

# RHNA Compliance Checklist

6th Cycle Targets by Income Category (2023-2031)

## Overview

The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) is California's mechanism for ensuring that each jurisdiction plans for its fair share of regional housing growth across four income categories. The 6th Cycle covers 2023-2031 and applies to all 101 Bay Area jurisdictions. This checklist helps you understand compliance requirements and track progress.

## Four Income Categories

Income Category	AMI Range	Target Units	Compliance Focus
Very Low Income (VLI)	≤50% AMI	Largest allocation	Most challenging to deliver
Low Income (LI)	51-80% AMI	Significant portion	Inclusionary policy key
Moderate Income (MOD)	81-120% AMI	Mixed category	Market + affordability
Above Moderate (AMI)	>120% AMI	Remaining units	Market-rate development

## Your Jurisdiction's Compliance Checklist

- Confirm your total RHNA target (all four income categories combined)
- Break down your RHNA target by income category
- Track permitted units by income category (from APR Form A2)
- Calculate remaining units needed for each income category
- Determine compliance timeline (annual pace needed by 2031)
- Identify policy gaps (inclusionary housing, density, ADU, parking, fees)
- Benchmark your policies against peer jurisdictions
- Develop housing strategy focused on VLI and LI targets
- Monitor year-over-year permit issuance trends

- Submit annual progress reports to California HCD

## Key Metrics to Track

**Completion Rate:**  $(\text{Units Permitted} \div \text{Total RHNA Target}) \times 100$

**Annual Pace:** Average units per year needed to meet 2031 target

**Income Category Compliance:** Track each income category separately—VLI is often the constraint

**Year-over-Year Trend:** Is your permitting accelerating or slowing?

*Use the RHNA Progress Tracker to monitor your jurisdiction's compliance and compare against peer Bay Area cities.*