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The *Guide* includes almost 70 chapters describing programs and issues, as well as current policy proposals. The *Guide* represents the work of many national and local advocacy groups who have generously provided substantive information. Several appendices include information on the federal legislative process and effective lobbying strategies and tactics. *April 2009*

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Renters in Foreclosure: Defining the Problem, Identifying Solutions

The debate on how to aid families and communities hardest hit by the foreclosure crisis has largely ignored renters. This report not only finds that renters make up roughly 40% of families facing eviction due to foreclosure, with a disproportionate number having low incomes, but offers insight as to how government policies can mitigate the problem. *January 2009*

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Housing Assistance for Low Income Households: States Do Not Fill the Gap

An update of NLIHC's 2001 report on state rental assistance programs. Since that time, the number of financially troubled renters has grown significantly. The new findings suggest that, despite progress, state programs have been unable to fill the void left by the federal government's lagging commitment to decent housing for every American. *October 2008*

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Getting to the Heart of Housing's Fundamental Question: How Much Can a Family Afford?

This report provides advocates with the necessary context for current policy discussions over the setting of rents and income limits by examining the historical origins and evolution of the Brooke Rule, which says that a household should spend no more than 30% of its income on housing costs. This report also examines current proposals for reform that promote a residual income approach, which looks at the income available for housing relative to the other expenses in a family's budget. *February 2008*

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Housing at the Half: A Mid-Decade Progress Report from the 2005 American Community Survey

Analysis in this report shows that, as housing costs grew significantly relative to income from 2001 to 2005, all income groups experienced a decrease in their ability to afford housing, but the steepest decline was in the lowest income brackets. This report assesses the shape of low income housing nationwide, at the state level, and over time, and includes both implications and recommendations for housing policy. *February 2008*

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Who's Bearing the Burden? Severely Unaffordable Housing

This analysis of the American Community Survey reveals that extremely low income (ELI) households did not find relief from severe housing cost burdens in any state in 2003. This finding comes from an analysis of state level housing cost burden data for income categories based on "HUD's FY2003 Income Limits" and HUD's proposal in 2005 to change the income targeting of the Housing Choice Voucher program. Contrary to HUD's claims, nowhere in the U.S. is there a shortage of ELI households who need housing assistance. The report provides graphs, maps and a data appendix that with state-by-state housing cost burden data. *August 2005*

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Up Against a Wall: Housing Affordability for Renters

This report looks at the available data from the 2003 American Community Survey supplementary survey for states, the nation's largest counties, and many of the cities within those counties. *November 2004*

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Changing Priorities: The Federal Budget and Housing Assistance 1976-2005

The report provides an overview of HUD budget trends from 1976 through 2005 as measured in inflation-adjusted dollars. The report also looks at assisted housing as a proportion of HUD's budget authority, addresses spending trends for a number of major HUD programs, and shows who benefits from federal housing subsidies. Through graphs and text, *Changing Priorities* provides advocates with a comprehensive picture of the federal commitment to affordable housing. *October 2004*

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America's Neighbors: The Affordable Housing Crisis and the People it Affects

Nearly 65 million low income people – 24% of the entire U.S. population – are experiencing problems including cost burdens, substandard conditions, overcrowding or homelessness. This report uses data from the 2001 American Housing Survey to paint a picture of those who are impacted by the country's lack of affordable housing. *February 2004*

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Losing Ground in the Best of Times: Low Income Renters in the 1990's

The 1990's were a time of economic expansion but the rising tide did not lift all boats. Despite improved income and housing conditions for many Americans, housing problems became more concentrated among the lowest income renter households, and their access to affordable rental units declined. Using HUD Special Tabulations of 1990 and 2000 Census data, this report examines national and state-level trends during the decade and discusses policy implications of the results. *February 2004*

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