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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS NEWS

HUD Posts Six Newsletters

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has posted six issues of its 2021 e-newsletter for [Choice Neighborhoods](#) grantees. Issues recently posted include:

- [April, Issue 97](#)
- [May, Issue 98](#)
- [June, Issue 99](#)
- [July, Issue 100](#)
- [August, Issue 101](#)
- [September, Issue 102](#)

You'll find links to all back issues of the Choice Neighborhoods e-newsletter on [this webpage](#).

GENERAL NEWS

PD&R Publishes "Worst Case Housing Needs 2021"

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) has published "[Worst Case Housing Needs: 2021 Report to Congress](#)." The report is the latest in a series started in 1991 on the needs of very low-income renters who pay more than half of their monthly income for rent, live in severely inadequate conditions, or both. Drawing on data from the American Housing Survey, the authors of the report discuss the shortage of affordable housing as well as the extent and nature of worst case needs.

The report finds that despite favorable economic conditions in the 2017–2019 period, worst case housing needs persisted across demographic groups, household types, and regions throughout the United States.

This report finds there were 7.77 million renter households with worst case needs in 2019, a substantial affordable housing problem although not significantly different from 2017 levels. The private market and public rental assistance programs together made available only 62 affordable units per 100 very low-income renters in 2019. The subsequent COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic recession that began early in 2020 poses great risk of widespread housing problems, a topic that is examined in a Special Addendum.

You'll find a link to the report on [this page](#) at [PD&R's website](#).

GoSection8.com is Now AffordableHousing.com

On September 13, 2021, GoSection8.com announced that it has changed its name to [AffordableHousing.com](#). The new site includes new features such as integrated map and affordability search tool, expanded intuitive search with school layering tool, and new Section 8 eligibility determination tool. To read more about the name change and new features, click [here](#).



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