

Older adults need affordable, accessible housing

Marin's population is aging fast. An age-friendly Marin requires more accessible housing.

<1%

Marin's housing stock accessible to those with mobility limitations

50%

Residents over 60 by 2041

41%

Marin households with seniors are low-income

The age distribution is shifting dramatically.

The peak is moving from the 60s toward the 70s and 80s, as the population of younger residents thins out.

**Marin County
Avg age 2023
46.8**



**Marin County
Avg age 2041
50.3**

Stabilizing housing for older adults is the best way to spare them the pain, suffering, humiliation, and indignity of becoming homeless. ...

Affordable, accessible, well-located housing is not a luxury for seniors—it is the foundation of health, independence, and community.

— Marin County
Civil Grand Jury

This demographic shift is colliding with a longstanding structural challenge: an insufficient supply of affordable, accessible housing. Most of Marin housing is single family homes, built long before accessibility standards existed. Like deferred maintenance on critical infrastructure, this shortfall poses serious risks to the health, stability, and well-being of Marin's aging residents.

Accessibility, financial security, and healthcare access are all at stake.

Financial displacement

Rising housing costs and fixed incomes are a dangerous combination. 1/3 of Marin's unhoused population is over 50.

Healthcare workforce shortage

High housing costs are driving healthcare workers out of Marin. Providers struggle to recruit and retain caregivers, nurses, and physicians, reducing access and raising costs.

Few options to downsize

There are very few homes in walkable, service-rich areas. Seniors who no longer want a single-family home have limited options.

Addressing Marin's housing shortfall is essential to ensuring older residents can age with dignity and security.

