

## Housing Reflection Guide

### Statistics:

- Grand Rapids Housing (2010 Census)
  - Total Housing Units.....80,619
  - Housing Density.....1,815.9 (per sq. mile)
  - % Occupied Units.....89.5%
  - % Vacant Units.....10.5%
  - % Owner Occupied Units.....50.1%
  - % Vacant Housing Units.....39.4%

### Resources:

- Article: U.S. Homeownership Rate Sinks to 15-Year Low
  - <http://www.usnews.com/news/blogs/home-front/2012/05/01/us-homeownership-rate-sinks-to-15-year-low>
  - How have you seen the effects of the housing crisis on the city of Grand Rapids?
- Take a look at the pictures below. Where would you rather live and why?
  - What are the values that lie behind your choices?





- Resources for discussing privilege and housing
  - <http://www.isr.umich.edu/home/diversity/resources/white-privilege.pdf>
  - [http://www.seattlemennonite.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Unpacking\\_Housing\\_Privilege1.pdf](http://www.seattlemennonite.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Unpacking_Housing_Privilege1.pdf)
- Report shows West Michigan foreclosure rates improving, but see why housing counselor remains wary
  - [http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2012/04/housing\\_counselor\\_remains\\_wary.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2012/04/housing_counselor_remains_wary.html)

- Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD>

### **What Now: Resources for Further Engagement**

- Organizations in Grand Rapids that deal with housing issues
  - Healthy Homes Coalition
  - Inner City Christian Federation <http://www.iccf.org/>
  - Grand Rapids Housing Commission <http://www.grhousing.org/>

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