

Chico, California

Indicators Report

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Exploring the economics, demographics, and well-being of Chico 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 Chico (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 Chico. These indicators are compared to Butte 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 Chico 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 Chico 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 Chico, 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 Chico, but do not necessarily live in Chico.
- **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 Chico's population are fundamental indicators of the city's growth potential.

A Demographic Snapshot

Statistic	2022	2019
POPULATION		
Population Estimate (#, 5yr)	102,790.0	94,529.0
Veterans (#, 5yr)	3,656.0	4,103.0
Foreign born persons (% , 5yr)	7.8	7.6
Population age 25+ (#, 5yr)	60,806.0	54,955.0
AGE AND SEX		
Persons under 5 years (% , 5yr)	4.7	5.3
Persons under 18 years (% , 5yr)	18.7	19.2
Persons 65 years and over (% , 5yr)	13.5	13.0
Female persons (% , 5yr)	50.9	51.2
INCOME AND POVERTY		
Median household income (\$, 5yr)	65,932.0	53,324.0
Per capita income in past 12 months (\$, 5yr)	36,491.0	30,080.0
Persons in poverty (% , 5yr)	22.2	23.2
Children age less than 18 in poverty (#, 5yr)	3,506.0	3,276.0
Children age less than 18 in poverty (% , 5yr)	18.5	18.4
RACE AND ETHNICITY		
White alone (% , 5yr)	75.1	82.0
African American alone (% , 5yr)	2.1	2.1
American Indian or Alaska Native alone (% , 5yr)	0.8	0.6
Asian alone (% , 5yr)	5.2	4.7
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (% , 5yr)	0.5	0.4
Two or More Races (% , 5yr)	10.1	5.1
Hispanic or Latino (% , 5yr)	19.2	18.4
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino (% , 5yr)	67.9	70.6
HOUSING		
Housing units (#, 5yr)	45,570.0	40,307.0
Owner-occupied housing units (% , 5yr)	44.1	44.7
Median value of owner-occupied housing units (\$, 5yr)	427,600.0	327,700.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-with a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	2,108.0	1,798.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-without a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	620.0	543.0
Median gross rent (\$, 5yr)	1,360.0	1,100.0
FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		
Households (#, 5yr)	41,454.0	36,164.0
Persons per household (#, 5yr)	2.4	2.5
Living in same house 1 year ago, % of persons age 1+ (5yr)	76.1	75.1
EDUCATION		
High school graduate or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	93.2	92.5
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	41.3	37.4
HEALTH		
With a disability, under age 65 years (#, 5yr)	9,872.0	7,712.0
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years (% , 5yr)	6.5	6.7
LABOR FORCE		
In civilian labor force, persons age 16+ (% , 5yr)	66.1	65.0
In civilian labor force, women age 16+ (% , 5yr)	62.9	62.3
Employed, persons age 16+ (% , 5yr)	59.9	58.2
Self employed (% , 5yr)	9.7	8.9
TRANSPORTATION		
Mean travel time to work, workers age 16+ (Mins., 5yr)	15.4	16.2
Drive alone in private vehicle (% , 5yr)	70.8	74.8
Using public transportation (% , 5yr)	1.0	1.6
Worked from home (% , 5yr)	11.5	3.9

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				
Chico	107,394	1.67	-2.69	15.65
County and Broader Regions				
Butte County	205,592	-0.48	-1.61	-9.79
North State	596,413	-0.78	-0.41	-3.98
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	North State	California
Butte County	206.6	205.6	-0.48	-0.78	-0.35
Chico	105.6	107.4	1.67		
Oroville	19.4	19.4	0.02		
Paradise	7.4	9.1	24.09		
Gridley	7.5	7.5	1.00		
Biggs	2.0	2.0	1.22		

Source: CA DOF; Calculations by National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 1: Population Growth (1)

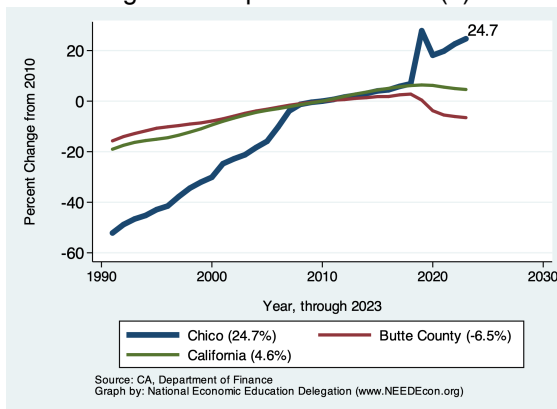


Figure 2: Population Growth (2)

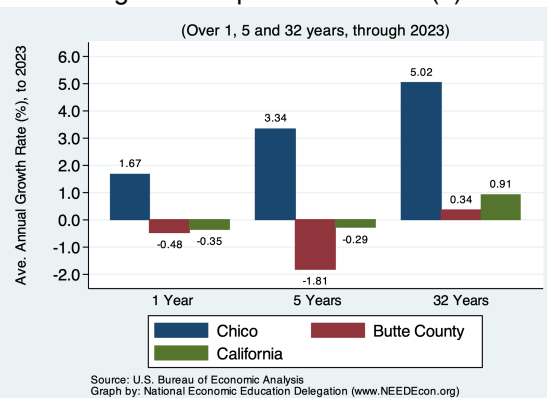


Figure 3: Population by Age - Detailed Age Categories

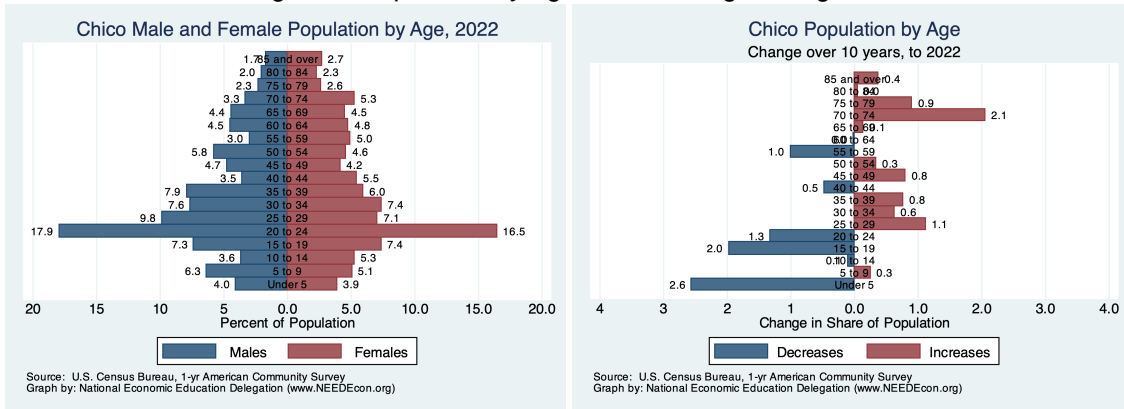


Figure 4: Population by Age - Broad Age Categories

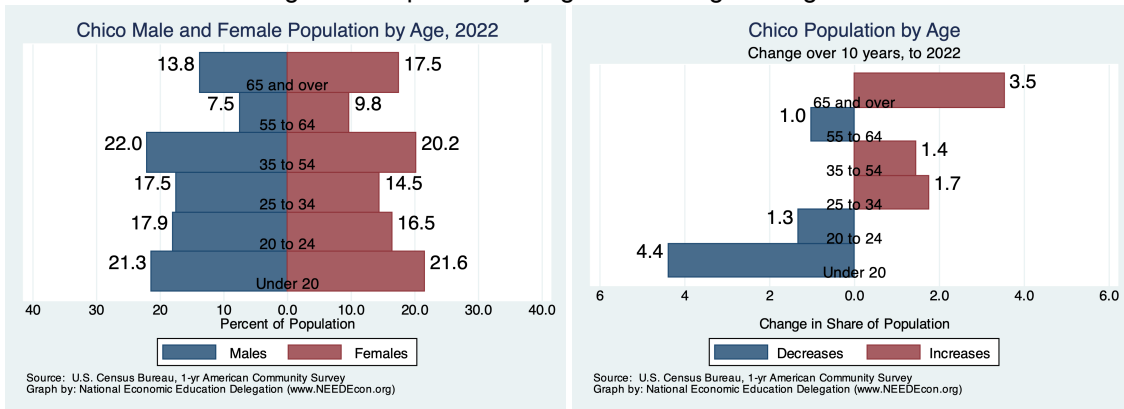


Figure 5: Population by Educational Attainment

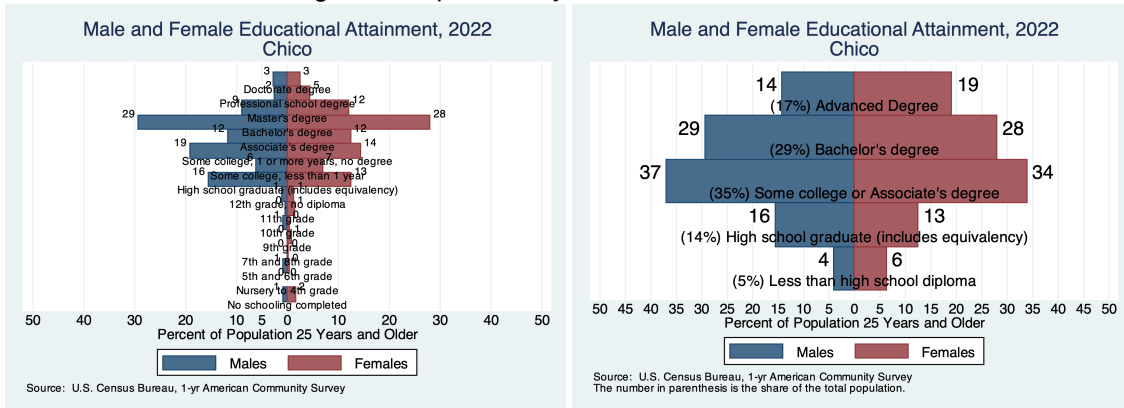


Figure 6: Population by Race/Ethnicity

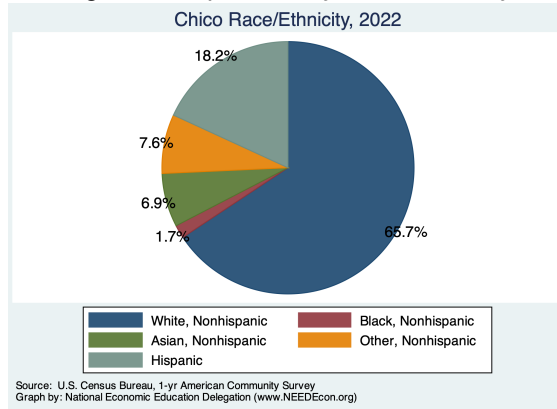
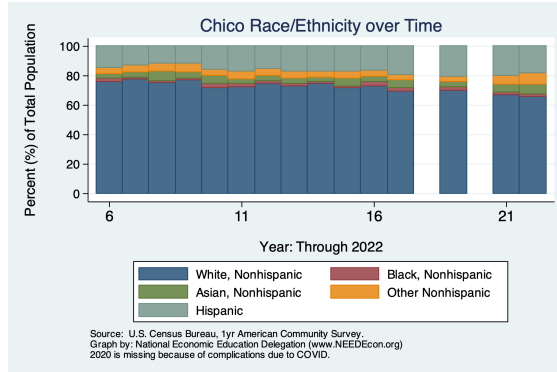


Figure 7: Population by Race/Ethnicity Over Time



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. Chico 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



Figure 9: Employment and Unemployment - Last 12 Months



Figure 10: Relative Employment Growth Across Regions - since 2010

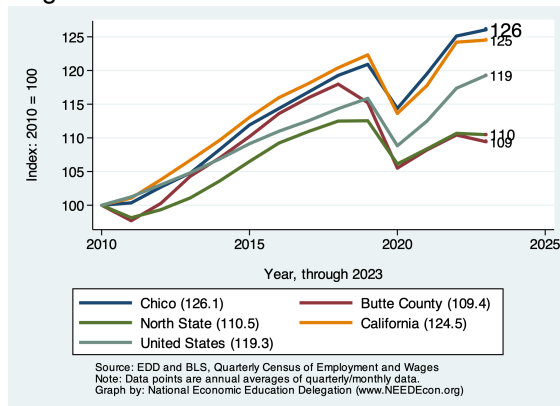
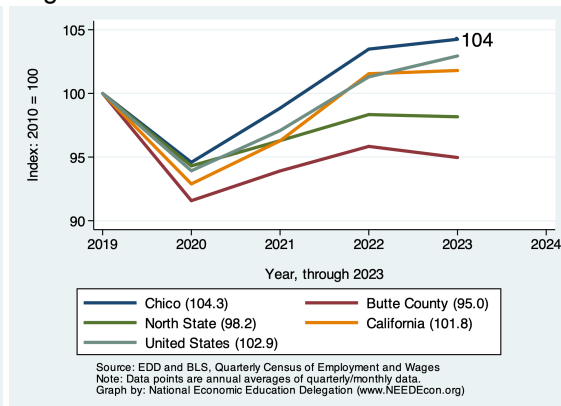


Figure 11: Relative Employment Growth Across Regions - since 2019



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 Butte County. The following table provides the latest data for the County.

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

Industry	Employment	Share	Empl Growth	% Growth - Annualized Rate					
				Month	Qtr	6mo	1yr	3yr	5yr
Total Nonfarm	78,681	100.0	109.3	1.7	2.0	2.1	1.5	1.9	-0.5
Total Private	63,070	80.2	124.7	2.4	1.6	3.0	2.8	1.8	-0.3
Goods Producing	9,022	11.5	137.2	20.2	7.8	10.9	8.4	2.9	1.3
Mining, Logging and Construction	4,689	6.0	63.9	17.9	17.4	13.9	17.7	3.0	1.7
Manufacturing	4,298	5.5	-57.4	-14.7	-8.3	9.1	-0.3	3.1	1.1
Service Providing	69,643	88.5	-62.1	-1.1	1.1	1.0	0.7	1.8	-0.8
Trade, Trans & Utilities	13,348	17.0	-76.4	-6.6	-2.1	-4.9	-2.9	-2.6	-1.8
Wholesale Trade	2,200	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	-8.5	0.0	-4.0	1.0
Retail Trade	9,005	11.4	-72.9	-9.2	-5.4	-5.3	-5.3	-3.7	-3.5
Information	700	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	5.6	-2.5
Financial Activities	2,500	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3.8	-4.6	-3.9
Finance & Insurance	1,300	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.8	-6.3
Professional & Business Svcs	5,586	7.1	14.3	3.1	7.3	4.6	11.9	-0.1	-0.1
Educational & Health Svcs	20,076	25.5	-14.7	-0.9	-1.8	4.0	3.6	4.8	1.9
Leisure & Hospitality	8,212	10.4	39.1	5.9	2.1	2.1	1.2	3.1	-2.0
Other Svcs	3,566	4.5	19.4	6.8	7.0	0.5	0.2	8.2	-1.6
Government	15,519	19.7	-105.7	-7.8	0.7	-1.0	-3.1	2.9	-1.3
Federal	600	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0
State	4,066	5.2	-7.7	-2.2	3.5	-1.4	0.3	4.2	-1.4
Local	10,877	13.8	-75.6	-8.0	0.0	-1.5	-4.5	2.6	-1.4

Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation (NEED)

Some Employee Detail

Employed in Chico

Figure 12: Employment by Occupation

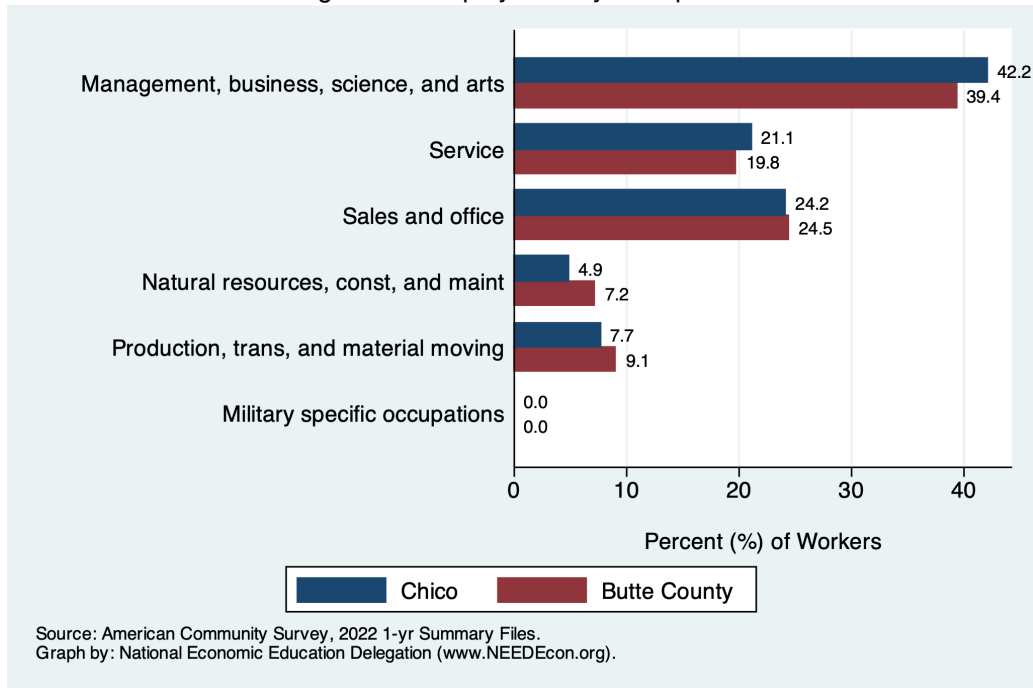


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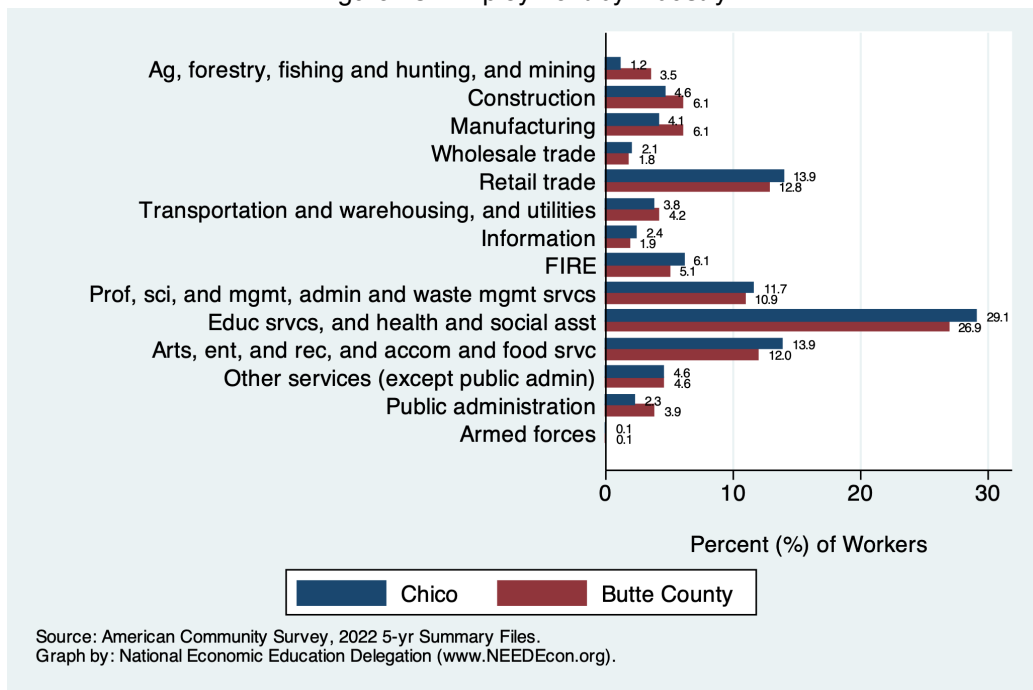


Figure 14: Language Spoken at Home

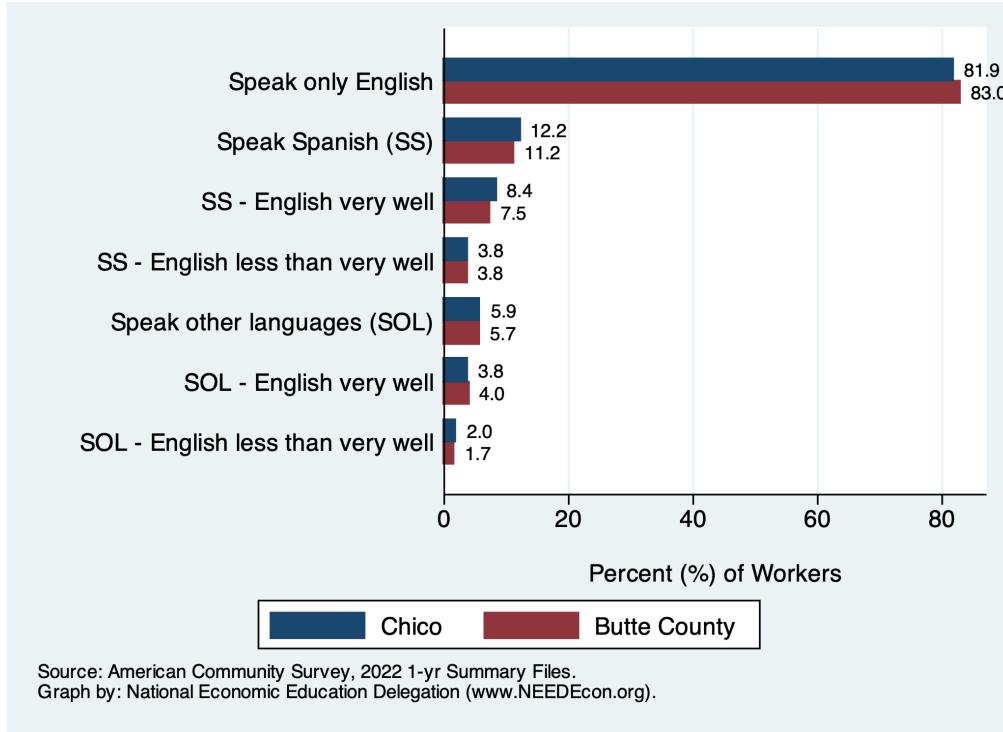
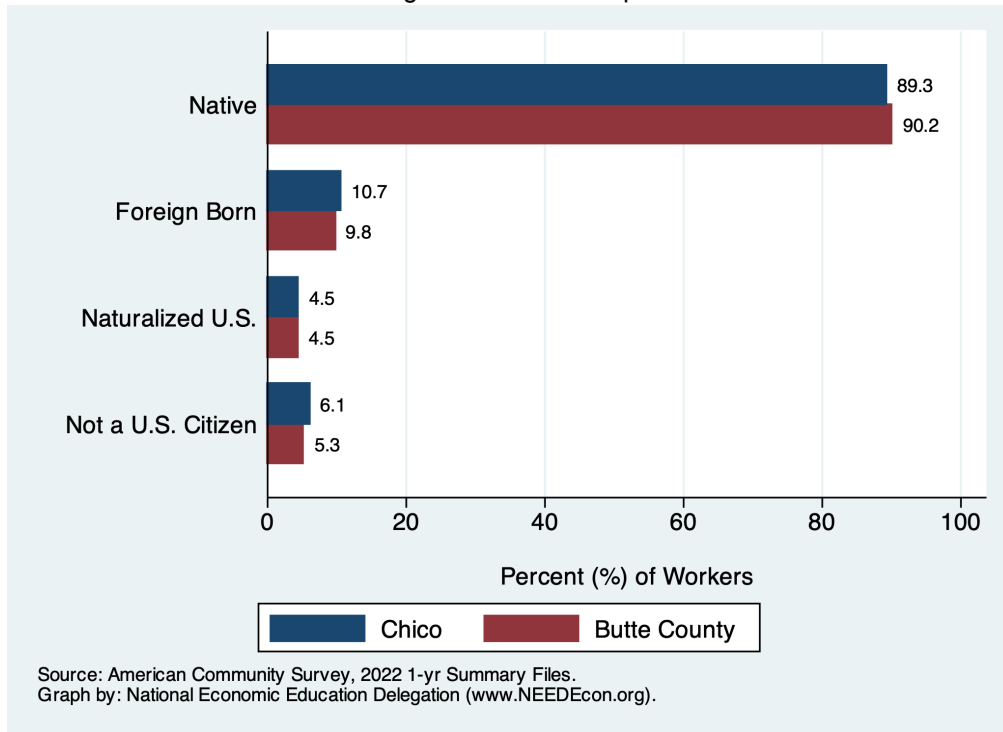


Figure 15: Citizenship



Employed Residents of Chico

Figure 16: Employment by Occupation

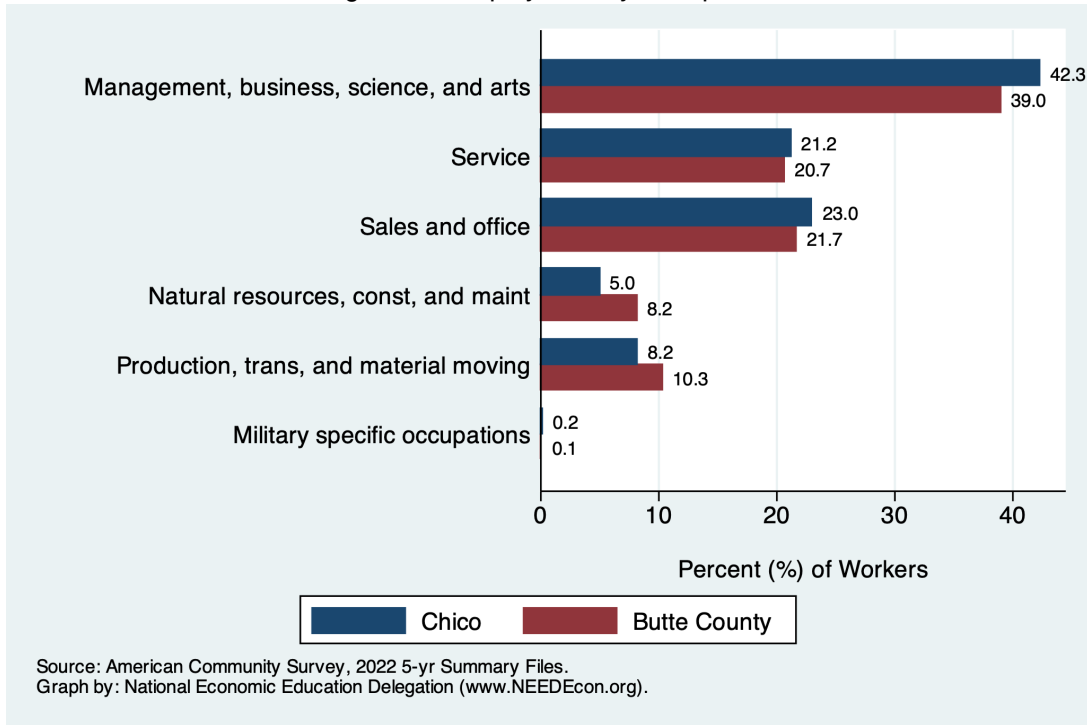


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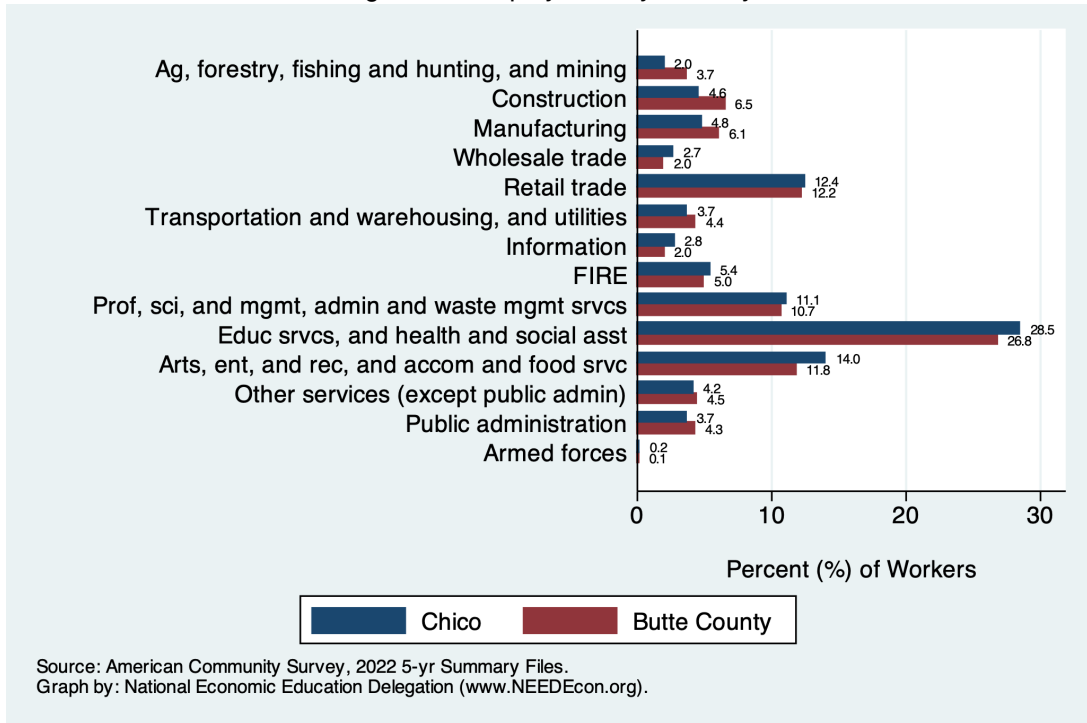


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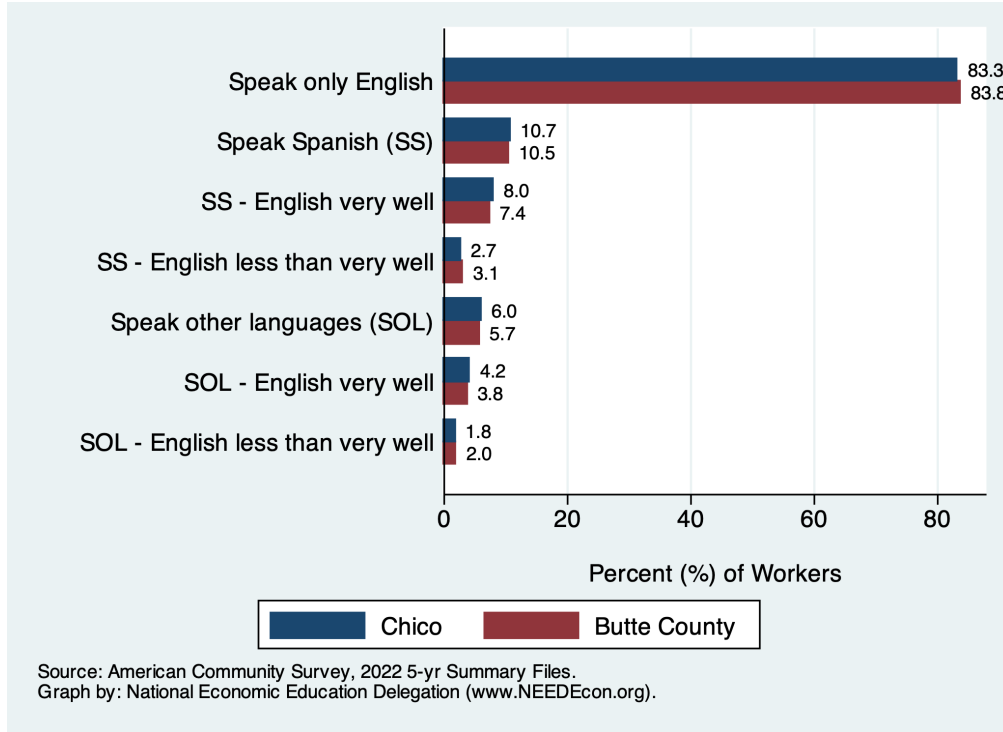
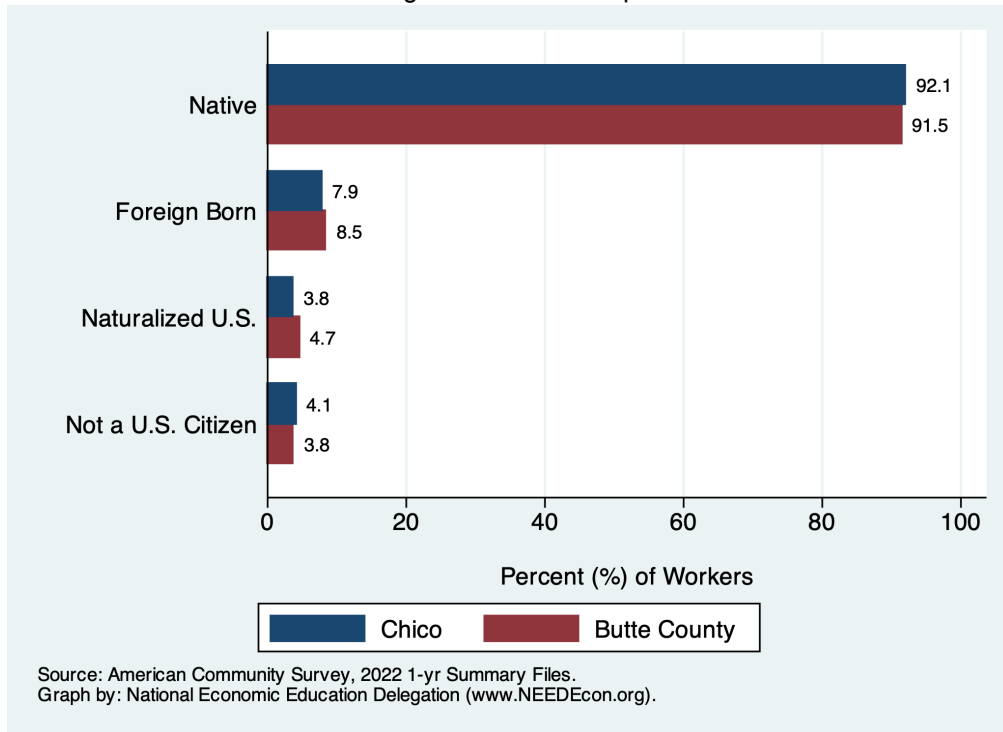


Figure 19: Citizenship



Employed Residents vs Workers in Chico

Figure 20: Employment by Occupation

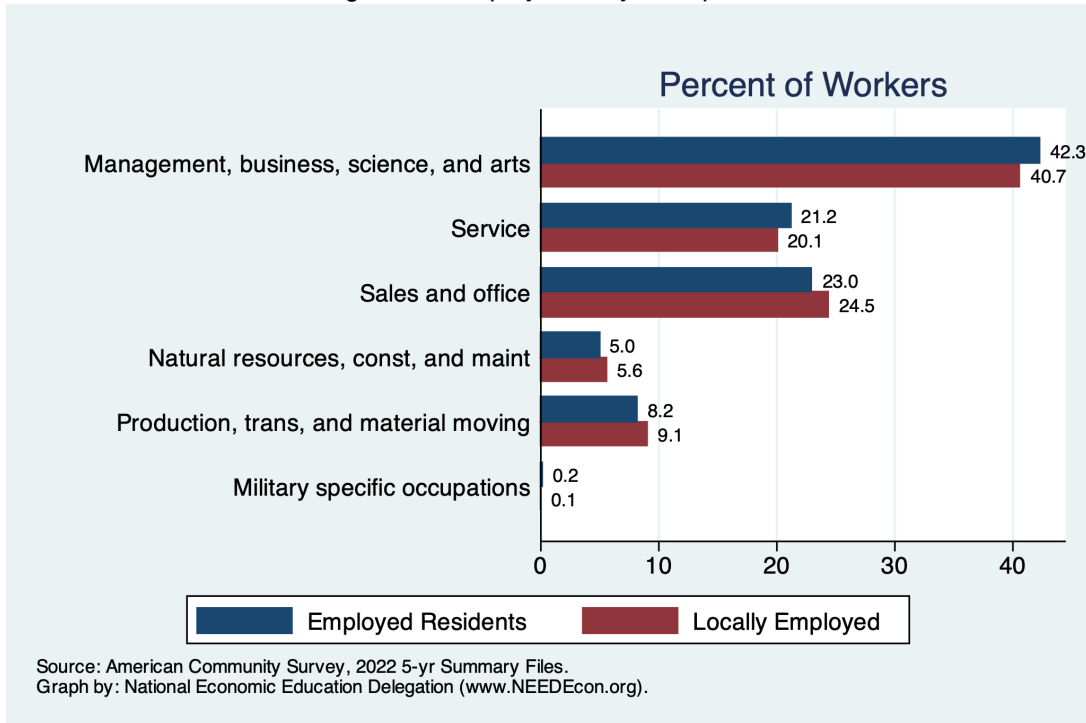


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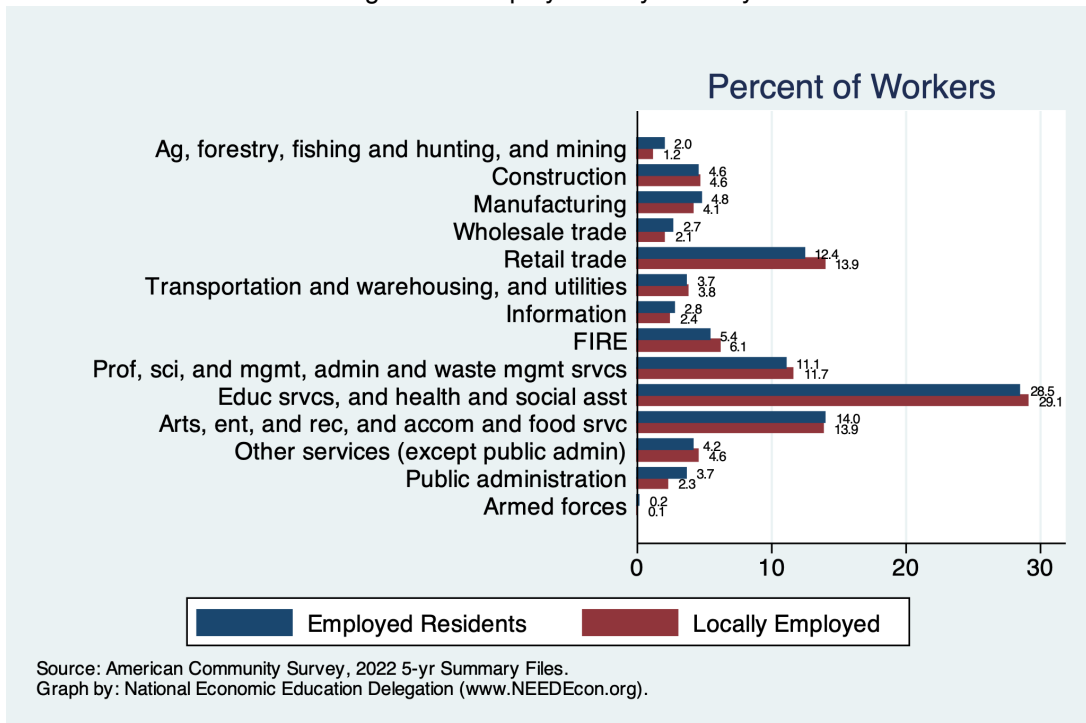


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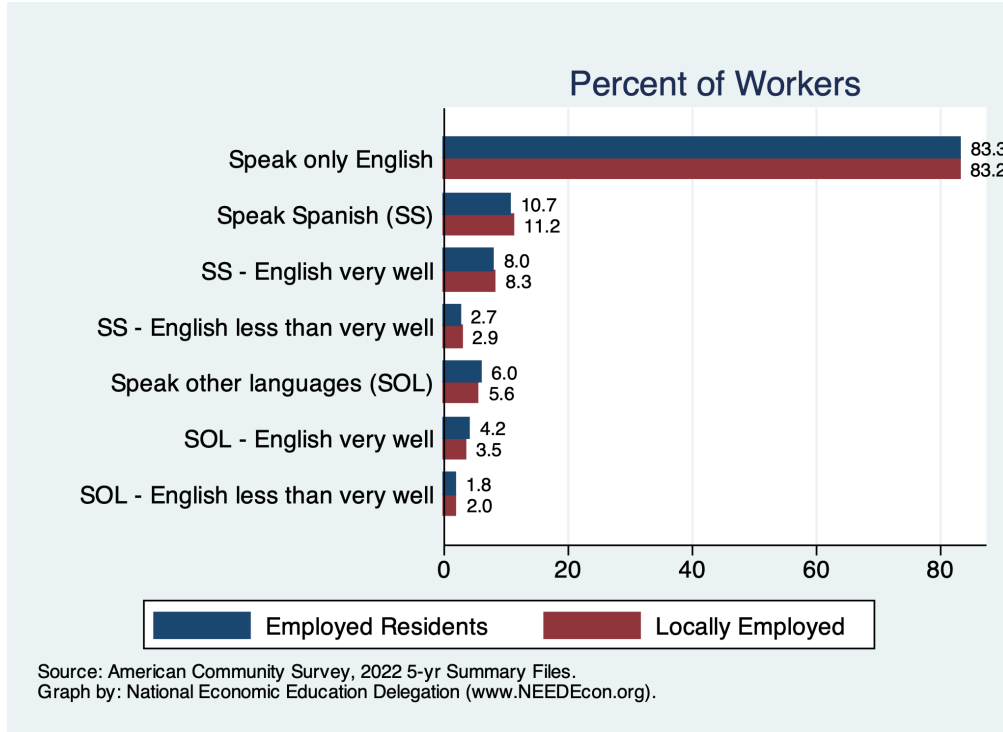
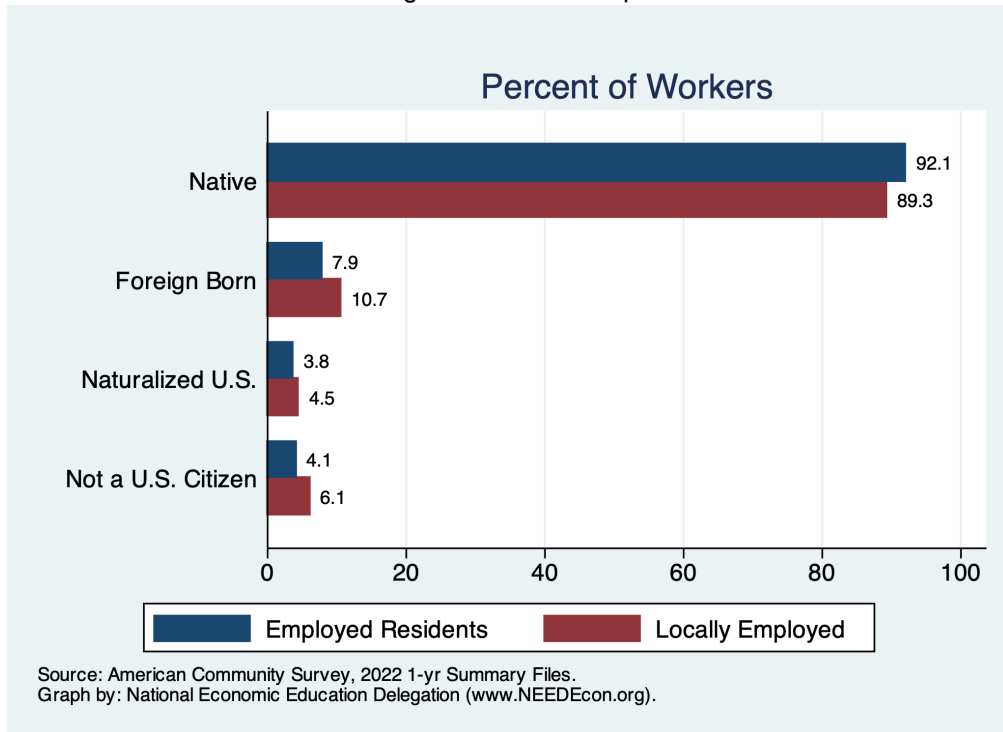


Figure 23: Citizenship



Income and Earnings

Per Capita Income Growth

Definition:

Per capita income is the average income per person in Chico. 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

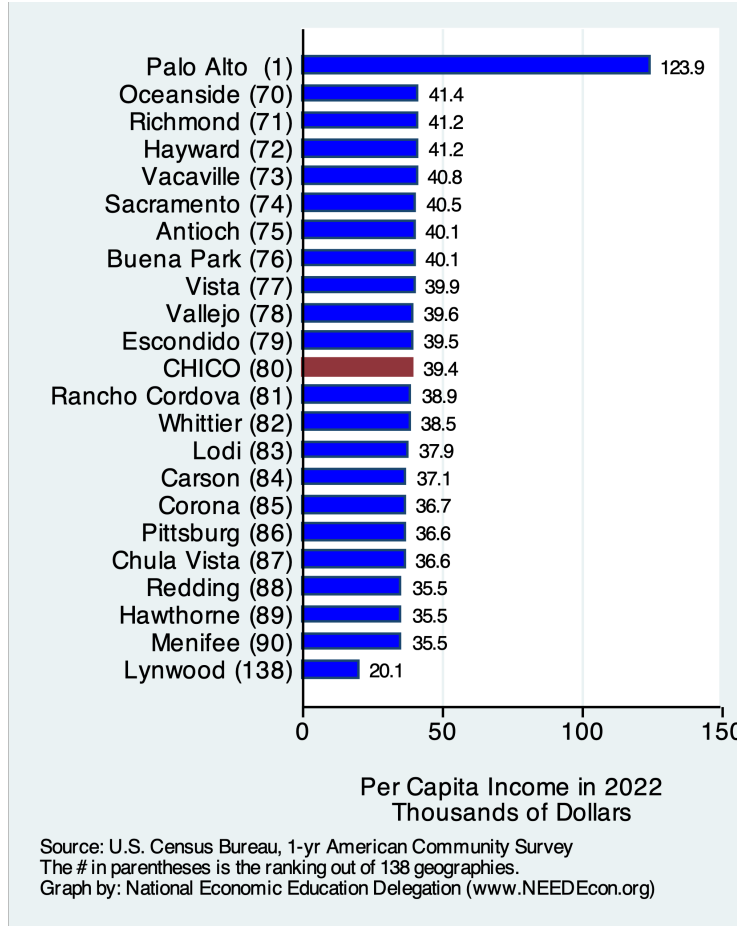
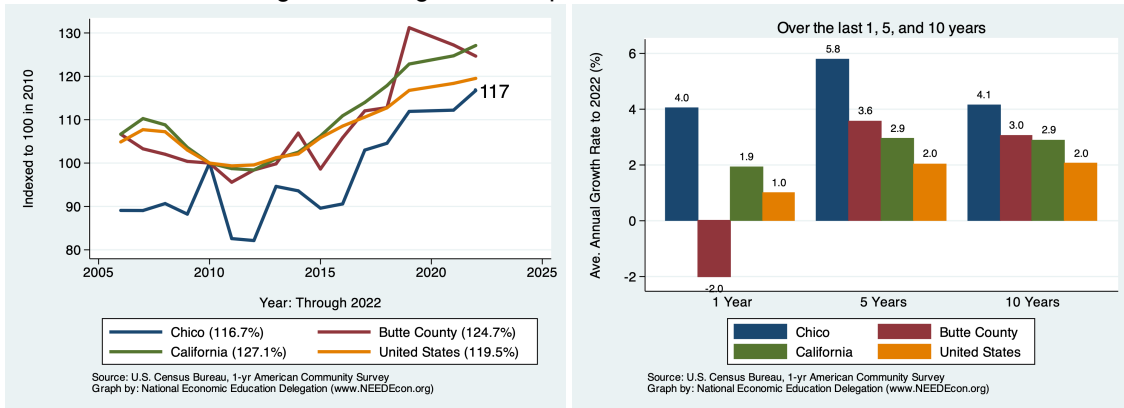


Figure 25: Regional Comparison of Growth over Time



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

Figure 26: Income Levels

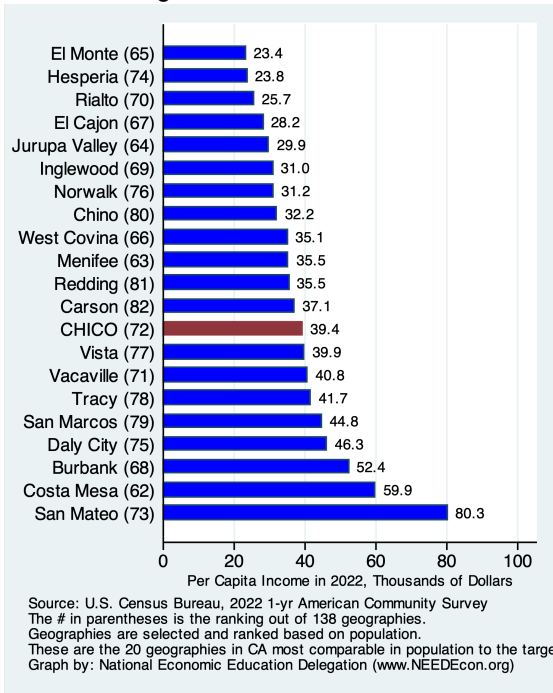
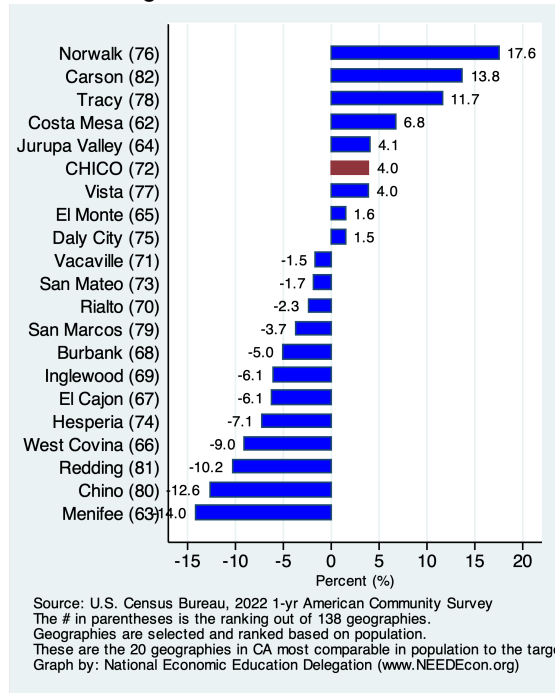


Figure 27: Growth over Time



Real Per Capita Income Ranking Among Cities in Butte County

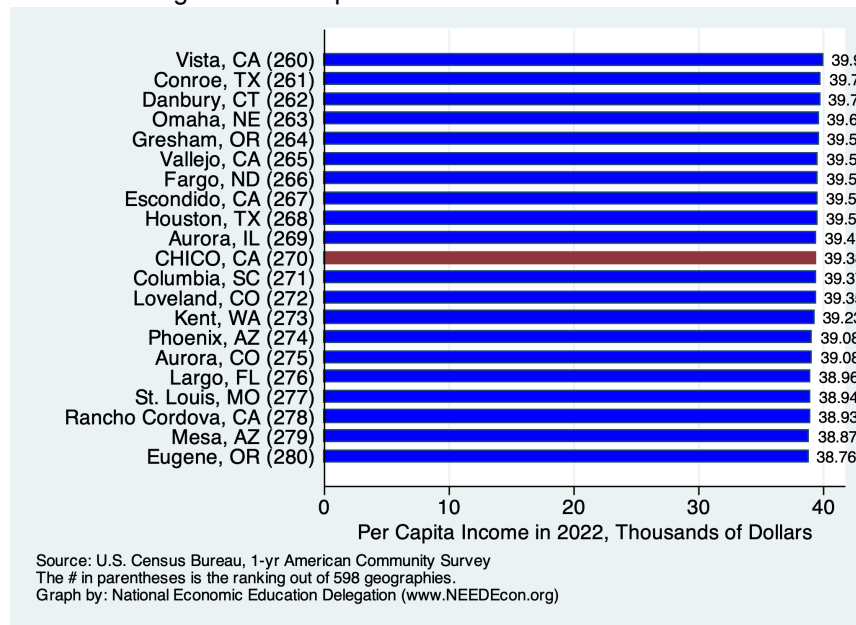
Figure 28: Income Levels

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Figure 29: Growth over Time

N/A

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.

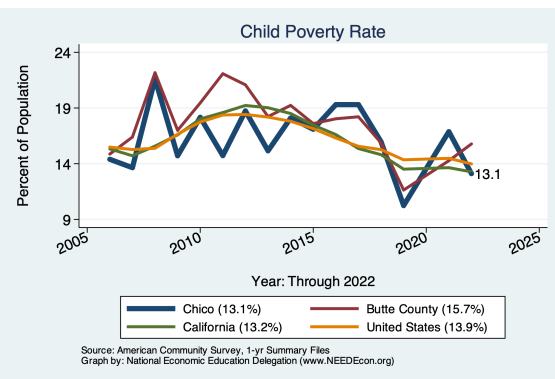
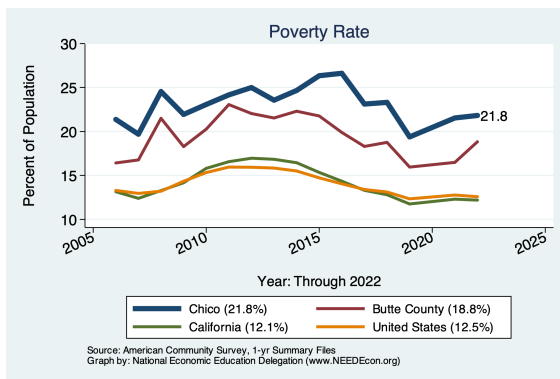


Figure 31: Inequality

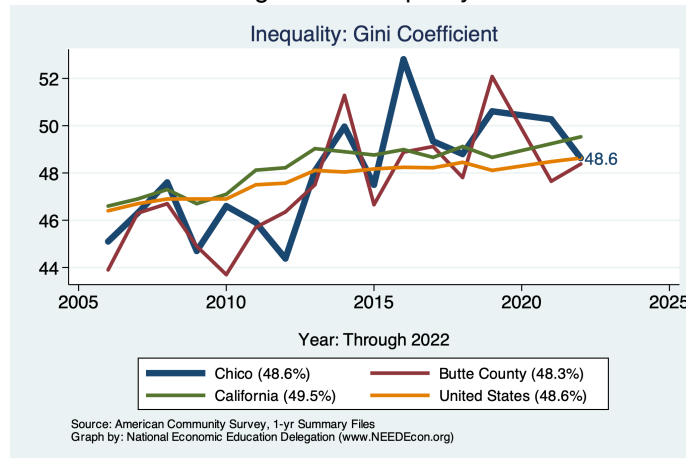


Figure 32: Shares Across the Income Distribution

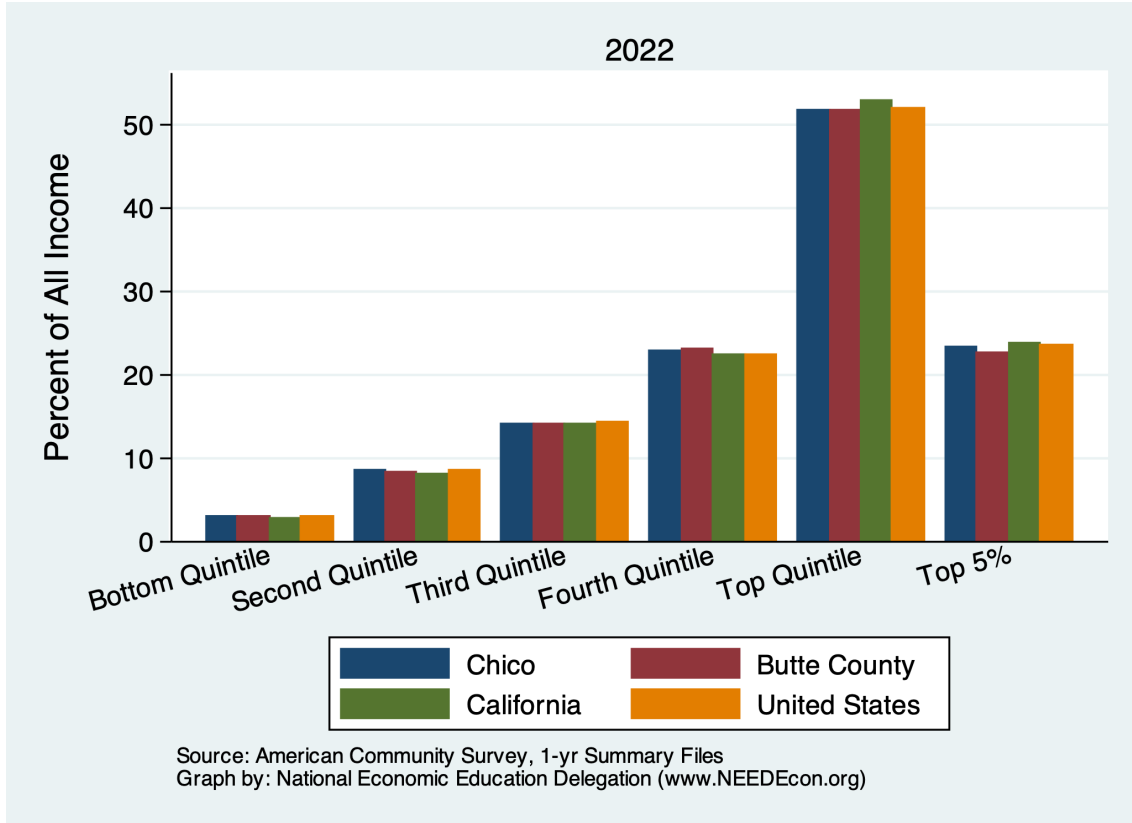
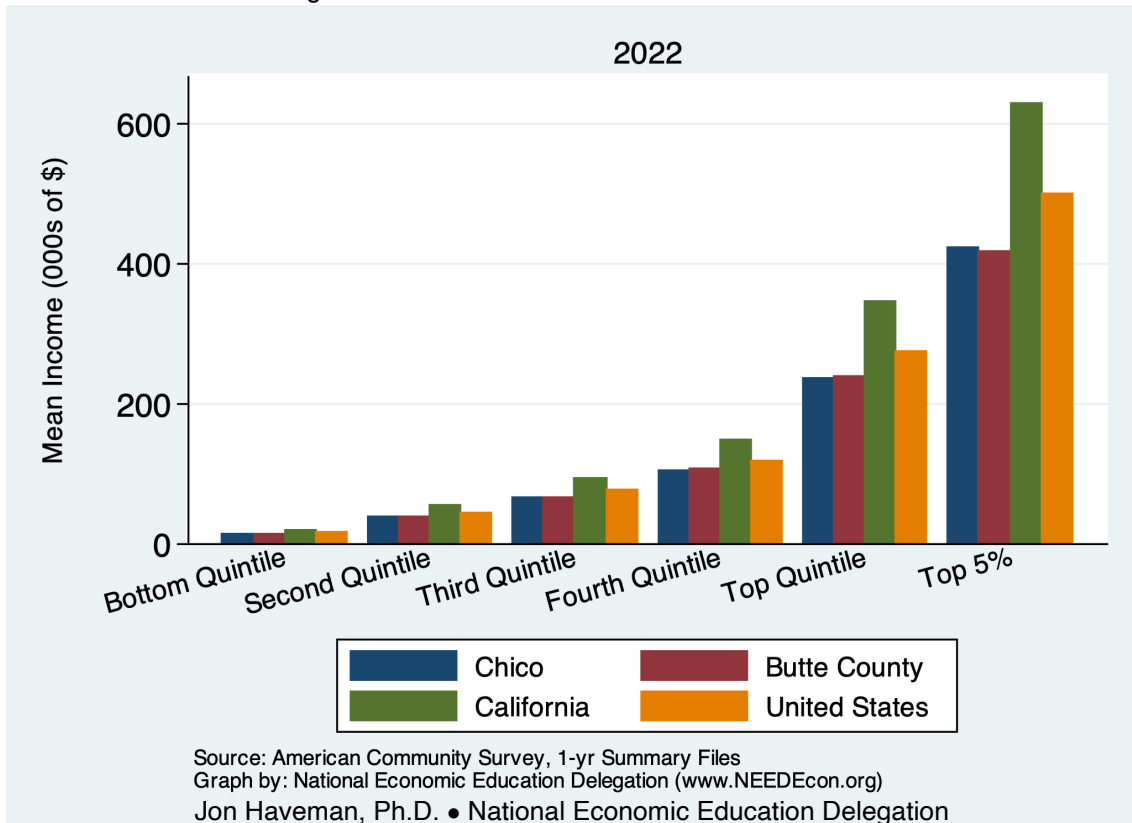


Figure 33: Means Across the Income Distribution



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 Chico and Broader Regions

Figure 34: Median Home Prices

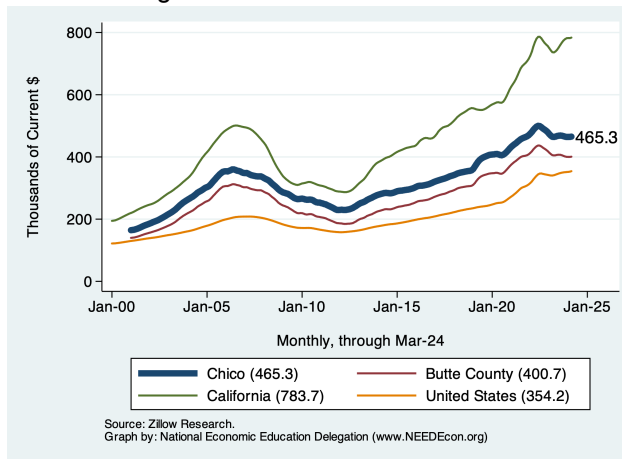
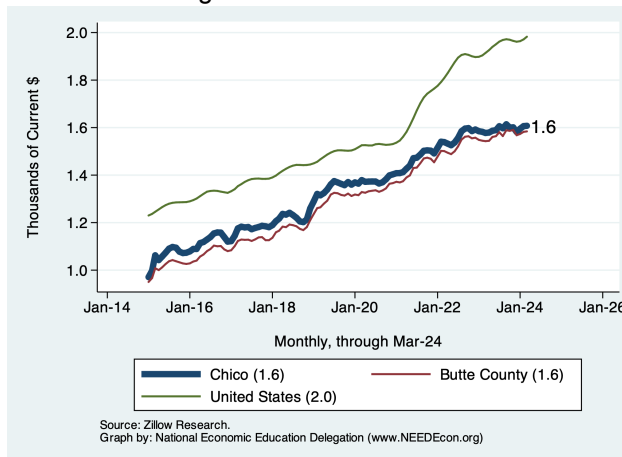


Figure 35: Median Rents



Housing Ownership in Chico and Broader Regions

Figure 36: Home Ownership Rates

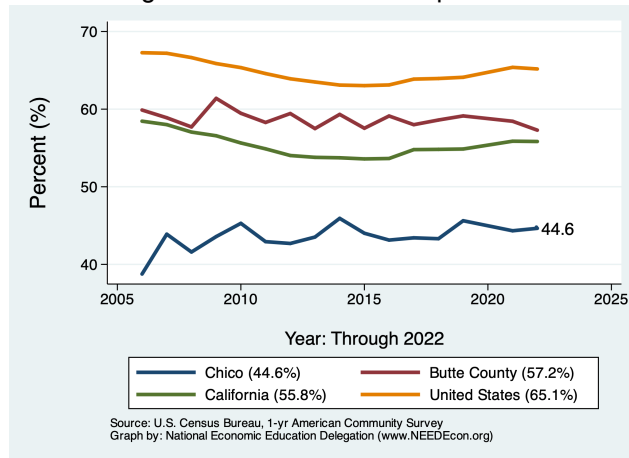


Figure 37: Home Ownership by Age

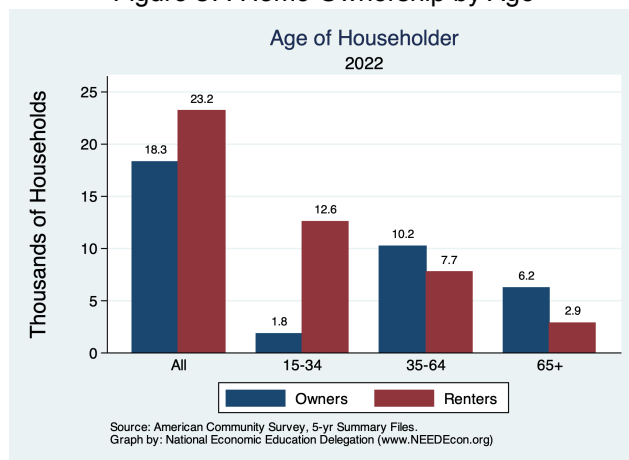


Figure 38: Income by Tenure

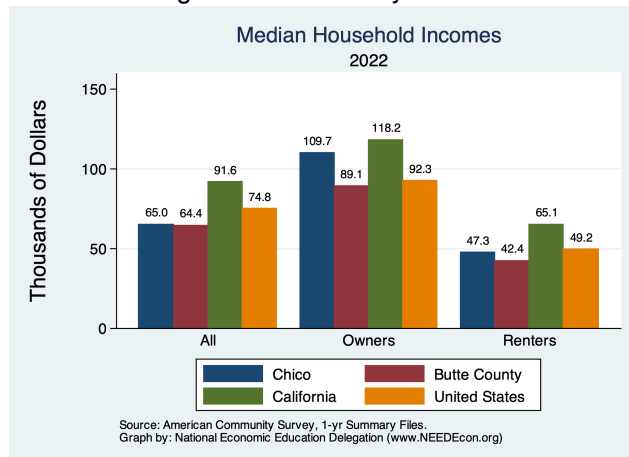


Figure 39: Income Distribution by Tenure

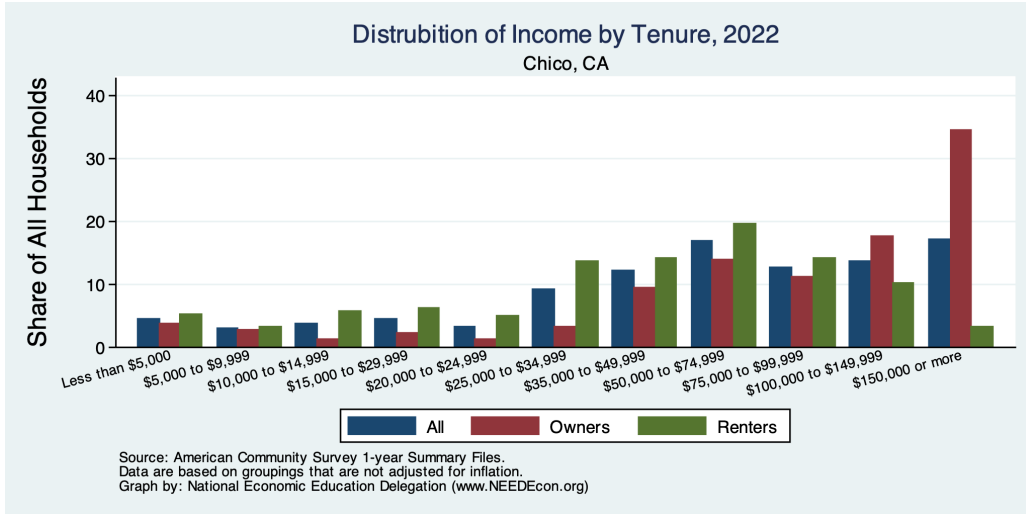


Figure 40: Income Distribution of Home Owners

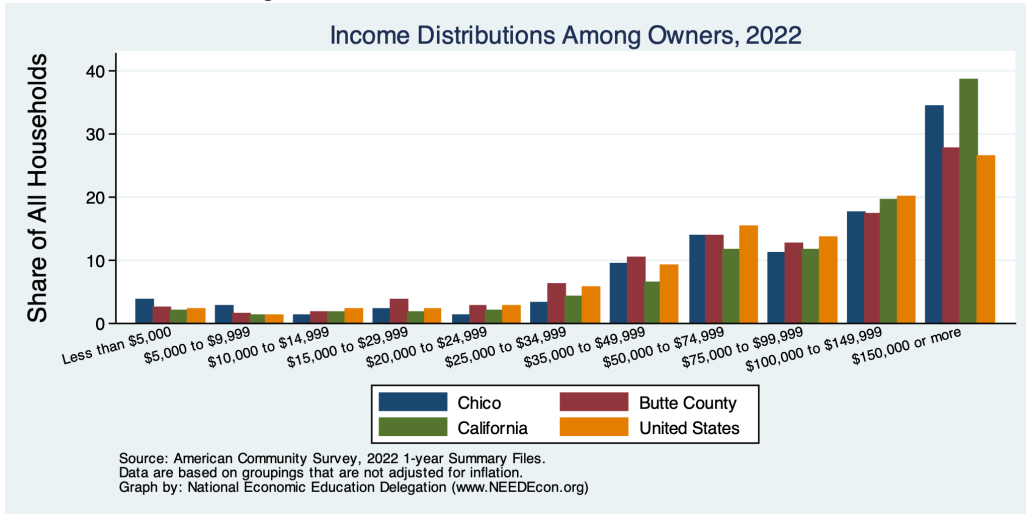
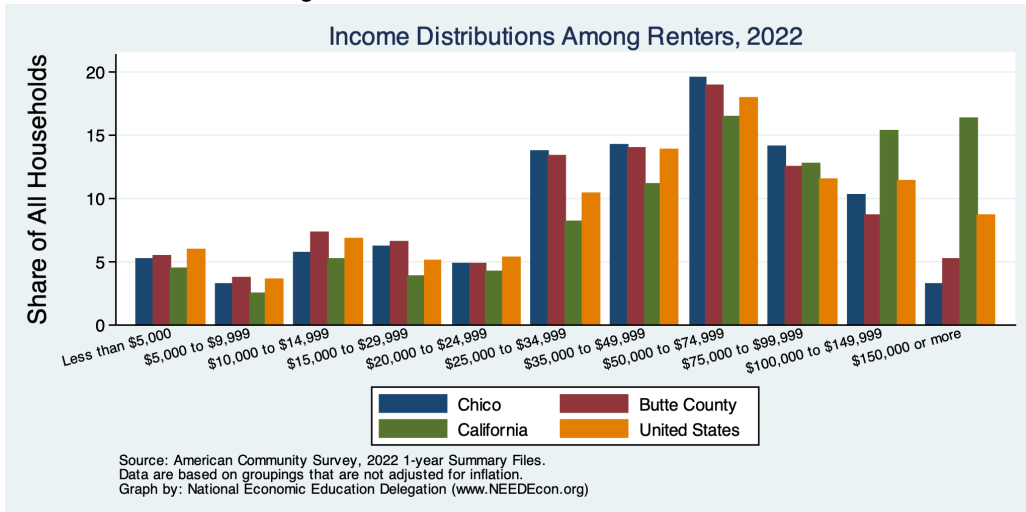


Figure 41: Income Distribution of Renters



Housing Burden in Chico and Broader Regions

Figure 42: Home Owners w/ A Mortgage

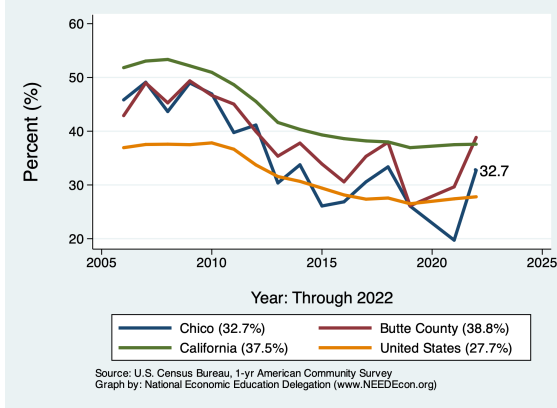


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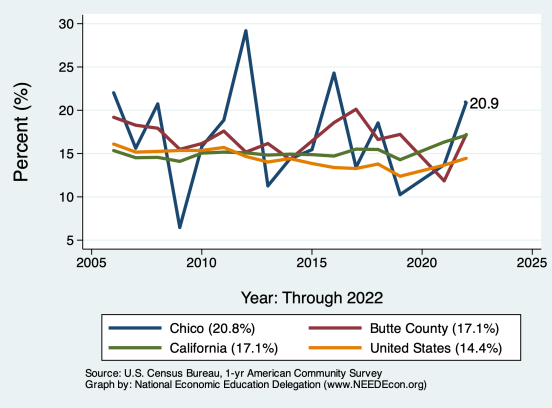


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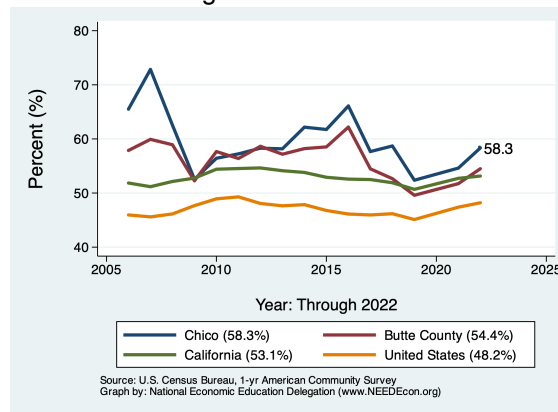
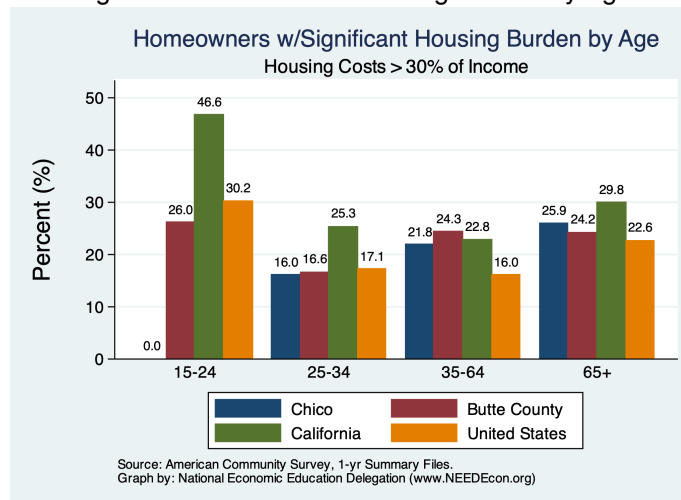


Figure 45: Homeowner Housing Burden by Age



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	107,394.0	109,688.0	86,187.0	-2.1	24.6
Total # of Homes	46,678.0	40,378.0	37,050.0	15.6	26.0
# Occupied Units	44,007.0	38,358.0	34,805.0	14.7	26.4
Persons per Household	2.4	2.8	2.4	-14.9	-1.3
Vacancy Rate (%)	5.7	5.0	6.1	14.4	-5.6

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

Figure 46: Housing Growth

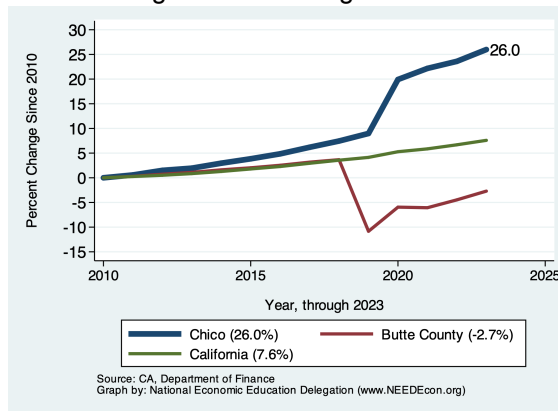


Figure 47: Persons per Household

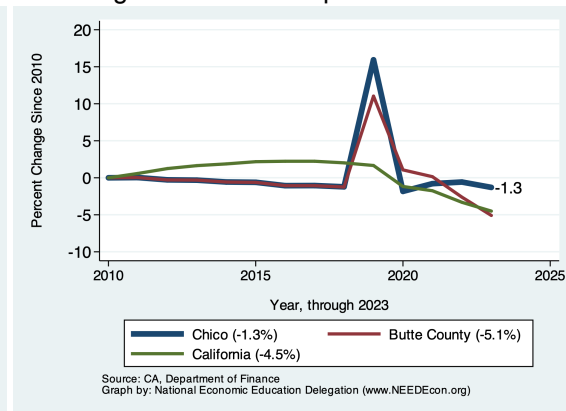


Figure 48: Vacancy Rates

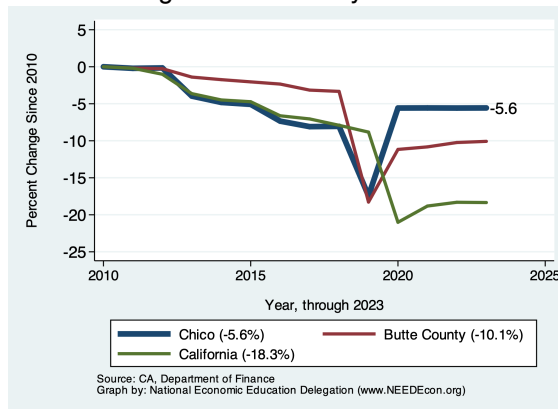
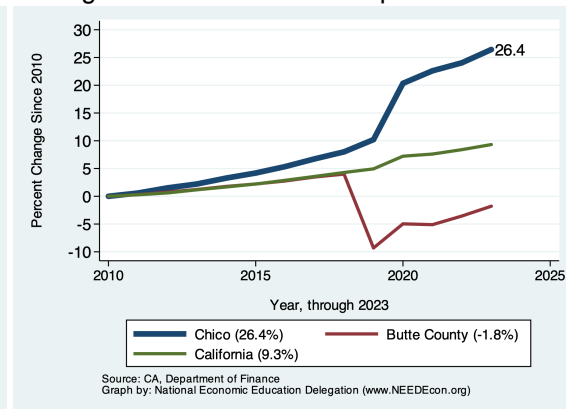


Figure 49: Number of Occupanied Units



Trends in the Growth of Housing by Housing Type

Figure 50: Single Detached Homes

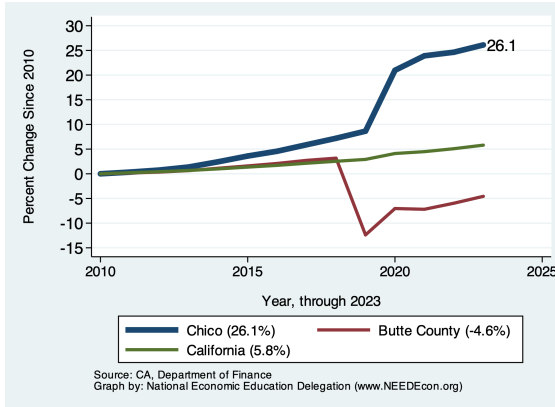


Figure 51: Single Attached Homes

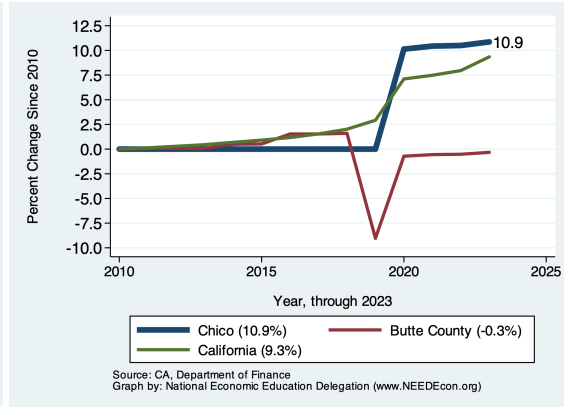


Figure 52: Housing in Buildings with Two to Four Units

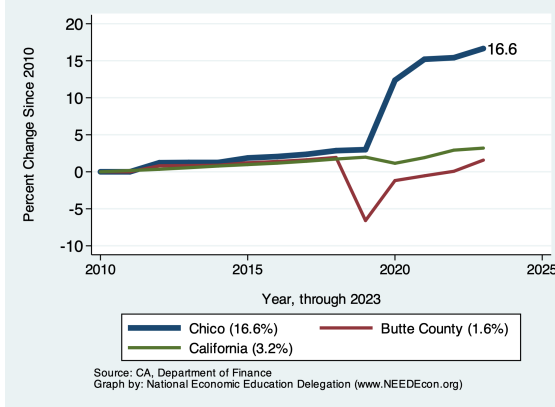
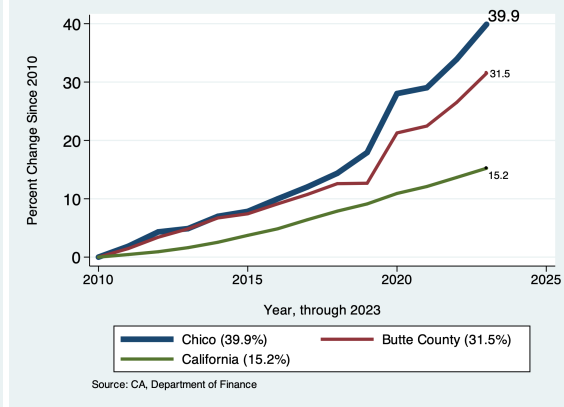


Figure 53: Housing in Buildings with Five or More Units



Vintage of Residential Housing

Why is it important?

This section provides evidence on the year in which residential housing in Chico was built. We break it down into owned versus rented residences and provide a comparison across Butte 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 hous-

ing 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

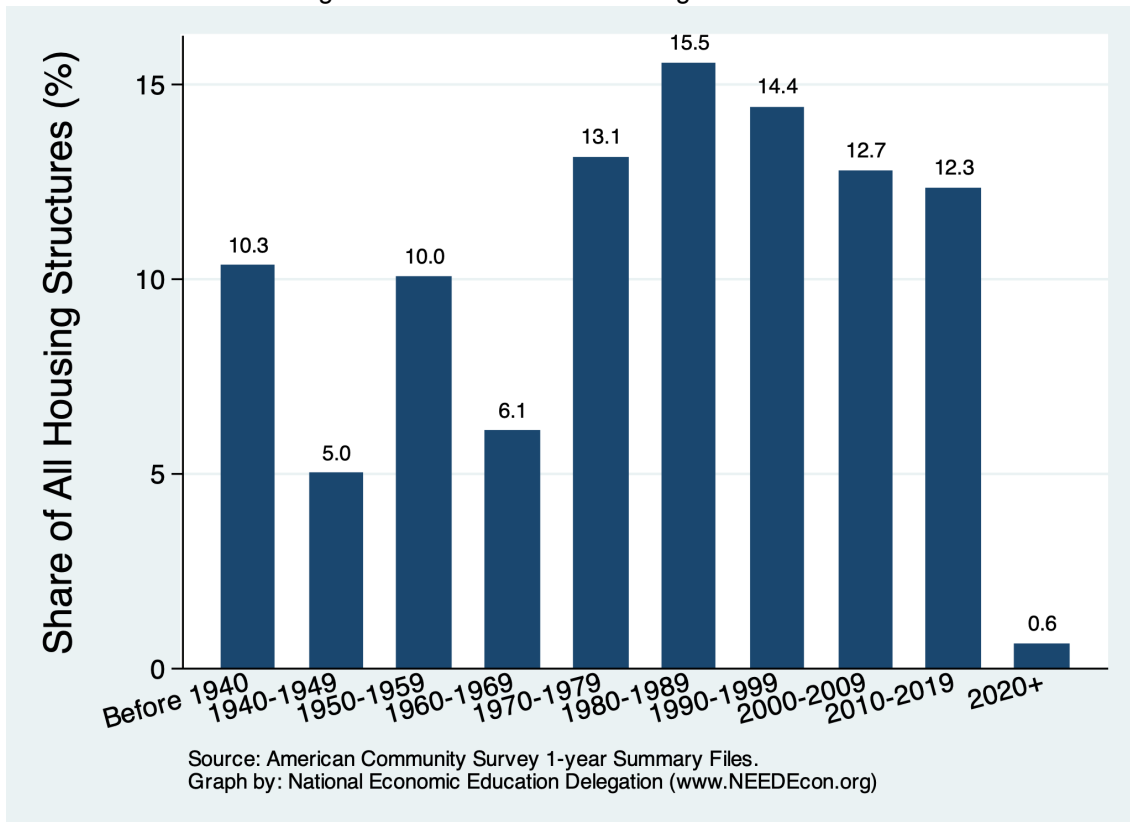


Figure 55: Housing Vintage across Regions

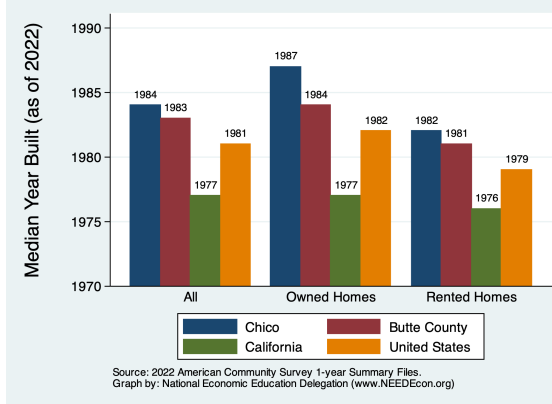


Figure 56: Housing Vintage by Tenure

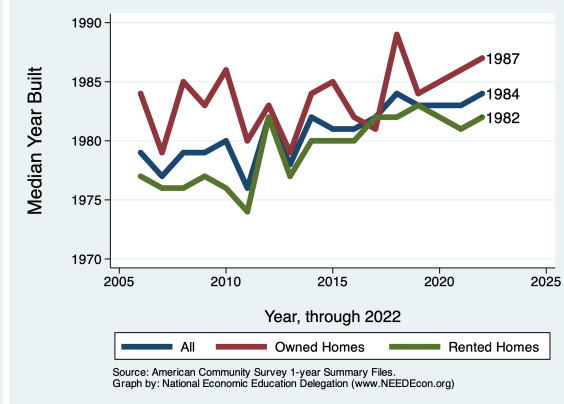


Figure 57: Vintage of Owned Residences

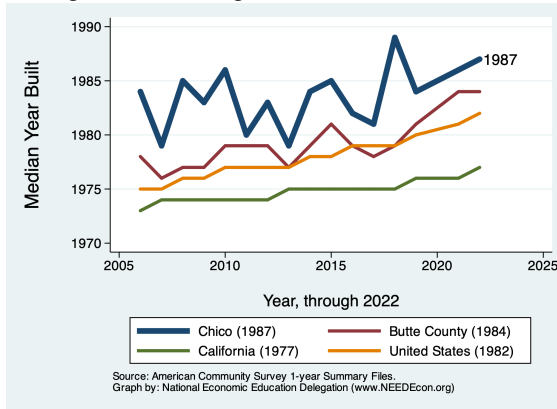


Figure 58: Vintage of Rented Residences

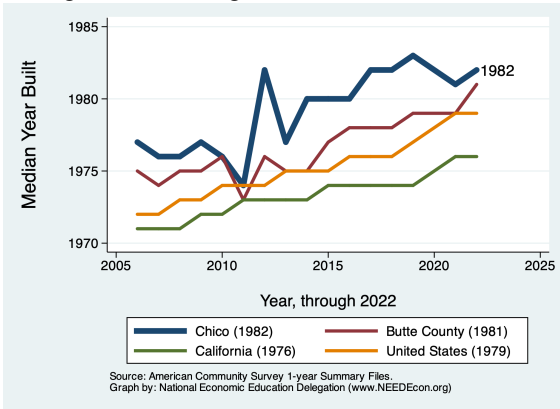
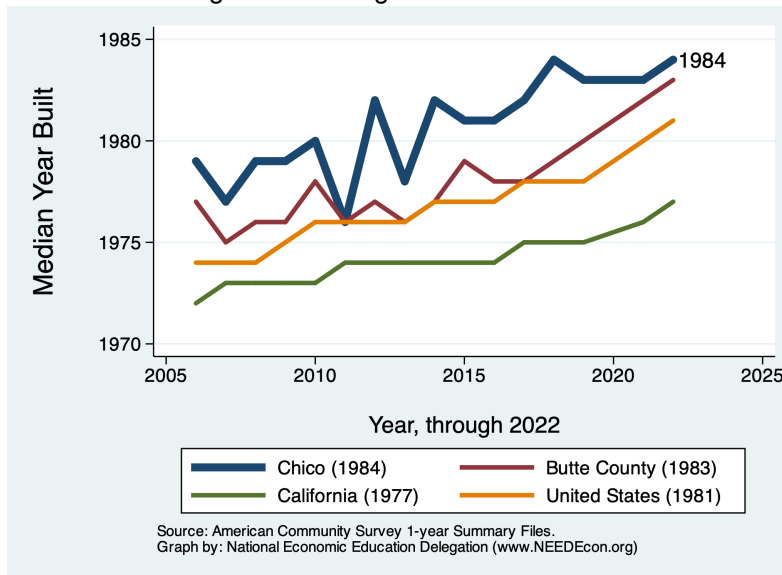


Figure 59: Vintage of All Residences



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

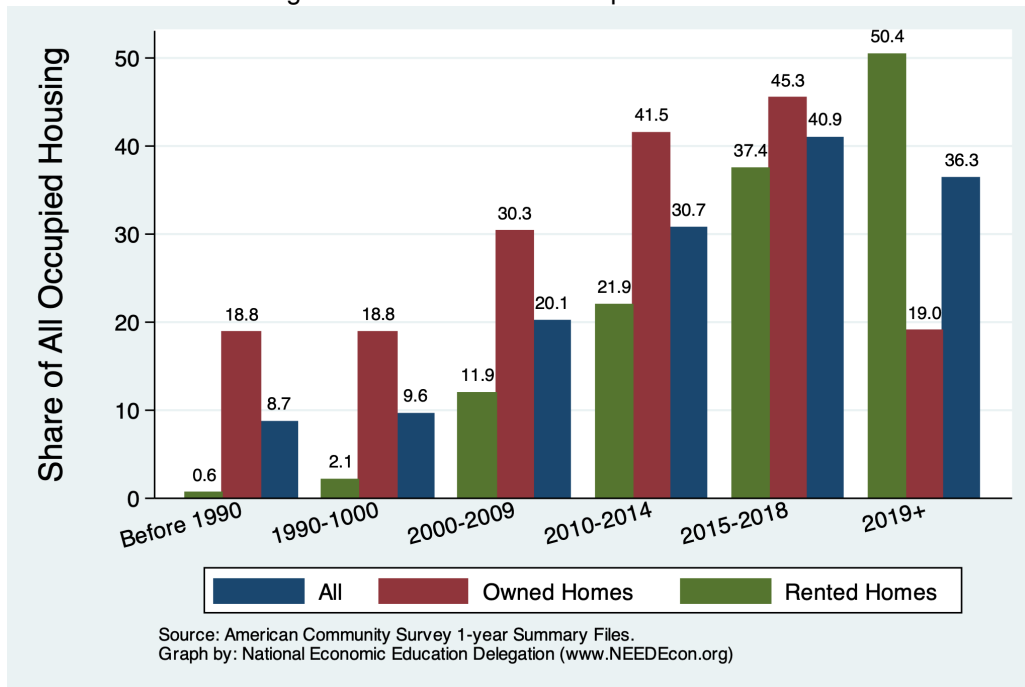


Figure 61: Year Occupied by Current Residents across Regions

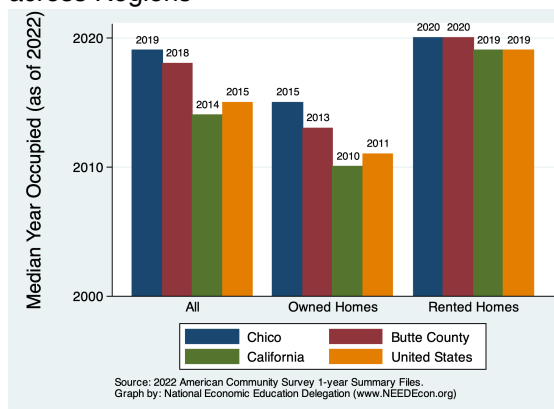


Figure 62: Year Occupied by Current Residents by Tenure

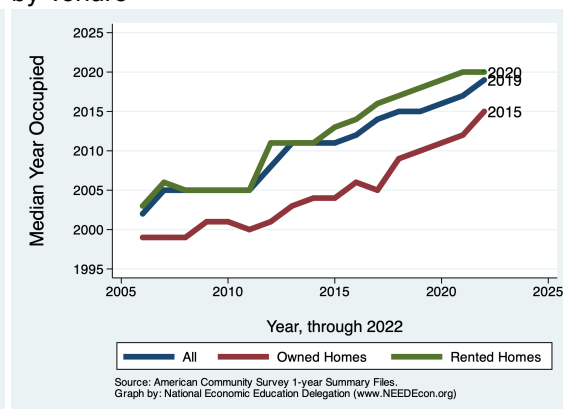


Figure 63: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Owned Housing

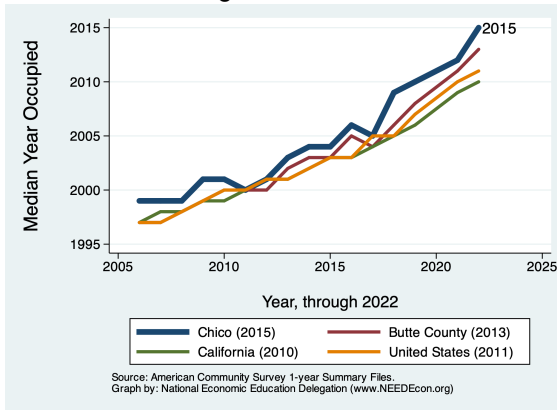


Figure 64: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Rented Housing

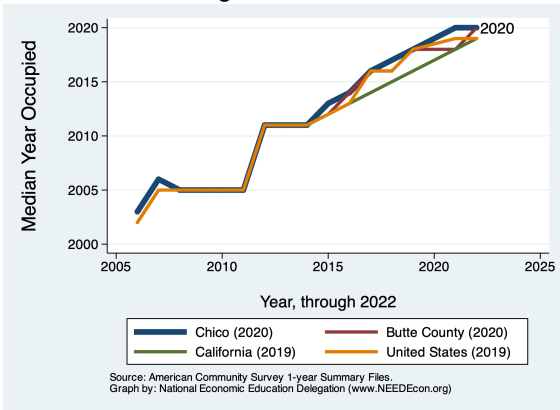
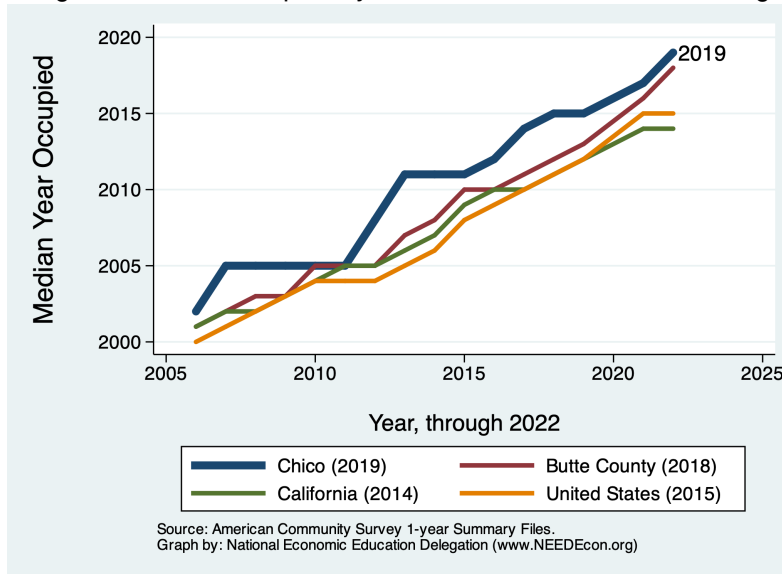


Figure 65: Year Occupied by Current Residents for All Housing



Residential Permitting

Definition:

This indicator provides evidence on the number of residential buildings that are permitted for construction each year. Permit data for Chico is compared with data from Butte 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.

Chico - Ranking Among Comparables

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

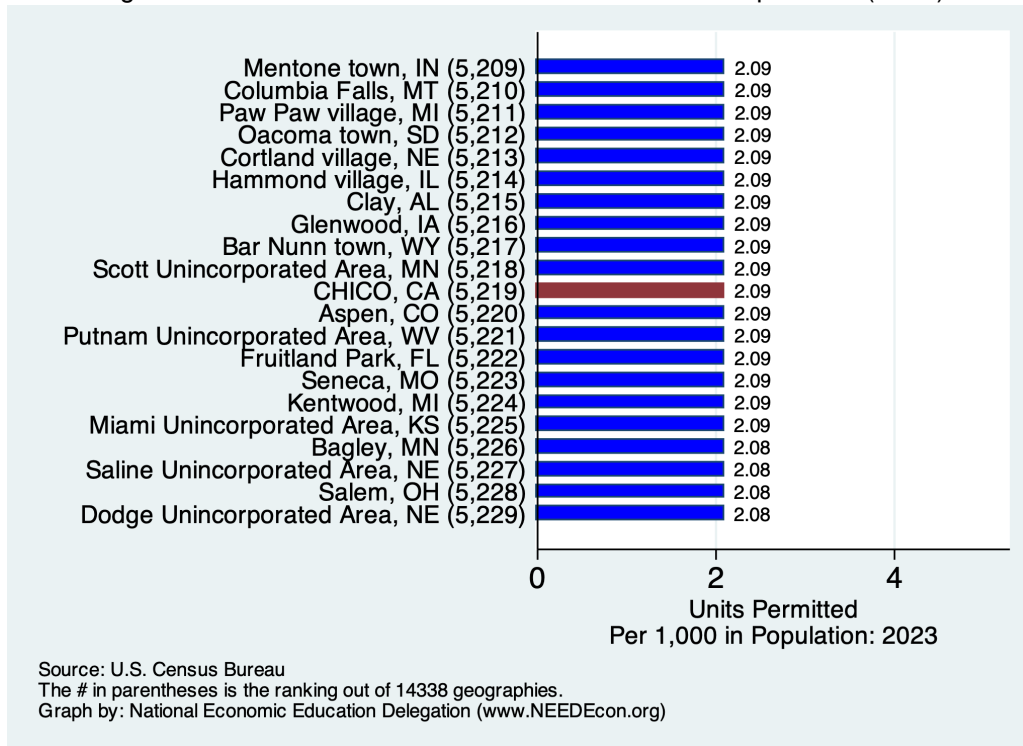
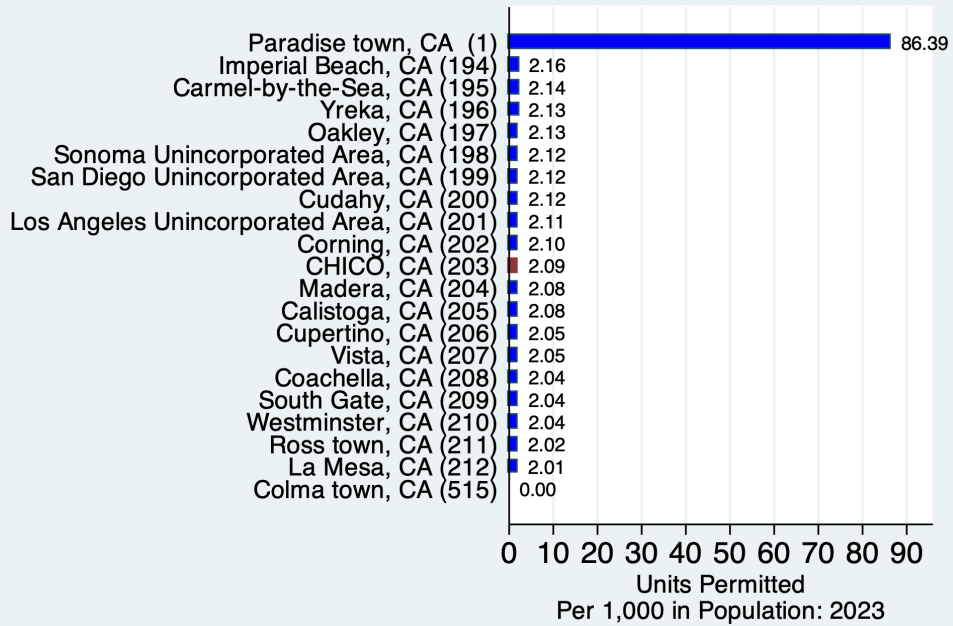
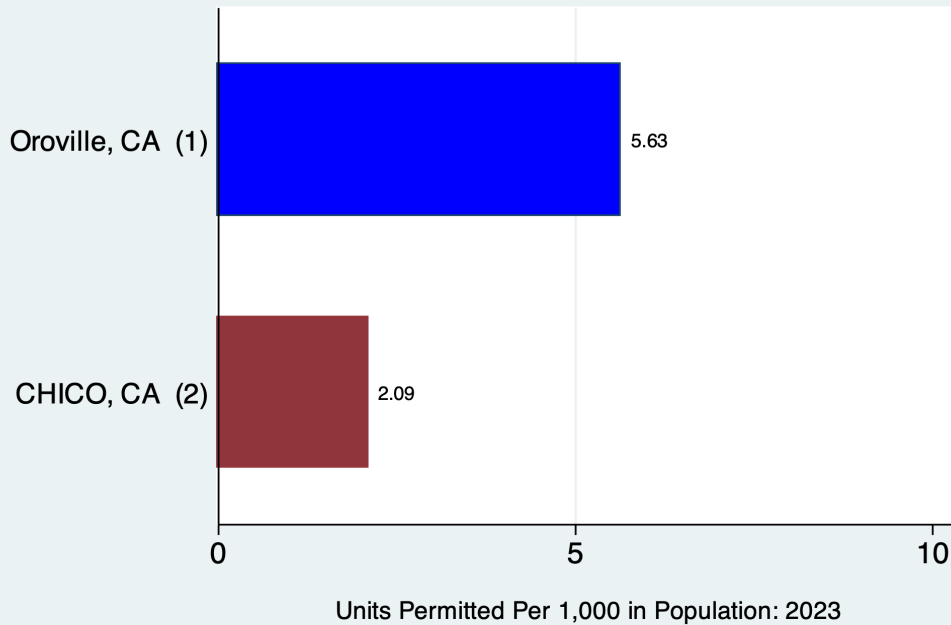


Figure 67: Number of Units Permitted - California Comparables (Rank)



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 Butte County (Rank)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau,
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Chico - Permitting Activity

Annual Units Permitted - Per Capita in Chico

Figure 69: Units Permitted Each Year

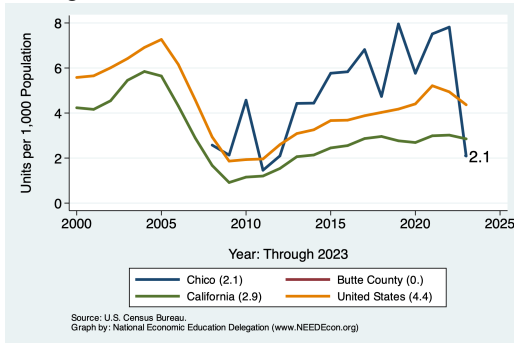
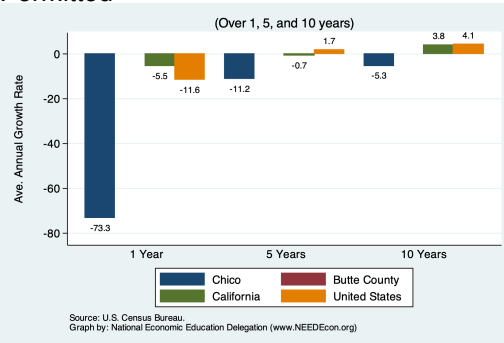


Figure 70: Average Annual Growth in Units Permitted



Annual Number of Buildings Permitted - Per Capita in Chico

Figure 71: Units Permitted Each Year

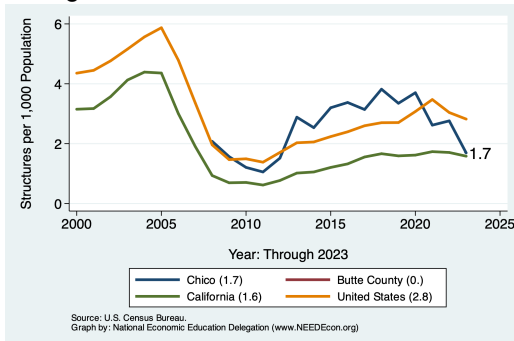
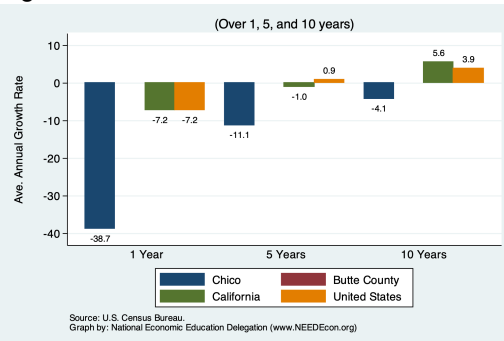


Figure 72: Average Annual Growth in Buildings Permitted



Annual Value of Property Permitted - Per Capita in Chico

Figure 73: Value Permitted Each Year

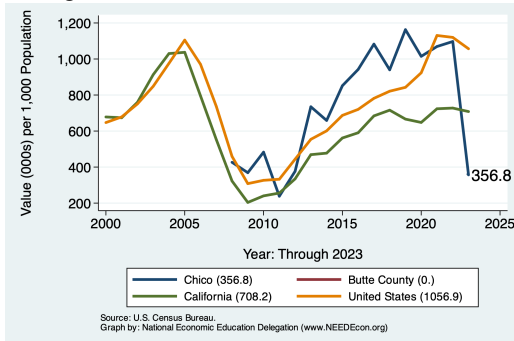
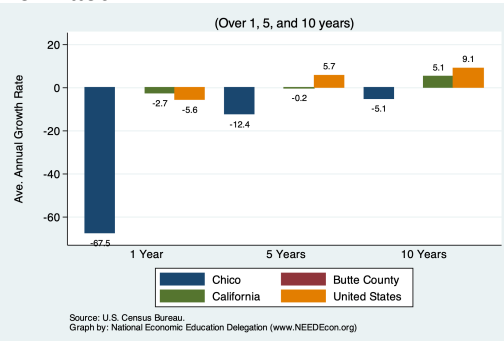


Figure 74: Average Annual Growth in Value Permitted



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

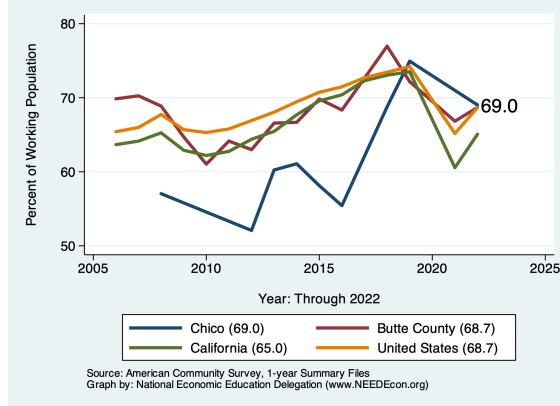


Figure 76: Percent of Workers Commuting by Carpool

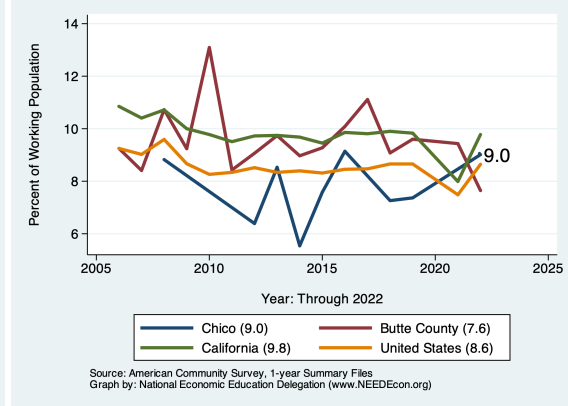


Figure 77: Percent of Workers using Public Transportation

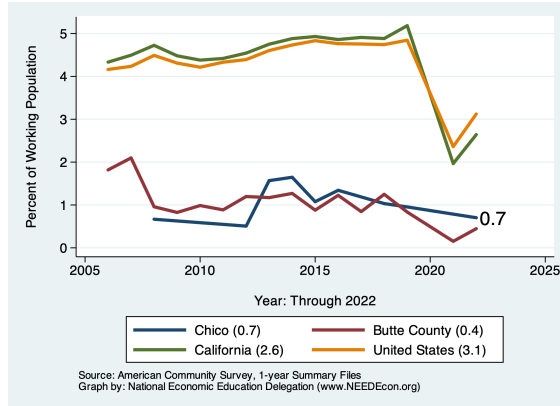
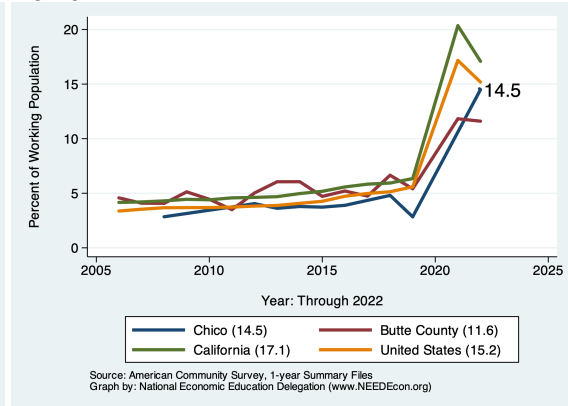


Figure 78: Percent of Workers Who Work From Home



The first table on this page presents data for those who LIVE in Chico. The second provides data on those who work, but do not necessarily live in Chico. 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:	21,737	78.5	19,066	74.1	40,803	78.0	75.3
Drove Alone	19,617	70.9	16,473	64.0	36,090	69.0	65.5
Carpooled:	2,120	7.7	2,593	10.1	4,713	9.0	9.8
In 2-person carpool	1,692	6.1	1,960	7.6	3,652	7.0	7.0
In 3-person carpool	4	0.0	367	1.4	371	0.7	1.7
In 4-or-more-person carpool	424	1.5	266	1.0	690	1.3	1.2
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	83	0.3	284	1.1	367	0.7	2.7
Bus or Trolley Bus	7	0.0	261	1.0	268	0.5	1.8
Streetcar or Trolley Car	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.5
Subway or Elevated	76	0.3	23	0.1	99	0.2	0.2
Railroad	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Ferryboat	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Bicycle	508	1.8	210	0.8	718	1.4	0.7
Walked	1,067	3.9	1,247	4.8	2,314	4.4	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	475	1.7	32	0.1	507	1.0	1.7
Worked at Home	3,814	13.8	3,766	14.6	7,580	14.5	17.2
Total:	27,684	100.0	24,605	95.6	52,289	100.0	

Source: 2022 1-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:	22,845	80.7	23,461	79.4	46,306	81.0	78.0
Drove Alone	20,093	71.0	20,307	68.7	40,400	70.7	68.5
Carpooled:	2,752	9.7	3,154	10.7	5,906	10.3	9.5
In 2-person carpool	2,112	7.5	2,292	7.8	4,404	7.7	6.9
In 3-person carpool	414	1.5	512	1.7	926	1.6	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	226	0.8	350	1.2	576	1.0	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	247	0.9	160	0.5	407	0.7	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	231	0.8	149	0.5	380	0.7	2.3
Streetcar or Trolley Car	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.8
Subway or Elevated	16	0.1	11	0.0	27	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	770	2.7	250	0.8	1,020	1.8	0.7
Walked	780	2.8	1,127	3.8	1,907	3.3	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	396	1.4	156	0.5	552	1.0	1.7
Worked at Home	2,581	9.1	3,297	11.2	5,878	10.3	13.6
Total:	27,619	97.6	28,451	96.2	56,070	98.1	

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	786	3.3	973	3.9	1,759	3.6	2.1
5 to 9 minutes	4,075	17.1	4,927	19.7	9,002	18.5	7.8
10 to 14 minutes	4,583	19.2	6,867	27.5	11,450	23.6	12.4
15 to 19 minutes	5,730	24.0	3,452	13.8	9,182	18.9	15.4
20 to 24 minutes	1,715	7.2	778	3.1	2,493	5.1	14.8
25 to 29 minutes	754	3.2	918	3.7	1,672	3.4	6.4
30 to 34 minutes	2,289	9.6	1,462	5.9	3,751	7.7	15.2
35 to 39 minutes	621	2.6	0	0.0	621	1.3	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	60	0.3	440	1.8	500	1.0	4.1
45 to 59 minutes	1,242	5.2	242	1.0	1,484	3.1	8.2
60 to 89 minutes	1,810	7.6	689	2.8	2,499	5.1	7.2
90 or more minutes	205	0.9	91	0.4	296	0.6	3.6
Total:	23,870	100.0	20,839	83.4	44,709	92.0	

Source: 2022 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

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

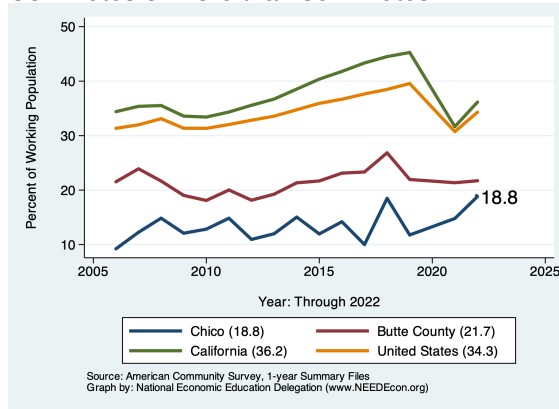


Figure 80: Percent of Employed Population With Commutes of More than 90 Minutes

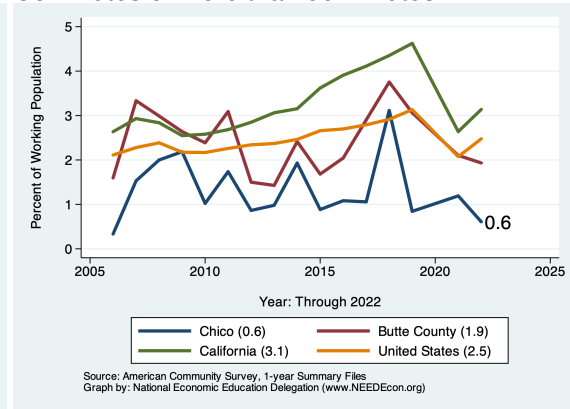
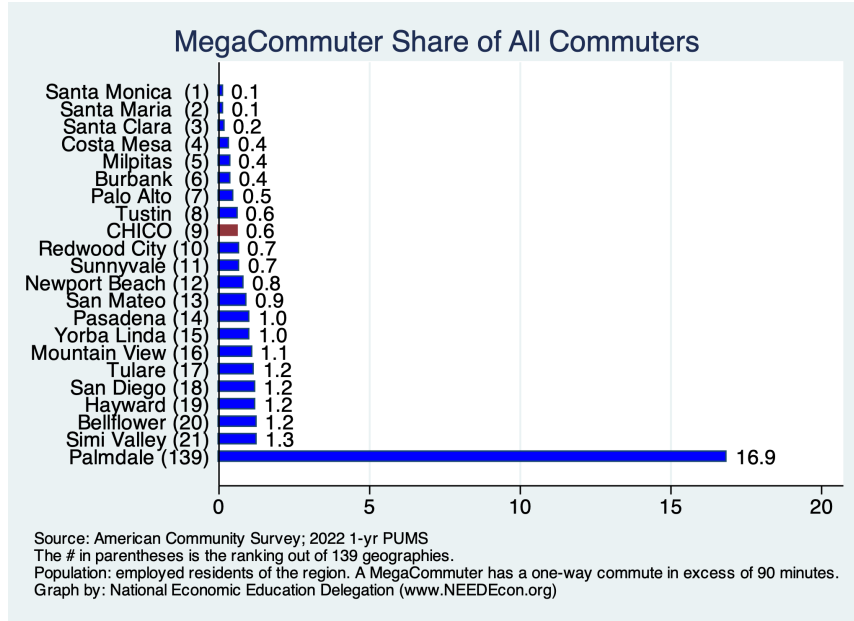


Figure 81: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



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	758	2.9	1,021	3.5	1,779	3.2	2.1
5 to 9 minutes	4,192	15.8	4,870	16.9	9,062	16.5	7.8
10 to 14 minutes	4,619	17.4	6,964	24.2	11,583	21.1	12.4
15 to 19 minutes	4,579	17.2	5,429	18.8	10,008	18.2	15.3
20 to 24 minutes	1,987	7.5	1,626	5.6	3,613	6.6	14.8
25 to 29 minutes	856	3.2	832	2.9	1,688	3.1	6.4
30 to 34 minutes	1,723	6.5	1,939	6.7	3,662	6.7	15.2
35 to 39 minutes	447	1.7	778	2.7	1,225	2.2	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	153	0.6	955	3.3	1,108	2.0	4.1
45 to 59 minutes	994	3.7	807	2.8	1,801	3.3	8.2
60 to 89 minutes	1,359	5.1	752	2.6	2,111	3.8	7.2
90 or more minutes	363	1.4	284	1.0	647	1.2	3.6
Total:	22,030	82.8	26,257	91.1	48,287	87.9	

Source: 2022 1-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

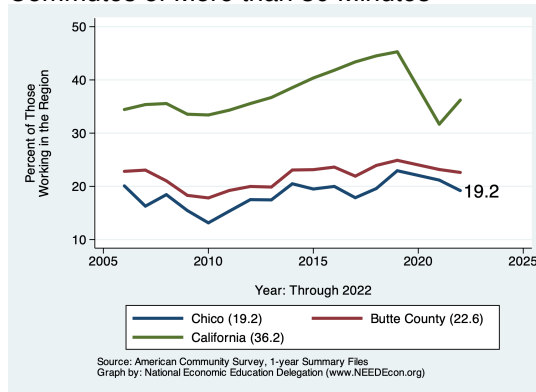


Figure 83: Percent of Local Employees With Commutes of More than 90 Minutes

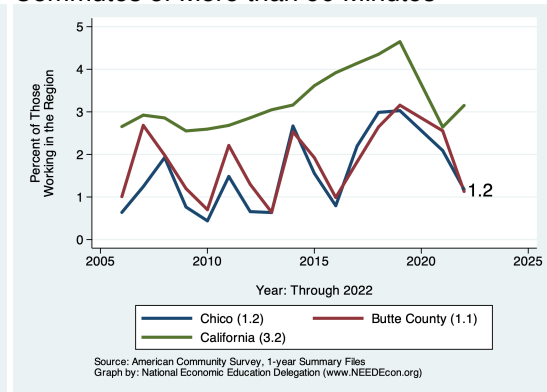
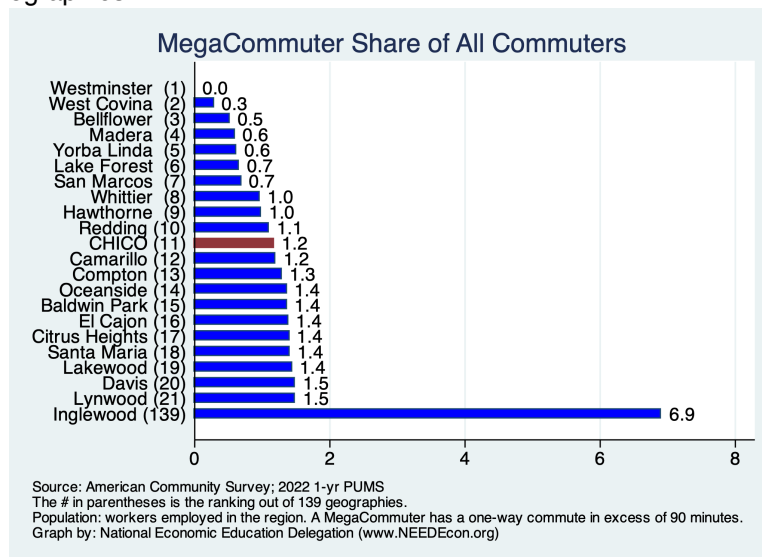


Figure 84: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



Place of Work

This section provides evidence on where workers living in Chico work. As evidenced in the first table, some of Chico’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 Chico city boundary.

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

Place of Work	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Worked in state of residence:	27,463	99.2	24,605	95.6	52,068	99.6	99.6
Worked in county of residence	23,751	85.8	23,333	90.7	47,084	90.0	85.3
worked outside of county of residence	3,712	13.4	1,272	4.9	4,984	9.5	14.3
Worked outside state of residence	221	0.8	0	0.0	221	0.4	0.4
Total:	27,684	100.0	24,605	95.6	52,289	100.0	

Source: 2022 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

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

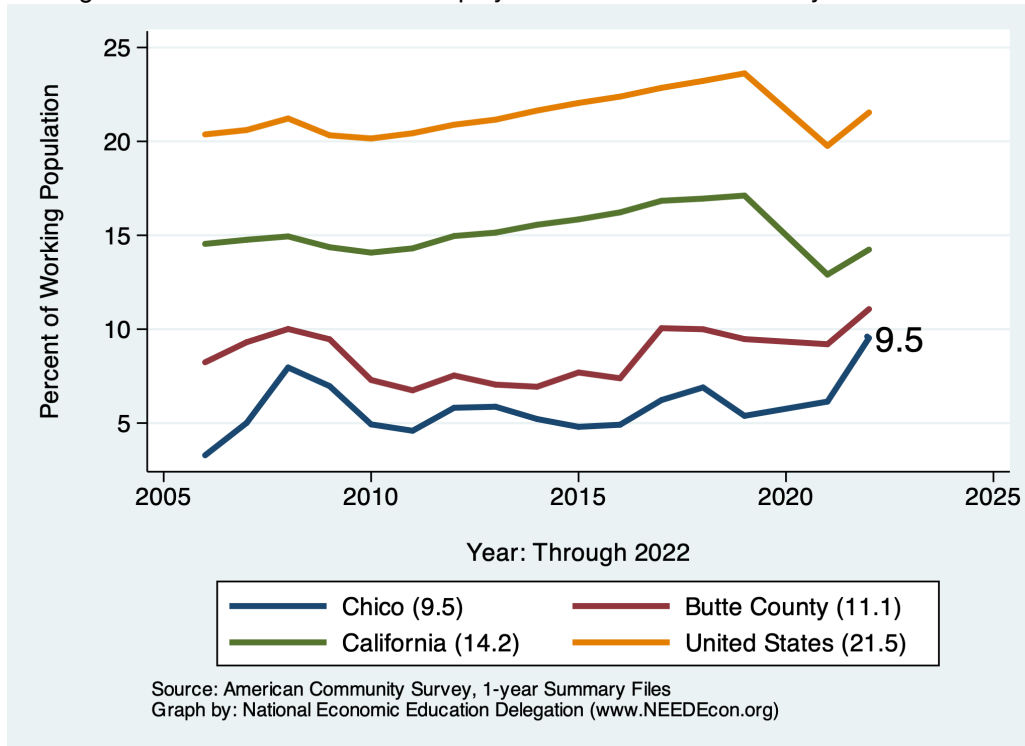
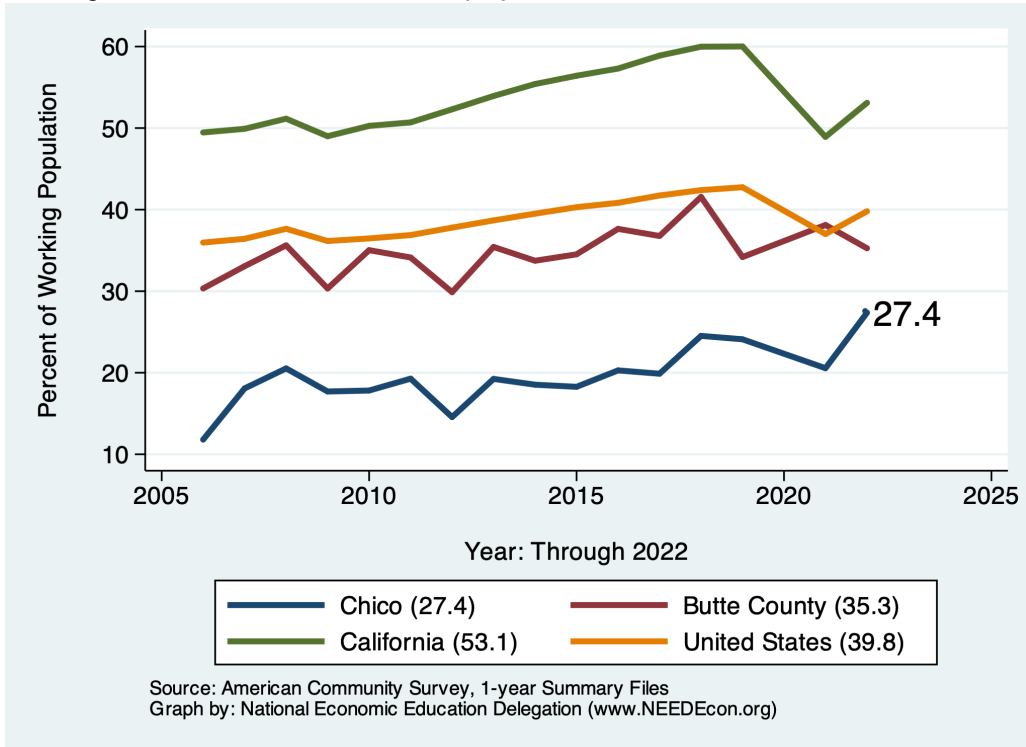


Table 11. SEX OF WORKERS BY PLACE OF WORK-PLACE LEVEL

Place of Work	Male		Female		All Workers #	All Workers (%)	All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)			
Living in a place:	27,684	100.0	24,605	95.6	52,289	100.0	95.8
Worked in place of residence	17,684	63.9	20,298	78.9	37,982	72.6	42.3
Worked outside place of residence	10,000	36.1	4,307	16.7	14,307	27.4	53.4
Not living in a place	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4.2
Total:	27,684	100.0	24,605	95.6	52,289	100.0	

Source: 2022 1-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			United States	
	Median	California Median	Ratio	Median	Ratio
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	37,296	48,335	107.2	45,677	105.6
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	26,404	35,926	102.1	34,518	98.9
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	9,809	34,625	39.4	41,443	30.6
Walked	12,032	30,552	54.7	27,247	57.1
Taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle, or other means	21,100	40,631	72.1	36,218	75.3
Worked from home	48,910	79,738	85.2	69,180	91.4
Total:	35,858	49,818	72.0	46,365	77.3

Source: 2022 1-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	13,172	63.3	10,767	71.1	8,030	69.0	36,334	69.5	68.4
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	1,978	9.5	1,176	7.8	748	6.4	4,438	8.5	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	170	0.8	65	0.4	64	0.5	354	0.7	3.6
Walked	1,271	6.1	283	1.9	219	1.9	2,051	3.9	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	684	3.3	488	3.2	481	4.1	1,874	3.6	2.4
Worked at Home	1,641	7.9	2,088	13.8	1,519	13.0	5,878	11.2	13.6
Total:	18,916	90.9	14,867	98.2	11,061	95.0	50,929	97.4	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	14,058	52.1	11,793	69.6	9,429	74.3	40,393	70.7	68.5
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	2,522	9.4	1,705	10.1	1,073	8.5	5,906	10.3	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	237	0.9	65	0.4	50	0.4	407	0.7	3.6
Walked	1,162	4.3	364	2.1	178	1.4	1,907	3.3	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	646	2.4	311	1.8	439	3.5	1,572	2.8	2.4
Worked at Home	1,641	6.1	2,088	12.3	1,519	12.0	5,878	10.3	13.6
Total:	20,266	75.1	16,326	96.4	12,688		56,063	98.1	

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	5,442	63.0	2,197	36.3	28,273	70.4	35,912	69.4	65.8
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	1,173	13.6	198	3.3	3,342	8.3	4,713	9.1	9.8
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	115	1.3	95	1.6	91	0.2	301	0.6	2.6
Walked	1,008	11.7	462	7.6	640	1.6	2,110	4.1	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	146	1.7	681	11.3	398	1.0	1,225	2.4	2.4
Worked at Home	753	8.7	709	11.7	6,004	14.9	7,466	14.4	17.2
Total:	8,637		4,342	71.8	38,748	96.5	51,727		

Source: 2022 1-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	5,674	66.9	2,797	46.3	30,232	64.4	38,703	68.5	65.8
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	526	6.2	253	4.2	4,788	10.2	5,567	9.9	9.8
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	92	1.1	95	1.6	91	0.2	278	0.5	2.6
Walked	1,025	12.1	462	7.7	671	1.4	2,158	3.8	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	92	1.1	681	11.3	576	1.2	1,349	2.4	2.4
Worked at Home	753	8.9	709	11.7	6,004	12.8	7,466	13.2	17.2
Total:	8,162	96.3	4,997	82.8	42,362	90.3	55,521	98.3	100.0

Source: 2022 1-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 Chico 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

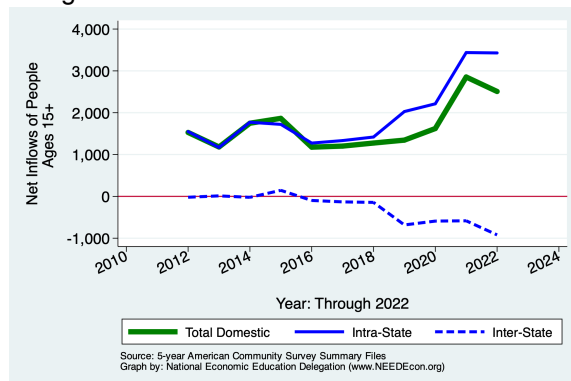


Table 17: Migration by Income

Category	Population	Net Inflows				
		All Migration	Same State		Across States	From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties		
No income	10,494	916	84	1,145	-318	5
With income	76,511	908	248	1,552	-934	42
\$1 to \$9,999 or less	13,306	1,240	315	1,190	-265	0
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7,755	755	134	487	134	0
\$15,000 to \$24,999	9,473	312	155	253	-96	0
\$25,000 to \$34,999	8,871	-218	-105	145	-300	42
\$35,000 to \$49,999	9,045	-539	-112	-348	-79	0
\$50,000 to \$64,999	7,356	58	-59	136	-19	0
\$65,000 to \$74,999	4,920	-197	0	-87	-110	0
\$75,000 or more	15,785	-503	-80	-224	-199	0
All:	87,005	1,824	332	2,697	-1,252	47

Source: 2022 1-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

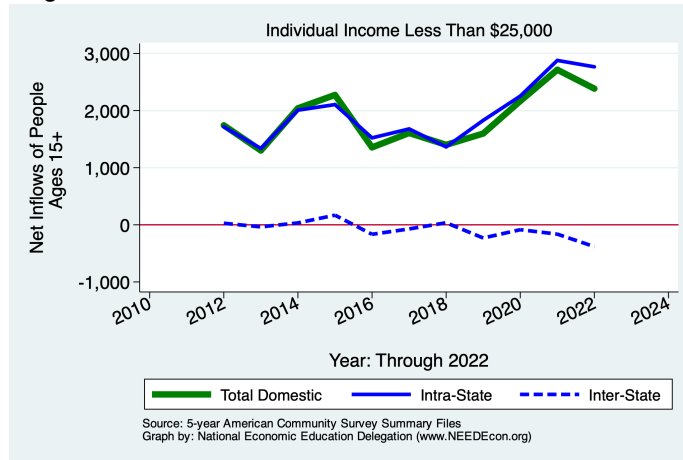


Figure 89: Overall Movements of Middle Income Residents

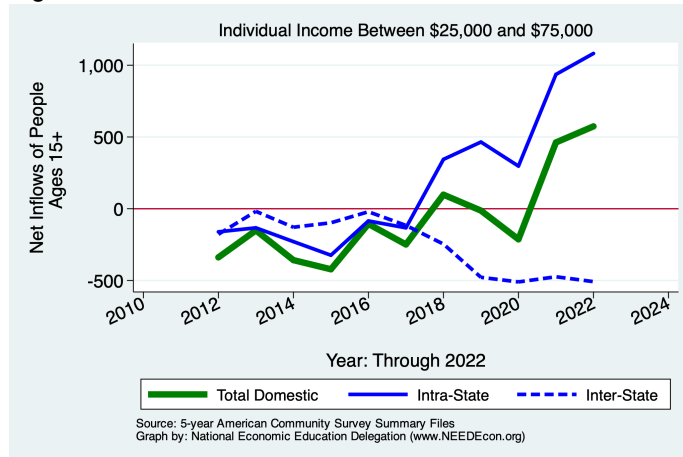
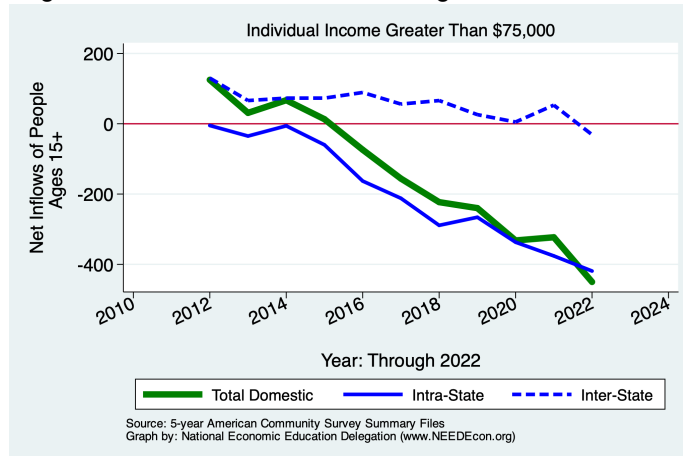


Figure 90: Overall Movements of High Income Residents



Demographics of Migration Flows

Table 18: Migration by Marital Status

Category	Population	All Migration	Net Inflows			
			Same State			From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties	Across States	
Never married	43,332	2,867	604	3,243	-1,027	47
Now married, except separated	28,658	-1,256	-813	-193	-250	0
Divorced	9,405	298	256	-38	80	0
Separated	1,169	-172	200	-372	0	0
Widowed	4,441	87	85	57	-55	0
Total:	87,005	1,824	332	2,697	-1,252	47

Source: 2022 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Table 19: Migration by Tenure

Category	Population	All Migration	Net Inflows			
			Same State			From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties	Across States	
Householder lived in owner-occupied housing units	47,524	-2,544	-1,026	-729	-794	5
Householder lived in renter-occupied housing units	49,116	2,649	783	2,267	-443	42
Total:	96,640	105	-243	1,538	-1,237	47

Source: 2022 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Figure 91: Domestic Movements of Residents by Tenure

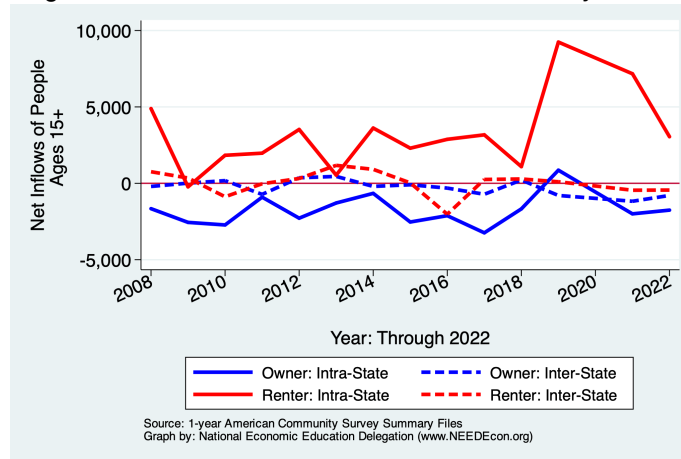


Table 20: Migration by Age

Category	Population	Net Inflows					From Abroad
		All Migration	Same State			Across States	
			W/in County	Between Counties	Between Counties		
1 to 4 years	3,881	235	161	73	0	1	
5 to 17 years	14,374	-21	-5	265	-302	21	
18 and 19 years	5,068	1,452	243	1,271	-66	4	
20 to 24 years	17,717	1,624	370	1,032	41	181	
25 to 29 years	8,864	-569	-193	-188	-197	9	
30 to 34 years	6,652	75	178	47	-162	12	
35 to 39 years	6,926	-103	48	-50	-101	0	
40 to 44 years	5,377	-101	-11	37	-145	18	
45 to 49 years	4,891	-123	-73	-4	-64	18	
50 to 54 years	4,815	46	77	-3	-34	6	
55 to 59 years	4,373	152	-12	113	38	13	
60 to 64 years	5,002	19	82	20	-83	0	
65 to 69 years	4,451	17	69	-32	-20	0	
70 to 74 years	3,757	213	191	32	-10	0	
75 years and over	5,698	160	325	-147	-18	0	
Total Population:	101,846	3,076	1,450	2,466	-1,123	283	

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

Table 21: Migration by Educational Attainment

Category	Population	Net Inflows					From Abroad
		All Migration	Same State			Across States	
			W/in County	Between Counties	Between Counties		
Less than high school graduate	3,218	475	99	304	72	0	
High school graduate (includes equiv)	8,712	-410	190	-162	-480	42	
Some college or assoc. degree	21,987	1,146	434	1,191	-479	0	
Bachelor's degree	17,822	-2,190	-824	-1,187	-179	0	
Graduate or professional degree	10,421	-374	-58	-346	25	5	
Total:	62,160	-1,353	-159	-200	-1,041	47	

Source: 2022 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Table 22: Median Income of Migration Flows

Flow	In-Migration	Out-Migration
Same House 1 Year Ago	37,311	37,311
Moved Within Same County	22,178	25,585
Moved to Different County, Same State	20,895	32,103
Moved Between States	59,484	36,296
Total Population:	32,772	35,590

Source: 2022 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Table 23: Median Age of Migration Flows

Flow	In-Migration	Out-Migration
Same House 1 Year Ago	36.3	36.3
Moved Within Same County	25.5	25.8
Moved to Different County, Same State	23.8	27.6
Moved Between States	38.6	30.7
Total Population:	32.8	33.1

Source: 2022 1-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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