



Alameda County Regional Housing Survey 2019

Please provide your input into housing needs and access to resources within Alameda County. **Your input is very important.** Your feedback will be incorporated into the Alameda County Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice report.

Esta encuesta también está disponible en español. 此調查已被翻譯為繁體中文。

Your responses will not be associated with any personal information you provide.

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Please answer the following questions as best as you can.

1. What City do you live in within Alameda County?

City: _____ I do not live in Alameda County _____

2. What City do you work in within Alameda County?

City: _____ I do not work in Alameda County _____

3. Which of the following best describes where you currently live?

- I own my home
- I live in a shelter (provided by an organization/church) for those experiencing homelessness
- I pay rent to live in my home
- I do not live in a shelter, but I am experiencing homelessness (e.g. live in car, live outside)
- I live in temporary housing or transitional housing
- Other (please specify): _____

4. Do you live in either public housing managed by a Housing Authority, receive any type of housing voucher from a Housing Authority, or live in housing subsidized by government funds (such as Low-Income Housing Tax Credit or a below market rate unit)? If any of the above apply to you, please check yes. (e.g. you have regularly occurring income certifications)

Yes _____ No _____

5. If you receive a housing voucher of any kind, how difficult was it to find a landlord that accepted your voucher?

- Very Difficult
- Somewhat Difficult
- Not Difficult
- Easy
- I do not receive a housing voucher

6. If given the opportunity, would you move?

Yes _____ No _____ (If no, continue to question 9)



7. Why do you want to move? (Select all that apply)

- I want to live in a healthier neighborhood
- I feel unsafe in my neighborhood
- I don't want roommates anymore
- I do not feel welcome
- I want better access to good schools
- I want a home in better interior condition
- I want a home with better accessible features for my disability
- I want a home with better amenities (kitchen/laundry/internet facilities, outdoor space, common areas, community office, pool)
- I want to be closer to friends and/or family
- I want better access to parks/open space
- I need a bigger house/apartment
- I need a smaller house/apartment
- I want better access to health facilities
- I want to buy a home
- I am living with friends/family who want me to leave
- I want more affordable rent
- I want better access to transportation
- I want better access to services/stores
- I want to be closer to my job
- I want better access to job opportunities
- Other (please specify):

8. Is there a reason why you haven't moved yet? (Select all that apply)

- I need to find a new job
- I can't afford to buy a home
- I can't find an affordable place with better conditions or better access to things I need
- I can't pay moving expenses/deposits
- I can't afford to live anywhere else
- My eviction history and/or bad credit makes it hard to find a new landlord who will accept me
- My job is here
- My friends and/or family are here
- Other (please specify):

9. Do you currently live with a disability, or does a member of your household live with a disability?

Yes _____

No _____ (If no, continue to question 12)



10. Do you and/or a household member experience any of the following housing challenges? (Select all that apply)

- The home I live in does not meet the needs of my household member with a disability
- It is difficult for my household member with a disability to get around my neighborhood because there is a lack of accessible paths of travel
- I'm afraid my rent will go up if I make a request for an accommodation for my household member with a disability
- Housing with appropriate accommodations for my household member with a disability is not affordable
- My landlord refuses to modify our unit to accommodate my household member with a disability
- My landlord did not accept my service/emotional support animal
- I worry about losing my in-home health care
- I do not experience any housing challenges
- Other (please specify): _____

11. If used, please rank the level of difficulty in using specific transportation methods from very difficult (0) to very easy (5). Circle your choices. Check N/A if not applicable.

Mode of Transportation	Very Difficult					Very Easy	N/A
Walking	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Wheelchair	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Driving (I drive)	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Driving (Someone else drives)	0	1	2	3	4	5	
AC Transit	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Tri Valley Wheels Bus	0	1	2	3	4	5	
BART	0	1	2	3	4	5	
East Bay Paratransit	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Wheels Bus Dial-A-Ride	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Uber Assist or Uber WAV	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Accessible taxi service	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Other (please specify): _____	0	1	2	3	4	5	



12. Rank your agreement with the following statements from strongly disagree (0) to strongly agree (5). Circle your choices.

Questions	Strongly Disagree						Strongly Agree					
	0	1	2	3	4	5	0	1	2	3	4	5
I live near high quality parks and recreation facilities	0	1	2	3	4	5						
I live near grocery stores with healthy and convenient options	0	1	2	3	4	5						
I live a convenient distance from healthcare facilities	0	1	2	3	4	5						
I live near supportive friends/family/community members	0	1	2	3	4	5						
Housing in my neighborhood is in poor condition or needs repair	0	1	2	3	4	5						
I live in an area with a higher rate of crime	0	1	2	3	4	5						
It is difficult to find good schools in an area that I can afford	0	1	2	3	4	5						
I live in an area with easy access to job opportunities	0	1	2	3	4	5						
I have difficulty getting to places I want to go because of problems with transportation	0	1	2	3	4	5						
I feel that the water, air, and soil is healthy where I live	0	1	2	3	4	5						

13. In the past five years, have you had to move out of your residence in Alameda County when you did not want to move?

Yes _____

No _____ (If no, continue to question 16)

14. Why did you have to move? (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rent became unaffordable | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord selling home/unit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeownership became unaffordable | <input type="checkbox"/> Evicted due to residence rules violation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evicted due to not paying rent | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal/family reasons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord wanted to move back in | <input type="checkbox"/> There was no reason for my eviction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord wanted to remodel/renovate | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe conditions in my home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord wanted to rent to a relative | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe conditions in my neighborhood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord wanted to rent to someone else (non-relative) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |



15. If you selected “Rent became unaffordable” or “Homeownership became unaffordable,” please select the reasons why it became unaffordable. (Select all that apply)

- No longer able to make rent payments
- Mortgage payment increased to unaffordable level
- Rent increased to unaffordable level
- Maintenance costs became unaffordable
- Lost job or hours reduced
- Taxes/insurance increased to unaffordable level
- Utility expenses increased
- I did not select “Rent/Homeownership became unaffordable”
- No longer able to make mortgage payments
- Other (please specify): _____

16. Rank your agreement with the following statements from strongly disagree (0) to strongly agree (5). Circle your choices. If you don’t know, check “I don’t know.”

Questions	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree			I don’t know
My neighbors would be supportive of locating low-income housing in my neighborhood	0	1	2	3	4	5	
My neighbors would be supportive of locating new apartment buildings in my neighborhood	0	1	2	3	4	5	
My neighbors would be supportive of locating new housing for low-income seniors in my neighborhood	0	1	2	3	4	5	
My neighbors would be supportive of locating a residential home for people recovering from substance abuse in my neighborhood	0	1	2	3	4	5	
My neighbors would be supportive of locating a residential home for people with physical and/or developmental disabilities in my neighborhood	0	1	2	3	4	5	

17. What is your zip code? _____

18. How old are you?

- Senior (age 62+)
- Young Adult (age 18-30)
- Adult (age 31-61)
- Youth (age 13-17)

19. What is your gender?

- Male
- Transgender/Non-binary/Intersex
- Female



20. How many people live in your household?

- One (1)
- Two (2)
- Three (3)
- Four (4)
- Five (5)
- Six (6)
- Seven (7)+

21. How many minutes is your daily commute to school or work?

- 0-14
- 15-29
- 30-44
- 45-59
- 60-89
- 90-119
- 120-149
- 150+
- I don't go to work or school

22. Do you have any children under the age of 18 currently living with you?

Yes _____ No _____

23. Which racial group(s) do you consider yourself a part of? (Select all that apply)

- White/Caucasian*
 - Black/African American
 - American Indian/Alaskan Native
 - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 - Asian
 - Other (please specify)
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**White/Caucasian includes a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe (including Spanish descendants), the Middle East, or North Africa.*

24. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- Hispanic or Latino*
- Not Hispanic or Latino

**Hispanic or Latino refers to a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin of any race.*

25. What is the annual household income for all adults in your household?

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$39,999
- \$40,000 to \$54,999
- \$55,000 to \$69,999
- \$70,000 to \$84,999
- \$85,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000+

26. How much of your gross household income goes toward paying housing costs, including utilities?

- One-third or less (0% - 30%)
- Between one-third and one-half (31% - 50%)
- One-half (51%) or more



27. Please use this space for additional comments regarding the survey or fair housing in your community: _____

28. If you would like to receive updates regarding the Alameda County Analysis of Impediments, please provide your email and phone number below.

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Thank you for completing the survey. Your answers help Alameda County provide better fair housing opportunities. **Please consider attending one or more of three community engagement meetings where you will be able to provide us with more of your feedback.** Their dates, times, and locations are provided below.

Meeting #1

August 13, 2019, 1pm to 3pm
3rd Floor Community Meeting Room
Berkeley Central Library
2900 Kittredge St, Berkeley, CA 94704

Meeting # 2

August 21, 2019, 5pm to 7pm
Community Room (2nd Floor)
Oakland Library 81st Avenue Branch
1021 81st Ave, Oakland, CA 94621

Meeting #3

August 24, 2019, 11am to 1pm
Conference Room 2A (2nd Floor)
Hayward City Hall
777 B St, Hayward, CA 94541

If you have further questions about this survey or the report, please contact Patrice Clemons at HousingSurvey@mbakerintl.com.