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FAIR HOUSING CENTER RELEASES NEW REPORT ON FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS ACROSS INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS –Today, the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) releases a supplement report, *The State of Fair Housing in Indiana – A Review of Fair Housing Complaints 2019-2023*, which analyzes fair housing complaints filed during HUD fiscal years 2019-2023, along with other key updates. This report builds off the FHCCI’s 2020 report *The State of Fair Housing in Indiana – Fair Housing Complaint Filing 2000-2018*.

“We strive to provide reports to better inform the public about fair housing issues, including who is being most impacted by housing discrimination,” states FHCCI Executive Director, Amy Nelson. “Education and knowledge are power, and providing reports like this new one allows us and our constituents to understand what is happening across the Indiana housing industry.”

Some highlights from the report:

- A total of 1,313 fair housing complaints were filed across the State of Indiana during HUD FY 2019-2023. The largest number of fair housing complaints were filed in 2021 with 297 complaints filed, followed by 287 in 2022 and 283 in 2023. There was an increase of 17.9% in total filed complaints from FY 2019 (240 complaints) to FY 2023 (283 complaints).
- During FY 2019-2023, Allen County had the highest number of filed complaints (305), while Marion County (224), Lake County (123), and St. Joseph County (121) followed. A total of 20 counties had no fair housing administrative complaints filed during this time. Most of those counties are considered rural areas with smaller populations.
- Over the five-year timespan, we found that most fair housing allegations were filed in the eleven counties making up the Indianapolis metro area (402 of 1,666 total allegations), while the second most allegations came from the 71 counties labeled as “Balance of State” making up non-metro areas in the rest of the state (395 allegations) – a similar pattern to complaints filed.
- There has been a fairly steady increase in both total complaints and total allegations since FY 2000. In FY 2000, there were 159 complaints filed with 177 allegations statewide, whereas in FY 2023 there were 283 complaints containing 350 allegations. The increased rate of allegations tells us that filed fair housing complaints are also containing more allegations of different protected classes within them.
- The most frequent allegation of housing discrimination in Indiana over the reviewed FY 2019-2023 period was disability (38.3% of complaints), followed by race (29.2%), and sex (11.8%). Familial status (8.1%), retaliation (5.8%), national origin (4.8%), color (1.2%), and religion (0.8%) followed.
- When observing based on county, not metro area, from FY 2019-2023, Allen County had the most allegations (377), with Marion County (274), St. Joseph County (178), Lake County (175), and Vanderburgh County (97) following.
- Of the 1,649 complaint closures during FY 2019-2023, a total of 305 closure actions were due to conciliation

or settlement, or 18.5%. During FY 2019-2023, a total of 1,001 complaints were labeled as “No Cause,” which accounts for 60.7% of the total resolutions from the fiscal years analyzed. This shows the challenges for a complainant in receiving a favorable outcome. In fact, the lowest type of resolution was “Admin/Litigation/FHAP Closing – Complainant’s Favor” with only 94 total closures, or 5.7% of total resolutions, during FY 2019-2023.

“We are all protected by fair housing laws, but only if we know our rights and responsibilities can we truly eradicate housing discrimination,” explained FHCCI Deputy Director of Administration & Advocacy, Brady Ripperger. “With this report, we hope to bring awareness of where additional outreach or advocacy needs to occur.”

Filed Complaints and Allegations in Indiana, FY 2019-2023										
Fiscal Year	Total Com-plaints	Total Allegations	Color	Disabili-ty	Famil-ial Status	Nation-al Origin	Race	Reli-gion	Retali-ation	Sex
2019	240	315	0	126	23	16	90	3	22	32
2020	206	256	3	107	26	8	62	1	11	38
2021	297	372	12	120	42	18	117	2	13	48
2022	287	373	4	138	26	20	115	5	24	41
2023	283	350	1	147	18	18	102	3	27	34
Total	1,313	1,666	20	638	135	80	486	14	97	193
2019-2023 Average	263	333	4	128	27	16	97	3	19	39
Percent of Total Allegations		100%	1.2%	38.3%	8.1%	4.8%	29.2%	0.8%	5.8%	11.6%

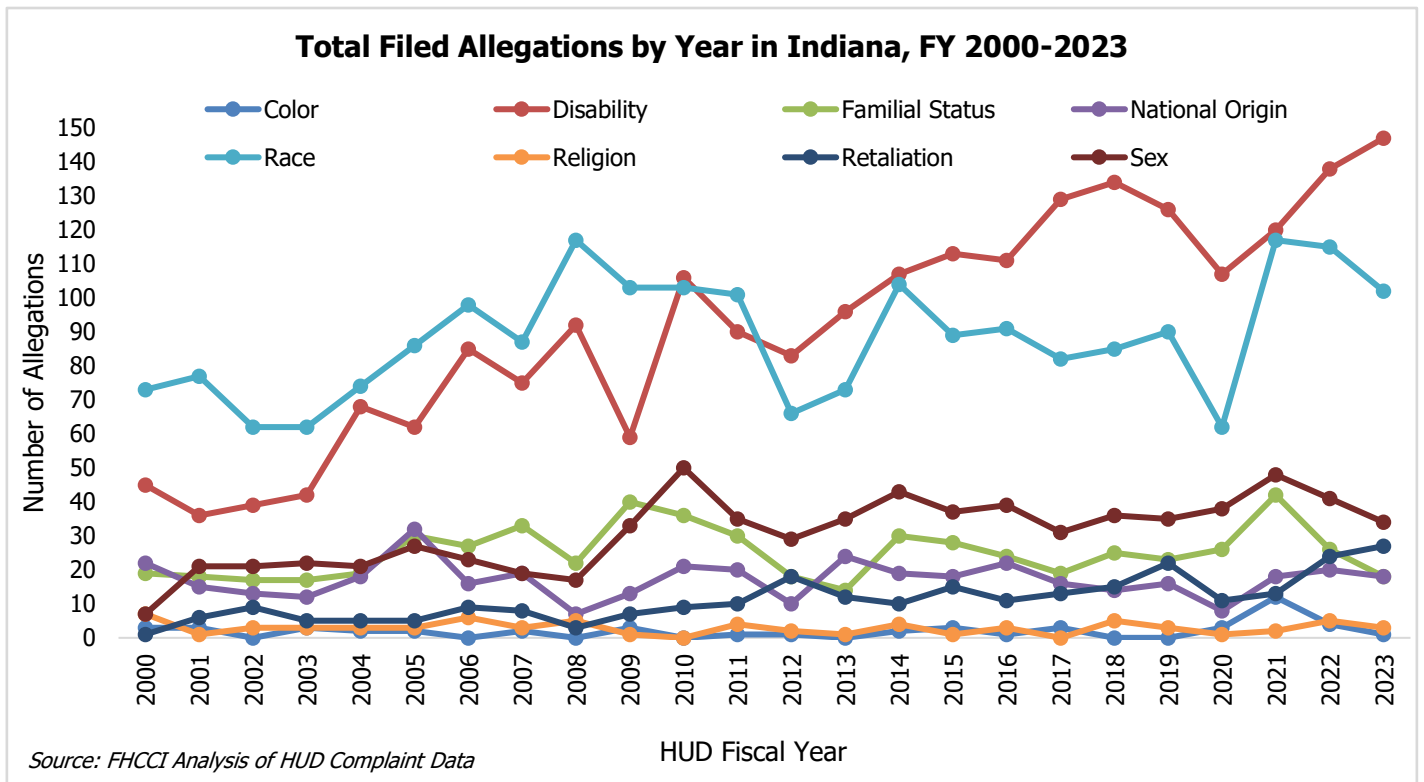
Source: FHCCI Analysis of HUD Complaint Data

To download the full report, visit the [FHCCI's News Page](#) or our [Reports Page](#).

Each year, April is celebrated across the country as Fair Housing Month to honor the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act in April 1968. This year marks the 56th anniversary of the signing of the Act into law. In honor, the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) has a month of targeted activities in celebration and recognition of fair housing and the passage of this important civil rights law. Learn more on our [Events Page](#).

In recent years, the FHCCI has released the following consumer-driven housing reports:

- [Mortgage Lending Update for Marion County 2021-2022 \(2024\)](#)
- [Who Owns Indy’s Houses: A Review of the Largest Single-Family Home Investors \(2023\)](#)
- [No Way Home: Tenant Screening Barriers to Housing \(2023\)](#)
- [Our Changing Neighborhoods: The Impact of Investors, Foreclosures, and Mortgage Lending \(2022\)](#)
- [At What Cost? Rents, Burdens, Evictions, and Profits in Marion County \(2022\)](#)
- [FHA & VA Mortgage Lending in Marion County 2018-2021 \(2022\)](#)
- [Mortgage Lending in Marion County 2018-2020 \(2022\)](#)
- [Fair Housing Complaint Filing 2000-2018 \(2020\)](#)



The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is a private, nonprofit fair housing organization based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Its mission is to ensure equal housing opportunities by eliminating housing discrimination through advocacy, enforcement, education and outreach. For more information, visit: www.fhcci.org

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