### Housing vouchers and segregation in the Southeast



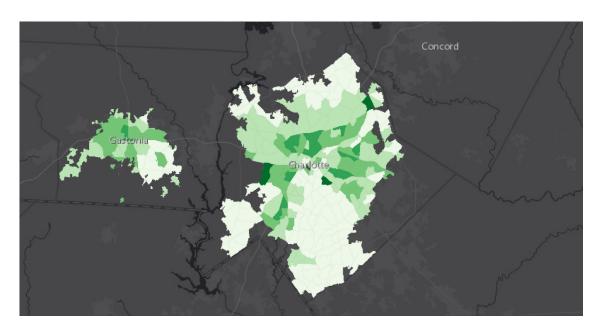
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### How are Housing Choice Vouchers distributed across southeastern cities?

#### By Providence Adu and Katie Zager

In addition to providing housing, the Housing Choice Voucher program, commonly known as "Section 8," seeks to alleviate the concentrated poverty and racial segregation that historically occurred when low-income renters were confined to only a few public housing projects.

But is that what happened? In a recent study, we found high-poverty neighborhoods have absorbed 3 times as much voucher eligible housing as low-poverty neighborhoods and over 70% of the voucher-subsidized housing is located in minority-concentrated neighborhoods.





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#### By Ely Portillo

The COVID-19 pandemic is an earthquake that shook us all - but not everyone has the same foundation to ride out the quake and the aftershocks.

"Who feels the brunt of that the most? In Charlotte, poor Black women are going to feel that more than most other groups," said Dr. Kendra Jason, an associate professor of sociology.

That's why Jason, along with associate professors Dr. Tehia Starker Glass and Dr. Janaka Bowman Lewis, plan to follow 15 Black women who are housing insecure in the context of their families, to learn about their experiences and highlight their resilience over the course of a school year in Charlotte.

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