

# Information On Vacancies And IG Community Views On Their Impact: GAO D-HUD

Vacancies in residential and commercial properties have a profound impact on communities across the United States. This in-depth report, commissioned by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), delves into the prevalence and consequences of vacancies, capturing the perspectives of community members and identifying potential solutions to address this pressing issue.



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### Prevalence of Vacancies

The report provides a comprehensive analysis of vacancy rates in the United States, drawing on data from the American Community Survey and other sources. The findings reveal that vacancy rates vary significantly

across regions and property types. For instance, rural areas tend to have higher vacancy rates compared to urban areas, and single-family homes exhibit higher vacancy rates than multi-family units.

Persistent vacancies can lead to a range of negative consequences, including property deterioration, reduced property values, and increased crime. Additionally, vacancies can exacerbate social issues such as homelessness and poverty.

### **Community Views on Vacancies**

To understand the lived experiences of community members, the report incorporates qualitative research, including interviews and focus groups with residents, community leaders, and other stakeholders. The findings highlight the diverse perspectives on vacancies and their impact on community wellbeing.

Many community members expressed concern about the negative effects of vacancies, such as increased blight, reduced safety, and decreased property values. They also emphasized the need for proactive measures to prevent and address vacancies, including code enforcement, rehabilitation programs, and community engagement initiatives.

### **Potential Solutions to Vacancy Issues**

The report outlines a range of potential solutions to address vacancy issues, drawing on best practices and innovative approaches from across the country. These solutions include:

- **Enhancing Code Enforcement:** Strengthening code enforcement measures can help prevent properties from falling into disrepair and

becoming vacant.

- **Rehabilitation Programs:** Providing financial assistance and technical support for property rehabilitation can help bring vacant properties back into use.
- **Community Engagement:** Engaging community members in vacancy prevention and revitalization efforts can foster ownership and accountability.
- **Incentives for Affordable Housing:** Offering incentives to developers and landlords to create or maintain affordable housing can help reduce vacancy rates and stabilize communities.

This comprehensive report provides valuable insights into the prevalence and impact of vacancies in the United States, exploring the perspectives of community members and shedding light on potential solutions. The findings emphasize the need for a multifaceted approach to address vacancy issues, involving collaboration between government agencies, community organizations, and residents.

By implementing evidence-based solutions and engaging community stakeholders, policymakers and community leaders can work together to reduce vacancy rates, revitalize neighborhoods, and improve the quality of life for all.



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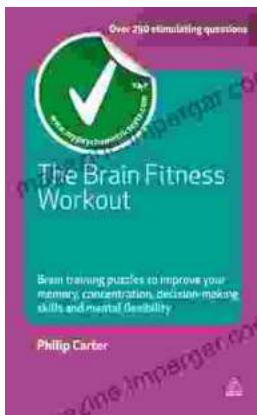
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