**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 ≤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 ≤50% of AMI.

**WFH/Worked from Home**  
Percentage of employed population whose primary workplace is home.