

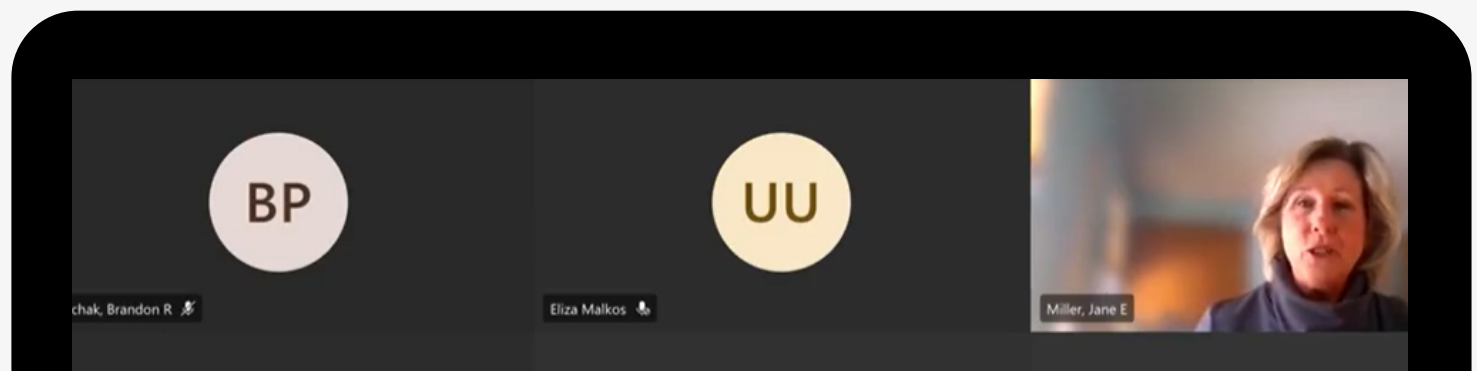


# HUDLines

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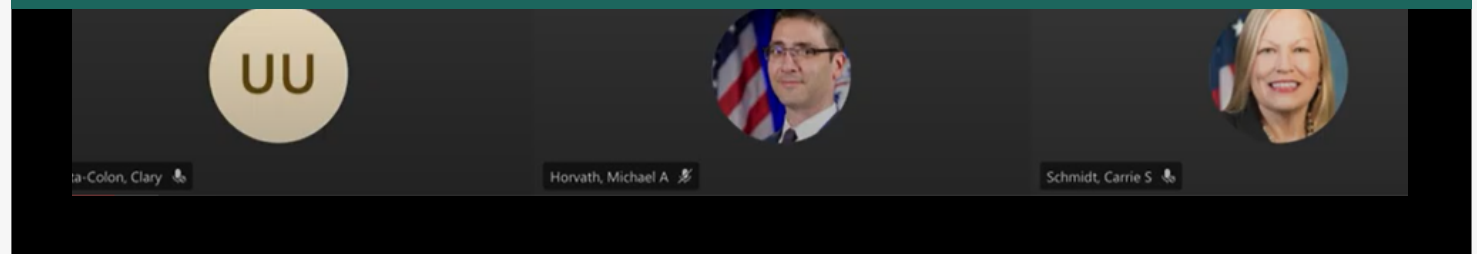


**Spring 2021 edition of HUDLines**, HUD's Region III e-News Brief, provides you with a snapshot of what's new in the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Mid-Atlantic region. You'll find periodic updates on HUD activities in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. So, read on to find the latest stories and announcements on housing and community development initiatives throughout the region.



## Economic Empowerment Webinars

Raising Awareness of Section 3 in the Mid-Atlantic Region  
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# A Message from the Deputy Regional Administrator



**L**ast year around this time, the nation was at the threshold of a major health crisis. Life as we knew it was about to change, turning our sense of normalcy upside down and our homes into offices.

In my own reflections, I think of how quickly I transitioned from being the director of HUD's Pittsburgh Field Office to deputy regional administrator. It has been a tumultuous time, but I'm proud to serve in my new role, especially during this critical period in our nation.

In the region, we stand ready to work alongside our partners and stakeholders to support the priorities of the Biden-Harris Administration—whether that's making sure communities can access COVID-19 relief through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) or simply doing our part to increase affordable housing through the American Jobs Plan.

We will persist in this COVID-19 environment. Our placed-based initiatives will help guide the way to recovery, ensuring our most vulnerable populations have what they need to get back on their feet.

I can't wait to hear uplifting stories of how the ARP is changing lives for the better. And soon, I hope to meet our new Secretary face to face.

Welcome, Secretary Marcia L. Fudge, on behalf of the entire Mid-Atlantic team.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane E. Miller".

Jane E. Miller

Deputy Regional Administrator



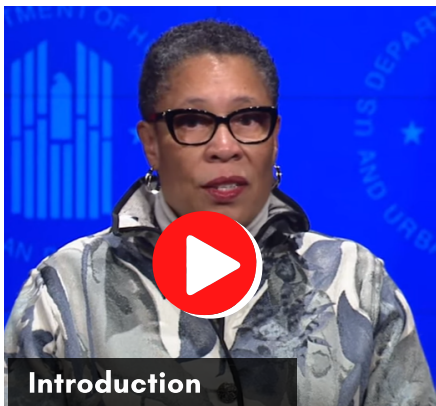
# AT THE HELM:

## Secretary Marcia L. Fudge

In March, Secretary Marcia L. Fudge was sworn in as the 18th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Since then, she has made a number of important announcements and statements, discussing efforts to expand and preserve affordable housing. Here are a few of her video messages and funding announcements.

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Throughout my life of public service, my purpose has always been to do the most for those who have the least.



**Introduction**



**Homelessness**



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### In Case You Missed It

Statement by HUD Secretary Fudge on the President's FY22 Discretionary Funding \$5 Billion to Increase Affordable Housing to Address Homelessness  
Nearly \$700 Million Allocated for Affordable Housing



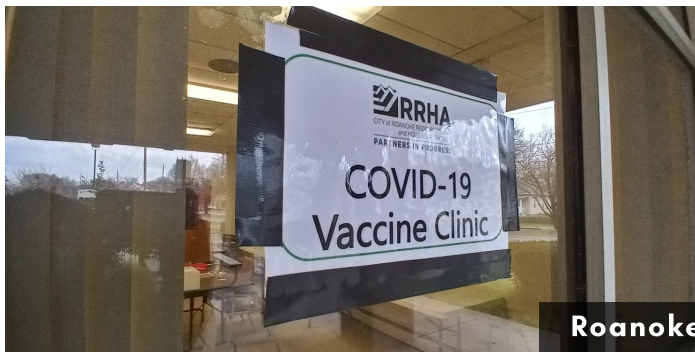
# AROUND THE REGION

Photos capture COVID-19 vaccination efforts underway at HUD-assisted housing developments



Philadelphia, Pa.

"I volunteered for the COVID-19 vaccine to assure PHA [Philadelphia Housing Authority] residents that it is safe," said PHA board chair Lynette Brown-Sow. "I trust the science and encourage others to do the same."



Roanoke, Va.



Wilmington, Del.



Washington, D.C.

Why did you get vaccinated?



Williamson, W.Va.



# AROUND THE REGION

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Photos capture COVID-19 vaccination efforts underway at HUD-assisted housing developments



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Woodbridge, Va.



Seniors at Woodbridge Affordable Housing Community Receive COVID-19 Vaccine

*Photo courtesy of Fellowship Square*



The Housing Authority of the City of Frederick

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Thanks to the [Frederick Community Action Agency](#) and The [Frederick County Health Department](#), we were able to vaccinate over 100 members of our community in three days!! Amazing things are accomplished when we work together for the greater good. Thank you! It was a great success!

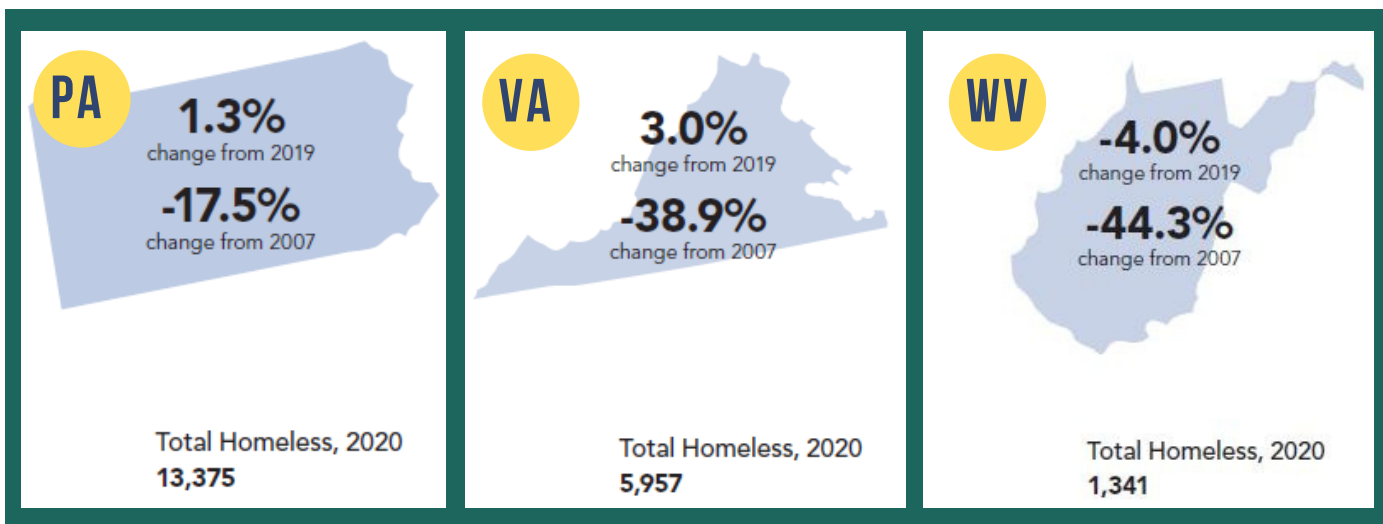
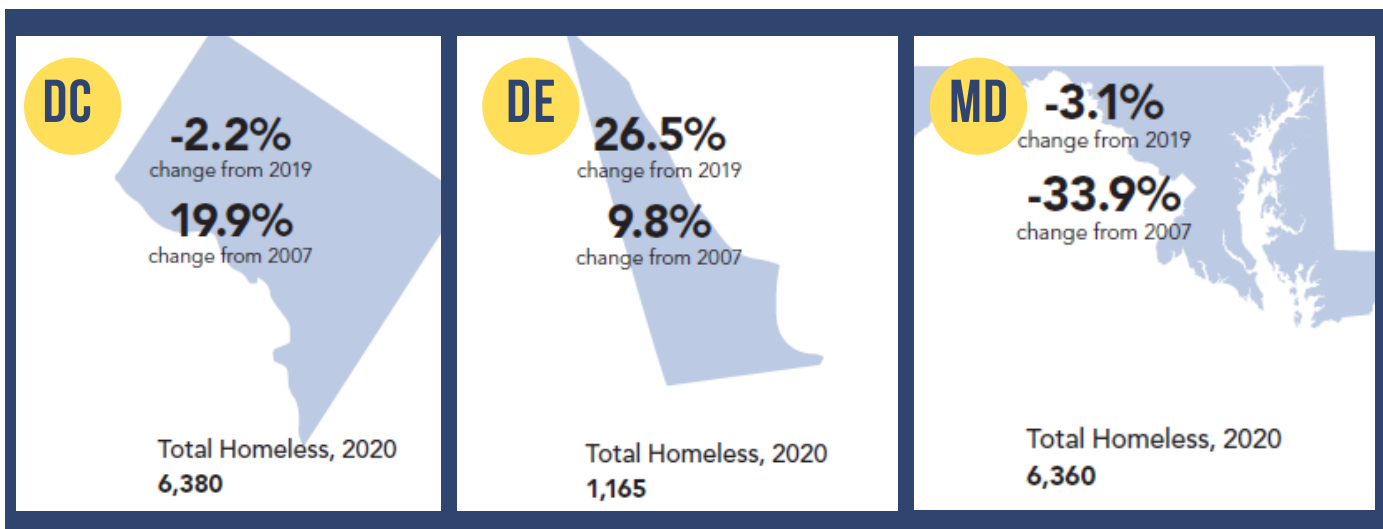


Frederick, Md.

# HOMELESSNESS

## Regional findings of AHAR Part 1

Part one of HUD's 2020 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress is now available. The report found that overall homelessness increased by an average of 3.5 percent across the Mid-Atlantic region between 2019 and 2020. [Learn more.](#)





# THE IMPACT:

How HUD funding is making a difference in communities

Sherita Jackson, a former public housing resident, shares how she became a homeowner in Wilmington, Delaware, through HUD's Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program.

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The outcome of owning my home just made me want to keep going.



## QUICK LINKS

### News You Can Use Now

- [Extensions of the Federal Housing Administration's foreclosure and eviction moratoriums](#)
- [Extension of Centers for Disease Control's eviction moratorium](#)
- [Prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity](#)
- [HUD COVID-19 vaccine listening session](#)

### Funding Opportunities

- [Older Adults Home Modification Grant Opportunity](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions: Older Adults Home Modification Grant Program](#)

- [A Vaccine Near You: Community-based access strategies](#)
- [Host a HUD Strong Families vaccine event](#)
- [HUD housing contracting opportunities in the North Capital Area](#)
- [Partnerships that foster Nutrition Security, Resilience, and Food Justice](#)

### Policy Development and Research (PD&R)

- [PD&R Mid-Atlantic Housing Market Conditions](#)
- [FY 2021 Income Limits](#)

# IN THE LOOP

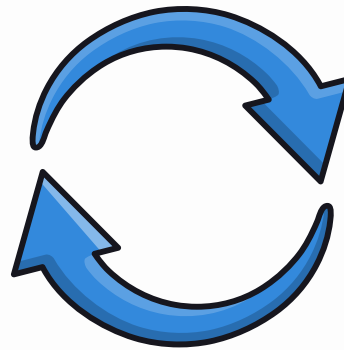
Major news and events

## April is Fair Housing Month

Each April, HUD observes Fair Housing Month. This year's theme, *Fair Housing: More than Just Words*, focuses on raising awareness of everyone's right to fair housing, taking the nation back to the basics. Fifty-three years later, HUD's enforcement of the Fair Housing Act is still going strong, with the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to advance equity in housing. Read the Fair Housing Month [proclamation](#).

## Kickoff Program

Did you miss the Fair Housing Month kickoff held April 7? Watch it [here](#).

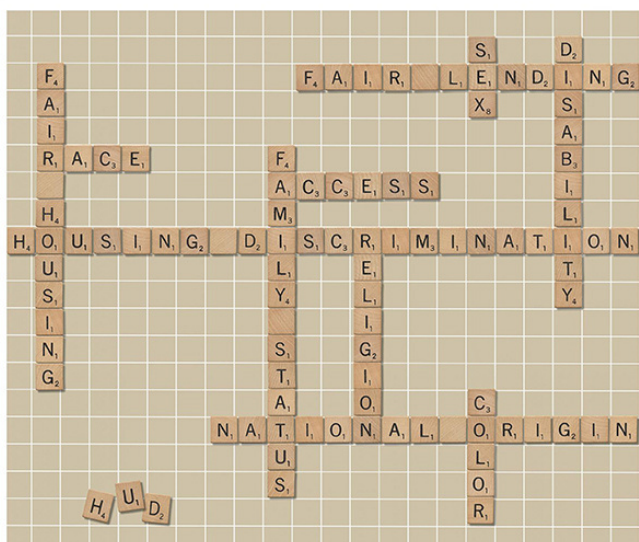


## Fair Housing News

In March, HUD announced major fair housing news in Pennsylvania. The [first announcement](#) involved the settlement with apartment complex owners and managers in the Philadelphia area, resolving claims of disability discrimination at 19 apartment complexes. A few weeks later, the [Department announced](#) it is charging the husband-and-wife owners of apartments in Oil City, Pa., with sexual harassment and retaliation against a female resident. [Learn more](#).

# Fair Housing:

## MORE THAN JUST WORDS



**FAIR HOUSING:** More than just words on a gameboard, **IT IS THE LAW.**

If you feel you have experienced housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and family status, contact HUD at **1-800-669-9777** (voice), **1-800-877-8339** (Federal Relay), online at [www.hud.gov/fairhousing](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing), or your local fair housing organization.

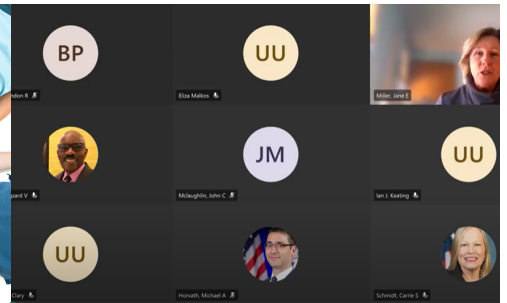


**KNOW  
YOUR  
RIGHTS!**



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### Mixed Status Rule Withdrawal

HUD withdrew a proposed rule that would have impacted families of mixed immigration status for HUD-subsidized housing. Because this proposed rule was not finalized, there are no changes to HUD programs that must be implemented. Current eligibility requirements for HUD programs will not change. [Learn more](#) by contacting Sheppard.V.Williams@hud.gov, 215.430.6628.

### Reducing Youth Homelessness

HUD partnered with the Administration for Children and Families and the National Center for Housing and Child Welfare in March to hold a regionwide information session on an initiative designed to permanently house and support vulnerable young adults who have aged-out of the foster care system. Learn more by contacting Marisa.I.Gonzalez@hud.gov, 215.430.6645.

### Mid-Atlantic Section 3 Webinars

Across the region, [Business](#) and Economic Empowerment Webinars are being held on Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. Recent changes to the Section 3 rule, finding and posting job and training opportunities and reporting requirements have been discussed. For more information or to schedule a meeting, contact John.C.McLaughlin@hud.gov, 215.430.6647.



**HUD Mid-Atlantic's Office of Field Policy and Management** responded to more than 10,000 inquiries from HUD-assisted households and the general public between March 2020 and March 2021.

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