

Regional Housing Needs Allocation 2007-2014



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Bay Area RHNA Schedule

On September 29, 2006, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) granted ABAG an approval for a two-year extension for completing the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process and plan. The following RHNA milestones reflect that two-year extension:

November 16, 2006

ABAG Executive Board adopts Draft Allocation Methodology
Start 60-day public comment period

January 18, 2007

ABAG Executive Board adopts final methodology

March 1, 2007

HCD Determines total SF Bay Area Regional Housing Need

July 31, 2007

ABAG Releases Draft Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan

June 30, 2008

ABAG Releases Proposed Final Regional Allocation Plan

August 29, 2008

HCD Reviews Proposed Final Regional Housing Allocation Plan

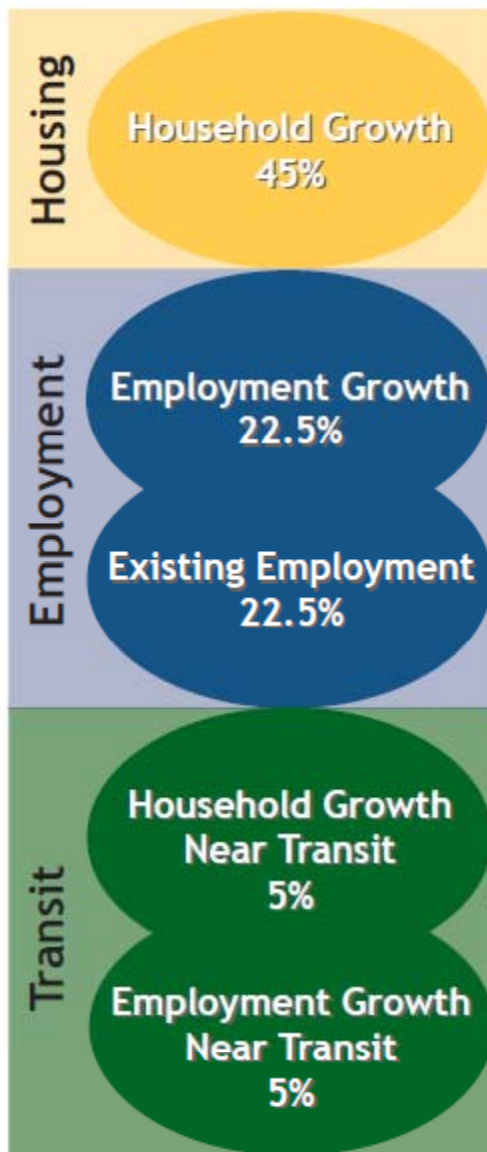
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Local Governments Complete Housing Element Revisions

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Weighted Factors of RHNA Method



The methodology factors use data from Projections 2007.



A House.

Clara Fassinger, age 8

The income allocation method gives jurisdictions that have a relatively larger proportion of households in a certain income category a smaller allocation of housing units in that same category. Conversely, jurisdictions that have a lower proportion of households in a category would receive a higher allocation of housing units in that same category.

Under this distribution formula, the income distribution in each jurisdiction moves closer into alignment with the region-wide distribution of household income. By taking a jurisdiction's existing income distribution into account, we may avoid exacerbating existing concentrations of poverty within the region.

The multiplier acts as the key determinant in the distribution of affordable housing, and therefore household income around the region. The higher the multiplier, the more aggressive the redistribution. The Bay Area has adopted a 175 percent multiplier - thus far, the highest in the State of California.