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***EVICTIONS IN NYC DOWN OVER 18  
PERCENT SINCE RENT LAWS ENACTED IN  
JUNE***

***NEW YORKERS ALSO NOTICEABLY BENEFITING  
FROM RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN HOUSING COURT***

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society hailed the success of the [newly enacted rent laws](#) and New York City’s [Right to Counsel](#) program in housing court, each of which has contributed to a roughly 18.3 percent decline in evictions in New York City, per [data from the City](#).

Legal Aid compared eviction data from the first day the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019 (HSTPA) was enacted on June 14, 2019 through December 31, 2019, to the same window from 2018.

Since HSTPA was enacted through the end of 2019, 8,951 evictions have been executed by New York City Marshalls compared to 10,958 the previous year – a reduction of 2,007 evictions.

“These laws and programs are noticeably working and more New Yorkers are remaining in their homes as a result,” said **Judith Goldiner, Attorney-In-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “However, we still have more to do and it starts with Albany enacting Good Cause legislation and Home Stability Support, investing in public housing across New York, and ending useless corporate subsidies that only benefit big developers. These measures are needed to meaningfully address our sprawling affordable housing and homelessness crises.”

Learn more about the #NYHomesGuarantee and 2020 statewide legislative housing priorities [here](#).

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