

Housing

Key Community Health Needs Assessment Findings:

- Housing affordability worse than California average for households spending more than one third of income on housing, worse for BIPOC individuals
- Fewer housing units are available than demand
- Lower homeownership for all groups, especially BIPOC individuals
- Resulting in:
 - Housing unit overcrowding as a result of unaffordability
 - Poor housing quality, substandard conditions, and landlord-deferred maintenance/neglect, particularly for undocumented individuals
- Outmigration, higher among BIPOC individuals and low-wage earners (impacting employment and economic stability of the region)

Goal	Reduce housing instability among community members to support improved health	
Strategies	Anticipated Impact	
Support programs that expand affordable housing opportunities (rental and ownership), including those on existing residential properties. ^{50, 51, 52, 53}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access to stable housing for low-income individuals across San Mateo and Santa Clara counties • More community members remain independent longer • Reduced proportion of individuals who are housing insecure 	
Support local homelessness prevention organizations and collaboratives that provide temporary financial assistance, legal support, case management and/or other needed services to low-income individuals and families at risk of losing their housing. ^{54, 55, 56}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased access to social services to prevent homelessness • More community members remain independent longer • Reduced proportion of individuals who are housing insecure 	
Support integrated case management programs that link high-risk individuals with housing. ^{57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased access to social services to prevent homelessness • Reduced proportion of individuals who are housing insecure 	
Programs that assist disabled individuals and older adults with housing placement and coordinated case management to remain in their communities. ⁶³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More community members remain independent longer • Reduced proportion of individuals who are housing insecure 	
Address affordable housing issues via investment. ⁶⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced poverty rates in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties • Improved associated health outcomes 	
Increase screening efforts for social determinants of health (e.g., safe housing). ^{65, 66, 67, 68}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of greater proportion of housing-insecure individuals in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties • Improved access to stable housing for low-income individuals across San Mateo and Santa Clara counties • Reduced proportion of individuals who are housing insecure 	

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