

STILL LOCKED OUT: New Data Confirm That California's Housing Affordability Crisis Continues

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Introduction

Skyrocketing home prices and rents continue to dominate headlines throughout California. The shortage of affordable housing - or of any type of housing in some areas - has serious implications both for California's families and for the future health of the state's economy.

In May 2000, the California Budget Project (CBP) published a comprehensive report on the state's housing problems, [*Locked Out: California's Affordable Housing Crisis*](#). This report analyzed data from both the American Housing Survey (AHS) and the Current Population Survey (CPS), conducted by the [US Census Bureau](#). This update analyzes the 1999 AHS and the 2000 CPS to update some of the key findings detailed in *Locked Out* for the state and Los Angeles County, as well as updating state housing expenditures over the past decade.¹