# El Paso de Robles, California

# Indicators Report

by
The National Economic Education Delegation (NEED)

April 20, 2024

Exploring the economics, demographics, and well-being of El Paso de Robles and its residents through indicators.

This report was produced by the:

National Economic Education Delegation 271 Arias St. San Rafael, CA 94903 415-336-5705 www.NEEDEcon.org Contact: Jon@NEEDEcon.org

# **Executive Summary**

# Assessing the City with Indicators

#### **About this Report**

This report provides background or summary information for the city of El Paso de Robles (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 El Paso de Robles. These indicators are compared to San Luis Obispo County (the County) as a whole, a broader region where one is well defined, California, and the United Sates.

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 snopshot of El Paso de Robles 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 or employment and unemployment in El Paso de Robles 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 El Paso de Robles, 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 proprotion 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 El Paso de Robles, but do not necessarily live in El Paso de Robles.

<b>Migration:</b> Population changes comes primarily through organic causes: births a pration between regions also plays a significant role in population growth. A final eport provides evidence on migration into and out of the City.	

# **Contents**

Executive Summary Assessing the City with Indicators	<b>1</b> 1
Demographics         A Demographic Snapshot          Current Population	
Employment Report Citywide Employment and Unemployment	10
Income and Earnings  Per Capita Personal Income Growth	
Housing Housing Costs and Affordability Housing Picture Vintage of Residential Housing Occupation of Residential Housing Residential Permitting	25 27 29
Commute Patterns  Mode of Transportation  Commute Times for Employed Residents  Commute Times for Those Employed in the City  Place of Work  Commute Mode by Income  Commute Mode by Poverty Status	36 37 38 40
Migration Overall Migration Flows	
Helefellees alla ovalles	70

# **Demographics**

#### **Definition:**

# Why is it important?

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 compositon.

The characteristics and growth of El Paso de Robles's population are fundamental indicators of the city's growth potential.

A Demographic Snapshot

Statistic	2022	2019
POPULATION		
Population Estimate (#, 5yr)	31,595.0	31,822.0
Veterans (#, 5yr)	2,130.0	2,104.0
Foreign born persons (%, 5yr)	15.8	18.4
Population age 25+ (#, 5yr)	21,567.0	21,407.0
AGE AND SEX		
Persons under 5 years (%, 5yr)	6.1	5.5
Persons under 18 years (%, 5yr)	23.8	22.5
Persons 65 years and over (%, 5yr)	19.5	16.3
Female persons (%, 5yr)	50.8	51.4
INCOME AND POVERTY		
Median household income (\$, 5yr)	83,948.0	62,601.0
Per capita income in past 12 months (\$, 5yr)	43,370.0	32,803.0
Persons in poverty (%, 5yr)	11.0	9.4
Children age less than 18 in poverty (#, 5yr)	1,014.0	885.0
Children age less than 18 in poverty (%, 5yr)	13.6	12.5
RACE AND ETHNICITY		
White alone (%, 5yr)	69.6	86.9
African American alone (%, 5yr)	0.5	1.1
American Indian or Alaska Native alone (%, 5yr)	1.8	1.1
Asian alone (%, 5yr)	3.9	2.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (%, 5yr)	0.0	0.0
Two or More Races (%, 5yr)	13.8	2.0
Hispanic or Latino (%, 5yr)	33.7	38.0
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino (%, 5yr)	55.6	57.3
HOUSING		
Housing units (#, 5yr)	12,856.0	12,534.0
Owner-occupied housing units (%, 5yr)	61.2	57.3
Median value of owner-occupied housing units (\$, 5yr)	620,300.0	456,000.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-with a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	2,532.0	2,169.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-without a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	669.0	557.0
Median gross rent (\$, 5yr)	1,661.0	1,252.0
FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		
Households (#, 5yr)	12,005.0	12,123.0
Persons per household (#, 5yr)	2.6	2.6
Living in same house 1 year ago, % of persons age 1+ (5yr) <b>EDUCATION</b>	88.3	86.7
High school graduate or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	88.8	85.7
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	29.2	24.4
HEALTH		
With a disability, under age 65 years (#, 5yr)	2,200.0	1,853.0
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years (%, 5yr) LABOR FORCE	9.4	10.7
In civilian labor force, persons age 16+ (%, 5yr)	61.9	65.3
In civilian labor force, women age 16+ (%, 5yr)	58.8	59.2
Employed, persons age 16+ (%, 5yr)	55.8	60.5
Self employed (%, 5yr)	9.7	12.9
TRANSPORTATION		
Mean travel time to work, workers age 16+ (Mins., 5yr)	23.5	22.4
Drive alone in private vehicle (%, 5yr)	76.6	79.3
Using public transportation (%, 5yr)	1.3	1.3
Worked from home (%, 5yr)	8.9	4.6

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)

	2023		% Change								
Region	Population	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year							
City											
El Paso De Robles	30,692	-1.02	-1.77	-1.64							
County and Broader Regions											
San Luis Obispo County	278,348	-0.50	0.55	-0.61							
Central Coast	1,411,324	-0.74	-1.86	-2.79							
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

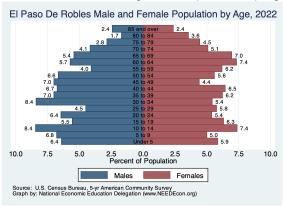
(Thousands, January to January) % Change Central Coast California City 2022 2023 Local San Luis Obispo County 279.8278.3 -0.50-0.74-0.35San Luis Obispo 1.15 47.247.8 El Paso De Robles 31.0 30.7 -1.02Atascadero 30.2 -0.3130.3 Arroyo Grande 18.1 17.9 -1.20Grover Beach 12.6 12.5-1.24Morro Bay 10.4 10.3 -1.34Pismo Beach -1.17

Source: CA DOF; Calculations by National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 1: Population Growth (1) 10 Percent Change from 2010 -10 -20 -30 2010 1990 2000 2020 2030 Year, through 2023 El Paso De Robles (3.1%)= San Luis Obispo County (3.3%) California (4.6%) Source: CA, Department of Finance Graph bv: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

Figure 2: Population Growth (2) (Over 1, 5 and 32 years, through 2023) Annual Growth Rate (%), to 2023 2.0 1.5 0.91 1.0 0.5 0.01 0.0 -0.5 -1.0 Ave. 1 Year 5 Years 32 Years El Paso De Robles San Luis Obispo County California Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis Graph bv: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

Figure 3: Population by Age - Detailed Age Categories



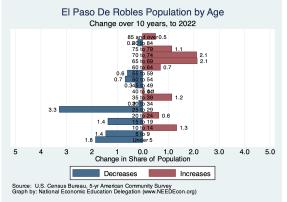
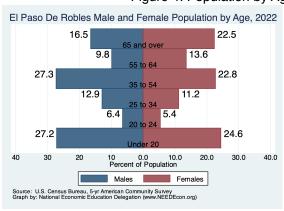


Figure 4: Population by Age - Broad Age Categories



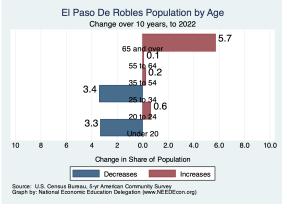
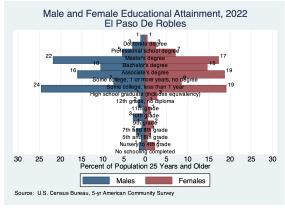
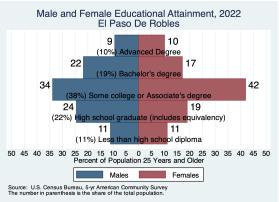


Figure 5: Population by Educational Attainment





El Paso De Robles Race/Ethnicity, 2022 33.7% 3.6% White, Nonhispanic Black, Nonhispanic Asian, Nonhispanic Other, Nonhispanic Hispanic

Figure 6: Population by Race/Ethnicity Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 5-yr American Community Survey Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

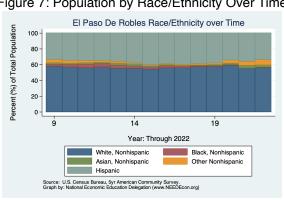


Figure 7: Population by Race/Ethnicity Over Time

# **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?

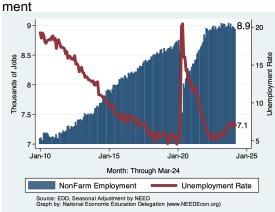
Employment growth is a fundamental indicator of the health of an economy.

Table 3. El Paso de Robles Summary for March, 2024

	Change From:							
Category	Current Value	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 Unemploy- Figure 9: Employment and Unemployment - Last



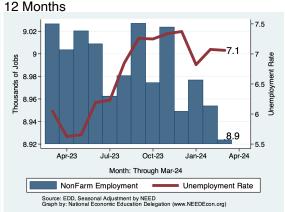
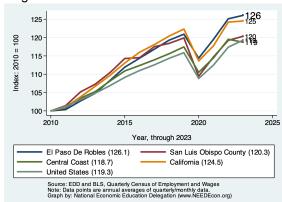
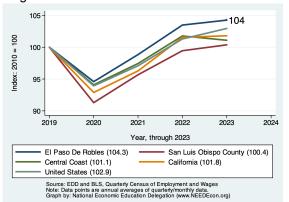


Figure 10: Relative Employment Growth Across Figure 11: Relative Employment Growth Across Regions - since 2010 Regions - since 2019





# 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 San Luis Obispo County. The following table provides the latest data for the County.

Table 4. Employment Growth by Industry in San Luis Obispo County for March, 2024

			Empl	% Growth - Annualized Rate					
Industry	Employment	Share	Growth	Month	Qtr	6mo	1yr	3yr	5yr
Total Nonfarm	119,613	100.0	-23.2	-0.2	2.0	1.4	0.7	2.1	0.1
Total Private	97,261	81.3	71.4	0.9	1.8	2.5	2.3	2.9	0.5
Goods Producing	17,266	14.4	-119.1	-7.9	-1.8	-0.1	1.9	-0.7	1.8
Mining, Logging and Construction	8,847	7.4	129.0	19.3	4.2	-0.2	2.3	-4.1	1.9
Manufacturing	8,515	7.1	-73.0	-9.7	-4.7	0.1	1.2	3.5	1.6
Durable Goods	3,100	2.6	0.0	0.0	-11.9	-6.2	0.0	1.1	-0.6
Non-Durable Goods	5,407	4.5	-74.3	-15.1	-5.0	3.8	1.8	5.0	3.0
Service Providing	102, 183	85.4	-23.0	-0.3	2.1	0.9	0.6	2.6	-0.2
Trade, Trans & Utilities	19,936	16.7	-34.3	-2.0	-1.5	-0.8	1.0	0.2	-1.1
Wholesale Trade	2,400	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4.0	-2.6	-2.2
Retail Trade	13,522	11.3	67.6	6.2	0.1	0.7	-0.1	0.4	-1.0
Information	1,100	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	-16.0	-8.3	0.0	-1.7
Financial Activities	3,954	3.3	22.0	6.9	6.4	2.9	2.6	0.8	0.5
Finance & Insurance	2,000	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4.3	-1.8
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,950	1.6	23.8	15.9	17.2	5.8	5.2	8.3	3.5
Professional & Business Srvcs	11,616	9.7	9.6	1.0	7.5	8.1	3.5	2.5	1.0
Educational & Health Srvcs	18,983	15.9	108.1	7.1	6.4	2.7	2.0	3.3	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	20,700	17.3	42.6	2.5	2.9	5.6	5.1	9.7	1.0
Accommodation & Food Srvcs	18,430	15.4	62.8	4.2	2.1	4.0	2.8	7.9	0.5
Other Srvcs	3,640	3.0	-9.0	-2.9	-14.2	-7.4	-5.3	4.9	-2.1
Government	22,314	18.7	-103.4	-5.4	3.6	-4.4	-4.9	-0.5	-1.4
Federal	600	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0
State	10,663	8.9	-2.5	-0.3	9.4	5.7	1.7	1.7	0.1
Local	11,108	9.3	-86.6	-8.9	-1.5	-13.0	-11.0	-2.4	-2.9

Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation (NEED)

# Some Employee Detail

## **Employed in El Paso de Robles**

Figure 12: Employment by Occupation



Figure 13: Employment by Industry



Figure 14: Language Spoken at Home



Figure 15: Citizenship



## **Employed Residents of El Paso de Robles**

Figure 16: Employment by Occupation



Figure 17: Employment by Industry



Figure 18: Language Spoken at Home



Figure 19: Citizenship



## **Employed Residents vs Workers in El Paso de Robles**

Figure 20: Employment by Occupation



Figure 21: Employment by Industry



Figure 22: Language Spoken at Home



Figure 23: Citizenship



# **Income and Earnings**

## Per Capita Income Growth

#### **Definition:**

Per capita income is the average income per person in El Paso de Robles. 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





Figure 26: Income Levels

Figure 27: Growth over Time

N/A

N/A

Real Per Capita Income Ranking Among Cities in San Luis Obispo County

Figure 28: Income Levels

Figure 29: Growth over Time

N/A

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.

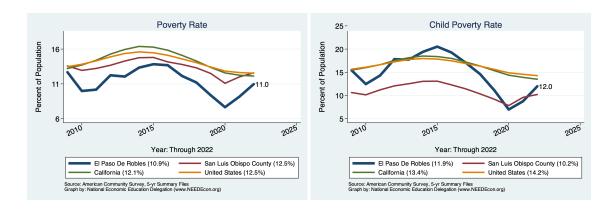


Figure 31: Inequality Inequality: Gini Coefficient 50 48 46.9 46 44 42 40 2010 2020 2025 2015 Year: Through 2022 El Paso De Robles (46.8%) San Luis Obispo County (47.2%) California (48.9%) United States (48.2%) Source: American Community Survey, 5-yr Summary Files Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

2022 50-40-30-20-10-

Fourth Quintile

Top Quintile

**United States** 

Top 5%

San Luis Obispo County

Percent of All Income

Bottom Quintile

Second Quintile

Figure 32: Shares Across the Income Distribution

Circura 00: Managa Anggan tha Imagana Diatribution

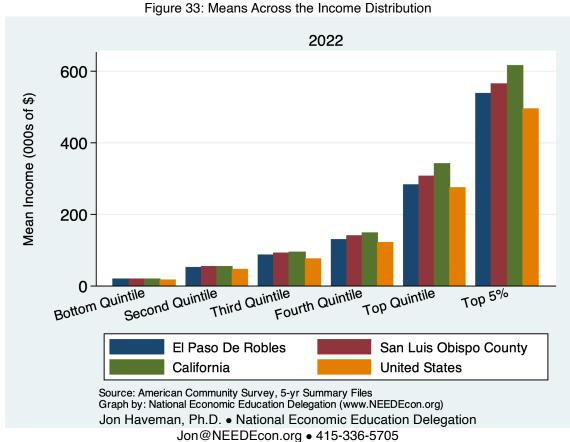
Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

Third Quintile

El Paso De Robles

Source: American Community Survey, 5-yr Summary Files

California



# 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?

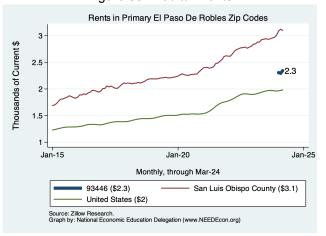
Housing is one of three fundamental necessities, along with food and clothing. A measure of the cost of housing is an integral part of the measurement of the cost of living in a specific community. This is particularly true in cities and regions throughout the Bay Area, where housing costs are high relative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

## Cost of Housing in El Paso de Robles and Broader Regions

Figure 34: Median Home Prices



Figure 35: Median Rents



## Housing Ownership in El Paso de Robles and Broader Regions

Figure 36: Home Ownership Rates

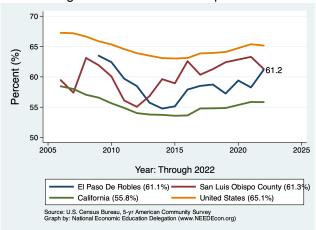


Figure 37: Home Ownership by Age

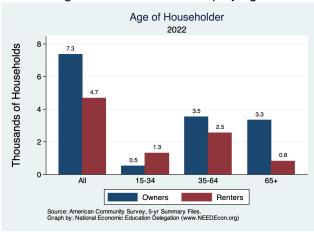


Figure 38: Income by Tenure

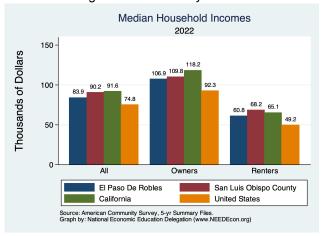


Figure 39: Income Distribution by Tenure

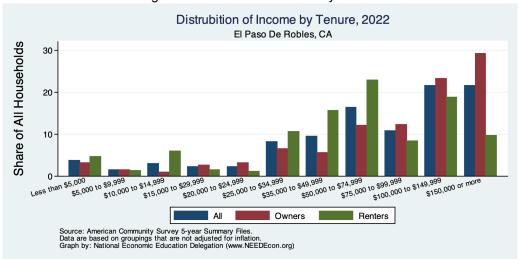


Figure 40: Income Distribution of Home Owners

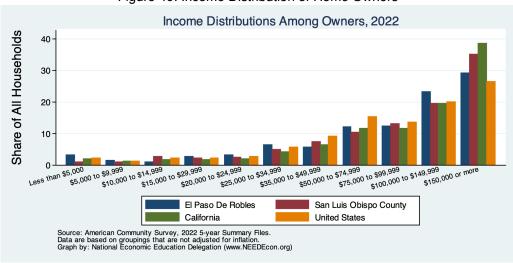
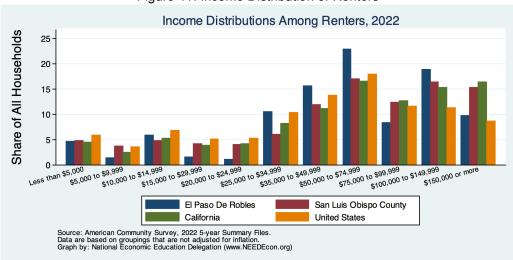


Figure 41: Income Distribution of Renters



# Housing Burden in El Paso de Robles and Broader Regions

Figure 42: Home Owners w/ A Mortgage

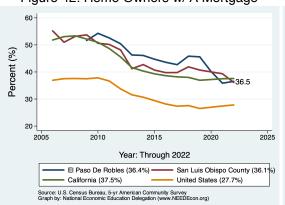


Figure 43: Home Owners w/o A Mortgage

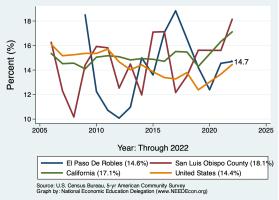


Figure 44: Renters

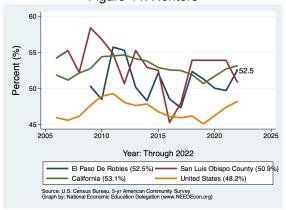
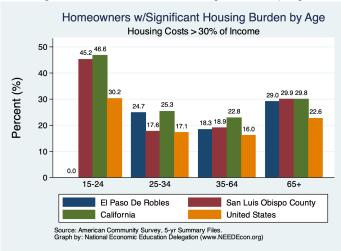


Figure 45: Homeowner Housing Burden by Age



# 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

				% Change from				
Indicator	2023	2019	2010	2019	2010			
Total Population	30,692.0	31,136.0	29,793.0	-1.4	3.0			
Total # of Homes	12,431.0	11,962.0	11,426.0	3.9	8.8			
# Occupied Units	11,762.0	11,509.0	10,833.0	2.2	8.6			
Persons per Household	2.6	2.7	2.7	-3.6	-5.4			
Vacancy Rate (%)	5.4	3.8	5.2	42.1	3.7			

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

Figure 46: Housing Growth

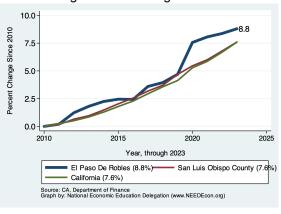


Figure 47: Persons per Household

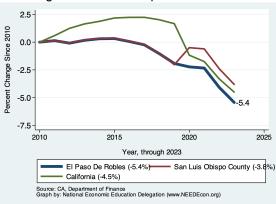


Figure 48: Vacancy Rates

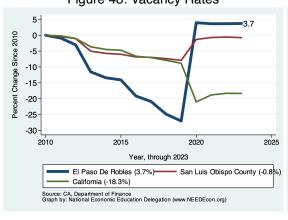
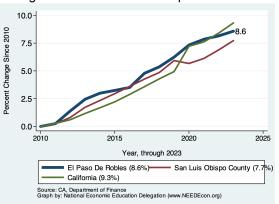


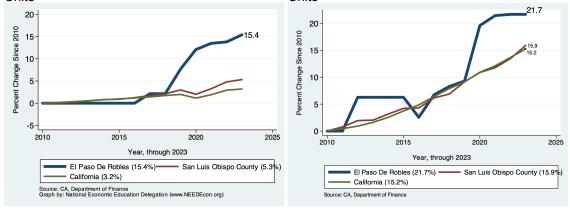
Figure 49: Number of Occupanied Units



## Trends in the Growth of Housing by Housing Type

Figure 50: Single Detached Homes Figure 51: Single Attached Homes 10.0 12.5 Percent Change Since 2010 Percent Change Since 2010 10.0 5.0 5.0 2.5 2.5 0.0 0.0 2010 2020 2025 2010 Year, through 2023 Year, through 2023 El Paso De Robles (6.7%) San Luis Obispo County (7.7%) El Paso De Robles (6.4%) San Luis Obispo County (11.2%) California (5.8%) California (9.3%) Source: CA, Department of Finance Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org) -Source: CA, Department of Finance Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

Figure 52: Housing in Buildings with Two to Four 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 El Paso de Robles was built. We break it down into owned versus rented residences and provide a comparison across San Luis Obispo 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 hous-

ing. 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.

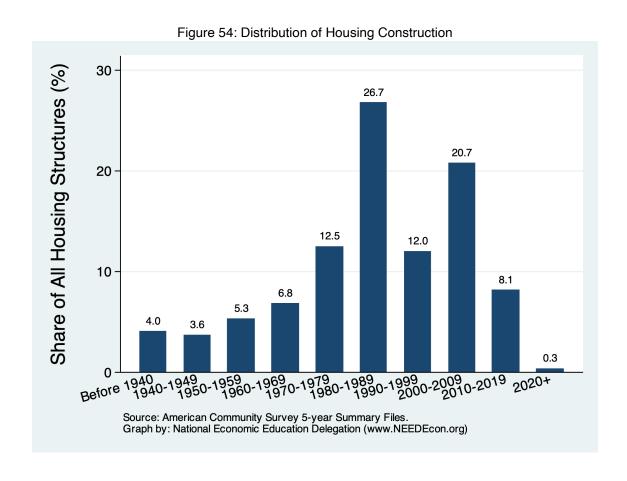


Figure 55: Housing Vintage across Regions

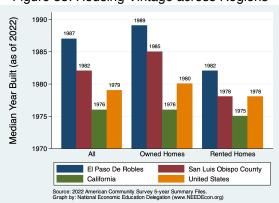


Figure 56: Housing Vintage by Tenure

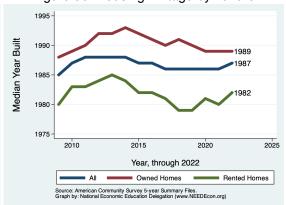


Figure 57: Vintage of Owned Residences

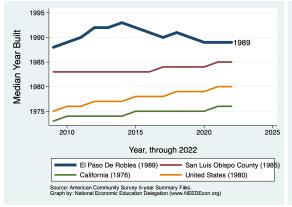


Figure 58: Vintage of Rented Residences

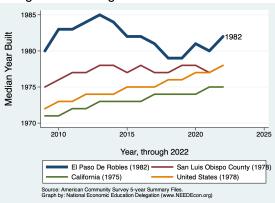
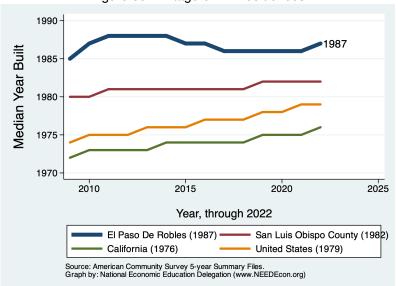


Figure 59: Vintage of All Residences



# 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.

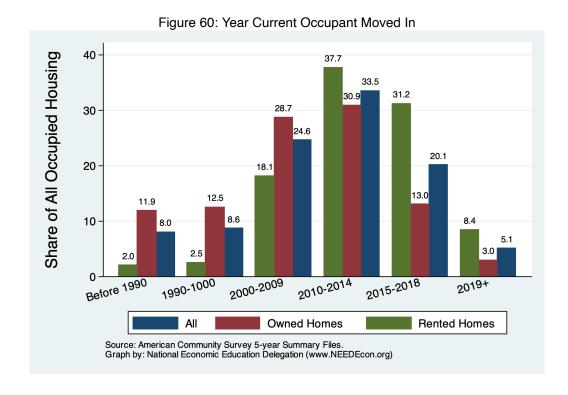


Figure 61: Year Occupied by Current Residents Figure 62: Year Occupied by Current Residents across Regions by Tenure

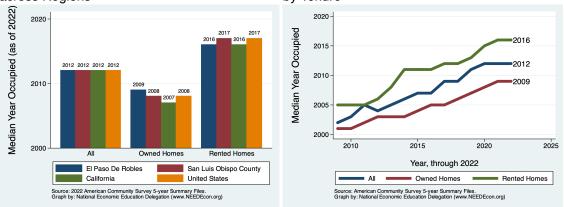


Figure 63: Year Occupied by Current Residents Figure 64: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Owned Housing for Rented Housing

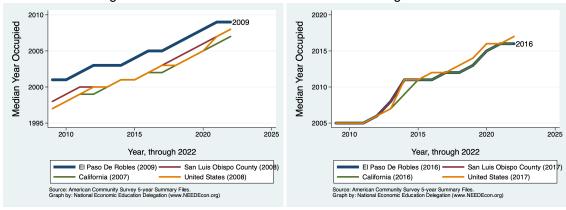
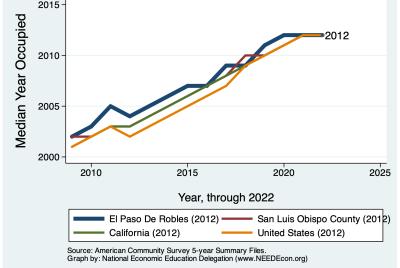


Figure 65: Year Occupied by Current Residents for All Housing



# Residential Permitting

#### **Definition:**

This indicator provides evidence on the number of residential buildings that are permitted for construction each year. Permit data for El Paso de Robles is compared with data from San Luis Obispo 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.

#### El Paso de Robles - Ranking Among Comparables

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



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



Figure 68: Number of Units Permitted - Cities in San Luis Obispo County (Rank)



## El Paso de Robles - Permitting Activity

## Annual Units Permitted - Per Capita in El Paso de Robles

Figure 69: Units Permitted Each Year

Figure 70: Average Annual Growth in Units Permitted

Annual Number of Buildings Permitted - Per Capita in El Paso de Robles

Figure 72: Average Annual Growth in Buildings Permitted

Figure 71: Units Permitted Each Year

N/A

Annual Value of Property Permitted - Per Capita in El Paso de Robles

Figure 74: Average Annual Growth in Value

Figure 73: Value Permitted Each Year

Permitted

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 Figure 76: Percent of Workers Commuting by Car Alone Carpool

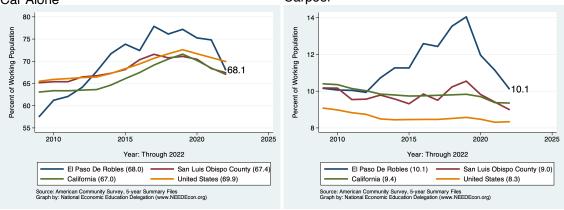
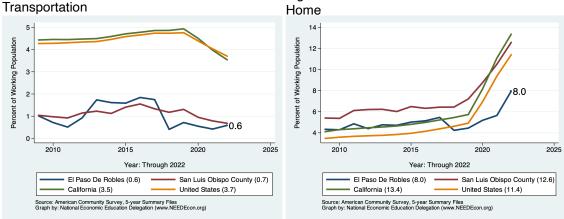


Figure 77: Percent of Workers using Public Figure 78: Percent of Workers Who Work From



The first table on this page presents data for those who LIVE in El Paso de Robles. The second provides data on those who work, but do not necessarily live in El Paso de Robles. 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

	Ma	Male Female		All Wo	All of CA		
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van:	5,967	71.7	6,310	85.7	12, 277	78.2	78.0
Drove Alone	5,250	63.1	5,437	73.8	10,687	68.1	68.4
Carpooled:	717	8.6	873	11.9	1,590	10.1	9.5
In 2-person carpool	596	7.2	754	10.2	1,350	8.6	6.9
In 3-person carpool	22	0.3	55	0.7	77	0.5	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	99	1.2	64	0.9	163	1.0	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	83	1.0	9	0.1	92	0.6	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	75	0.9	9	0.1	84	0.5	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	8	0.1	0	0.0	8	0.1	0.1
Bicycle	10	0.1	0	0.0	10	0.1	0.7
Walked	144	1.7	217	2.9	361	2.3	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	383	4.6	55	0.7	438	2.8	1.7
Worked at Home	711	8.5	537	7.3	1,248	8.0	13.6
Total:	7, 298	87.7	7, 128	96.8	14, 426	91.9	

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

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

	Ma	ıle	Ferr	nale	All Workers		All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van:	6,710	83.6	6,412	83.3	13, 122	84.7	78.0
Drove Alone	5,985	74.5	5,661	73.5	11,646	75.1	68.5
Carpooled:	725	9.0	751	9.8	1,476	9.5	9.5
In 2-person carpool	533	6.6	573	7.4	1,106	7.1	6.9
In 3-person carpool	75	0.9	63	0.8	138	0.9	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	117	1.5	115	1.5	232	1.5	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	224	2.8	32	0.4	256	1.7	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	216	2.7	32	0.4	248	1.6	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	8	0.1	0	0.0	8	0.1	0.1
Bicycle	21	0.3	9	0.1	30	0.2	0.7
Walked	196	2.4	111	1.4	307	2.0	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	116	1.4	33	0.4	149	1.0	1.7
Worked at Home	711	8.9	537	7.0	1,248	8.1	13.6
Total:	7,978	99.4	7, 134	92.6	15, 112	97.5	

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

	М	ale	Fer	nale	All Workers		All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Less than 5 minutes	99	1.3	345	4.9	444	3.0	2.0
5 to 9 minutes	617	7.9	1,599	22.5	2,216	14.9	7.5
10 to 14 minutes	1,665	21.3	1,097	15.4	2,762	18.6	12.2
15 to 19 minutes	727	9.3	771	10.8	1,498	10.1	15.0
20 to 24 minutes	609	7.8	689	9.7	1,298	8.7	14.3
25 to 29 minutes	229	2.9	99	1.4	328	2.2	6.3
30 to 34 minutes	949	12.2	681	9.6	1,630	11.0	15.0
35 to 39 minutes	235	3.0	209	2.9	444	3.0	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	311	4.0	364	5.1	675	4.5	4.3
45 to 59 minutes	573	7.3	441	6.2	1,014	6.8	8.6
60 to 89 minutes	288	3.7	124	1.7	412	2.8	7.9
90 or more minutes	285	3.7	172	2.4	457	3.1	4.0
Total:	6,587	84.4	6,591	92.8	13,178	88.6	

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

Figure 79: Percent of Employed Population With Figure 80: Percent of Employed Population With Commutes of More than 30 Minutes

Commutes of More than 90 Minutes

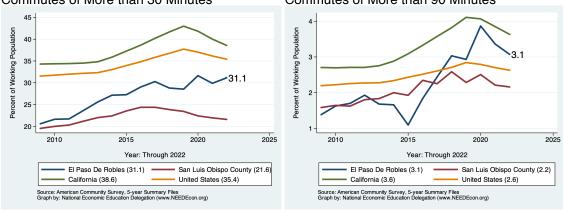
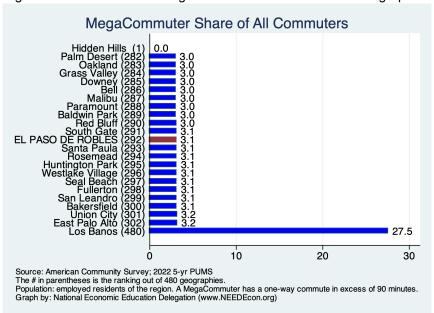


Figure 81: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



# Commute Times for Those Employed in the City

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

WORKPLAC	E GEOG	KAPHY					
	Ma	ıle	Fen	Female All Workers		rkers	All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Less than 5 minutes	208	2.8	261	3.6	469	3.2	2.0
5 to 9 minutes	741	9.8	1,912	26.0	2,653	18.2	7.5
10 to 14 minutes	1,964	26.1	983	13.4	2,947	20.2	12.2
15 to 19 minutes	1,278	17.0	1,059	14.4	2,337	16.0	15.0
20 to 24 minutes	1,163	15.4	960	13.1	2,123	14.5	14.3
25 to 29 minutes	305	4.0	304	4.1	609	4.2	6.3
30 to 34 minutes	604	8.0	349	4.8	953	6.5	15.0
35 to 39 minutes	101	1.3	162	2.2	263	1.8	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	88	1.2	216	2.9	304	2.1	4.3
45 to 59 minutes	337	4.5	92	1.3	429	2.9	8.6
60 to 89 minutes	261	3.5	203	2.8	464	3.2	7.9
90 or more minutes	217	2.9	96	1.3	313	2.1	4.0
Total:	7,267	96.4	6,597	89.8	13,864	94.9	

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 Figure 83: Percent of Local Employees With Commutes of More than 30 Minutes

Commutes of More than 90 Minutes

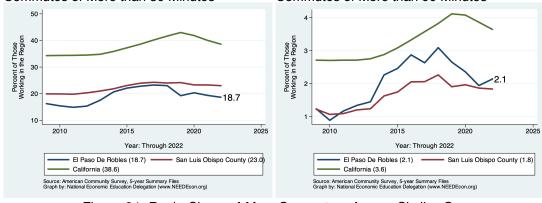
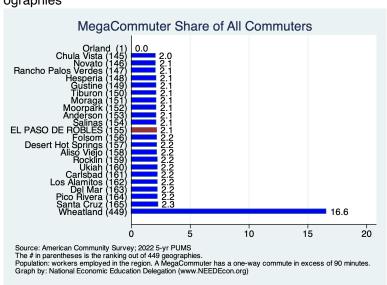


Figure 84: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



#### Place of Work

This section provides evidence on where workers living in El Paso de Robles work. As evidenced in the first table, some of El Paso de Robles'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 El Paso de Robles city boundary.

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

	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA	
Place of Work	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)	
Worked in state of residence:	7, 279	87.4	7, 128	96.8	14, 407	91.8	99.6	
Worked in county of residence	6,752	81.1	6,792	92.2	13,544	86.3	84.1	
worked outside of county of residence	527	6.3	336	4.6	863	5.5	15.4	
Worked outside state of residence	19	0.2	0	0.0	19	0.1	0.4	
Total:	7, 298	87.7	7, 128	96.8	14, 426	91.9		

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

California (15.1)

Source: American Community Survey, 5-year Summary Files Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

25 - 201 20 - 2015 2020 2025

Year: Through 2022

El Paso De Robles (5.5) San Luis Obispo County (8.6)

United States (22.0)

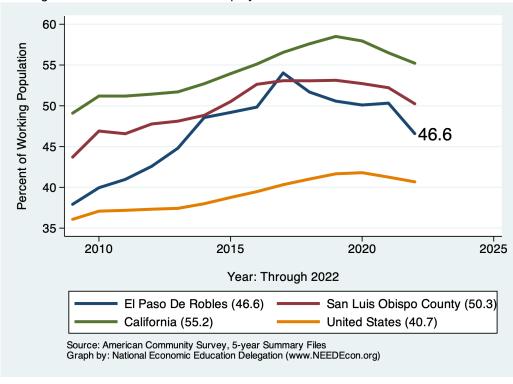
Figure 85: Percent of Workers Employed Outside of Their County of Residence

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

	Ma	ale	Fem	nale	All Wo	rkers	All of CA
Place of Work	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Living in a place:	7, 298	87.7	7, 128	96.8	14, 426	91.9	95.9
Worked in place of residence	3,478	41.8	3,638	49.4	7,116	45.4	39.5
Worked outside place of residence	3,820	45.9	3,490	47.4	7,310	46.6	56.4
Not living in a place	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4.1
Total:	7, 298	87.7	7, 128	96.8	14, 426	91.9	

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			United Sta	tes
	Median	Median	Ratio	Median	Ratio
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	41,598	48, 566	99.5	46, 171	98.9
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	35,250	36,463	112.3	34,487	112.2
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	26,071	40,179	75.3	45,100	63.5
Walked		29,366		27,142	
Taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle, or other means	51,667	40,433	148.4	36,140	157.0
Worked from home	61,429	75, 153	94.9	67,180	100.4
Total:	41,982	48,747	86.1	46,099	91.1

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.

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

	< \$25	5,000	\$25,000	-\$74,999	\$75,0	000+	Al		All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	2,755	48.6	3,629	75.6	2,898	72.6	10,687	68.2	68.4
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	460	8.1	407	8.5	398	10.0	1,590	10.1	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	43	0.8	0	0.0	8	0.2	92	0.6	3.6
Walked	135	2.4	125	2.6	40	1.0	361	2.3	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	116	2.0	202	4.2	130	3.3	448	2.9	2.4
Worked at Home	163	2.9	397	8.3	515	12.9	1,248	8.0	13.6
Total:	3,672	64.7	4,760	99.1	3,989		14, 426	92.0	100.0

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

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

	< \$25	,000	\$25,000	-\$74,999	\$75,0	000+	Al	l	All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	3,170	46.5	4,100	80.7	2,505	71.4	11,646	75.1	68.5
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	623	9.1	507	10.0	138	3.9	1,476	9.5	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	43	0.6	9	0.2	140	4.0	256	1.7	3.6
Walked	104	1.5	49	1.0	63	1.8	307	2.0	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	11	0.2	19	0.4	149	4.2	179	1.2	2.4
Worked at Home	163	2.4	397	7.8	515	14.7	1,248	8.1	13.6
Total:	4, 114	60.4	5,081		3,510		15, 112	97.5	

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.

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

# Commute Mode by Poverty Status

Table 15. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK BY POVERTY STATUS

	In P	overty	100-14	19% of Pov	>150%	of Pov	Al		All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	501	46.3	653	57.2	9,533	67.7	10,687	68.1	68.7
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	70	6.5	101	8.9	1,419	10.1	1,590	10.1	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	2	0.2	41	3.6	49	0.3	92	0.6	3.6
Walked	0	0.0	17	1.5	344	2.4	361	2.3	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	0	0.0	45	3.9	403	2.9	448	2.9	2.4
Worked at Home	16	1.5	5	0.4	1,227	8.7	1,248	8.0	13.6
Total:	589	54.5	862	75.5	12,975	92.1	14,426	91.9	

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

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

	In Po	In Poverty		9% of Pov	>150%	>150% of Pov			All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	660	45.5	497	39.8	10,489	75.5	11,646	75.1	68.7
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	140	9.6	104	8.3	1,232	8.9	1,476	9.5	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	2	0.1	41	3.3	213	1.5	256	1.7	3.6
Walked	0	0.0	0	0.0	307	2.2	307	2.0	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	11	0.8	0	0.0	168	1.2	179	1.2	2.4
Worked at Home	16	1.1	5	0.4	1,227	8.8	1,248	8.1	13.6
Total:	829	57.1	647	51.8	13,636	98.2	15, 112	97.5	

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 El Paso de Robles is a net recipient (migration inflows) or donor (migration 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.

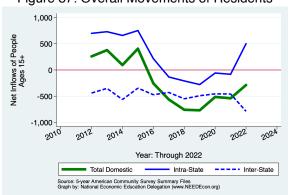


Figure 87: Overall Movements of Residents

Table 17: Migration by Income

		Net Inflows						
			Sam	e State		_		
			W/in	Between	Across	From		
Category	Population	All Migration	County	Counties	States	Abroad		
No income	3,219	-17	-32	21	-54	48		
With income	22,091	-175	260	252	-734	47		
\$1 to \$9,999 or loss	2,470	-68	20	20	-112	4		
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,567	-36	16	24	-76	0		
\$15,000 to \$24,999	2,844	-88	-3	31	-116	0		
\$25,000 to \$34,999	2,881	41	61	13	-33	0		
\$35,000 to \$49,999	3,382	84	95	113	-124	0		
\$50,000 to \$64,999	2,412	-175	-15	-63	-128	31		
\$65,000 to \$74,999	1,247	53	11	51	-9	0		
\$75,000 or more	5,288	14	75	63	-136	12		
All:	25, 310	-192	228	273	-788	95		

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

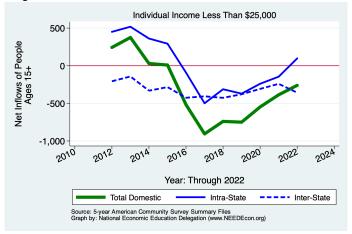
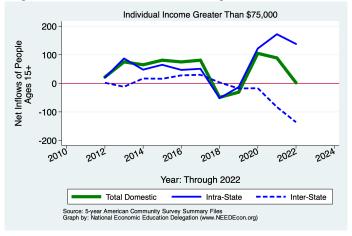


Figure 89: Overall Movements of Middle Income Residents



Figure 90: Overall Movements of High Income Residents



# **Demographics of Migration Flows**

Table 18: Migration by Marital Status

		Net Inflows							
			Same State			-			
			W/in	Between	Across	From			
Category	Population	All Migration	County	Counties	States	Abroad			
Never married	7,221	-339	-20	-68	-303	52			
Now married, except separated	12,639	-83	185	63	-374	43			
Divorced	3,082	61	37	116	-92	0			
Separated	791	47	14	43	-10	0			
Widowed	1,577	122	12	119	-9	0			
Total:	25,310	-192	228	273	-788	95			

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

**Table 19: Migration by Tenure** 

		Net Inflows				
		Same State			-	
			W/in	Between	Across	From
Category	Population	All Migration	County	Counties	States	Abroad
Householder lived in owner-occupied housing units	18,673	232	21	549	-385	47
Householder lived in renter-occupied housing units	12,496	-224	324	-69	-527	48
Total:	31, 169	8	345	480	-912	95

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

Figure 91: Domestic Movements of Residents by Tenure

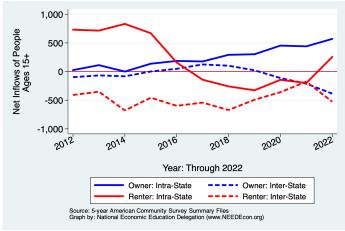


Table 20: Migration by Age

				e State		
			W/in	Between	Across	From
Category	Population	All Migration	County	Counties	States	Abroad
1 to 4 years	1,702	72	-1	99	-26	0
5 to 17 years	5,571	2	0	98	-96	0
18 and 19 years	657	-216	-59	-33	-124	0
20 to 24 years	1,866	-72	189	-130	-131	0
25 to 29 years	1,624	-100	60	-86	-74	0
30 to 34 years	2,177	53	-60	156	-47	4
35 to 39 years	2,085	-58	-7	-69	-30	48
40 to 44 years	2,087	75	-11	162	-76	0
45 to 49 years	1,794	51	52	-1	0	0
50 to 54 years	1,933	-59	1	26	-86	0
55 to 59 years	1,628	-32	-46	29	-15	0
60 to 64 years	2,068	12	62	-18	-44	12
65 to 69 years	1,964	49	13	98	-62	0
70 to 74 years	1,460	-9	-8	18	-19	0
75 years and over	2,747	106	56	99	-80	31
Total Population:	31, 363	-126	241	448	-910	95

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

**Table 21: Migration by Educational Attainment** 

	Net Inflows							
			Samo	e State		-		
Category	Population	All Migration	W/in County	Between Counties	Across States	From Abroad		
Less than high school graduate	2,408	143	-15	93	13	52		
High school graduate (includes equiv)	4,673	-323	-108	-184	-62	31		
Some college or assoc. degree	8, 198	-168	76	125	-381	12		
Bachelor's degree	4,172	298	141	229	-72	0		
Graduate or professional degree	2,116	138	18	151	-31	0		
Total:	21, 567	88	112	414	-533	95		

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

**Table 22: Median Income of Migration Flows** 

<del>-</del>		
Flow	In-Migration	Out-Migration
Same House 1 Year Ago	40,024	40,024
Moved Within Same County	36,250	35,400
Moved to Different County, Same State	44,306	55,820
Moved Between States	50,134	37,998
Moved from Abroad	56,573	
Total Population:	40,091	39,576

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	40.4	40.4
Moved Within Same County	33.5	33.8
Moved to Different County, Same State	41.5	29.4
Moved Between States	33.1	34.2
Moved from Abroad	35.9	
Total Population:	40.0	39.0

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.

The ACS data are supplemented by building permit data from the U.S. Census Bureau, population and housing data from the California Department of Finance, and home price and rental rates from Zillow.

U.S. Census Bureau. American Community Survey 1-year and 5-year Summary Files. https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/data/data-via-ftp.html. The 1-year data are released in September each year and the 5-year data are relased in January.

Zillow Research Data https://www.zillow.com/research/data/

U.S. Census Bureau. Building Permits Data, updated annually in February. https://www.census.gov/construction/bps/current.html

State of California, Department of Finance, E-5 Population and Housing Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State — January 1. Sacramento, California, May. https://dof.ca.gov/forecasting/demographics/estimates/

State of California, Department of Finance, E-2. California County Population Estimates and Components of Change by Year, July 1, 2010-2021. Sacramento, California, December. https://dof.ca.gov/forecasting/demographics/

State of California, Department of Finance, E-1 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State with Annual Percent Change — January 1. Sacramento, California, May. https://dof.ca.gov/forecasting/demographics/