

## ***Resources on affordable housing and homelessness***

### ***Myths about Homelessness***

#### **The 12 Biggest Myths about Homelessness in America**

Silver School of Social Work professor Deborah K. Padgett's scholarship upends common assumptions about substance abuse, mental illness, and 'bad choices.

<https://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2019/september/HomelessQandA.html>

### ***Does a homeless shelter cause increased crime and lower property values in the surrounding neighborhood?***

#### **Combatting Homelessness: A Data Driven Approach**

By Kaushik Devireddy, Raymond Kuan, Martin Liu, and David Shao

Data on crime and property values around homeless shelters.

[https://thisisstatistics.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/HighSchool\\_SevenTreesStats\\_Presentation.pdf](https://thisisstatistics.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/HighSchool_SevenTreesStats_Presentation.pdf)

#### **D.C. residents fret over shelter plan, citing crime and property values**

*Washington Post*, February 27, 2016

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/social-issues/dc-residents-fret-over-shelter-plan-citing-crime-and-property-values/2016/02/27/7be82f4c-d978-11e5-925f-1d10062cc82d\\_story.html?tid=a\\_classic-iphone&no\\_nav=true](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/social-issues/dc-residents-fret-over-shelter-plan-citing-crime-and-property-values/2016/02/27/7be82f4c-d978-11e5-925f-1d10062cc82d_story.html?tid=a_classic-iphone&no_nav=true)

#### **Not in My Neighborhood**

##### **Does a shelter make a community less safe, or cause home values to drop?**

By [Amanda Kippert](#), Domesticshelters.org

[https://www.domesticshelters.org/articles/housing/not-in-my-neighborhood#google\\_vignette](https://www.domesticshelters.org/articles/housing/not-in-my-neighborhood#google_vignette)  
[Social Issues](#)

#### **After the Shouting, Do Shelters and Supportive Housing Harm Neighborhoods?**

Jesse Coburn, February 25, 2015, Citylimits

<https://citylimits.org/2015/02/25/after-the-shouting-do-shelters-and-supportive-housing-harm-neighborhoods/>

#### **Property values around homeless shelters, Peggy Blair, blog, Kiss and Tell, March 13, 2018**

<https://peggyblairrealtor.wordpress.com/2018/03/13/what-impact-do-homeless-shelters-have-on-property-values/amp/>

#### **Effect of Emergency Winter Homeless Shelters on Property Crime.**

Sara-Laure Faraji, RAND Corporation; Greg Ridgeway, Department of Criminology, Department of Statistics, University of Pennsylvania; Yuhao Wu, Department of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania, *Journal of Experimental Criminology*.

[https://crim.sas.upenn.edu/sites/default/files/Ridgeway\\_Effect%20of%20Emergency%20Shelters-v5\\_1.2.2018.pdf](https://crim.sas.upenn.edu/sites/default/files/Ridgeway_Effect%20of%20Emergency%20Shelters-v5_1.2.2018.pdf)

*The main cause of homelessness is lack of affordable housing.*

**Affordable housing needs by state**

National Low Income Housing Coalition. <https://nlihc.org/housing-needs-by-state/virginia>

**Projected needs for affordable housing in Fairfax County and strategic plan for affordable housing**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/communitywideplan>

**Housing Blueprint: Goals for affordable housing programs**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/data/housing-blueprint>

**Fairfax County efforts to end homelessness**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/>

**2020 Point-in-Time count of people experiencing homelessness**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/highlights-2020-point-time-count-people-experiencing-homelessness>

**Strategic plan for county-owned affordable housing**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/data/strategic-plan>

**All the details on affordable housing federal programs in Fairfax County**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/data/consolidated-plan>

**County evaluation of how it has used federal funds for affordable and fair housing**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/data/caper>