

# Goal 5: Affordable Aging

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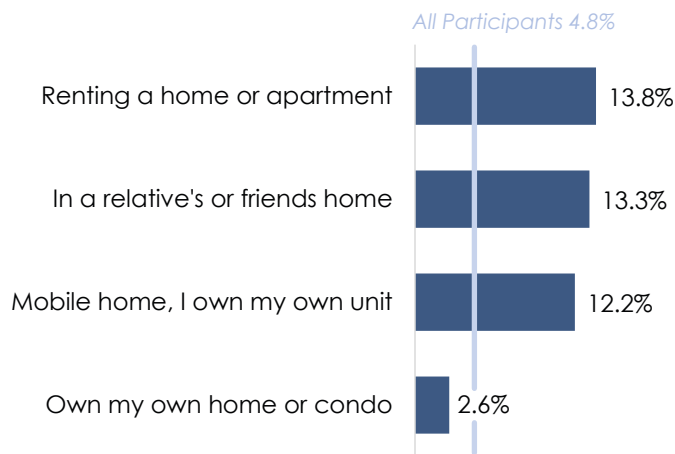
### CA Strategy

#### End Older Adult Homelessness

Continuing to support the development and expansion of homes has been a priority in Orange County. From the list of 31 concerns, 4.8% of all participants selected “becoming homeless” as a top concern. Further details of subgroups are provided on this page. Although overall this was a low percentage, it is important to note that 59% of survey respondents own their own home and home ownership was highest among participants in the upper age ranges. Furthermore, of those who were homeowners, 2.6% selected “becoming homeless” as one of their top three concerns. This suggests that as individuals age, there may be more older adults in Orange County living in rental properties or other housing settings. In relation to health, 5% felt homelessness/not being able to afford housing contributes to their medical issues and 4% reported homelessness contributes to their behavioral health issues.

#### Current Living Situation

Selection rates for “becoming homeless” as a top three concern for those with 100 participants or more.



#### Selection Rates for “Becoming Homeless”

Non-Home Owner	Subgroup	Home Owner
<b>Age</b>		
22%	55-59	3%
19%	60-64	3%
19%	65-69	3%
14%	70-74	4%
10%	75-79	1%
8%	80 and above	1%
<b>Gender</b>		
16%	Female	3%
16%	Male	2%
10%	Unknown	3%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
5%	Asian	1%
18%	Hispanic/Latino	8%
20%	White/Caucasian	2%
17%	Multi-Racial	5%
-	Prefer not to answer	3%
<b>Education</b>		
15%	High School-GED or less	8%
18%	Some college	5%
19%	Associate degree	1%
13%	Bachelors degree	2%
16%	Graduate degree	1%
<b>Household Income</b>		
19%	Less than \$25,000	7%
15%	\$25,000 - \$49,999	4%
14%	\$50,000 - \$74,999	3%
6%	\$75,000 - \$99,999	1%
-	\$100,000 - \$149,999	1%
-	\$150,000 - \$199,999	2%
-	\$200,000 - \$299,999	2%
-	\$300,000 or more	0%
10%	Not selected	3%

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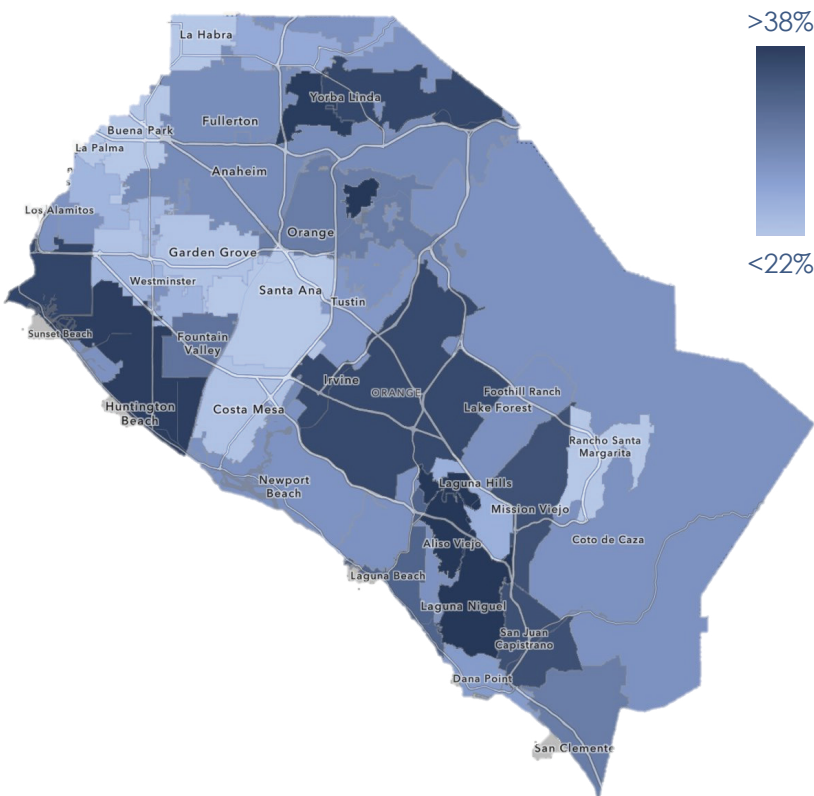
#### Income Security as We Age

Income security for older adults is a concern, especially with cost of living increasing. From a list of 31 concerns, 13.8% of participants selected “not being able to make ends meet financially” as a top three concern. Financial issues were also identified as contributing to people’s medical and behavioral health issues, as shown in the table on the right.

Medical		Behavioral Health
-	Financial Stress	12%
15%	Cost of Living/ Economic Stability	15%
6%	Fraud and Scams	-

The community ratings assessed participant perspectives for “financial or legal planning services,” which were lower overall compared to other community-rated items. Responses for “good” and “excellent” ratings ranged from 22% to 38% depending on the city of residence, as shown in the map on the right.

#### Financial or Legal Planning Services



In addition, there were three items related to finances on a list of services from the community survey. The rate at which participants received assistance within the past 12 months is as follows:

- **21%** Social Security benefits (retirement, disability, or survivors)
- **2%** Housing assistance or vouchers
- **1%** Property tax exemptions and deferrals

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#### Protection from Poverty & Hunger

Increasing food prices are a growing concern for those with fewer financial means. From a list of 31 concerns, 12.6% of participants selected “diet/fitness/nutrition” as a top concern. From a list of nine types of services, 3% selected meal delivery as being among the top three most important services for older adults. Food insecurity contributed to 3% of participants’ medical issues.

Four items related to poverty and hunger were included in a list of assistance and supports. The rate at which participants said they had used them in the past 12 months is listed below:

- **3%** Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- **3%** Meal services for pick up or delivery
- **8%** CalFresh, food stamps, etc
- **5%** Food pantry