White House Monthly Rental Market **Roundtable Presentation**

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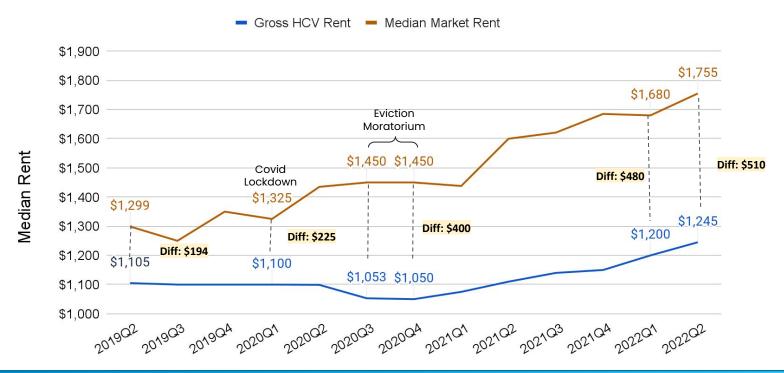




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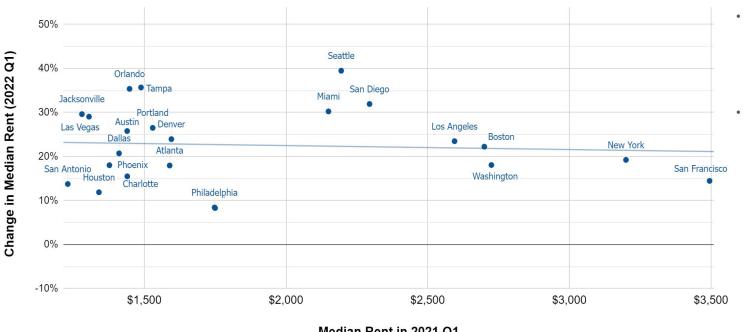
Difference between Median Market Rent and Gross HCV rent more than doubled since Q2, 2019

Rent Trends - 2 BR: Q2, 2019 to Q3, 2022



Rent Trends- City Level Comparison (2021 Q1 - 2022 Q1)

(2021 Q1 - 2022 Q1) Median Rent Change for 2 BR

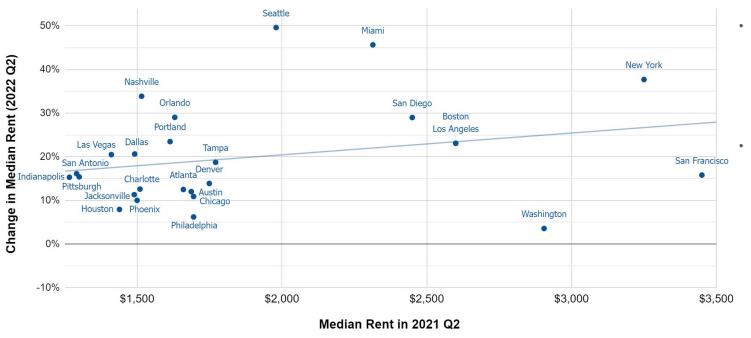


- Since 2021 Ol, rents in expensive cities increased as well
- Large, similar rent increases across geographies

Median Rent in 2021 Q1

Rent Trends- City Level Comparison (2021 Q2 - 2022 Q2)

(2021 Q2 - 2022 Q2) Median Rent Change for 2 BR



- Price increases
 remain steady and
 high in more
 affordable markets.
- But greater rent increases in expensive cities.

Data Sources

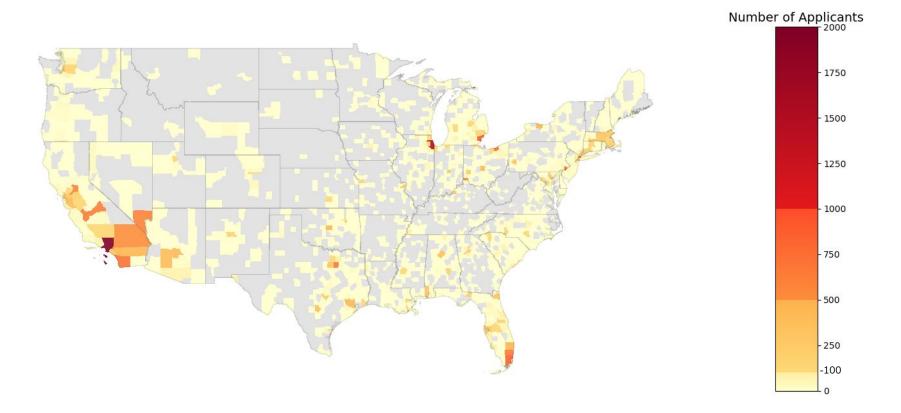
AffordableHousing.com Rental Applications

- 236k applications
- 43k unique applicants
- Submitted 3/2022 present

Survey on Rising Rents

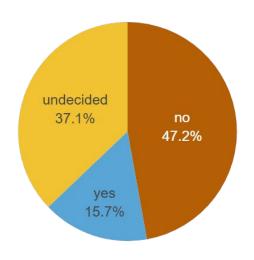
- Administered July 2022 to 4,000 applicants
- Response rate: 5.3%

Current Location of AffordableHousing.com Rental Applicants



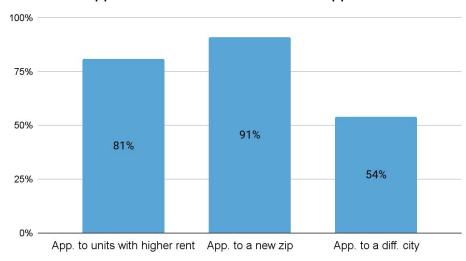
More than 80 percent of the people are applying to a new unit with higher rent and moving to a new zip code

Survey response on current lease renewal



 About 50% of the surveyed people will not renew their current lease

Application Data: Current Unit vs. Applied Unit

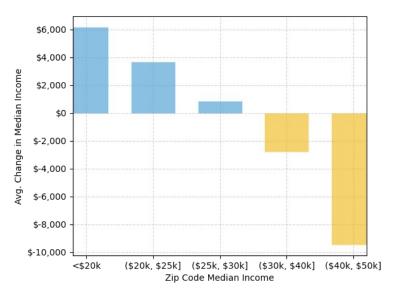


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Neighborhood characteristics

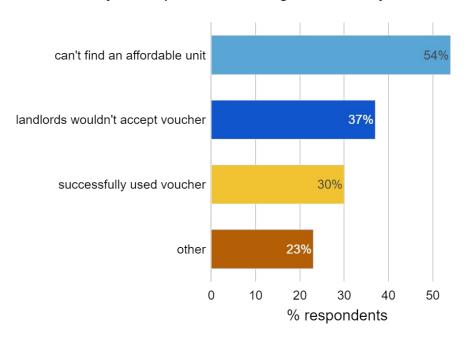
Median Income in Current Zip Code	% of Unique Applicants
<\$20k	12%
\$20k-\$25k	24%
\$25k-\$30k	27%
\$30k-\$40k	27%
\$40k-\$50k	11%

Difference in Median Income between Current Zip Code and Zip Code of Applied Units

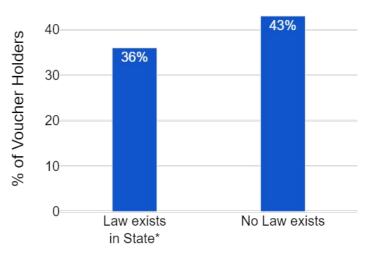


Large number of survey respondents with vouchers were not able to use their vouchers to find a unit

What was your experience finding a unit with your voucher?



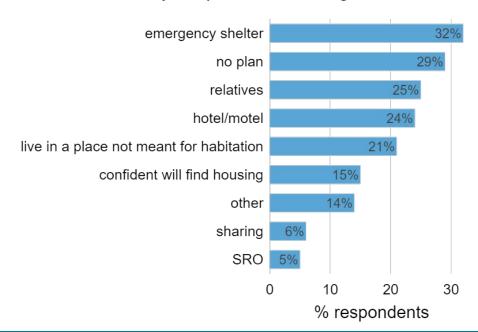
% of Surveyed Voucher Holders that responded "Landlord wouldn't accept voucher" (by SOI Law)



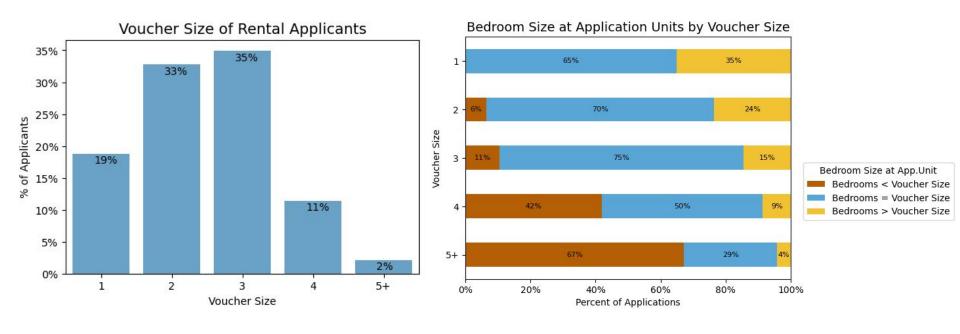
*Any SOI law with no exemption for Section 8 Vouchers

Most people opt for emergency shelter or relatives' homes when they are unable to secure housing before the end of their lease

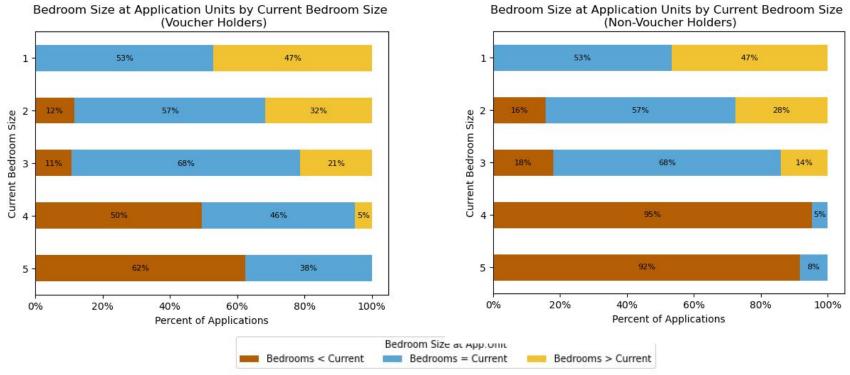
If you cannot secure housing before your lease expires, what would be your plan for housing?



Smaller size voucher holders are more likely to apply for larger units than the voucher size

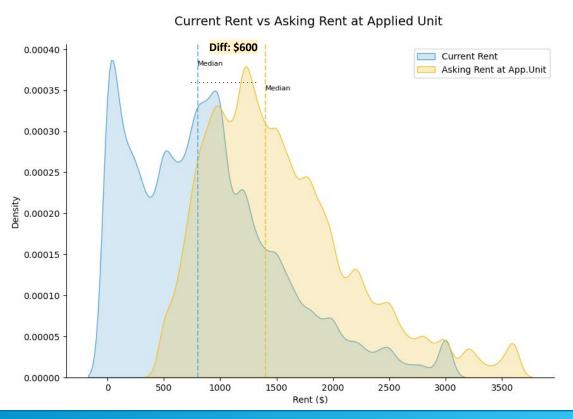


Non-voucher holders are applying to smaller apartments than their current apartment

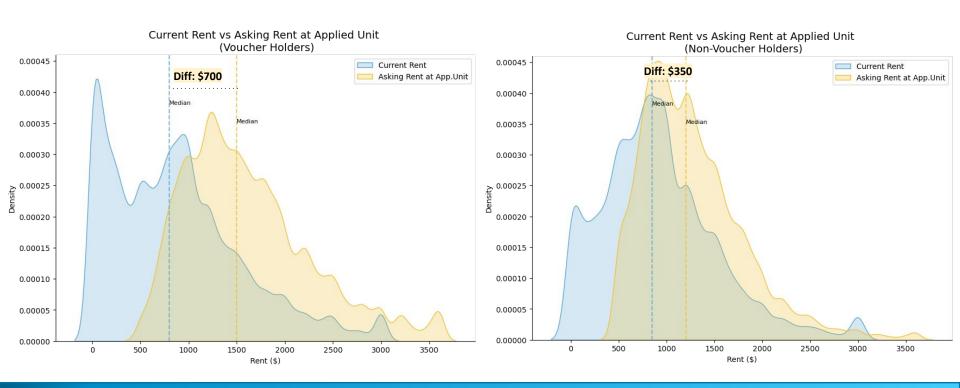


^{*} Analysis on the survey responses (current bedroom size) merged with application data

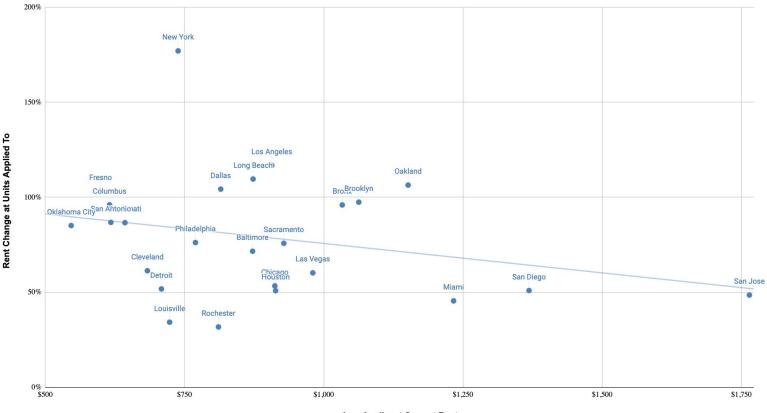
On average, people are applying to units with rent \$600 more than their current rent



The difference between current rent and the rent at the applied unit is double for voucher holders than non-voucher holders

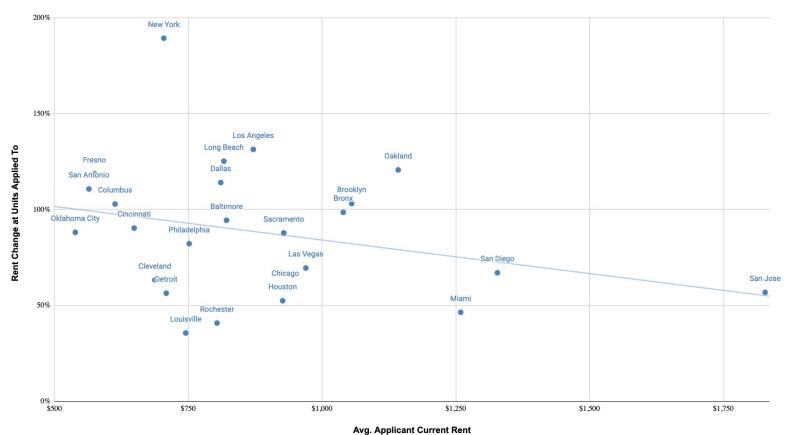


Current Rent vs Application Asking Rent

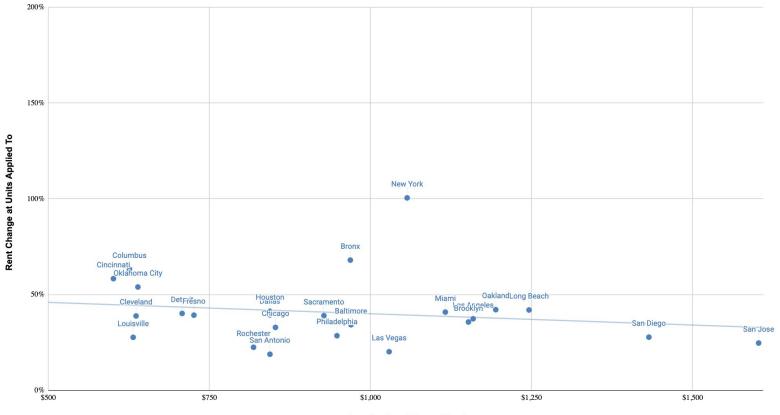


Avg. Applicant Current Rent

Current Rent vs Application Asking Rent (Voucher Holders)



Current Rent vs Application Asking Rent (Non-Voucher Holders)



Avg. Applicant Current Rent

Next steps

- Where people are applying to (locations, distance from home, opportunity areas, etc.)* + quality of neighborhood
- Change in rent for new voucher holders specifically* -- somebody who was just issued a voucher vs somebody who was issued a voucher for some time -- may not have data by Oct ppt
- How voucher issuance affects market rent
- Reasons to move from current residence * (application data)

- Timing of application compared to current lease
- HUD survey
- Survey on neighborhood characteristics

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