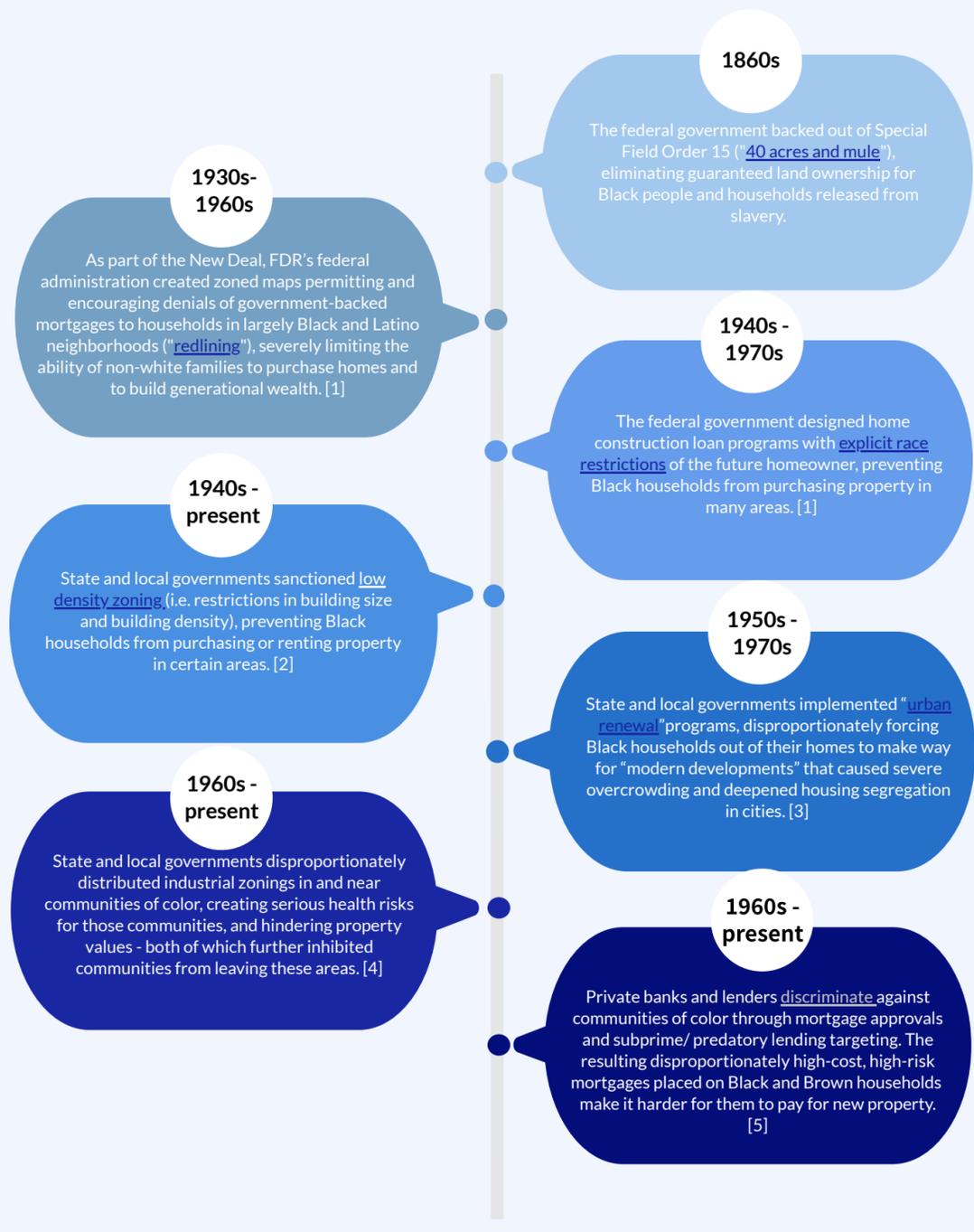


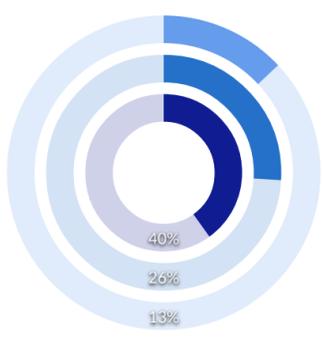
Housing Justice is Racial Justice

America has a history of using housing policy to create, compound and maintain systemic racial inequality. These policies historically prevented communities of color, especially Black, Latino and Indigenous households, from owning property and building wealth. While attempts have been made to rectify some policies, many still remain, and nothing has been done to make up for the generations of harms caused by this systemic racism. As a result, Black, Latino and Indigenous families experience poverty, housing instability and homelessness at much higher rates than white families. This is especially true in New York City.

Here is a brief history of racist policies that have contributed to today's gross inequity in housing instability in New York City:

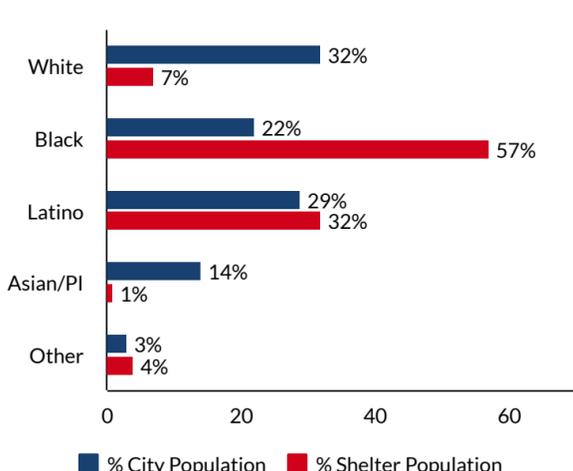


As a result of centuries of discrimination, Black and Latino households disproportionately experience homelessness compared to white households nationwide and in NYC.

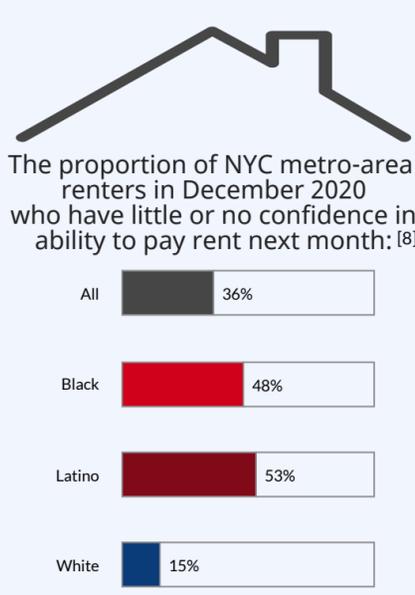
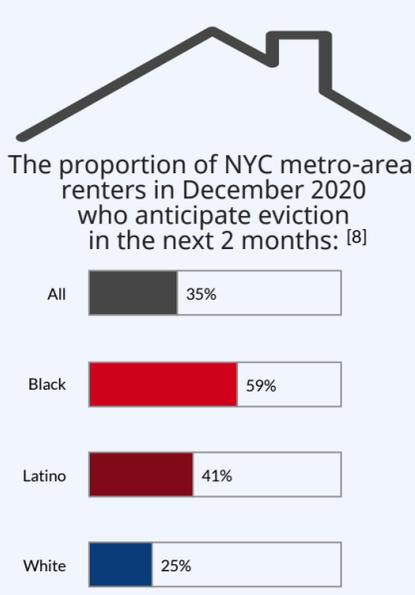


- Nationally, Black people comprise:**
- 13% of the general US population
 - 26% of the US population living in poverty
 - 40% of the population experiencing homelessness. [6]

In NYC: Black and Latino households make up a disproportionate share of the homeless shelter population compared to their share of the general NYC population. [7]



COVID-related housing instability has disproportionately impacted Black and Latino families.



Today's homelessness crisis is a direct result of structural racism.

Ending homelessness requires directly addressing structural racism.

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For more information check out:

- [Housing Segregation In Everything](#)
- [Race and Homelessness are inextricably linked](#)
- [SPARC Phase I Study Findings](#)

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