

Survey on Housing for Agricultural Workers in Napa County



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INTRODUCTION

Hello, my name is _____. I work for the California Institute for Rural Studies. We are conducting a survey for Napa County, to identify the housing needs of agricultural workers. This information will be used to improve farmworker housing conditions. The survey takes about ½ hour. We are offering \$10 to everyone that participates in they survey to thank you for your time. Everything we discuss is completely confidential, and we will not write down your name or address. Are you interested in participating in this survey?

1. Where are you from?

¹ Mexico → State: _____

² Other country [*specify*]: _____

³ United States

⁴ No answer



3. Is your permanent residence outside of Napa County?

Yes → Where is your permanent residence?

City/town: _____

No permanent residence, follows the crops [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

4. During the week, when you work in Napa County, do you travel from your permanent place of residence every day, or do you stay somewhere in or near Napa County?

¹ Travels from permanent residence every day [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

² Stays somewhere in or near Napa County

5. Is the place that you stay during the week when working in Napa County in Napa County?

¹ Yes, it's in Napa County
→ Where?

City/town: _____

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² No, it's outside of Napa County
→ Where?

City/town: _____

³ Stays in various cities/towns

6. Why don't you stay in Napa County while working here?
[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

- ¹ Lives somewhere else and can travel to Napa from there
- ² Stays with family/friends somewhere else and can travel to Napa from there
- ³ Can't find anywhere to stay in Napa County
- ⁴ Too expensive
- ⁵ Other [specify]: _____
- ⁶ Don't know/No answer

7. Would you prefer to have your permanent residence in Napa County if possible?

- Yes
- No [**GO TO Q**Error! Reference source not found.]
- Don't know/No answer [**GO TO Q**Error! Reference source not found.]
- Not applicable, no permanent residence [**GO TO Q**Error! Reference source not found.]

8. Do you have any plans to move to Napa County?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/No answer

9. The following questions have to do with the place you stay during the week, while working in Napa County, that is... **[CONFIRM PLACE]**

How long does it take you to get to work from the place you stay during the week while working in Napa County (one way)?

_____ hours _____ minutes

Don't know/No answer

10. How do you get to work? **[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]**

¹ Own car

² Ride with friends/family

³ "Raitero" (person who charges for rides)

⁴ Public transportation

⁵ Walks

⁶ Bicycle

⁷ Other [specify]: _____

11. How much do you spend traveling to work, round trip?

\$ _____ per day week month

Don't know/No answer

12. During the week, while working in Napa County, in what type of housing do you live?

¹ House

² Apartment

³ Trailer

⁴ Room in the owner's house

⁵ Garage

⁶ Motel

⁷ Labor camp

→ Which?: ¹ Calistoga ² River Ranch ³ Mondavi

Other [specify]: _____

⁸ Car, tent, homeless shelter, street, etc.

→ Specify: _____

⁹ Other [describe]: _____

¹⁰ No answer

13. Do you live on the farm where you work?

Yes

No

No answer

14. Who do you currently live with – that is, in the place where you stay during the week while working in Napa County? [**READ OPTIONS, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**]

		How Many?
A. Spouse or partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
B. Children <u>under</u> 18 (yours or your partner's)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
C. Children <u>over</u> 18 (yours or your partner's)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
D. Your parents	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
E. Other relatives	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
F. Other non-relatives	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT LIVE WITH HIS/HER SPOUSE/PARTNER, OR DOES NOT LIVE WITH HIS/HER CHILDREN, GO TO THE NEXT TABLE. IF LIVES WITH FAMILY, GO TO NEXT PAGE.

15. Do you have...?	16. <i>IF YES:</i> Where do they live?	17. Would you prefer that they lived here with you?
A. Spouse/partner: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	City/town: _____ Country: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
B. Children under 18 (yours or your partner's): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	City/town: _____ Country: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

18. Do you rent, own or borrow the place you stay during the week, while working in Napa County?

¹ Rent [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

² Own [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

³ Borrow [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

IF RENT...

19. How much is your share of the rent in the place you stay during the week, while working in Napa County?

\$ _____ per ? day ? week ? month

No answer

20. How many people are included in the rent (including yourself)? _____

21. Do you pay rent for the entire dwelling, or do you share with others?

¹ I pay the entire rent

² I share the rent with others

→ How much is the total rent for the entire dwelling?

\$ _____ per day week month

Don't know/No answer

22. Is the rental agreement in your (or your spouse/partner's) name?

Yes No Don't know/No answer

23. Are any of the utility bills (electricity, gas, or telephone) in your (or your spouse/partner's) name?

Yes No Don't know/No answer

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IF OWNER...

24. How much is your share of the mortgage?

\$ _____

No answer

25. Do you own the house yourself, or did you buy it with others?

¹ Own house

² Bought with others

→ What is the mortgage for the entire house?

\$ _____

Don't know/No answer

26. Do you receive any income from renters?

Yes → How much? \$ _____ per day week month

Don't know/No answer

No

27. How much is your monthly payment for each of the following services in the place you stay during the week while working in Napa County?

A. Gas and electricity (PG&E)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, included in rent	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
B. Water	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, included in rent	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
C. Trash	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, included in rent	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

IF EVERYTHING IS PAID TOGETHER:

Electricity, gas, water and trash	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, included in rent	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
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28. Not counting bathrooms, how many rooms are there in the place where you stay during the week, while working in Napa County?

29. How many bedrooms are there?

30. Does anyone sleep in any rooms in addition to the bedrooms?

Yes → Which other rooms are used for sleeping? [**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**]

Living room Dining room Kitchen Hallway Garage

Other [specify]: _____

No

31. Do you have the following amenities in the place you stay during the week, while working in Napa County? Please let me know if anything doesn't work.

	Have?	Functioning?
Hot running water	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Cold running water	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Flush toilet	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Bath or shower	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Stove	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Hot plate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Refrigerator	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Central heat (not space heater)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Air conditioning	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Telephone (land or cell)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

32. Have you had any of the following problems during the past two years, in any place you've lived in while working in Napa County? **[READ OPTIONS, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]**

[IF RESPONDENT IS A HOMEOWNER, GO TO E]

<p>You asked the owner for repairs and:</p> <p>A. They took a long time, or</p> <p>B. Refused to make the repairs</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>C. You had problems but didn't ask the owner to repair them for fear of being evicted</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>D. You were refused housing because you didn't have money for the deposit</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>E. You were refused housing for being a farmworker</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>F. You couldn't pay the rent or mortgage because someone you lived with couldn't pay their part</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>G. You couldn't get health or social services for lack of documents with your name and address, e.g. rental agreement or utility bill</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>H. You suffered high levels of stress due to excessive noise or lack of privacy</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>I. You had health problems associated with dampness, such as mold in your dwelling</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

33. Have you had any other housing problems during the past two years, anywhere you've lived while working in Napa County?

Yes

→ Which? _____

No

Don't know/No answer



34. During the past 12 months, have you had any problems paying the rent or mortgage in any place you've lived while working in Napa County?

- Yes
- No [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]
- Don't know/No answer [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]
- Not applicable, is borrowing a place [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

35. How did you pay the rent or mortgage? [READ OPTIONS, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

- ¹ Borrowed → From who? [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]
 - ¹ Family or friends
 - ² Employer
 - ³ Private moneylender
 - ⁴ Bank
 - ⁵ Community based organization
 - ⁶ Other [specify]: _____
- ² Took a "payday loan"
- ³ Took a credit card advance
- ⁴ Received emergency rental assistance
- ⁵ Sought other housemates to share the rent
- ⁶ Spent less on other necessities, such as food or health care
- ⁷ Other [specify]: _____

IF BORROWED OR USED CREDIT CARD, GO TO QERROR!
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REFERENCE SOURCE NOT FOUND..

36. How many times during the past 12 months did you take a loan or credit card advance to pay the rent or mortgage?

37. Thinking about the last time you took a loan or credit card advance:

A. How much was it for?

\$ _____

Don't know/No answer

B. Were you charged interest?

Yes → How much? _____% per day week month year

Don't know/No answer

No

38. In the past 12 months, did you ever spend less on food or health care in order to pay the rent or mortgage on a place where you lived while working in Napa County?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/No answer

39. Have you heard of programs that offer reduced rent or rental assistance for low income people? For example, HUD, Section 8, public housing for farmworkers or emergency rental assistance.

- Yes → Which program(s)? _____
- No
- Don't know/No answer

40. Have you ever stayed in a labor camp in Napa County?

- Yes → Do you think you might stay there again sometime?
 - Yes [**GO TO Q**Error! Reference source not found.]
 - No
 - Don't know/No answer
- No
- Don't know/No answer

41. Why...[**CHOOSE APPROPRIATE PHRASE**]

- ...wouldn't you stay in a labor camp again?
- ...haven't you ever stayed in a labor camp?

[**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**]

- ¹ Hasn't heard of labor camps
- ² No room
- ³ Too expensive
- ⁴ Location – not accessible to work
- ⁵ Location – not accessible to other services (shopping, school, etc.)
- ⁶ Works at night – can't get in
- ⁷ Can't have outside guests
- ⁸ Can't consume alcohol
- ⁹ Can't play loud music
- ¹⁰ Doesn't like food
- ¹¹ Doesn't want to pay for food
- ¹² Not open all year
- ¹³ Doesn't want others to interfere with housing situation
- ¹⁴ No family housing
- ¹⁵ They don't accept people without legal documents
- ¹⁶ Other [specify]: _____

42. Did you return to Mexico or your country of origin during the past winter?

Yes → [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

No

No answer

43. Did you spend the winter in Napa County or somewhere else?

¹ Napa County

² Somewhere else

44. Were you unemployed at all last winter?

Yes

No [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

No answer [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

45. For how long were you unemployed? _____ weeks months

Don't know/No answer

46. How did you pay the rent during that time? **[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]**

- ¹ Used personal savings
- ² Spouse/partner was working
- ³ Had income from unemployment insurance
- ⁴ Took a loan
- ⁵ Lived with more people to reduce costs
- ⁶ Spent less on other necessities
- ⁷ Was unable to remain in that dwelling
- ⁸ Other *[specify]*: _____

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

47. I have some questions about your current job. What is your current position?

- ¹ Field worker
- ² Specialized – irrigation, tractor driver, pesticide applicator, etc.
- ³ Foreman/supervisor
- ⁴ Other *[specify]*: _____

48. Right now, during the harvest, are you paid by the hour, piece-rate or salary?

¹ Hourly → How much do you earn per hour? \$ _____

How many hours did you work last week? _____

² Piece rate → At what rate are you paid?

\$ _____ per ¹ ton
² other quantity [*specify*]: _____

³ Salary → What is your salary?

\$ _____ per ¹ week ² two weeks ³ month ⁴ year

49. Right now, during the harvest, how many hours do you work per day on average?

Don't know/No answer

50. Is that enough hours?

Yes No Don't know/No answer

51. How much was your last paycheck?

\$ _____

Don't know/No answer

52. How much time was that for?

¹ One day ² One week ³ Two weeks ⁴ One month

⁵ Other [specify]: _____

53. Approximately how much did you earn last year, before taxes and other deductions?

\$ _____

Don't know/No answer

54. How much of what you earned was from farm work?

Everything

A portion, which was: \$ _____

Don't know/No answer

55. IF RESPONDENT HAS A SPOUSE/PARTNER THAT LIVES IN THE US: Approximately how much did your spouse/partner earn last year, before taxes and other deductions?

\$ _____

Don't know/No answer

56. Did you receive any other work-related income last year, such as bonuses or profit-sharing?

Yes → How much? \$ _____ Don't know/No answer

No

Don't know/No answer

57. Did you send any money to relatives in Mexico [or your country of origin] during the past 12 months?

Yes → How much did you send last month?

\$ _____ Don't know/No answer

→ How much did you send during the past 12 months?

\$ _____ Don't know/No answer

No

Don't know/No answer

58. I have a few questions about when you've lived or worked in Napa County during the past 12 months.

INTERVIEWER: To fill out the following table, for each month, ask if the respondent lived in Napa County and if he/she worked in Napa County. If he/she lived or worked in Napa County, ask what he/she worked at. If he/she was working, ask what type of employer he/she had and how many hours he/she worked per week on average. If he/she doesn't know the type of employer, ask for the employer's name.

Month	Lived in Napa County?		Worked in Napa County?		If lived or worked in Napa County: Type of work	Type of Employer	Hours worked per week
	Yes	No	Yes	No			
August 2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
July 2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
June 2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
May 2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
April 2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
March 2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Feb 2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Jan 2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Dec 2005	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Nov 2005	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Oct 2005	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Codes for Grid

Type of Work

TC = Field work

TFA = Non-agricultural work

D = Unemployed

V = Vacation

Type of Employer

R = Grower

EMV = Vineyard Management Co.

C = Farm Labor Contractor

AT = Temporary employment agency

ESA = Custom service provider

EE = Packing house

FA = Non-agricultural employer

NS = Don't know/No answer

NA = Not applicable

59. How many distinct employers did you have, working in agriculture in Napa County during the past 12 months?

60. Do you plan to work in Napa County again next year?

Yes [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

No

Don't know/No answer

61. Why don't you plan to work in Napa County again next year?
[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

¹ Insufficient work – in general

² Insufficient work – during harvest

³ Wages have gone down

⁴ Housing is very expensive

⁵ Housing is too expensive to bring the family

⁶ Plans to find work outside of agriculture

⁷ Plans to retire

⁸ Plans to return to Mexico or country of origin

⁹ Plans to seek work in agriculture closer to permanent place of residence

¹⁰ Other [specify]: _____

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

I have a few last questions for you. I'd like to remind you that everything we discuss is completely confidential, and that you do not have to answer any questions you would prefer not to answer.

62. How old are you? _____

63. In which year did you come to work in the U.S. for the first time?

64. In which year did you come to work in Napa County for the first time?

65. Do you speak any indigenous languages (such as Mixteco, Zapoteco, etc.)?

Yes → Which? _____

No

66. What is your residency status in the United States?

¹ Documented

² Undocumented

³ Documents in process

⁴ No answer

67. Besides cost, what are the most important factors you consider when seeking housing in or near Napa County?

68. In your opinion, how can housing for farmworkers in Napa County be improved?

69. INTERVIEWER - NOTE RESPONDENT'S GENDER:

¹ Male ² Female

70. INTERVIEWER – CONFIRM NAME OF RESPONDENT'S EMPLOYER

Those are all the questions I have for you. Thank you very much for participating in this survey. Do you have any questions for me?

INTERVIEWER: PROVIDE \$10 INCENTIVE AND ASK RESPONDENT TO SIGN RECEIPT. ALSO, PROVIDE INFORMATION SHEET ABOUT HOUSING RESOURCES.

INTERVIEWER, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Interviewer name: _____

Interview date: _____

Do you feel the respondent provide accurate responses?

- Yes No Not sure

Interviewer notes:

NAPA COUNTY COMMUNITIES

