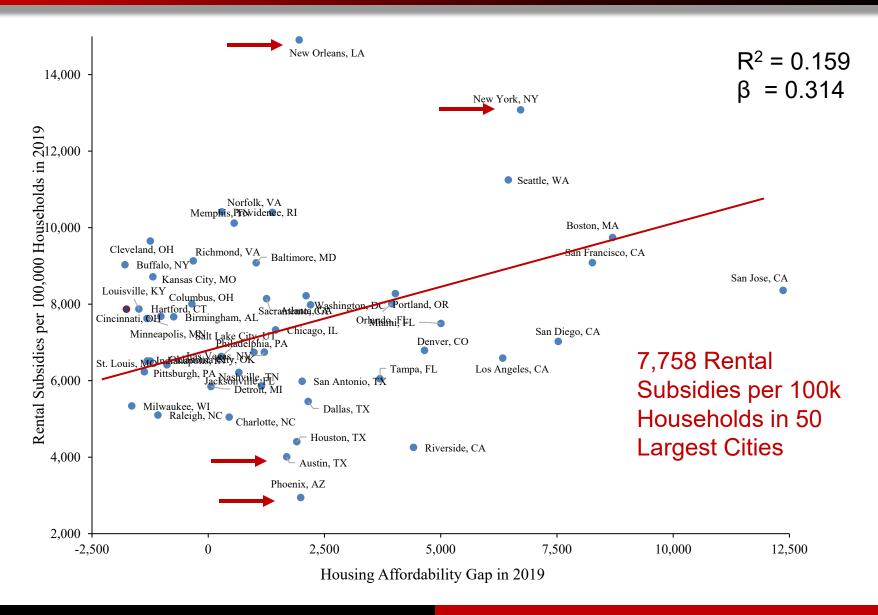
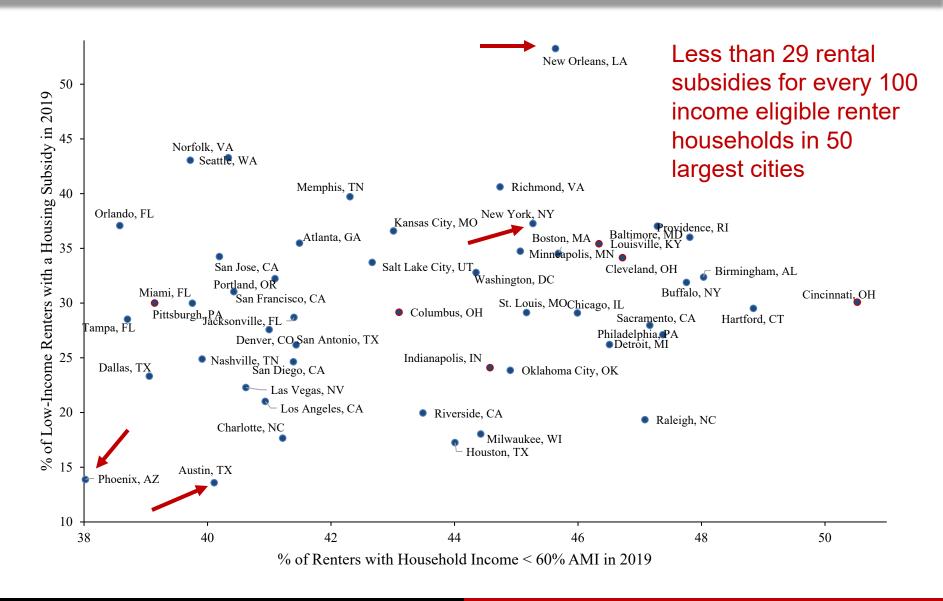


Figure C1. Rental Housing Subsidies

Rental Subsidies per 100k HHs

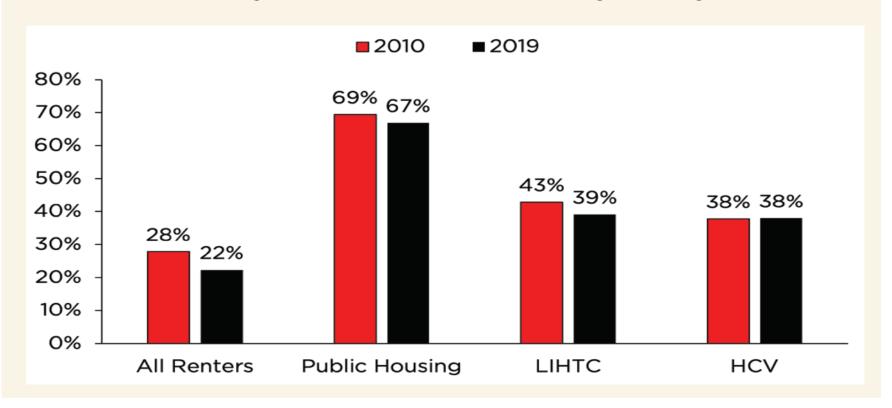


Rental Subsidies per Eligible



High Poverty Neighborhoods

Figure 14. Percent of subsidized renters who live in a Census tract with a poverty rate higher than a 20% in the 2010 and 2019 5-year American Community Survey.



Source: US. Dept of Housing and Urban Development Picture of Subsidized Households and LIHTC Database; American Community Survey

Summary & Implications

Summary of Key Findings

- Median Rents Increased 5.1%; Median Incomes 2.0%
- Rent Growth Correlated with Income and Supply Elasticity
- HUD Projects 2.3% Increase in 2022; Mean Reversion
- Increasing Number of LMI Renters; Slower than Non-LMI
- Significant Excess Eligiibility Remains for Rental Subsidies

How Can We Make Housing More Affordable?

- Lumber: Higher Cost of Materials; Reduce Tariffs & Innovate
- Land: Increasing Demand for Limited Supply; Document
- Legislative: Increasing Oversight & Uncertainty; Define Rules
- Labor: Reduced Supply of Trades; Attract, Retain and Train

Upcoming Housing Supply

Housing Units Under Construction, SA

