



# Combating Redlining Initiative

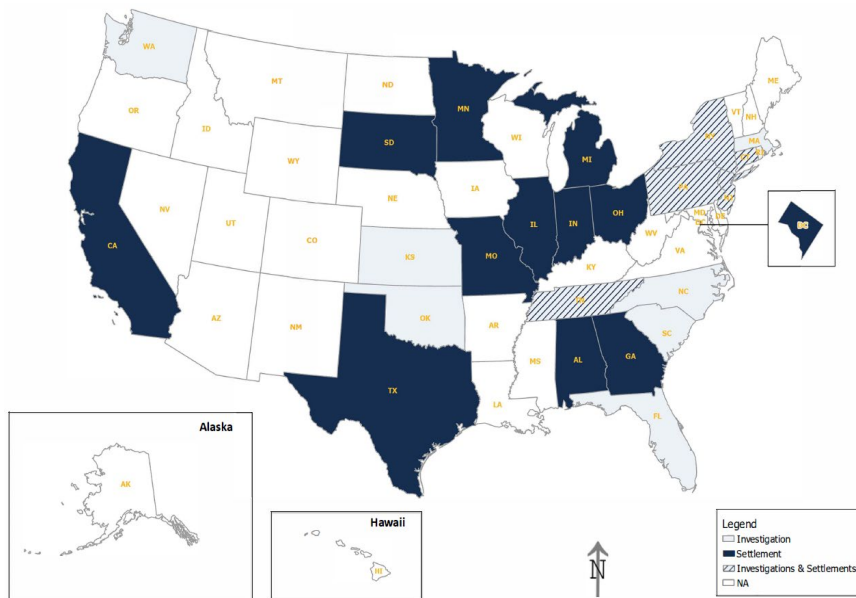


“Ending redlining is a critical step in closing the widening gaps in wealth between communities of color and others. We have a duty to act now. Persisting racial inequality and widening wealth gaps makes clear that simply staying the course is not enough. We must take bold, new action if we are ever going to eradicate redlining, and achieve the goal of equal opportunity in our country.”

*Kristen Clarke*

In October 2021, U.S. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland and Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke announced the launch of the [Combating Redlining Initiative](#). The Initiative is tackling redlining, a discriminatory practice where lenders deny or avoid providing mortgages or other credit services to neighborhoods based on the race or national origin of the residents of those neighborhoods. The Initiative represents the Justice Department’s most aggressive and coordinated enforcement effort to use federal civil rights laws to eradicate redlining.

Since its launch, the Department has made significant progress in holding lenders accountable when they deny people of color equal access to lending opportunities and in providing relief to individuals and communities impacted by redlining.



## Initiative Successes

Since 2021, the Justice Department has:

- Resolved redlining matters across the country, including in Houston, Memphis, Philadelphia, Newark, Los Angeles, and Columbus;
- Required lenders to establish loan subsidy funds totaling more than \$75 million to benefit residents of redlined communities of color; and
- Required lenders to invest more than \$9 million in community partnerships, targeted advertising and outreach, and consumer education initiatives to benefit communities of color.

These matters are historic: they include [CFPB & US v. Trident Mortgage Company](#), the first redlining case resolved with a non-depository mortgage company, and [US v. City National Bank](#), the largest redlining settlement in Department of Justice history.

*The Initiative builds on the Justice Department’s prior redlining enforcement actions, which have resulted in investigations and settlements with lenders nationwide.*