

Gentrification Study

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Gentrification and Displacement

An under-valued neighborhood that becomes desirable, which results in lower income households being displaced due to the loss of affordable housing.





Gentrification Challenge

Public goal of improving neighborhoods for current residents often results in making neighborhood more attractive, which can lead to rising rents and values and involuntary displacement.





Portland Plan

Strategies to address gentrification:

- Affordable Housing
- Business Development
- Tracking and Evaluation





Neighborhood Change Typology

Select indicators but meaningful distinctions

Gentrification =

- Housing market trends upward
 - Value and appreciation
- Displacement
 - Vulnerable populations
 - Demographic change





Displacement Indicators

Vulnerability in 2010

- Renters >= 44%
- People of Color >=25%
- Income at or below 80% MFI >=47%
- Without a Bachelor's degree >= 58%

Compared to Citywide Average





Displacement Indicators

2000-2010 Demographic Change Indicators

- Greater Increase in median household income
- Greater Increase in population with a bachelor's degree
- Greater Decrease in share of renters
- Decrease in share of people of color

Source: 2006-2010 ACS, 2000 Census Threshold is the 2000-2010 Portland-wide change









Housing Market Condition Factors

Adjacent

Low or moderate 2010 value Low or moderate 2000-2010 appreciation Adjacent to high value/high appreciation tract

- Accelerating Low or moderate 2010 value High 2000-2010 appreciation
- Appreciated Low or moderate 1990 value High 2010 value High 1990-2010 appreciation









Neighborhood Typology

- Low-income/low-value
- Susceptible
- Early
- Dynamic
- Late
- Continued loss
- High-income/high-value







Project Evaluation in At-Risk Areas

- Drilldown in a neighborhood on...
 - Demographics and underrepresentation
 - Housing conditions and vulnerabilities
 - Economic development opportunities
 - Environmental justice concerns

Assess need for mitigating tools or opportunities to enhance vitality





Gentrification Strategy

- On-going Monitoring
- Project Evaluation
- Program Alignment with PDC and PHB
- Investigate New Initiatives





Discussion Questions

- How does a gentrification strategy fit in relation to Portland's broader set of goals and needs?
- With limited resources, which changing neighborhoods should be addressed first?
- Could an anti-displacement goal mean an entirely different set of City priorities?
- Which policy tools should Portland implement?



