

Arcata, California

Indicators Report

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Exploring the economics, demographics, and well-being of Arcata and its residents through indicators.

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Executive Summary

Assessing the City with Indicators

About this Report

This report provides background or summary information for the city of Arcata (the City) in the form of indicators.

Using this Report

Indicators are measures of various aspects of a regional economy. They help to provide an indication of the quality of life in a region and progress toward improving conditions in the local economy. This report focuses on indicators

for changing demographics, incomes, housing markets, commute patterns, and employment in Arcata. These indicators are compared to Humboldt County (the County) as a whole, a broader region where one is well defined, California, and the United States.

This report is vital for understanding trends in the underlying economy. It does not provide forecasts, but Rob Eyler and Jon Haveman at Economic Forensics and Analytics are available to provide them if that is of interest.

Topics Covered:

- **Demographics:** A detailed snapshot of Arcata demographics is presented. This provides evidence on the size, age and sex, income and poverty status, race and ethnicity, housing status, living arrangements, education, health, and transportation choices of the population. Beyond the current population level, data on trends in local population growth, in comparison with other broader regions is presented, in both tabular and graphical form.
- **Employment Report:** Here, we provide a brief snapshot of employment and unemployment in Arcata and how the City's experience differs from broader regions.
- **Income and Earnings:** Vital to understanding the prosperity of a city relative to its surrounding area is information on income and earnings. We provide a ranking of the City's income relative to all cities in California as well as growth relative to local regions. Inequality and poverty status are also important indicators for the level of equity in the community. We provide evidence of trends in both, not only for all residents, but also for children separately.
- **Housing:** This section provides evidence on the cost and availability of housing. Both median home values and rental costs are included, along with detailed information on home ownership, by age and income, in particular. Further, evidence is provided on the housing burden in the City, again, in comparison with other broader regions. We also provide evidence on the rate at which new buildings and units are permitted along with a broader housing picture. Finally, we provide evidence on the age of the housing stock in Arcata, along with information on how long the City's residents have been in place.
- **Transportation:** Increasingly important, in the wake of the pandemic, is an understanding of the transportation patterns and choices of local residents. We provide detailed evidence on the proportion of residents who work from home and on the various transportation choices of those who head to the office. This information is also provided for those who work in Arcata, but do not necessarily live in Arcata.
- **Migration:** Population changes comes primarily through organic causes: births and deaths. Migration between regions also plays a significant role in population growth. A final section of the report provides evidence on migration into and out of the City.

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Demographics

Definition:

Data on the demographics of a city indicate the nature of the population, with a focus on age, gender, race and ethnicity, as well as household composition.

Why is it important?

The characteristics and growth of Arcata's population are fundamental indicators of the city's growth potential.

A Demographic Snapshot

Statistic	2022	2019
POPULATION		
Population Estimate (#, 5yr)	18,536.0	18,178.0
Veterans (#, 5yr)	543.0	649.0
Foreign born persons (% , 5yr)	7.1	6.0
Population age 25+ (#, 5yr)	10,280.0	9,619.0
AGE AND SEX		
Persons under 5 years (% , 5yr)	2.3	2.0
Persons under 18 years (% , 5yr)	12.5	10.0
Persons 65 years and over (% , 5yr)	11.8	11.3
Female persons (% , 5yr)	49.5	49.7
INCOME AND POVERTY		
Median household income (\$, 5yr)	43,444.0	35,506.0
Per capita income in past 12 months (\$, 5yr)	27,651.0	24,158.0
Persons in poverty (% , 5yr)	34.5	38.0
Children age less than 18 in poverty (#, 5yr)	734.0	557.0
Children age less than 18 in poverty (% , 5yr)	32.4	32.1
RACE AND ETHNICITY		
White alone (% , 5yr)	71.4	75.0
African American alone (% , 5yr)	3.4	2.6
American Indian or Alaska Native alone (% , 5yr)	1.6	2.2
Asian alone (% , 5yr)	3.6	4.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (% , 5yr)	0.7	1.2
Two or More Races (% , 5yr)	11.2	7.7
Hispanic or Latino (% , 5yr)	16.0	16.8
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino (% , 5yr)	68.3	68.7
HOUSING		
Housing units (#, 5yr)	8,308.0	7,926.0
Owner-occupied housing units (% , 5yr)	33.2	36.2
Median value of owner-occupied housing units (\$, 5yr)	412,100.0	341,000.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-with a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	1,953.0	1,679.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-without a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	626.0	486.0
Median gross rent (\$, 5yr)	1,236.0	1,023.0
FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		
Households (#, 5yr)	7,496.0	7,155.0
Persons per household (#, 5yr)	2.3	2.3
Living in same house 1 year ago, % of persons age 1+ (5yr)	70.2	63.7
EDUCATION		
High school graduate or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	93.6	92.2
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	45.2	48.6
HEALTH		
With a disability, under age 65 years (#, 5yr)	2,008.0	1,355.0
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years (% , 5yr)	4.8	7.1
LABOR FORCE		
In civilian labor force, persons age 16+ (% , 5yr)	66.8	64.2
In civilian labor force, women age 16+ (% , 5yr)	64.3	64.9
Employed, persons age 16+ (% , 5yr)	56.7	55.2
Self employed (% , 5yr)	11.4	10.0
TRANSPORTATION		
Mean travel time to work, workers age 16+ (Mins., 5yr)	15.4	15.8
Using public transportation (% , 5yr)	4.2	6.7
Drive alone in private vehicle (% , 5yr)	57.2	54.7

Source: American Community Survey, Summary Files

Note: Data are from the 1-year files unless indicated by the notation 5yr.

Current Population

The data in these two tables and the following two graphs are from the CA Department of Finance (DOF). The DOF produces population estimates for geographies around California twice a year: January and July. As estimates for cities are only available in January, these two tables are based on the January data. The remaining figures are from the American Community Survey (ACS), provided annually by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 1. Population Change by Region
(Thousands, January to January)

Region	2023 Population	% Change		
		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
City				
Arcata	18,688	4.05	4.45	3.51
County and Broader Regions				
Humboldt County	134,047	-0.36	0.92	-1.50
Redwood Coast	316,610	-0.60	1.55	-0.27
California	38,940,231	-0.35	-1.79	-2.01

Source: CA DOF; Calculations by National Economic Education Delegation

Table 2. County Population Change by City
(Thousands, January to January)

City	2022	2023	% Change		
			Local	Redwood Coast	California
Humboldt County	134.5	134.0	-0.36	-0.60	-0.35
Eureka	26.6	26.1	-1.56		
Arcata	18.0	18.7	4.05		
Fortuna	12.3	12.3	-0.67		
Rio Dell	3.3	3.3	-1.39		
Ferndale	1.4	1.4	-0.22		
Blue Lake	1.2	1.1	-1.46		
Trinidad	0.3	0.3	-1.34		

Source: CA DOF; Calculations by National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 1: Population Growth (1)

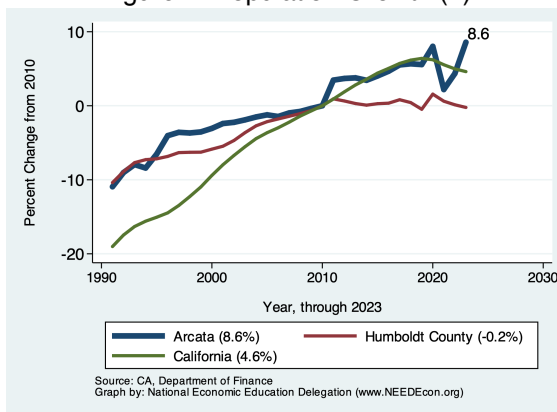


Figure 2: Population Growth (2)

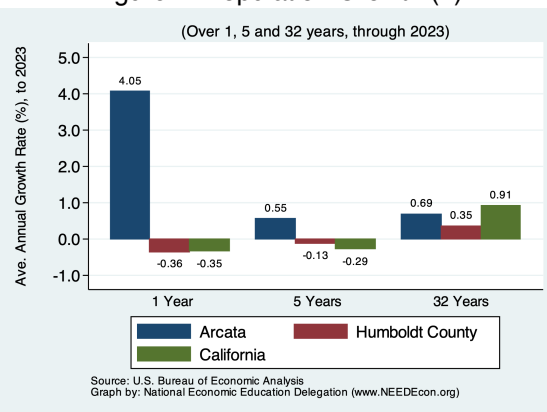


Figure 3: Population by Age - Detailed Age Categories

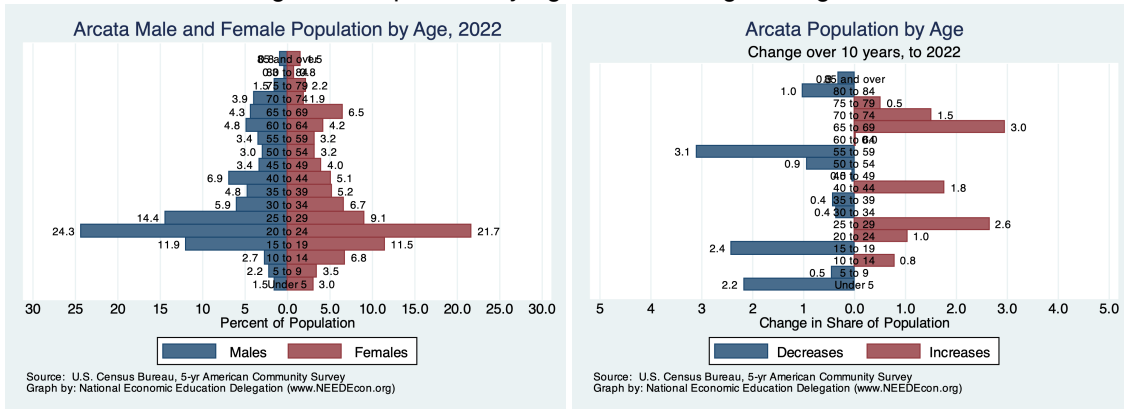


Figure 4: Population by Age - Broad Age Categories

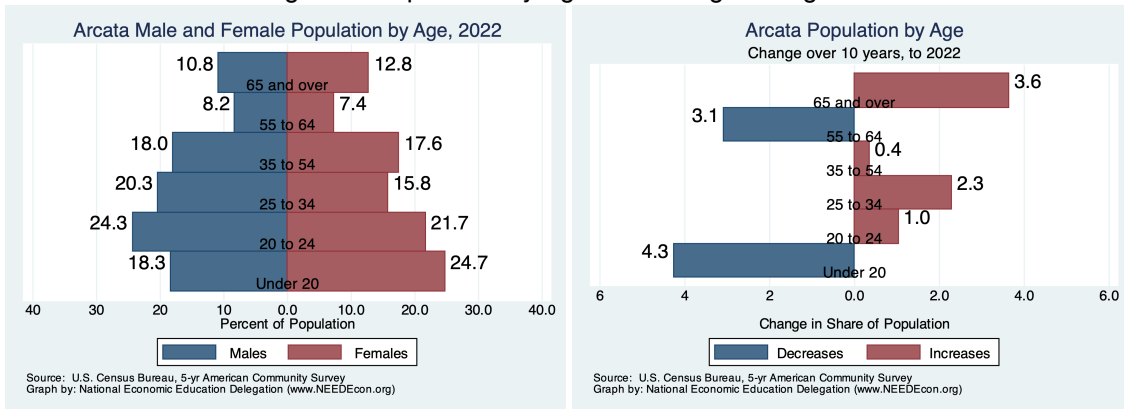


Figure 5: Population by Educational Attainment

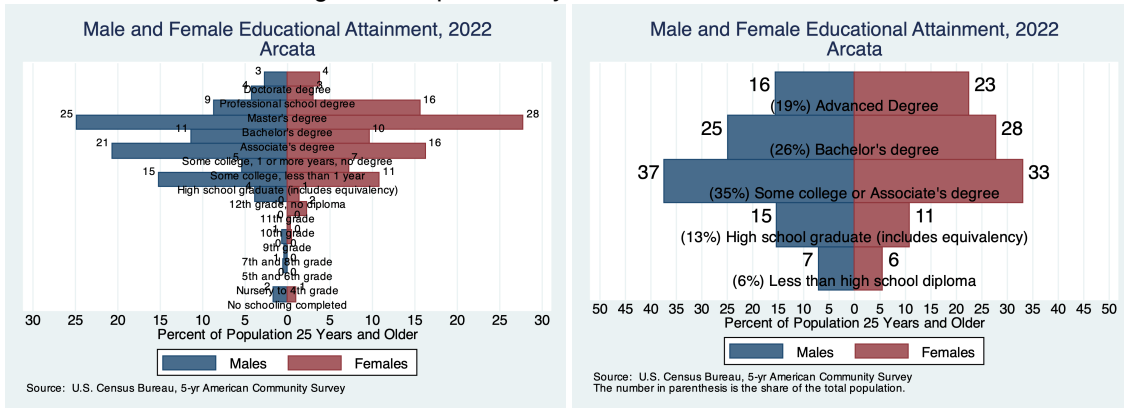


Figure 6: Population by Race/Ethnicity

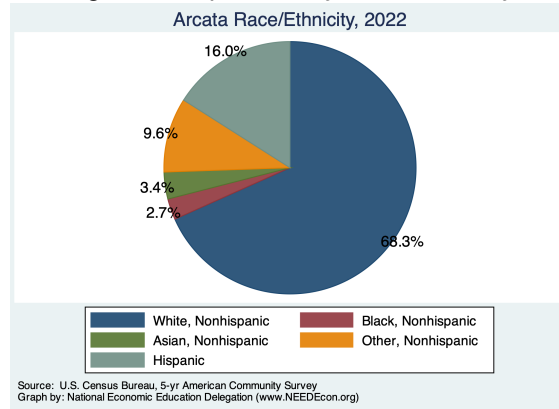
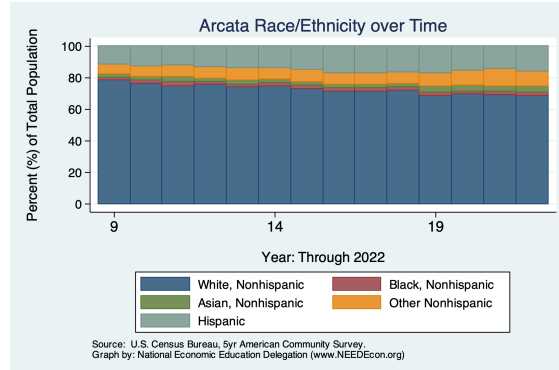


Figure 7: Population by Race/Ethnicity Over Time



Employment Report

Citywide Employment and Unemployment

Definition:

Each month, California's Employment Development Division (EDD) publishes an update on employment in California and in MSAs, counties, and cities all across the state. The report focuses primarily on non-farm employment, providing estimates of changes in em-

ployment by industry as well as unemployment in each region. Data for cities is limited to aggregate employment, labor force, and unemployment data. Those are reported below.

Why is it important?

Employment growth is a fundamental indicator of the health of an economy.

Table 3. Arcata Summary for March, 2024

Category	Current Value	Change From:		
		Last Month	2 Months Ago	Last Year
Employment	8,924	-30	-53	-103
Labor Force	9,644	9	15	96
Number Unemployed	678	-4	21	97
Unemployment Rate	7.0	-0.0	0.2	0.9

Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 8: Historical Employment and Unemployment - Last 12 Months

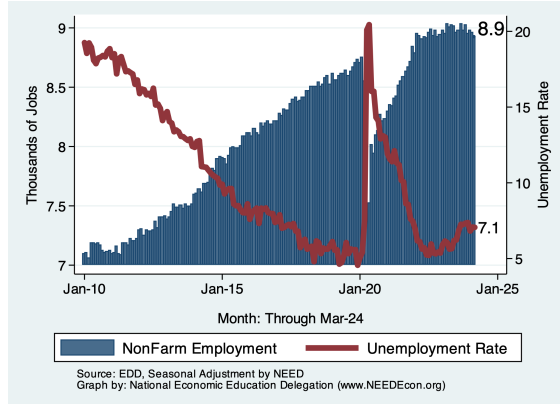


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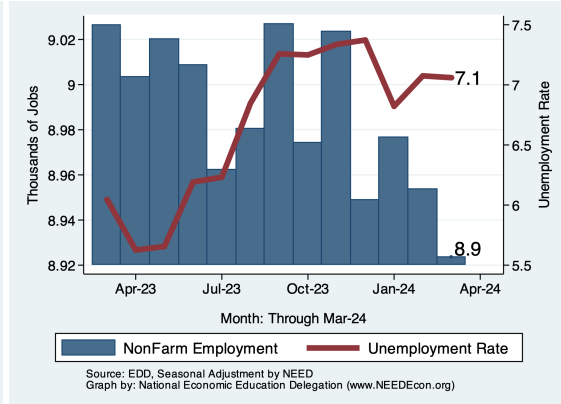


Figure 10: Relative Employment Growth Across Regions - since 2010

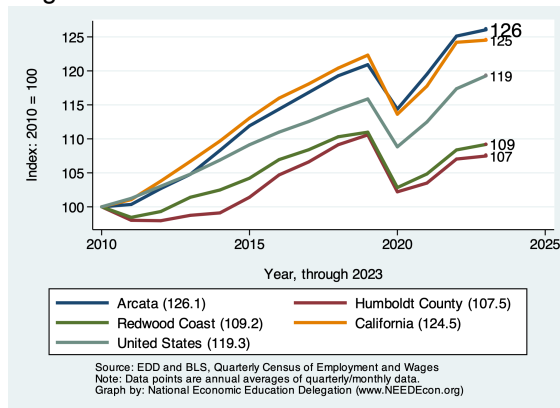
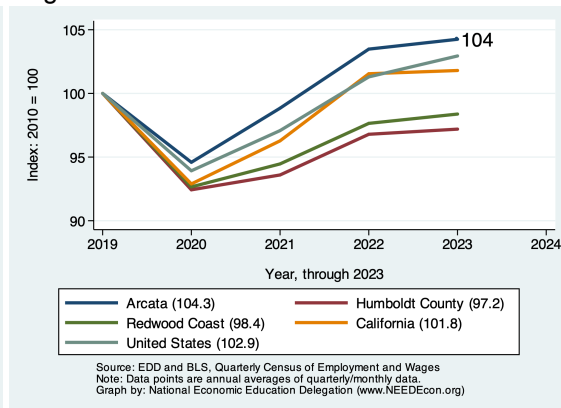


Figure 11: Relative Employment Growth Across Regions - since 2019



County Employment by Industry

California's Employment Development Division (EDD) does not regularly produce data on employment by industry for cities. However, we are able to report industry-level employment data for Humboldt County. The following table provides the latest data for the County.

Table 4. Employment Growth by Industry in Humboldt County for March, 2024

Industry	Employment	Share	Empl Growth	% Growth - Annualized Rate					
				Month	Qtr	6mo	1yr	3yr	5yr
Total Nonfarm	50,918	100.0	109.2	2.6	1.9	2.3	2.3	3.6	-0.0
Total Private	35,807	70.3	161.8	5.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4	-0.4
Goods Producing	5,326	10.5	9.7	2.2	0.5	3.0	1.7	1.6	2.1
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,958	5.8	35.3	15.5	7.3	-1.8	7.4	3.8	2.1
Mining and Logging	375	0.7	2.5	8.4	12.4	-20.7	37.5	0.4	-4.3
Construction	2,571	5.1	0.5	0.2	4.0	0.1	4.0	4.4	3.4
Manufacturing	2,300	4.5	-100.0	-40.0	0.0	0.0	-8.0	-1.4	0.9
Durable Goods	1,300	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	3.6
Non-Durable Goods	991	1.9	9.5	12.3	-3.6	-4.2	-9.2	-7.9	-2.0
Service Providing	45,600	89.6	71.5	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.4	3.8	-0.2
Trade, Trans & Utilities	8,555	16.8	-24.5	-3.4	1.6	3.0	1.0	0.2	-1.6
Wholesale Trade	1,100	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0
Retail Trade	6,330	12.4	-33.8	-6.2	-0.0	1.8	-0.2	-0.7	-2.3
Information	300	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-5.0
Financial Activities	1,700	3.3	100.0	107.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	-1.1
Professional & Business Svcs	2,866	5.6	6.5	2.8	-8.9	-5.3	3.3	-3.4	-4.0
Educational & Health Svcs	9,195	18.1	40.1	5.4	-0.7	-0.2	3.3	3.1	0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	5,432	10.7	45.8	10.7	5.0	3.5	1.9	8.5	-0.9
Other Svcs	2,307	4.5	9.4	5.0	4.9	6.9	4.4	6.8	2.9
Government	15,276	30.0	76.0	6.2	6.8	4.0	3.2	6.9	1.1
Federal	814	1.6	-3.0	-4.3	0.1	-14.3	-0.2	4.3	2.2

Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation (NEED)

Some Employee Detail

Employed in Arcata

Figure 12: Employment by Occupation

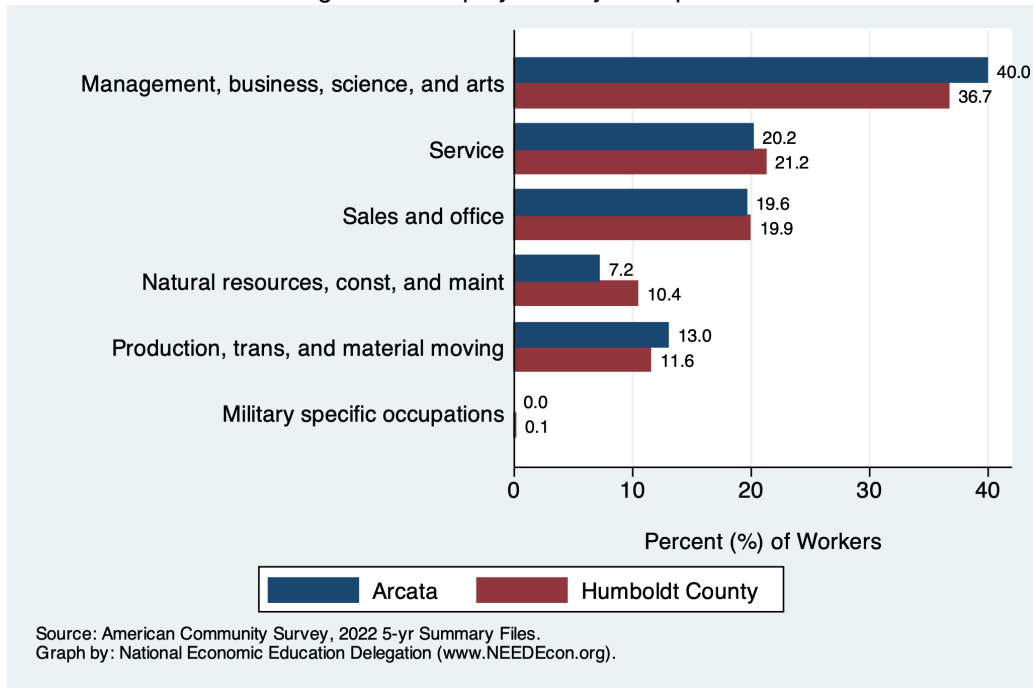


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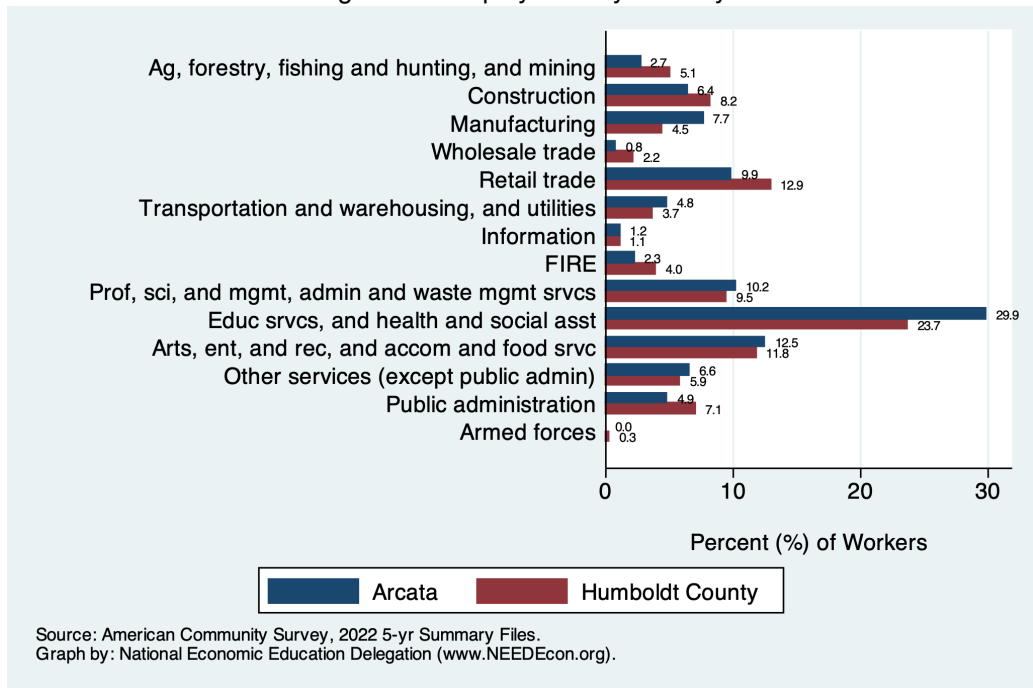


Figure 14: Language Spoken at Home

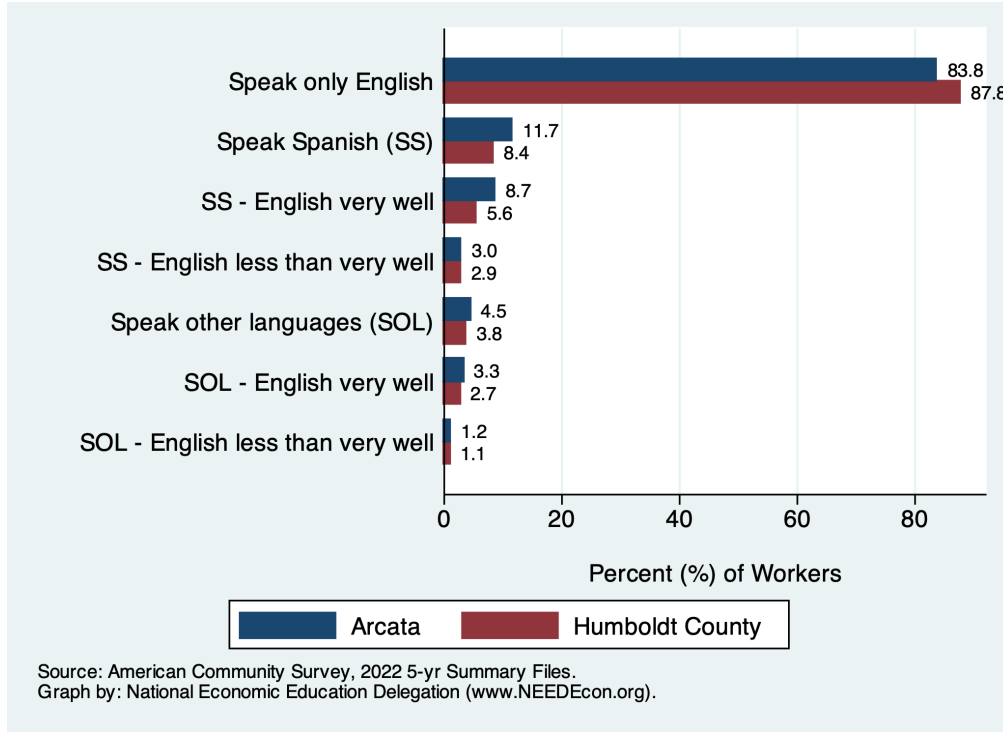
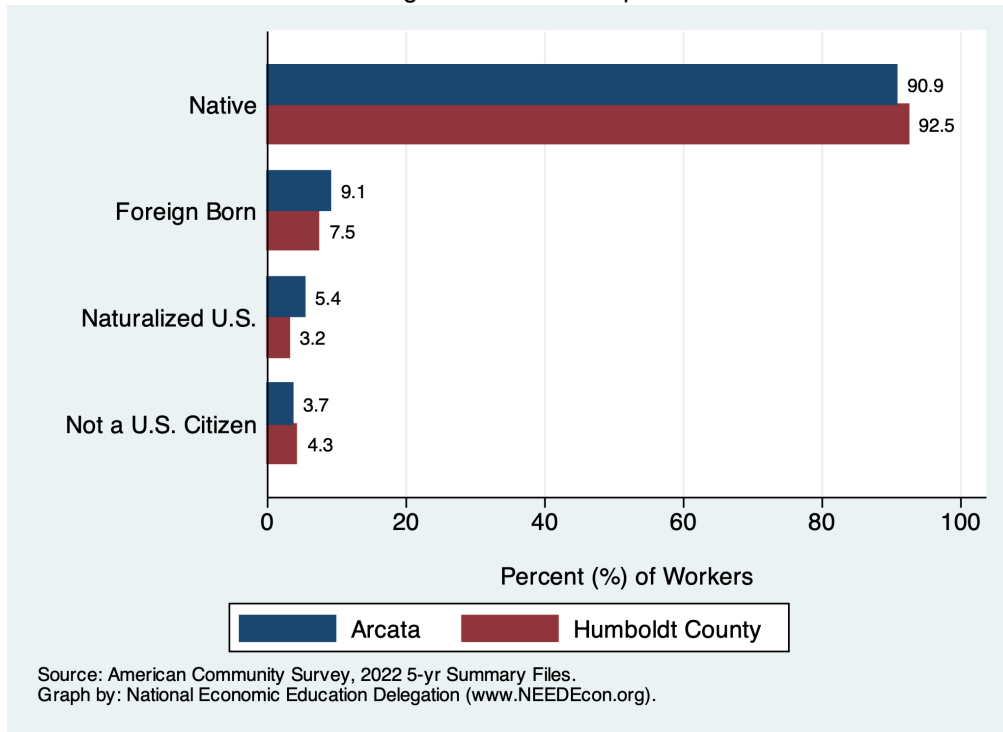


Figure 15: Citizenship



Employed Residents of Arcata

Figure 16: Employment by Occupation

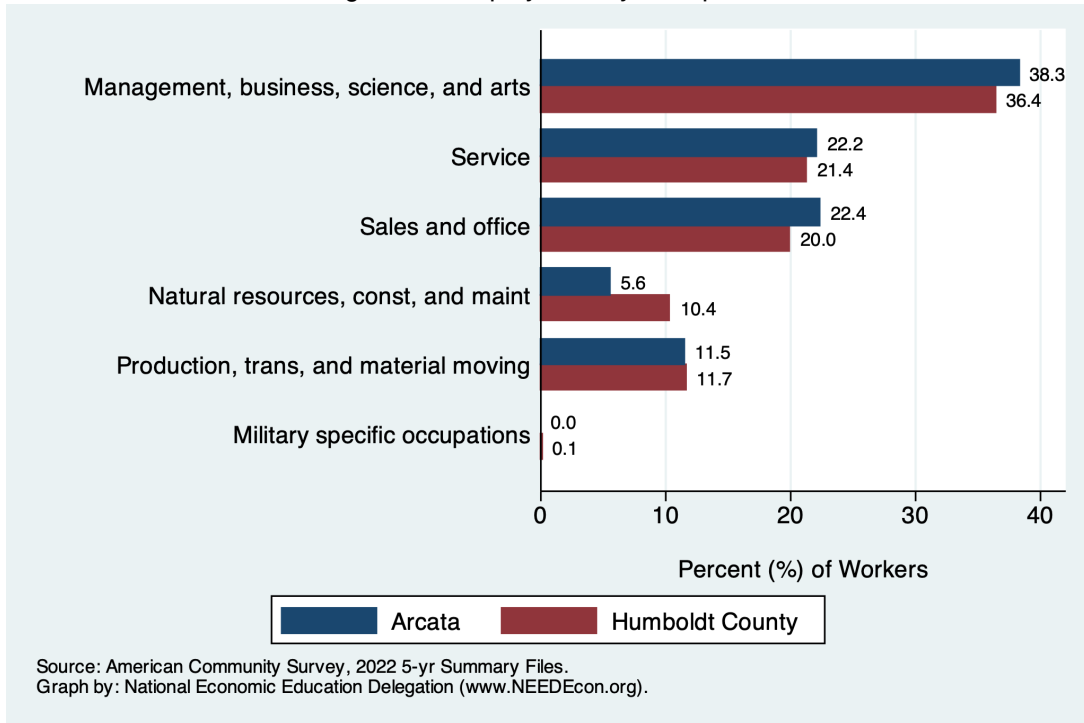


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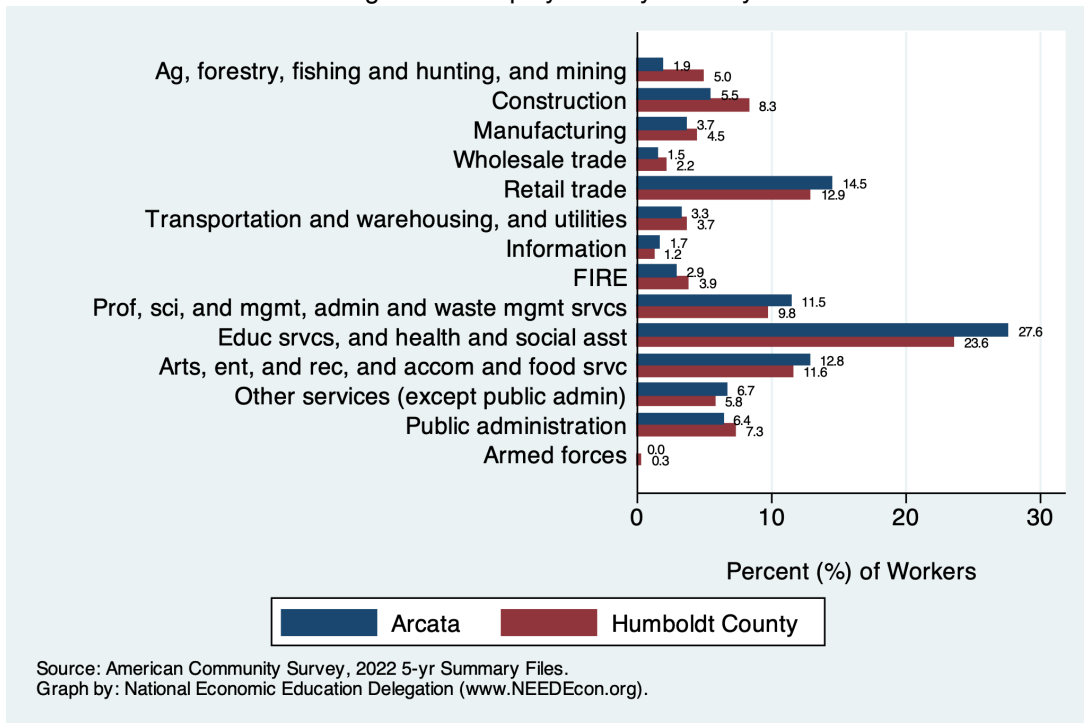


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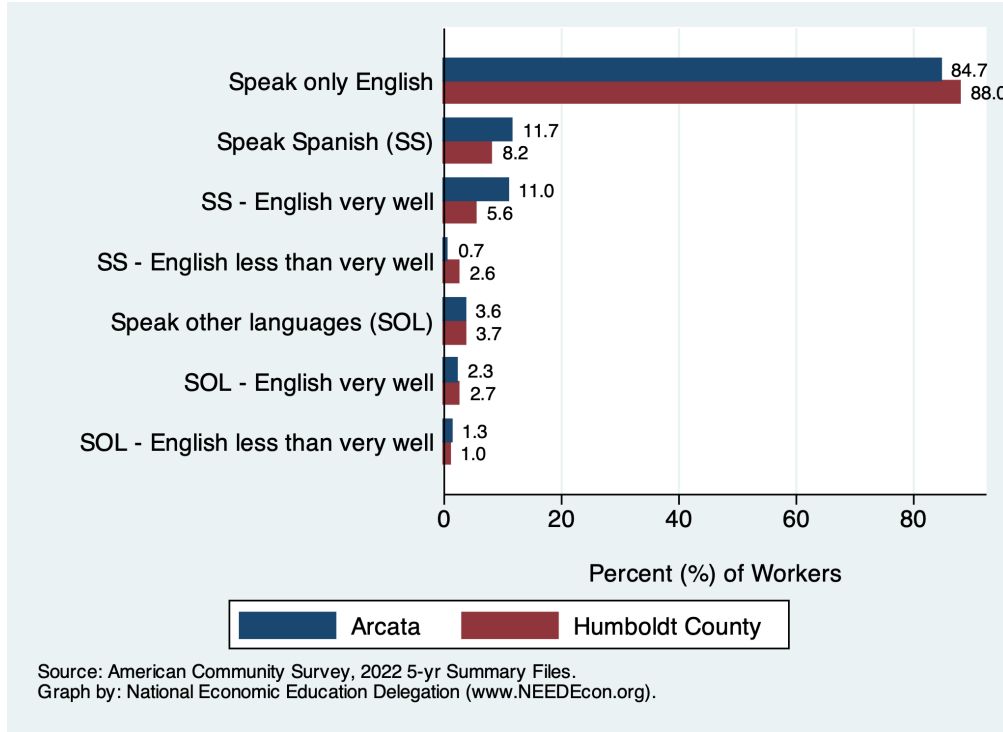
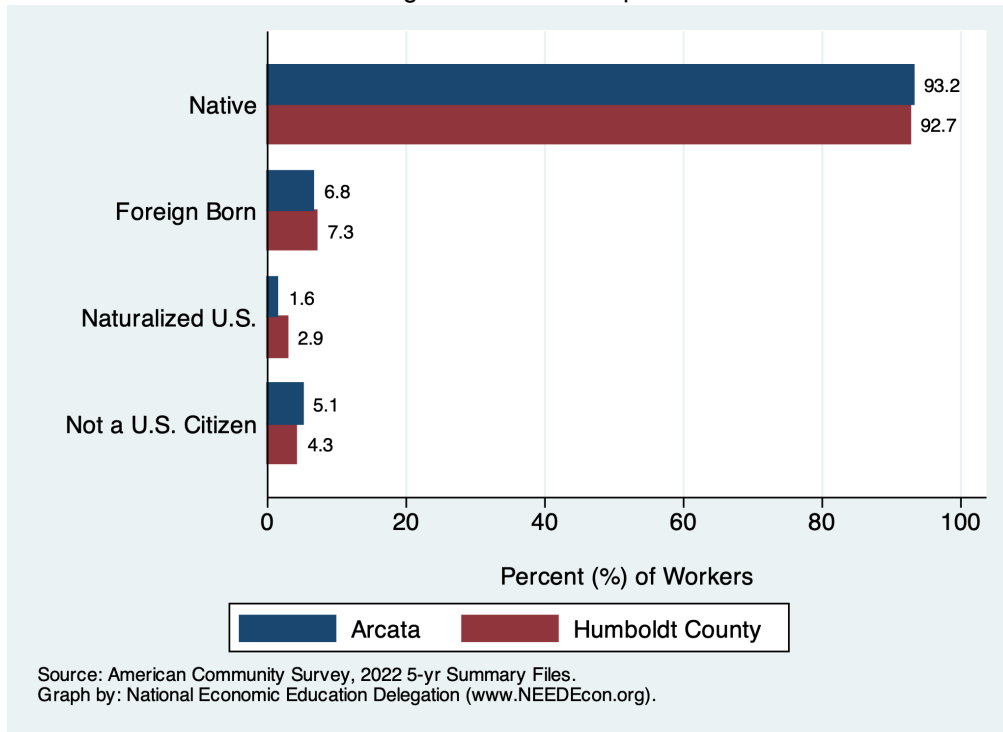


Figure 19: Citizenship



Employed Residents vs Workers in Arcata

Figure 20: Employment by Occupation

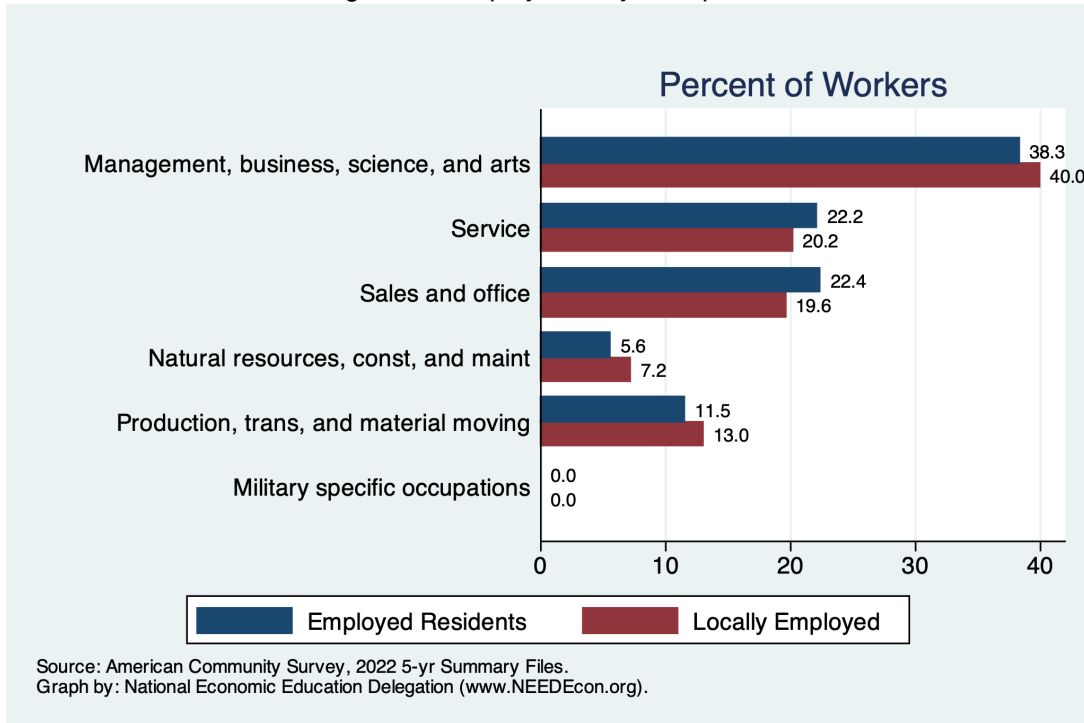


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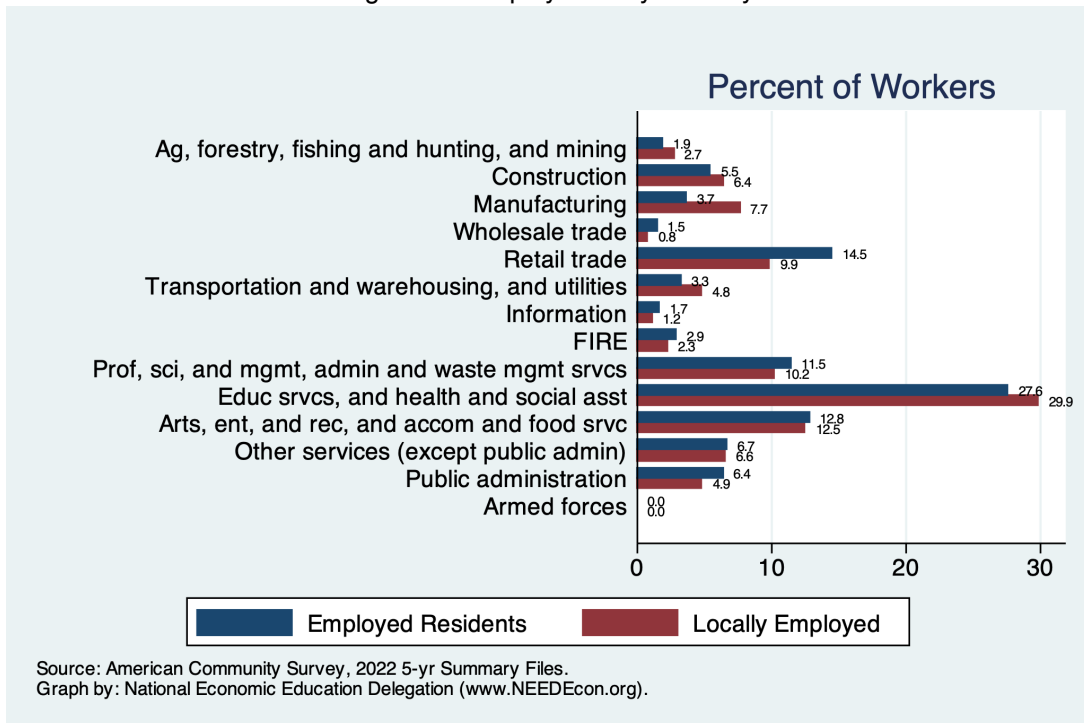


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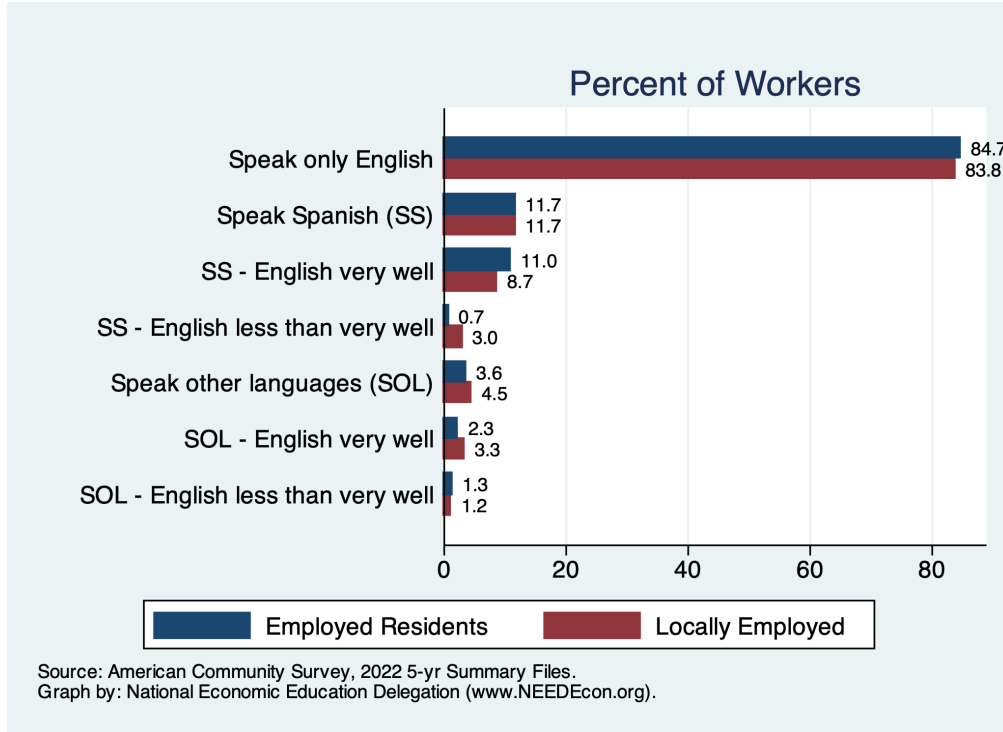
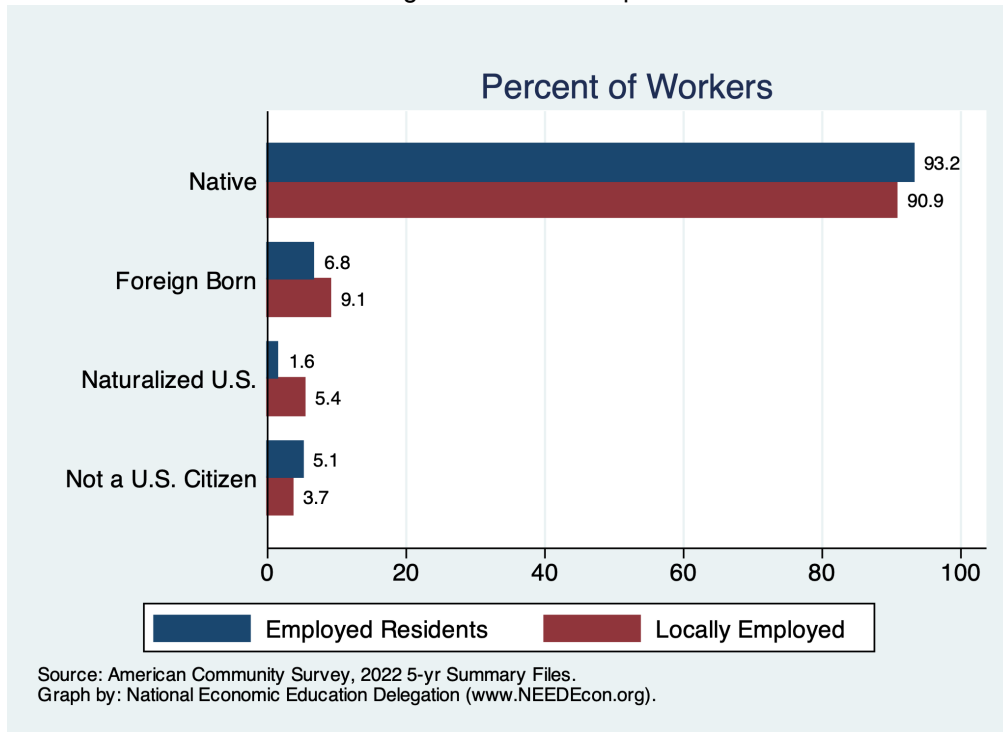


Figure 23: Citizenship



Income and Earnings

Per Capita Income Growth

Definition:

Per capita income is the average income per person in Arcata. Personal income is the income received by, or on behalf of, all persons from all sources: from participation as laborers in production, from owning a home or unincorporated business, from the ownership of financial assets, and from government and business

in the form of transfer receipts. Noncash government benefits are not included.

Why is it important?

Income is the money that is available to persons for consumption expenditures, taxes, interest payments, transfer payments to governments and the rest of the world, or for saving. As such, it is an important indicator of economic well-being in a community.

Figure 24: Real Per Capita Income Ranking Among California Cities

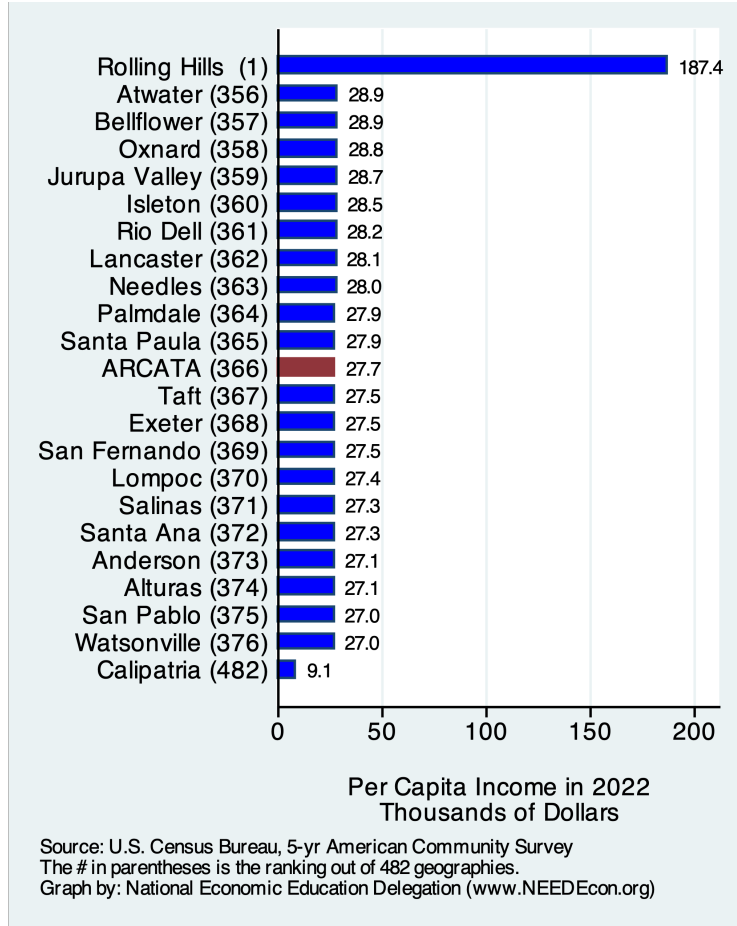
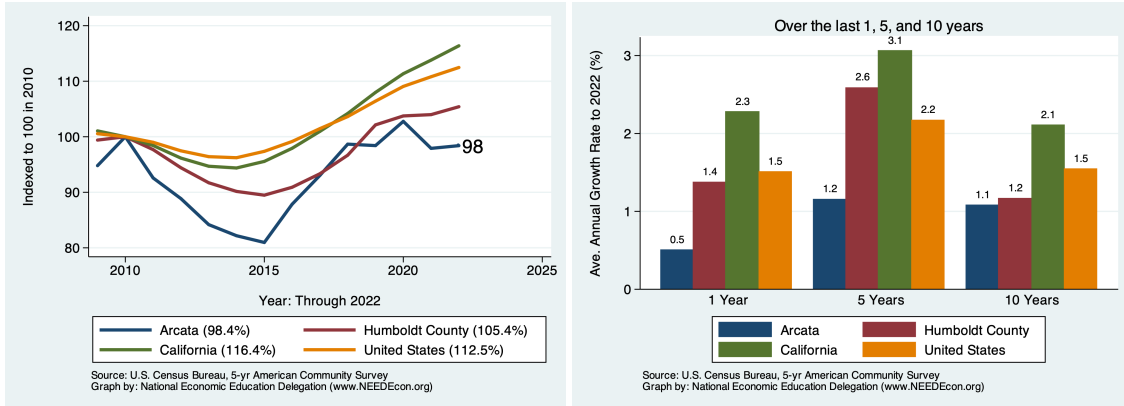


Figure 25: Regional Comparison of Growth over Time



Real Per Capita Income Ranking Among California Cities - w/Comparable Populations

Figure 26: Income Levels

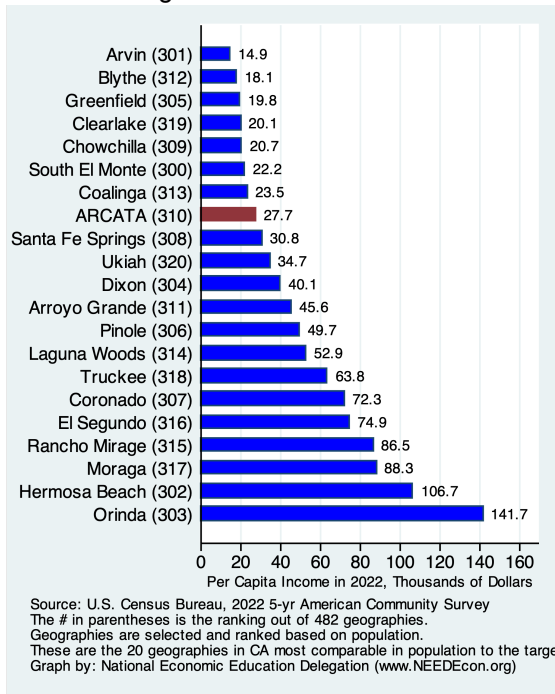
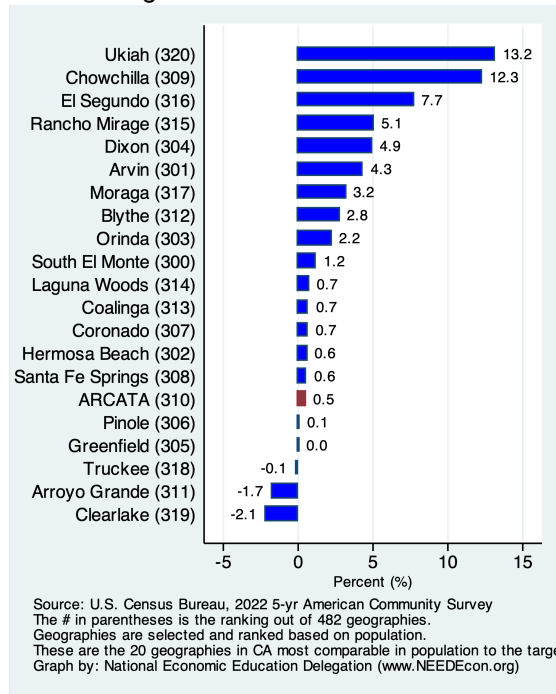


Figure 27: Growth over Time



Real Per Capita Income Ranking Among Cities in Humboldt County

Figure 28: Income Levels

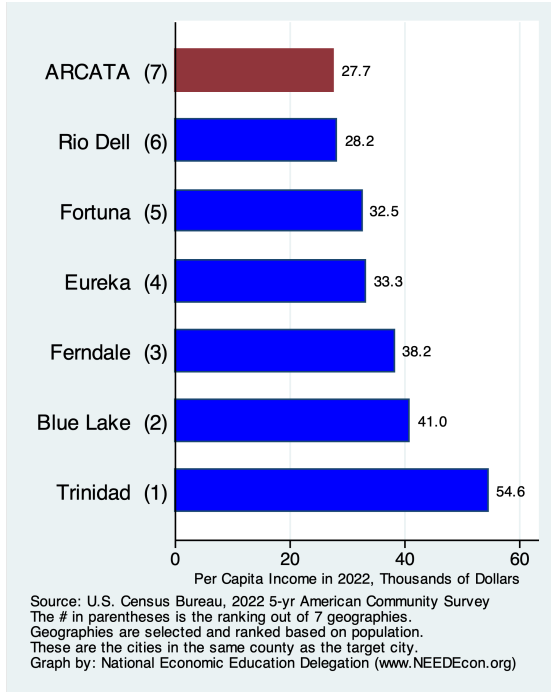


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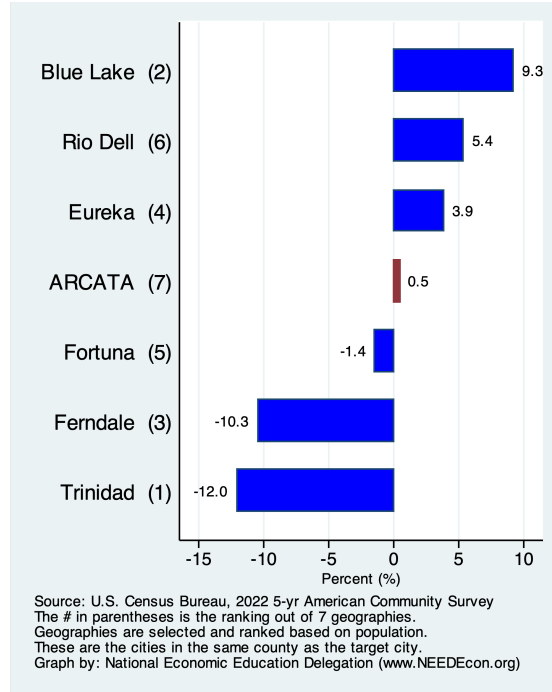
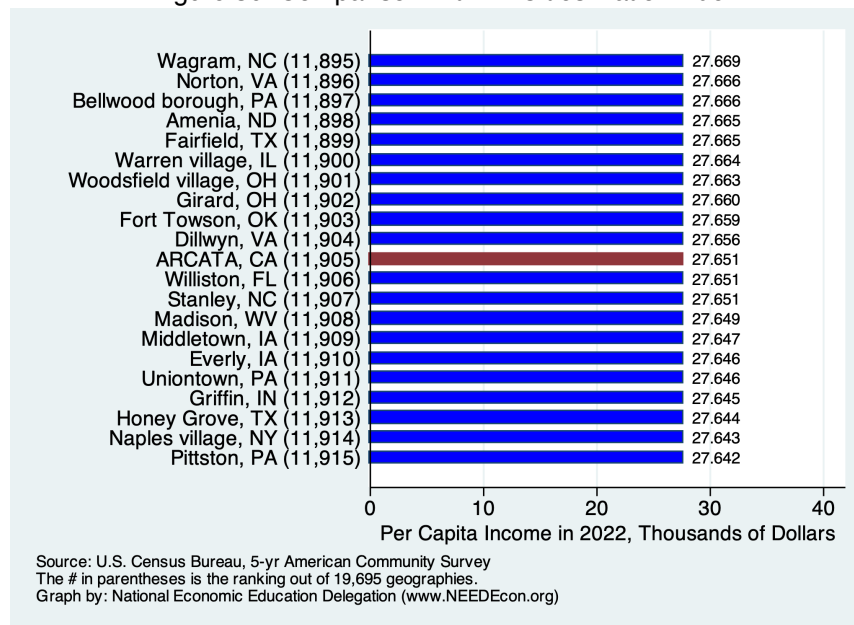


Figure 30: Comparison with All Cities Nationwide



Poverty and Inequality

Definition:

The local poverty rate provides an indication of the well-being of those at the bottom of the income distribution. The federal poverty rate measures the proportion of households in the region that are classified as living in poverty. Also included are measures of the extent to which the City's children are impoverished. Measures of the income distribution provide

further evidence on disparities in income in the region and how those disparities have changed over time.

Why is it important?

It is important to track measures of poverty and inequality to assess the extent of income disparities in the region, with an eye toward understanding how well the local economy is performing for all of its citizens.

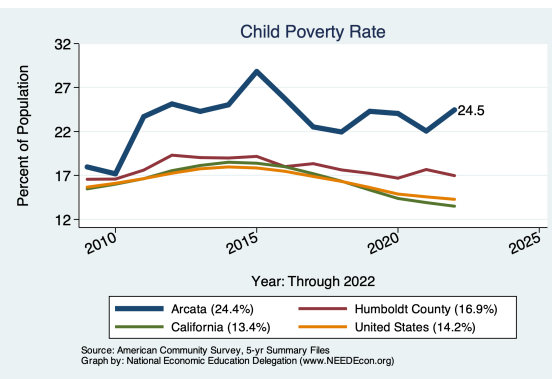
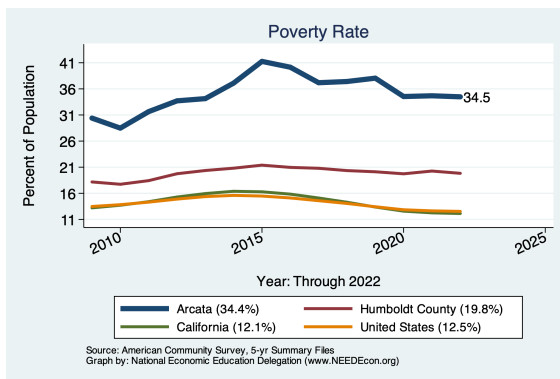


Figure 31: Inequality

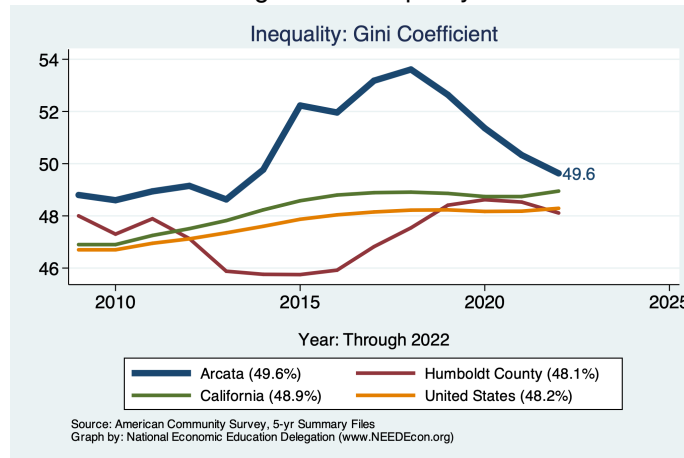


Figure 32: Shares Across the Income Distribution

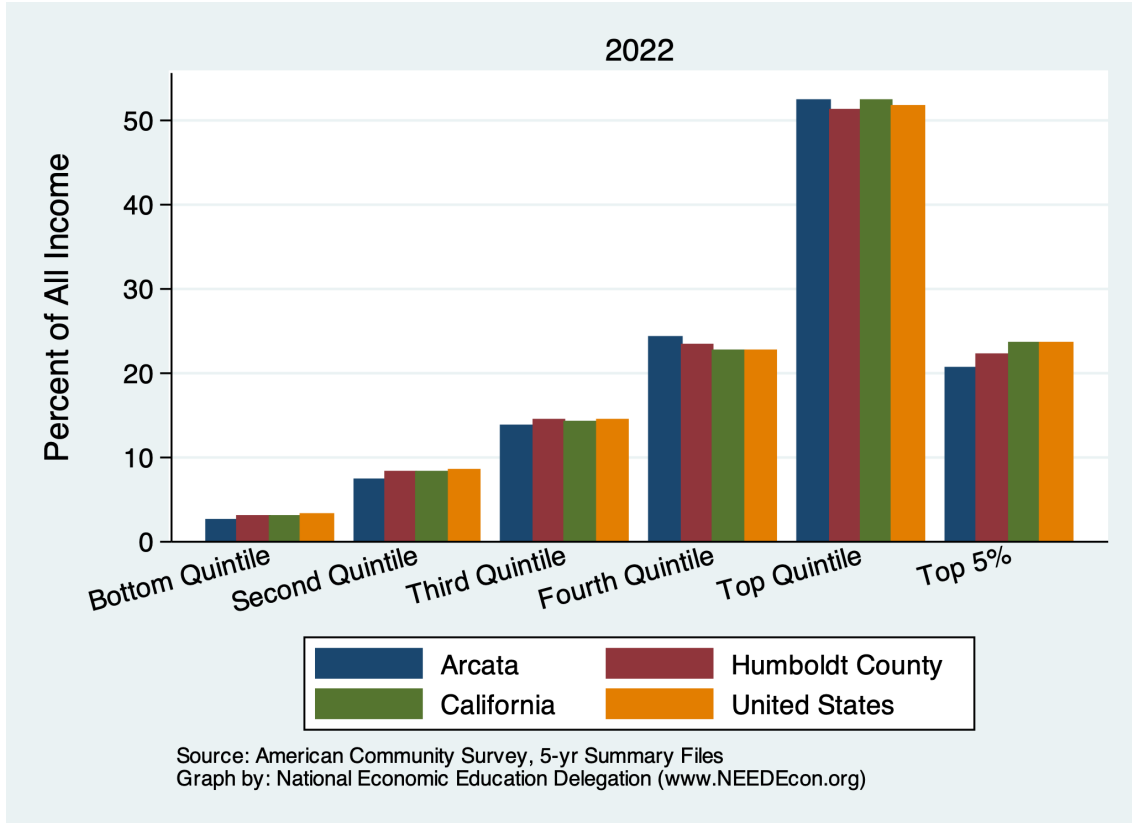
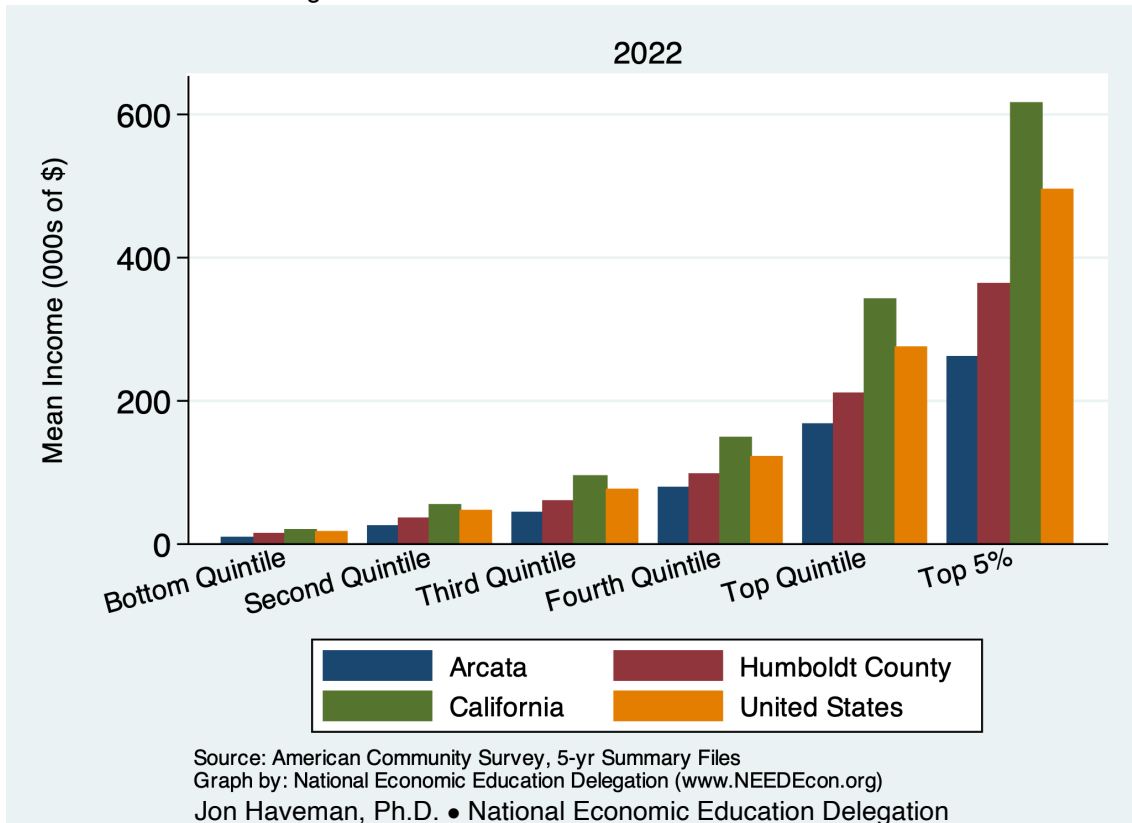


Figure 33: Means Across the Income Distribution



Housing

Housing Costs and Affordability

Definition:

Housing costs are measured in several different ways. First, we provide evidence on the evolution of median home prices, median rental price, and finally through evidence on the housing burden in the city and comparison regions. Housing burden is defined as a household needing to commit more than 30% of their household income toward housing costs. The median value is the amount in the middle. Fifty

percent of units are above the median and 50 percent are below.

Why is it important?

Housing is one of three fundamental necessities, along with food and clothing. A measure of the cost of housing is an integral part of the measurement of the cost of living in a specific community. This is particularly true in cities and regions throughout the Bay Area, where housing costs are high relative to income.

Cost of Housing in Arcata and Broader Regions

Figure 34: Median Home Prices

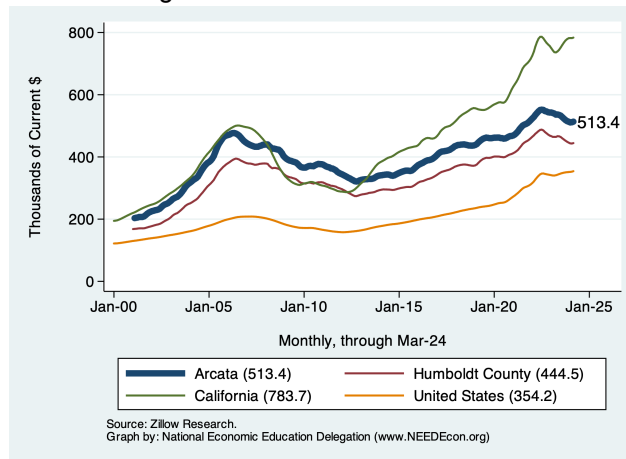
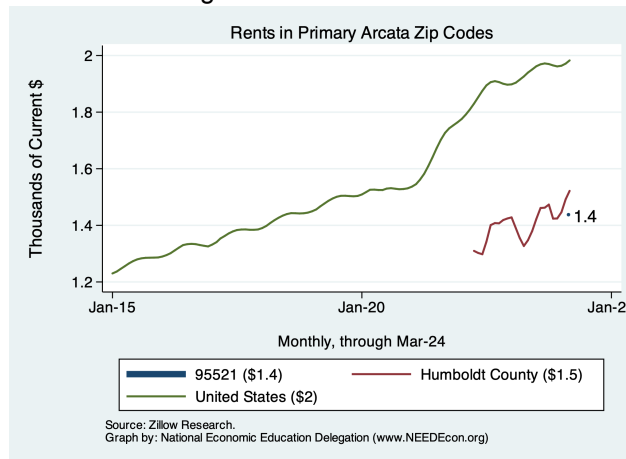


Figure 35: Median Rents



Housing Ownership in Arcata and Broader Regions

Figure 36: Home Ownership Rates

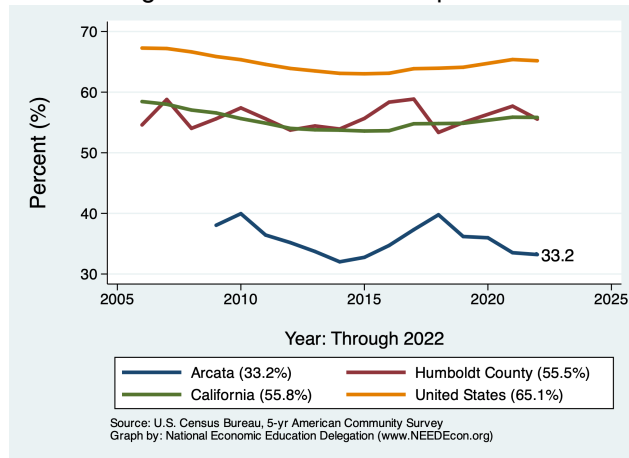


Figure 37: Home Ownership by Age

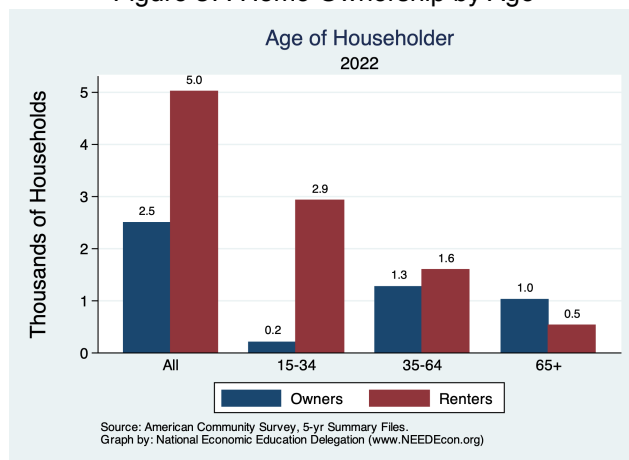


Figure 38: Income by Tenure

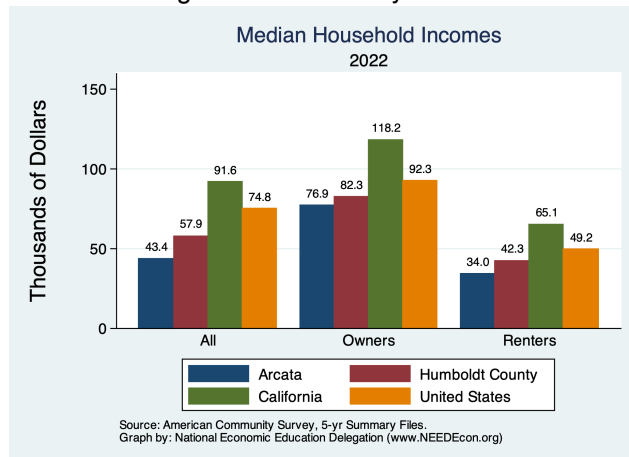


Figure 39: Income Distribution by Tenure

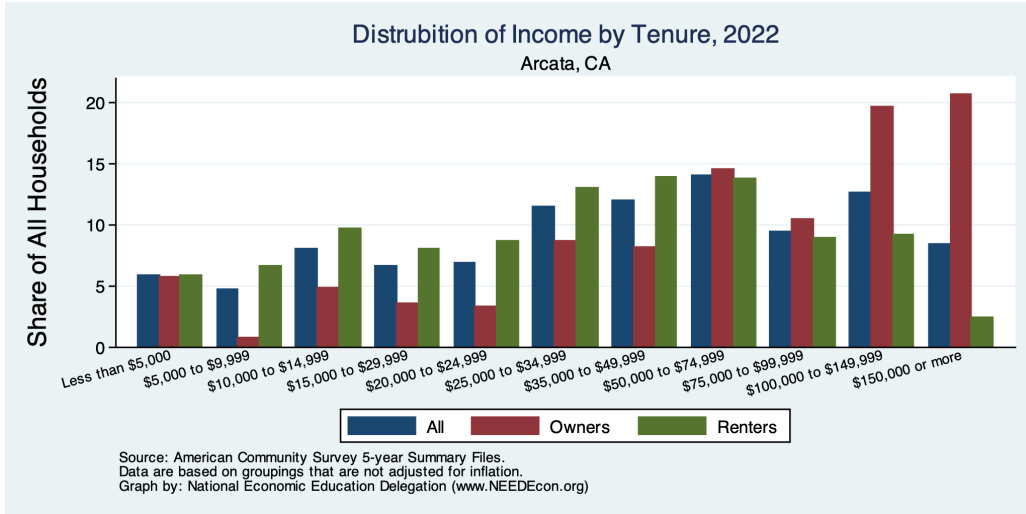


Figure 40: Income Distribution of Home Owners

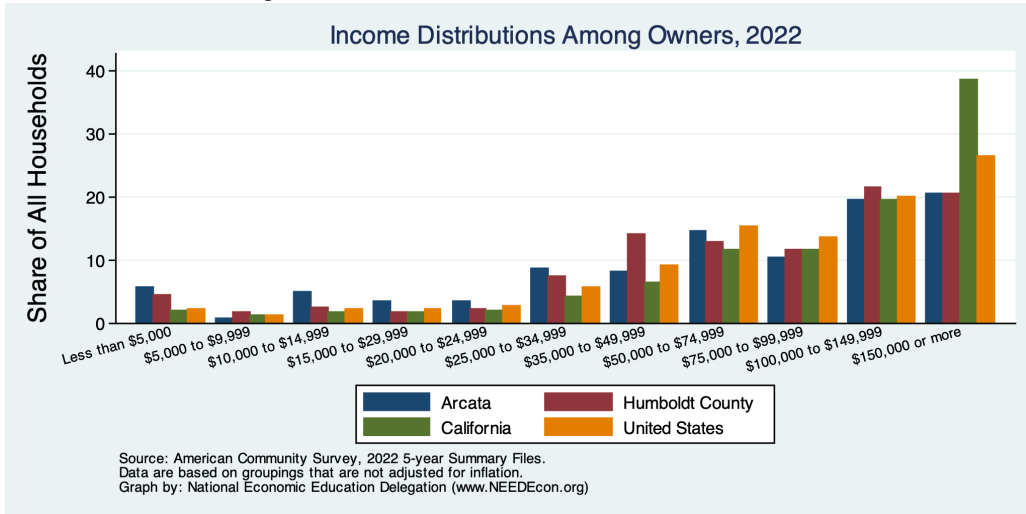
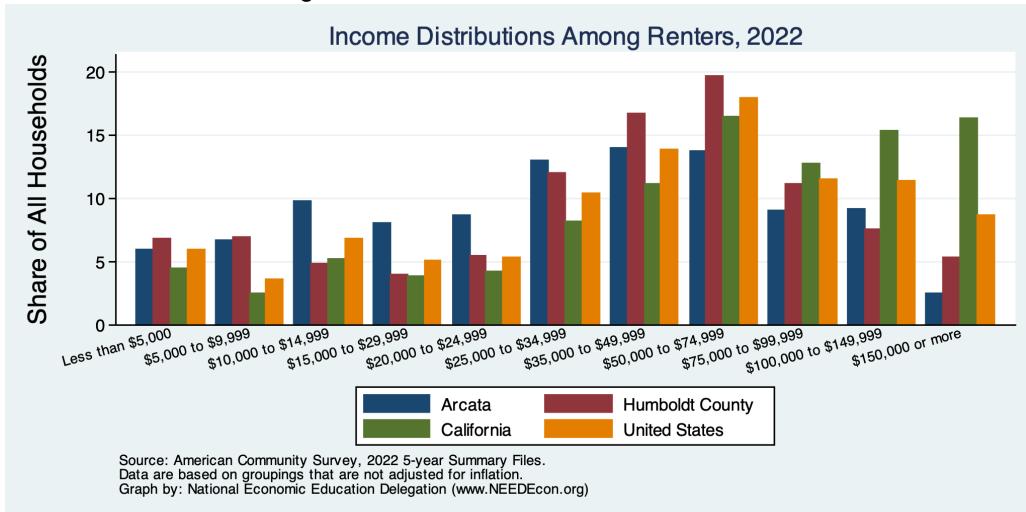


Figure 41: Income Distribution of Renters



Housing Burden in Arcata and Broader Regions

Figure 42: Home Owners w/ A Mortgage

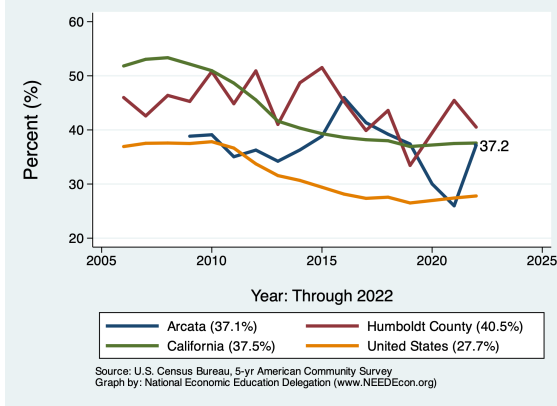


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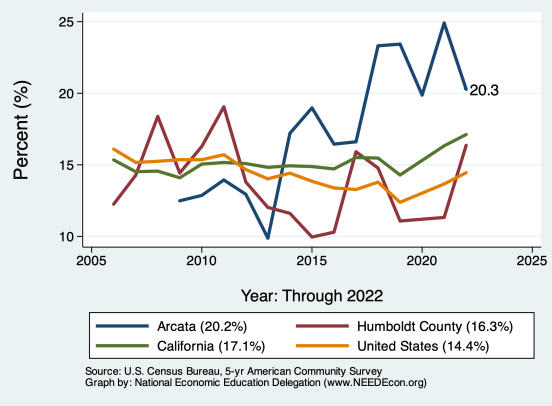


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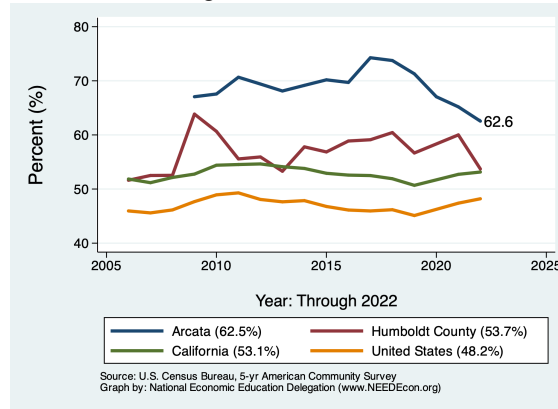
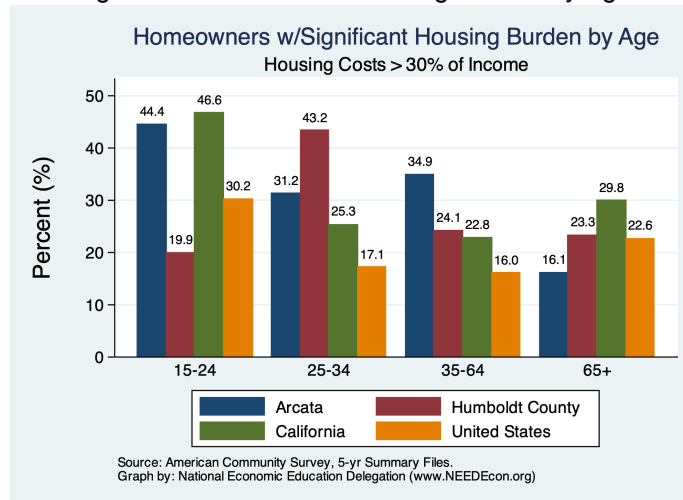


Figure 45: Homeowner Housing Burden by Age



Housing Picture

Definition:

Housing costs are measured in several different ways. First, we provide evidence on the evolution of median home prices, median rental price, and finally through evidence on the housing burden in the city and comparison regions. The median value is the amount in the middle. Fifty percent of units are above the median and 50 percent are below.

Why is it important?

In areas where the rate of population growth exceeds the rate of housing growth, this is likely to reflect a tightening housing market. A tightening housing market will also likely be reflected in lower vacancy rates and higher occupancy rates. It may also be reflected in higher numbers of people per household.

Table 5. Housing Market Indicators

Indicator	2023	2019	2010	% Change from	
				2019	2010
Total Population	18,688.0	18,223.0	17,231.0	2.6	8.5
Total # of Homes	8,668.0	8,124.0	7,722.0	6.7	12.3
# Occupied Units	8,025.0	7,763.0	7,381.0	3.4	8.7
Persons per Household	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.1	-2.0
Vacancy Rate (%)	7.4	4.4	4.4	66.9	68.0

Source: CA DOF; Calculations by the National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 46: Housing Growth

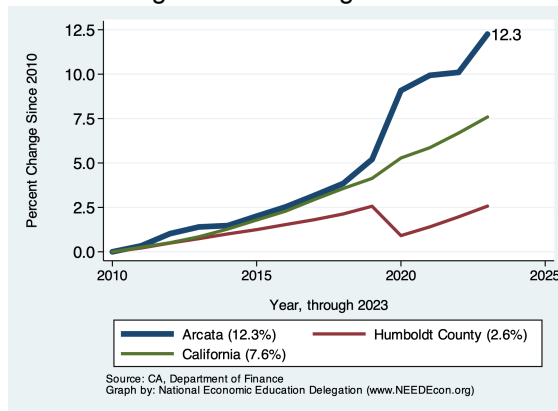


Figure 47: Persons per Household

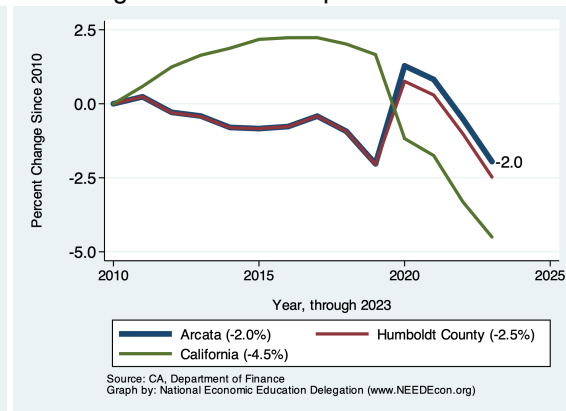


Figure 48: Vacancy Rates

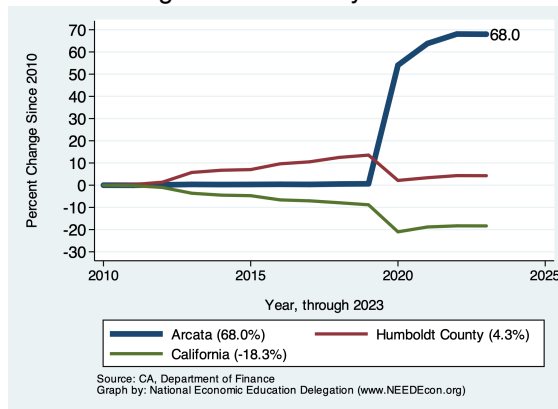
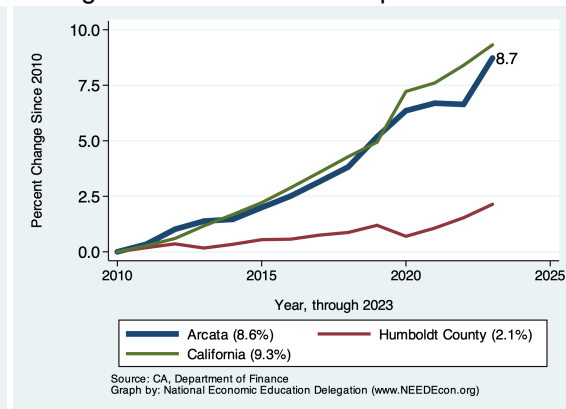


Figure 49: Number of Occupanied Units



Trends in the Growth of Housing by Housing Type

Figure 50: Single Detached Homes

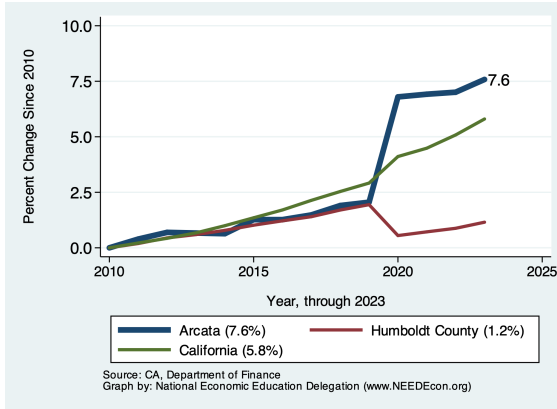


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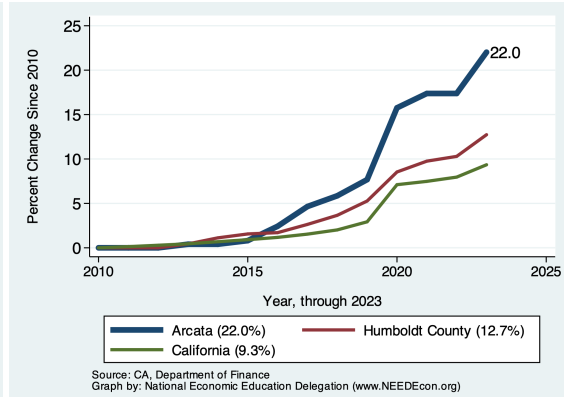


Figure 52: Housing in Buildings with Two to Four Units

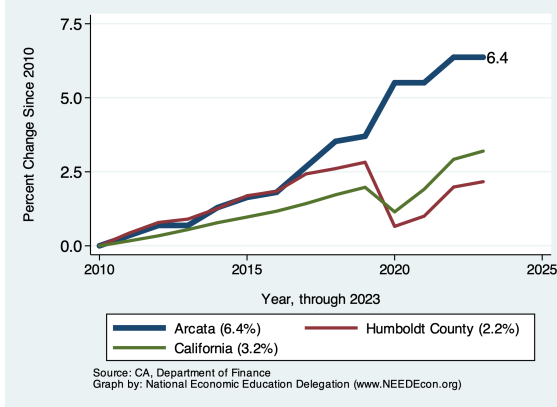
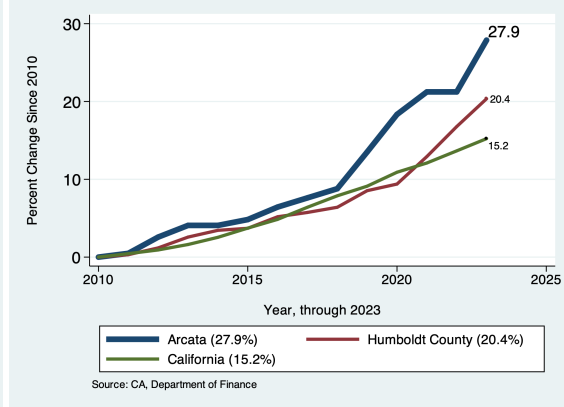


Figure 53: Housing in Buildings with Five or More Units



Vintage of Residential Housing

Why is it important?

This section provides evidence on the year in which residential housing in Arcata was built. We break it down into owned versus rented residences and provide a comparison across Humboldt County and broader regions. A sense of the age of housing in a region provides an indication of the urgency with which a region might pursue additional housing. As the

housing stock ages, an urgency with which renovations and rebuilds are permitted might result. All things equal, more recently constructed housing will be more likely to meet current codes and standards. Remodeling of existing units will be more desirable when existing units are, on average, older.

Figure 54: Distribution of Housing Construction

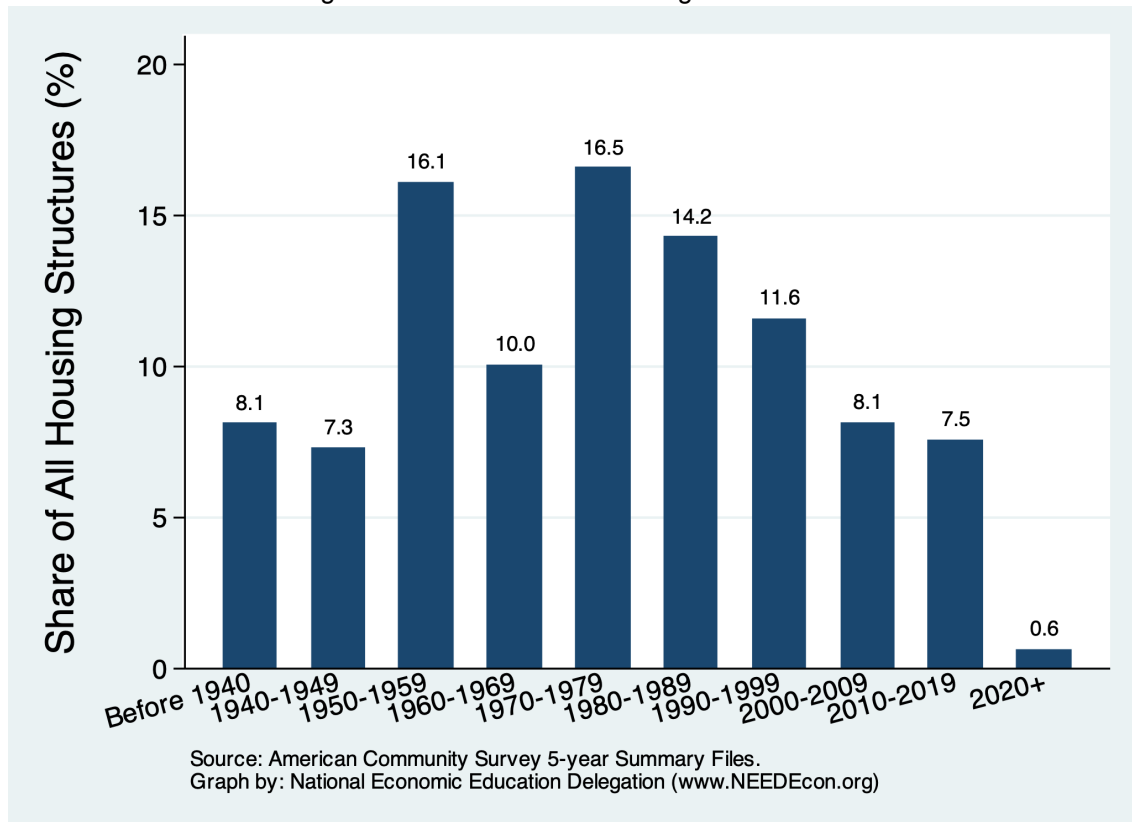


Figure 55: Housing Vintage across Regions

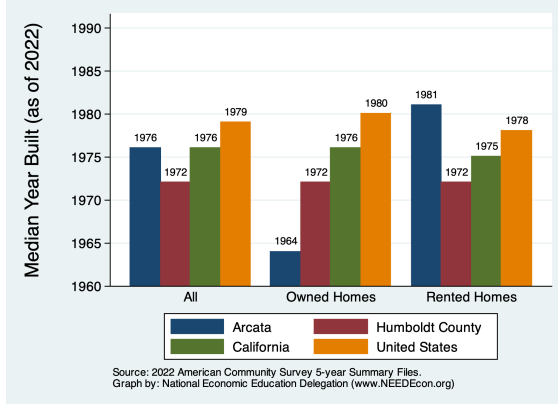


Figure 56: Housing Vintage by Tenure

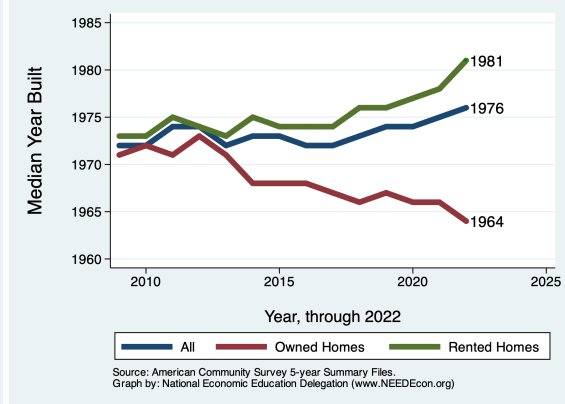


Figure 57: Vintage of Owned Residences

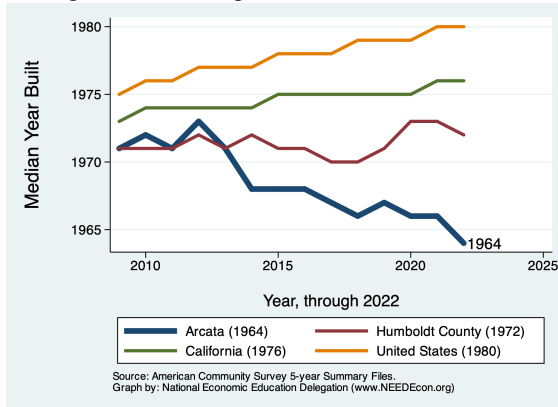


Figure 58: Vintage of Rented Residences

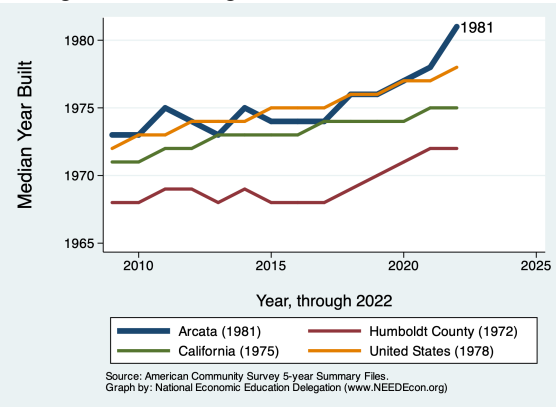
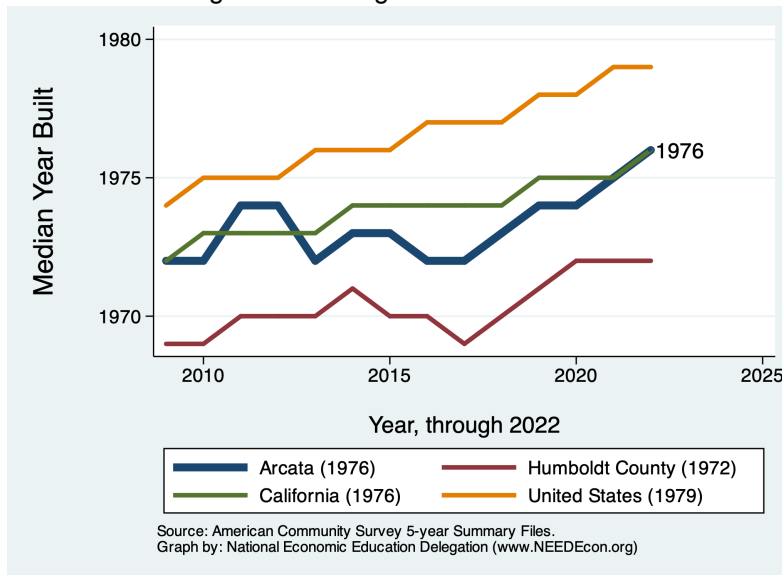


Figure 59: Vintage of All Residences



Occupation of Residential Housing

Why is it important?

The duration of residence in a city is important for developing future policies regarding growing the local population. If a region is highly mobile, evidenced by most residences having

been recently occupied, a city might propose policies to reduce that mobility, or ask why the mobility happens. Policies could be put in place to either reduce or increase migration.

Figure 60: Year Current Occupant Moved In

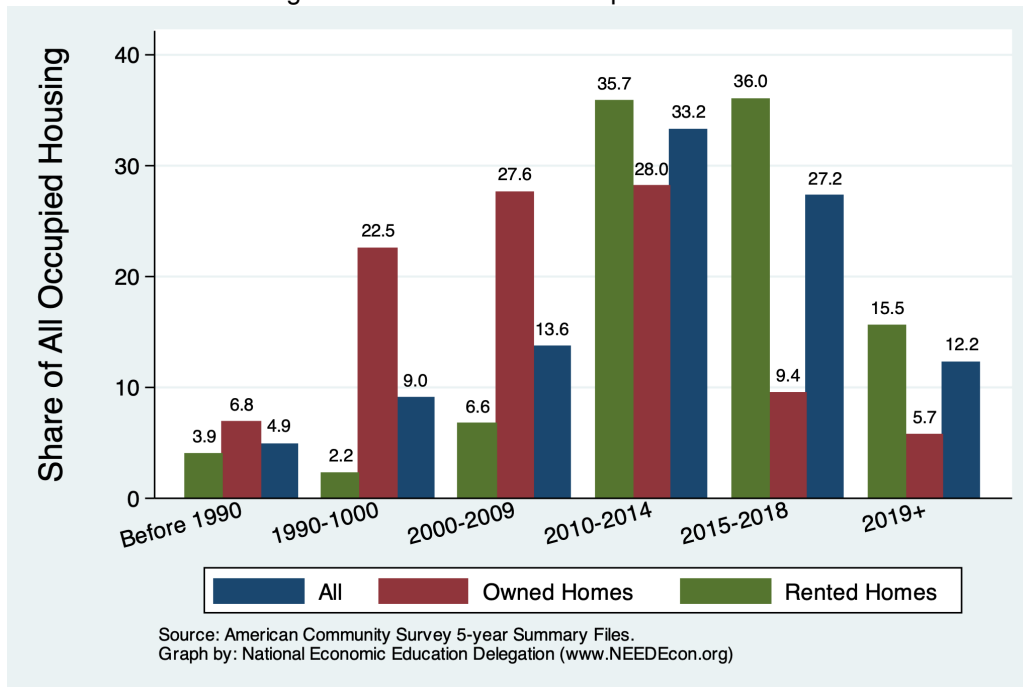


Figure 61: Year Occupied by Current Residents across Regions

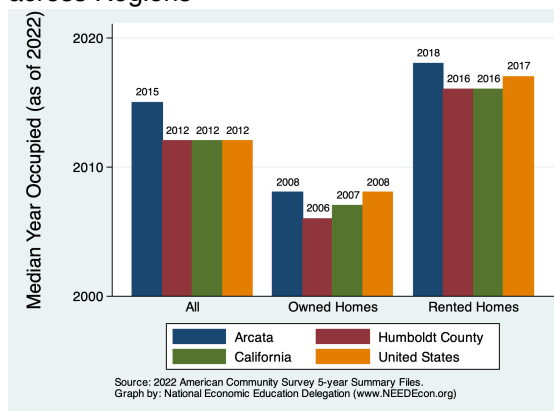


Figure 62: Year Occupied by Current Residents by Tenure

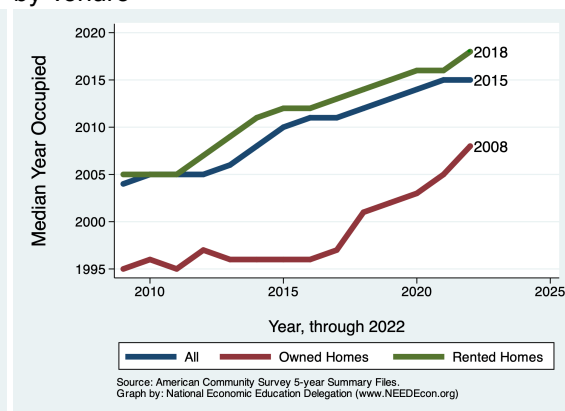


Figure 63: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Owned Housing

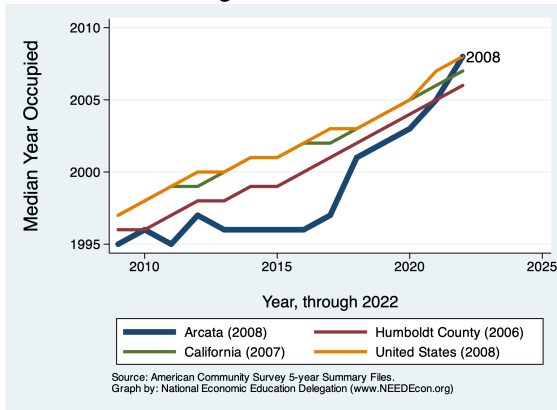


Figure 64: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Rented Housing

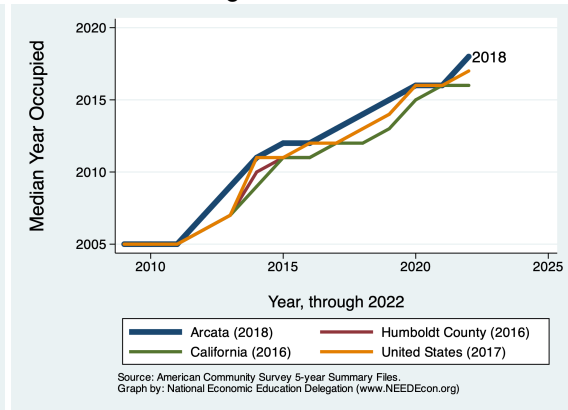
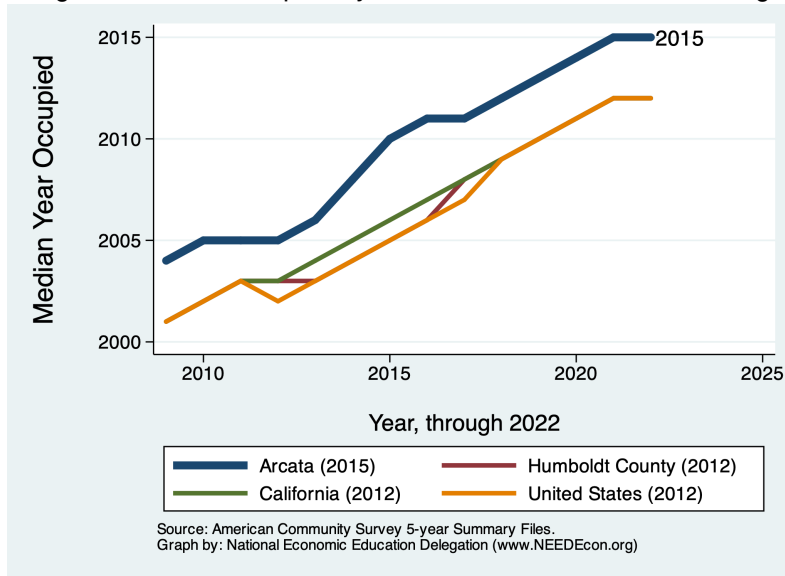


Figure 65: Year Occupied by Current Residents for All Housing



Residential Permitting

Definition:

This indicator provides evidence on the number of residential buildings that are permitted for construction each year. Permit data for Arcata is compared with data from Humboldt County as a whole and broader regions. The statistic provided scales the number of permits by population. This is done to facilitate comparisons across regions.

Why is it important?

Building permits are the best indicator available of new units coming on the market. In order for a region's population to grow and flourish, new residential properties must be added to the existing stock. Building, both in the City and in the County more generally, is an indication of the extent to which new residences accommodate new residents or are affecting prices through increased supply.

Arcata - Ranking Among Comparables

Figure 66: Number of Units Permitted - Nationwide Comparables (Rank)

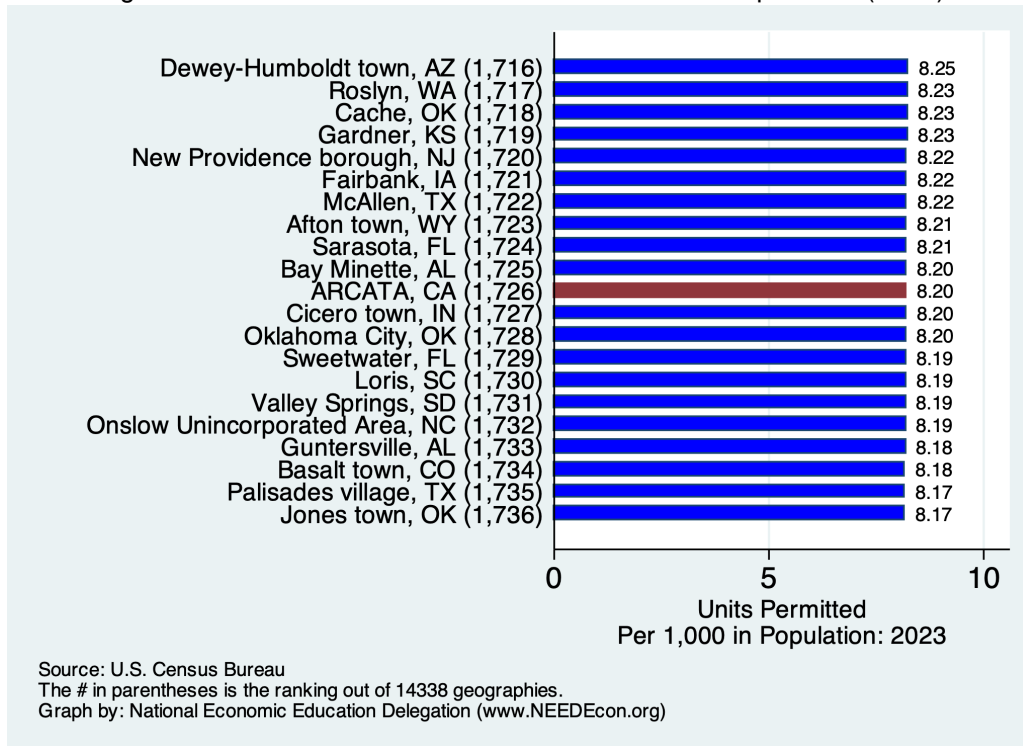
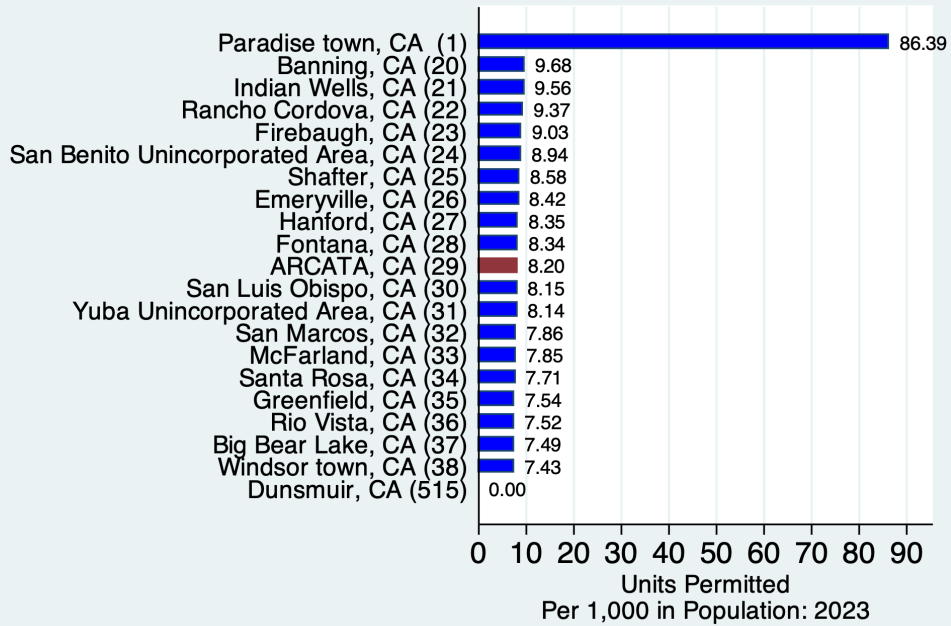
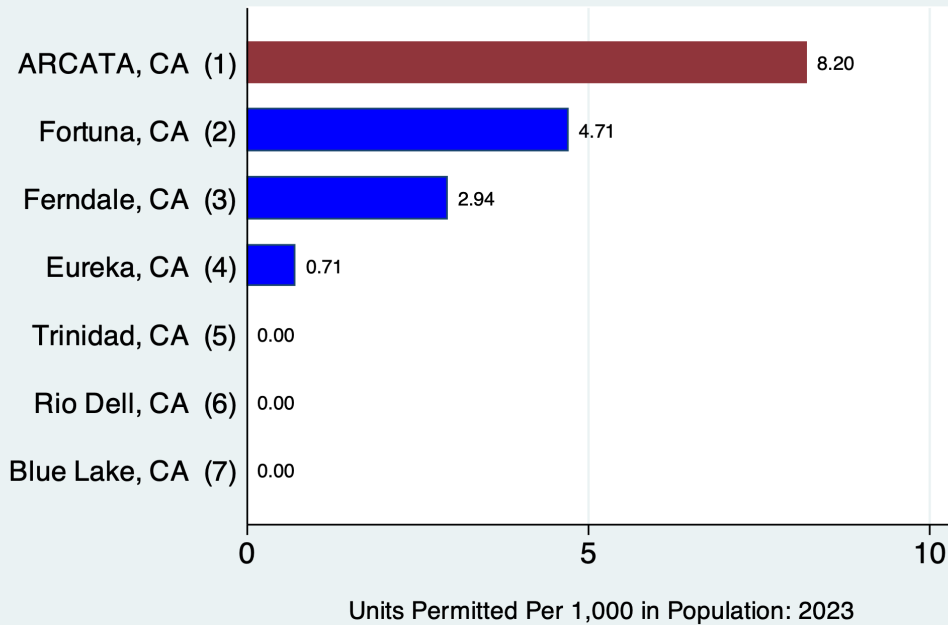


Figure 67: Number of Units Permitted - California Comparables (Rank)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.
 The # in parentheses is the ranking out of 515 geographies.
 Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDecon.org)

Figure 68: Number of Units Permitted - Cities in Humboldt County (Rank)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau,
 The # in parentheses is the ranking out of 7 geographies.
 Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDecon.org)

Arcata - Permitting Activity

Annual Units Permitted - Per Capita in Arcata

Figure 69: Units Permitted Each Year

Figure 70: Average Annual Growth in Units Permitted

N/A

N/A

Annual Number of Buildings Permitted - Per Capita in Arcata

Figure 71: Units Permitted Each Year

Figure 72: Average Annual Growth in Buildings Permitted

N/A

N/A

Annual Value of Property Permitted - Per Capita in Arcata

Figure 73: Value Permitted Each Year

Figure 74: Average Annual Growth in Value Permitted

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N/A

Commute Patterns

During the recovery from the Great Recession, the period from 2010 to 2019, the Bay Area economy, and Silicon Valley in particular, has been growing at a pace roughly double that of the state as a whole and triple that of the nation. This growth has precipitated a tight hous-

ing market and also brought about some significant changes in commute patterns, many of which have been reversed by the pandemic. Recent years have seen significant changes in both the mode of transportation and commute times.

Mode of Transportation

Figure 75: Percent of Workers Commuting by Car Alone

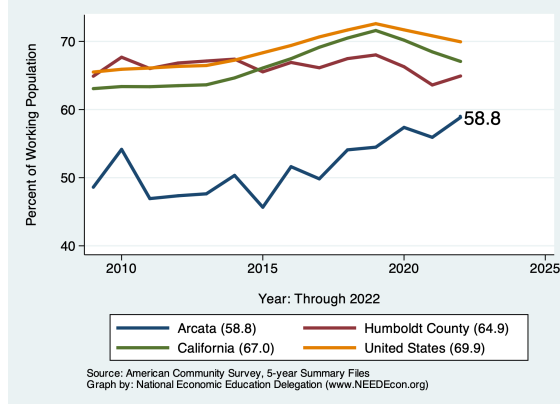


Figure 76: Percent of Workers Commuting by Carpool

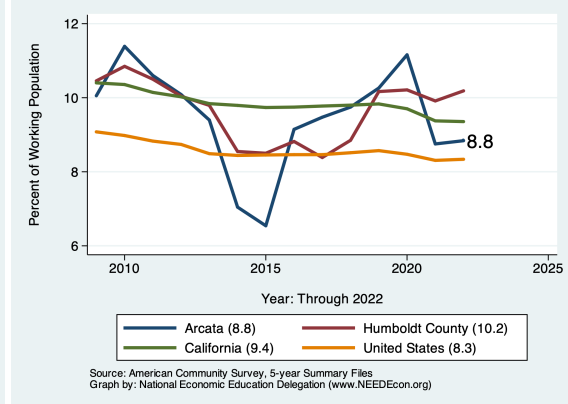


Figure 77: Percent of Workers using Public Transportation

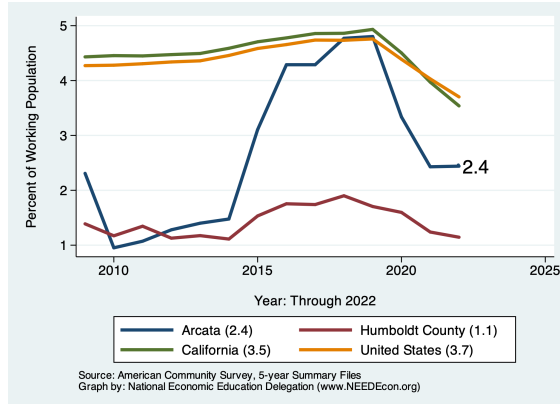
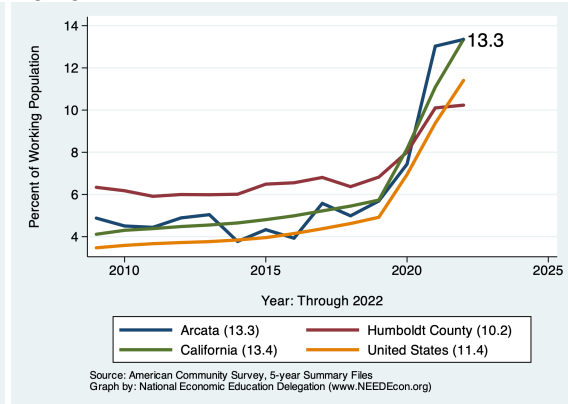


Figure 78: Percent of Workers Who Work From Home



The first table on this page presents data for those who LIVE in Arcata. The second provides data on those who work, but do not necessarily live in Arcata. The final two columns provide for a comparison of commute mode choices of people locally with those in California more broadly.

Table 6. SEX OF WORKERS BY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van:	3,224	65.5	2,963	65.6	6,187	67.7	78.0
Drove Alone	2,835	57.6	2,544	56.3	5,379	58.8	68.4
Carpooled:	389	7.9	419	9.3	808	8.8	9.5
In 2-person carpool	301	6.1	385	8.5	686	7.5	6.9
In 3-person carpool	18	0.4	25	0.6	43	0.5	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	70	1.4	9	0.2	79	0.9	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	170	3.5	53	1.2	223	2.4	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	170	3.5	53	1.2	223	2.4	2.3
Streetcar or Trolley Car	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.8
Subway or Elevated	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.3
Railroad	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.2
Ferryboat	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Bicycle	149	3.0	20	0.4	169	1.8	0.7
Walked	527	10.7	584	12.9	1,111	12.2	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	162	3.3	1	0.0	163	1.8	1.7
Worked at Home	693	14.1	527	11.7	1,220	13.3	13.6
Total:	4,925	100.0	4,148	91.8	9,073	99.3	

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Table 7. SEX OF WORKERS BY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKPLACE GEOGRAPHY

Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van:	3,948	64.9	3,880	64.8	7,828	65.0	78.0
Drove Alone	3,490	57.4	3,320	55.4	6,810	56.6	68.5
Carpooled:	458	7.5	560	9.4	1,018	8.5	9.5
In 2-person carpool	390	6.4	409	6.8	799	6.6	6.9
In 3-person carpool	68	1.1	104	1.7	172	1.4	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	0	0.0	47	0.8	47	0.4	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	144	2.4	37	0.6	181	1.5	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	144	2.4	37	0.6	181	1.5	2.3
Streetcar or Trolley Car	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.8
Subway or Elevated	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.3
Railroad	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.2
Ferryboat	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Bicycle	179	2.9	28	0.5	207	1.7	0.7
Walked	454	7.5	582	9.7	1,036	8.6	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	111	1.8	48	0.8	159	1.3	1.7
Worked at Home	693	11.4	527	8.8	1,220	10.1	13.6
Total:	5,529	91.0	5,102	85.2	10,631	88.3	

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

The results in this table are for those who work in the region, regardless of the location of their residence.

Commute Times for Employed Residents

Table 8. SEX OF WORKERS BY TRAVEL TIME TO WORK

Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Less than 5 minutes	282	6.7	101	2.3	383	4.5	2.0
5 to 9 minutes	730	17.2	1,044	24.1	1,774	21.0	7.5
10 to 14 minutes	1,172	27.7	361	8.3	1,533	18.1	12.2
15 to 19 minutes	748	17.7	1,039	24.0	1,787	21.1	15.0
20 to 24 minutes	617	14.6	405	9.4	1,022	12.1	14.3
25 to 29 minutes	146	3.4	107	2.5	253	3.0	6.3
30 to 34 minutes	174	4.1	207	4.8	381	4.5	15.0
35 to 39 minutes	9	0.2	35	0.8	44	0.5	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	84	2.0	11	0.3	95	1.1	4.3
45 to 59 minutes	136	3.2	111	2.6	247	2.9	8.6
60 to 89 minutes	83	2.0	67	1.5	150	1.8	7.9
90 or more minutes	51	1.2	133	3.1	184	2.2	4.0
Total:	4,232	100.0	3,621	83.6	7,853	92.8	

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Figure 79: Percent of Employed Population With Commutes of More than 30 Minutes

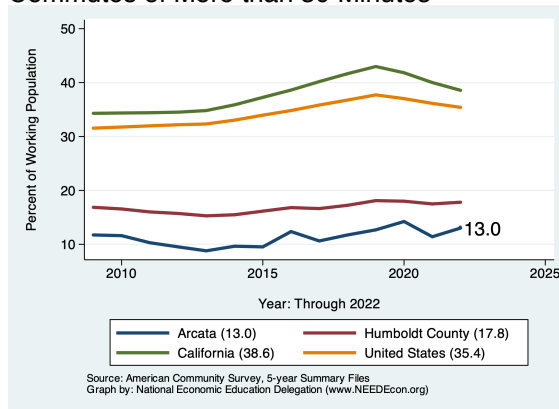


Figure 80: Percent of Employed Population With Commutes of More than 90 Minutes

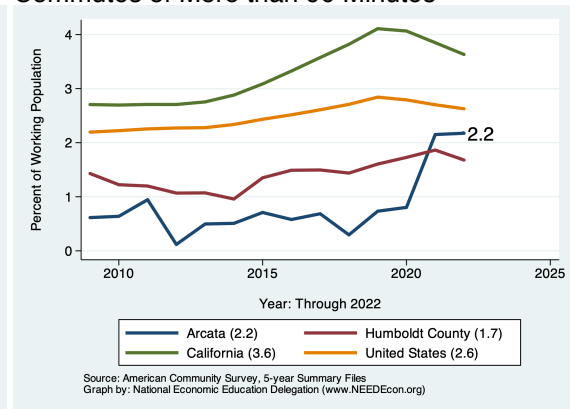
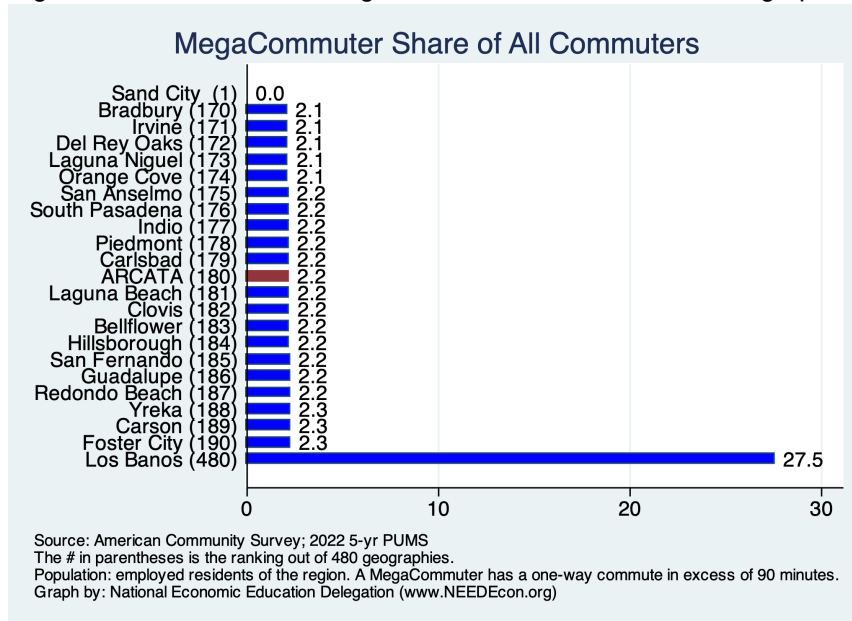


Figure 81: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



Commute Times for Those Employed in the City

Table 9. SEX OF WORKERS BY TRAVEL TIME TO WORK FOR WORKPLACE GEOGRAPHY

Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Less than 5 minutes	206	3.5	229	4.0	435	3.8	2.0
5 to 9 minutes	1,055	18.1	1,051	18.2	2,106	18.3	7.5
10 to 14 minutes	1,122	19.3	807	14.0	1,929	16.7	12.2
15 to 19 minutes	625	10.8	925	16.0	1,550	13.5	15.0
20 to 24 minutes	891	15.3	794	13.8	1,685	14.6	14.3
25 to 29 minutes	222	3.8	152	2.6	374	3.2	6.3
30 to 34 minutes	370	6.4	265	4.6	635	5.5	15.0
35 to 39 minutes	32	0.6	19	0.3	51	0.4	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	45	0.8	61	1.1	106	0.9	4.3
45 to 59 minutes	151	2.6	82	1.4	233	2.0	8.6
60 to 89 minutes	67	1.2	55	1.0	122	1.1	7.9
90 or more minutes	50	0.9	135	2.3	185	1.6	4.0
Total:	4,836	83.2	4,575	79.3	9,411	81.7	

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File
The results in this table are for those who work in the region, regardless of the location of their residence.

Figure 82: Percent of Local Employees With Commutes of More than 30 Minutes

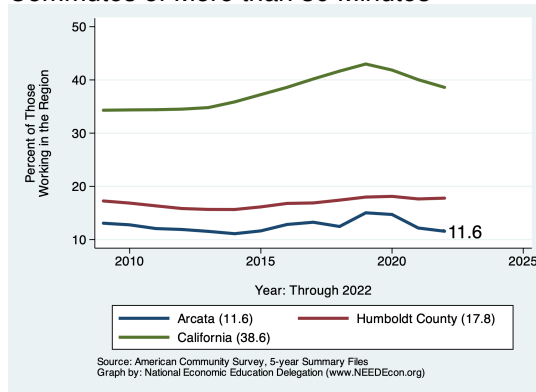


Figure 83: Percent of Local Employees With Commutes of More than 90 Minutes

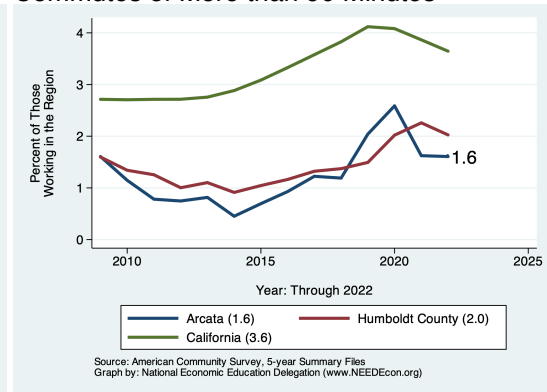
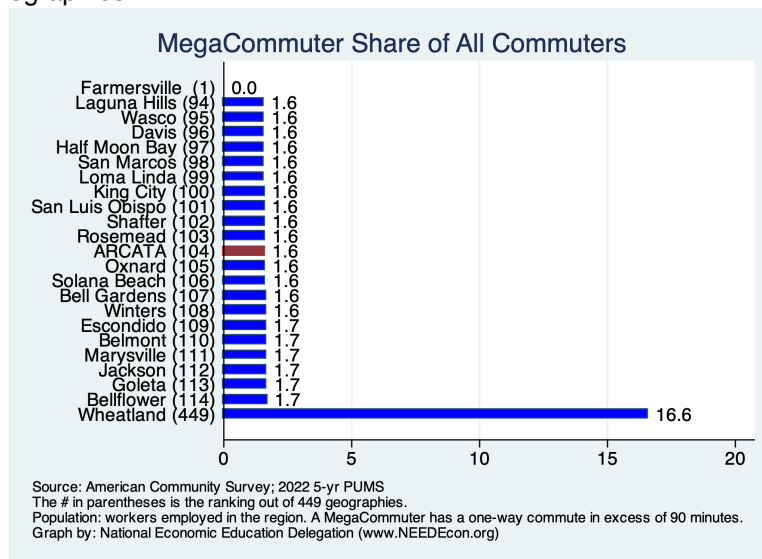


Figure 84: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



Place of Work

This section provides evidence on where workers living in Arcata work. As evidenced in the first table, some of Arcata’s employed workers work in the City, but many do not. The first table and graph pair provide evidence at the county level while the second provide evidence with regard to working outside of the Arcata city boundary.

Table 10. SEX OF WORKERS BY PLACE OF WORK—STATE AND COUNTY LEVEL

Place of Work	Male		Female		All Workers #	All Workers (%)	All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)			
Worked in state of residence:	4,906	99.6	4,148	91.8	9,054	99.0	99.6
Worked in county of residence	4,828	98.0	4,131	91.4	8,959	98.0	84.1
worked outside of county of residence	78	1.6	17	0.4	95	1.0	15.4
Worked outside state of residence	19	0.4	0	0.0	19	0.2	0.4
Total:	4,925	100.0	4,148	91.8	9,073	99.3	

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Figure 85: Percent of Workers Employed Outside of Their County of Residence

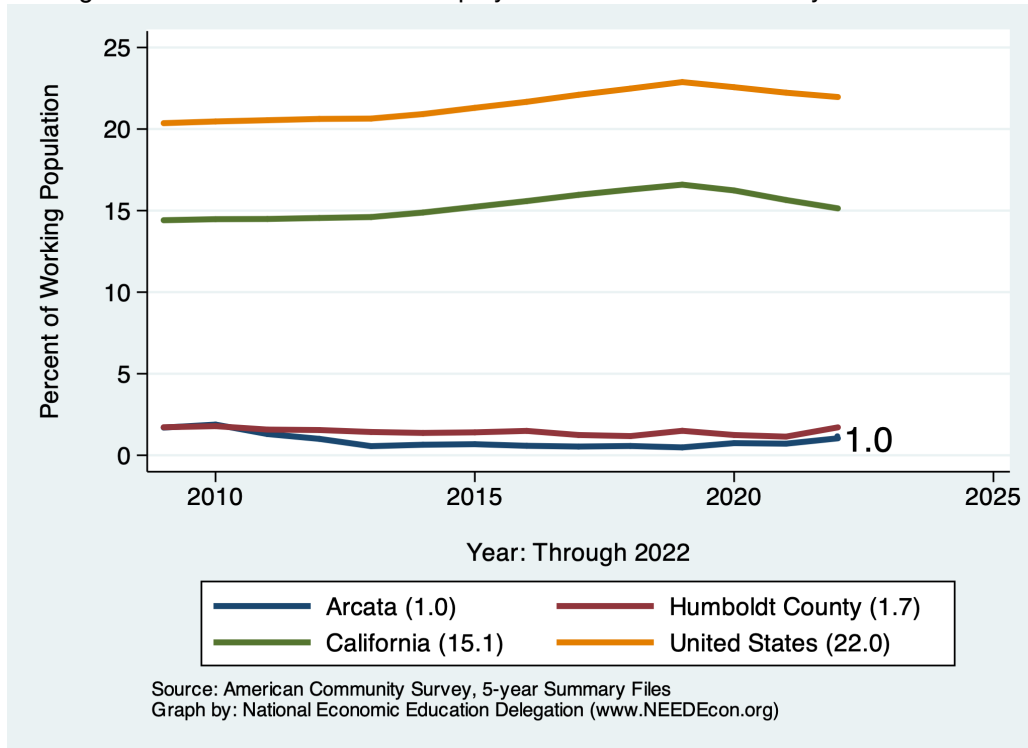
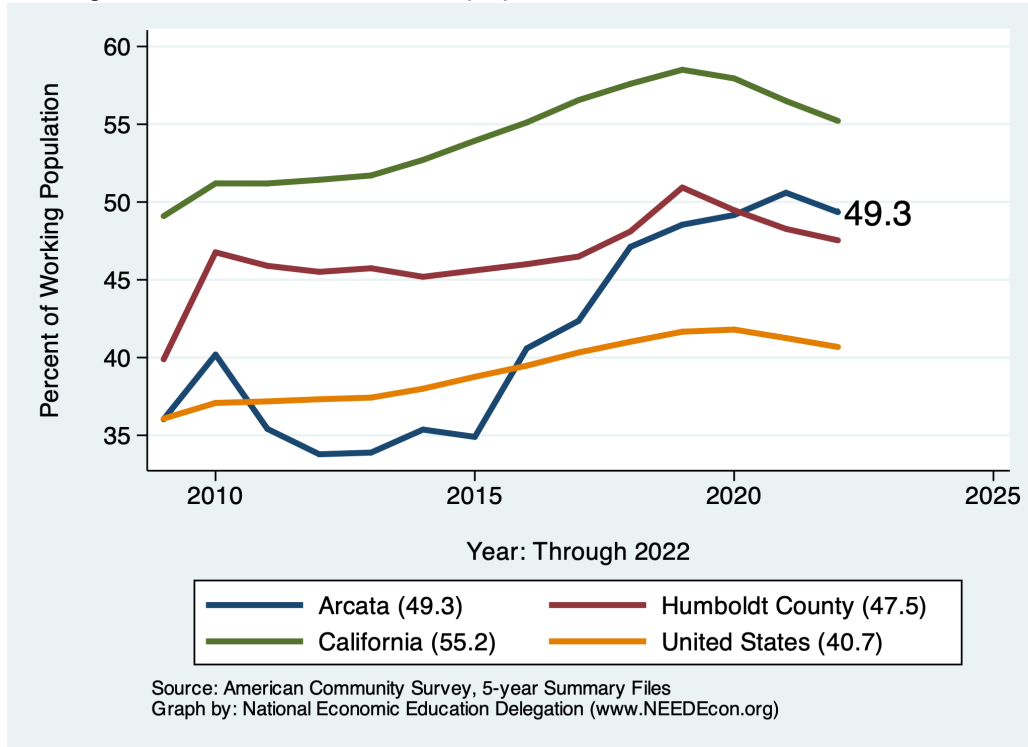


Table 11. SEX OF WORKERS BY PLACE OF WORK-PLACE LEVEL

Place of Work	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Living in a place:	4,925	100.0	4,148	91.8	9,073	99.3	95.9
Worked in place of residence	2,500	50.8	2,062	45.6	4,562	49.9	39.5
Worked outside place of residence	2,425	49.2	2,086	46.2	4,511	49.3	56.4
Not living in a place	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4.1
Total:	4,925	100.0	4,148	91.8	9,073	99.3	

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Figure 86: Percent of Workers Employed Outside of Their Place of Residence



Commute Mode by Income

**Table 12. MEDIAN EARNINGS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS
BY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK**

	City	California	Ratio	United States	
	Median	Median		Median	Ratio
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	32,076	48,566	117.6	46,171	117.0
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	13,735	36,463	67.1	34,487	67.1
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	14,738	40,179	65.3	45,100	55.0
Walked	13,978	29,366	84.8	27,142	86.7
Taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle, or other means	25,234	40,433	111.2	36,140	117.6
Worked from home	43,633	75,153	103.4	67,180	109.4
Total:	27,370	48,747	56.1	46,099	59.4

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Notes: 1) Ratio = the ratio of the regional median to either the CA or US median, relative to the Total ratio.

Values above 100 imply a high local median. Values below 100 imply a low local median.

For example, a value of 200 means that the local mean is 2x higher than would be expected.

For "Total:", ratio is simply the ratio of the medians.

2) For regions with more than one geography, the medians are averages weighted by working population.

Table 13. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK BY WORKERS' EARNINGS

Mode of Transit	< \$25,000		\$25,000-\$74,999		\$75,000+		All		All of CA
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	2,102	39.6	1,706	64.9	670	62.2	5,379	58.9	68.4
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	472	8.9	183	7.0	114	10.6	808	8.8	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	171	3.2	26	1.0	0	0.0	223	2.4	3.6
Walked	807	15.2	210	8.0	32	3.0	1,111	12.2	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	156	2.9	54	2.1	15	1.4	332	3.6	2.4
Worked at Home	505	9.5	449	17.1	230	21.3	1,212	13.3	13.6
Total:	4,213	79.4	2,628		1,061	98.4	9,065	99.3	100.0

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

**Table 14. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK BY WORKERS' EARNINGS FOR
WORKPLACE GEOGRAPHY**

Mode of Transit	< \$25,000		\$25,000-\$74,999		\$75,000+		All		All of CA
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	2,114	35.6	2,500	70.5	1,256	67.5	6,810	56.6	68.5
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	434	7.3	248	7.0	239	12.8	1,018	8.5	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	130	2.2	51	1.4	0	0.0	181	1.5	3.6
Walked	746	12.6	170	4.8	47	2.5	1,036	8.6	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	192	3.2	120	3.4	54	2.9	366	3.0	2.4
Worked at Home	505	8.5	449	12.7	230	12.4	1,212	10.1	13.6
Total:	4,121	69.4	3,538	99.7	1,826	98.1	10,623	88.3	

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

The results in this table are for those who work in the region, regardless of the location of their residence.

Commute Mode by Poverty Status

Table 15. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK BY POVERTY STATUS

Mode of Transit	In Poverty		100-149% of Pov		>150% of Pov		All		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	1,155	47.8	345	32.1	3,800	63.2	5,300	60.5	68.7
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	386	16.0	31	2.9	388	6.5	805	9.2	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	105	4.3	55	5.1	52	0.9	212	2.4	3.6
Walked	331	13.7	156	14.5	426	7.1	913	10.4	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	60	2.5	40	3.7	221	3.7	321	3.7	2.4
Worked at Home	294	12.2	0	0.0	834	13.9	1,128	12.9	13.6
Total:	2,331	96.4	627	58.3	5,721	95.2	8,679	99.1	

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Table 16. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK BY POVERTY STATUS FOR WORKPLACE GEOGRAPHY

Mode of Transit	In Poverty		100-149% of Pov		>150% of Pov		All		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	730	35.7	549	41.9	5,457	63.3	6,736	57.0	68.7
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	219	10.7	78	6.0	721	8.4	1,018	8.6	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	105	5.1	10	0.8	66	0.8	181	1.5	3.6
Walked	340	16.7	104	7.9	417	4.8	861	7.3	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	96	4.7	40	3.1	219	2.5	355	3.0	2.4
Worked at Home	294	14.4	0	0.0	834	9.7	1,128	9.5	13.6
Total:	1,784	87.4	781	59.7	7,714	89.4	10,279	87.0	

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

The results in this table are for those who work in the region, regardless of the location of their residence.

Migration

Overall Migration Flows

Definition:

The United States is a country with an increasingly mobile population. People move, migrate, from one place to another with increasing frequency.

Why is it important?

Having a handle on whether or not Arcata is a net recipient (migration inflows) or donor (mi-

gration outflows) of population is very important for understanding trends in the City's development. This section outlines migration patterns by age, education, income, marital status, and housing tenure. Understanding recent trends is very important for making policy, investment, and other decisions about the future. Also, understanding the extent to which the population is stable, or experiences significant turnover each year is helpful for planning purposes.

Figure 87: Overall Movements of Residents

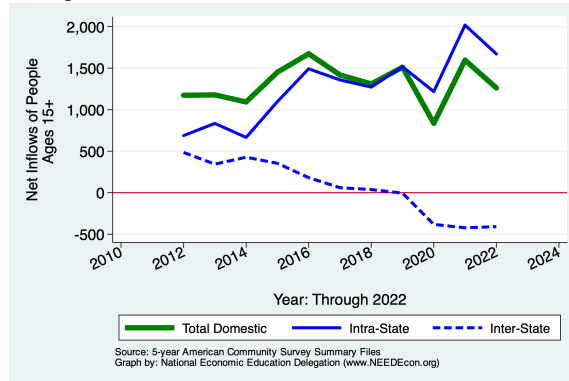


Table 17: Migration by Income

Category	Population	Net Inflows					From Abroad
		All Migration	Same State		Across States		
			W/in County	Between Counties			
No income	1,509	178	-20	108	73	17	
With income	15,209	1,134	401	1,182	-482	33	
\$1 to \$9,999 or less	4,062	798	144	716	-65	3	
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,367	439	127	257	45	10	
\$15,000 to \$24,999	2,062	309	193	184	-88	20	
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,587	29	166	51	-188	0	
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,932	-414	-125	-108	-181	0	
\$50,000 to \$64,999	1,034	17	-23	40	0	0	
\$65,000 to \$74,999	623	-85	-35	-60	10	0	
\$75,000 or more	1,542	41	-46	102	-15	0	
All:	16,718	1,312	381	1,290	-409	50	

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Note: The data in this and other tables in this section are limited in that there is no information on the City's population that has moved abroad.

The "From Abroad" column is gross movements into the City from abroad.

Figure 88: Overall Movements of Low Income Residents

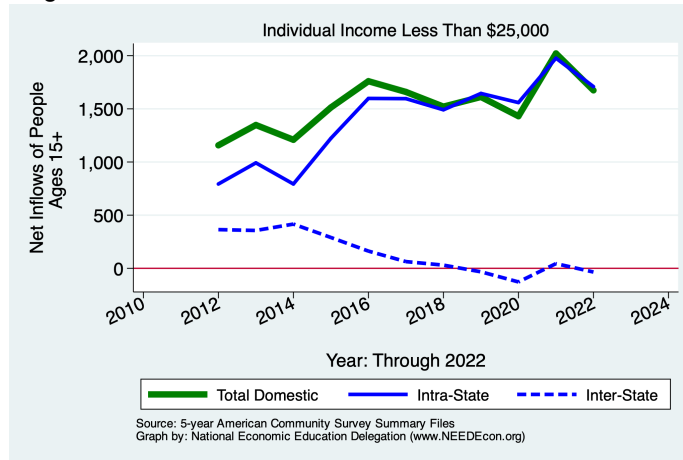


Figure 89: Overall Movements of Middle Income Residents

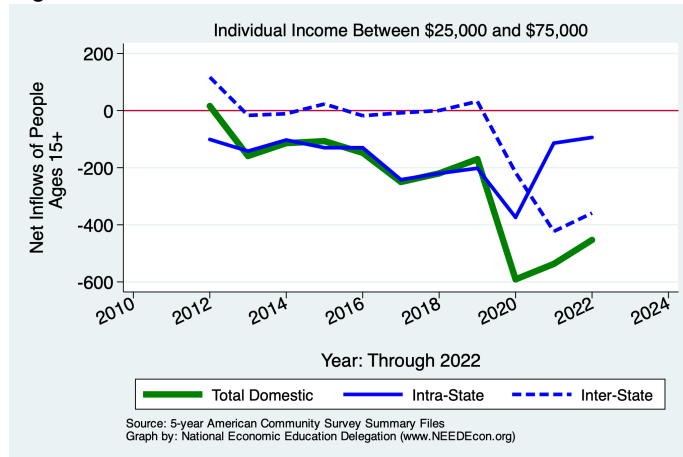
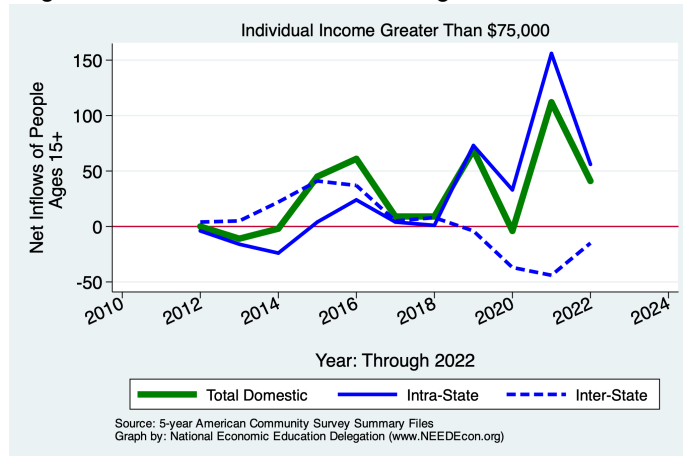


Figure 90: Overall Movements of High Income Residents



Demographics of Migration Flows

Table 18: Migration by Marital Status

Category	Population	Net Inflows				
		All Migration	Same State		Across States	From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties		
Never married	11,208	1,385	452	1,188	-305	50
Now married, except separated	3,264	64	-23	56	31	0
Divorced	1,588	-99	-12	48	-135	0
Separated	260	24	0	24	0	0
Widowed	398	-62	-36	-26	0	0
Total:	16,718	1,312	381	1,290	-409	50

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Table 19: Migration by Tenure

Category	Population	Net Inflows				
		All Migration	Same State		Across States	From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties		
Householder lived in owner-occupied housing units	5,287	-843	-105	-423	-315	0
Householder lived in renter-occupied housing units	11,600	1,213	541	791	-156	37
Total:	16,887	370	436	368	-471	37

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Figure 91: Domestic Movements of Residents by Tenure

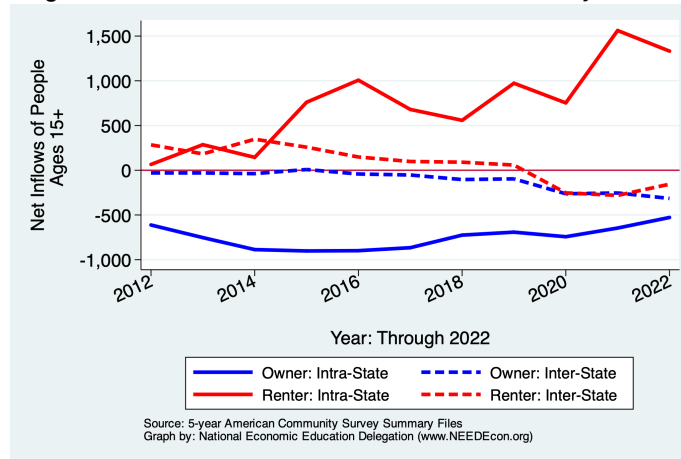


Table 20: Migration by Age

Category	Population	Net Inflows					
		All Migration	Same State			Across States	From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties	Across States		
1 to 4 years	363	-39	-18	7	-28	0	
5 to 17 years	1,895	103	113	-10	0	0	
18 and 19 years	1,672	921	205	716	-10	10	
20 to 24 years	4,269	797	355	470	-28	0	
25 to 29 years	2,183	-223	-68	9	-187	23	
30 to 34 years	1,169	33	-18	31	3	17	
35 to 39 years	922	-122	-132	-1	11	0	
40 to 44 years	1,111	-16	15	-15	-16	0	
45 to 49 years	683	-32	50	0	-82	0	
50 to 54 years	576	30	-21	51	0	0	
55 to 59 years	608	30	26	4	0	0	
60 to 64 years	840	-127	-29	-10	-88	0	
65 to 69 years	994	31	17	26	-12	0	
70 to 74 years	539	14	0	14	0	0	
75 years and over	655	-32	-19	-13	0	0	
Total Population:	18,479	1,368	476	1,279	-437	50	

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Table 21: Migration by Educational Attainment

Category	Population	Net Inflows					
		All Migration	Same State			Across States	From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties	Across States		
Less than high school graduate	657	-65	-51	-6	-25	17	
High school graduate (includes equiv)	1,350	-179	-63	-16	-100	0	
Some college or assoc. degree	3,629	537	219	297	21	0	
Bachelor's degree	2,703	-494	-198	-66	-250	20	
Graduate or professional degree	1,941	-213	-86	-113	-17	3	
Total:	10,280	-414	-179	96	-371	40	

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Table 22: Median Income of Migration Flows

Flow	In-Migration	Out-Migration
Same House 1 Year Ago	26,119	26,119
Moved Within Same County	14,461	14,971
Moved to Different County, Same State	11,083	21,223
Moved from Abroad	17,938	
Total Population:	20,790	25,471

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Table 23: Median Age of Migration Flows

Flow	In-Migration	Out-Migration
Same House 1 Year Ago	32.4	32.4
Moved Within Same County	21.8	25.4
Moved to Different County, Same State	21.4	26.0
Moved Between States	20.9	26.7
Moved from Abroad	29.6	
Total Population:	27.2	29.5

Source: 2022 5-year American Community Survey, Summary File

References and Sources

The majority of the data presented in this report are from the American Community Survey (ACS). For larger geographies, the 1-year Summary Files provide the data. For smaller communities, roughly those with less than 65,000 in population in 2021, the 5-year Summary Files provide the data.

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