

HOMELESS, POVERTY AND HOUSING FACT SHEET

SACRAMENTO COUNTY: 2009

HOUSING Facts

Homeownership vs renters:

- 58% of all households are homeowners (compared to 58.4% statewide) and 42% are renters. But, only 35% of white households are renters, compared to 46% of latino and 57% of black households;
- 42% of owners and 57% of renters spend 35% or more of their income on housing.
- 17% of owners and 27% of renters spend 50% or more of their income on housing.
- 77% of low-income owners and 91% of low-income renters spend 30% or more of their income on housing.
- 30% of senior owners and 70% of senior renters spend 30% or more of their income on housing.

Age of housing stock:

- 39% of all the housing in Sacramento was built 1939 -1959 or earlier
- 52% was built from 1960 – 1989
- Only 9% was built after 1990

Overcrowding:

- Overall, 2.4% of homeowners and 7% of renters live in overcrowded housing; that equates to 32,000 households or 130,000 adults and children that live in overcrowded or sub-standard conditions- or the equivalent to filling the Arco Arena to capacity 7.5 times.
 - 3.4% of black households live in overcrowded conditions
 - 8.5% of asian households live in overcrowded conditions
 - 9.6% of latino households live in overcrowded conditions

Housing Wage

In Sacramento County, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is \$1,022. To find this level of rent and utilities, without paying more than 30% of income on housing, a household must earn \$3,407 monthly or \$40,880 annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into a Housing Wage of \$19.65.

Foreclosure rate:

- 5% of the housing units received a foreclosure notice in 2009; Sacramento has the 9th highest foreclosure rate among the nation's 100 largest metro areas in 2008.

****The number of homes foreclosed on by a lender or sold to a third party increased from 1,150 in October of 2008 to 1,710 in 2009 — a 49 percent increase.**

HOMELESSNESS Facts

There were 4,910 homeless people over the course of 2009.

- On any given night 2,800 people are homeless.
 - 27% are mentally ill
 - 48% have a substance abuse issue
 - 15% are veterans
 - 25% are victims of domestic violence
 - Nearly 6,000 students [k-12th grade]are homeless in the Sacramento school districts.

POVERTY Facts

- The poverty rate in Sacramento is 16.1% - higher than the state average of 13%; 20% of children are below the poverty level compared to the state rate of 17%.

Ethnicity:

- 6% of white households are poor.
- 8% of asian households are poor
- 17% of American Indian households are poor
- 19% of black households are poor

Gender:

- 58% of female head of households are poor
- 16% of male head of households are poor

Education:

- 19% of high school graduates are below poverty rate
- 44% of those who did not graduate high school are below poverty rate

Disabilities:

- 23% of disabled males are poor; compared to 24% of disabled females

Caseload increases:

- March 2008 – March 2009, the caseloads for Food Stamps has increased 22%; 15% for General Assistance; 8% for CalWorks and 4% for Medi-Cal.

