

- An **accessory dwelling unit** (ADU) is a residential unit located on the same lot as a single-family home. They have their own entrance, a full kitchen and bath, as well as living and sleeping space, but on a much smaller scale than the primary residence.
- Average Cost to Build: \$60,000 - \$225,000
 - » Approximately \$150 to \$300 per square foot on average, but some ADUs can cost over \$600 per square foot
- Average cost of a *detached* ADU: \$110,000 - \$285,000
 - » Higher priced on average because they're completely detached from the main home and often require extra labor and materials to deliver electricity, plumbing, AC, and heating to the building.
- Designing an ADU will cost on average 10% - 15% of the total cost of your project. In other words, if a project costs \$120,000, then \$12,000 to \$18,000 goes into designing the ADU.
- ADU construction is on the rise. From 2009 to 2019, the number of ADU listings grew \approx 8.6% year-over-year, according to a study released by Freddie Mac. "I think COVID-19 and the sharp uptick in housing prices have only poured fuel on the fire. We're expecting to see ADUs surge in popularity."
-Caitlin Bigelow, CEO and co-founder of Maxable, a source for ADU advocacy and resources

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