

County of San Luis Obispo
Department of Social Services

2027 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT



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Executive Summary

The 2027 Community Development Needs Assessment (CDNA) is a foundational component of San Luis Obispo County's strategic planning process for the use of federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Conducted between August and October 2026, the assessment gathered input from 901 community members, nonprofit organizations, and local government representatives to identify and prioritize the most pressing community development needs.

The CDNA informs the County's 2027 Action Plan and aligns with the goals of the 2025–2029 Consolidated Plan, which guides the use of HUD funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

This report summarizes the findings of the Community Development Needs Assessment through data collection, community input, and strategic planning. This process ensures that federal resources are directed toward the most pressing issues.

On August 13, 2026, the Homeless Services Division released an online Community Development Needs Assessment (CDNA) survey utilizing Microsoft Forms. There were 924 responses to the survey, but 23 responses were excluded because the respondent was not a resident or did not work in the county, leaving the final number of responses at 901. The 2027 CDNA survey gathered input from respondents across San Luis Obispo County, including community members, nonprofit representatives, and local government officials. The survey aimed to identify and prioritize the most pressing community development needs to inform the County's use of HUD grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Top Community Priorities

Respondents were asked to rank five priority areas identified in the 2025–2029 Consolidated Plan. Using a weighted average scoring method, the following priorities emerged as the most critical:

1. **Housing Facilities**
   Including affordable rental housing, single-family housing, and senior housing. This was ranked as the top priority by 43% of respondents and received the highest weighted average score (μ =3.67).

2. **Public Services**
   Including health care, mental health, and homeless services. This was the second highest priority among respondents (μ =3.30)

3. **Public Facilities**
   Including health care and mental health facilities, and childcare centers. This was the third highest priority among respondents (μ =3.02).

These priorities are consistent with the goals adopted by the Board of Supervisors for FY 2026-27 and the 2025–2029 Consolidated Plan.

Key Survey Insights

- **Housing Affordability**: 42% of respondents reported spending more than 30% of their gross monthly income on housing, indicating a high level of cost burden.
- **Housing Insecurity**: Of those who have had difficulty finding housing since 2024, the top challenges reported were related to affordability and competition from other applicants.
- **Demographic Reach**: Respondents represented all regions of the county, with the highest participation from Central County (40%), followed by South County (25%) and North County (19%).
- **Diverse Participation**: 80% of respondents identified as community members, with additional input from nonprofit organizations, local government, and elected officials.

Alignment with Strategic Goals

The findings from the CDNA will guide the allocation of HUD grant funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). These priorities also support the County's broader efforts to reduce homelessness and improve quality of life, as outlined in the San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to Address Homelessness.

Next Steps

The draft CDNA Report will be published for a 30-day public review and comment period on November 5, 2026. Public comments can be submitted by email to SS_HSDInfo@co.slo.ca.us. The last day to submit public comments by email is December 6, 2026.

The draft CDNA Report including public comments received will be presented to the County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors at a public hearing on December 8, 2026. Public comments may also be made during this hearing.

The approved Community Development Needs Assessment Report will be available online at *slocounty.gov/CommunityDevelopment*.

Homeless Services Division

On August 9, 2022, the County Board of Supervisors approved a plan to reduce homelessness by 50% in 5 years, titled the San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to Address Homelessness. The plan represents months of collaboration and input from those affected by homelessness in San Luis Obispo County, including the public, various agencies, non-profits, and other community stakeholders.

We thank all who contributed to this effort and look forward to working together to address these critical needs and improve the quality of life for all community members.

To learn more about the work of the Homeless Services Division and ongoing efforts, please visit *slocounty.ca.gov/HomelessServices*.

If you or someone you know is currently experiencing homelessness, or at risk of experiencing homelessness, we encourage you to explore the resources available in our community, available at *slocounty.ca.gov/HSGetHelp*.

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Introduction

The Community Development Needs Assessment is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) required process used by state and local governments that receive annual entitlement grants to evaluate specific community needs, and its low- and moderate-income populations and areas. The assessment is part of broader planning efforts to allocate federal funds through programs like the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG).

Key aspects of the HUD Community Development Needs Assessment include:

- **Identifying Local Needs:** Communities assess areas like affordable housing, infrastructure, economic development, public services, and other areas crucial for improving living conditions and opportunities.
- **Data Collection:** Information is gathered through various methods, such as surveys, community meetings, and local data (e.g., housing, income, and employment statistics).
- **Priority Setting:** Based on the data collected, local governments and communities determine their most pressing needs and prioritize them for action.
- **Strategic Planning:** The assessment helps shape how federal HUD funds will be used over a specific period to address the identified needs.
- **Public Input:** Stakeholders, including residents, community organizations, and local leaders, are typically involved in the process to ensure the assessment reflects the community's actual needs.

The ultimate goal is to align resources with the community's most significant needs and ensure that federal funds are directed towards impactful projects. The mission of the Homeless Services Division is to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring.

On March 10, 2026, the Board of Supervisors established its priorities for Fiscal Year 2026-27 as Economic Development, Homelessness, Mental Health, and Housing. On December 10, 2024, the Board of Supervisors established the goals for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan which directs the priorities for the use of the HUD grant funds. These priorities which are aligned with the Board priorities for Fiscal Year 2026-27 are Housing Facilities, Public Services, Public Facilities, Housing Services and Public Infrastructure.

Background

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual entitlement grant funds to cities and counties for public services, public facilities, affordable housing, and economic development to benefit low- and moderate-income individuals. These HUD grants include Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The grant amount is determined based on a formula accounting for each jurisdiction's population, poverty level, and household size.

Cities and counties can receive HUD funding directly through HUD's Entitlement Program or through the State. The following jurisdictions are eligible for Entitlement Program funding:

- Principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)
- Other metropolitan cities with populations of at least 50,000
- Qualified urban counties with populations of at least 200,000

Jurisdictions that do not meet the above criteria can compete with other "non-entitlement" jurisdictions to receive a share of the State's HUD allocation.

Since 1994, the County of San Luis Obispo has partnered with its cities to meet the 200,000 minimum population criteria for an Urban County. While the participating cities have varied over time, since 2015, the Urban County has included six incorporated cities. The City of Grover Beach does not participate in the Urban County but instead has opted to participate in the State's non-entitlement grant program The cities participating in the Urban County Agreement are:

- City of Paso Robles
- City of Atascadero
- City of Morro Bay
- City of San Luis Obispo
- City of Pismo Beach
- City of Arroyo Grande

Community Development Block Grant

The primary purpose of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is to promote community development activities that benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and improve overall living conditions. Activities using CDBG funds must ensure that at least fifty-one (51) percent of beneficiaries are low- and moderate-income individuals while a minimum of seventy percent (70%) of CDBG funds must be used to achieve this goal. This ensures that CDBG funds are targeting those most in need of assistance, such as underserved neighborhoods or vulnerable populations.

The main objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities through:

- Providing decent housing.

- Creating suitable living environments.
- Expanding economic opportunities.

CDBG funds can be used for a wide range of activities, including:

- Affordable housing initiatives, such as property purchases for constructing new affordable housing or rehabilitating homes.
- Public infrastructure improvements, like water systems, parks, and ADA improvement for roads and sidewalks.
- Economic development programs, such as job training and small business support.
- Public services, like senior programs, childcare services, or homelessness assistance.

NOTE: Only 15% of the annual CDBG allocation can be used for Public Services and must be expended during the program year.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

The primary goal of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is to increase the supply of affordable housing and strengthen communities by providing safe and decent housing options for those most in need.

The program focuses on both creating new affordable housing units and preserving existing ones.

Funds can be used for activities such as building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable rental or homeownership housing, as well as providing direct rental assistance to low-income households.

Emergency Solutions Grant

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program plays a vital role in addressing homelessness by funding services that prevent homelessness, provide emergency shelter, and help individuals and families quickly transition into stable housing.

The ESG program funds several types of activities, grouped into four main components:

- Emergency Shelter: Operating shelters that provide immediate, temporary housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- Street Outreach: Engaging with unsheltered homeless individuals and families to connect them with emergency shelter, housing, and critical services.
- Rapid Re-Housing: Offering financial assistance (e.g., short-term or medium-term rental assistance) and services to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness move into and maintain permanent housing as quickly as possible.
- Homelessness Prevention: Providing rental assistance, utility payments, and housing stabilization services to help individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless remain in their current housing.

Purpose

The Community Development Needs Assessment serves as a crucial tool for fostering sustainable growth and enhancing the quality of life in our community. The assessment process includes actively seeking input from community members to identify pressing needs and establish priorities that reflect the diverse perspectives of our community members. By gathering this feedback, we ensure that both federal funds and local resources are allocated to the areas where they are needed most.

The survey plays a vital role in informing funding priorities for the HUD Consolidated Plan. This long-term strategic planning document is required by HUD from states and local governments to outline how they will utilize HUD grant funding to meet community development and housing needs, particularly for low- and moderate-income populations.

The Consolidated Plan serves as a comprehensive framework for allocating federal grants, including the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. Most importantly, the plan ensures that these different HUD programs work together to meet our community's housing and development goals.

By integrating funding from CDBG, HOME, ESG, and other programs, communities can address multiple issues simultaneously, from affordable housing to homelessness prevention to infrastructure improvements.

Each year, the County of San Luis Obispo (County) submits an Action Plan that details the specific activities to be undertaken over the coming year to work toward the goals set out in the Consolidated Plan. This plan outlines how funds from HUD programs will be used to address the community needs over the five-year Consolidated Plan period.

Funding flows from HUD to the County, which then, through a competitive request for proposals, allocates the funding to agencies responsible for building and providing essential services. Information and collaboration with community members, city partners, multiple stakeholders, and advisory boards help ensure that grant funds are targeted to address priority needs.

HUD announces final allocations between February and June. Staff estimates that the Urban County will receive approximately $2.7 million in HUD grants for Program Year 2027. The estimated total funding is based on the prior year funding levels and past trends.

Staff estimate a conservative 5% reduction in CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding levels from a three-year average funding level for the 2027 program year.

Action Plan	Approval by Board of Supervisors	CDBG	HOME	ESG	Total
Action Plan 2024	April 9, 2024	$1,790,584	$797,645	$149,797	$2,738,026
Action Plan 2025	April 8, 2025	$1,893,580	$810,088	$157,730	$2,861,038
Action Plan 2026	April 7, 2026	$1,916,737	$816,477	$166,426	$2,899,640
Action Plan 2027	**Considered in April 2027**	**$1,773,619***	**$767,667***	**$149,968***	**$2,691,254***

**Numbers are estimates based on trends observed in previous years.*

2025 – 2029 Consolidated Plan

The Urban County of San Luis Obispo prepares and submits a Consolidated Plan every 5 years in addition to the annual Action Plan to HUD. This strategic plan is submitted by all jurisdictions that directly receive HUD entitlement funds and describes how grant funds will be allocated to address housing, homelessness, and community development needs.

The Community Development Needs Assessment is a vital part of developing the Consolidated Plan. Community members provided input throughout this process, ensuring their voices contributed to the development of effective strategies. The goals established in the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan are as follows:

1. Housing Facilities, including affordable rental housing, single family housing, and senior housing
2. Public Services, including health care, mental health, and homeless services
3. Public Facilities, including health care and mental health facilities, and childcare centers
4. Housing Services, including homelessness prevention, rental assistance, and emergency shelters
5. Public Infrastructure, including high-speed internet, water/sewer improvements, and sidewalk improvements

2027 Action Plan

An Annual Action Plan is developed to utilize the identified needs of the Consolidated Plan to make effective funding decisions for annual project funding to address these needs. The Annual Action Plan addresses these needs through a concise summary of actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that can be used to achieve these goals.

The 2027 Community Development Needs Assessment Survey provided community members with an opportunity to prioritize the Consolidated Plan goals to be funded with HUD grant funds. Engaging the community in this assessment not only ensures that their voices are heard but also promotes accountability in how public funds are spent. The Community Development Needs Assessment is designed to be strategic, inclusive, and focused on creating lasting positive impacts for all residents.

The 2027 Community Development Needs Assessment Survey established the following priorities:

1. Housing Facilities
2. Public Services
3. Public Facilities
4. Housing Services
5. Public Infrastructure

Community Outreach

The Community Development Needs Assessment (CDNA) gathered input from community members through an online survey.

The CDNA was promoted through KSBY and KCOY media coverage, digital outreach including social media, newsletter distributions, press releases, and the County's website. Flyers and a media outreach kit were provided to the County Board of Supervisors, local agencies and community partners.

All community outreach efforts directed people to the County of San Luis Obispo's Community Development website *slocounty.gov/CommunityDevelopment*.

Methodology

The Homeless Services Division released an online Community Development Needs Assessment survey utilizing Microsoft Forms on August 13, 2026. This cross-sectional survey was directed towards interested community members who were encouraged to complete the survey. The deadline to complete and submit the survey was October 13, 2026.

While the survey was prioritized for community member input, those responding in an organizational capacity were able to identify themselves. The survey contained a variety of questions including demographics, household income, housing status, housing challenges, and ranking questions for prioritization.

The priorities established for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan were listed for ranking:

- Increase affordable housing including affordable rental housing, single family housing and senior housing
- Increase public services including health care services, mental health services and homeless services
- Increase public facilities including health care facilities, mental health facilities and childcare facilities
- Increase housing services including homelessness prevention, rental assistance, and emergency shelter

- Increase public infrastructure including high-speed internet, water / sewer improvements and sidewalk improvements

Each ranking question had the option to rank these goals as 1st Choice, 2nd Choice, 3rd Choice, 4th Choice or 5th Choice. The last two questions on the surveys were open to free response and optional to respond. One question allowed community members to convey additional needs and priorities they might have felt were not covered in the survey. The last question allowed community members to receive future updates on the assessment.

Data Analysis

To determine the level of need or importance for each of the 2025 – 2029 Consolidated Plan priorities, a weighted average method was used. This includes coding a value to each response to determine level of need, relative to the average of other categories. Responses were coded using a value between one and five, with one being the least important (5th choice) and five being the most important (1st choice). After coding each response to their respective values, the number of respondents assigning each rank was counted. A weighted average was then calculated for each statement, which allows for the comparison of the level of need for each priority. Priorities with higher weighted averages indicate a higher level of need.

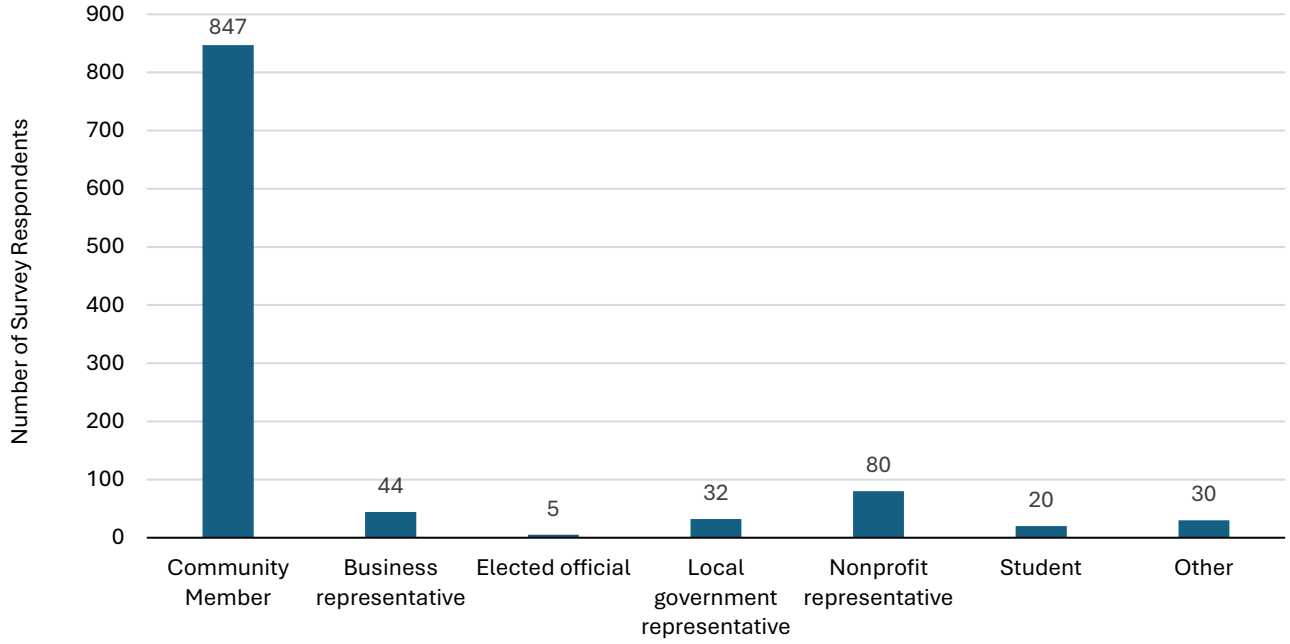
Results

The survey consisted of 34 questions and asked respondents to provide demographic information, experiences, and their assessment of potential community needs in San Luis Obispo County. There were 924 responses to the survey, but 23 responses were excluded because the respondent was not a resident or did not work in the county, leaving the final number of responses at 901. While there were 901 survey responses, some respondents did not answer all the questions, and some questions allowed multiple responses.

Demographics

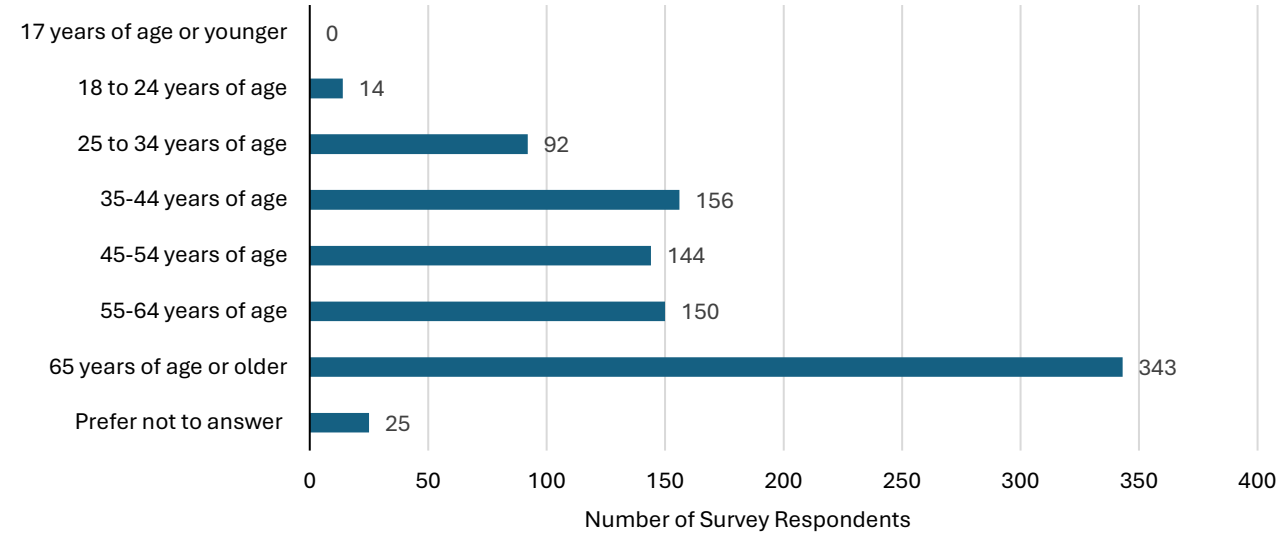
The first portion of the survey characterized the demographics and identities of those responding to the survey. Respondents were asked questions including their employment status, age, housing, income bracket, and where they primarily lived and worked.

What best describes you?



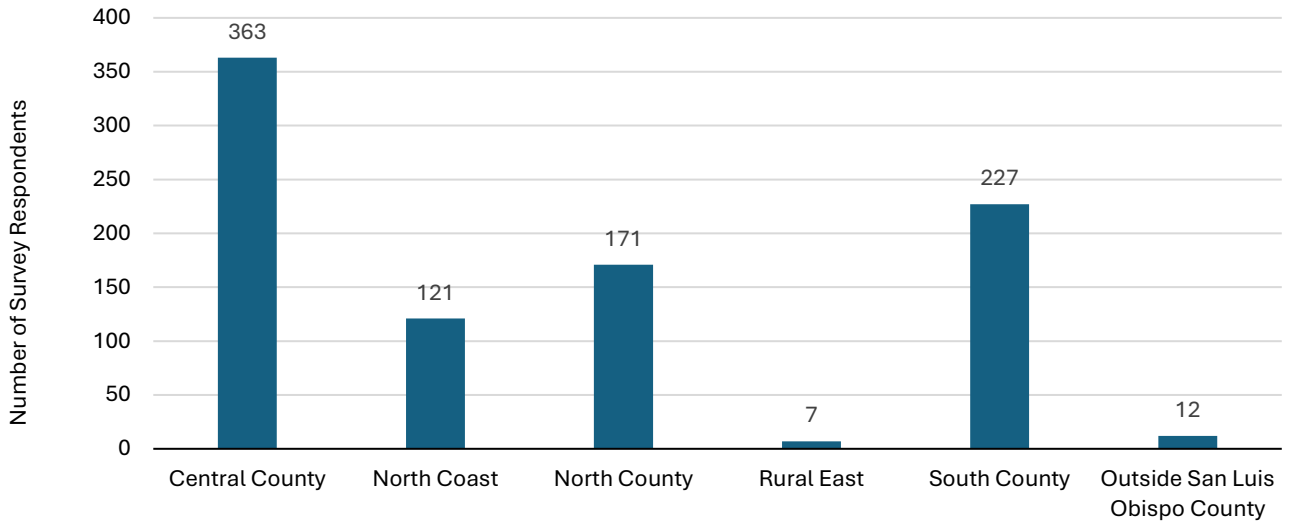
This question allowed respondents to choose more than one answer. While 901 respondents completed the survey, there were 1058 total responses to this question. Of these, 80% identified as community members (N=847).

What is your age?



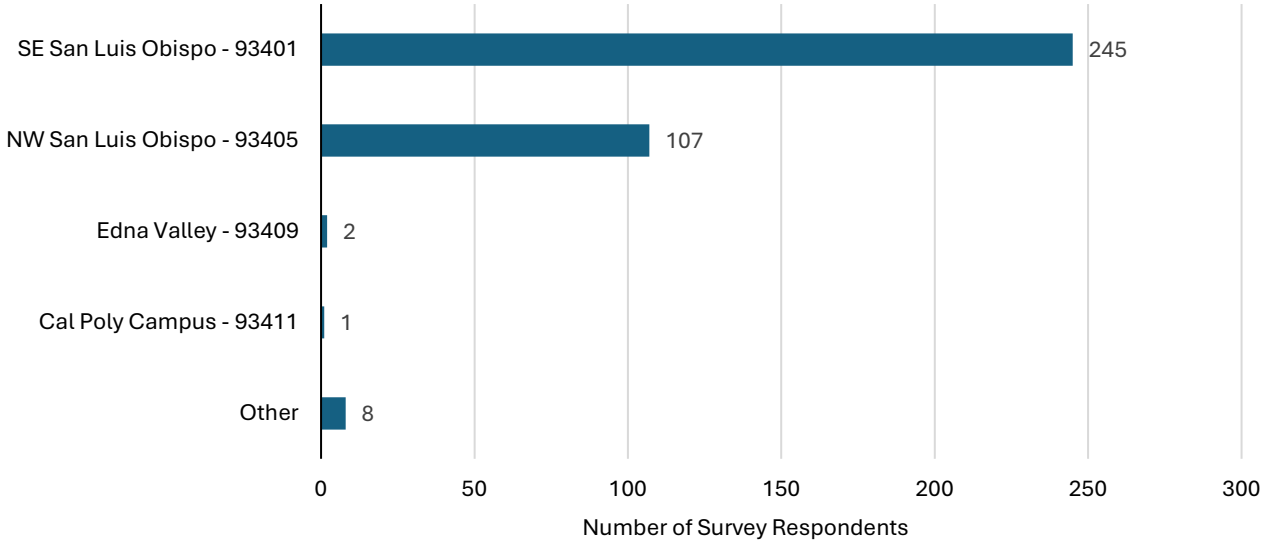
Among respondents who disclosed their age (N=899), 38% were ages 65 or older, 17% were ages 35–44, 17% were ages 55–64, 16% were ages 45-54, 10% were ages 25-34, and 2% were ages 18-24. An additional 25 respondents preferred not to disclose their age.

Which region do you live in the county?



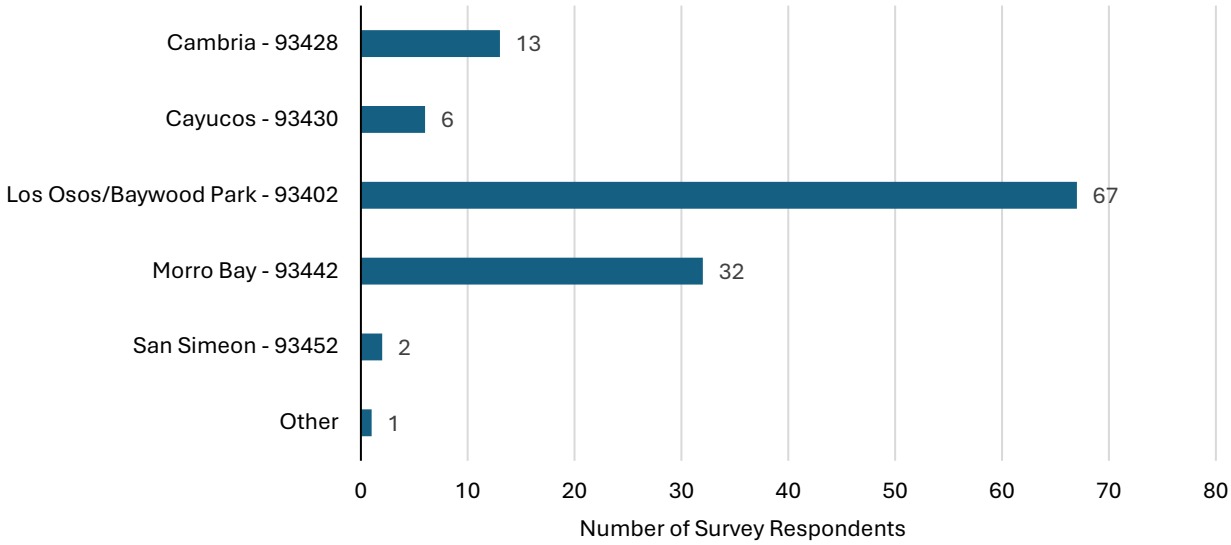
Among respondents (N=901), most lived in Central County (40%), followed by South County (25%), North County (19%), and North Coast (13%).

If you primarily reside in Central County, please select your zip code.



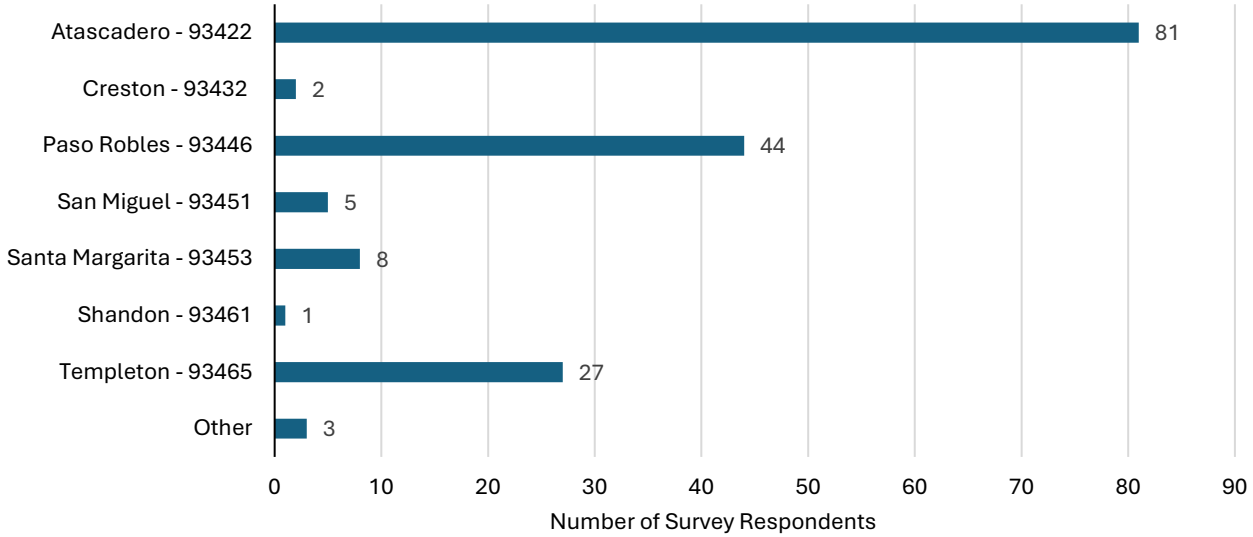
Among Central County respondents (N=363), most lived in Southeastern San Luis Obispo (67%), followed by Northwestern San Luis Obispo (29%).

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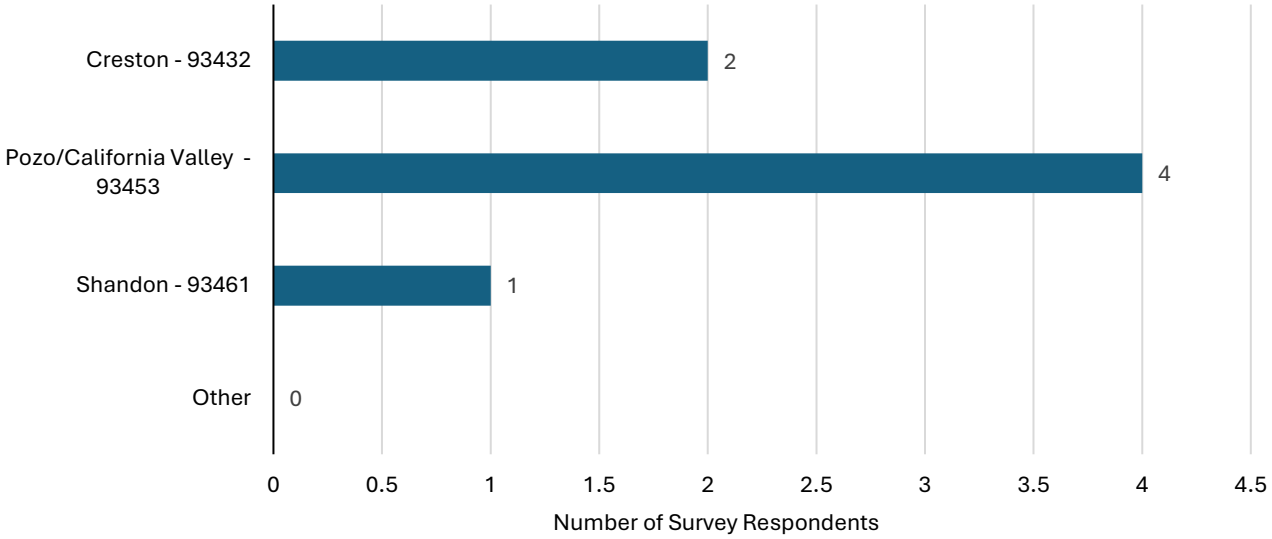
Among North Coast respondents (N=121), most lived in Los Osos/Baywood Park (55%), followed by Morro Bay (26%), and Cambria (11%).

If you primarily reside in North County, please select your zip code.



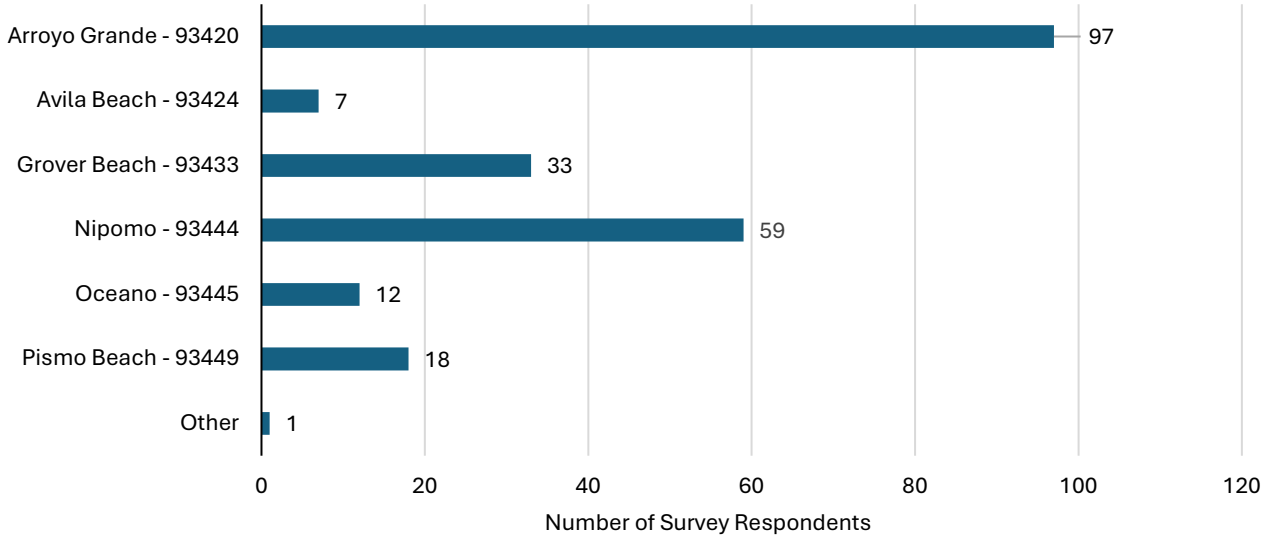
Among North County respondents (N=171), most lived in Atascadero (47%), followed by Paso Robles (26%), and Templeton (16%).

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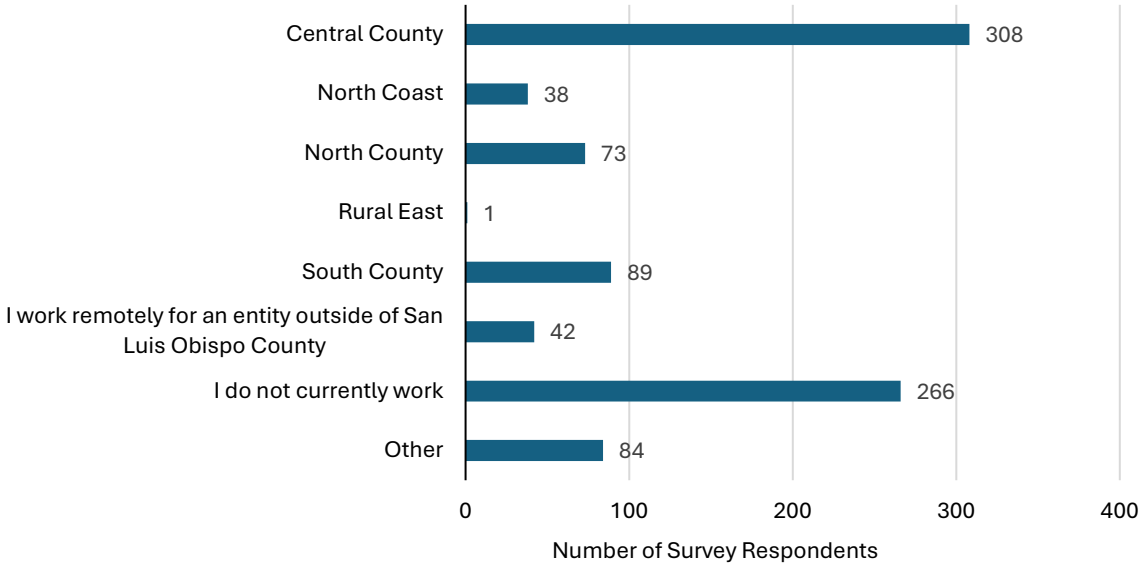
Among Rural East respondents (N=7), four lived in Pozo/California Valley (57%), two lived in Creston (29%), and one lived in Shandon (14%).

If you primarily reside in South County, please select your zip code.



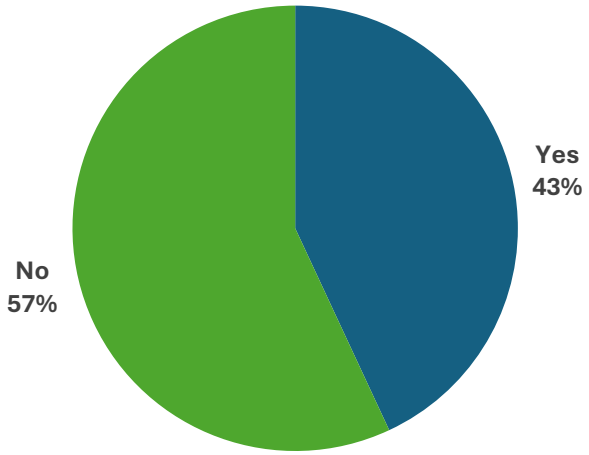
Among South County respondents (N=227), most lived in Arroyo Grande (43%), followed by Nipomo (29%), and Grover Beach (15%).

What region do you primarily work in the county?



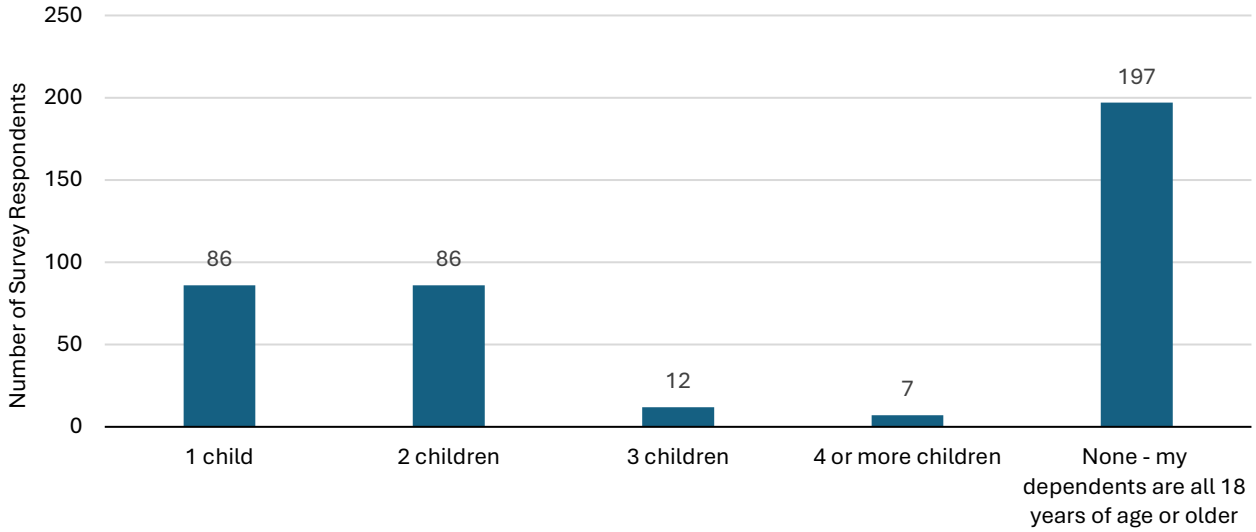
Among respondents (N=901), 34% worked in Central County, followed by South County (10%) and North County (8%). Additionally, 30% reported not currently working and 9% selected “Other.”

Are you a parent or guardian to any children, including those over 18 years of age?



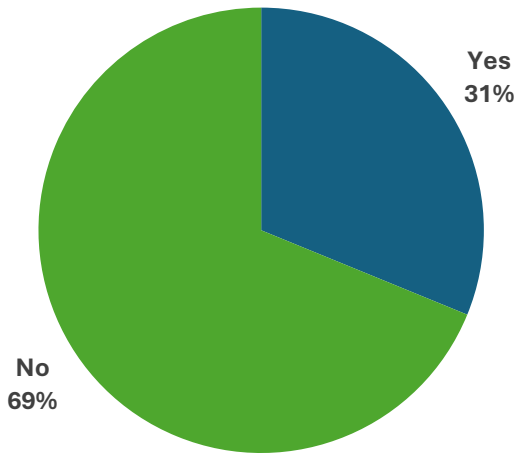
Among respondents (N=901), 43% of respondents identified as a parent or guardian, including to those over 18 years of age (N=388).

How many children or dependents under the age of 18 live in your household?



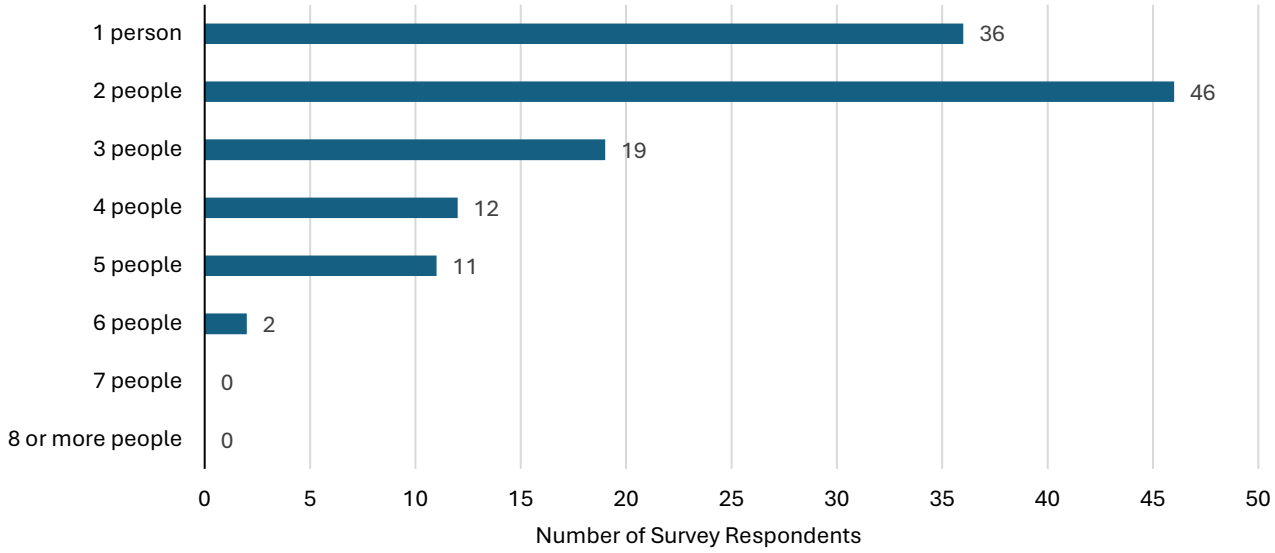
Among respondents who identified as a parent or guardian (N=388), 51% had no children under the age of 18 living with them, while 44% had one or two children.

Do you have any adult children or former dependents over the age of 18 in your household?



Among respondents who identified as a parent or guardian (N=388), 69% did not have any adult children or former dependents living with them (N=267), while 31% did (N=121).

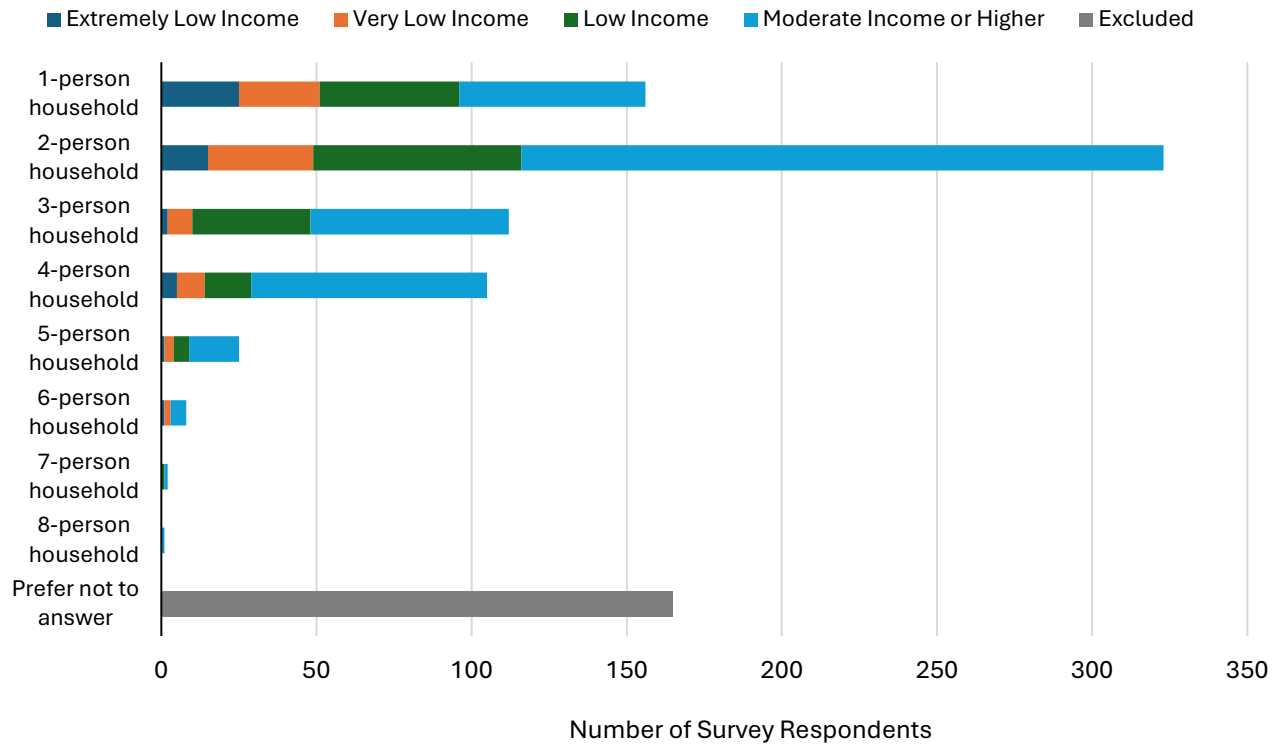
How many people live in your household?



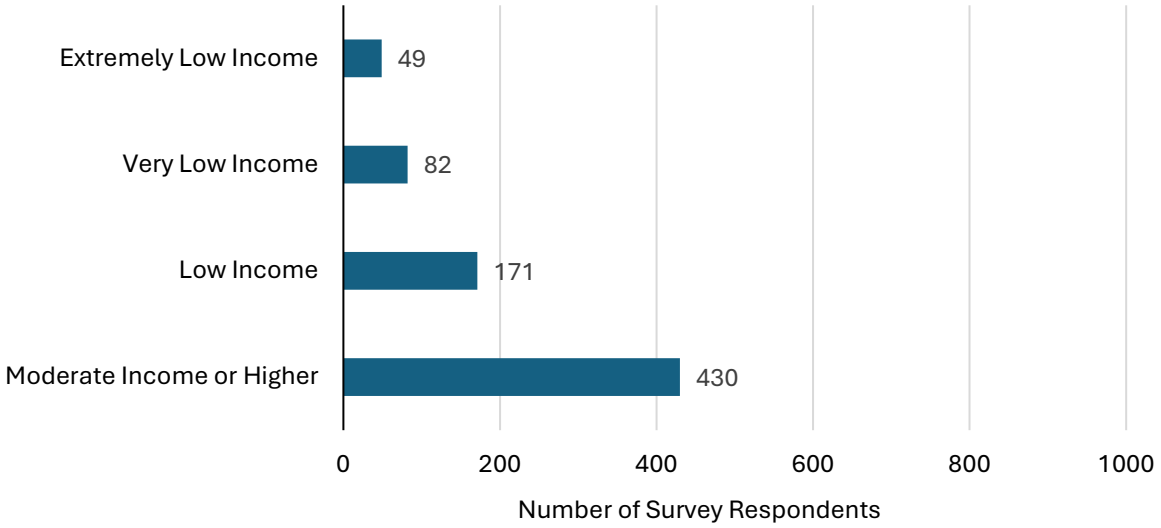
Among respondents (N=901), nearly half had two people living in their household (46%), followed by one person (20%), three people (15%), and four people (14%).

What is your household's gross annual income?

For this question, respondents were provided four choices of income brackets that represented the 2026 Income Limits set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Which income bracket choices provided to a respondent were based on their response to the previous question, "How many people live in your household?" Respondents also had the option to decline to provide a response to this question.



Among respondents who disclosed their household income (N=732), two-person households were the most common (44%), followed by one-person households (21%) and three-person households (15%). Across most household sizes moderate-income or higher respondents represented the largest income classification. An additional 165 respondents preferred not to disclose their income.

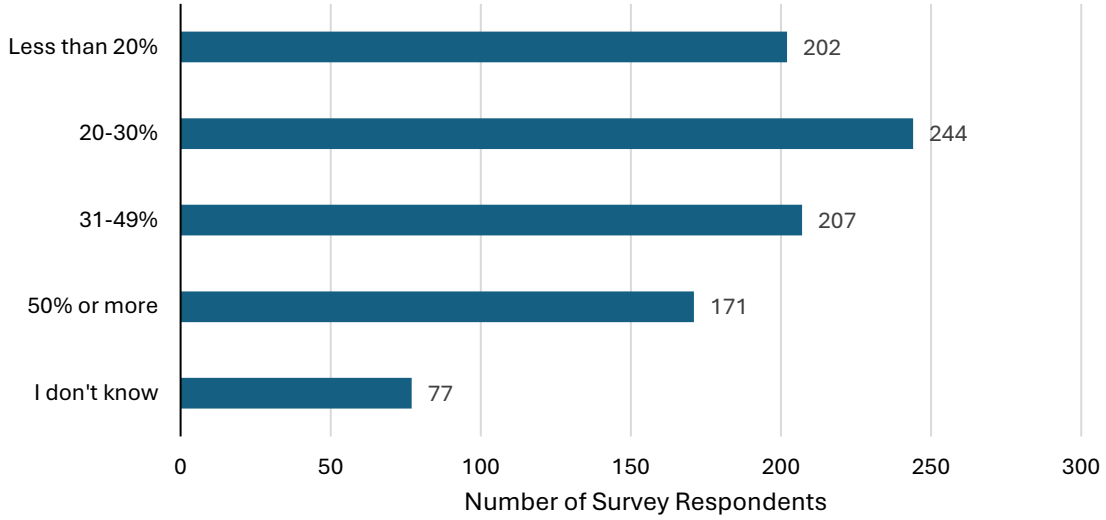


Among respondents who reported their household income (N=732), moderate income or higher was the most common classification (59%), followed by low income (23%), very low income (11%), and extremely low income (7%).

Housing Experience

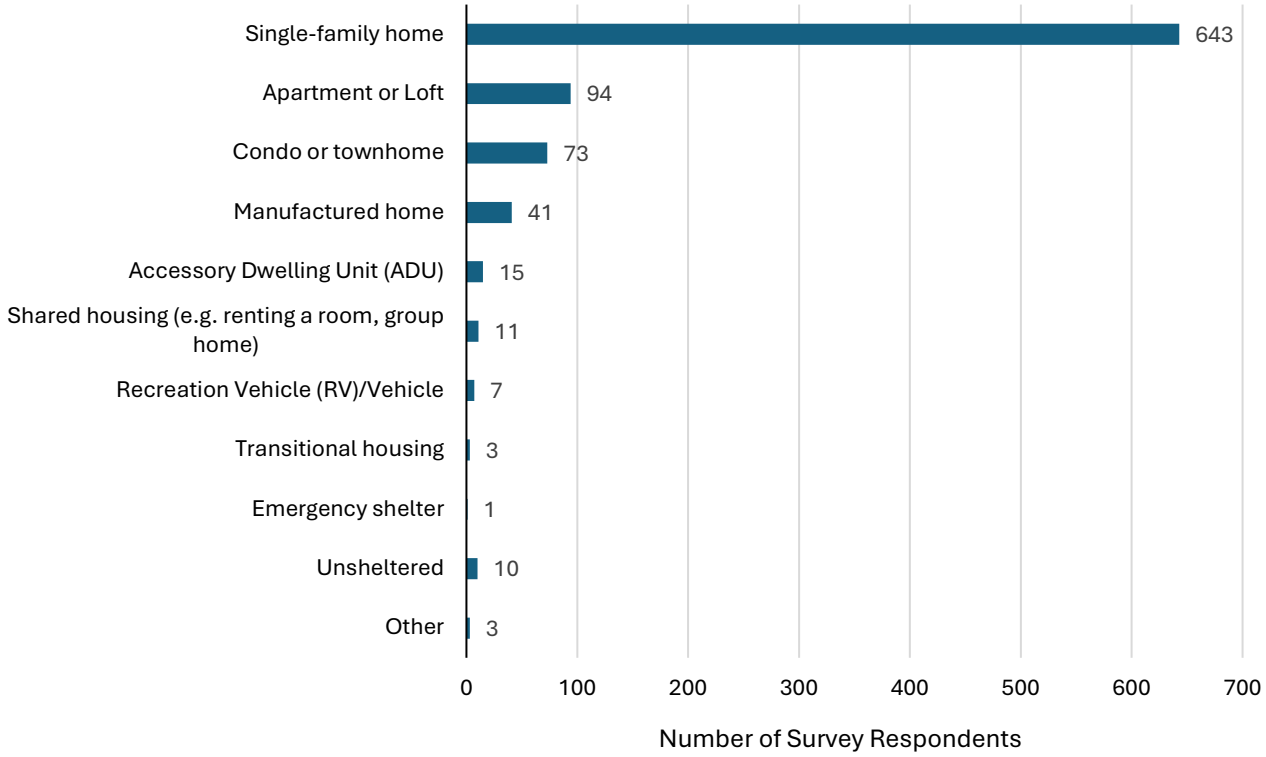
The second portion of the survey focused on the housing experience of the respondents. Respondents were asked questions regarding their primary residence type, their experience finding housing, housing costs related to their household income, and their household's experience with homelessness. The following information is the result of those questions.

About what percentage of your monthly gross household income goes towards housing costs (e.g. rent, mortgage, utilities)?



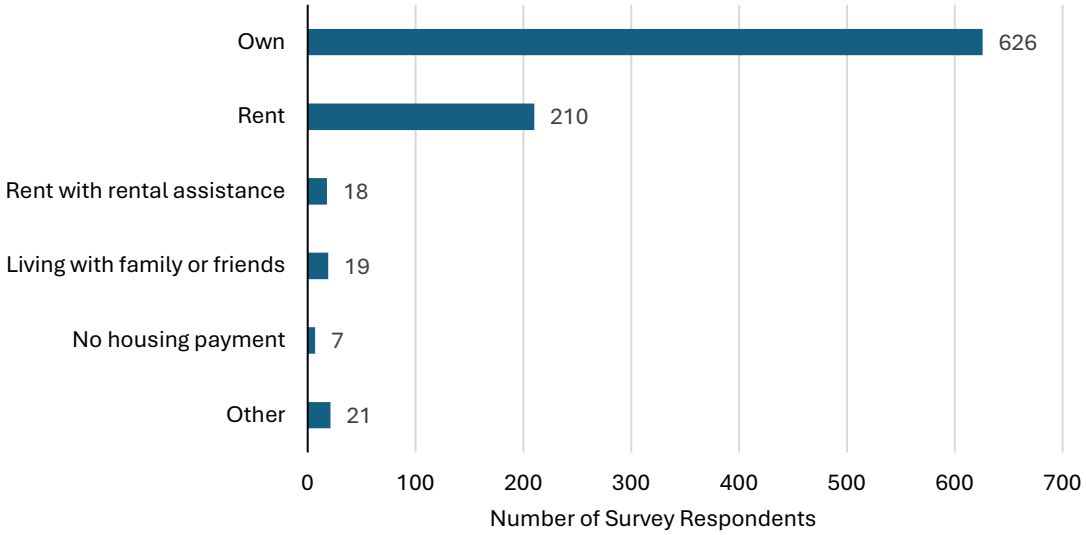
42% of respondents are cost burdened by their housing costs (N=378), with costs being over 30% of their gross monthly income. 9% of respondents answered "I don't know" to this question.

Which best describes your current housing?



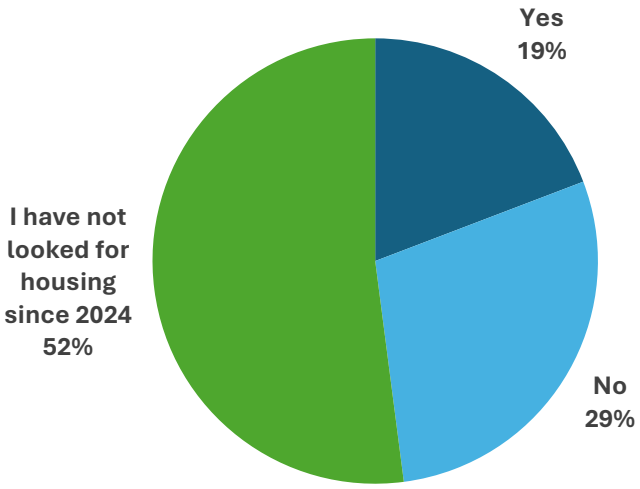
Among respondents (N=901), most lived in a single-family home (71%), followed by an apartment or loft (10%), and a condo or townhome (8%). An additional 1% reported being unsheltered.

Which best describes your housing situation?



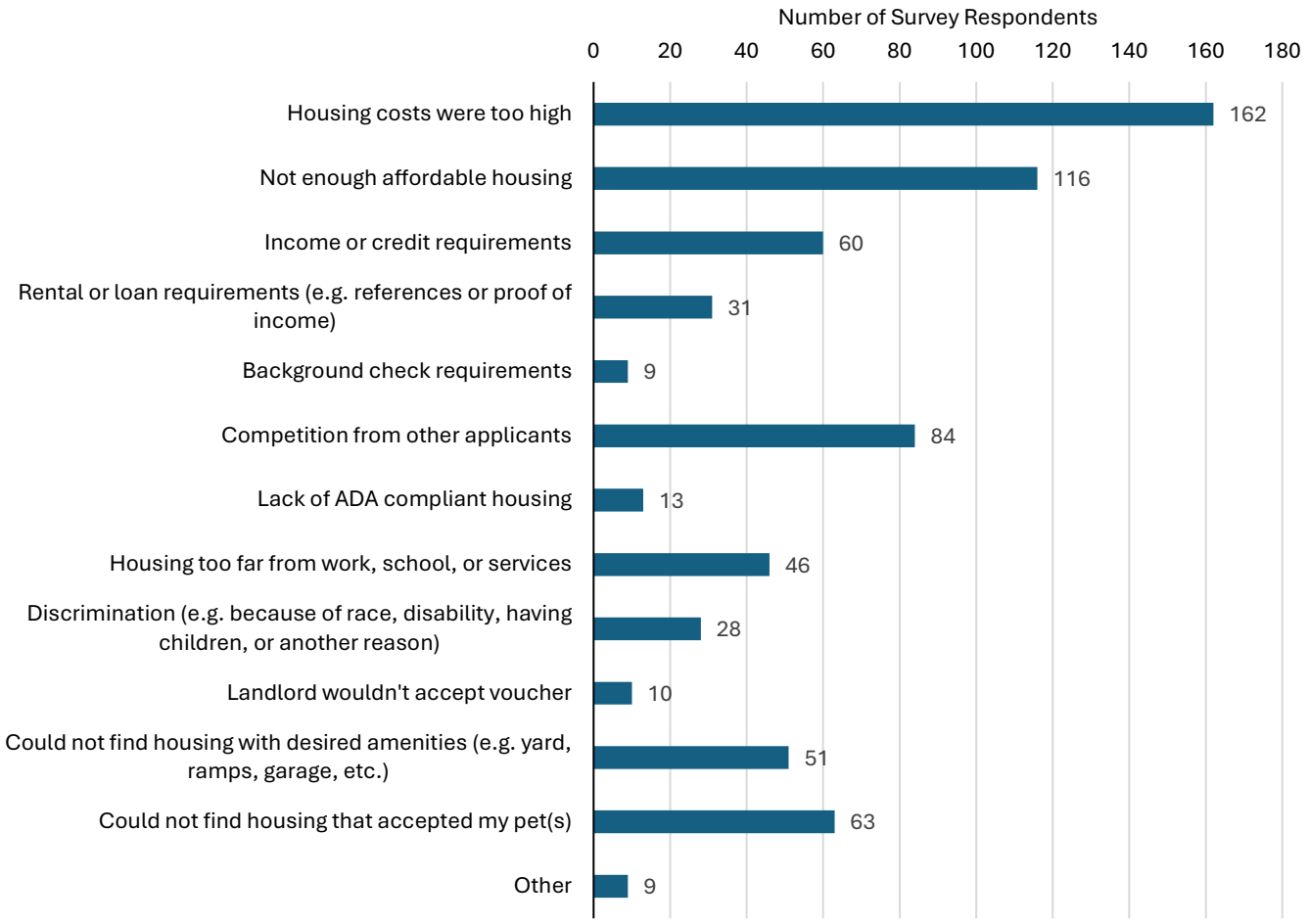
Among respondents (N=901), most owned their primary residence (69%), followed by those who rented (23%). Small percentages reported receiving rental assistance, living with family or friends, or having no housing payment.

Since January 2024, have you had difficulty finding housing in San Luis Obispo County?



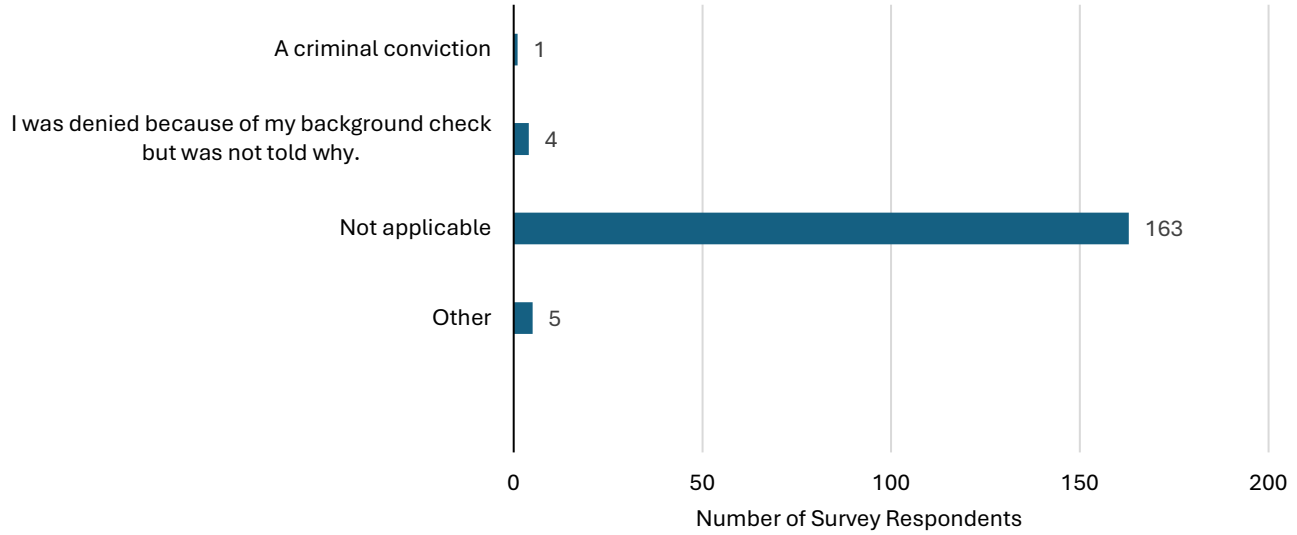
Among respondents (N=901), 52% of respondents had not looked for housing since 2024 (N=469). Among those who did, 29% did not have difficulty securing housing (N=259) and 19% did (N=173).

If yes, what barriers did you experience?



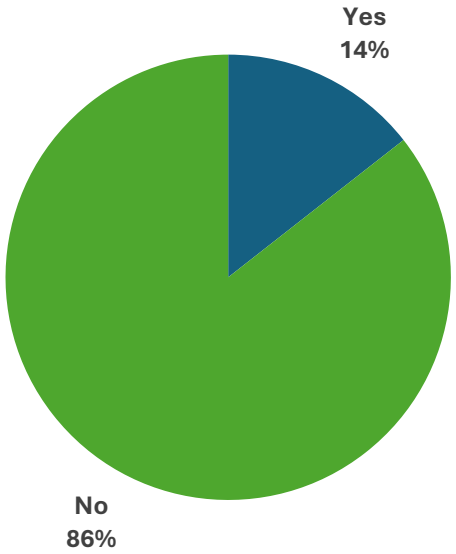
Of those who have had difficulty finding housing since 2024, the top challenges reported were high housing costs (24%, N=162), not enough affordable housing (17%, N=116), and competition from other applicants (12%, N=84). This question allowed multiple responses per respondent.

If you indicated that background check requirements made it difficult to secure housing, what specifically was the issue?



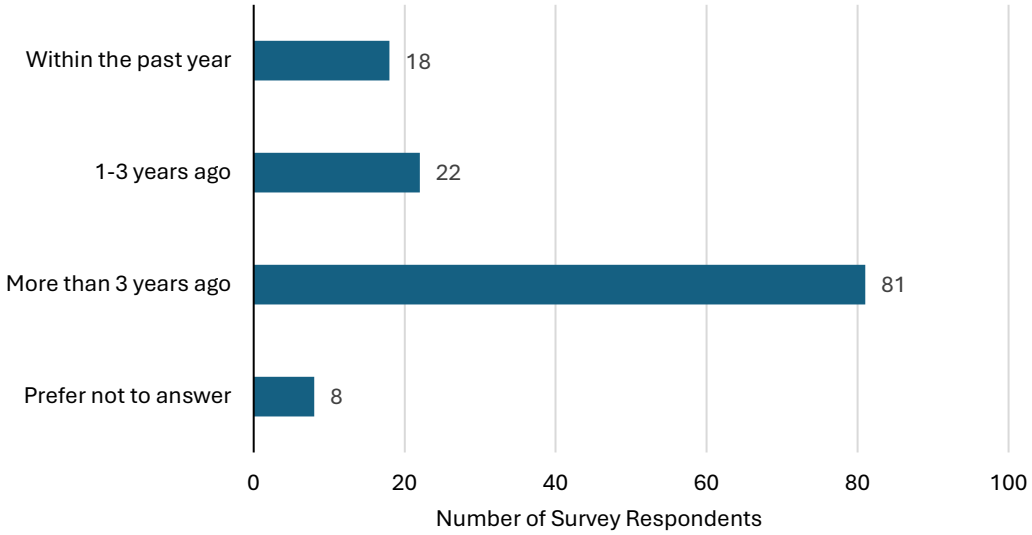
Of those who have had difficulty finding housing since 2024, respondents could indicate whether background check requirements were an issue. A small number reported being denied housing without an explanation (N=4) or identified a criminal conviction (N=1).

Have you or anyone in your household ever experienced homelessness?



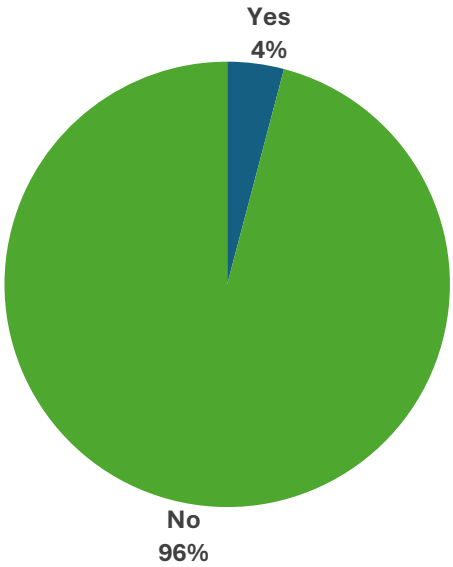
Among respondents (N=901), 14% reported they or someone in their household had experienced homelessness (N=130).

When did the most recent experience occur?



14% of respondents reported they or someone in their household had experienced homelessness. Of these, the most recent experience occurred more than 3 years ago (67%), followed by 1-3 years ago (18%) and within the past year (15%). An additional 8 respondents preferred not to answer.

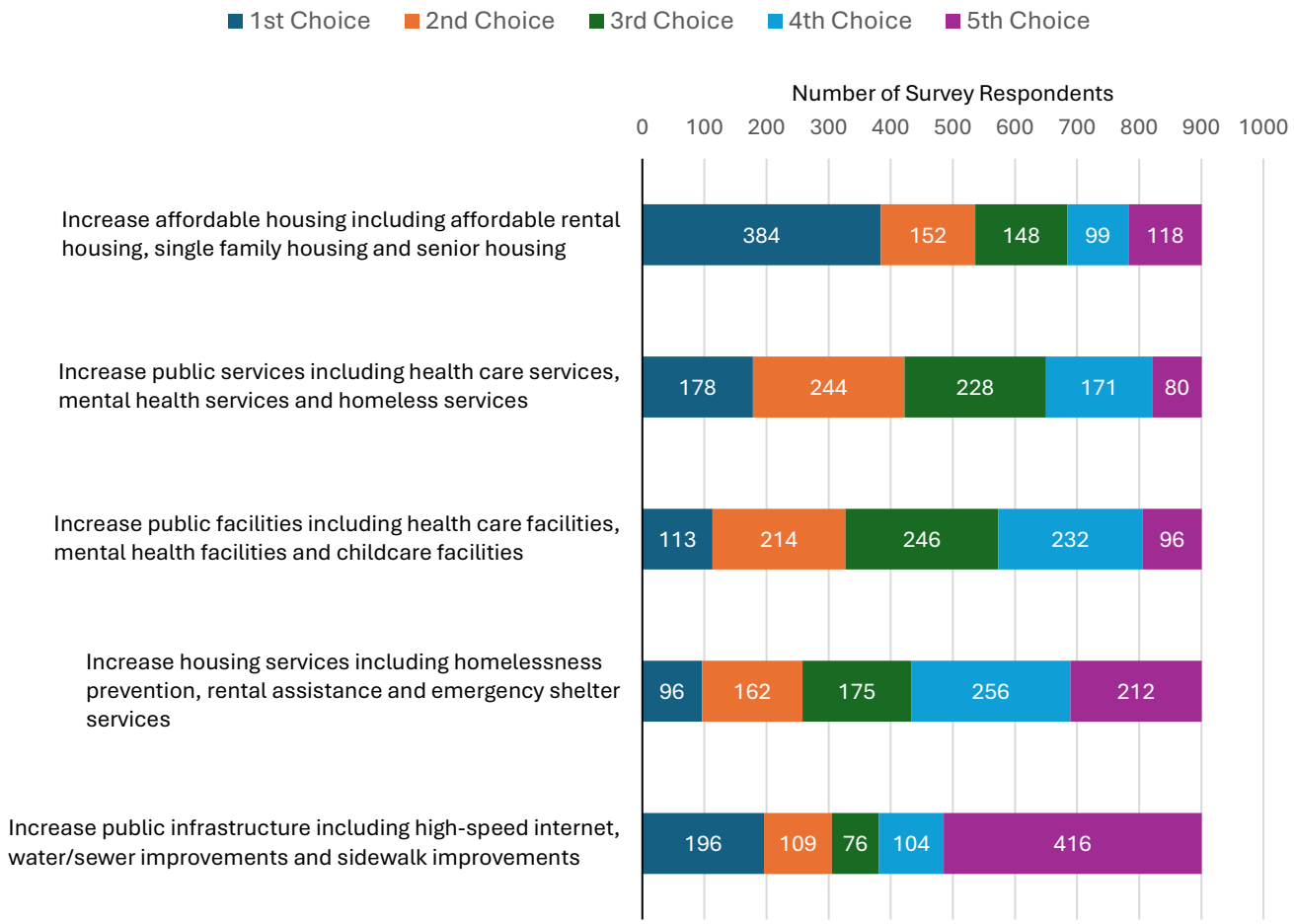
Are you currently experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless?



Among survey respondents (N=901), 4% reported they were currently experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless (N=37).

Identified Needs

The final portion of the survey asked respondents to determine which of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan priorities have the greatest need and/or importance for our County: Housing Facilities, Public Services, Public Facilities, Housing Services, and Public Infrastructure. Respondents ranked the priorities by choosing the level for each priority from the most important (1st choice) to the least important (5th choice). The priorities included in this survey are the eligible activities that may be funded by the three HUD grants included in a Consolidated Plan and accessory Action Plans: CDBG, HOME, and ESG.



Ranked Priorities

Among survey respondents (N=901), Housing Facilities (μ=3.67) had the highest weighted average; thus, it is considered the highest need among all priorities. Public Services (μ=3.30) had the second highest weighted average; thus, it is considered the second highest need. Public Facilities (μ=3.02) had the third highest weighted average; thus, it is considered the third highest need.

Priority	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	Weighted Average
Housing Facilities	384	152	148	99	118	**3.67**
Public Services	178	244	228	171	80	**3.30**
Public Facilities	113	214	246	232	96	**3.02**
Housing Services	96	162	175	256	212	**2.64**
Public Infrastructure	196	109	76	104	416	**2.52**

Percentages of all respondents for each priority

Priority	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Housing Facilities	43%	17%	16%	11%	13%
Public Services	20%	27%	25%	19%	9%
Public Facilities	13%	24%	27%	26%	11%
Housing Services	11%	18%	19%	28%	24%
Public Infrastructure	22%	12%	8%	12%	46%

Recommendations

The feedback collected from the Community Development Needs Assessment survey identified the three highest community needs as Housing Facilities, Public Services and Public Facilities:

1. Housing Facilities
2. Public Services
3. Public Facilities
4. Housing Services
5. Public Infrastructure

Staff will present the findings to the County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors during a public hearing on December 8th. Public comments will be accepted during the hearing. Comments from the Community Development Needs Assessment Survey and the Community Development Needs Assessment Hearing will be considered when evaluating projects for funding allocations for the 2027 Action Plan.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - 2027 Community Development Needs Assessment Survey

The County of San Luis Obispo Homeless Services Division is asking for your voice! We're gathering input to help shape how an estimated $3 million in federal funding will be allocated to housing and community development needs in San Luis Obispo County. You're invited to take a quick, 10-minute survey. It's completely anonymous, and your feedback will guide how we prioritize goals outlined in the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan:

- **Housing Facilities**, including affordable rental housing, single-family housing, and senior housing
- **Public Services**, including health care, mental health, and homeless services
- **Public Facilities**, including health care and mental health facilities, and childcare centers
- **Housing Services**, including homelessness prevention, rental assistance, and emergency shelters
- **Public Infrastructure**, including high-speed internet, water and sewer improvements, and sidewalk improvements

Survey is open through October 13, 2026. Don’t miss the chance to help guide future projects and services in our community. Survey closes October 13, 2026. Don’t miss the chance to help guide future projects and services in our community.

1. What best describes you?
    - Community member
    - Business representative
    - Elected official
    - Local government representative
    - Nonprofit representative
    - Student
    - Other

2. What is your age?
    - 17 years of age or younger
    - 18–24
    - 25–34
    - 35–44
    - 45–54
    - 55–64
    - 65 or older

- Prefer not to answer

3. Do you currently live or work in San Luis Obispo County?
    - Yes
    - No

4. Which region do you live in the county?
    - Central County
    - North Coast
    - North County
    - Rural East
    - South County
    - Outside San Luis Obispo County

5. If you primarily reside in Central County, please select your zip code:
    - 93401 (Southeastern San Luis Obispo)
    - 93405 (Northwestern San Luis Obispo)
    - 93409 (Edna Valley)
    - 93410 (Cal Poly campus)
    - Other

6. If you primarily reside in the North Coast, please select your zip code:
    - 93428 (Cambria)
    - 93430 (Cayucos)
    - 93402 (Los Osos/Baywood Park)
    - 93442 (Morro Bay)
    - 93452 (San Simeon)
    - Other

7. If you primarily reside in North County, please select your zip code:
    - 93422 (Atascadero)
    - 93432 (Creston)
    - 93446 (Paso Robles)
    - 93451 (San Miguel)
    - 93453 (Santa Margarita)
    - 93461 (Shandon)
    - 93465 (Templeton)
    - Other

8. If you primarily reside in the Rural East, please select your zip code:
    - 93432 (Creston)
    - 93453 (Pozo/California Valley)

- 93461 (Shandon)
- Other

9. If you primarily reside in South County, please select your zip code:
    - 93420 (Arroyo Grande)
    - 93424 (Avila Beach)
    - 93433 (Grover Beach)
    - 93444 (Nipomo)
    - 93445 (Oceano)
    - 93449 (Pismo Beach)
    - Other

10. Which region do you primarily work in the county?
    - Central County
    - North Coast
    - North County
    - Rural East
    - South County
    - I work remotely for an entity outside of San Luis Obispo County
    - I do not currently work
    - Other

11. Are you a parent or guardian to any children, including those over 18 years of age?
    - Yes
    - No

12. How many children or dependents under the age of 18 live in your household?
    - 1 child
    - 2 children
    - 3 children
    - 4 or more children
    - None – my dependents are all 18 years of age or older

13. Do you have any adult children or former dependents over the age of 18 in your household?
    - Yes
    - No

14. How many people live in your household?

- 1 person
- 2 people
- 3 people
- 4 people
- 5 people
- 6 people
- 7 people
- 8 people
- Other

15. Approximately, what is your household's annual gross income?

1 person Household

- $0 - $32,100 per year
- $32,101 - $53,500 per year
- $53,501 - $85,700 per year
- $85,701 or more per year
- Prefer not to answer

16. Approximately, what is your household's annual gross income?

2-person Household

- $0 - $36,700 per year
- $36,701 - $61,150 per year
- $61,151 - $97,950 per year
- $97,951 or more per year
- Prefer not to answer

17. Approximately, what is your household's annual gross income?

3-person Household

- $0 - $41,300 per year
- $41,301 - $68,800 per year
- $68,801 - $110,200 per year
- $110,201 or more per year
- Prefer not to answer

18. Approximately, what is your household's annual gross income?

4-person Household

- $0 - $45,850 per year
- $45,851 - $76,450 per year

- $76,451 - $122,400 per year
- $122,401 or more per year
- Prefer not to answer

19. Approximately, what is your household's annual gross income?
5-person Household
- $0 - $49,550 per year
- $49,551 – $82,550 per year
- $82,551 - $132,200 per year
- $132,201 or more per year
- Prefer not to answer

20. Approximately, what is your household's annual gross income?
6-person Household
- $0 - $53,200 per year
- $53,201 - $88,700 per year
- $88,701 - $142,000 per year
- $142,001 or more per year
- Prefer not to answer

21. Approximately, what is your household's annual gross income?
7-person Household
- $0 - $56,900 per year
- $56,901 - $94,800 per year
- $94,801 - $151,800 per year
- $151,801 or more per year
- Prefer not to answer

22. Approximately, what is your household's annual gross income?
8-person Household
- $0 - $60,550 per year
- $60,551 - $100,900 per year
- $100,901 - $161,600 per year
- $161,601 or more per year
- Prefer not to answer

23. About what percentage of your monthly gross household income goes toward housing costs (e.g. rent, mortgage, utilities)?
- Less than 20%

- 20–30%
- 31–49%
- 50% or more
- I don't know

24. Which best describes your current housing?
    - Single-family home
    - Apartment or Loft
    - Condo or Townhome
    - Manufactured home
    - Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)
    - Shared housing (e.g. renting a room, group home)
    - Recreation Vehicle (RV)/Vehicle
    - Transitional housing
    - Emergency Shelter
    - Unsheltered
    - Other

25. Which best describes your housing situation?
    - Own
    - Rent
    - Rent with rental assistance
    - Living with family or friends
    - No housing payment
    - Other

26. Since January 2024, have you had difficulty finding housing in San Luis Obispo County?
    - Yes
    - No
    - I have not looked for housing

27. If yes, what barriers did you experience?
    - Housing costs were too high
    - Not enough affordable housing
    - Income or credit requirements
    - Rental or loan requirements (e.g. references or proof of income)
    - Background check requirements
    - Competition from other applicants
    - Lack of ADA compliant housing

- Housing too far from work, school, or services
- Discrimination (e.g. because of race, disability, having children, or another reason)
- Landlord wouldn't accept voucher
- Could not find housing with desired amenities (e.g. yard, ramps, garage, etc.)
- Could not find housing that accepted my pet(s)
- Other

28. If you indicated that background check requirements made it difficult to secure housing, what specifically was the issue?
    - A criminal conviction
    - I was denied because of my background check but was not told why.
    - Not applicable
    - Other

29. Have you or anyone in your household ever experienced homelessness?
    - Yes
    - No
30. When did the most recent experience occur?
    - Within the past year
    - 1-3 years ago
    - More than 3 years ago
    - Prefer not to answer

31. Are you currently experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless?
    - Yes
    - No

32. Please rank the following 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan priorities, in order of importance (top being most important and bottom being the least important).

    The Consolidated Plan is a five-year strategic planning document that identifies community needs, anticipated funding sources, and associated outcomes/goals. The following priorities were identified during the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Needs Assessment and approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 8, 2025.

    Please indicate your first choice, second choice, third choice, fourth choice, and fifth choice by selecting the corresponding bullet point for each statement.

    - Increase affordable housing including affordable rental housing, single family housing and senior housing.

- Increase public services including health care services, mental health services and homeless services.
- Increase public facilities including health care facilities, mental health facilities and childcare facilities.
- Increase housing services including homelessness prevention, rental assistance and emergency shelter services
- Increase public infrastructure including high-speed internet, water/sewer improvements and sidewalk improvements

33. Is there a goal, not included above, that you feel needs to be addressed within the community? Describe.
    (optional open-ended)

34. Would you like to receive updates about future planning efforts? Please provide your email.
    (optional open-ended)

Thank you for taking time to complete the survey. If you or someone you know needs assistance with housing or homeless services, please visit our Get Help page on our website.