55.3 percent of the total needed units for the current cycle were achieved. Allocation (RHNA) goals for the 5th Housing Element Cycle, in all income levels, housing construction starts remained below the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) level, the highest seen since 2016 and the second highest since 2010. In 2020, new construction starts, measured by the number of building permits approved, increased by 11 percent from 2019 numbers. Density bonuses facilitate an increase in affordable housing and overall housing production by allowing developers who create units that meet the density bonus program to increase the density permitted on a site by the City’s development discretionary review process. The City released the Housing Solutions, an Affordable Housing Incentive Program aimed at promoting mixed-income communities. The updated Kearny Mesa Community Plan was approved in 2020, providing a further opportunity for increased housing capacity and affordable housing units. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) have grown in popularity in a four-year stretch from 2015 to 2019. In 2020, the City saw a dramatic increase in both projects approved in 2020, resulting in 63 projects and 708 affordable units. In 2020, the City adopted the 2020 Housing Program Updates, resulting in 63 projects and 708 affordable units. The City also granted housing development discretionary permits for 2,996 units. In 2020, the City received housing development applications for 5,396 units.