



Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in the Coastal Zone

General Information

- ADUs and JADUs **can provide additional, lower-cost housing opportunities in many types of neighborhoods.**
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) can be detached or attached to a house.
- Junior ADUs (JADUs) are separate living spaces built inside an existing home.

The California Coastal Zone is the **1%** of California closest to the shoreline. In **90%** of the Coastal Zone, ADUs are permitted by local governments. In the remaining **10%**, ADUs are permitted by the Coastal Commission.



Coastal ADUs by the Numbers

In the past 4 years, local governments have approved...

912 Coastal Development Permits for new ADUs

387 Permits for single-family homes that included at least one ADU/JADU

1,299 Total permits for ADUs/JADUs in the coastal zone.

In the past year, in the Coastal Commission's jurisdiction there were...

60 ADU/JADUs approved with administrative waivers

23 **average days from completed file to waiver issuance**

2 ADU/JADUs permitted on the Consent Calendar

4 ADU/JADUs permitted after resolving sea level rise, water quality, and public coastal access issues

0 ADU/JADUs denied

