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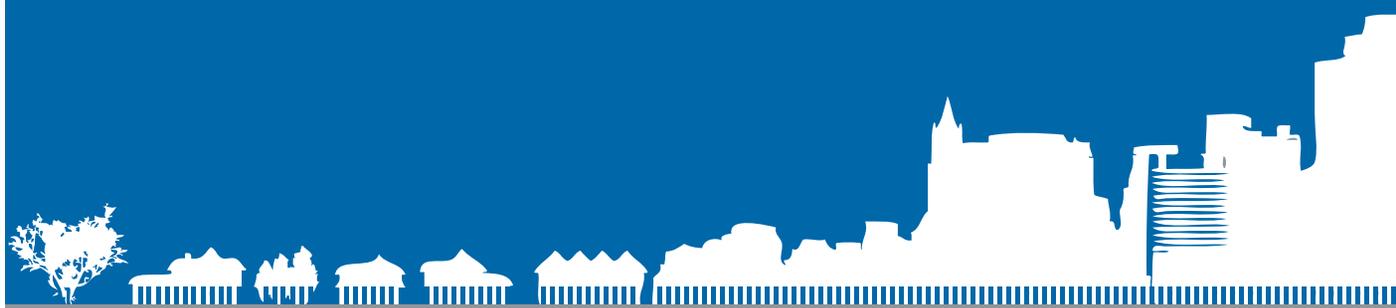
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U.S. Housing Market Conditions Portal (USHMC)

Use the USHMC portal to access all the national, regional, state, metropolitan, and local data and analysis in one location. Resources include Housing Market Profiles, Market-at-a-Glance data, Comprehensive Market Analysis reports and much more.



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Periodicals

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Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse (RBC)

RBC collects and disseminates information on creating and sustaining of affordable housing through a searchable database of state and local laws, regulations, and policies that promote housing affordability.



The Innovation in Affordable Housing Student Design and Planning Competition

The Innovation in Affordable Housing Student Design and Planning Competition gives multidisciplinary teams of graduate students the opportunity to respond to a real world planning and design challenge faced by a public housing authority. Finalists are invited to visit the site where they can see the challenges first hand and talk to community members. The teams later travel to HUD Headquarters to present their final projects in front of a live audience and a panel of jurors. Cash prizes are awarded to the winner and runner up.



A Consumer's Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes

The Consumer's Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes offers strategies to improve air quality and energy efficiency in an easy-to-navigate format. Using this online guide, consumers can access information about product options, energy audits, health assessments, and financial incentives for energy-efficiency improvements. The guide also provides links to more detailed, in-depth topical content from other federal agencies and allied organizations.

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