



# 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):  
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**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):                  |

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**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
	0	1	2	3	4	5	0	1	2	3	4	5	
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
2090 Kittredge St, Berkeley, CA 94704

**Meeting # 2**

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

**Meeting #3**

August 24, 2019, 11am to 1pm  
Conference Room 2A (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:HousingSurvey@mbakerintl.com).