

RESEARCH FOCUS:

Housing Stability

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Housing stability is one of the most critical policy issues of our time, and traditional policy levers have failed to catalyze the change needed to provide safe, affordable housing for all populations. The Price Center conducts a wide range of research to improve housing stability through a community-driven process of piloting and testing new practices, bringing them to scale, and ultimately diffusing those practices into systems change.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

■ [Incentivizing Affordable Housing in High-Opportunity Neighborhoods](#) (2021)

Ann Owens and Rebecca Brooks Smith

This brief summarizes original research that examined recent policy changes to California's LIHTC program that incentivize affordable housing production in high opportunity areas.

■ [How do Renters Cope with Unaffordability?](#) (2020)

Jovanna Rosen, Sean Angst, Soledad De Gregorio, and Gary Painter

In light of the housing affordability crisis in Los Angeles, this report shares the findings of a door-to-door survey of renter households to better understand the impacts of the crisis and how they differ across populations.

■ [The Pervasive Impacts of Rent Increases in City Heights](#) (2020)

Jovanna Rosen, Victoria Ciudad-Real, Sean Angst, and Gary Painter

This report examines the findings of focus groups with low-income City Heights renters, who face homelessness or displacement as rent prices increase in Southern California.

■ [The Homelessness Policy Research Institute](#) (Ongoing)

The Homelessness Policy Research Institute (HPRI) is a collaborative of over seventy researchers and policymakers that accelerate equitable and culturally informed solutions to homelessness in Los Angeles County by advancing knowledge and fostering transformational partnerships between research, policy, and practice.

"At the Price Center, identifying new models and approaches to addressing housing instability is central to what we do. As part of this, homelessness is an important area of focus. It's a crucial time to study this issue, particularly in California where the unhoused population has grown 15% in the past three years."

—Dr. Gary Painter

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