



# Basic Needs

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# Summary

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<b>Self-Sufficiency Income Standards</b>	Percentage of households below Self-Sufficiency Income Standards	35.1%	2007	—		7
<b>Basic Needs</b>	Percentage of telephone survey respondents who found themselves going without basic needs in the past year	12.0%	2010	↑		9
<b>Health Insecurity</b>	Percentage of residents who had to delay or not get a medicine their doctor prescribed for them in the past year	16.4%	2007	↑		12
<b>Food Insecurity</b>	Percentage of residents who were able to afford enough food	71.4%	2007	↓		13
<b>Participation in School Meal Program</b>	Percentage of school-aged children who were enrolled in free and reduced price meal program	34.3%	2008-2009	↑		14
<b>Fair Market Rents</b>	Fair market rent for a 2 bedroom house	\$1,160	2010	↑		15
<b>Housing Affordability</b>	Percentage of telephone survey respondents who used more than one half of their income to pay for housing	22.8%	2010	↑		16
<b>Housing Prices</b>	Median sale price for all home types	\$350,000	2010	↓		20
<b>Homelessness</b>	Number of homeless persons	2,841	2009	↑		21

## Legend

Item	Description
	Indicates data moving in an upward direction over time.
	Indicates data moving in a downward direction over time.
	Indicates data remaining constant over time or no trend data available.
	Indicates data with a combination of both challenges and successes.
	Indicates data moving in a negative direction.
	Indicates data moving in a positive direction.

## Self-Sufficiency Income Standards

Compared to the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which is the same regardless of location and cost of living, the Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Standards give an indicator of how much income is needed for a family to meet its minimal basic needs, depending on geographic location and age of children.<sup>1,2</sup> In 2007, a high percentage of female householders with children (75%) and residents with less than a high school diploma (65%) fell below the Self-Sufficiency Income Standards.



### Federal Poverty Guidelines by Family Size

Family Size								01-09
	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change
1	\$8,590	\$8,980	\$9,570	\$9,800	\$10,210	\$10,400	\$10,830	26.1%
2	\$11,610	\$12,120	\$12,830	\$13,200	\$13,690	\$14,000	\$14,570	25.5%
3	\$14,630	\$15,260	\$16,090	\$16,600	\$17,170	\$17,600	\$18,310	25.2%
4	\$17,650	\$18,400	\$19,350	\$20,000	\$20,650	\$21,200	\$22,050	24.9%
5	\$20,670	\$21,540	\$22,610	\$23,400	\$24,130	\$24,800	\$25,790	24.8%
6	\$23,690	\$24,680	\$25,870	\$26,800	\$27,610	\$28,400	\$29,530	24.7%
7	\$26,710	\$27,820	\$29,130	\$30,200	\$31,090	\$32,000	\$33,270	24.6%
8	\$29,730	\$30,960	\$32,390	\$33,600	\$34,570	\$35,600	\$37,010	24.5%

Source: Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Register, 2010

<sup>1</sup> Please see Appendix II for definitions of "Federal Poverty Guidelines/Level" and "Self Sufficiency Standard."

<sup>2</sup> Insight: Center for Community Economic Development, 2008.

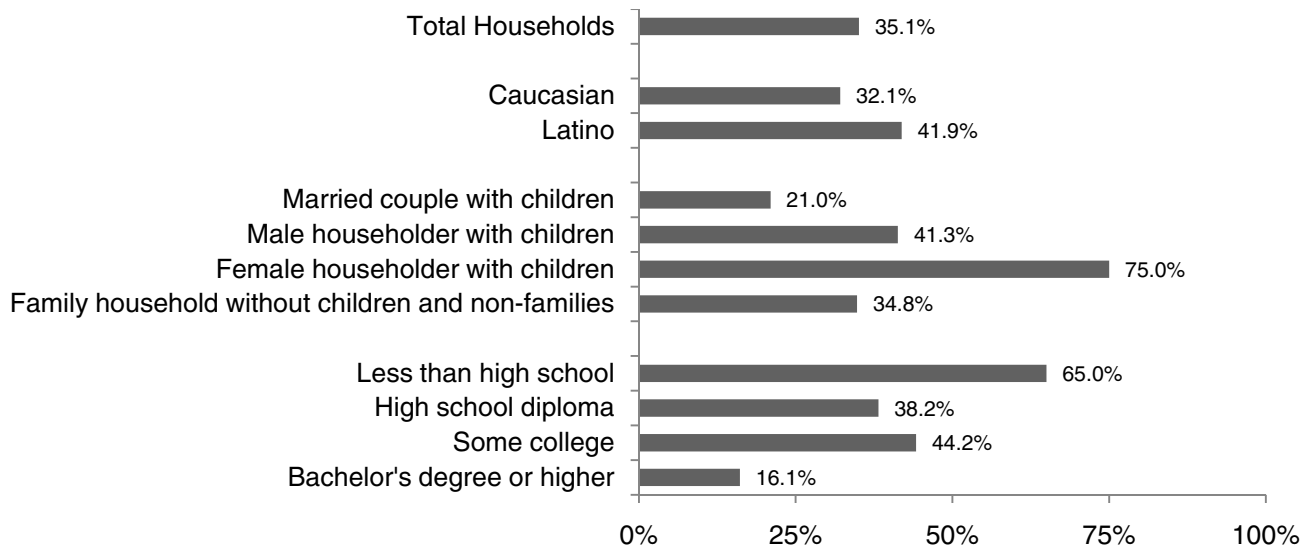
### Self-Sufficiency Income Standards, San Luis Obispo County

Expense Category	Single Adult		Single Adult + 1 School-Age Child and 1 Teenager		Two Adults + 1 Pre-Schooler and 1 School-Age Child	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Housing	\$724	\$833	\$917	\$1,075	\$917	\$1,075
Child Care	\$0	\$0	\$279	\$408	\$779	\$1,093
Food	\$182	\$241	\$473	\$633	\$565	\$752
Transportation	\$245	\$255	\$251	\$262	\$481	\$500
Health Care	\$89	\$142	\$336	\$451	\$354	\$487
Miscellaneous	\$124	\$152	\$226	\$283	\$310	\$391
Taxes	\$268	\$353	\$297	\$488	\$457	\$722
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$-69	\$0	\$0	\$0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$-68	\$-55	\$-100	\$-100
Child Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$-161	\$-167	\$-167	\$-167
<b>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</b>	<b>\$9.27</b>	<b>\$11.52</b>	<b>\$14.10</b>	<b>\$19.19</b>	<b>\$10.22 per adult</b>	<b>\$13.51 per adult</b>
<b>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</b>	<b>\$1,632</b>	<b>\$2,027</b>	<b>\$2,482</b>	<b>\$3,378</b>	<b>\$3,597</b>	<b>\$4,754</b>
<b>Annual Self-Sufficiency Wage</b>	<b>\$19,586</b>	<b>\$24,329</b>	<b>\$29,779</b>	<b>\$40,538</b>	<b>\$43,163</b>	<b>\$57,049</b>

Source: Wider Opportunities for Women and Californians for Family Economic Self-Sufficiency (CFESS) and Equal Rights Advocates, 2004 and 2008.

Note: Data presented are most recent data available.

### Percentage of Households Below Self-Sufficiency Income Standards, San Luis Obispo County (2007)



Source: Insight Center for Community and Economic Development, Overlooked and Undercounted 2009: Struggling to Make Ends Meet in California, 2009.

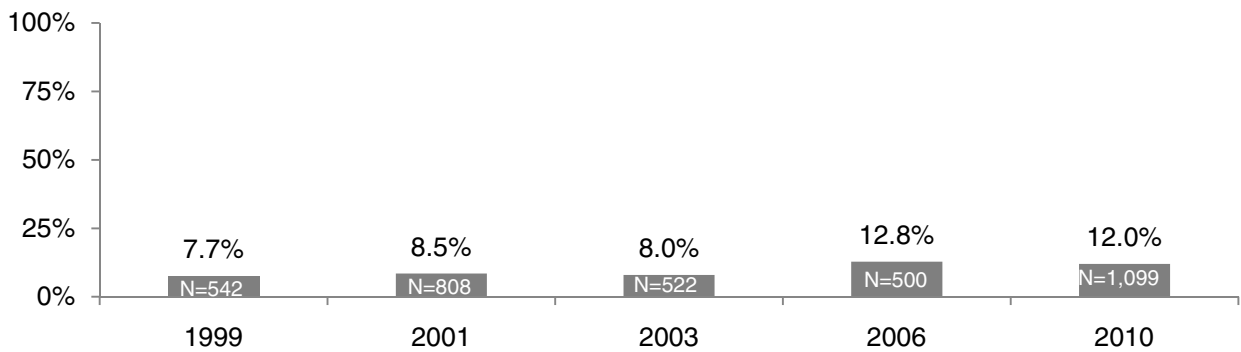
Note: These percentage calculations were based off of the 2007 American Community Survey Data. Data presented are most recent data available.

# Basic Needs

Twelve percent of telephone survey respondents had to go without some basic needs in the past year. The two most pressing needs that people lacked were health care and food.

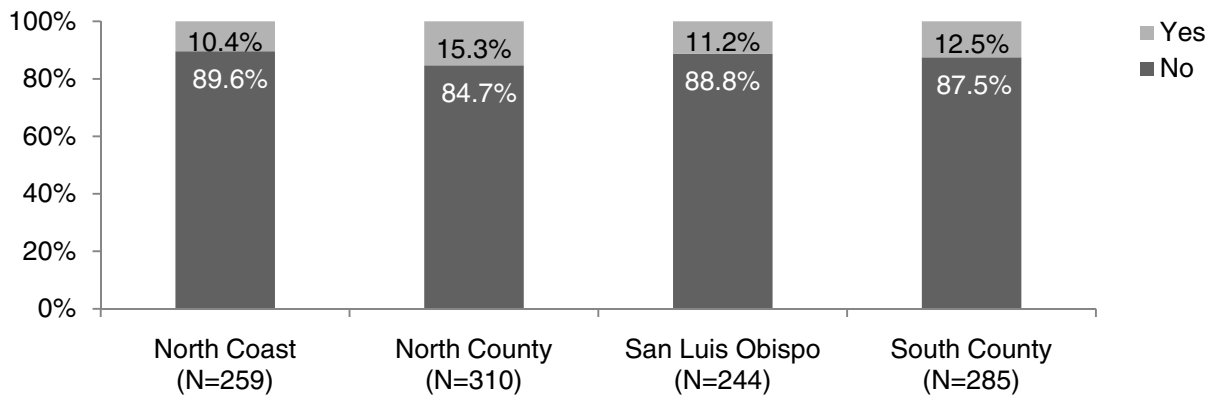


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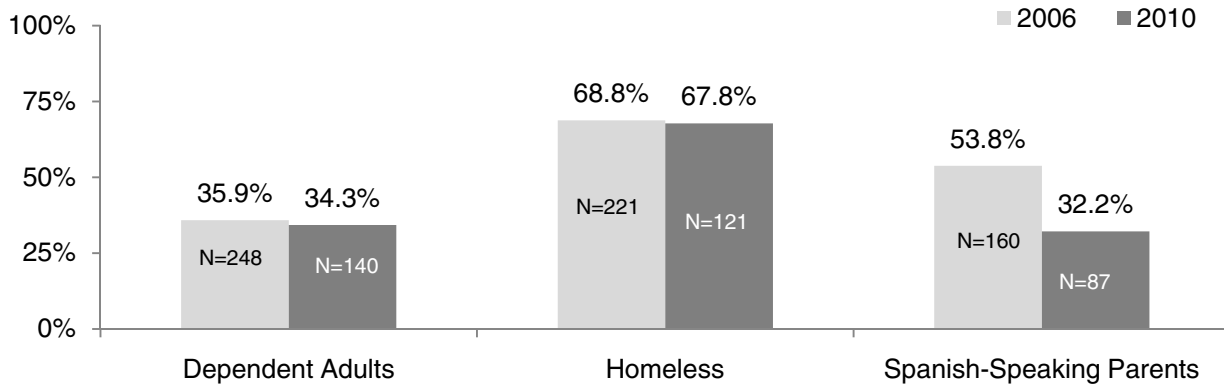
Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006, and 2010.

**☎ In any given month during the past year, did you have to go without basic needs, such as food, clothing, childcare, housing or health care? By Region (2010)**



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2010.

**👤 In any given month during the past year, did you have to go without basic needs such as food, clothing, childcare, housing, or health care? (Respondents answering “Yes”)**



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Face-to-Face Survey, 2006, and 2010.

**📞 If you had to go without basic needs, what did you go without?**

Response	1999	2001	2003	2006	2010
Health Care	51.3%	52.9%	61.9%	54.6%	55.1%
Food	35.9%	30.9%	35.7%	40.1%	41.6%
Clothing	12.8%	29.4%	31.0%	37.3%	30.3%
Childcare	NA	NA	7.1%	11.1%	8.5%
Housing	NA	NA	7.1%	9.9%	6.3%
Other	NA	NA	9.5%	15.9%	7.1%
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>197</b>

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006, and 2010.

**📞 If you had to go without basic needs, what did you go without? *By Region* (2010)**

	North Coast	North County	San Luis Obispo	South County
Food	40.5%	39.6%	35.8%	49.4%
Childcare	10.4%	6.9%	6.8%	7.8%
Health Care	56.1%	58.4%	57.4%	49.3%
Clothing	27.7%	18.1%	38.7%	32.7%
Housing	1.2%	13.7%	5.1%	9.1%
Other	2.9%	9.8%	6.8%	10.1%
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>

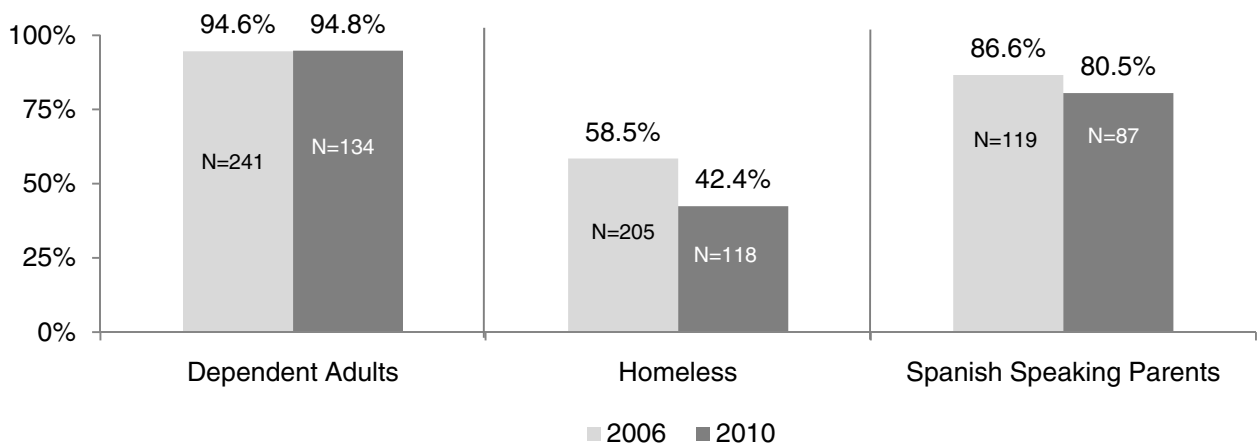
Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2010.

**☺☺☺ If you had to go without basic needs, what did you go without?**

Response	Dependent Adults		Homeless		Spanish-Speaking Parents	
	2006	2010	2006	2010	2006	2010
Food	43.8%	80.4%	67.8%	80.2%	74.4%	74.1%
Childcare	12.4%	13.0%	17.1%	27.2%	33.7%	59.3%
Health care	60.7%	58.7%	49.3%	69.1%	52.3%	74.1%
Clothing	40.4%	63.0%	58.6%	69.1%	47.7%	63.0%
Housing	12.4%	26.1%	75.7%	92.6%	32.6%	37.0%
Other	NA	17.4%	NA	11.1%	NA	0.0%
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>83</b>

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Face-to-Face Survey, 2006, and 2010.

**☺☺☺ Is there a working telephone where you live? (Respondents answering “Yes”)**



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Face-to-Face Survey, 2006 and 2010.



# Health Insecurity

The percentage of San Luis Obispo County residents who have had to delay or not get a medicine that a doctor prescribed for them has steadily increased from 10% in 2001 to 16% in 2007.



**During the past 12 months, did you either delay or not get a medicine that a doctor prescribed for you?**

Response	2001		2003		2007	
	San Luis Obispo	California	San Luis Obispo	California	San Luis Obispo	California
Delayed or didn't get medicine	10.1%	7.6%	11.4%	10.2%	16.4%	11.0%
Didn't delay (got medicine)	89.9%	92.4%	88.6%	89.8%	83.6%	89.0%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>214,000</b>	<b>30,835,000</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>31,826,000</b>	<b>225,000</b>	<b>33,275,000</b>

Source: California Health Interview Survey, 2001, 2003 and 2007.

Note: Question was not asked in 2005.



## Food Insecurity

Twenty-nine percent of San Luis Obispo County residents were not able to afford enough food in 2007, up from 23% in 2001.



### Are you able to afford enough food?<sup>1</sup>

Response	2001	2003	2005	2007
Able to afford enough food (food secure)				
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	<b>76.9%</b>	<b>70.2%</b>	<b>67.4%</b>	<b>71.4%</b>
California	70.9%	66.1%	70.0%	65.2%
Not able to afford enough food (food insecure)				
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>29.8%</b>	<b>32.6%</b>	<b>28.6%<sup>2</sup></b>
California	29.1%	33.9%	30.0%	34.8%
Total Respondents				
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>51,000</b>	<b>49,000</b>	<b>51,000</b>
California	8,704,000	8,635,000	8,295,000	8,262,000

Source: California Health Interview Survey, 2001, 2003, 2005, and 2007.

<sup>1</sup> Asked of adults whose income is less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

<sup>2</sup> Data is statistically unstable and has not met the criteria for a minimum number of respondents needed and/or has exceeded an acceptable value for coefficient of variance.

### New Food Stamp Applicants

	FY 2004- 2005	FY 2005- 2006	FY2006- 2007	FY 2007- 2008	FY 2008- 2009	FY 2009- 2010
Non- Assistance Caseload (not receiving cash aid)	3,628	5,077	6,808	8,430	8,959	10,118
Public Assistance Caseload (receive cash aid)	973	1,023	1,156	1,101	823	629

Source: County of San Luis Obispo, Social Services Department, Food Stamp Program Statistics, 2010.

## Participation in School Meal Program

Between 2002 and 2009, participation in school meal programs in San Luis Obispo County increased modestly from 32% to 34%. These percentages were slightly lower than the state overall which ranged from 49% to 54% during those same years.



### Percentage of School-aged Children Enrolled in Free and Reduced Price Meal Program

District	2002-03	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	02-09 Net Change
County Office of Education	23.4%	57.2%	60.1%	75.5%	58.0%	55.8%	32.4
Atascadero Unified	20.8%	23.4%	21.7%	28.3%	30.9%	32.9%	12.1
Cayucos Elementary	20.1%	20.1%	21.7%	18.0%	NA	19.4%	-0.7
Coast Unified	36.5%	40.0%	45.2%	48.6%	50.1%	54.1%	17.6
Lucia Mar Unified	44.7%	36.6%	36.4%	39.2%	36.0%	37.9%	-6.8
Paso Robles Joint Unified	36.6%	31.8%	35.9%	37.7%	43.0%	NA	NA
Pleasant Valley Joint Union Elementary	30.7%	31.0%	41.1%	35.0%	37.9%	36.6%	5.9
San Luis Coastal Unified	24.8%	27.1%	28.3%	28.7%	28.4%	29.8%	5.0
San Miguel Joint Union	51.2%	56.0%	59.6%	57.2%	53.7%	58.3%	7.1
Shandon Joint Unified	67.4%	69.6%	66.9%	60.3%	69.8%	66.1%	-1.3
Templeton Unified	12.1%	11.2%	13.6%	11.2%	8.3%	12.5%	0.4
<b>San Luis Obispo County</b>	<b>32.3%</b>	<b>30.7%</b>	<b>32.2%</b>	<b>34.5%</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>34.3%</b>	<b>2.0</b>
California	48.7%	49.9%	51.2%	51.0%	51.2%	53.7%	5.0

Source: California Department of Education, Data Quest, 2010.

Note: This is a federal program administered by the US Department of Agriculture. Program participation is by application and is based on the income of the child's parent or guardian.



## Rent Prices and Fair Market Rents

The average cost for a two bedroom rental was \$1,230 per month in 2010. Since 2002, the average rent in the county has exceeded the Fair Market Rent, which is the maximum amount the Housing Authority will pay for rental units, as determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).



### Fair Market Rents<sup>1</sup>, San Luis Obispo County

Number of Bedrooms	2002	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	02-10 % Change
0 Bedrooms	\$584	\$641	\$641	\$663	\$746	\$781	\$805	37.8%
1 Bedroom	\$659	\$724	\$758	\$784	\$883	\$924	\$952	44.5%
2 Bedrooms	\$836	\$917	\$923	\$955	\$1,075	\$1,125	\$1,160	38.8%
3 Bedrooms	\$1,162	\$1,276	\$1,345	\$1,391	\$1,566	\$1,639	\$1,690	45.4%
4 Bedrooms	\$1,372	\$1,505	\$1,384	\$1,432	\$1,611	\$1,686	\$1,739	26.7%

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *HUD USER Data Sets*, 2010.

<sup>1</sup> Fair Market Rent: The maximum amount that the Housing Authority will pay for rental units, as determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### Estimate of Average (50<sup>th</sup> Percentile) Rents, San Luis Obispo County

Number of Bedrooms	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	04-10 % Change
0 Bedrooms	\$681	\$670	\$693	\$780	\$817	\$843	23.8%
1 Bedroom	\$769	\$799	\$827	\$931	\$974	\$1,005	30.7%
2 Bedrooms	\$975	\$978	\$1,012	\$1,139	\$1,192	\$1,230	26.2%
3 Bedrooms	\$1,356	\$1,424	\$1,473	\$1,658	\$1,736	\$1,791	32.1%
4 Bedrooms	\$1,601	\$1,502	\$1,554	\$1,750	\$1,831	\$1,889	18.0%

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *HUD USER Data Sets*, 2010.

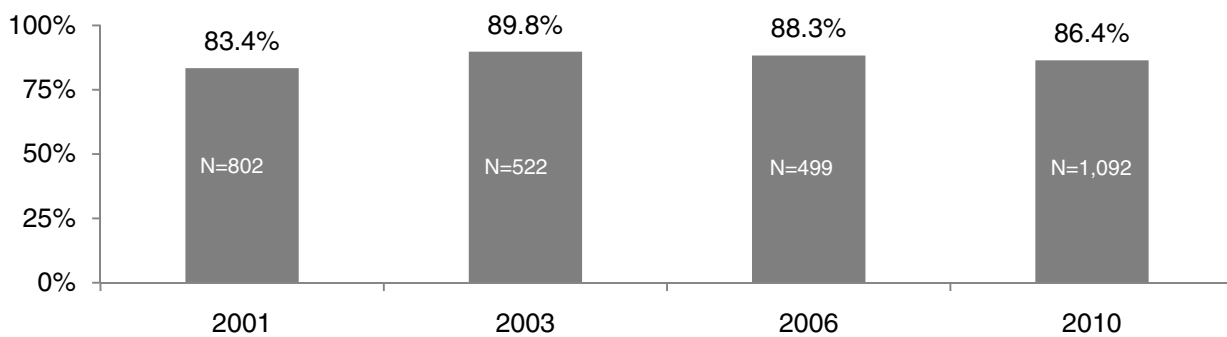


# Housing Affordability

Housing costs continue to be of concern to San Luis Obispo County telephone and face-to-face survey respondents, with over 81% reporting that they were “very concerned” or “somewhat concerned” about housing costs in their community in 2010. Additionally, 23% of telephone survey respondents reported that they used more than one-half of their income to pay for housing costs.



**☎ How concerned are you about housing costs in your community? (Respondents answering “very concerned” or “somewhat concerned”)**



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2001, 2003, 2006 and 2010.

**👤 How concerned are you about housing costs in your community?**

Response	Dependent Adults		Homeless		Spanish Speaking Parents	
	2006	2010	2006	2010	2006	2010
Very concerned	74.2%	62.1%	77.8%	79.2%	70.9%	42.5%
Somewhat concerned	17.2%	25.7%	15.7%	10.0%	15.2%	39.1%
Not at all concerned	8.6%	12.1%	6.5%	10.8%	13.9%	18.4%
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>87</b>

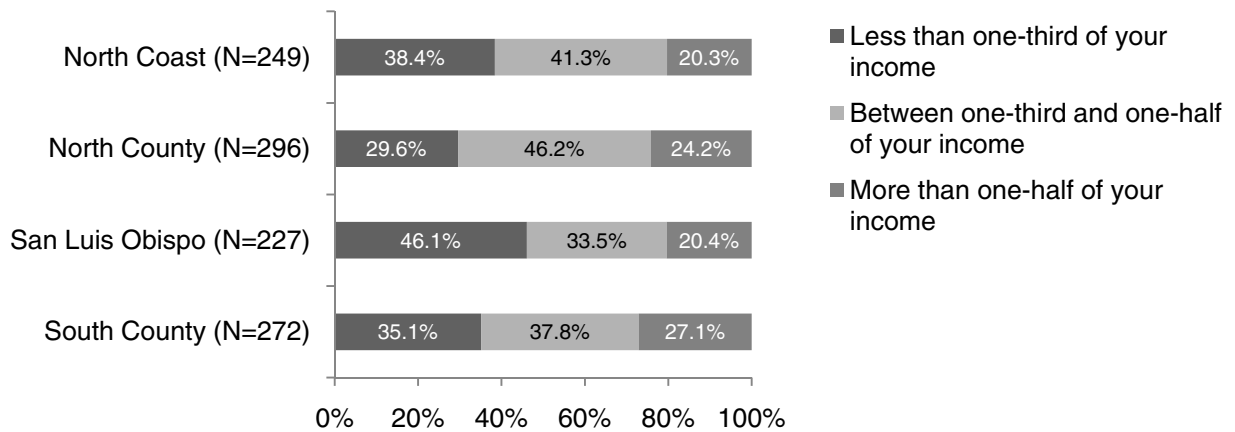
Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Face-to-Face Survey, 2006, and 2010.

**☎ Is the amount of money you use to pay for housing, including utilities, such as gas and electricity...**

Response	2006	2010
Less than one-third of your income	45.2%	38.0%
Between one-third and one-half of your income	36.3%	39.2%
More than one-half of your income	18.5%	22.8%
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>1,046</b>

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2006 and 2010.

**📞 Is the amount of money you use to pay for housing, including utilities, such as gas and electricity... By Region (2010)**



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2010.

**👨👩👧👦 Is the amount of money you use to pay for housing, including utilities, such as gas and electricity...**

Response	Dependent Adults		Homeless		Spanish Speaking Parents	
	2006	2010	2006	2010	2006	2010
Less than one-third of your income	25.9%	34.1%	37.0%	30.2%	8.6%	18.4%
Between one-third and one-half of your income	39.9%	34.8%	26.1%	27.9%	29.6%	44.8%
More than one-half of your income	34.2%	31.1%	37.0%	41.9%	61.8%	36.8%
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>87</b>

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Face-to-Face Survey, 2006 and 2010.

**👨👩👧👦 How big of a problem is housing for you personally? (2010)**

Response	Dependent Adults	Homeless	Spanish-Speaking Parents
Major problem	16.9%	76.1%	13.1%
Minor problem	20.6%	12.8%	53.6%
Not a problem	62.5%	11.1%	33.3%
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>84</b>

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Face-to-Face Survey, 2010.

**Percentage of Homes Affordable for Median Income Families (Housing Opportunity Index), Quarter 1**

	2002	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Fresno	52.1%	39.2%	9.2%	12.7%	28.1%	70.9%	67.0%
Merced	33.0%	21.3%	5.5%	5.6%	28.3%	81.0%	82.4%
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura	NA	NA	10.8%	10.5%	22.9%	61.1%	46.8%
Salinas	7.7%	12.7%	5.0%	4.6%	13.1%	69.0%	56.2%
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City	9.2%	16.2%	7.8%	6.7%	12.7%	32.1%	23.4%
San Jose- Sunnyvale, Santa Clara	20.1%	32.6%	14.9%	13.6%	23.1%	61.5%	45.1%
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta	25.2%	10.8%	3.2%	6.0%	19.6%	61.7%	47.8%
Santa Cruz-Watsonville	8.0%	15.2%	5.9%	8.2%	22.2%	50.9%	34.1%
Visalia-Porterville	63.6%	60.5%	18.2%	14.4%	34.2%	71.7%	72.2%
<b>San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>34.7%</b>	<b>32.4%</b>
National	64.8%	61.2%	41.3%	43.9%	53.8%	72.5%	72.2%

Source: National Association of Home Builders, *NAHB – Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI)*, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2010.

Note: The Housing Opportunity Index is the share of homes in a particular area that would have been affordable to a family earning the median income. It is based on the median family income, interest rates, and the price distribution of homes sold for each market in a particular quarter of a year. For example, this chart shows that only 32.4% of homes were affordable for families earning \$72,000 or more.

**Key Findings from the Business Sentiment Survey (2008)**

	Very Bad Time	Bad Time	No Different Than Other Times	Good Time	Very Good Time
<b>Do you think it is a good time or a bad time to buy a home?</b>					
San Luis Obispo County	0.0%	28.6%	25.0%	41.1%	5.4%
Tri-Counties	0.6%	32.3%	23.4%	38.9%	4.8%

Source: UC Santa Barbara Economic Forecast Project, The 2009 San Luis Obispo County Economic Outlook, 2010.

Note: Tri-Counties include San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.

**Key Findings from the Business Sentiment Survey (2008)**

	Much Less Affordable	Less Affordable	Same as Now	More Affordable	Much More Affordable
<b>Do you think buying a home will be more or less affordable six months from now?</b>					
San Luis Obispo County	0.0%	14.3%	48.2%	37.5%	0.0%
Tri-Counties	0.4%	7.9%	42.6%	45.9%	3.3%

Source: UC Santa Barbara Economic Forecast Project, The 2009 San Luis Obispo County Economic Outlook, 2010.

Note: Tri-Counties include San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.

**National and Regional Affordability Rankings, Quarter 1**

Metropolitan Service Area <sup>1</sup>	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	National	Regional	National	Regional	National	Regional	National	Regional	National	Regional
Fresno	165	47	200	51	203	52	156	30	187	46
Merced	176	56	216	64	201	51	78	7	94	5
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura	162	44	203	53	211	59	194	51	212	58
Salinas	178	58	217	65	220	66	163	33	205	54
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City	169	51	212	61	221	67	220	68	224	68
San Jose-Sunnyvale, Santa Clara	156	40	198	49	210	58	191	49	217	62
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta	180	60	214	63	215	62	190	48	210	56
Santa Cruz-Watsonville	174	54	209	58	213	61	209	61	221	66
Visalia-Porterville	151	36	196	47	190	42	149	28	165	33
<b>San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>67</b>

Source: National Association of Home Builders, *NAHB – Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI)*, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2010.

<sup>1</sup> Metropolitan Service Area is one of a large population nucleus, together with adjacent communities that have a high degree of economic and social integration with that nucleus. MSA's are relatively free standing and are not closely associated with other metropolitan areas.

Note: National Ranking based on a score of 1 to 225, with 1 being the highest ranking and 225 being the lowest ranking.

## Housing Prices

The median sale price of homes in the San Luis Obispo area has fallen from a high of \$533,000 in 2006 to \$350,000 in 2010.



### Median Sales Price, Quarter 1

Metropolitan Service Area <sup>1</sup>	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	04-10 % Change
Fresno	\$193,000	\$297,000	\$278,000	\$225,000	\$146,000	\$160,000	-17.1%
Merced	\$215,000	\$365,000	\$311,000	\$215,000	\$119,000	\$119,000	-44.7%
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura	NA	\$591,000	\$545,000	\$420,000	\$315,000	\$352,000	NA
Salinas	\$430,000	\$600,000	\$569,000	\$393,000	\$209,000	\$232,000	-46.0%
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City	\$592,000	\$745,000	\$748,000	\$680,000	\$525,000	\$585,000	-1.2%
San Jose-Sunnyvale, Santa Clara	\$500,000	\$642,000	\$646,000	\$544,000	\$373,000	\$431,000	-13.8%
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta	\$380,000	\$580,000	\$553,000	\$380,000	\$245,000	\$294,000	-22.6%
Santa Cruz-Watsonville	\$505,000	\$672,000	\$655,000	\$508,000	\$347,000	\$430,000	-14.9%
Visalia-Porterville	\$140,000	\$248,000	\$240,000	\$202,000	\$140,000	\$141,000	0.7%
<b>San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$533,000</b>	<b>\$504,000</b>	<b>\$425,000</b>	<b>\$354,000</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>-12.5%</b>
National	\$186,500	\$250,000	\$238,000	\$219,000	\$175,500	\$175,000	-6.2%

Source: National Association of Home Builders, *NAHB – Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI)*, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2010.

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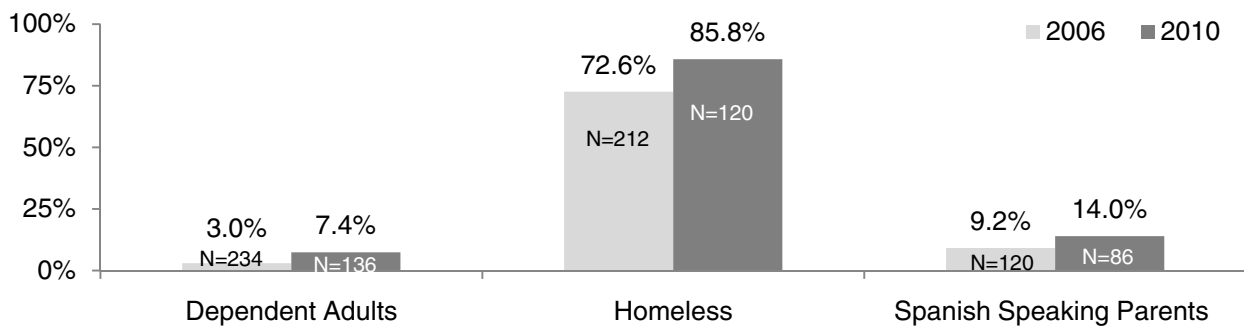


# Homelessness

A total of 2,841 homeless persons were identified in the 2009 San Luis Obispo County enumeration. Thirty-six percent of homeless persons counted were located in San Luis Obispo City, while 20% were located in Paso Robles. Eighty-seven percent of telephone survey respondents reported that they were “very concerned” or “somewhat concerned” about homelessness in their community, an increase from 73% in 1999.

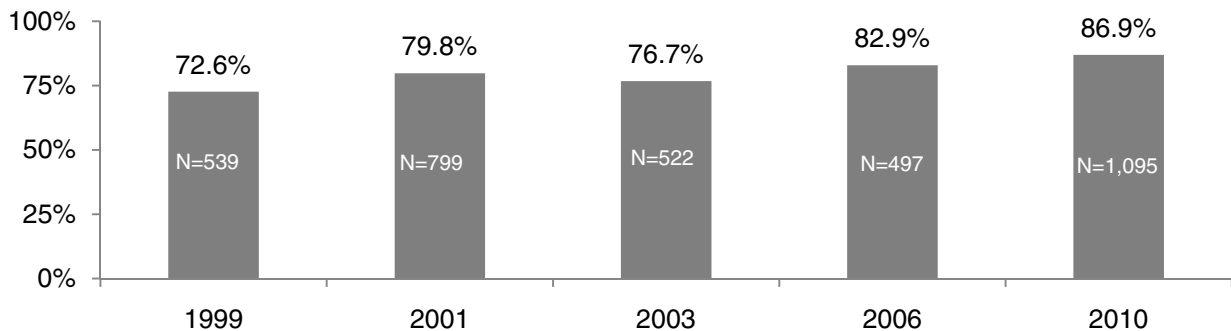


## 👤 Are you currently homeless? (Respondents answering “Yes”)



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Face-to-Face Survey, 2006 and 2010.

## ☎️ How concerned are you about Homelessness in your community? (Respondents answering “very concerned” or “somewhat concerned”)



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006 and 2010.

### How concerned are you about Homelessness in your community? (2010)

Response	Dependent Adults		Homeless		Spanish Speaking Parents	
	2006	2010	2006	2010	2006	2010
Very concerned	58.4%	68.8%	80.5%	76.9%	53.5%	23.3%
Somewhat concerned	27.3%	18.1%	14.9%	11.6%	26.8%	53.5%
Not at all concerned	14.3%	13.0%	4.7%	11.6%	19.7%	23.3%
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>86</b>

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Face-to-Face Survey, 2010.

### Homeless Enumeration Report: Locations of Observation (2005)

Geographic Region	Frequency	Percent	General Population	Percent
North Coast	119	4.9%	33,000	13.8%
North County	1,034	43.0%	81,000	33.9%
San Luis Obispo	473	19.7%	45,000	18.8%
South County	781	32.4%	80,000	33.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,407<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>239,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: The Homeless Services Coordinating Council, Homeless Enumeration Report, San Luis Obispo County, California (Revised April 21, 2006).

<sup>1</sup> Total does not include one homeless person identified in an unknown region.

### Homeless Enumeration Report: Locations of Observation (2009)

Geographic Region	Adults	Children/Teens	Total	Percent
Arroyo Grande	104	14	118	4.2%
Atascadero	182	27	209	7.4%
Grover Beach	237	38	275	9.7%
Morro Bay	61	5	66	2.3%
Paso Robles	428	144	572	20.1%
Pismo Beach	45	3	48	1.7%
San Luis Obispo City	937	88	1,025	36.1%
Unincorporated	437	64	501	17.6%
Unknown	26	1	27	1.0%
<b>Count Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,457</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: The Homeless Services Coordinating Council, Homeless Enumeration Report, San Luis Obispo County, 2009.

Note: Due to different methodologies, the 2005 and the 2009 Homeless Enumeration Reports are not comparable.

<sup>1</sup> The Count Total does not include the 988 children counted as part of the enumeration who were at school on the day of the count. The 2,841 homeless figure reported represents an official estimation per strict reporting requirements from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that require clear data collection parameters for a Point-in Time (PIT) count for a single day in the last 10 days of January. The SLO County Office of Education (SLOCOE) data for homeless uses a different definition not in synch with HUD's Point-in-Time protocol and the data typically represents results from a single school year. Commonly, school districts are unable to perform site visits to confirm the student/parent statements and compare their living situation to a HUD PIT count definition or a SLOCOE definition. Additionally, there is no way to determine if there is duplication in the results of each count. As a result of our inability to resolve these possible inconsistencies, of definition, timeframe and potential duplication, this data was not included in this report.

**Homeless Enumeration Report: Locations of Observation (2005)**

Locations of Observation	Frequency	Percent
Shelters	149	6.5%
Jail	31	1.3%
Meal Programs	187	8.1%
Living Outside: Encampments or on the Streets	662	28.8%
Mental Health Services	9	0.4%
Transitional or Supportive Housing	284	12.3%
Day Center	75	3.3%
State or County Parks	174	7.6%
Social Services	71	3.1%
Health Services	76	3.3%
Schools (PreK-12)	583	25.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,301<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: The Homeless Services Coordinating Council, Homeless Enumeration Report, San Luis Obispo County, California (Revised April 21, 2006).

<sup>1</sup> Total does not include 107 homeless people who were identified in unknown locations.

**Homeless Enumeration Report: Location of Last Night's Sleep (2009)**

Location	Frequency	Percent
In a car, camper, or other vehicle	72	21%
Outside (tent, brush, etc.)	85	25%
In a motel	34	10%
In housing provided by a transitional housing program	38	11%
As a guest with family or friends	62	18%
In a shelter	41	12%
Non response/omitted	10	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>342<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: The Homeless Services Coordinating Council, Homeless Enumeration Report, San Luis Obispo County, California (Revised April 21, 2006).

<sup>1</sup> This total represents the total number of surveys completed as a part of the enumeration effort. Surveys were conducted with every 5<sup>th</sup> homeless person identified in the count.

**Homeless Enumeration Report: Respondents with Children (2009)**

Geographic Region	Number	Percent
North County	44	32%
San Luis Obispo City	24	20%
South County	26	40%
<b>San Luis Obispo County Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>29%</b>

Source: The Homeless Services Coordinating Council, Homeless Enumeration Report, San Luis Obispo County, 2009.

## Shelter Over-Capacity

<b>Community Action Partnership Homeless Services</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter: January – March	28	29	81	52	50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter: April – June	64	175	158	21	117
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter: July – September	47	165	261	87	184
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter: October – December	24	118	25	123	176
<b>Total Over-capacity</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>527</b>

Source: Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, 2010.

Note: These data are for the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter, which is operated by the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County. Over-capacity refers to the number of individuals seeking shelter that exceeds the number of available beds. The shelter has a regular capacity of 49 beds per night, plus overflow capacity of 15-35 beds provided in collaboration with the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless. Capacity increased in 1999 when the CAP-ICH overflow program expanded from 7 to 12 months per year.

## Clients Placed in Permanent Housing

<b>Community Action Partnership Homeless Services</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2008</b>
Number of Single Adults	43	50	30	40
Number of Families	35	48	33	76
Number of Parents	40	55	48	104
Number of Children	71	80	61	132
Percent of Children	46.1%	43.2%	43.8%	47.8%
<b>Number of clients permanently housed</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>276</b>

Source: Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, 2010.