

Housing Element Sites (pre-2021) – Data Dictionary

These parcels were reported in local government Housing Element Sites Inventories prior to January 1, 2021 (before the electronic Sites Inventory Form was required). As such, this data was reported in the format deemed appropriate for the local government at the time and is not standardized across jurisdictions. As these jurisdictions adopt 6th cycle Housing Elements, sites inventories for adopted elements will be reported using the standard electronic form and will be included in the “Housing Element Sites (2021 and beyond)” and “Housing Element Sites to be Rezoned (2021 and beyond)” maps.

5 Digit ZIP Code: Stands for “Zone Improvement Plan” which indicates the destination post office or delivery area.

Above Moderate-Income Capacity: The net number of above-moderate income units each parcel can accommodate. Above moderate income means households earning more than 120% of area median income.

Assessor Parcel Number: A unique number assigned to each parcel of land by a county assessor.

Consolidated Sites: Parcels that will be consolidated into larger parcels.

Existing Use/Vacancy: The parcel’s existing use. For example, residential, vacant (without any house, office, or any significant improvement), one-story building, etc.

General Plan Designation (as reported): Indicates the parcel’s current land use as designated in the jurisdiction’s General Plan.

Identified in Last/Last Two Planning Cycle(s): Identifies if the identified property was used in prior housing elements.

Infrastructure: Indicates whether the identified parcel has sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities available to support housing development. Available options are YES - Current, YES - Planned, YES - Potential, or NO.

Jurisdiction: The City or County submitting the information. The City or County having authority over the identified parcel.

Low Income Capacity: The net number of low-income units each parcel can accommodate. Low-income means households earning less than 80 percent of the area median income pursuant to Health and Safety Code, section 50079.5.

Max Density Allowed (units/acre): The maximum density (ratio) allowed on each parcel.

Minimum Density Allowed (units/acre): The minimum density (ratio) allowed on each parcel.
Moderate Income Capacity: The net number of moderate-income units each parcel can accommodate. Moderate Income means households whose income does not exceed 120 percent of area median income pursuant to Health and Safety Code, section 50093.

Parcel Size (Acres): The gross or net acreage.

Publicly/Private: Whether the parcel is publicly or privately owned.

Site Status: Whether the status of the parcel is: available or pending project.

Street Address/Intersection: The number and name of the street or intersection where the parcel is located.

Total Capacity: The total number of units that can be accommodated from all income categories.

Zoning Designation (as reported): Assigned zoning designation, which describes the general land uses allowed on the parcel.