

Table 1
The Median time Spent on the Housing Element Approval Process More Than Doubled in the Sixth Cycle

HOUSING ELEMENT MEDIANS	FIFTH CYCLE	SIXTH CYCLE	CHANGE BETWEEN CYCLES	PERCENT CHANGE
Median Number of Drafts Local Jurisdictions Submitted	2	3	1	50%
Median Cumulative Days Across All Drafts Attributed to Local Jurisdictions	83	210	127	153%
Median Cumulative Days Across All Drafts Attributed to HCD's Review	82.5	177	94.5	115%
Median Total Days in Approval Process	171	387	216	126%

Source: Auditor analysis of HCD's housing element tracking system data as of November 2024.

Notes: This table includes local jurisdictions that had yet to achieve a compliant and adopted housing element as of November 2024.

We derived the individual median values for each cycle independent of all other categories, and thus, the values across categories do not necessarily correspond to a single local jurisdiction. Accordingly, the sum of the median cumulative days attributed to local jurisdictions and HCD may not equal the median total days to achieve a compliant and adopted housing element because they may belong to different local jurisdictions.