


# Examining Eviction Disparities in Shelby County



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# Background

- Non-partisan grantmaking organization established by an act of Congress.
- Funding legal aid organizations that provide civil legal aid to low income individuals and families across the country.
- LSC conducts research about the state of civil legal needs in the United States.

The screenshot shows the LSC website homepage. At the top left is the LSC logo with the tagline "America's Partner for Equal Justice" and "LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION". To the right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, and links for "Find Legal Aid" and "Grantee Login". A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: "What is Legal Aid", "About LSC", "Grants & Grantee Resources", "Meetings & Events", "Media Center", and "Support LSC". The main content area features a large blue and red banner for the "FY2021 BUDGET REQUEST Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Request" with a "Learn more +" button. To the right of the banner are several news tiles: "JUSTICE ON LSC PERCART: Expanding access to justice through regulatory reform" with a "Talk Justice: Episode Two" link; "Welcome from new LSC President, Ronald S. Flagg" with a photo of the president; "STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF CIVIL LEGAL AID IN RESPONDING TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC: REPORT OF THE LSC OPIOID TASK FORCE" with a photo of Matthew Dearland; "LSC Opioid Task Force Report"; and "LSC Briefing: Evictions and the COVID-19 Pandemic" with a photo of a man speaking.

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## Docket Report Results

### Report Selection Criteria

Case ID: 1346405  
Docket Start Date:  
Docket Ending Date:

### Case Description

Case ID: 1346405 - CAPITAL ONE BANK V A SMITH -Non-jury Trial  
Filing Date: Monday, March 09th, 2009  
Type: 14 - CIVIL WARRANT- OTHER  
Status: \*DPCC - DISMISS W/PREJUDICE PLT COST

### Related Cases

No related cases were found.

### Case Event Schedule

No case events were found.

### Case Parties

Seq #	Assoc	Expn Date	Type	ID	Name
1	3		PLAINTIFF	<a href="#">CAPONESHB</a>	CAPITAL ONE BANK
Address: [REDACTED]			Aliases:	none	
2			DEFENDANT	<a href="#">@S07761</a>	SMITH, A
Address: [REDACTED]			Aliases:	none	
3		1	ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	<a href="#">H38400</a>	BRYAN E HOSTO, HOSTO & BUCHAN PLLC
Address: [REDACTED]			Aliases:	none	

### Docket Entries

Filing Date	Description	Name	Monetar
09-MAR-2009 09:43 AM	CIVIL WARRANT OTHER		
Entry: none			
09-MAR-2009 09:43 AM	PPSV FEES - PREIMB	SMITH, A	
Entry: ALIAS - ECOX			
09-MAR-2009	REIMB-CIVIL WARRANT OTHER	SMITH, A	

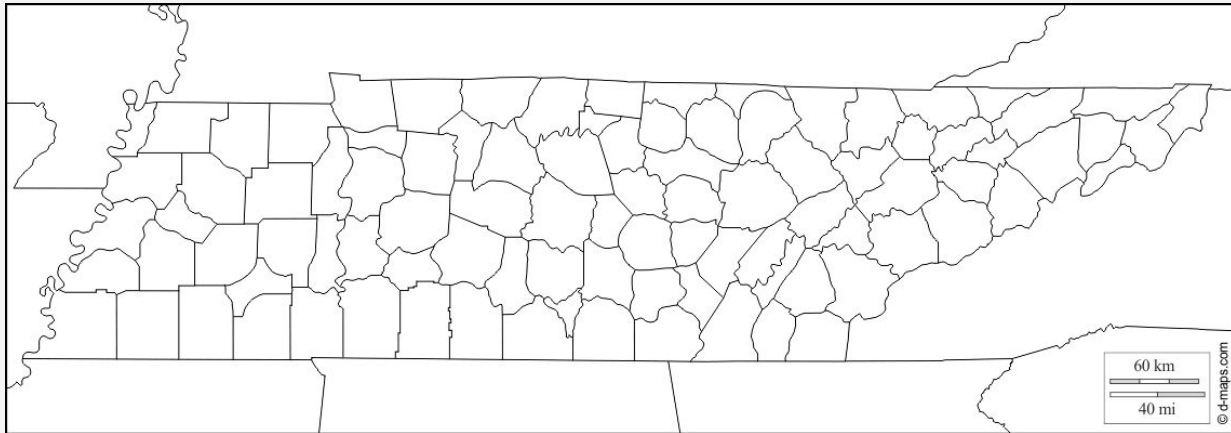
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- Parties:**
- Name
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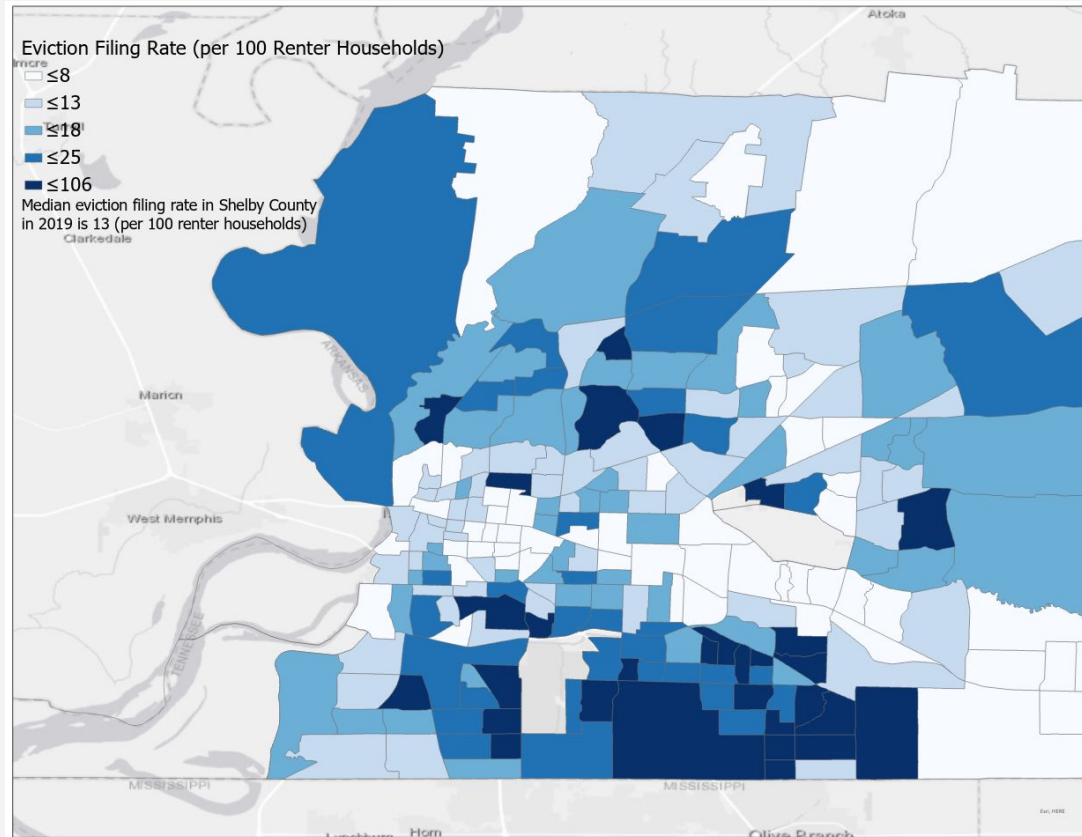
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- Actions

# County-Level Summaries Do Not Tell The Whole Story

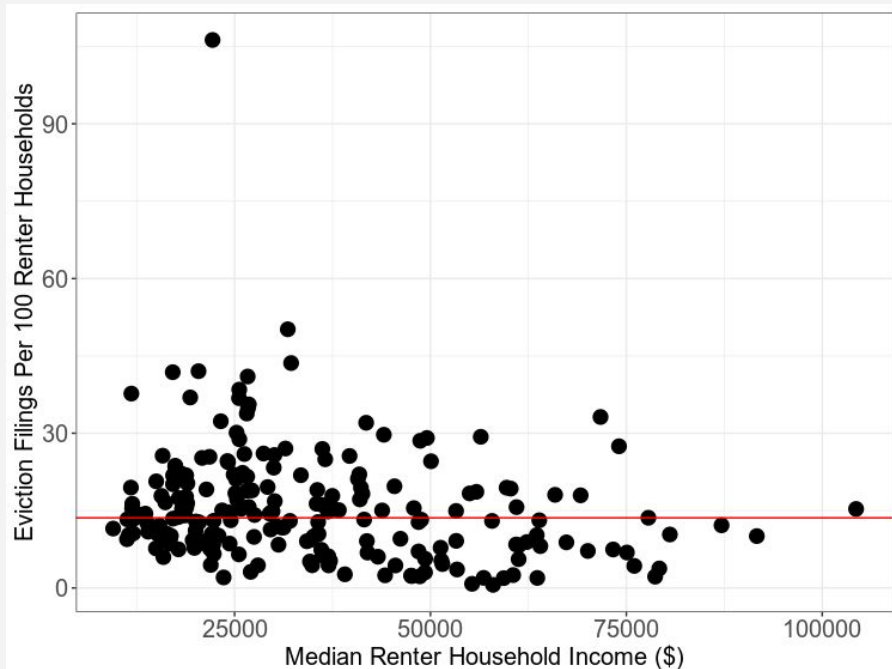
- We have collected over 110,000 eviction cases filed from 2016 through the present.
- We estimate over 26,000 eviction filings in Shelby County each year between 2016 and 2019.
- This is roughly 16.6 eviction filings per 100 renter households.
- These numbers belie the racial and socioeconomic disparities in evictions.



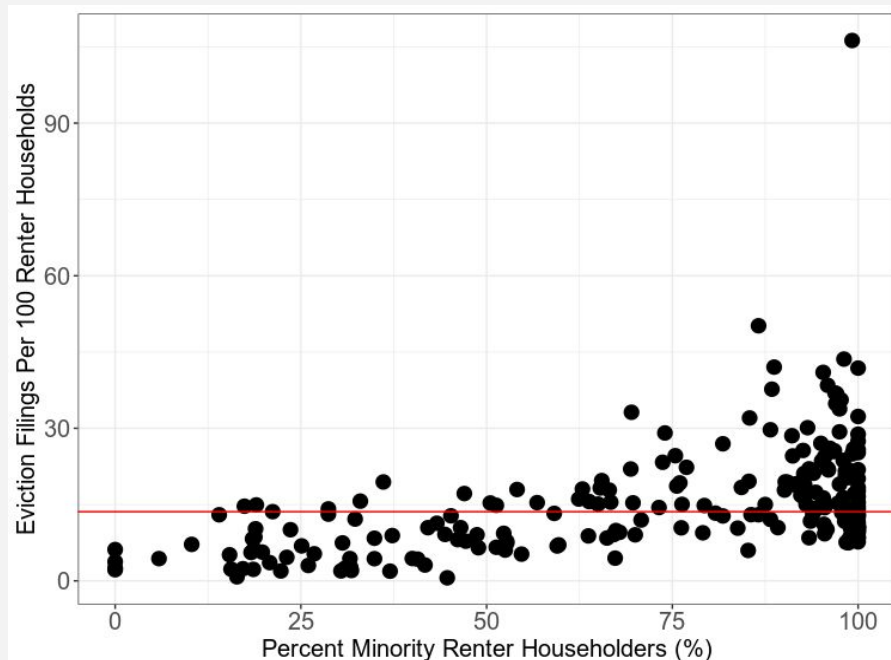
# Concentration of Eviction Filings in 2019



# Low-Income, Predominantly Minority Census Tracts Experience Higher Eviction Filing Rates

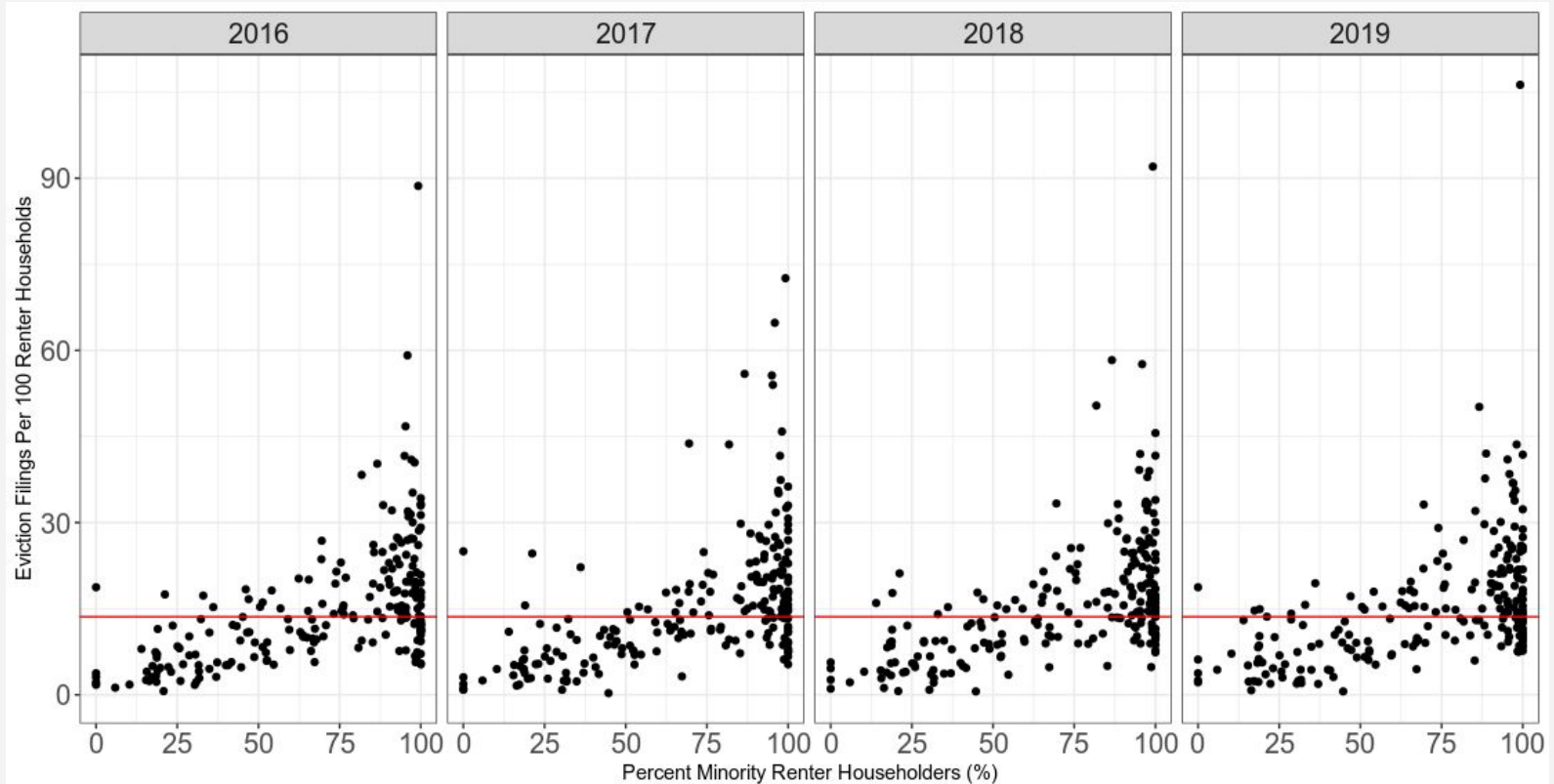


Sources: 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, case information collected from Shelby County General Sessions Court Website.



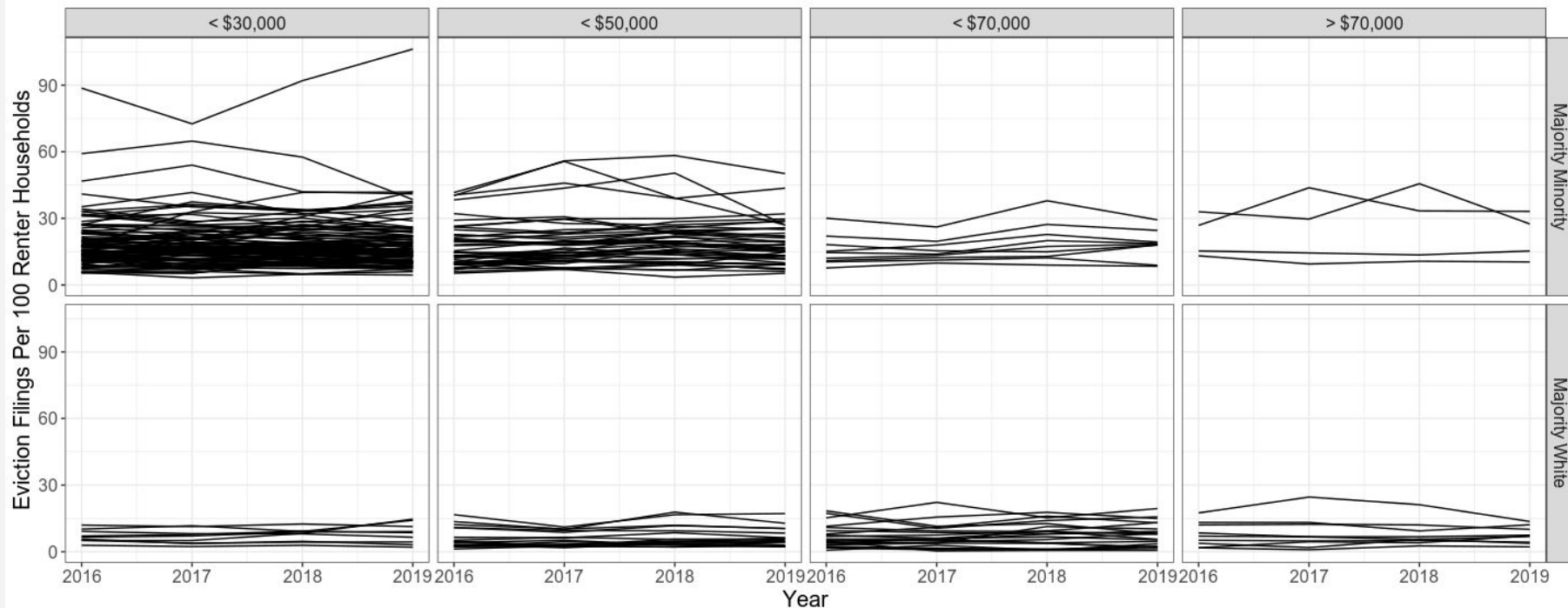
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# Relationship Between Race/Ethnicity and Eviction is Consistent Over Time



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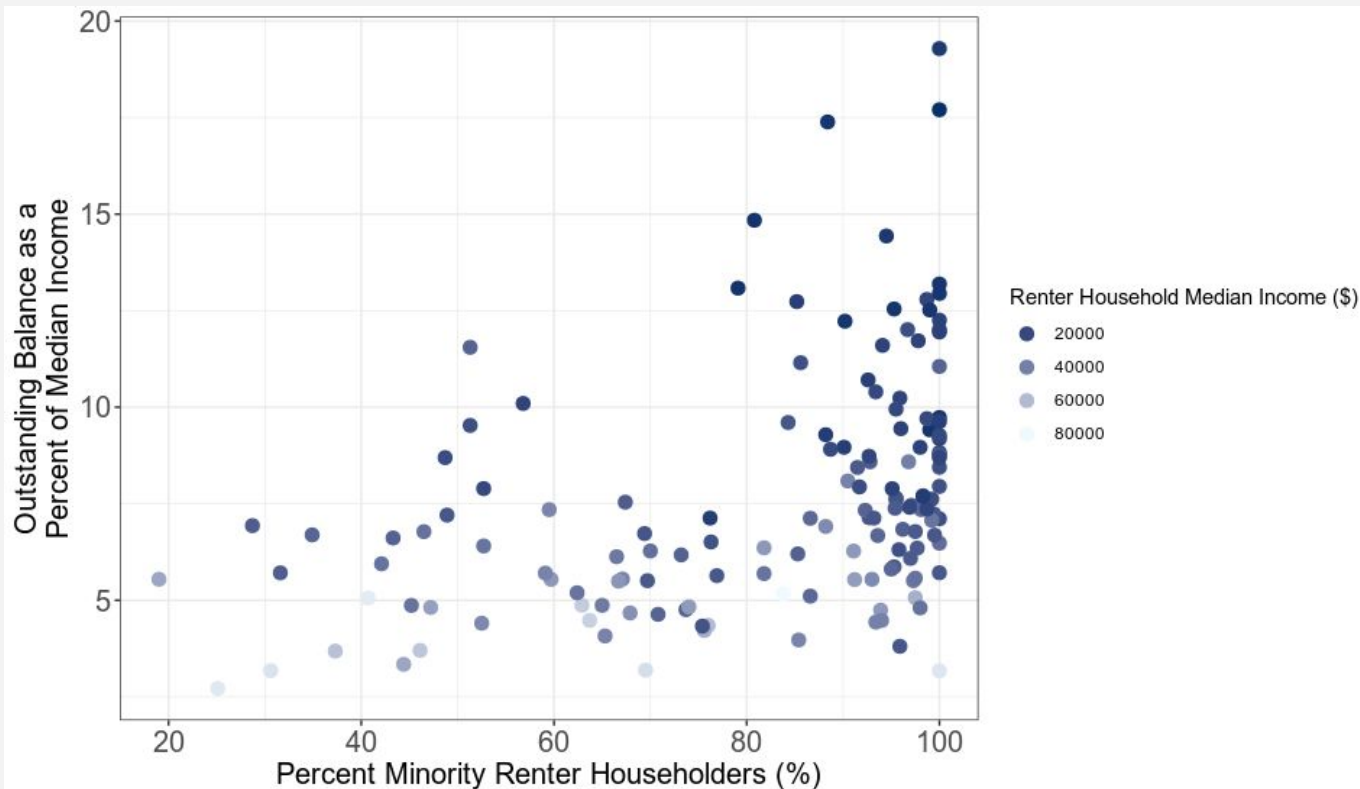
# Some Tracts Experience Consistently High Eviction Filing Rates



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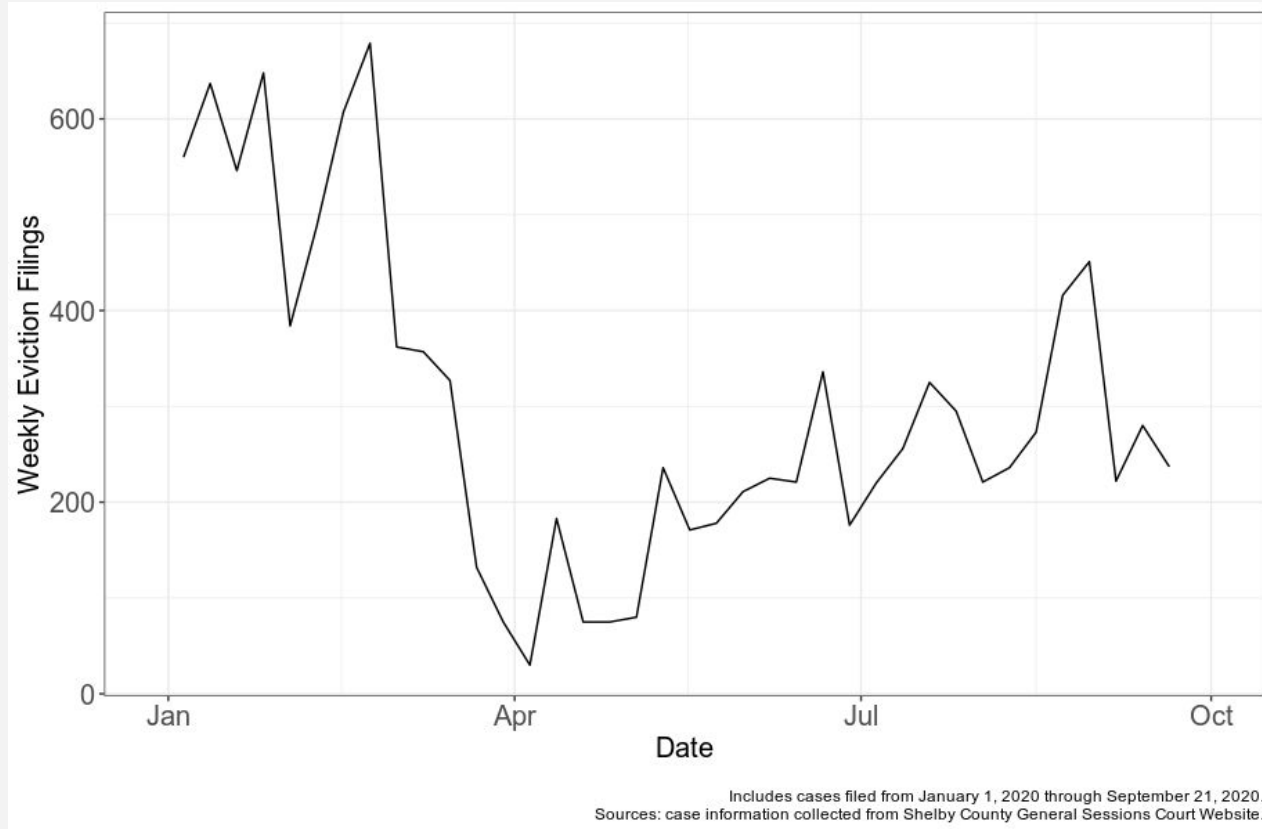


# Outstanding Judgements Highlight the Long-Term Financial Burden of Evictions

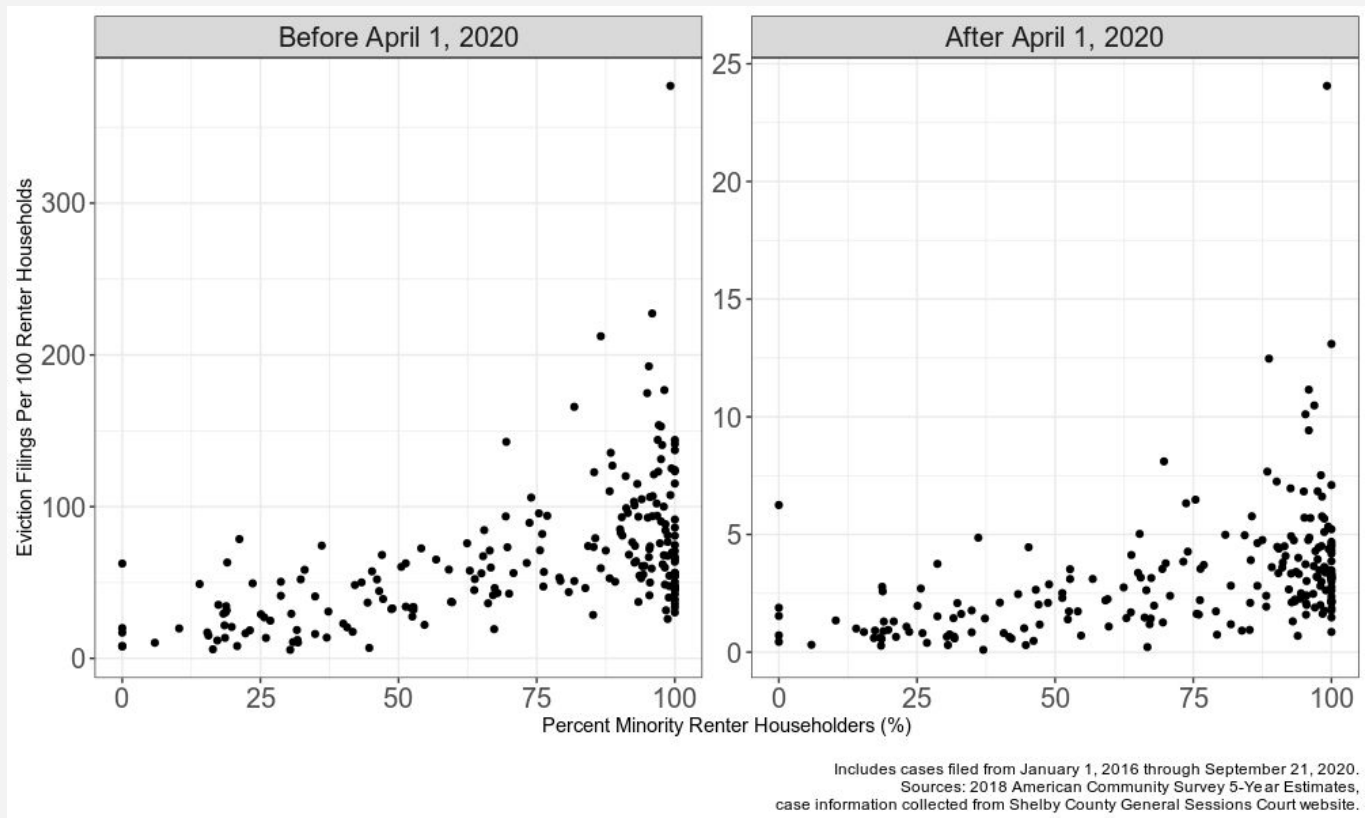


Includes census tracts with at least 20 garnishments reports for cases filed in 2016.  
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case information collected from Shelby County General Sessions Court Website.

# Weekly Eviction Filings in Shelby County During COVID-19, Jan-Sept 2020



# Patterns Displayed Over Time Continue During the COVID-19 Pandemic



# Summary and Next Steps

## *What we see:*

- Shelby County is not an outlier. The patterns we see here are patterns that exist in other parts of the country.
- Tennessee has an opportunity to lead the nation by leveraging available data to target resources in an impactful manner.

## *Future work:*

- New LSC Study: ***Eviction Law and Justice in America***
- Community Partnerships: LSC is looking for opportunities to partner with local communities to build tools that leverage court data to understand current need and build targeted strategies.

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