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## East Bay starter homes under \$400,000 — and zoning in on affordable pockets

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The superheated real estate market is causing many disappointed buyers to get shoved aside by deep-pocketed investors who can outbid them. For a look at the issues facing first-time buyers and the ramifications of them being priced out, click [here](#).

For detailed information about resources to help low- and moderate-income buyers in the Bay Area, click [here](#).

While it's true that the competition is tough, it helps to remember that real estate is intensely local. Even in the pricey Bay Area, there remain numerous pockets of affordability. Today we look at homes currently for sale for under \$400,000 in three communities, all in the East Bay.

While Berkeley has plenty of \$800,000 and up homes in the hills and North Berkeley, this [2-bedroom, 1-bath Craftsman bungalow](#) in South Berkeley on California St. between Derby and Ward is \$389,000 for 877 square feet.

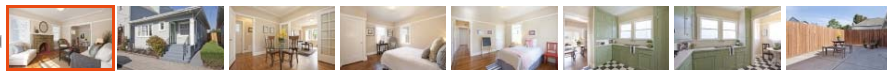
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### Small family bungalow, California Street, Berkeley



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Located on 2705 California Street in Berkeley, this 900-square-foot bungalow could be an affordable option for a small family. The living room features a tile fireplace.

"In this fast-paced market, this property is relatively affordable in one of East Bay's most popular neighborhoods," said listing agent Merritt Oliver of Red Oak Realty, naming Caffe Trieste, the Thai Temple with its food bazaar, as well as Berkeley Bowl, BART and UC Berkeley as being nearby.

Oakland's Oak Knoll neighborhood near Eastmont Hills has had incarnations as a golf course, a naval hospital and a redevelopment site. A [3-bedroom, 2-bathroom Craftsman](#) in Oak Knoll is listed for \$329,000 for 1,408 square feet.

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