

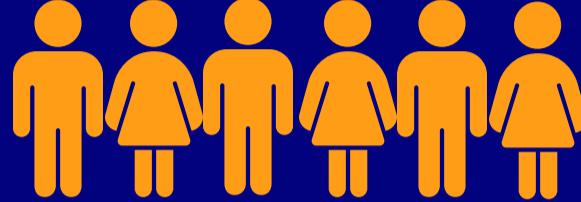
# INCARCERATION AND HOUSING



Formerly incarcerated individuals frequently face challenges long after they've served their time.

They often encounter hurdles in securing stable housing, leading to an increased risk of homelessness. Addressing the connection between reentry and homelessness is vital for ensuring a successful transition and reducing the likelihood of returning to the criminal justice system.

The rate of homelessness for formerly incarcerated people was **203** per 10,000.



Of those 10,000 there were ...

**195**/10,000  
men

**264**/10,000  
women

**191**/10,000  
Hispanics

**240**/10,000  
African Americans

**148**/10,000  
Caucasians

Housing decreases odds of recidivism by

**83%**

**63%**

Of Michigan landlords indicate that criminal records are a factor in denying tenancy.

Formerly incarcerated people are **10X** more likely to be unhoused than the general public.

## THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS AND INCARCERATION

**1** Law enforcement policies and procedures that contribute to arrest for behaviors associated with experiencing homelessness

**2** Lack of stable housing is viewed as a risk factor and reduces courts' willingness to divert people from jail or prison

**4** Lack of stable housing upon exit from jail contributes to supervision failure, increases risk of recidivism

**3** Criminal history serves as a barrier to housing, contributing to housing instability and homelessness

## "HOUSING IS A FOUNDATION FOR ACHIEVING LARGER GOALS."

Less contact with law enforcement

Better job security

Reduced crime and returns to jail

Increased physical and mental health

Increased participation in community-based services

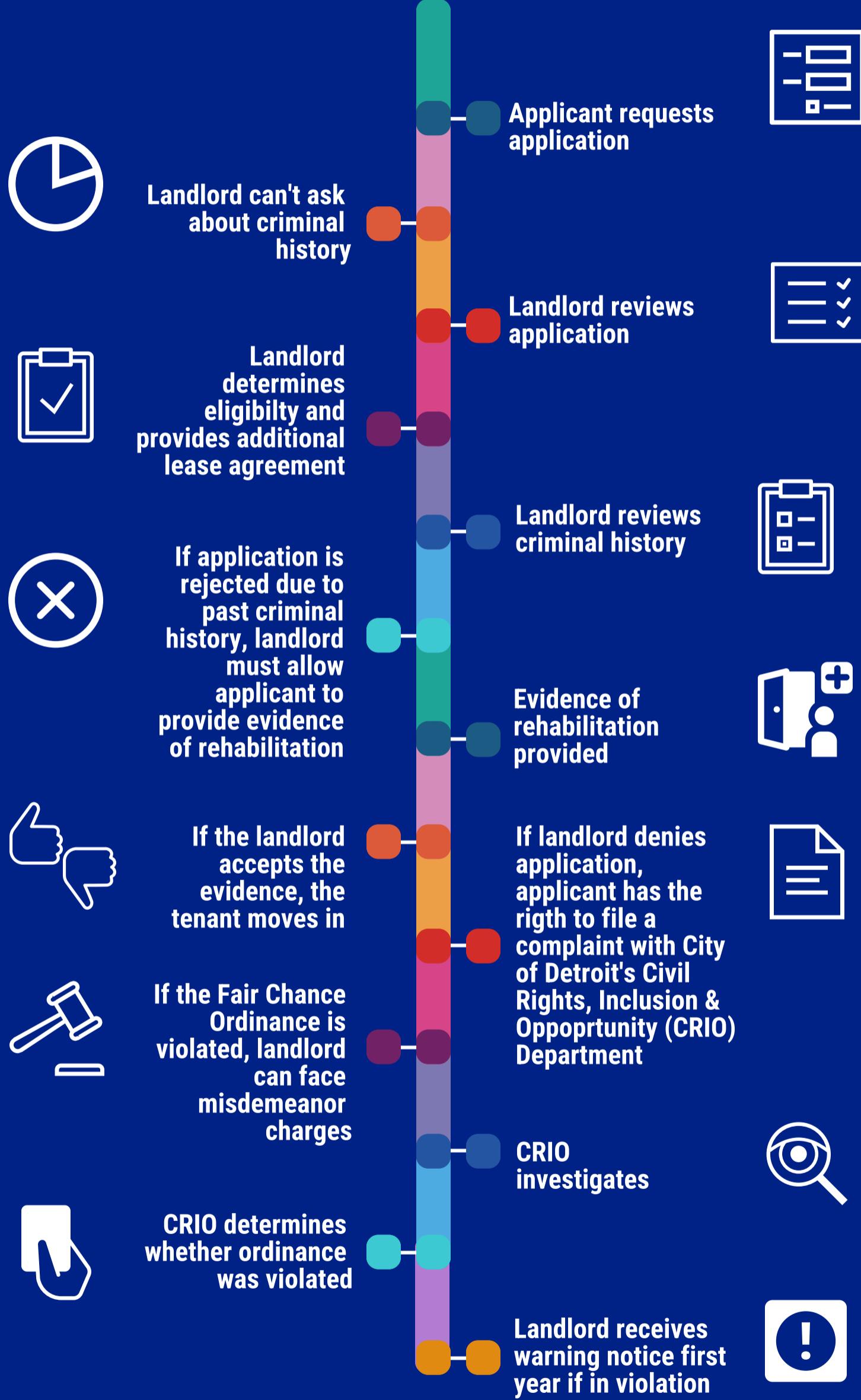
# THE FAIR CHANCE PROCESS

**There are many barriers facing those trying to reenter the community, including: market rate housing, stigma and resource challenges. 1,000+ state laws and regulations impact housing access for people with criminal justice histories. Many Housing Authorities also have problematic look-back periods.**

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**The Fair Chance Ordinance ensures that formerly incarcerated citizens have a fair opportunity to secure housing by regulating the use of criminal background checks.**

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# SOURCES

