Displacement

LocalHousingSolutions.org includes a range of resources that can help cities, towns, and counties prevent displacement and help renters and homeowners stay in their homes.

**Brief: Increasing housing stability for renters and owners**

Households that can generally afford their housing costs may be vulnerable to eviction or foreclosure as a result of an unexpected expense or a personal emergency. Causes of instability and displacement beyond high housing costs include household-specific factors like medical crises and job loss, and neighborhood-level factors such as rising housing demand that leads owners of rental properties to sell or repurpose their properties to realize a higher rate of return. This brief describes local housing policies that can help to prevent displacement in these and other scenarios. [Read the brief](#)

**Selected local housing policies**

- Rent regulation
- “Just cause” eviction policies
- Protection from condo conversions
- Eviction prevention programs
- Legal assistance for at-risk renters
- Rights of first refusal
- Acquisition and operation of moderate-cost rental units
- Tax relief/circuit-breaker programs for income-qualified homeowners
- Foreclosure prevention programs

**Related content**

- [Video: What is affordable housing?](#)
- Resources on preservation of dedicated affordable housing
- Resources on preservation of market affordable housing
- Resources on gentrification
- Housing Policy Library section: Enhancing renters' housing stability
- Housing Policy Library section: Enhancing homeowners’ housing stability
- Explore external resources for displacement