

Modeling Regional Impacts of Affordable Housing

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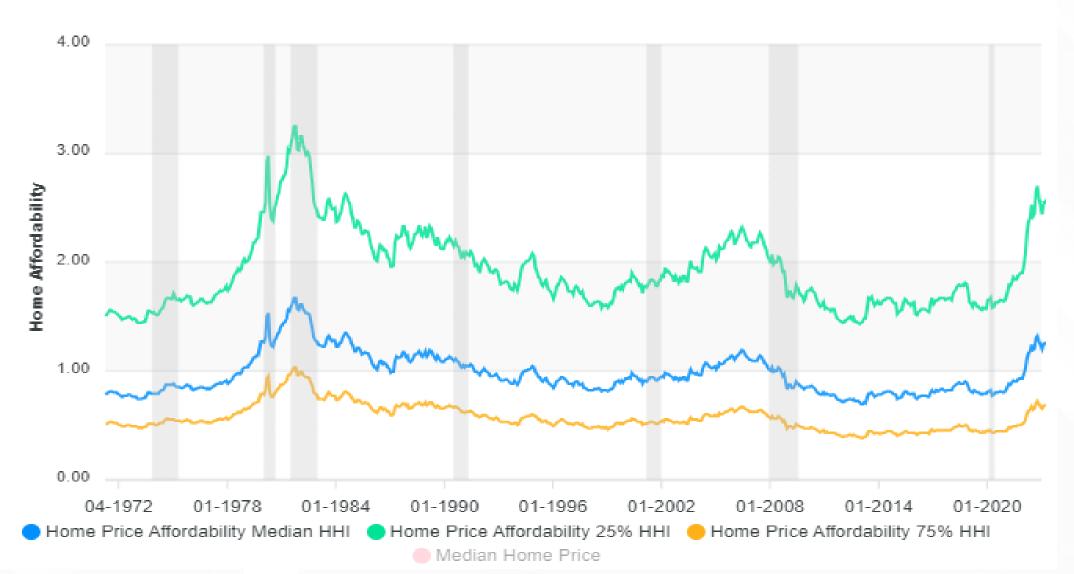
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Erratic Behavior of Home Affordability Index



Home Price Affordability in the United States (DQYDJ)





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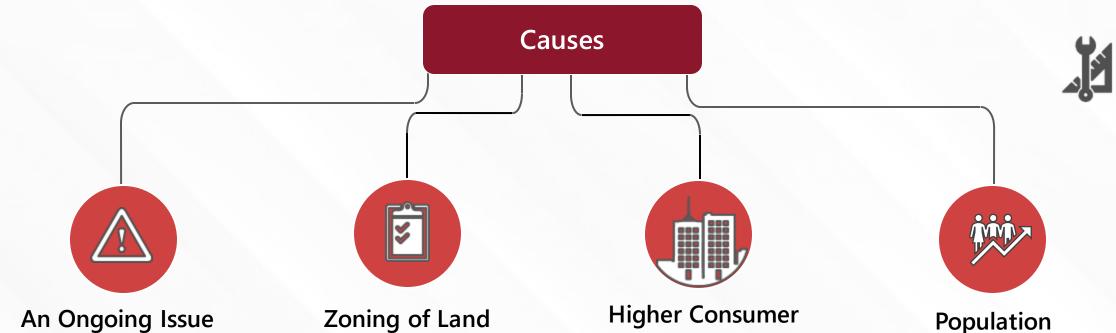
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Housing Crisis in the US





There has been a constant housing shortage for the last century which was only made worse through the pandemic.

Due to restrictive zoning regulations, the density and type of homes that can be built on specific land is limited.

Consumers are demanding larger homes, with better amenities, which required higher input costs.

Standards

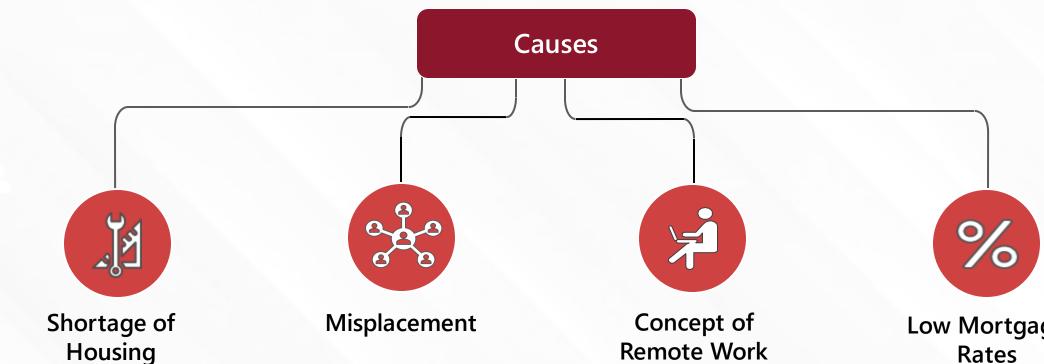
Population Increase

As the population has been increasing every year, more resources are required to meet the demand

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Exacerbating Factors





Due to limited working capability during the pandemic, supply of new housing could not meet the demand

Many low-income housing units are occupied by households with higher incomes

Pandemic brought about a different lifestyle which allowed people to move to any desired location

Low Mortgage Rates

To drive economic growth, the FED instituted monetary policies which made it easy to buy houses



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Decreased Consumer Spending

- 70% of low-income families spend more than half their income on rent
- Less available income to be spent on goods and services which would drive economic growth

Rapid Population Changes

- Many departed highcost regions for more affordable ones
- Puts a strain on the infrastructure of "underdeveloped regions"
- Economies of older neighborhoods start to decline

Increased Homelessness

- 580,000+ people are experiencing homelessness on any given night
- Causes mental issues to the individual eventually leading to more drastic issues

How can policy mitigate these consequences?



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Potential Policy Changes



Objective

Strategy

Impact

Build, Baby, Build

Relax Zoning

Modify residential zoning so that more homes can be built on a piece of land

Increase Housing Supply

Build on expanded zones, supply of housing increases, also creates construction jobs

Avg. Price drops

As the supply of homes increases, the average price decreases



Progressive Tax

Institute progressive income tax, which could help subsidize rental prices

Allocate revenue

Decrease the disposable income of those who do not need affordable housing and use that revenue to assist with housing development

Decrease Disposable Income

Less money to spend on housing will drive down prices



Make it Easier for People to Move

Increase public transportation options from lower income areas to areas with high paying job opportunities

Increase Transportation Options

Allows for more people to access higher paying jobs

Allow Access to Better Jobs

Allows people from lower income areas to earn better wages and grow their personal wealth

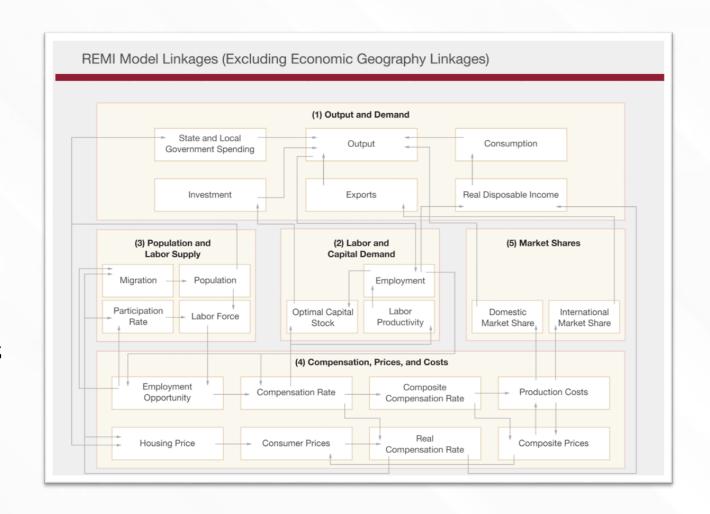
Model Simulation: REMI PI+





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