



PRE-CERTIFIED

LOCAL HOUSING DATA

FOR THE CITY OF **EL CENTRO**

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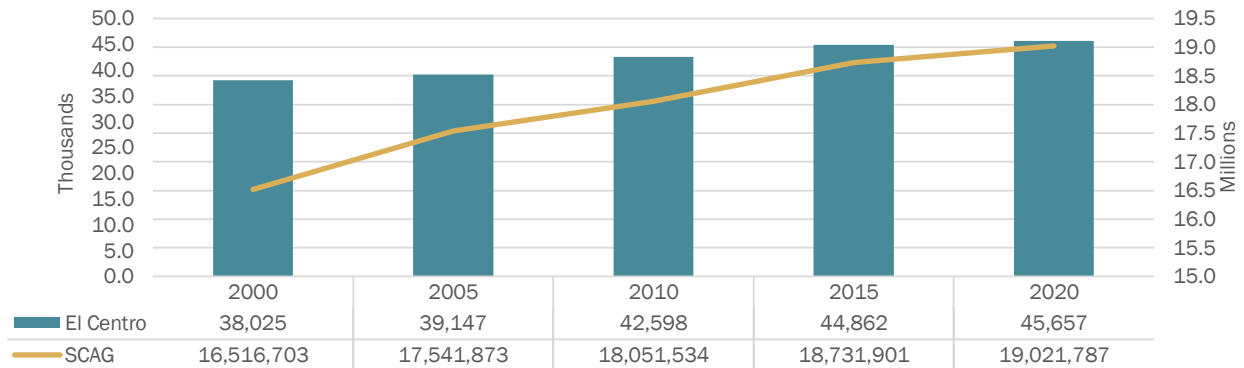
Pre-Certified Local Housing Data for El Centro

Developed by SCAG and pre-certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for use in 6th cycle housing elements.

This report contains a wide range of jurisdiction-level data elements intended to provide an understanding housing need experienced in El Centro as a part of its 6th cycle housing element update. Data sources are noted below each table or figure.

I. POPULATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND HOUSEHOLDS

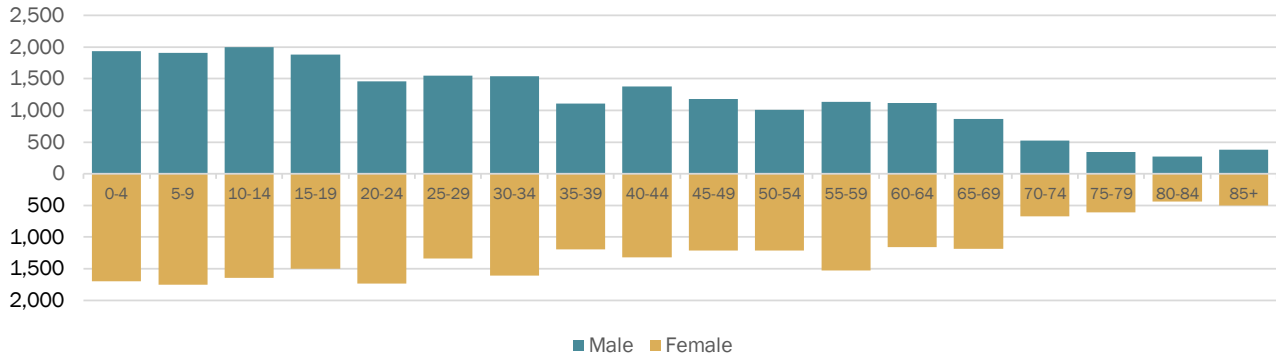
Population Trend, 2000-2020



CA DOF E-5 Population and Housing Unit Estimates

El Centro has a 2020 total population of 45,657 including 816 living in group quarters according to the California Department of Finance. The chart above describes the population trend in El Centro from 2000 to 2020. Over this period El Centro had an annual growth rate of 0.9% compared to 0.7% for the region.

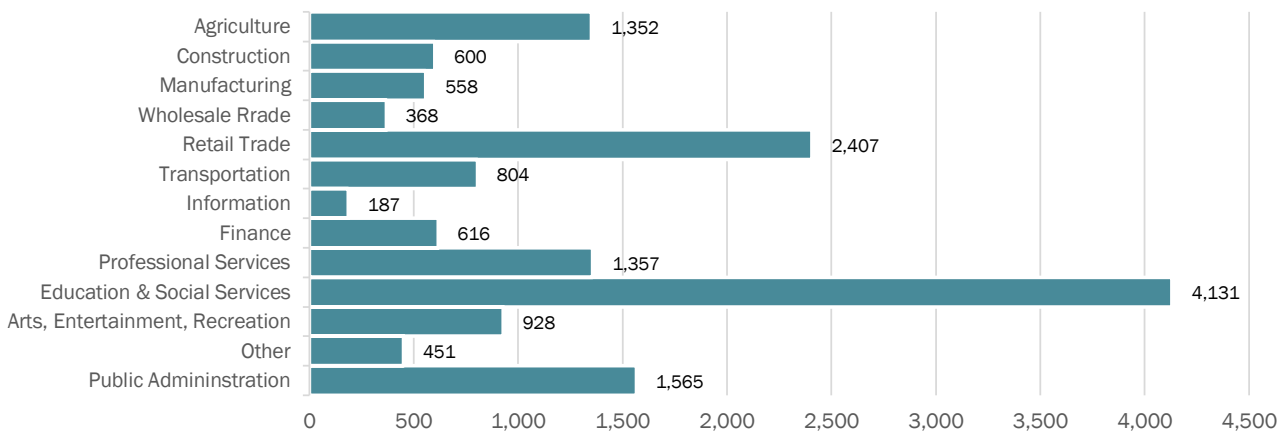
Current Population by Age and Sex



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates

The population of El Centro is 49.2% male and 50.8% female. The share of the population of El Centro which is under 18 years of age is 29.8%, which is higher than the regional share of 23.4%. El Centro's seniors (65 and above) make up 13.2% of the population, which is higher than the regional share of 13%.

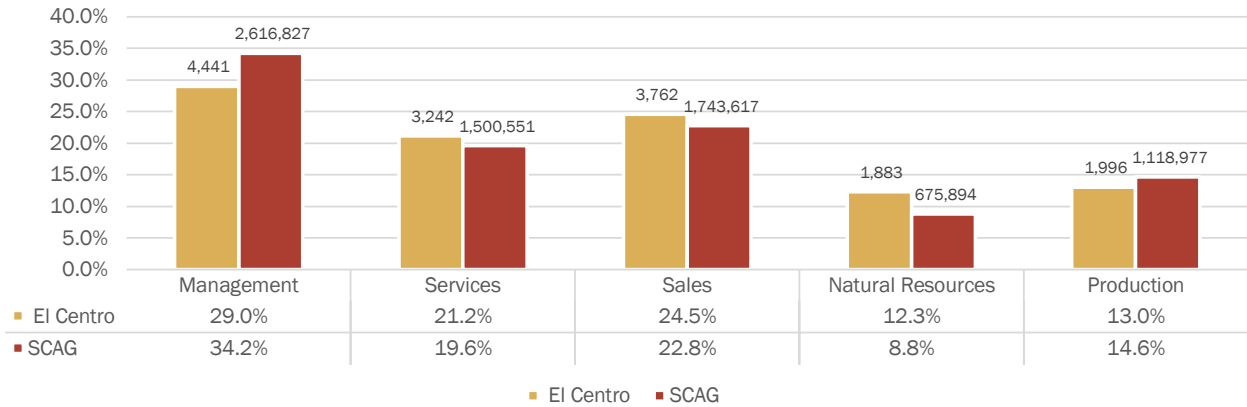
Employment by Industry



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates using groupings of 2-digit NAICS codes.

El Centro has 15,324 workers living within its borders who work across 13 major industrial sectors. The chart above provides detailed employment information. The most prevalent industry is Education & Social Services with 4,131 employees (27% of total) and the second most prevalent industry is Retail trade with 2,407 employees (15.7% of total).

Employment by Occupation



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates using groupings of SOC codes.

In addition to understanding the industries in which the residents of El Centro work, it is also possible to analyze the types of jobs they hold. The most prevalent occupational category in El Centro is Management, in which 4,441 (29% of total) employees work. The second-most prevalent type of work is in Sales, which employs 3,762 (24.5% of total) in El Centro.

Farmworkers

Farmworkers by Occupation:

El Centro	Percent of total El Centro workers:	SCAG Total	
935	6.10%	57,741	Total jobs: Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations
438	4.67%	31,521	Full-time, year-round jobs: Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations

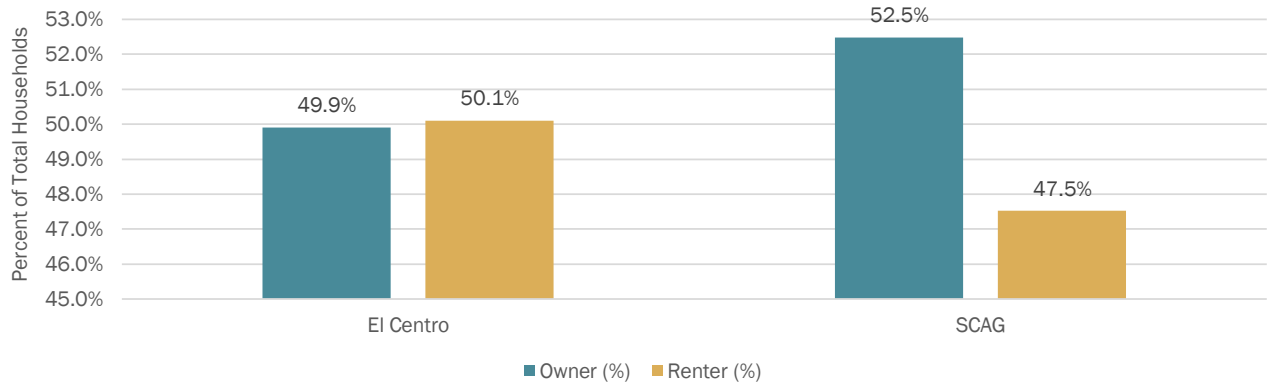
Employment in the Agricultural Industry:

El Centro	Percent of total El Centro workers:	SCAG Total	
1352	8.82%	73,778	Total in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting
675	7.20%	44,979	Full-time, year-round in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting

American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates using groupings of NAICS and SOC codes.

Statewide, farmworker housing is of unique concern and of unique importance. While only a small share of SCAG region jurisdictions have farmworkers living in them, they are essential to the region's economy and food supply.

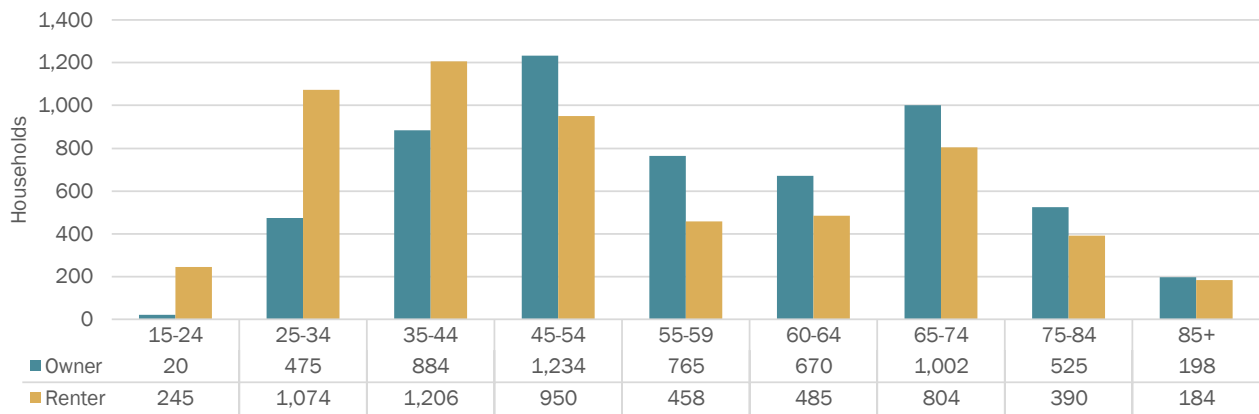
Housing Tenure



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

Housing security can depend heavily on housing tenure, i.e. whether homes are owned or rented. El Centro's housing stock consists of 11,569 total units, 5,773 of which are owner-occupied and 5,796 of which are renter-occupied. The share of renters in El Centro is higher than in the SCAG region overall.

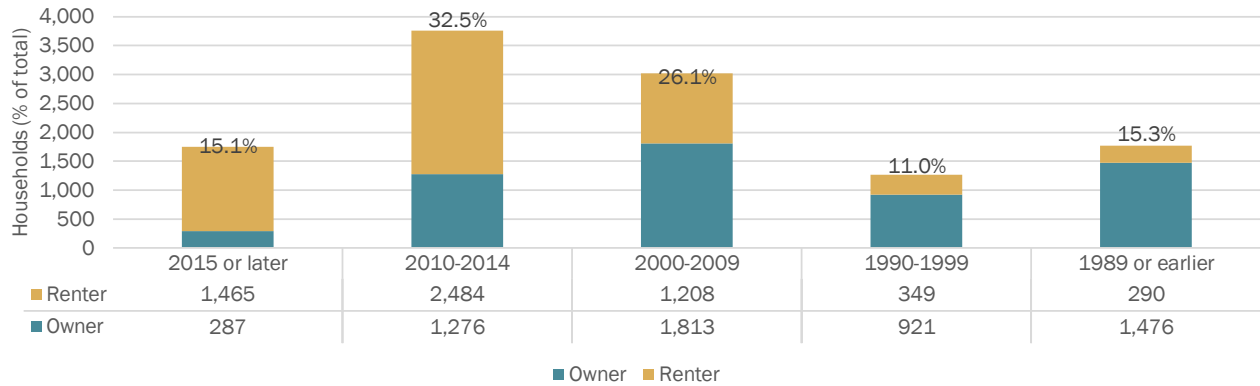
Housing Tenure By Age



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

In many places, housing tenure varies substantially based on the age of the householder. In El Centro, the age group where renters outnumber owners the most is 15-24 (by 84.9%). The age group where owners outnumber renters the most is 55-59 (by 25.1%).

Housing Tenure by Year Moved to Current Residence



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

Across the SCAG region, the most common move-in period was 2010-2014 (31.9%) followed by 2000-2009 (26.1%). In El Centro, the period during which most people started living in their current residence was 2010-2014 (32.5%) followed by 2000-2009 (26.1%).

II. SPECIALIZED HOUSEHOLD NEEDS: LARGE FAMILIES, SENIORS, AND FEMALE-HEADED

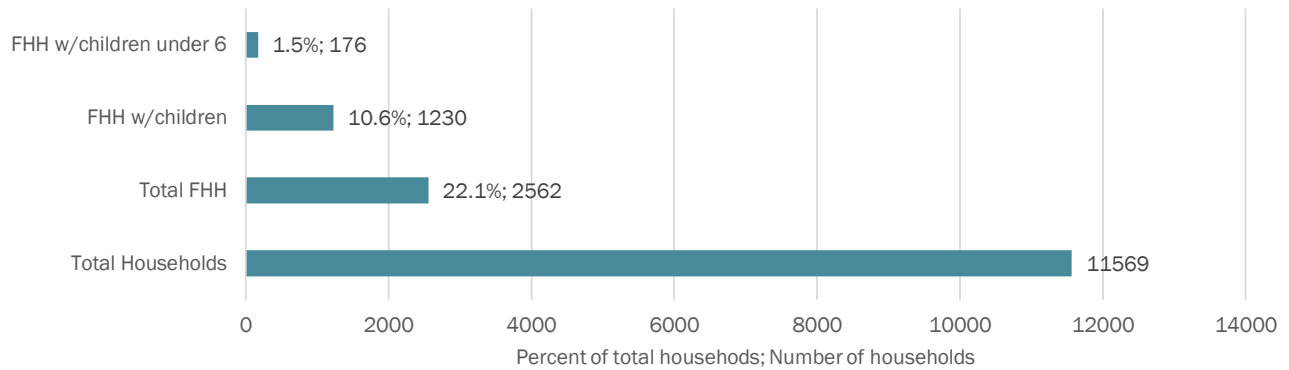
Households by Household Size



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

This chart illustrates the range of household sizes in El Centro for owners, renters, and overall. The most commonly occurring household size is of two people (27.5%) and the second-most commonly occurring household is of one person (19.8%). El Centro has a lower share of single-person households than the SCAG region overall (19.8% vs. 23.4%) and a lower share of 7+ person households than the SCAG region overall (2.9% vs. 3.1%).

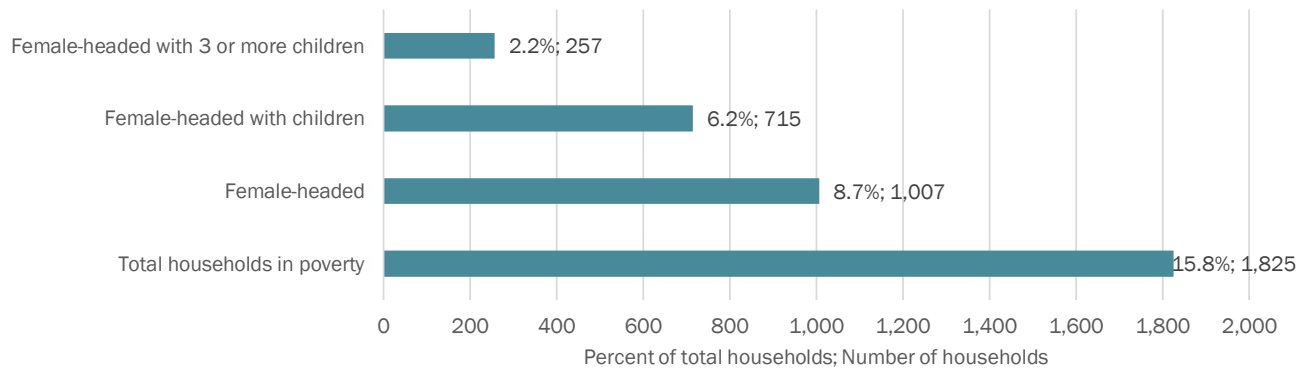
Female Headed Households (FHH)



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

Statute requires analysis of specialized housing needs, including female-headed households in an effort to ensure adequate childcare or job training services. Of El Centro's 11,569 total households, 22.1% are female-headed (compared to 14.3% in the SCAG region), 10.6% are female-headed and with children (compared to 6.6% in the SCAG region), and 1.5% are female-headed and with children under 6 (compared to 1.0% in the SCAG region).

Households by Poverty Status



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

15.8 percent of El Centro's households are experiencing poverty, compared to 7.9 percent of households in the SCAG region. Poverty thresholds, as defined by the ACS, vary by household type. More information can be found at M256. In 2018, a single individual under 65 was considered in poverty with a money income below \$13,064/year while the threshold for a family consisting of 2 adults and 2 children was \$25,465/year.

Elderly Households by Income and Tenure

		Owner	Renter	Total	Percent of Total Elderly Households:
Income category, relative to surrounding area:	< 30% HAMFI	200	725	925	29.7%
	30-50% HAMFI	205	405	610	19.6%
	50-80% HAMFI	255	205	460	14.8%
	80-100% HAMFI	145	55	200	6.4%
	> 100% HAMFI	745	175	920	29.5%
TOTAL		1,550	1,565	3,115	

HUD CHAS, 2012-2016. HAMFI refers to Housing Urban Development Area Median Family Income.

Statute requires analysis of specialized housing needs, including housing needs for seniors. Federal housing data define a household type as 'elderly family' if it consists of two persons with either or both age 62 or over. Of El Centro's 3,115 such households, 29.7% earn less than 30% of the surrounding area income, (compared to 24.2% in the SCAG region), 49.3% earn less than 50% of the surrounding area income (compared to 30.9% in the SCAG region).

III. PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

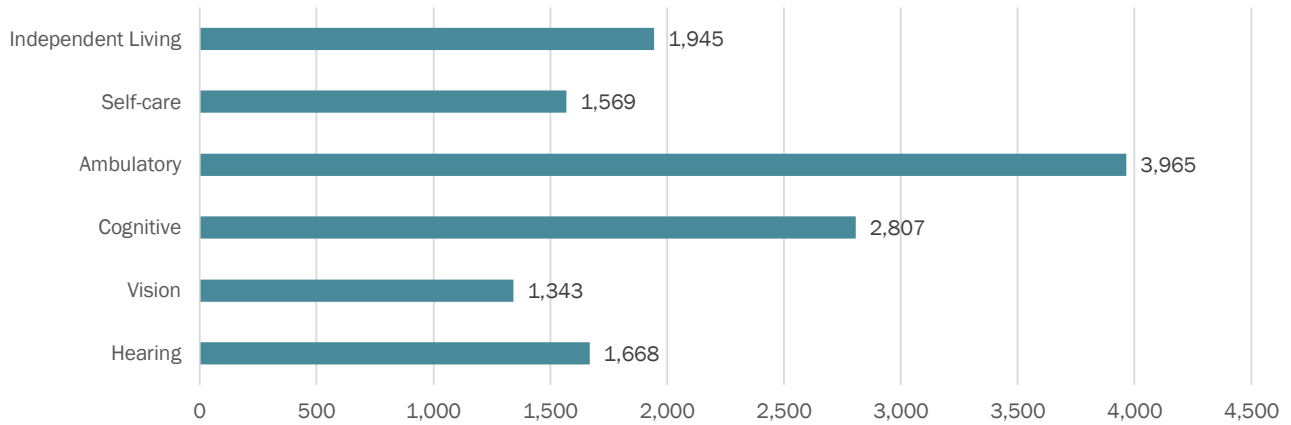


2019 city and county homelessness point-in-time counts processed by SCAG. Jurisdiction-level counts were not available in Imperial County and sheltered population (and thus total) counts were not available in Riverside County. As a result, SCAG region totals from this compilation of data sources likely undercount true totals.

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IV. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

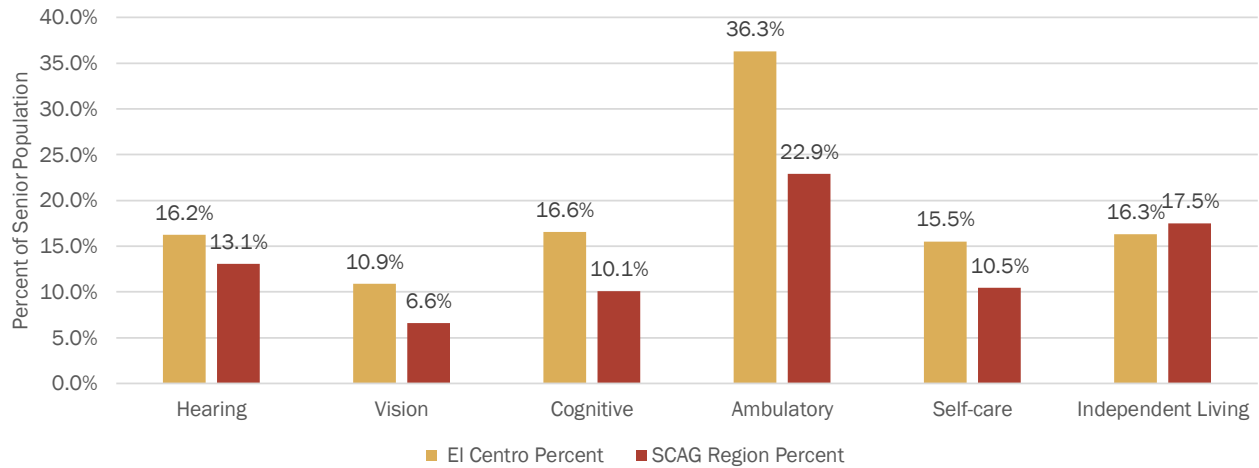
Disability by Type



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

Disability data also provides valuable context for assessing current and future need for accessible housing units. Note that since some disability types are not recorded for children below a certain age, calculating disability as a percentage of total population may not be accurate.

Disability by Type - Seniors (65 and over)



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

In El Centro, the most commonly occurring disability amongst seniors 65 and older was an ambulatory disability, experienced by 36.3% of El Centro's seniors (and 22.9% of seniors in the SCAG region).

Disability by Employment Status

	With a Disability	Percent of Total	No Disability	Percent of Total
Employed	925	28%	13,604	64%
Unemployed	313	9%	2,076	10%
Not in Labor Force	2,125	63%	5,658	27%
TOTAL	3,363		21,338	

American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

Understanding the employment status of people with disabilities may also be an important component in evaluating specialized housing needs. In El Centro, 27.5% of the population with a disability is employed, compared to 63.8% of the non-disabled population.

Developmental Disabilities

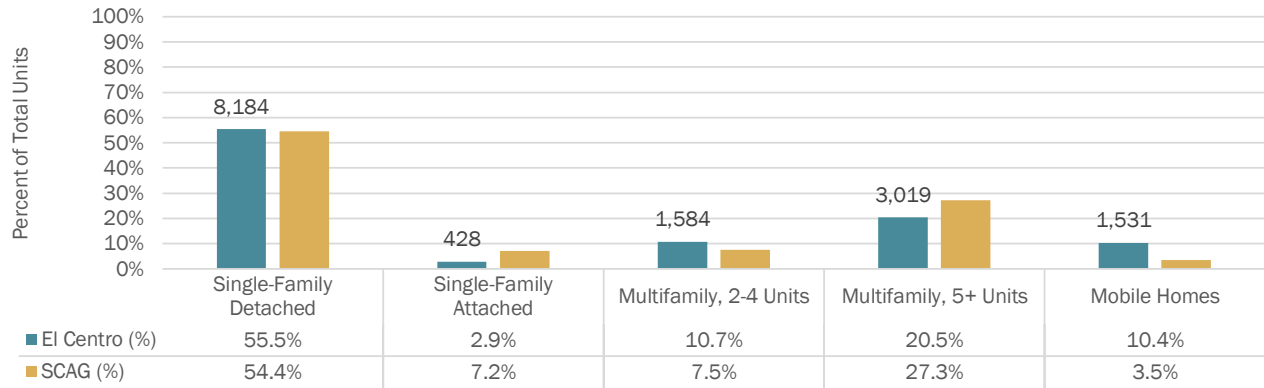
	El Centro
By Residence: Home of Parent/Family/Guardian	Unavailable
Independent/Supported Living	Unavailable
Community Care Facility	Unavailable
Intermediate Care Facility	Unavailable
Foster/Family Home	Unavailable
Other	Unavailable
By Age: 0 - 17 Years	Unavailable
18+ Years	Unavailable
TOTAL	0

CA DDS consumer count by CA ZIP, age group and residence type for the end of June 2019. Data available in 161/197 SCAG jurisdictions.

The California Department of Developmental Services also provides data on developmental disabilities by age and type of residence. These data are collected at the ZIP-code level and were joined to the jurisdiction-level by SCAG. Totals may not match as counts below 11 individuals are unavailable and some entries were not matched to a ZIP code necessitating approximation.

V. HOUSING STOCK CHARACTERISTICS

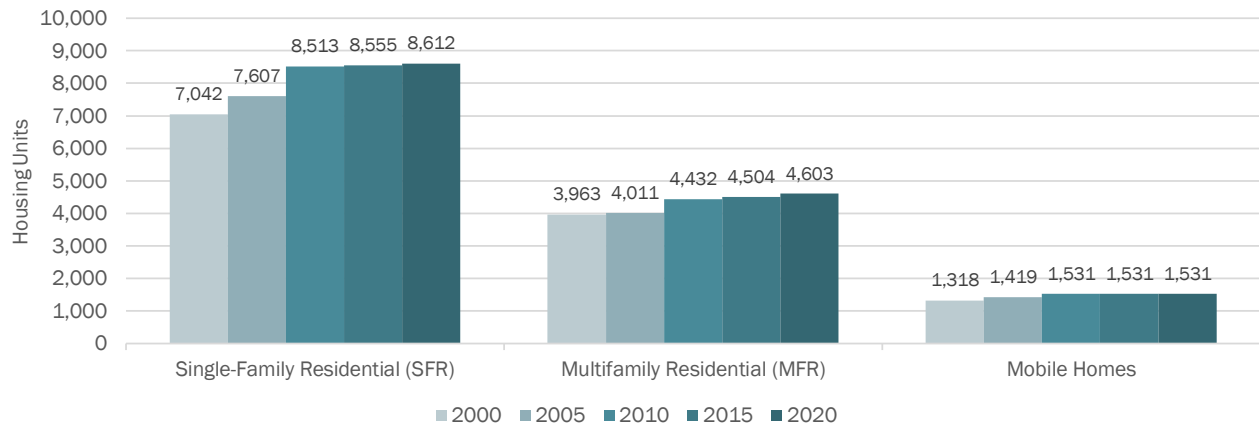
Housing Type



CA DOF E-5 Population and Housing Unit Estimates

The chart above provides detailed information on the housing stock in El Centro, which has a total of 14,746 housing units. The most prevalent housing type in El Centro is single-family detached with 8,184 units. The share of all single-family units in El Centro is 58.4%, which is lower than the 61.7% share in the SCAG region. Out of the total housing units in El Centro, there are 13,147 occupied-units, which equates to a 10.8% total vacancy rate. The average household size (as expressed by the population to housing unit ratio) is 3.411.

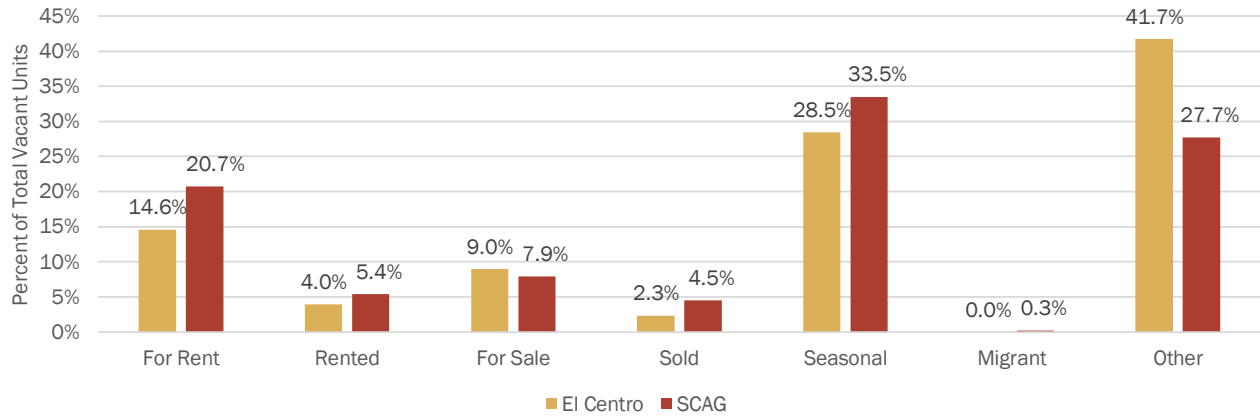
Housing Type Trend



CA DOF E-5 Population and Housing Unit Estimates

Over the past two decades (2000-2020), there has been more construction of single-family residential units than multi-family residential units in El Centro. When comparing 2000 to 2020, SFR units increased by 1,570, MFR units increased by 640, and mobile units increased by 213.

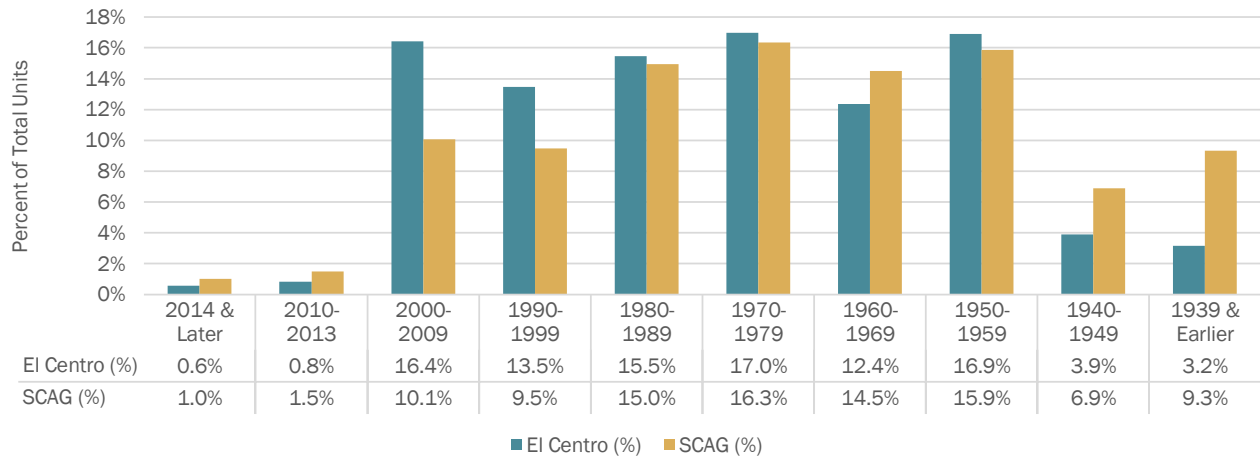
Vacant Units by Type



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

The ACS provides additional detail on vacant housing units by category.

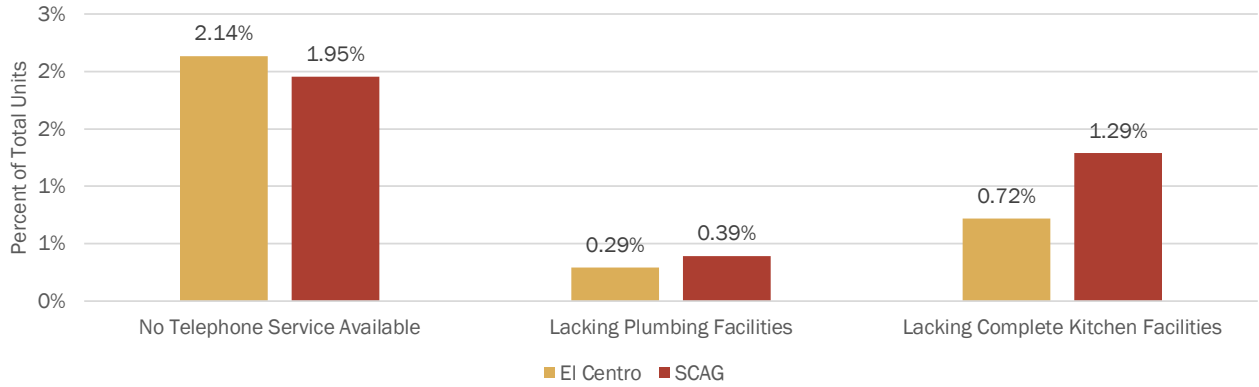
Housing Units by Year Structure Built



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

Examining the age of the current housing stock is one way to understand how historical development patterns have contributed to a city's form. The time period where the highest share of El Centro's housing units were built is 1970-1979, while in the SCAG region more units were built during 1970-1979 than any other period.

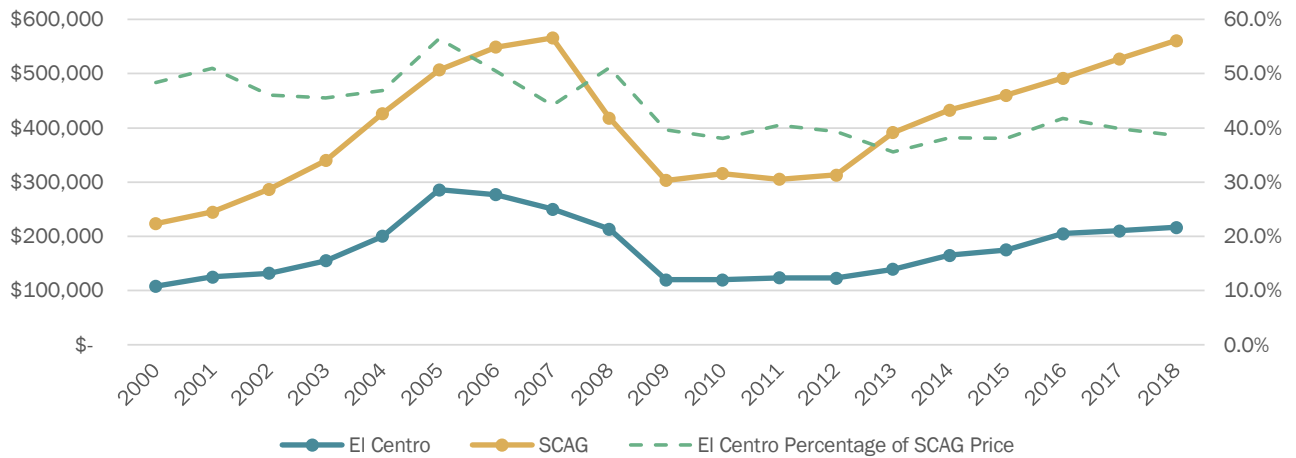
Substandard Housing



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

The ACS includes surveys about three factors of what may be considered substandard housing. In El Centro, 247 units lack telephone service, 34 units lack plumbing facilities, and 83 units lack complete kitchen facilities.

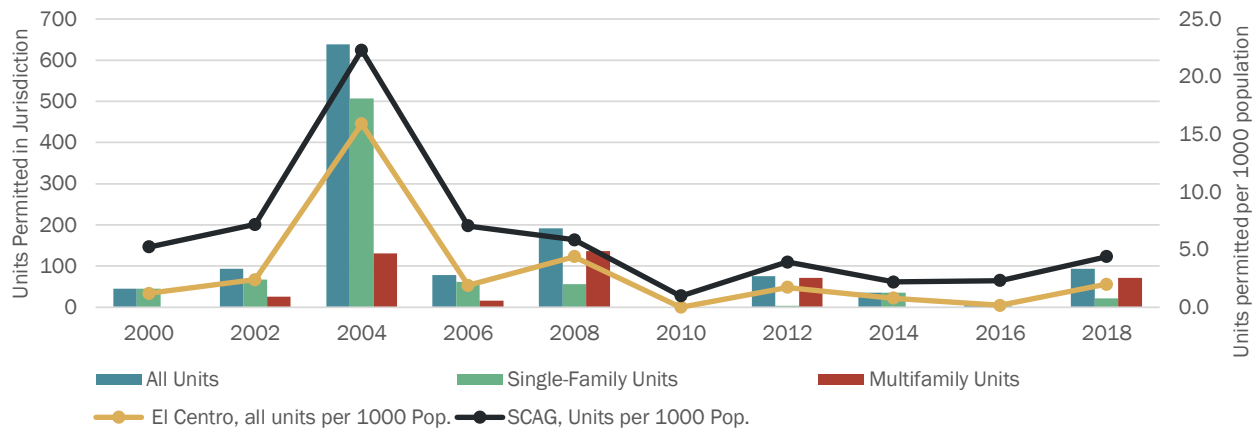
Median Home Sales Price for Existing Homes



SCAG Local Profiles, Core Logic/Data Quick. SCAG median home sales price calculated as household-weighted average of county medians.

Between 2000 and 2018, median home sales prices in El Centro increased 100% while prices in the SCAG region increased 151%. 2018 median home sales prices in El Centro were \$216,500 and the highest experienced since 2000 was \$286,000 in 2005. Prices in El Centro have ranged from a low of 35.6% of the SCAG region median in 2013 and a high of 56.4% in 2005.

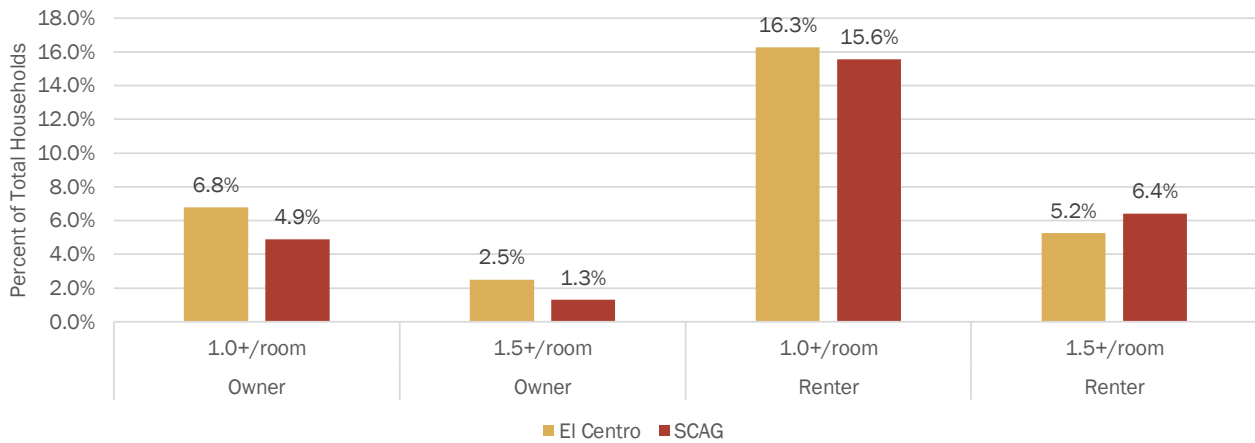
Housing Units Permitted



Core Logic/Data Quick. Additional detail available in SCAG 2019 Local Profiles. SCAG median home sales price calculated as household-weighted average of county medians.

VI. OVERPAYMENT AND OVERCROWDING

Crowding by Extent and Tenure



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

In El Centro, 392 owner-occupied and 943 renter-occupied households had more than 1.0 occupants per room, which meets the ACS definition for overcrowding. 144 owner-occupied households and 304 renter-occupied households had more than 1.5 occupants per room, which meets the ACS definition for severe overcrowding.

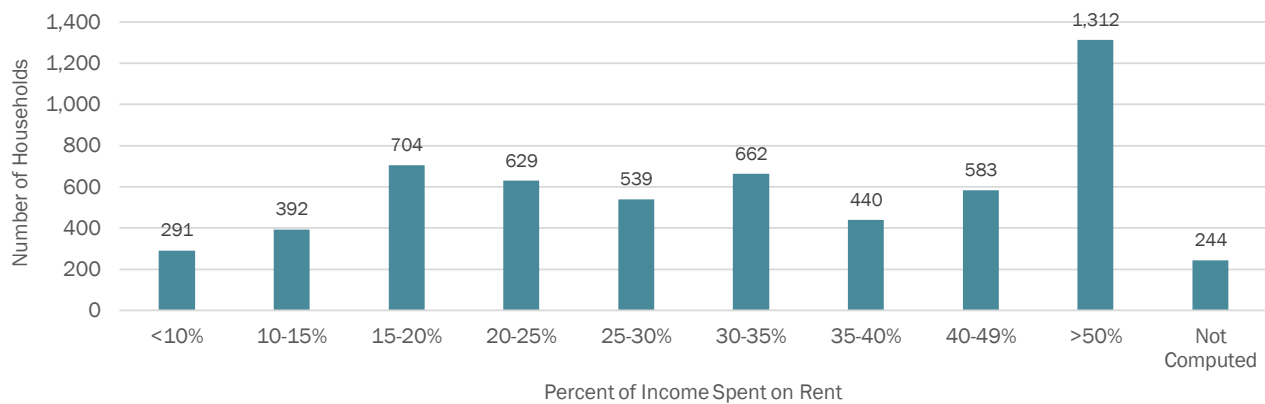
Cost Burden by Income

Households by Share of Income Spent on Housing Cost:			
Income	< 30%	30-50%	> 50%
< 30% HAMFI	370	385	1,425
30-50% HAMFI	444	875	734
50-80% HAMFI	1,125	725	120
80-100% HAMFI	815	199	0
> 100% HAMFI	4,485	570	10
Total Households	7,239	2,754	2,289

HUD CHAS, 2012-2016. HAMFI refers to Housing Urban Development Area Median Family Income.

Housing cost burden is most commonly measured as the percentage of gross income spent on housing, with 30% a usual threshold for 'cost burden' and 50% the threshold for 'severe cost burden.' However, a lower-income household spending the same percent of income on housing as a higher-income household will likely experience more true 'cost burden.' These data indicate the number of households in El Centro by their income relative to the surrounding area and their share of income spent on housing.

Spending on Rent



Across El Centro's 5,796 renter households, 2,997 (51.7%) spend thirty percent or more of gross income on housing cost, compared to 55.3% in the SCAG region. Additionally, 1,312 renter households in El Centro (22.6%) spend fifty percent or more of gross income on housing cost, compared to 28.9% in the SCAG region.

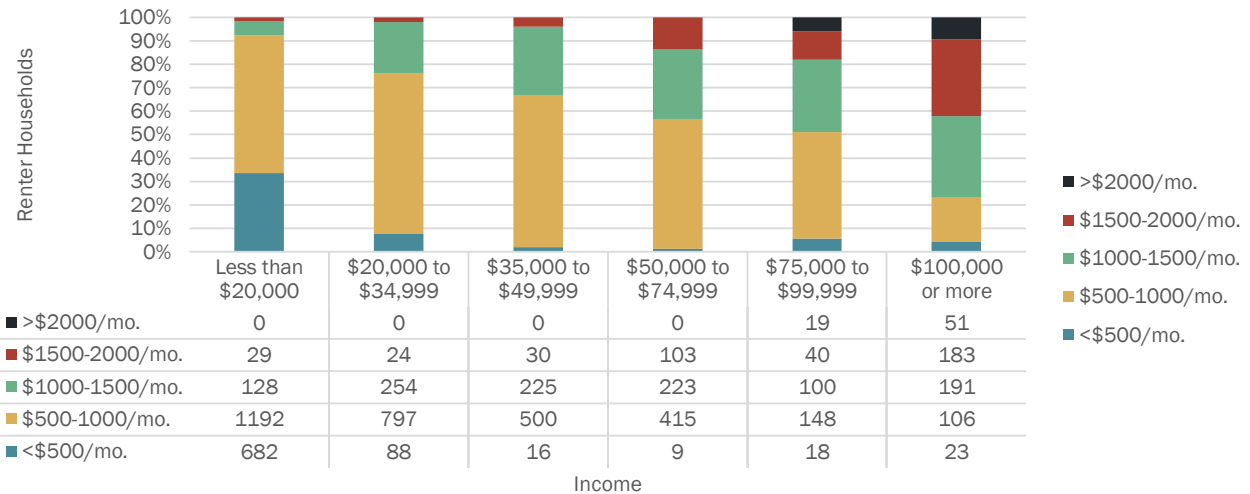
Spending on Rent by Income



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

While the previous table breaks down cost burden by area-relative income, the ACS also allows for the analysis of El Centro's 5,552 renter households (for which income data are available) by spending on rent by income bracket (dollar amounts). As one might expect, the general trend is that low-income households spend a higher share of income on housing (e.g. over 50%) while high-income households are more likely to spend under 20% of income on housing.

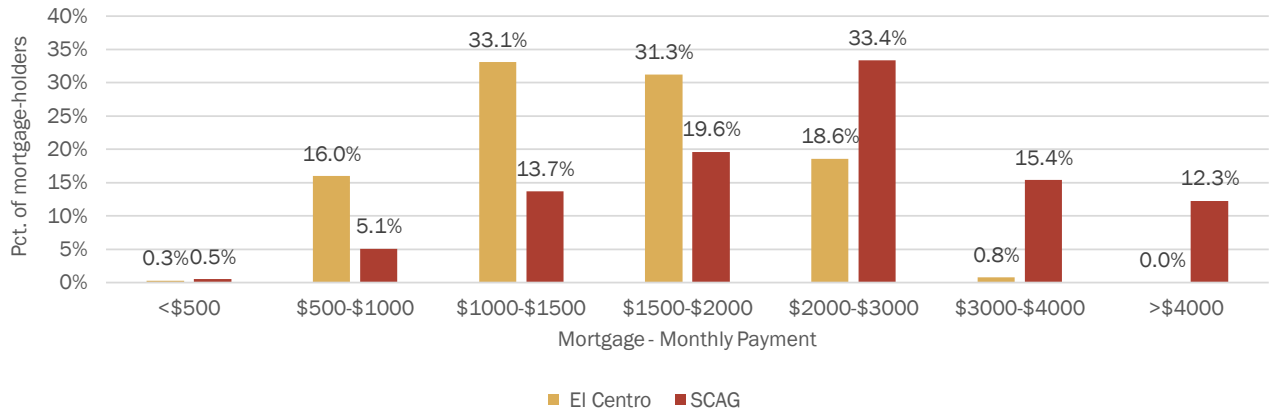
Household Income by (Cash) Rent



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

El Centro renter households' cash rent paid can be broken down by household incomes. As one might expect, the general trend is that lower-income households spend less on rent while higher-income households spend more on rent, though this may not be universally true. Rent categories range from <\$500/month (14.9% of El Centro renters) to >\$2000/month (1.3% of El Centro renters). The most common rent category in El Centro is \$500-1000/month with 56.5% of renters.

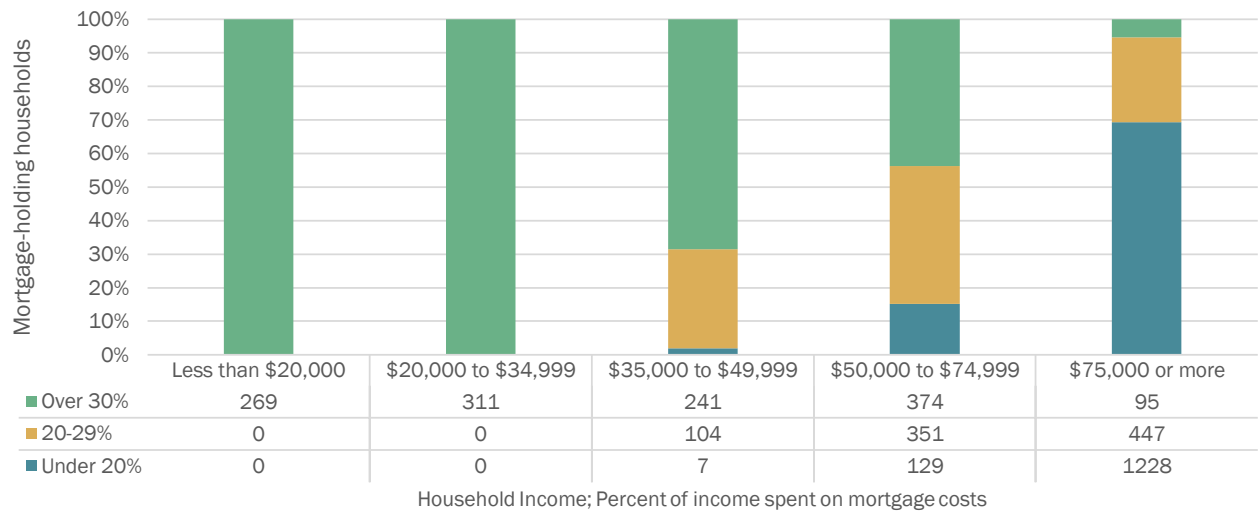
Monthly Owner Costs for Mortgage Holders



American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates.

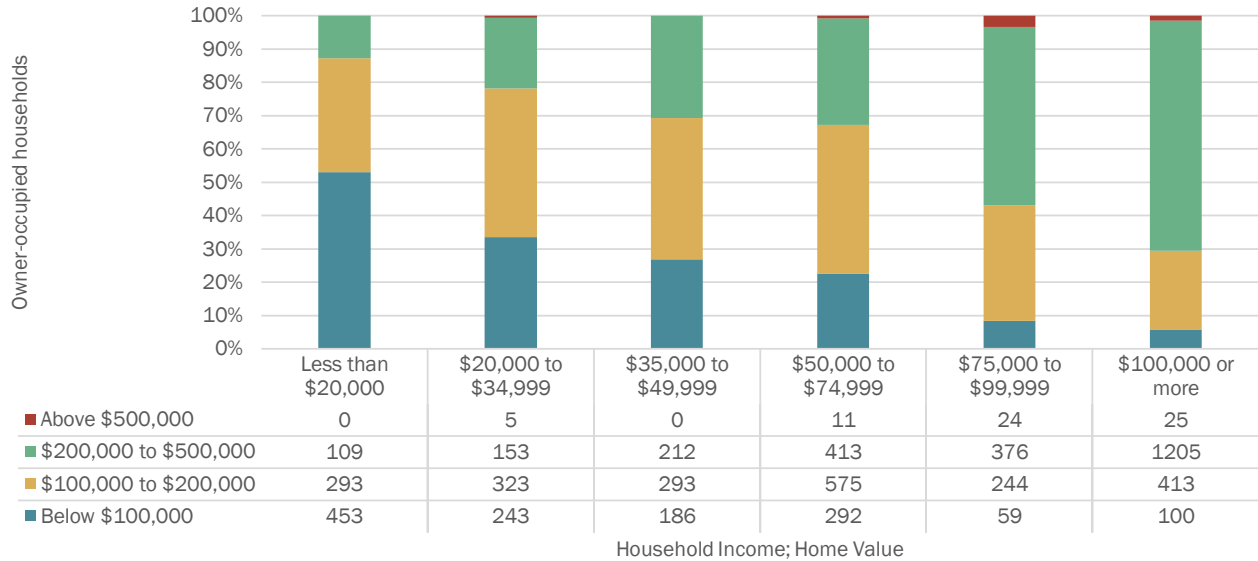
While renter households receive much of the focus when it comes to housing cost analysis, owner households make up 49.9% of El Centro and 52.5% of the SCAG region. The most commonly occurring mortgage payment in El Centro is \$1000-\$1500/month and the most commonly occurring mortgage payment in the SCAG region is \$2000-\$3000/mo.

Costs for Mortgage Holders by Income



Mortgage-holding households in El Centro can be broken down by income and the percentage of income spent on mortgage costs. As one might expect, the general trend is that lower-income households spend a higher share of income on housing costs, while high-income households may spend a lower share of income on housing. The income category most prevalent amongst El Centro mortgage-holding households is \$75,000 or more (1,770 households) and the most prevalent share of income spent on mortgage costs is under 20% (1,364 households).

Household Income by Home Value (for owned units)



Another approach to evaluating the relationship between housing and income is to compare incomes and home values in El Centro. The most commonly-occurring income category amongst owner households in El Centro is \$100,000 or more (1,743 households) and the most commonly-occurring home value category is \$200,000 to \$500,000 (2,468 households).

Extremely Low Income Housing Needs

	Total Households	Households below 30% HAMFI	Share below 30% HAMFI
White, non-Hispanic	1,985	195	9.8%
Black, non-Hispanic	243	18	7.4%
Asian and other, non-Hispanic	401	35	8.7%
Hispanic	9,710	1,995	20.5%
TOTAL	12,339	2,243	18.2%
Renter-occupied	6,195	1,775	28.7%
Owner-occupied	6,155	480	7.8%
TOTAL	12,350	2,255	18.3%

HUD CHAS, 2012-2016. HAMFI refers to Housing Urban Development Area Median Family Income.

Housing the extremely-low income population (below 30% of area median income) can be especially challenging. HUD's CHAS dataset provides a wealth of information on such households in El Centro. The above table provides a breakdown of extremely low income households by race and ethnicity. The race/ethnicity with the highest share of extremely-low income households in El Centro is Hispanic (20.5% compared to 18.2% of total population). In the SCAG region, the highest share of extremely-low income households is Black, non-Hispanic (27.1% compared to 17.7% of total households).

VII. ASSISTED UNITS AT RISK OF CONVERSION

Assisted Units at Risk of Conversion

Risk Level	Definition:	Low-income units in jurisdiction	Percent of county's low-income units
Very High	At-risk of converting to market rate within the next year	0	0%
High	At-risk of converting to market rate in the next 1-5 years	42	5%
Moderate	At-risk of converting to market rate in the next 5-10 years	0	0%
Low	At-risk of converting to market rate in the next 10 or more years and/or are owned by a large/stable non-profit, mission-driven developer.	738	95%
TOTAL		780	100%

California Housing Partnership, July 2020. Includes HUD, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), USDA, and CalHFA projects. Subsidized or assisted developments that do not have one of the aforementioned financing sources may not be included.

The California Housing Partnership (CHP) provides data on assisted housing units and assesses the level of risk to converting to market rate. These data identify homes without a known overlapping subsidy that would extend affordability beyond the indicated timeframe and unless otherwise noted are not owned by a large/stable non-profit, mission-driven developer. Detailed 2019 data can be found in SCAG's RHNA data appendix at <http://scag.ca.gov/programs/Documents/RHNA/SCAG-Final-RHNA-Data-Appendix-030520.pdf>. Complete, updated data can be requested from CHP through Danielle Mazzella, Preservation & Data Manager (dmazzella@chpc.net)

VIII. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION

6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation for El Centro:

	Units
Very-Low Income (<50% of AMI)	997
Low Income (50-80% of AMI)	488
Moderate Income (80-120% of AMI)	460
Above Moderate Income (>120% of AMI)	1,485
TOTAL	3,430

SCAG, 2020. Estimate based on final adopted RHNA methodology (3/5/20). Final RHNA allocation will be issued following the conclusion of the RHNA appeals process in early 2021. Please note that for the housing element update, local jurisdictions will have to consider extremely low income (ELI) households as well. ELI housing needs may be calculated either by using Census data or simply assuming that 50 percent of the very low income households qualify as extremely low income households.

MAJOR DATA SOURCES USED

	DESCRIPTION	FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE
ACS	American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates	www.data.census.gov
DOF	CA DOF E-5 Population and Housing Unit Estimates	www.dof.ca.gov/forecasting/demographics/
CHAS	HUD CHAS, 2012-2016	www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp.html
CA DDS	California Department of Developmental Services	www.dds.ca.gov/transparency/
SCAG LOCAL PROFILES	Including Construction Industry Research Board (CIRB) and Core Logic/DataQuick	www.scag.ca.gov/DataAndTools/Pages/LocalProfiles.aspx



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