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**COVID-19 HOUSING  
 POLICY SCORECARD**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Safe, stable, and decent housing has always been central to ensuring health and stability. Today, with the United States focused on containing the COVID-19 pandemic, the broader and longstanding issue of income and housing insecurity has quickly become paramount to the health of an entire nation.

As a stopgap measure, state and local governments, as well as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), have issued partial emergency eviction and foreclosure moratoriums to prevent families and individuals from losing their homes during the COVID-19 outbreak. These emergency measures vary greatly in form and degree of protection. While some of the moratoriums block evictions today, the vast majority still allow for widespread eviction as soon as state and federal emergency declarations expire.

To prevent the deleterious health consequences of eviction and an escalating economic crisis, states are beginning to pursue strategies to ensure safe, decent, and stable housing during and after the pandemic.

To better understand the steps states have taken to prevent homelessness during and after the pandemic, the Eviction Lab and Columbia Law School's Professor Emily Benfer have developed a policy scorecard for each state, distilling the contents of thousands of newly-released emergency orders, declarations, and legislation into a clear set of critical measures included in, and left out of, state-level pandemic responses related to eviction and housing.

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STATE	RENTING POPULATION	RATING
<p><b>CONNECTICUT</b></p> <p>Measures in place until <b>October 1, 2020.</b></p> <p>State score: 4.15/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	1,057,962	<a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a>
<p><b>MASSACHUSETTS</b></p> <p>Measures in place until <b>October 17, 2020.</b></p> <p>State score: 4.15/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	2,214,898	<a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a>
<p><b>WASHINGTON, D.C.</b></p> <p>State score: 4.00/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	359,585	<a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a>
<p><b>WASHINGTON</b></p> <p>Measures in place until <b>October 15, 2020.</b></p> <p>State score: 3.75/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	2,499,304	<a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a>
<p><b>OREGON</b></p> <p>Measures in place until <b>September 30, 2020.</b></p> <p>State score: 3.65/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	1,448,791	<a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a>
<p><b>NEVADA</b></p> <p>State score: 3.55/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	1,254,199	<a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a>
<p><b>MINNESOTA</b></p>	1,359,971	

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Measures in place until the end of Minnesota's public health emergency.

State score: 3.53/5.00

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**ILLINOIS**

3,920,658

Measures in place until September 19, 2020.

State score: 3.25/5.00

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**PENNSYLVANIA**

3,457,067

Measures in place until August 31, 2020.

State score: 2.88/5.00

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**VERMONT**

157,514

State score: 2.48/5.00

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**HAWAII**

540,198

Measures in place until August 31, 2020.

State score: 2.35/5.00

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**NEW JERSEY**

2,924,825

Measures in place until 60 days after the end of the public health emergency or state of emergency declaration, whichever ends later.

State score: 2.08/5.00

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**CALIFORNIA**

17,035,151

Measures in place until 90 days after the end of California's state of emergency declaration.

State score: 1.80/5.00

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**NEW YORK**

8,207,322

Measures in place until September 4, 2020.

State score: 1.75/5.00

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**FLORIDA**

7,157,164

Measures in place until September 1, 2020.

State score: 1.58/5.00

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**ARIZONA**

2,462,278

Measures in place until October 31, 2020.

State score: 1.40/5.00

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**MONTANA**

305,301

Measures in place until the end of Montana's state of emergency declaration.

State score: 1.33/5.00

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**DELAWARE**

259,631

State score: 1.08/5.00

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**VIRGINIA**

2,646,746

Measures in place until September 7, 2020.

State score: 0.80/5.00

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**ALASKA**

237,900

State score: 0.75/5.00

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<p><b>COLORADO</b></p> <p>Measures in place until <b>September 10, 2020.</b></p> <p>State score: 0.63/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>1,789,202</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>KENTUCKY</b></p> <p>State score: 0.63/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>1,353,300</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>MARYLAND</b></p> <p>State score: 0.63/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>1,831,677</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>KANSAS</b></p> <p>Measures in place until <b>September 15, 2020.</b></p> <p>State score: 0.60/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>871,031</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>IDAHO</b></p> <p>State score: 0.58/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>487,848</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>MICHIGAN</b></p> <p>State score: 0.58/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>2,585,932</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>OHIO</b></p> <p>State score: 0.58/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>3,545,527</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>NEW MEXICO</b></p> <p>State score: 0.53/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>638,056</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>INDIANA</b></p> <p>State score: 0.50/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>1,855,681</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>IOWA</b></p> <p>State score: 0.50/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>790,918</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>MAINE</b></p> <p>State score: 0.50/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>315,084</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>MISSISSIPPI</b></p> <p>State score: 0.50/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>915,762</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b></p> <p>State score: 0.50/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>329,259</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>NORTH DAKOTA</b></p> <p>State score: 0.50/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>235,766</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>OKLAHOMA</b></p> <p>State score: 0.50/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>1,270,040</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>RHODE ISLAND</b></p> <p>State score: 0.50/5.00</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW OUTLINE</a></p>	<p>365,613</p>	<p><a href="#">VIEW FULL REPORT</a></p>
<p><b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b></p>	<p>1,473,765</p>	

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**UTAH**

824,044

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**WISCONSIN**

1,678,088

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**NORTH CAROLINA**

3,342,061

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**GEORGIA**

3,603,768

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**WEST VIRGINIA**

455,507

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**WYOMING**

161,204

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**ALABAMA**

1,434,431

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**ARKANSAS**

963,380

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**LOUISIANA**

1,502,811

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**MISSOURI**

1,810,957

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**NEBRASKA**

567,089

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**SOUTH DAKOTA**

240,172

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**TENNESSEE**

2,118,314

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**TEXAS**

9,601,665

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