

Housing Element Survey Results
Alameda County CDA

54 individuals completed the Housing Element survey in Spring 2023. Thank you to all who participated!

Please select all racial and ethnic categories that you identify with.

Total responses: 54 people

| Racial and Ethnic identities of Respondents | | | |
|--|----|---|----|
| White or white mixed race | 26 | White alone | 20 |
| Latine and Latine Mixed Race | 17 | Latine alone | 9 |
| Asian or Asian Mixed Race | 9 | Asian alone | 6 |
| Black or mixed race | 10 | Black alone | 5 |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific islander and mixed race | 3 | Native Hawaiian or Pacific islander alone | 2 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native and mixed races | 4 | | |

How long have you been living in your community?

| Years of residency in Unincorporated Alameda County | |
|--|-----------|
| Less than 1 year | 2 |
| 1-5 years | 17 |
| 6-10 years | 5 |
| 11-20 years | 9 |
| 21+ years | 16 |
| People living outside of Unincorporated | 5 |
| Total | 54 |

What community do you live in?

| Community | Number of Responses | Percentage of Responses |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Castro Valley | 21 | 38.9% |
| Eden Area | 25 | 46.3% |
| Ashland | 8 | 14.8% |
| Cherryland | 3 | 5.6% |
| Hayward Acres | 3 | 5.6% |
| San Lorenzo | 11 | 20.4% |
| Fairview | 3 | 5.6% |
| Neighboring municipalities | 5 | 9.3% |
| Total | 54 | 100.00% |

Does the current variety of housing types in Unincorporated Alameda County meet your needs?

| | | |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| Yes | 32 | 59.3% |
| No | 22 | 40.7% |
| Total | 54 | 100.0% |

What housing issues have you dealt with while living in Unincorporated Alameda County?

Note: Respondents could choose any number of problems.

Total responses with problems faced: 59

Total respondents who have faced 1 or more problems: 35 respondents (64.8%)

| Housing problems experienced | | |
|--|-----------|---------------|
| Monthly rental housing costs are too expensive. | 18 | 30.5% |
| It is hard to pay for the deposit for rental housing because it is too expensive. | 14 | 23.7% |
| I cannot find affordable housing. | 14 | 23.7% |
| I cannot find housing designed for people with specific needs, like elders, people with disabilities, or people who need social services. | 4 | 6.8% |
| I live with other families and/or multiple generations of my family and cannot find housing with enough rooms/bedrooms that we can afford. | 3 | 5.1% |
| Total issues faced | 59 | 100.0% |
| No issues | 19 | - |

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Other responses (6 responses, 10.2%)

- Need for more parking
- Finding housing that accepts Section 8
- HOAs are abusive and neighborhood is already too high
- Wildlife hazards
- Responder disagrees with the concept of local government aiding people with housing problems.

Which housing issues should Alameda County focus on solving in Unincorporated Alameda County? Please pick up to 2 answers.

Total responses: 91 answers

| Problems the County should tackle | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Affordability: rental housing is too expensive for people. | 27 | 29.7% |
| Overcrowding: there are too many people living in one home. | 13 | 14.3% |
| Housing quality and maintenance: housing needs repairs or significantly updated features. | 13 | 14.3% |
| Housing availability: there is not enough housing for the people who want to live here. | 12 | 13.2% |
| Homelessness: there are too many people unable to find stable housing. | 11 | 12.1% |
| Displacement and gentrification: friends and neighbors have to leave the area to find housing. | 7 | 7.7% |
| Accessibility: there is not adequate housing accessible to people with disabilities. | 1 | 1.1% |
| None of the above | 1 | 1.1% |

Other ideas submitted (6 responses, 6.6%)

- Fire concerns
- More infrastructure to support existing communities
- New high-income housing
- Responder believes people experiencing homelessness should not be a part of their community
- Responder does not want new 'dense' housing in their community

What amenities would you like to see near more dense housing development (e.g., apartment buildings)? Please pick up to 2 answers.

Total responses: 92 answers

| Possible amenities | | |
|------------------------------|----|-------|
| Parks and play areas | 24 | 26.1% |
| Grocery and shopping areas | 21 | 22.8% |
| Open space and trails | 16 | 17.4% |
| Schools | 10 | 10.9% |
| Bus stops | 9 | 9.8% |
| Health Centers or Pharmacies | 3 | 3.3% |
| None of the above | 3 | 3.3% |

Other ideas submitted (6 responses, 6.5%)

- 2 responses: Additional neighborhood parking, especially off-street
- 'Better shopping' to attract high-income residents
- Community garden plots
- Sheriff stations
- Bus routes connecting more of Castro Valley to BART and adequate parking at BART