

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

What are ADUs?

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are known by many names: granny flats, in-law units, backyard cottages, secondary units, and more. No matter what you call them, ADUs are innovative, affordable, effective option for adding much-needed housing in California.

What are the benefits of ADUs?

- ADUs are an **affordable** type of home to construct in California because they do not require paying for land, major new infrastructure, structured parking, or elevators.
- ADUs can provide a **source of income** for homeowners.
- ADUs are built with **cost-effective wood frame construction**, which is significantly less costly than homes in multi-family infill buildings.
- ADUs allow **extended families** to be near one another while maintaining **privacy**.
- ADUs can provide as much **living space** as many newly-built apartments, condominiums, and they're suited well for couples, small families, friends, young people, and seniors.
- **ADUs give homeowners the flexibility to share independent living areas with family members and other, allowing seniors to age in place as they require more care.**



Accessory Dwelling Units give homeowners many options and benefits

New ADU funding laws effective January 1, 2021

The California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Section 65583(c)(7), requires that cities and counties develop a plan that incentivizes and promotes the creation of ADUs that can be offered at affordable rent for very-low to moderate-income households.

Other information Available on Website:

- In-depth explanations on new laws
- Accessory Dwelling Unit Handbook
- City and County ADU ordinances



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