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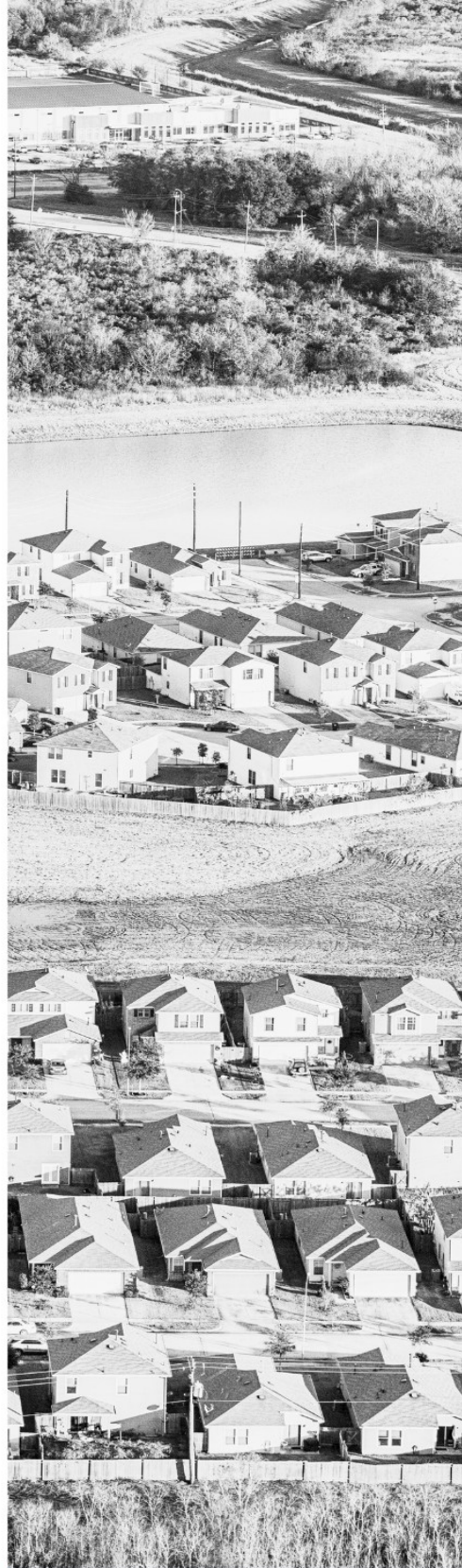
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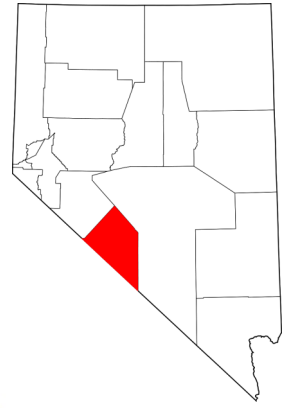


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HOUSING SNAPSHOT - DEMOGRAPHIC & ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

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This fact sheet contains baseline demographic and economic data to assist local and state agencies in better understanding the communities that we live in, specifically in relation to housing.

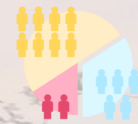
Demographic and economic data are commonly used for evaluating a community's housing market. Understanding the data on population, age, race & ethnicity, poverty, and educational attainment helps illustrate the people in the community, while economic characteristics such as income, employment, and occupations provide an understanding of the community's capacity and resources. Learning about these traits facilitate the analysis of housing availability and affordability in the communities.



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Demographics & Economics

Region	Population	Age	Household	Home Ownership	Labor	Employment	Income
Esmeralda County	980 (14.1% decrease since 2015)	Approximately 50.1% of the population are 55 years or older, 31.2% is 35 and 54, and 7.9% is between 20 and 34 years.	# of Households: 485 # of Families: 229 Avg. Household Size: 2.01	Home Ownership Rate: 51.8% Owners w/o Mortgage: 208	Labor Force Participation Rate: 47.7% Unemployment Rate: 4.7%	Total Employment: 336	Median HH Income: \$40,694 Average Hourly Rate: \$31.11
Goldfield	212 (21.6% of county total)	Approximately 73.1% of the population are 55 years or older, 18.4% is 35 and 54, and 3.8% is between 20 and 34 years.	# of Households: 105 # of Families: 61 Avg. Household Size: 1.95	Home Ownership Rate: 79.0% Owners w/o Mortgage: 59	Labor Force Participation Rate: 42.3% Unemployment Rate: 9.1%	Total Employment: 145	Median HH Income: \$45,534 Average Hourly Rate: \$32.99
Rest of County	768 (78.4% of county total)	Approximately 43.8% of the population are 55 years or older, 34.8% is 35 and 54, and 9.0% is between 20 and 34 years.	# of Households: 380 # of Families: 168 Avg. Household Size: N/A	Home Ownership Rate: N/A Owners w/o Mortgage: 149	Labor Force Participation Rate: 49.3% Unemployment Rate: 3.5%	Total Employment: 190	Median HH Income: N/A Average Hourly Rate: N/A

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SOCDS Building Permits Database; Accessed December 2023

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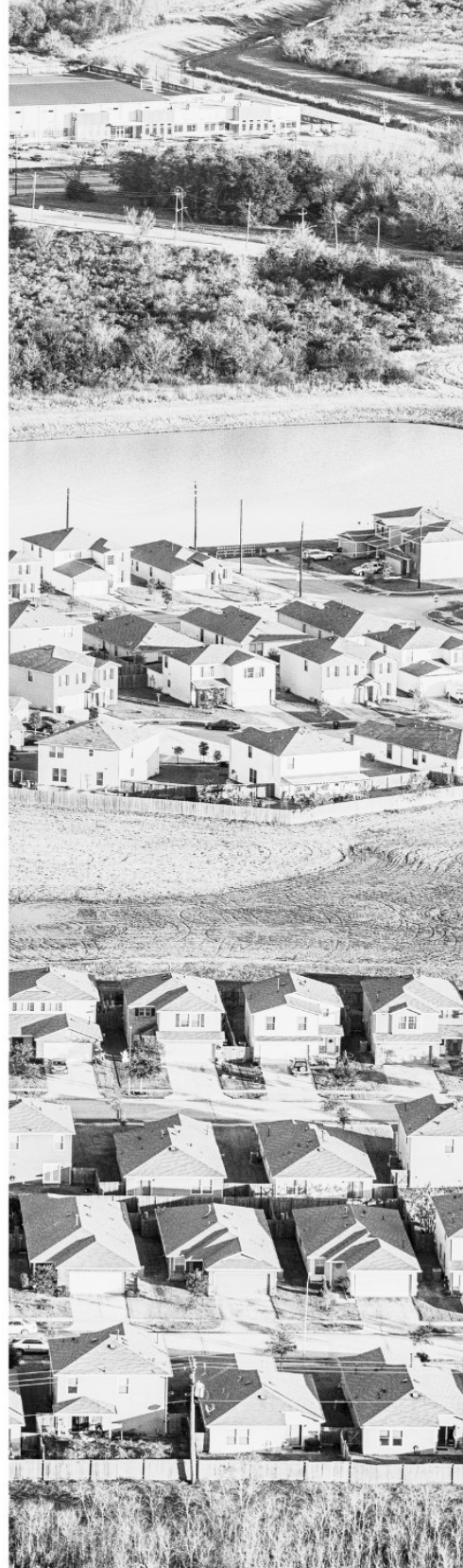
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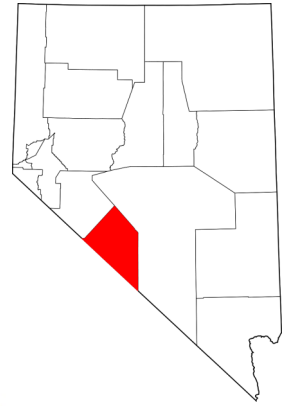
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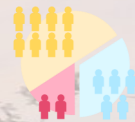
HOUSING SNAPSHOT - HOUSING SUPPLY CHARACTERISTICS

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This fact sheet contains baseline housing supply data to assist local and state agencies in better understanding the communities that we live in, specifically in relation to housing.

Before any analysis can be completed, an understanding of the current housing supply must be achieved. Here, common housing data, such as total housing units, structure type, age of housing, vacancy, and tenure are shown. This baseline data illustrates the current state of housing in the county and selected communities. Learning about these traits facilitate the analysis of housing availability and affordability in the region.





Housing Supply

Region	 Housing Units	 Subsidized Housing	 Age of Housing	 Housing Structures	 Housing Value	 Vacancy Status
Esmeralda County	Total Housing Units: 732	There are no subsidized housing units in Esmeralda County.	Built 2010 or Later: 0.0% Built 1970 to 2009: 78.1% Built 1969 or Earlier: 21.9%	Single Family: 42.8% Mobile Home, RV: 19.3% Multi-Family: 38.0%	Less than \$150,000: 69.7% \$150,000-\$299,999: 25.1% Greater than \$300,000: 5.2%	Total Units: 247 For Rent: 1.2% For Sale: 1.6% For Seasonal or Occasional Use: 26.3% For Migrant Workers: 1.2% Other Vacant: 69.7%
Goldfield	Total Housing Units: 207 28.3% of the County's total units.	There are no subsidized housing units in Esmeralda County.	Built 2010 or Later: 0.0% Built 1970 to 2009: 68.6% Built 1969 or Earlier: 31.4%	Single Family: 58.0% Mobile Home, RV: 1.4% Multi-Family: 40.6%	Less than \$150,000: 74.1% \$150,000-\$299,999: 21.3% Greater than \$200,000: 4.5%	Total Units: 102 For Rent: 0.0% For Sale: 3.9% For Seasonal or Occasional Use: 14.7% For Migrant Workers: 0.0% Other Vacant: 81.4%
Rest of County	Total Housing Units: 525 71.7% of the County's total units.	There are no subsidized housing units in Esmeralda County.	Built 2010 or Later: 0.0% Built 1970 to 2009: 81.9% Built 1969 or Earlier: 18.1%	Single Family: 36.8% Mobile Home, RV: 26.3% Multi-Family: 37.0%	Less than \$150,000: 67.3% \$150,000-\$299,999: 27.1% Greater than \$300,000: 5.6%	Total Units: 145 For Rent: 2.0% For Sale: 0.0% For Seasonal or Occasional Use: 34.5% For Migrant Workers: 2.0% Other Vacant: 61.5%

Terminology

Tenure— The classification of a housing unit between owner-occupied and renter-occupied.

Vacancy— Vacant housing units are those units that are unoccupied for a majority of the year. Only some of these units are available to be moved in to, those labeled 'For Rent' or 'For Sale'.

Other labels suggest that these may not be available. For instance, 'Seasonal or Occasional' suggests that the units are second homes used for vacation. 'Other' often suggests the units are condemned or otherwise unlivable. 'Other' also includes units that are rented, or sold, but not currently occupied.

Building Permits

In 2022, 5 single family building permits were issued throughout Esmeralda County.

Since 2005, no multi-family unit permits have been issued.

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CHAS, 5-Year Estimates, 2015 to 2019

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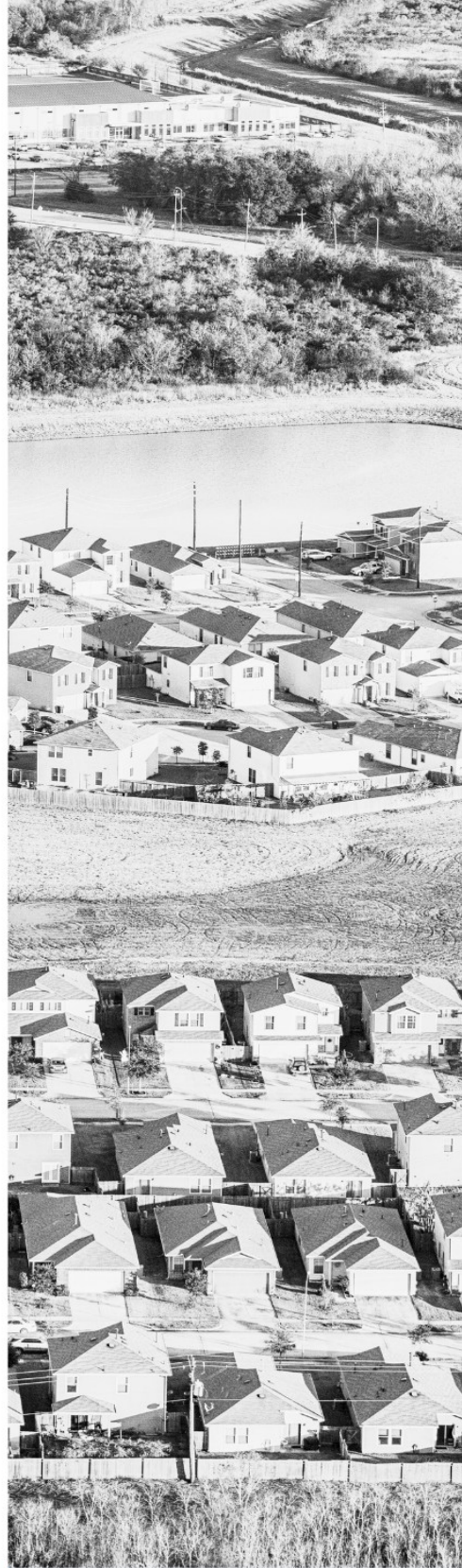
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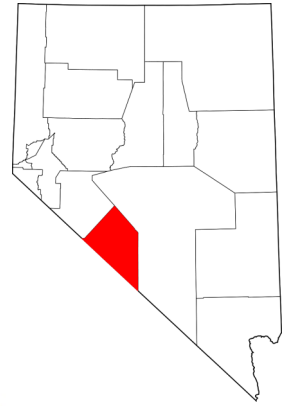
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This fact sheet contains baseline housing demand data to assist local and state agencies in better understanding the communities that we live in, specifically in relation to housing.

'More housing' does not always fix a housing problem. Housing solutions must match the needs of a community. Households of different sizes and different income levels require varied housing units. Looking at household size, home values, median income, and cost burden can help facilitate the analysis of housing demand in the region.









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Housing Demand

Region	 Owner Occupied Bedrooms	 Renter Occupied Bedrooms	 Average Household Size	 Income & Tenure	 Gross Rent	 Cost Burden
Esmeralda County	1 or fewer bedrooms: 17.1% 2 bedrooms: 39.4% 3 or more bedrooms: 43.4%	1 or fewer bedrooms: 9.4% 2 bedrooms: 61.5% 3 or more bedrooms: 29.1%	Owner Occupied: 2.00 Renter Occupied: 2.01	41.8% of owners and 67.1% of renters earn less than \$50,000	Less than \$500: 10.3% \$500-\$999: 13.2% \$1,000-\$1,499: 46.6% Greater than \$1,500: 0.0% No Rent: 29.9%	Owner Occupied: 6.8% overburdened Renter Occupied: 46.0% overburdened
Goldfield	1 or fewer bedrooms: 10.8% 2 bedrooms: 26.5% 3 or more bedrooms: 62.7%	1 or fewer bedrooms: 0.0% 2 bedrooms: 22.7% 3 or more bedrooms: 77.3%	Owner Occupied: 1.96 Renter Occupied: 1.91	44.6% of owners and 22.7% of renters earn less than \$50,000	Less than \$500: 0.0% \$500-\$999: 22.7% \$1,000-\$1,499: 0.0% Greater than \$1,500: 0.0% No Rent: 77.3%	Owner Occupied: 4.7% overburdened Renter Occupied: 11.4% overburdened
Rest of County	1 or fewer bedrooms: 20.2% 2 bedrooms: 45.8% 3 or more bedrooms: 33.9%	1 or fewer bedrooms: 10.4% 2 bedrooms: 65.6% 3 or more bedrooms: 24.1%	Owner Occupied: N/A Renter Occupied: N/A	40.5% of owners and 71.7% of renters earn less than \$50,000	Less than \$500: 11.3% \$500-\$999: 12.3% \$1,000-\$1,499: 51.4% Greater than \$1,500: 0.0% No Rent: 25.0%	Owner Occupied: 8.0% overburdened Renter Occupied: 51.6% overburdened

Terminology

Gross Rent— This includes contract rent as well as basic utility costs for the housing unit (such as electricity, water, sewer, and natural gas.)

Cost Burden— Per the definition from HUD, a household is 'overburdened' if it spends more than 30% of monthly gross income on housing costs.

Housing costs include both the rent or mortgage on the unit, as well as additional costs including utilities, property taxes, and insurance.

All data in this table refers to total households in the region, not total housing units.

Data in this infographic are sourced from the following:

American Community Survey (ACS): 2018-2022 5-Year Estimates:

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Zillow Housing Research: <https://www.zillow.com/research/>

Housing Affordability Calculator: <https://www.calculator.net/>

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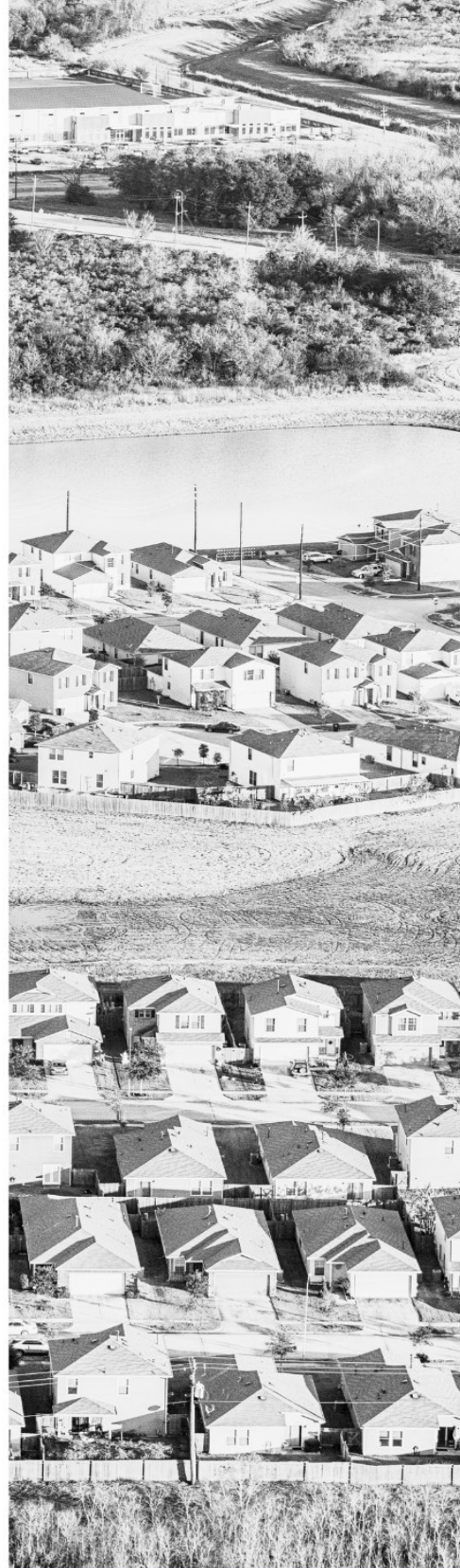
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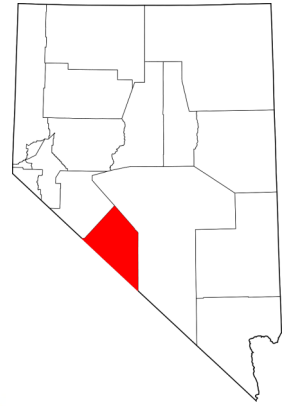
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HOUSING SNAPSHOT - HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ANALYSIS

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This fact sheet contains baseline housing analysis to assist local and state agencies in better understanding the communities that we live in, specifically in relation to housing.

This is an analysis showing the current affordability of housing in the county and selected communities. Here, the data from the previous fact sheets, demographic and economic characteristics, housing supply, and housing demand data, are used to view the affordability (or lack thereof) of the current housing market. This analysis can be used to inform decision makers, home producers, and land managers in their region.



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Housing Affordability

BACKGROUND INFO

OWNERS

RENTERS

City/Region	 Annual Median Household Income	 Monthly Estimated Housing Expense	 Monthly Affordable Housing Expense	 Affordability Gap	 Monthly Affordable Housing Expense	 1-Bedroom Affordability Gap	 2-Bedroom Affordability Gap	 3-Bedroom Affordability Gap
Esmeralda County	Annual Median: \$40,694	Owner-Occupied: \$568	50%: \$555	50%: -\$13	30%: \$305	30%: -\$713	30%: -\$958	30%: Insf. Data
	30% HH Income: \$12,208	Renter Occupied:	80%: \$888	80%: \$320	50%: \$509	50%: -\$624	50%: -\$904	50%: Insf. Data
Goldfield	50% HH Income: \$20,347	1-Bedroom: \$1,018	100%: \$1,110	100%: \$542	80%: \$814	80%: -\$319	80%: -\$599	80%: Insf. Data
	80% HH Income: \$32,555	2-Bedroom: \$1,263	120%: \$1,332	120%: \$764	100%: \$1,017	100%: -\$116	100%: -\$396	100%: Insf. Data
	120% HH Income: \$48,833	3-Bedroom: Insf. Data			120%: \$1,221	120%: \$88	120%: -\$192	120%: Insf. Data
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Affordability: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development characterizes "**affordable housing**" as housing for which the occupant spends no more than 30 percent of their gross income on housing expenses, including utilities. This threshold is designed to allow households sufficient funds for other essential expenses.

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This table shows the **gap in affordability** for households at various income levels versus the average housing cost, for both owners and renters.

As an example, the annual median income for a household in Esmeralda County is **\$40,694**. A family at **80%** of that makes **\$32,555** annually.

As a homeowner of an average house in the county, the Monthly Estimated Housing Expense is **\$568**. This includes mortgage, taxes, insurance, and utilities.

The Monthly Affordable Housing Expense (30% of gross income) shows at only **\$888** at 80% median income. This difference gives a surplus of **\$320**, making it affordable at the 80% income level.