Regional Housing Needs Assessment

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is mandated by State law to quantify the need for housing throughout the State. This informs the local planning process to address existing and future housing needs resulting from projected state-wide growth in population, employment, and households. The Housing Element Update must address the housing needs identified by the RHNA prepared by SCAG for Carson. As the Council of Governments (or regional planning agency), SCAG is responsible for overseeing the RHNA process for the Southern California region, which encompasses six (6) counties (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura) and 191 cities in an area covering more than 38,000 square miles. In March 2021, SCAG assigned RHNA allocations to Carson and other Los Angeles County cities. Carson was assigned a total of 5,618 new housing units which is further distributed into four (4) income categories as follows:

Table 2-29: City of Carson Regional Housing Needs Assessment

Income Level[1]	Needed Units	Percent of Needed Units
Extremely-Low-Income (<30% AMI)	*885*	*-*
Very-Low-Income (31-50% AMI)	1,770	31.5%
Low-Income (51-80% AMI)	913	16.3%
Moderate-Income (81-120% AMI)	875	15.6%
Above-Moderate-Income (120% AMI)	2,060	36.7%
Total	**5,618**	**100%**

1. Income levels were determined by county median household income. Based on 2013-2017 ACS data, SCAG used a median income of $61,015 in Los Angeles County to determine allocations.

2. Development needs of extremely-low-income units are assumed to be 50 percent of very-low-income housing needs.

Source: SCAG Regional Housing Needs Assessment, 2021