

REDLINING AND INCARCERATION: THE LONG SHADOW OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IN BROOME COUNTY

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INTRODUCTION

- Broome County has recorded the highest incarceration rate in New York State.
- Redlining practices, which historically restricted access to housing based on race and ethnicity, were officially abolished with the enactment of the Fair Housing Act in 1968.
- How has Broome County's history with redlining affected the incarceration population of marginalized communities?

PURPOSE

This research stresses that redlining affects the lives of many, especially those who have been incarcerated and it is a pressing issue in our society. It creates a cycle of certain populations being re-incarcerated.

Education on this topic is sparse and should be studied more because of how many communities it affects.

THEMES

(1) Redlining

denying people access to credit based on their location and creating an imbalanced and segregated area.

(2) Incarceration

detaining someone to a prison, being imprisoned .

METHODOLOGY

- Conducted Interviews
- Consulted Oral histories
- Examined Historical archives
- Analyzed Government Data
- Reviewed Comparison studies
- Used Redlining Maps

Many local and national organizations helped me with this topic. The organization JUST (Justice and Unity for the Southern Tier) in Broome influenced and inspired the following research. MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE: <https://www.justicest.com/>

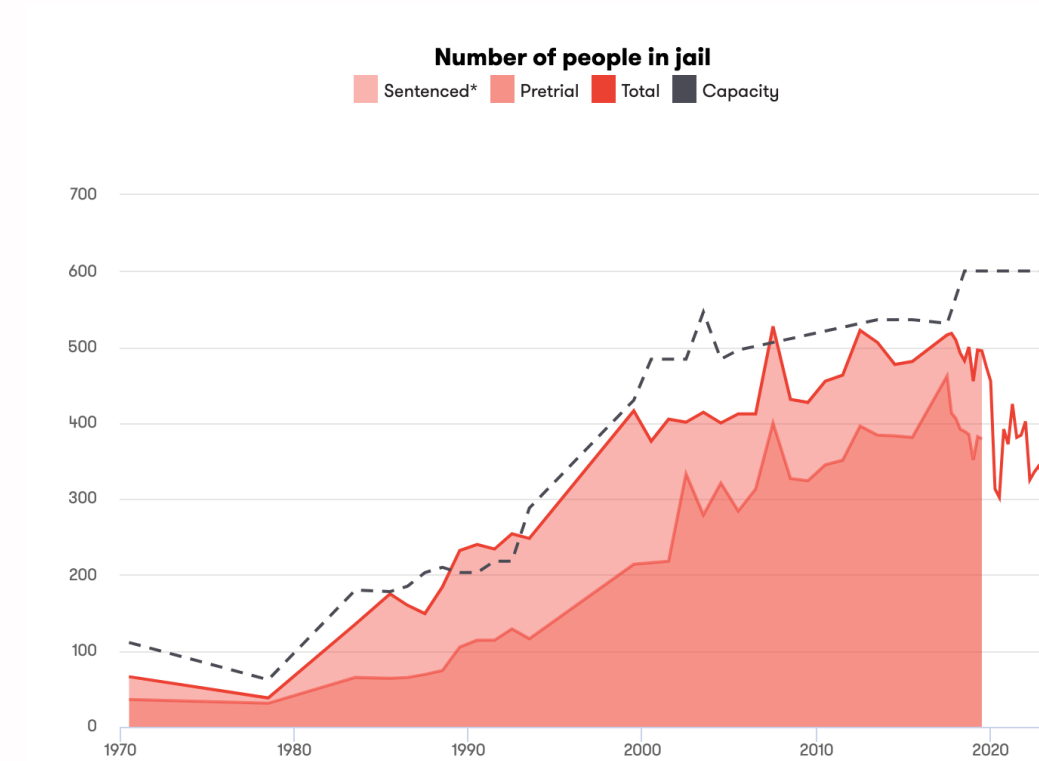
RESULTS/FINDINGS

Mass incarceration and heavy policing in segregated, low-income, and Black neighborhoods further shape the meaning and experience of housing in those areas. Homes in these contexts may not provide the same sense of security and stability that housing does in other contexts.

BROOME COUNTY'S HISTORY WITH HOUSING INEQUITIES AND RACIAL DISPARITIES HAVE CAUSED THE CONTINUOUS RISE OF THEIR INCARCERATED POPULATION

MATERIALS

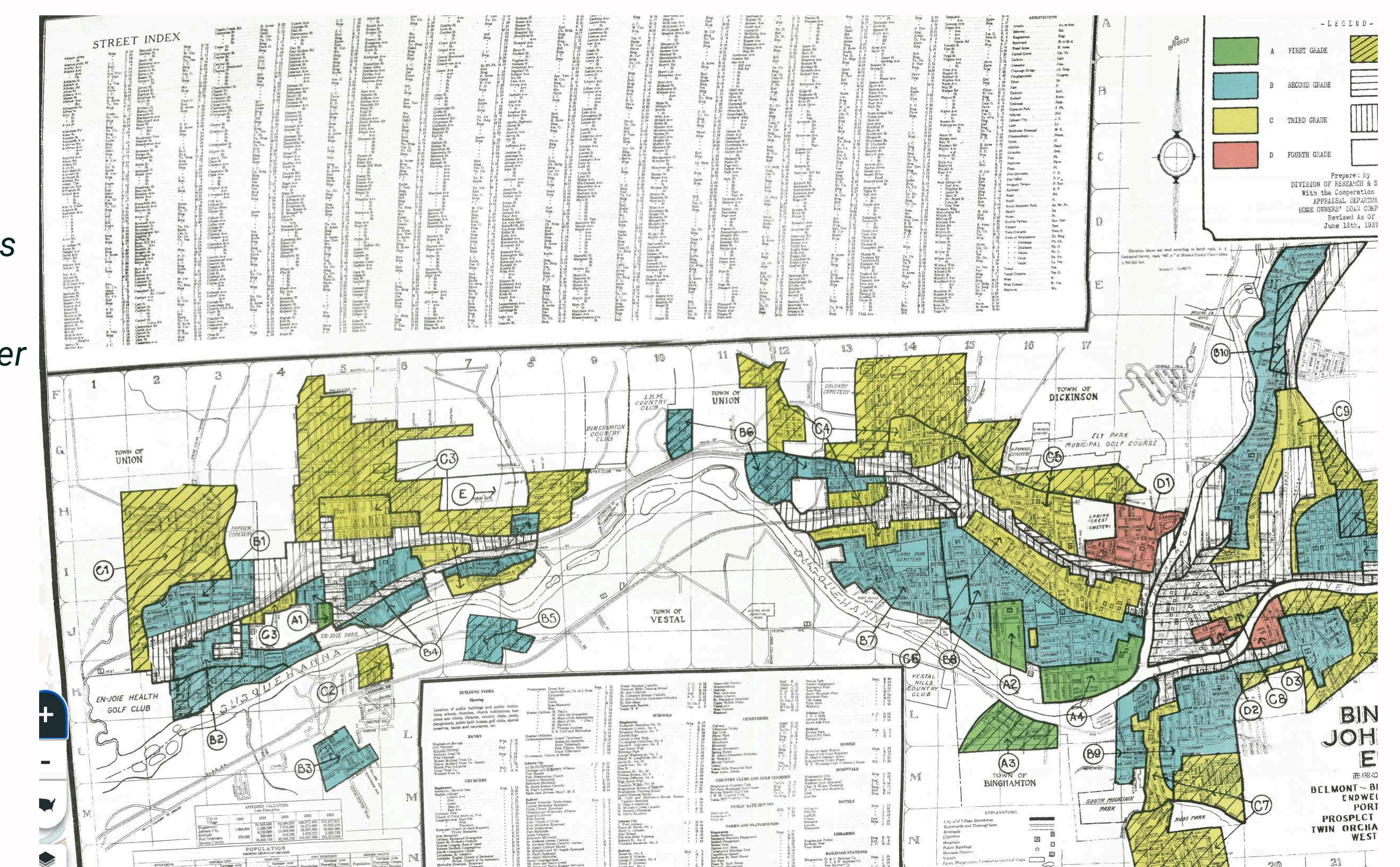
I've created correlations with many varying sources. This project utilizes government census data, interviews with incarcerated individuals, local news archives, and housing policy reviews. According to my findings with government census data in comparison to the redlining map, a significant majority of Broome County's people of color and impoverished people are relegated to D4 tier areas. These D4 areas are shown as red "hazardous" areas on a redlining map and for real estate are the lowest tier on redlining maps and its high population living in these areas shows a major housing instability issue in Broome.



This chart illustrates changes in Broome County's jail use over time.



QR Code to my podcast



Redlining Map of Broome County: Mapping Inequality: Redlining in New Deal America

CONCLUSION

There's a legacy of government redlining that has lingered even after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, this legacy impacts the population and housing instabilities. The incarceration rate will continue to rise and the same groups of people will be targeted and fall into the pipeline to Broome County Jail.