

Santa Barbara LAFCO

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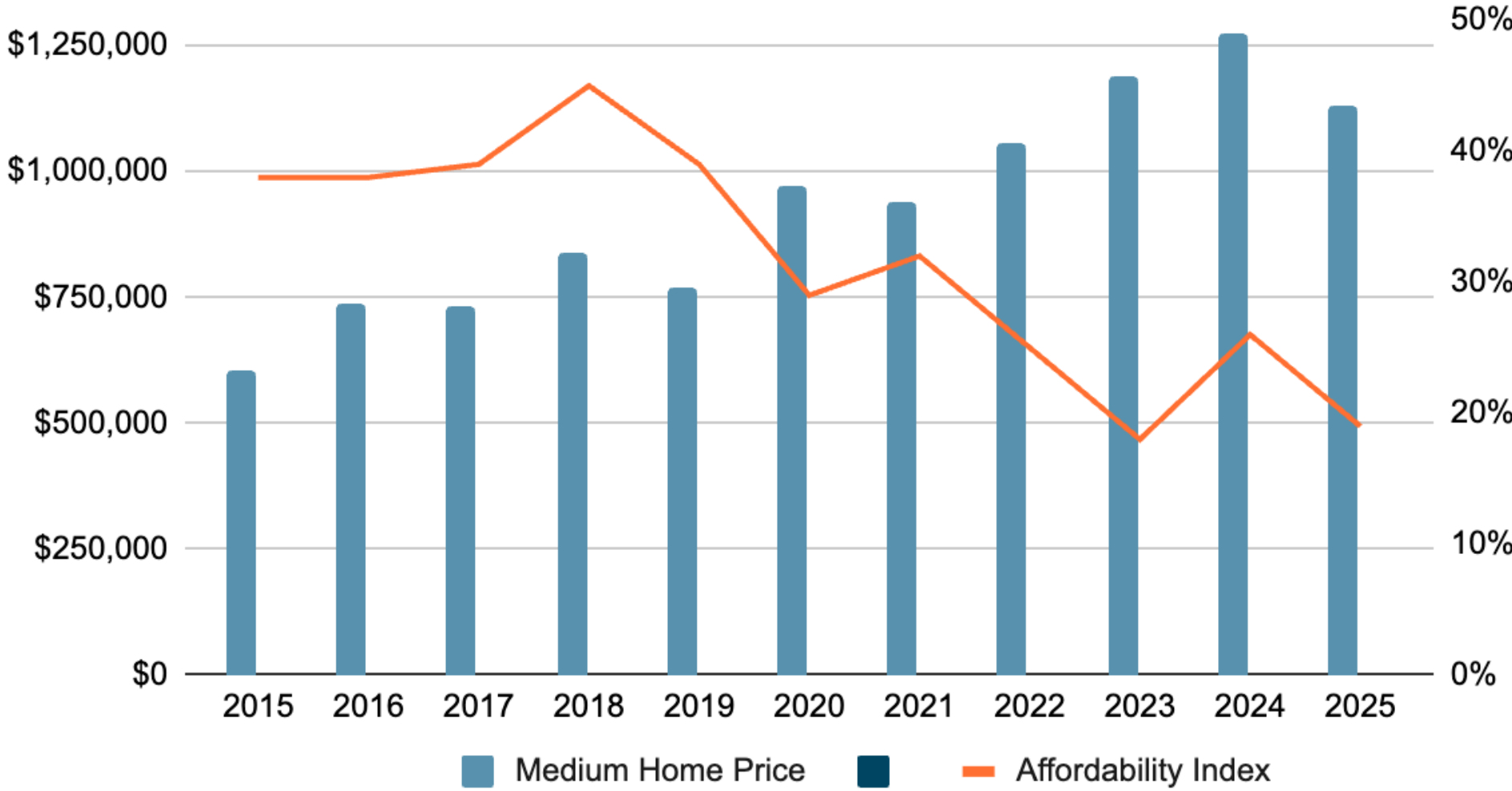
Countywide Update regarding Housing and General Plans

April 2, 2026

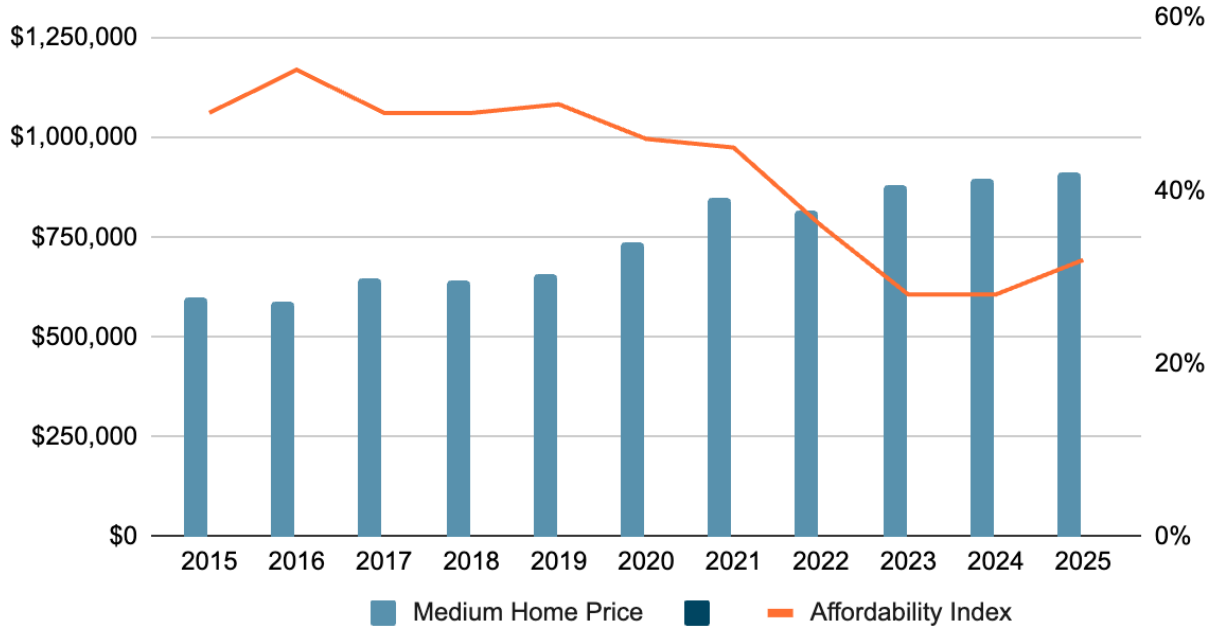
Countywide Housing and General Plans

- Cost of Housing
- Affordability Index
- Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) target projections
- Annual Housing Progress Report
- Current and planned activities related to General Plans

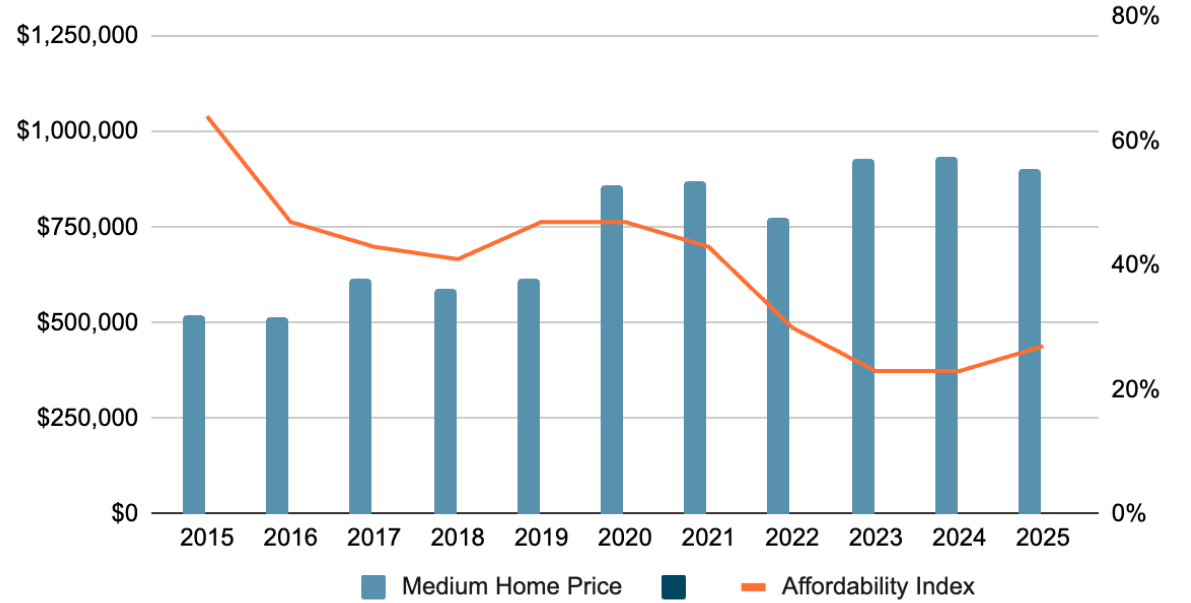
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San Luis Obispo County



Countywide Housing and General Plans

Starting in 2019, California Governor Gavin Newsom emphasized the housing crisis in California

The legislation collectively:

- Made it significantly easier to build housing, especially ADUs and affordable units
- Reduced local governments' ability to block or delay housing projects
- Strengthened tenant protections statewide
- Created multiple pathways for housing on underutilized land
- Established stronger state oversight of local housing compliance
- Reduced environmental review barriers for many housing types

Countywide Housing and General Plans

10 Major Legislative Themes

- Tenant Protections & Rent Stabilization
- Streamlining Housing Development
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) Expansion
- Affordable Housing Production
- CEQA Reform
- Surplus Land Utilization
- Housing Element Accountability
- Special Populations
- Mobile Home Parks
- Housing Finance Reforms

Countywide Housing and General Plans

RHNA & General Plan Summary

Santa Barbara County

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
RHNA (2023-2031)	1,373	1,200	1,280	1,811	5,664
Permits Issued (2023-2025)	3	207	22	410	642

Santa Barbara County's current General Plan adopted in 1980, last amended in 2016

Countywide Housing and General Plans

RHNA & General Plan Summary

City of Buellton

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
RHNA (2023-2031)	55	37	30	43	165
Permits Issued (2023-2025)	140	45	5	3	193

Buellton's current General Plan was adopted in 2008. The City is currently underway developing a comprehensive update the General Plan until 2050.

Countywide Housing and General Plans

RHNA & General Plan Summary

City of Carpinteria

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
RHNA (2023-2031)	286	132	135	348	901
Permits Issued (2023-2025)	4	4	0	44	52

Carpinteria's current General Plan was adopted in 2006. A draft CLUP/GP is now available.

Countywide Housing and General Plans

RHNA & General Plan Summary

City of Goleta

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
RHNA (2023-2031)	682	324	370	461	1,837
Permits Issued (2023-2025)	27	21	2	10	60

Goleta's current General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan was adopted in 2006. There is currently no planned comprehensive update.

Countywide Housing and General Plans

RHNA & General Plan Summary

City of Guadalupe

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
RHNA (2023-2031)	3	24	77	327	431
Permits Issued (2023-2025)	0	0	57	46	103

Guadalupe’s current General Plan was adopted in 2022. The comprehensive update of the General Plan is until 2042.

Countywide Housing and General Plans

RHNA & General Plan Summary

City of Lompoc

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
RHNA (2023-2031)	166	262	311	1,509	2,248
Permits Issued (2023-2025)	1	14	0	28	43

Lompoc's current 2030 General Plan was adopted in 2018. The City is currently underway developing phase two of the technical update until 2050.

Countywide Housing and General Plans

RHNA & General Plan Summary

City of Santa Barbara

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
RHNA (2023-2031)	2,147	1,381	1,441	3,032	8,001
Permits Issued (2023-2025)	5	82	2	338	427

Santa Barbara’s current General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan was adopted in 2011 & 2019. There is currently no planned comprehensive update.

Countywide Housing and General Plans

RHNA & General Plan Summary

City of Santa Maria

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
RHNA (2023-2031)	1,032	536	731	3,119	5,418
Permits Issued (2023-2025)	0	850	0	86	936

Santa Maria's current General Plan was adopted in 2011. The City is currently underway developing a comprehensive update the General Plan until 2045.

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RHNA & General Plan Summary

City of Solvang

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
RHNA (2023-2031)	55	39	22	75	191
Permits Issued (2023-2025)	0	0	0	16	16

Solvang's current General Plan was adopted in 2024. The comprehensive update of the General Plan is until 2045.

Conclusions

Reports Purpose –

- Inform the Commission and Public regarding various local governance issues, continue building relationships with each organization, and LAFCO's overarching legislative goals.
- Summarize current and planned activities relating to each local land use authority's General Plan
- Use this information to support the Commission's future decision-making as it relates to encouraging logical and orderly growth and development throughout Santa Barbara County