

## Resources to learn more about racial inequity in housing

Our housing policy work must address systemic racism. That is why the [Cost of Home Policy Platform](#) calls for advocates and policymakers to acknowledge and address the well-documented historic patterns of racial discrimination in housing and land use policies — at all levels of government — that still impact the makeup and opportunities of our communities. The killing of George Floyd and protests in response have elevated the ongoing impacts of systemic racism, which have been a reality for black communities for centuries.

Below are a few resources that explain how racial discrimination in housing has shaped the makeup of our communities today and the ways in which disasters like the COVID-19 pandemic only further exacerbate racial inequities in housing. These resources are key tools to support your Cost of Home advocacy efforts. Through the Cost of Home campaign, we are advocating for many policies that promote racial equity and you will see more tools to support advancing these policy solutions soon.

This list is a small subset of a large array of resources and is focused specifically on resources to support your advocacy and policy efforts through the campaign. If there are resources you have found helpful for your advocacy and policy work to promote racial equity in housing, we encourage you to share those with us by emailing [costofhome@habitat.org](mailto:costofhome@habitat.org).

### Essential Reads:

1. [The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America](#): In this book, Richard Rothstein exposes how persistent segregation in America is the byproduct of explicit, discriminatory housing policies implemented at every level of government. You can find a short film based on the book [here](#).
2. [Mapping Inequality](#): This tool created by professors across multiple universities allows anyone to access redlining maps from communities around the country. Communities such as Charlottesville and Seattle are using these maps to create specific policies.
3. [Time for Justice: Tackling Race Inequalities in Health and Housing](#): This article from Brookings focuses on data showing the extent, causes, and impacts of housing segregation and discusses policy recommendations to shrink the racial divide.
4. [New Data Suggest COVID-19 is Widening Housing Disparities by Race and Income](#): This article from the Urban Institute finds that Black, Latino and lower-income households are struggling to cover housing costs and are more likely to experience housing instability during COVID-19.
5. [A Look at Housing Inequality and Racism in the U.S.](#): This article from Forbes gives an overview of racial disparities in homeownership and how these disparities relate to recent protests.

### Additional Resources:

1. [Racial Equity During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic](#): This webinar from the National Low Income Housing Coalition features an interview with Dr. Ibram X. Kendi.

2. [How the Fair Housing Act Failed Black Homeowners](#): This article from CityLab examines the lasting impacts of redlining.
3. [Racial Residential Segregation and Neighborhood Disparities](#): This article from the U.S. Partnership on Mobility from Poverty focuses on the impacts of racial, residential segregation.
4. [A Shared Future: The Interdependence of Housing and School Segregation](#): This article from the Joint Center for Housing Studies discusses the relationship between housing and education.
5. [The Role of Housing Segregation in America's Systemic Racism](#): This short video from NPR examines the long-lasting impacts of housing segregation.
6. [How Economic Crises and Sudden Disasters Increase Racial Disparities in Homeownership](#): This Urban Institute article examines the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on racial equity and housing.
7. [Linking Housing Challenges and Racial Disparities in COVID-19](#): This article from Enterprise discusses how systematic discrimination in housing is exacerbating health disparities during the COVID-19 pandemic and gives some guiding principles for policy responses.
8. ['One Paycheck Away' from Homelessness: Housing Inequality Fuels U.S. Protests](#): This Reuters article discusses the relationship between housing and recent protests.
9. [Using Data to Assess Fair Housing and Improve Access to Opportunity](#): This guide from the Urban Institute describes types of data and how to think strategically about using data for community organizations supporting equitable housing. The guide contains details on national and local data sources related to demographics and segregations, housing, land use, disability, education, employment, environment, health, and public safety.
10. [Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership](#): In this book, Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor explores the consequences of exploitative real estate practices that continued after housing discrimination was banned.