

# Evictions in Virginia

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5 of the Top 10 Highest Eviction Rate Cities are in Virginia

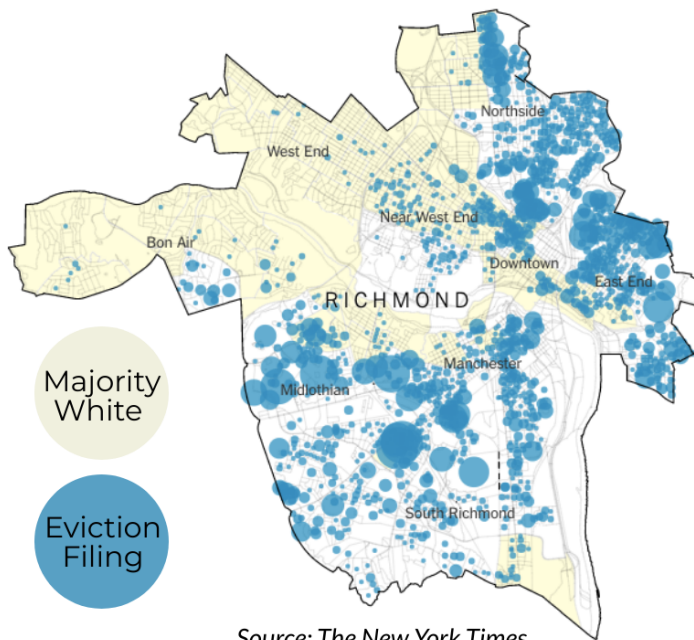
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Virginia's Eviction Rates are Second Highest in Nation

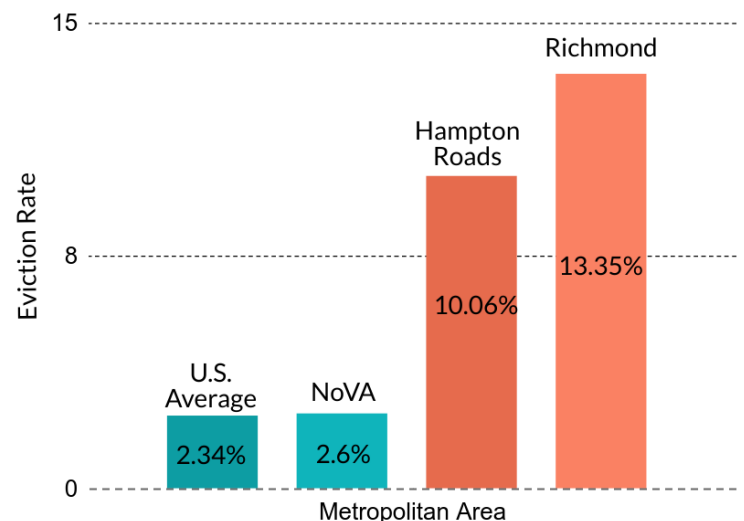
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17 Evictions Each Day in Richmond

High eviction rates in Virginia indicate an unstable housing market which causes harmful effects on economic, educational, and health outcomes.



## Evictions by Metropolitan Area



## Potential Solutions

### Legal Assistance for Tenants

Tenants facing eviction rarely have legal representation. Programs piloting pro bono legal assistance to low income renters have shown significant decreases in eviction judgements.

### Financial Literacy Programming

Often coupled with legal assistance, financial advising can provide low income renters with guidance in reducing the risk of eviction.

### Payment Plans for Late Rent

40% of Americans would struggle to cover a \$400 surprise expense, which can manifest itself in a late rent payment. Allowing tenants to setup payment plans for late rent may help them to get back on track.

### Invest in Affordable Housing

Focusing on the root issue of unaffordable housing, especially in predominantly nonwhite neighborhoods, by incentivizing developers to increase the supply of affordable units is a more ambitious long term solution.