

Homelessness and Affordable Housing

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Research Question

Can homelessness become cyclical due to economic factors relating to housing? If so, how does the cost of housing exacerbate the cycle amongst other factors and how can it be broken?

Goals:

Finding what are the main causes that leads to this large number of people experiencing homelessness

What is being done and what should be done to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness.

Our Research

- What leads to homelessness?
- What is the cycle of homelessness?
- What is the role of housing prices?
- What are effective responses?

Graphics

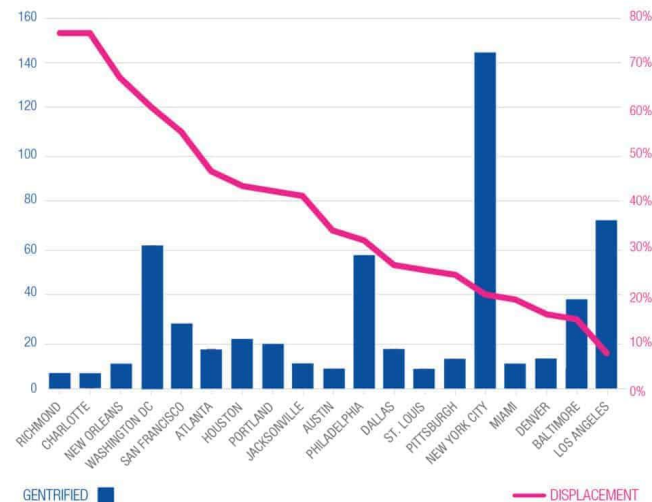
How Has the Number of People Experiencing Homelessness Changed?

TABLE 1: Literally Homeless By Jurisdiction, 2018 - 2019

Jurisdiction	2018	2019	Change in Number of Persons 2018-2019	Percent Change 2018 - 2019
City of Alexandria	226	198	-28	-12%
Arlington County	221	215	-6	-3%
District of Columbia	6,904	6,521	-383	-6%
Fairfax County	987	1,034	47	5%
Frederick County	316	286	-30	-9%
Loudoun County	134	169	35	26%
Montgomery County	840	647	-193	-23%
Prince George's County	478	447	-31	-6%
Prince William County	374	277	-97	-26%
TOTAL	10,480	9,794	-686	-7%

Source: COG 2019

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Intersectionality Of Fields

- An Issue of Concern to
 - Racial Disparity
 - Public Health
 - Sex Orientation and Gender Identity

Why Is This Important?

- Health of a City
 - Quality of life in cities are higher with lower rates of homelessness
 - Decrease in violent crime and property crime
 - Rates of homelessness is a metric for health of a city
- Moral arguments
 - Societal Responsibility

Awareness & Action

Criteria → Alternatives ↓	Most Feasible	Most Effective	Lowest Cost	Limited Reliance (Outside Support)	TOTALS
Funding for a Non-Profit	2	3	1	2	8
Volunteering at a Local Shelter	3	2	3	3	11
Food/Clothing Drive	1	1	2	1	5