

# SBCAG Housing Data Dashboard

## Glossary/Key Terms

### **Above Moderate-Income (AMI+)**

Households earning more than 120% of the Area Median Income.

*(Housing Production, RHNA Progress, Income Thresholds)*

### **ACS (American Community Survey)**

Ongoing Census survey providing 1-year and 5-year estimates on a wide variety of topics.

### **AMI (Area Median Income)**

The midpoint of household incomes in a region, used to define income thresholds.

*(Affordability, Income Thresholds, RHNA Progress)*

### **Building Permits**

Permits issued allowing the construction of housing units. This metric is also used to calculate RHNA progress.

### **Carpool or Vanpool**

Commuting method involving shared rides with others.

### **CDP (Census Designated Place)**

A statistical geographic area defined by the U.S. Census for unincorporated communities.

### **Certificates of Occupancy**

Issued when a building is deemed habitable and legal for occupancy.

### **Cost Burdened**

Households spending more than 30% of income on housing.

### **Countywide View**

Data summarized for the entirety of Santa Barbara County.

### **Deed-Restricted Units**

Units legally required to remain affordable to income-restricted tenants for a period.

### **Employed / Unemployed Population**

Count of residents *in the labor force* who are either employed or unemployed.

### **Entitlements**

Planning approvals issued before building permits, authorizing housing projects.

**Extremely Low-Income (ELI)**

Households earning  $\leq 30\%$  of AMI (area median income).

**Group Quarters Population**

People living in shared living situations such as dorms, prisons, or care facilities.

**HAMFI (HUD Area Median Family Income)**

HUD's calculation of median income used for federal housing programs.

**Homeless Unaccompanied Youth**

Youth under 25 experiencing homelessness without a parent/guardian.

**Household Size**

Average number of people living in a household.

**Infill Units**

Housing built in previously developed areas, rather than open space or farmland.

**Moderate-Income (MI)**

Households earning between 81–120% of AMI.

**North County / South County**

Subregional divisions within Santa Barbara County for analysis. For this dashboard, the South Coast PUMA area (includes communities Carpinteria to North of Goleta) was used as the delineation line.

**Overcrowded Housing**

Units with more than 1.01 persons per room.

**PIT Count (Point-in-Time Count)**

Annual count of individuals experiencing homelessness on one night in January. Conducted by volunteers and organized by the County of Santa Barbara.

**PUMA (Public Use Microdata Area)**

Geographic unit defined by the Census Bureau for large areas (~100,000 population).

**Rapid Rehousing**

Short-term housing support that quickly stabilizes formerly homeless people.

**Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)**

State-mandated housing targets assigned to jurisdictions by income level.

**Rent Burdened**

Renters spending more than 30% of income on rent.

**RHNA Cycle**

Time window for meeting RHNA goals. 5th Cycle = 2014–2022, 6th Cycle = 2023–2031.

**SB 35 (Senate Bill 35)**

California law allowing streamlined approval for projects in jurisdictions not meeting RHNA benchmarks.

**Severely Cost Burdened**

Households spending more than 50% of income on housing.

**Severely Overcrowded Housing**

Units with more than 1.51 persons per room.

**Sheltered / Vehicular / Outdoors Homelessness**

Categories showing where unhoused individuals reside.

**Tenure**

Describes housing as owner-occupied or renter-occupied.

**Very Low-Income (VLI)**

Households earning  $\leq 50\%$  of AMI.

**WFH/Worked from Home**

Percentage of employed population whose primary workplace is home.