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'Here for the eviction': More renters forced from homes as affordable-housing crisis deepens

Rent prices have spiked. Cheap housing has been demolished. The national rental vacancy rate is at its lowest point in three decades. And Americans are being evicted in near-record numbers.

As the country fell into and climbed out of the Great Recession, eviction rates continued to rise, growing into the steady rhythm of American poverty. In 1996, Maricopa County's Justice Courts ordered 5,542 evictions. Those same courts processed 22,231 evictions in 2016, pulling people from their homes and plunging them into a rental market with few options.

More than one-third of American rental households spend 30 percent or more of their income on housing, a mark widely considered the standard for affordability. A national shortfall of 7.4 million affordable rental units has forced the country's lowest-income renters to live month to month, always one medical problem or layoff away from losing another home. Life becomes a string of low-budget apartments, and at the end of that string often stands Sumner.

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2017'S TOP 30 MARKETS FOR GREEN BUILDING

The 2017 report found that 38% of all office space in the nation's largest markets were LEED and/or ENERGY STAR certified as of 2016. This marks a slight increase from 37% in 2015, but a dramatic increase from 2005, when less than 5% of office spaces were green certified. The study excludes buildings and square footage of any office that failed to renew certifications after five years.

The breakdown of certifications in all 30 cities by share of square footage and share of total buildings shows that the market is more of a laggard on LEED certifications-which place emphasis on sustainable building methods and materials-than ENERGY STAR certifications-which focus primarily on energy efficiency.

Despite the current administration's policy priorities which have shifted focus away from sustainability and energy efficiency, Dr. Nils Kok, an associate professor at Maastricht University, states that "the momentum in the commercial real estate industry toward improving building operating performance and enhancing building quality is hard to derail."



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Construction workers in AZ should ask for a raise... Phoenix doesn't have enough carpenters, electricians, framers, painters and plumbers, according to a new study from AGC of America.

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