

# **Fairfield, California**

## *Indicators Report*

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

***A Demographic Snapshot***

Statistic	2022	2019
<b>POPULATION</b>		
Population Estimate (#)	119,333.0	117,136.0
Veterans (#)	7,286.0	7,648.0
Foreign born persons (% , 5yr)	22.2	22.2
Population age 25+ (#)	78,266.0	78,520.0
<b>AGE AND SEX</b>		
Persons under 5 years (%)	7.0	7.1
Persons under 18 years (%)	24.5	24.1
Persons 65 years and over (%)	14.5	13.0
Female persons (%)	50.2	51.4
<b>INCOME AND POVERTY</b>		
Median household income (\$)	97,467.0	89,693.0
Per capita income in past 12 months (\$)	43,102.0	35,678.0
Persons in poverty (%)	10.6	9.3
Children age less than 18 in poverty (#)	3,699.0	3,761.0
Children age less than 18 in poverty (%)	12.8	13.3
<b>RACE AND ETHNICITY</b>		
White alone (%)	35.3	51.9
African American alone (%)	10.7	14.5
American Indian or Alaska Native alone (% , 5yr)	0.4	0.5
Asian alone (%)	17.9	16.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (% , 5yr)	1.4	1.3
Two or More Races (%)	16.2	8.6
Hispanic or Latino (%)	32.8	27.6
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino (%)	28.8	32.4
<b>HOUSING</b>		
Housing units (#)	39,704.0	39,867.0
Owner-occupied housing units (%)	64.7	59.3
Median value of owner-occupied housing units (\$)	614,600.0	452,400.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-with a mortgage (\$)	2,533.0	2,420.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-without a mortgage (\$)	642.0	530.0
Median gross rent (\$)	2,115.0	1,808.0
<b>FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS</b>		
Households (#)	38,930.0	37,310.0
Persons per household (#)	3.0	3.1
Living in same house 1 year ago, % of persons age 1+	89.5	83.6
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
High school graduate or higher, % of persons age 25+	86.0	90.7
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25+	27.2	31.8
<b>HEALTH</b>		
With a disability, under age 65 years (#)	7,960.0	7,120.0
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years (%)	4.8	4.8
<b>LABOR FORCE</b>		
In civilian labor force, persons age 16+ (%)	63.3	68.1
In civilian labor force, women age 16+ (%)	53.5	61.7
Employed, persons age 16+ (%)	57.1	62.7
Self employed (%)	8.0	6.8
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
Mean travel time to work, workers age 16+ (Mins.)	29.2	33.7
Drive alone in private vehicle (%)	70.3	77.4
Using public transportation (%)	0.5	3.2
Worked from home (%)	13.8	5.4

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
<b>City</b>				
Fairfield	119,526	0.40	1.68	3.07
<b>County and Broader Regions</b>				
Solano County	443,749	-0.48	1.03	1.06
Bay Area	7,548,792	-0.45	-2.58	-2.62
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	Bay Area	California
Solano County	445.9	443.7	-0.48	-0.45	-0.35
Vallejo	123.2	121.7	-1.21		
Fairfield	119.1	119.5	0.40		
Vacaville	101.2	100.8	-0.43		
Suisun City	28.8	28.5	-1.17		
Benicia	26.5	26.2	-1.21		
Dixon	19.0	19.0	0.22		
Rio Vista	9.9	10.0	0.73		

Source: CA DOF; Calculations by National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 1: Population Growth (1)

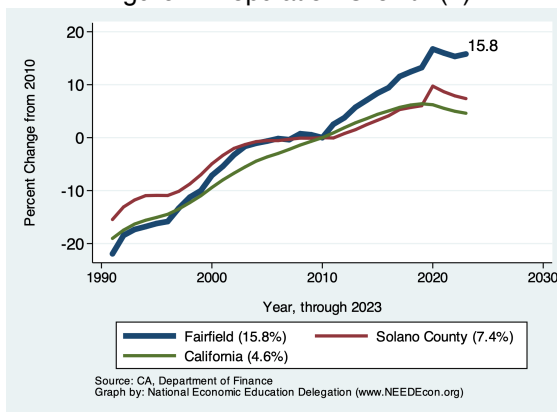


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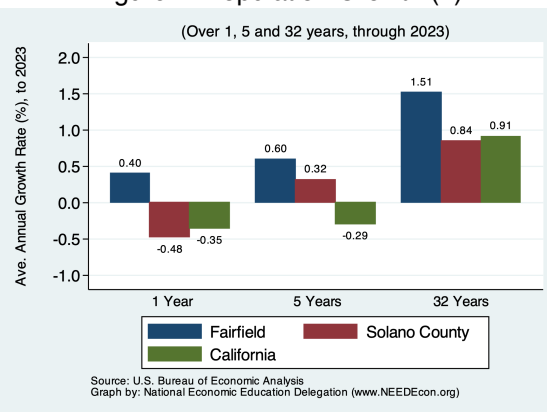


Figure 3: Population by Age - Detailed Age Categories

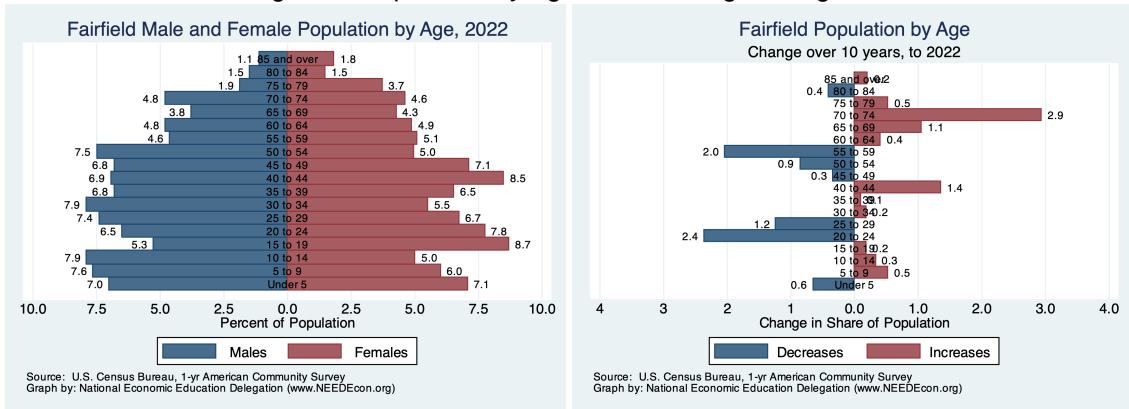


Figure 4: Population by Age - Broad Age Categories

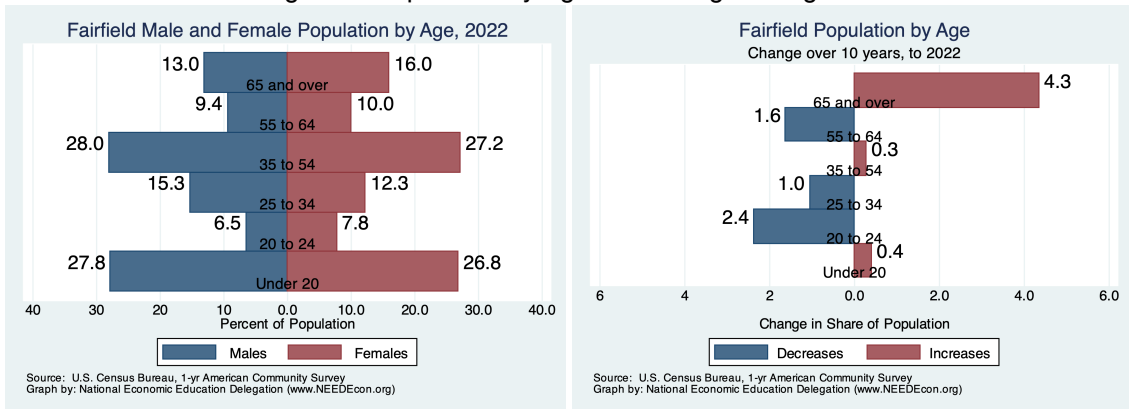


Figure 5: Population by Educational Attainment

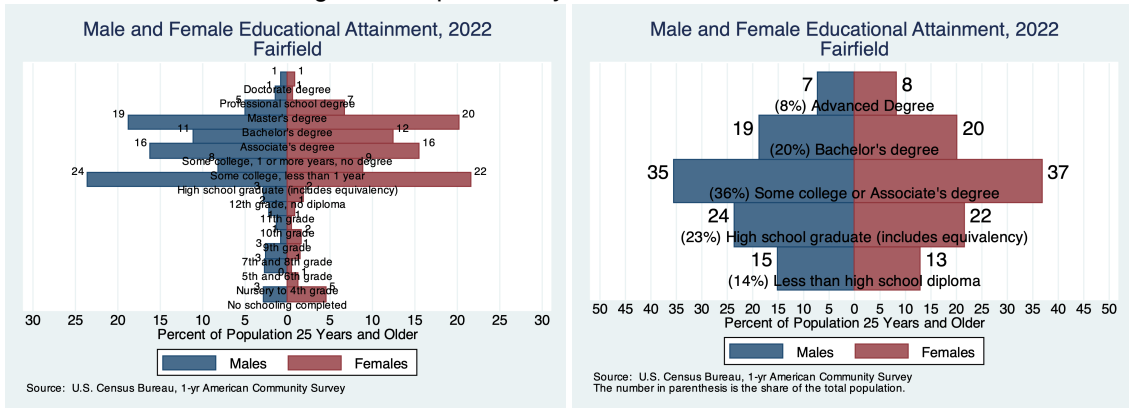


Figure 6: Population by Race/Ethnicity

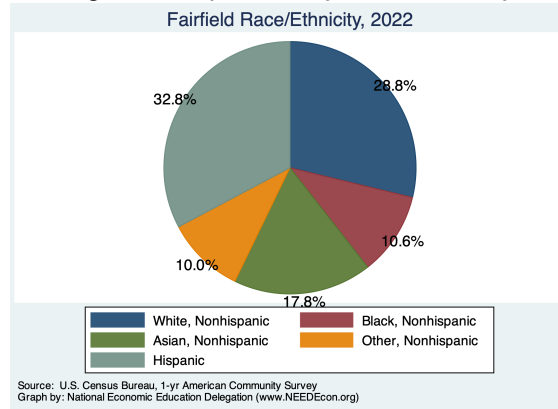
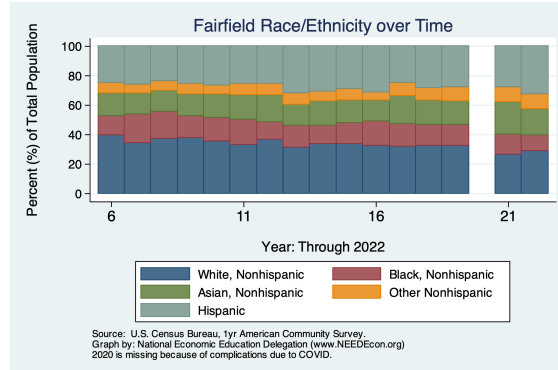


Figure 7: Population by Race/Ethnicity Over Time





# 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?

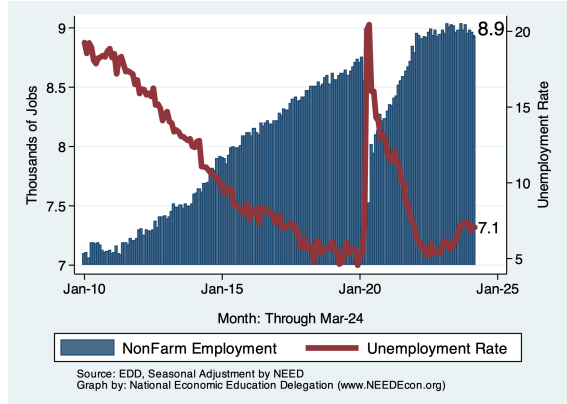
Employment growth is a fundamental indicator of the health of an economy.

Table 3. Fairfield Summary for March, 2024

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

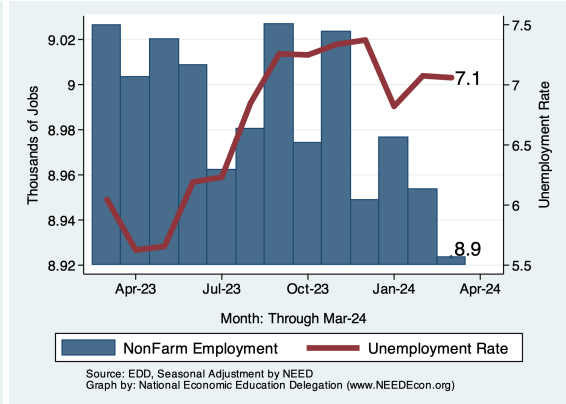
Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 8: Historical Employment and Unemployment - Last 12 Months



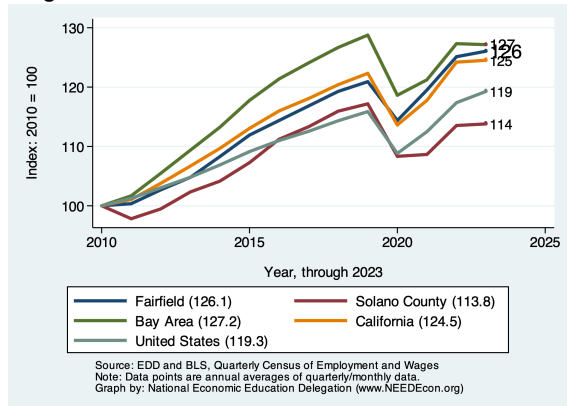
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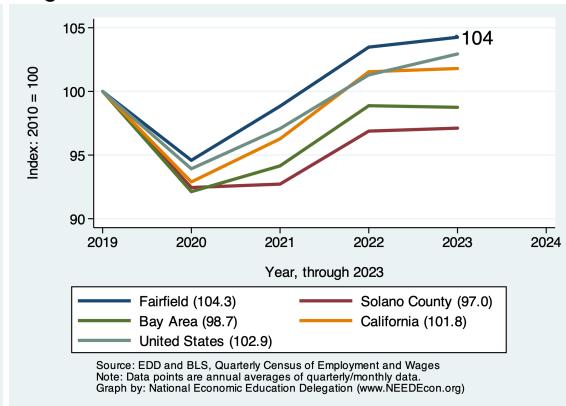
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Figure 10: Relative Employment Growth Across Regions - since 2010



Source: EDD and BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages  
Note: Data points are annual averages of quarterly/monthly data.  
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Figure 11: Relative Employment Growth Across Regions - since 2019



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## 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 Solano County. The following table provides the latest data for the County.

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

Industry	Employment	Share	Empl Growth	% Growth - Annualized Rate					
				Month	Qtr	6mo	1yr	3yr	5yr
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	586	100.0	3.3	7.0	4.7	-0.7	-1.9	-1.8	-4.4
<b>Total Private</b>	210	35.8	-1.7	-9.3	-6.4	-12.0	-11.1	-5.7	-8.3
<b>Service Providing</b>	544	92.8	-2.8	-5.9	3.6	-1.9	-1.9	-2.9	-4.9
<b>Government</b>	360	61.4	-1.0	-3.1	3.1	-3.6	0.2	1.1	-1.9
State	60	10.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-26.5	-14.3	0.0	4.0
Local	257	43.9	-5.2	-21.4	8.3	3.8	4.0	1.3	-2.7

Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation (NEED)

## Some Employee Detail

### Employed in Fairfield

Figure 12: Employment by Occupation

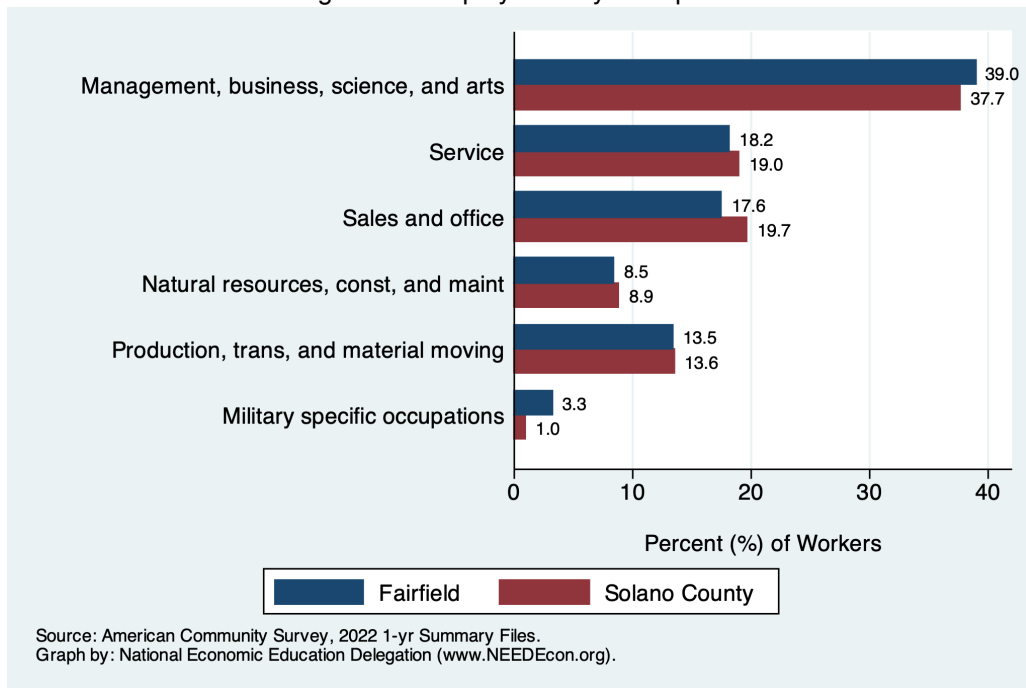


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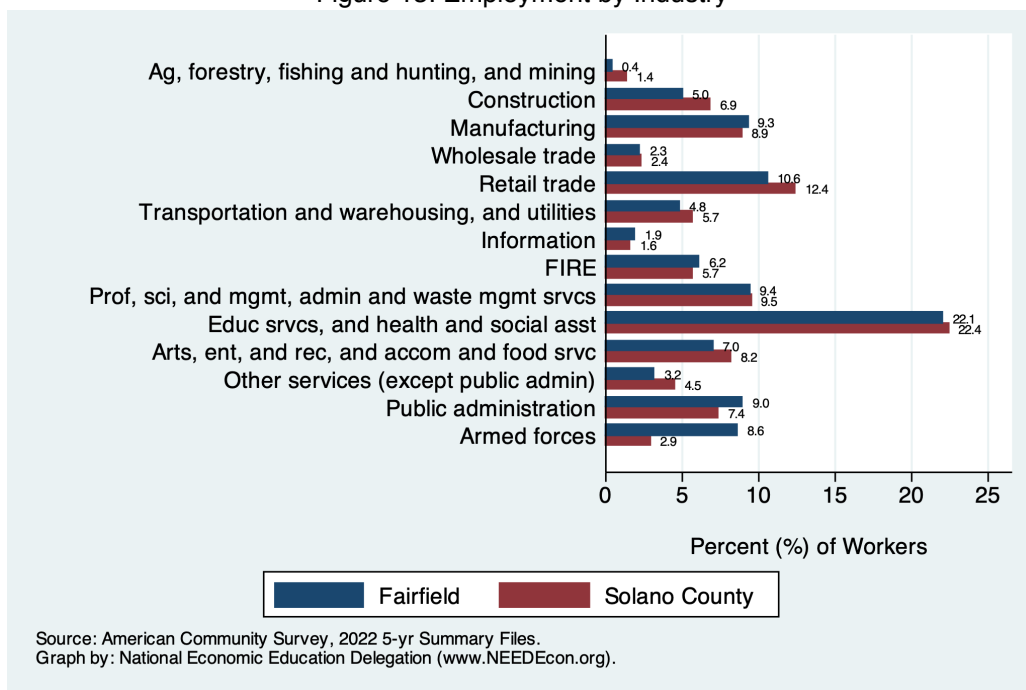
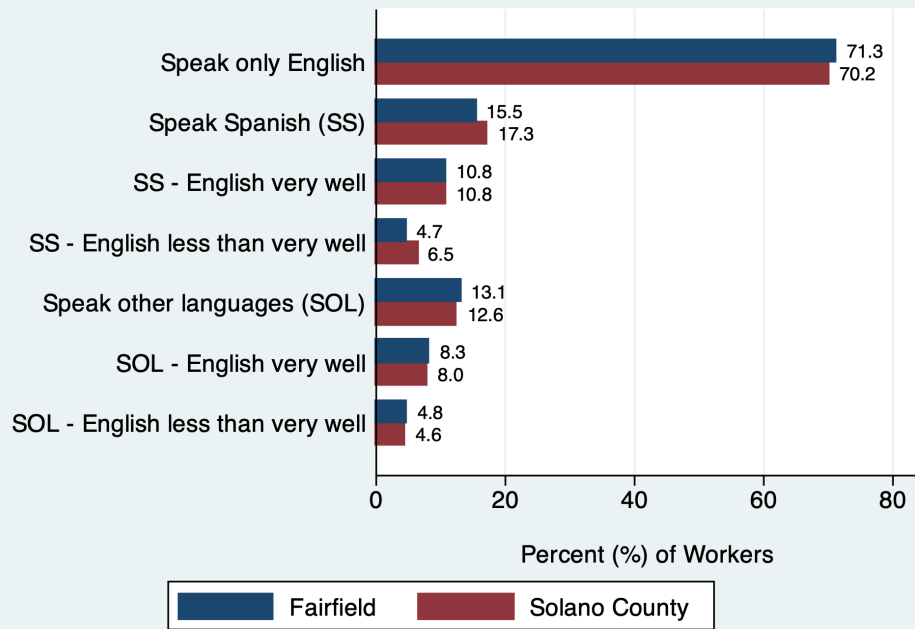
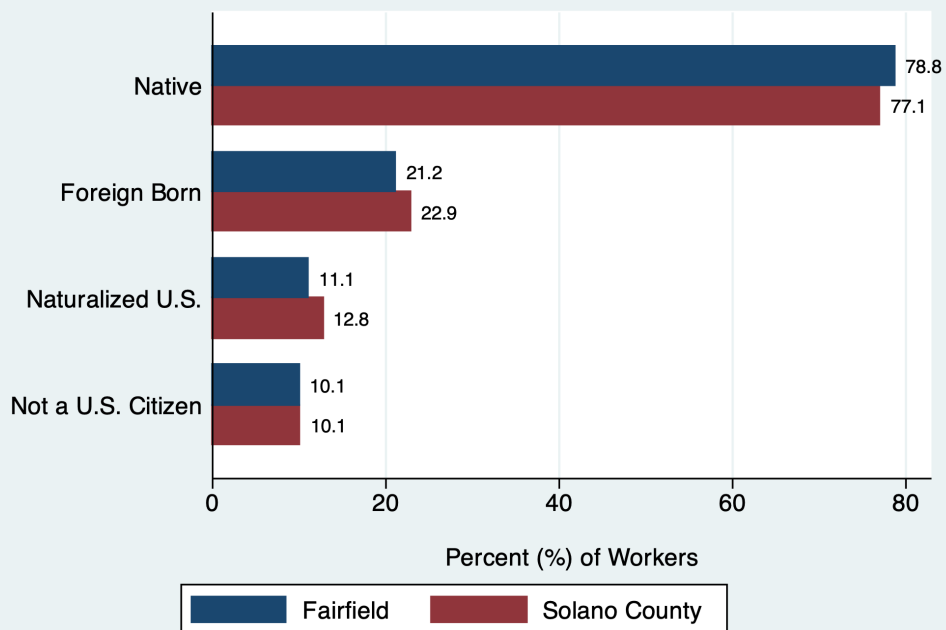


Figure 14: Language Spoken at Home



Source: American Community Survey, 2022 5-yr Summary Files.  
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Figure 15: Citizenship



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## Employed Residents of Fairfield

Figure 16: Employment by Occupation

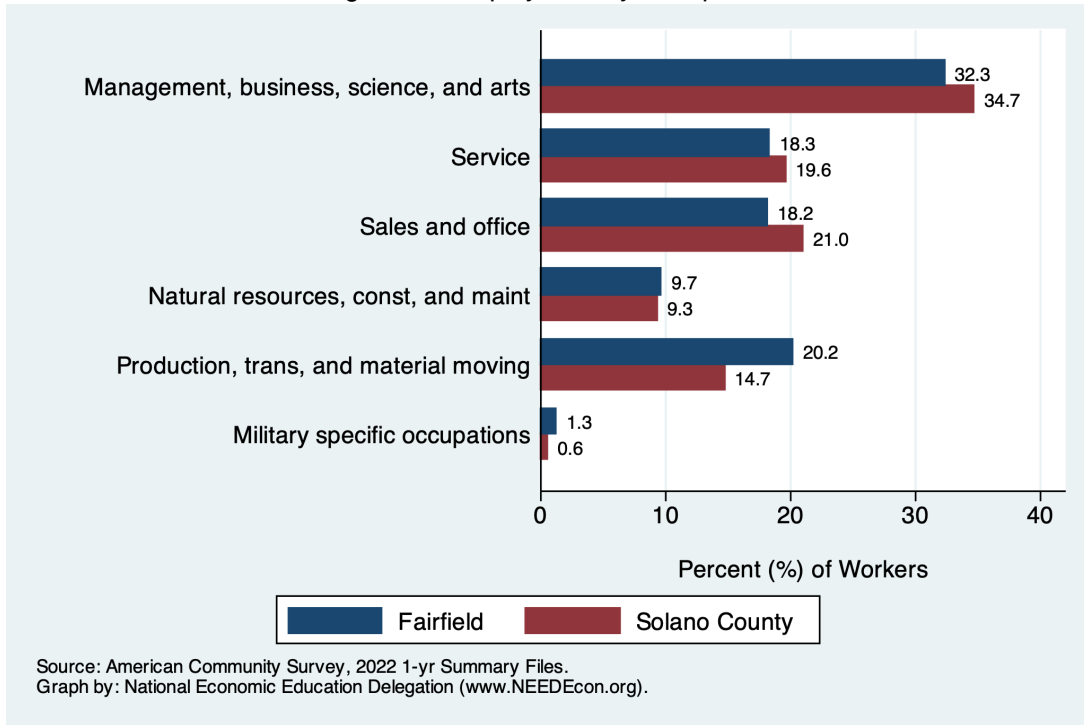


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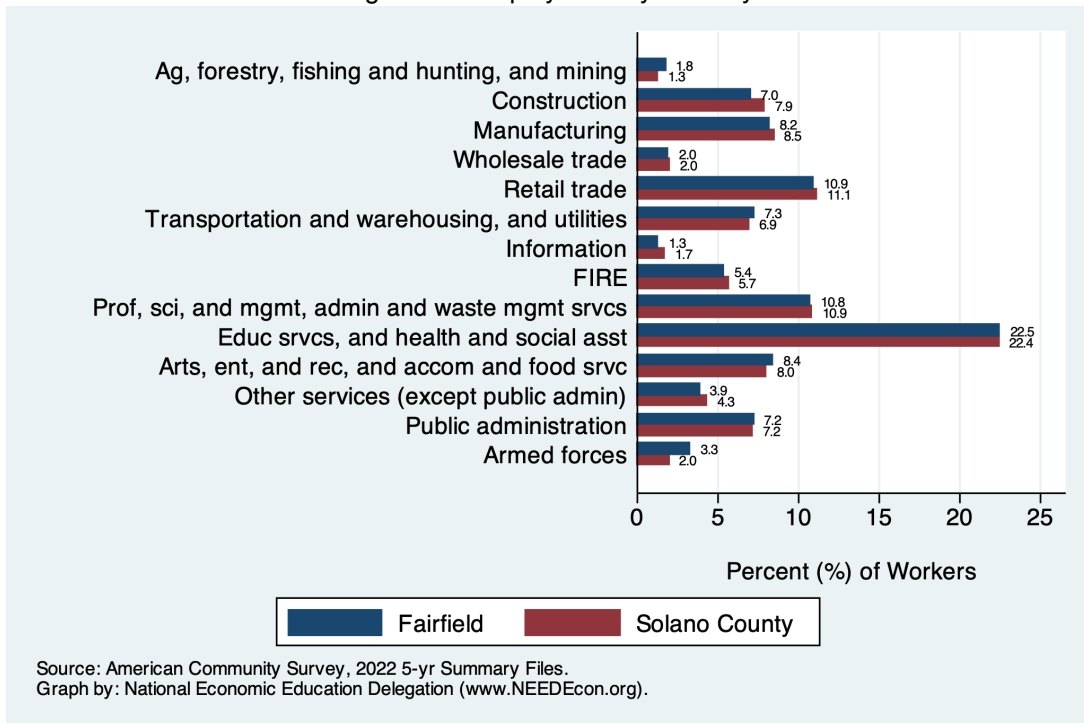
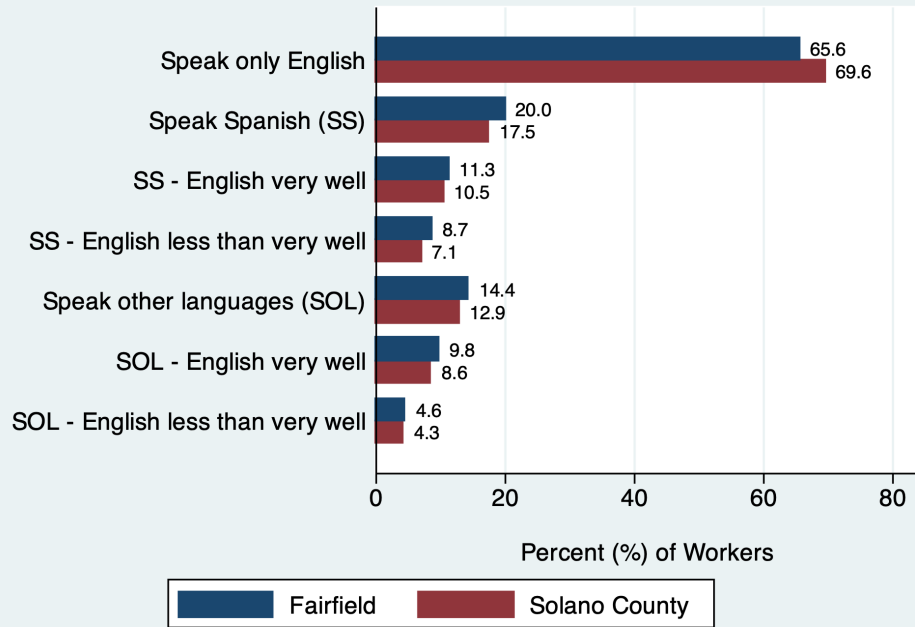
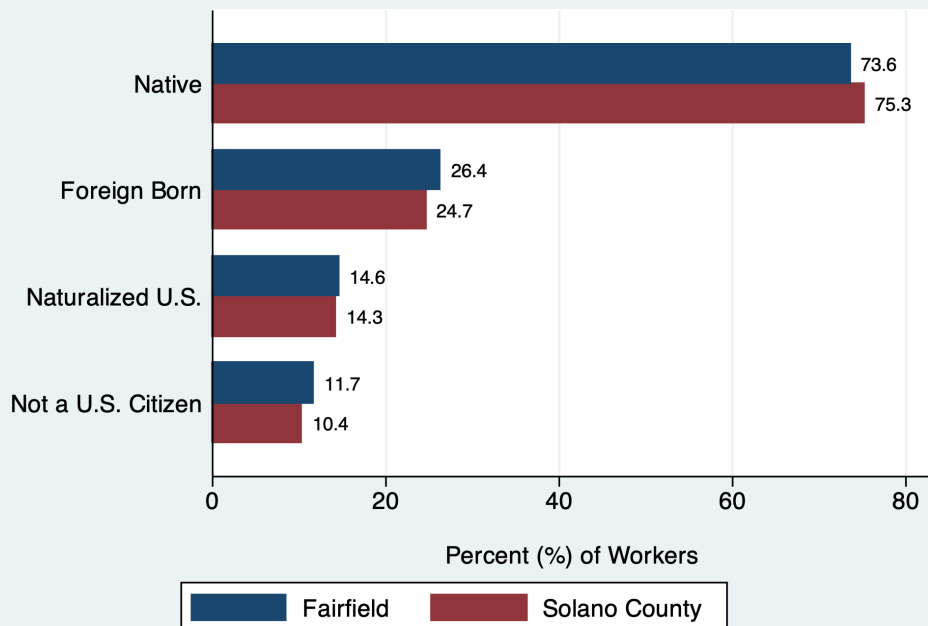


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## Employed Residents vs Workers in Fairfield

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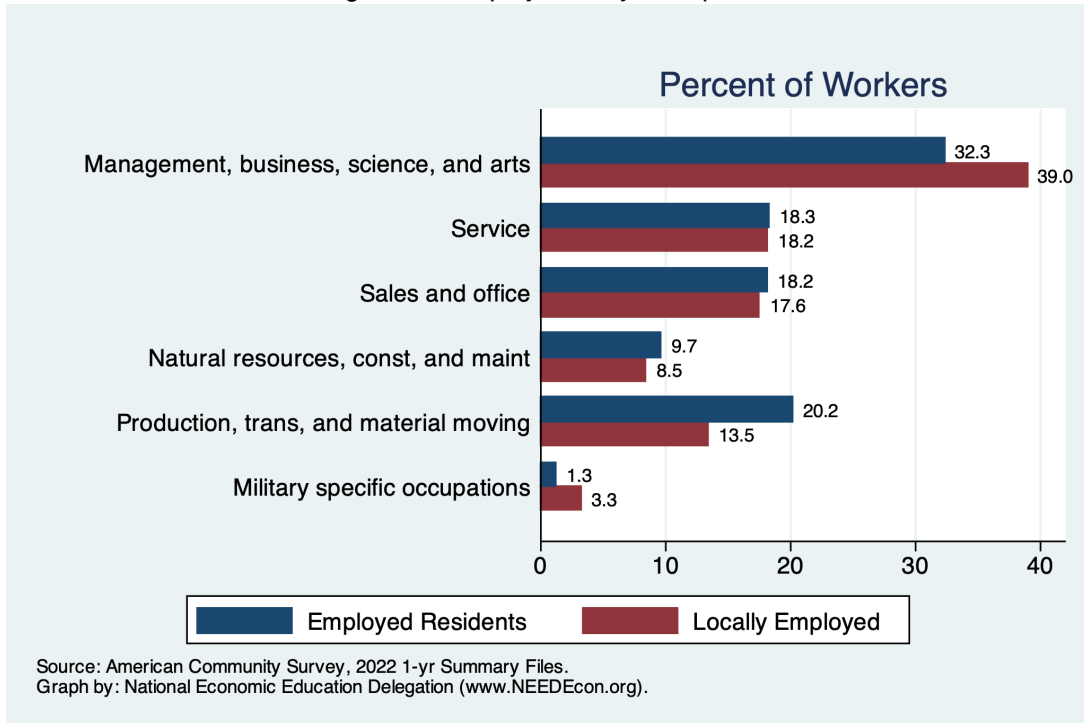


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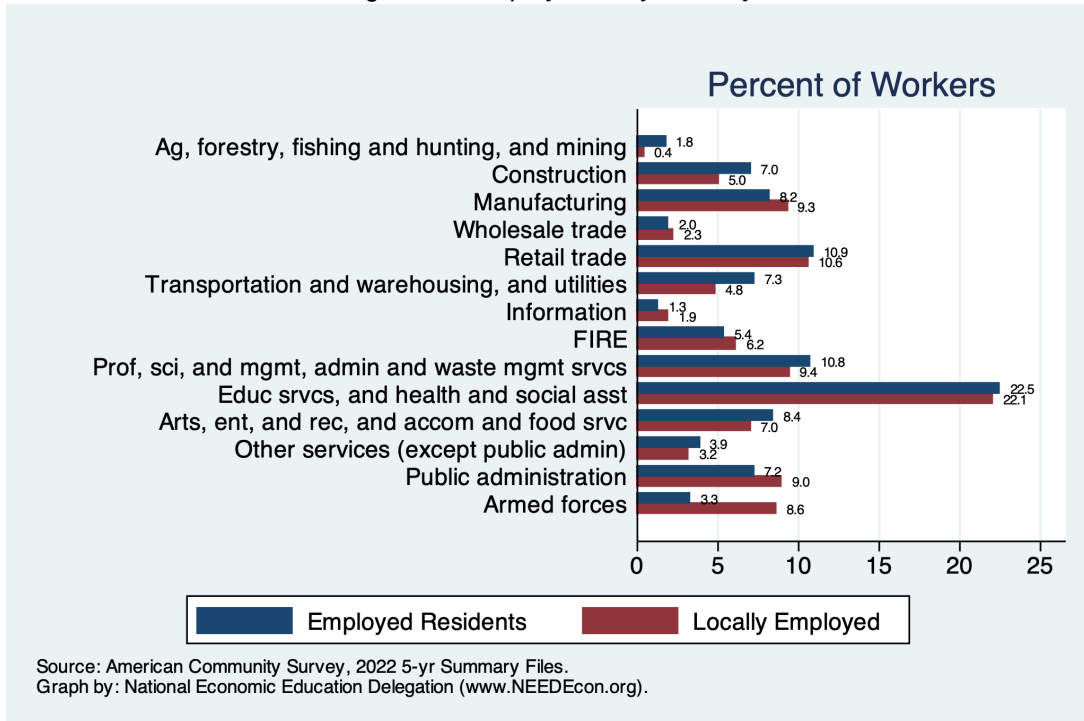


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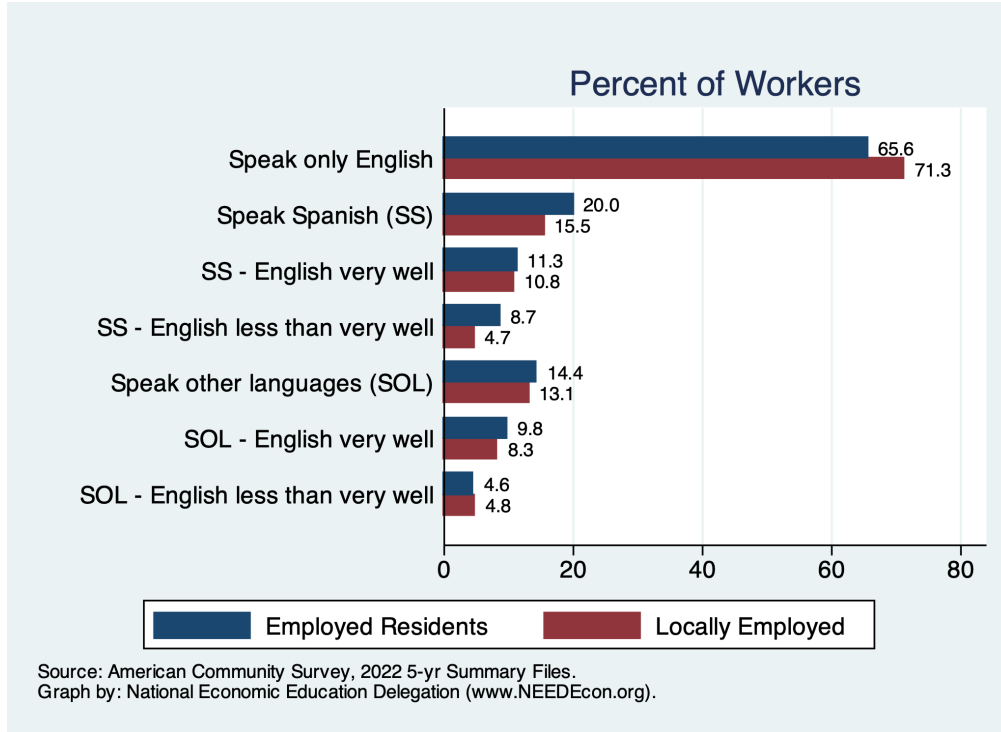
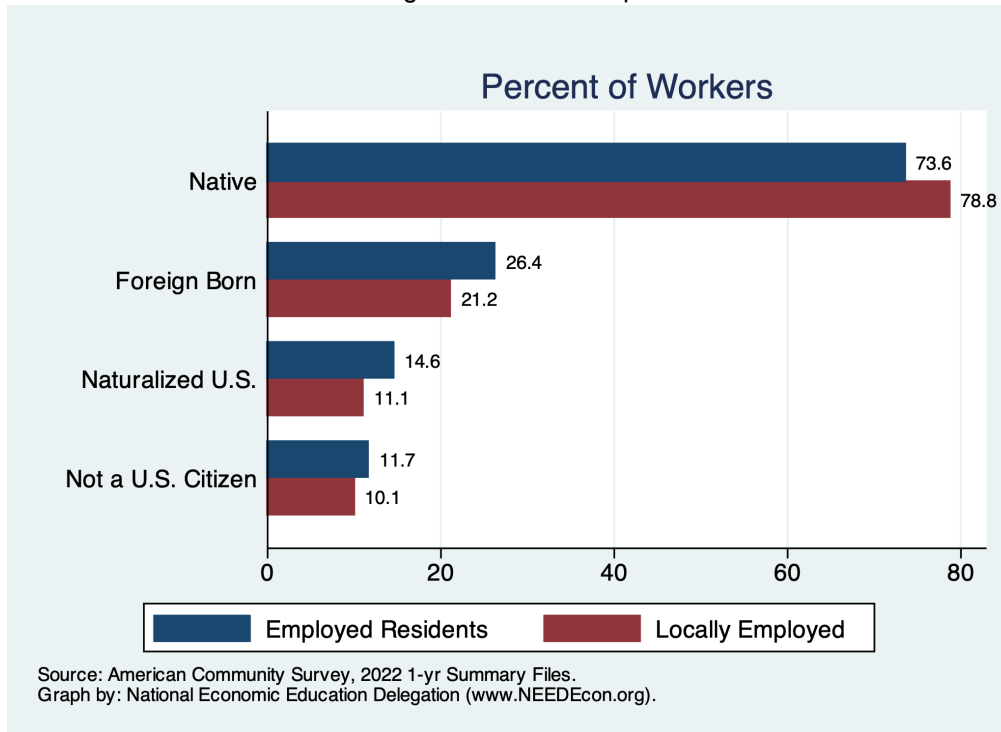


Figure 23: Citizenship





# Income and Earnings

## Per Capita Income Growth

### Definition:

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

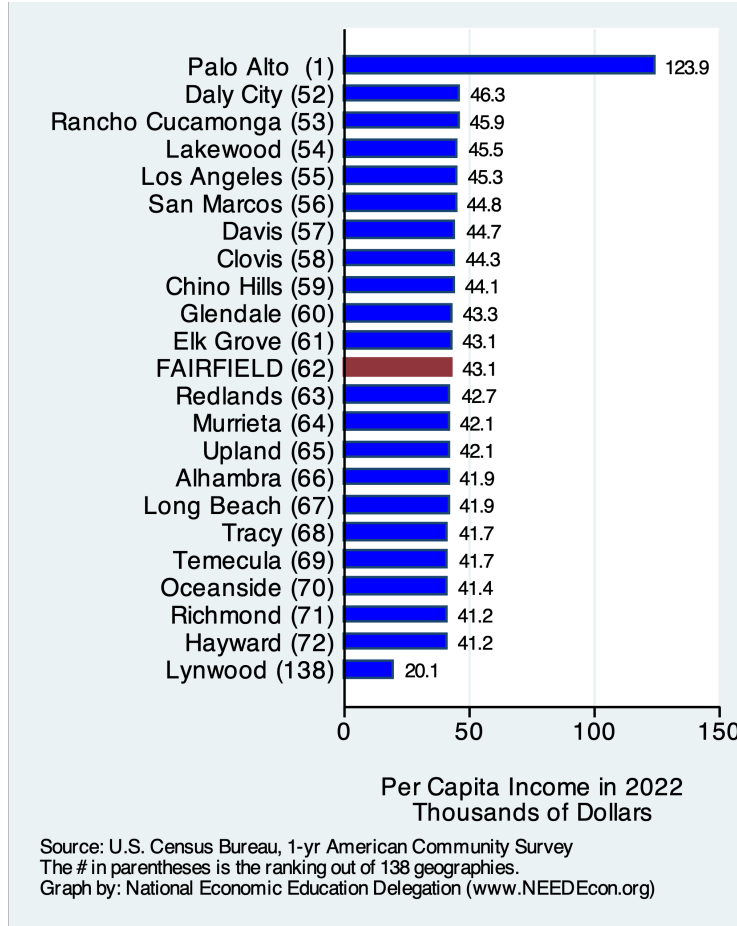
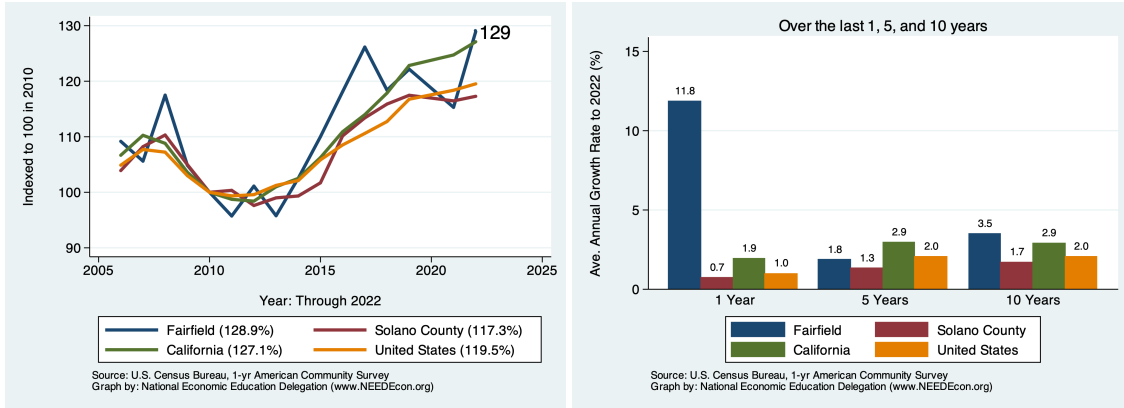


Figure 25: Regional Comparison of Growth over Time



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

Figure 26: Income Levels

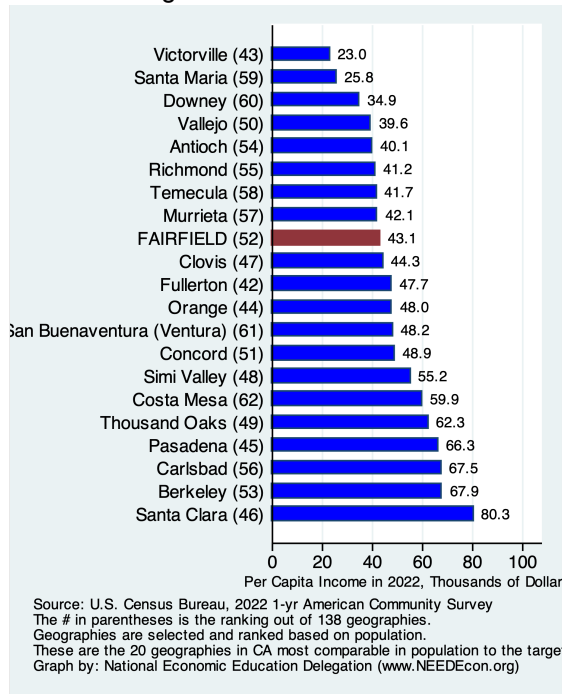
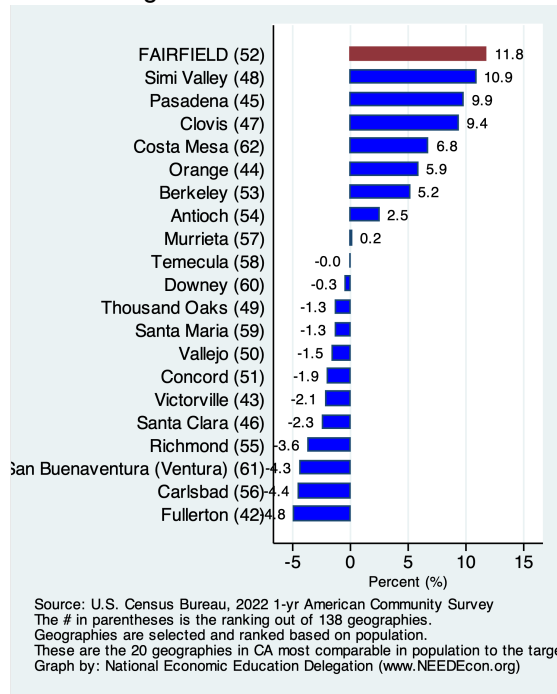
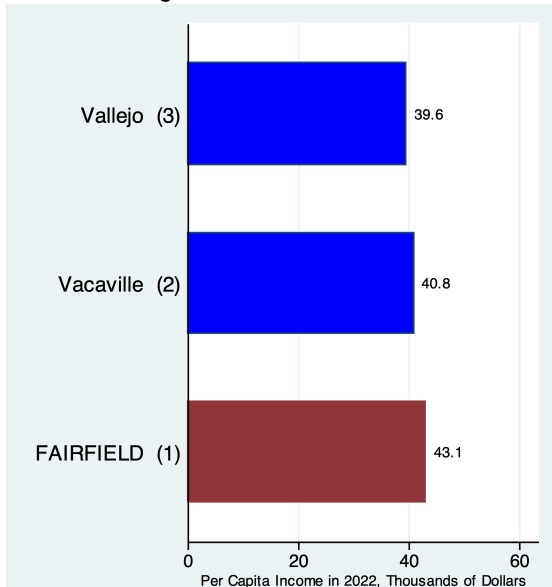


Figure 27: Growth over Time



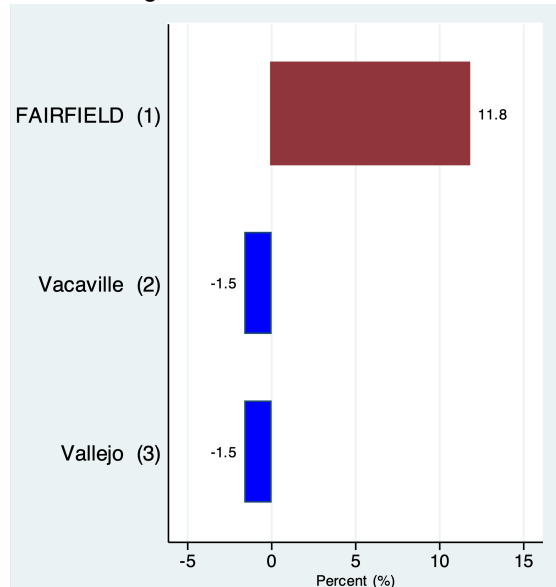
## Real Per Capita Income Ranking Among Cities in Solano County

Figure 28: Income Levels



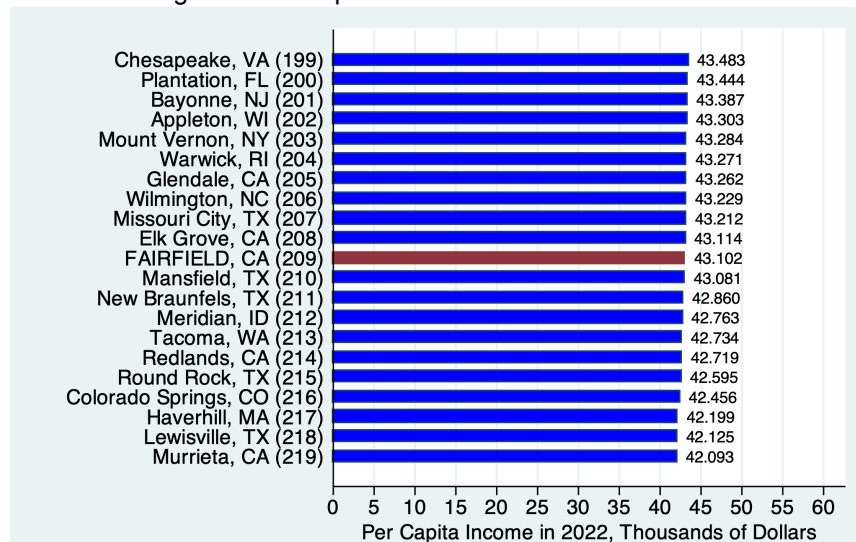
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 The # in parentheses is the ranking out of 3 geographies.  
 Geographies are selected and ranked based on population.  
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Figure 30: Comparison with All Cities Nationwide



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1-yr American Community Survey  
 The # in parentheses is the ranking out of 598 geographies.  
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## 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.

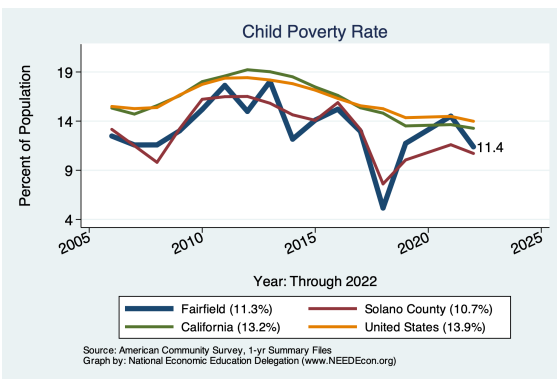
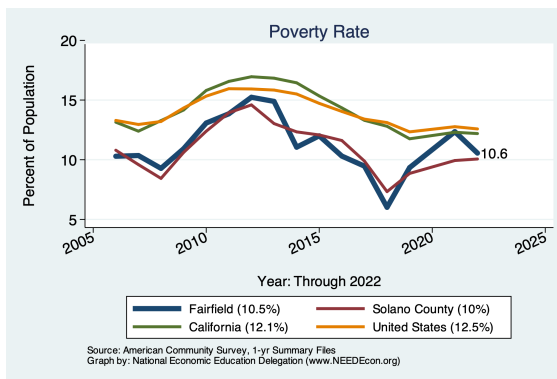


Figure 31: Inequality

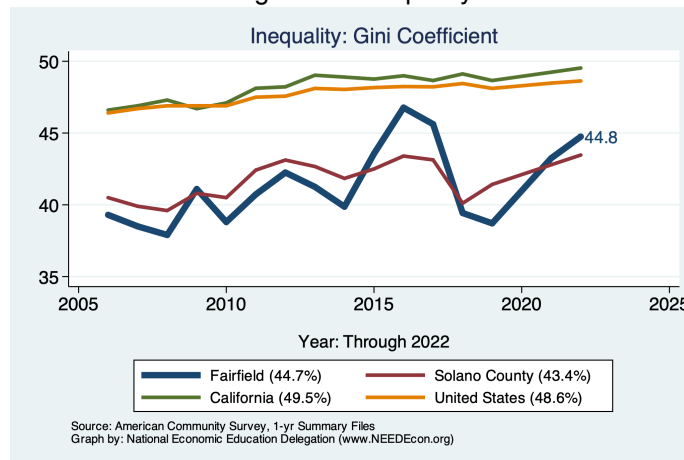


Figure 32: Shares Across the Income Distribution

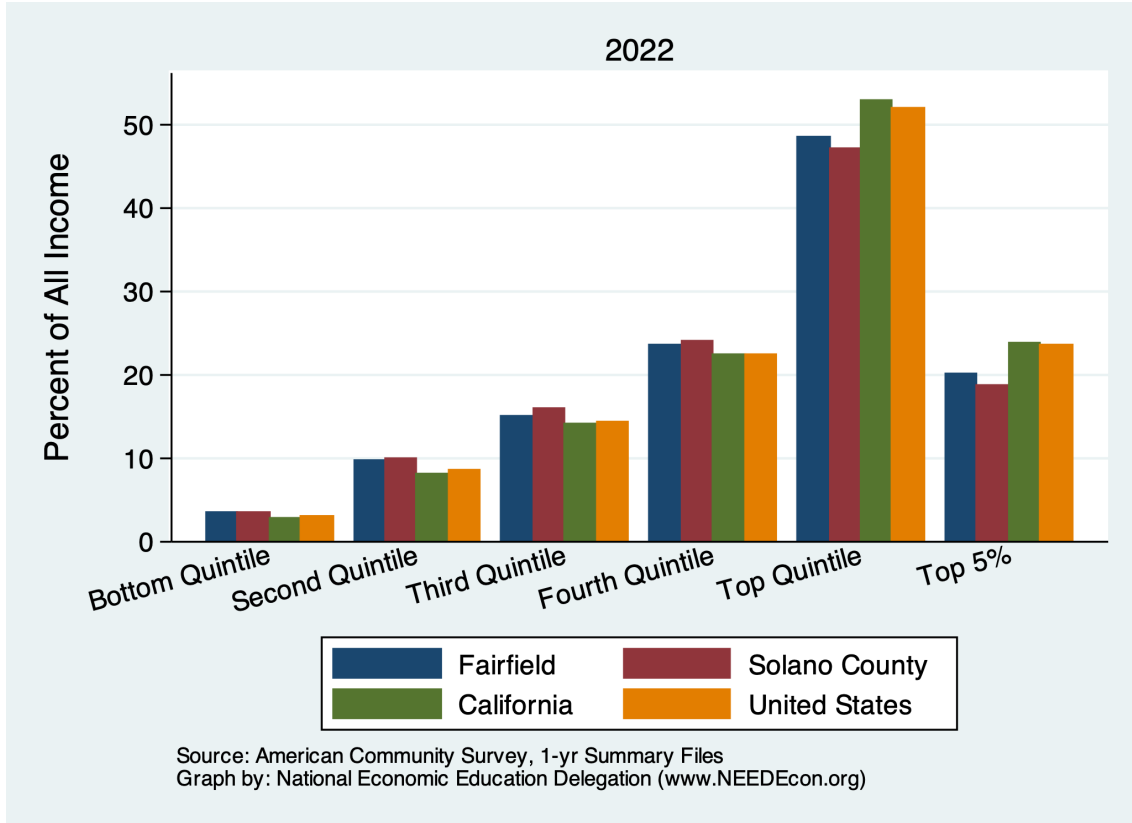
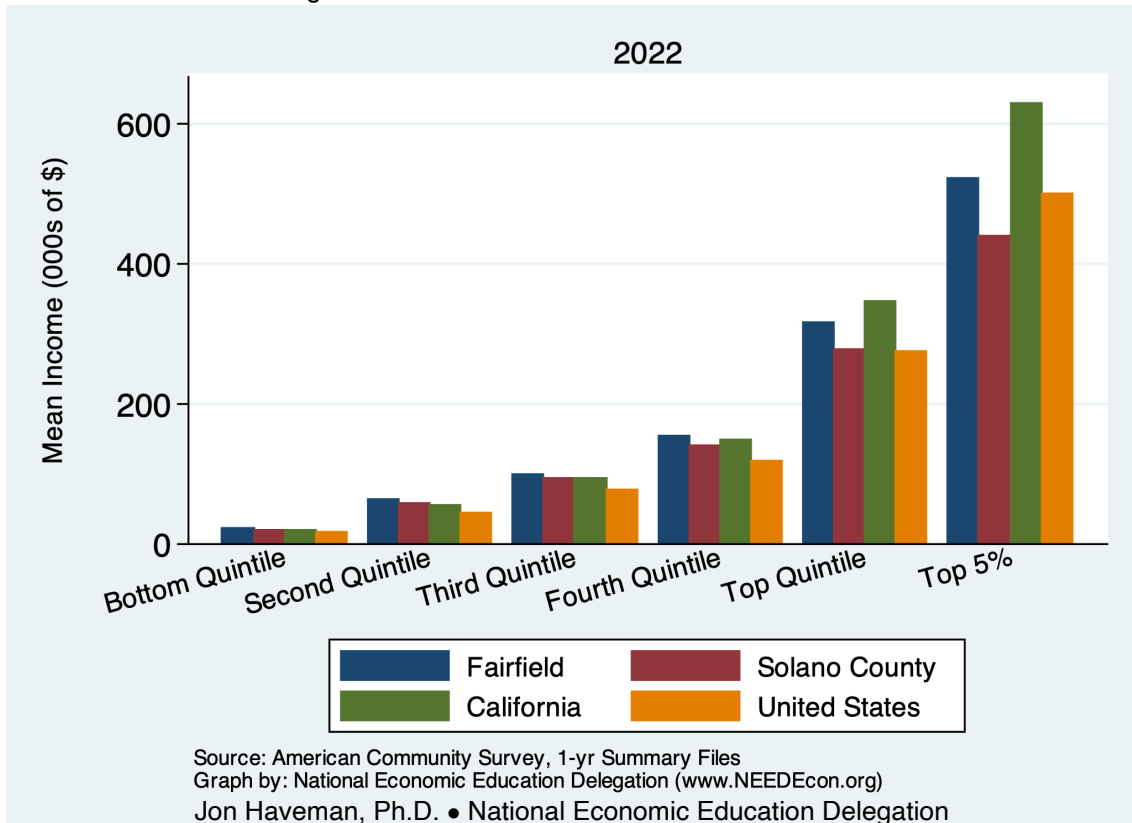


Figure 33: Means Across the Income Distribution



# 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 Fairfield and Broader Regions

Figure 34: Median Home Prices

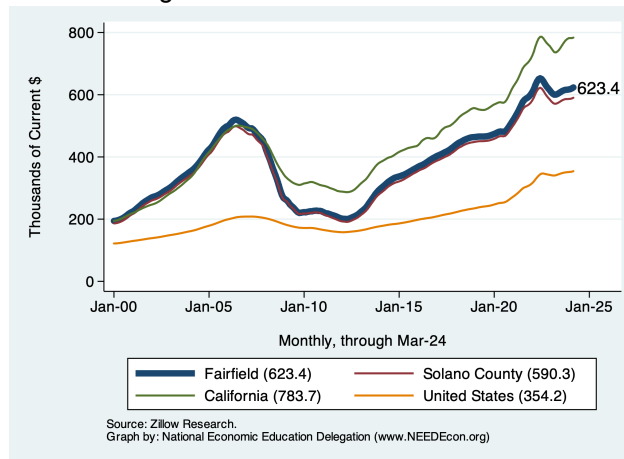
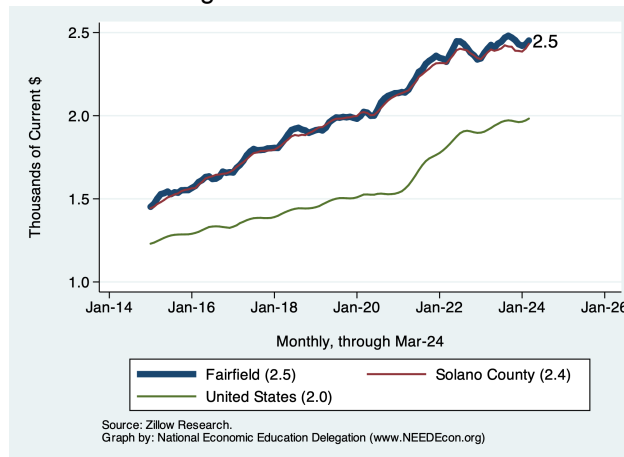


Figure 35: Median Rents



## Housing Ownership in Fairfield and Broader Regions

Figure 36: Home Ownership Rates

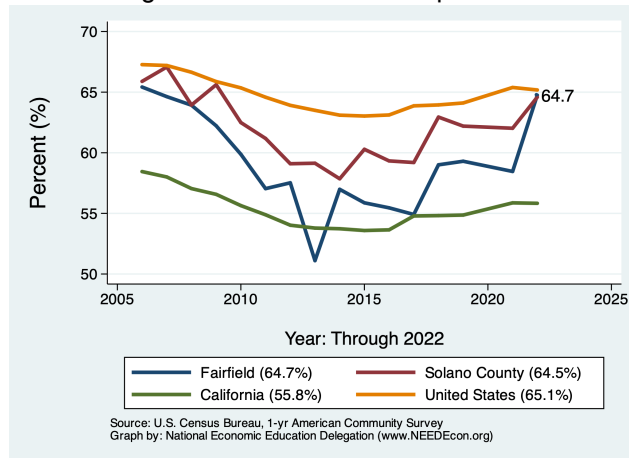


Figure 37: Home Ownership by Age

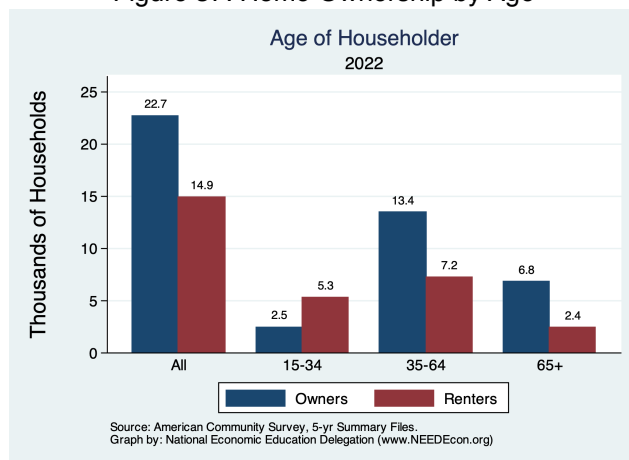


Figure 38: Income by Tenure

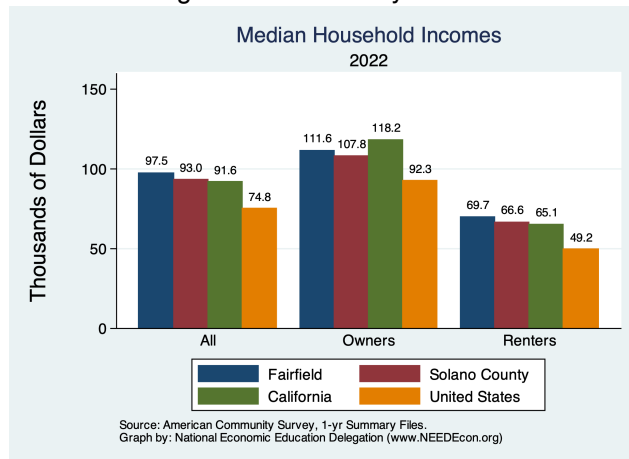


Figure 39: Income Distribution by Tenure

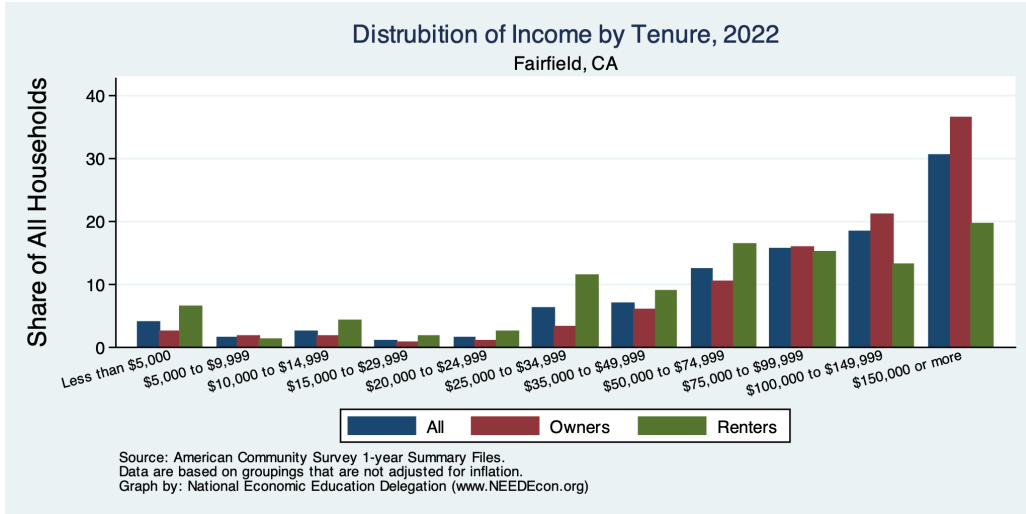


Figure 40: Income Distribution of Home Owners

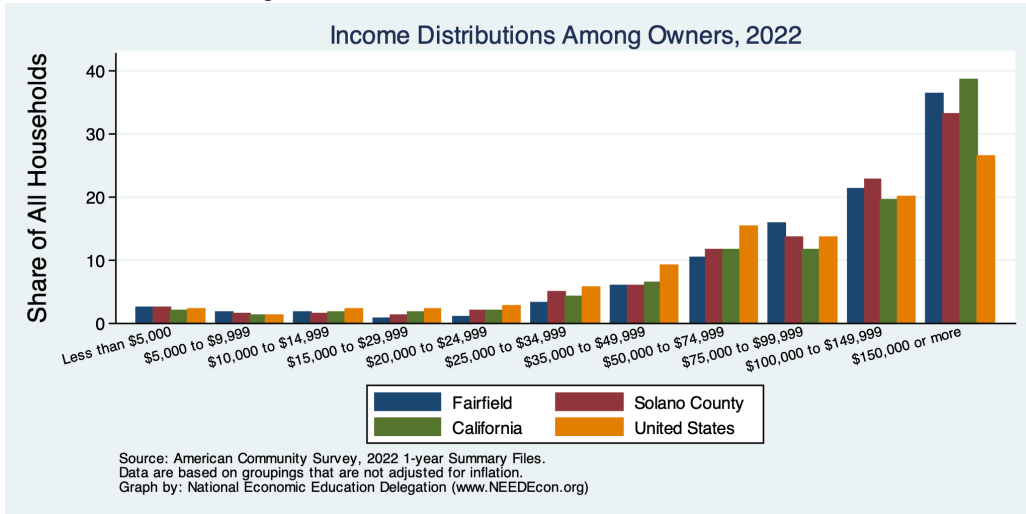
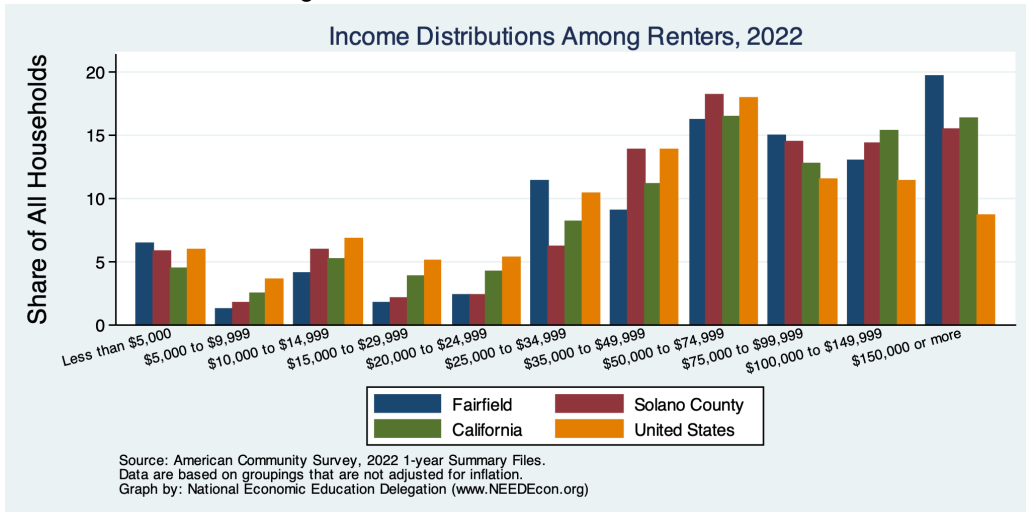


Figure 41: Income Distribution of Renters





## Housing Burden in Fairfield and Broader Regions

Figure 42: Home Owners w/ A Mortgage

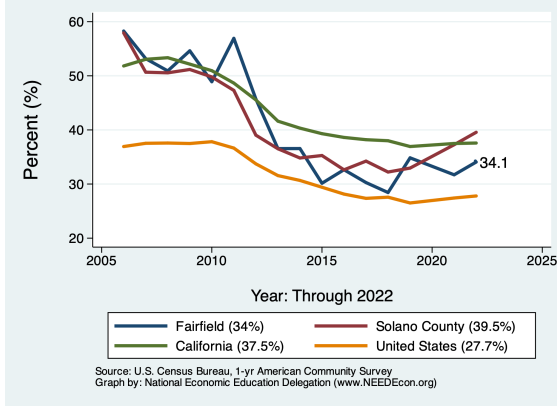


Figure 43: Home Owners w/o A Mortgage

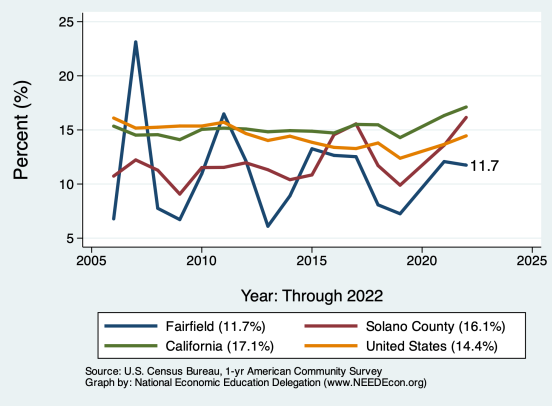


Figure 44: Renters

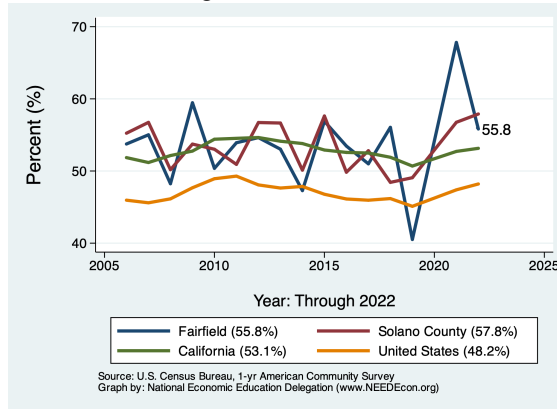
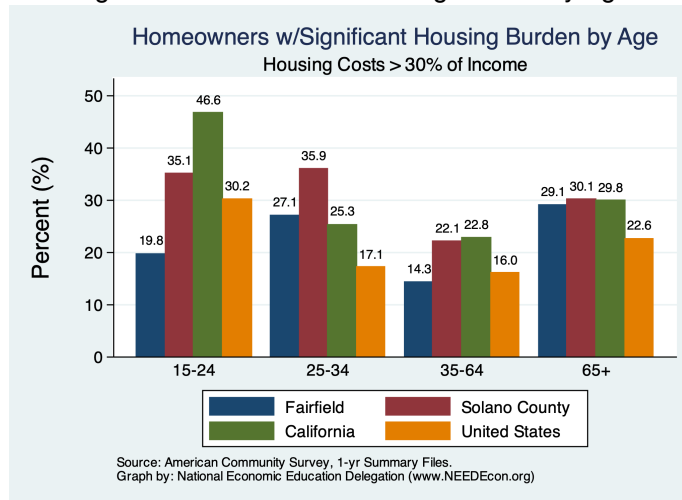


Figure 45: Homeowner Housing Burden by Age



# 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?

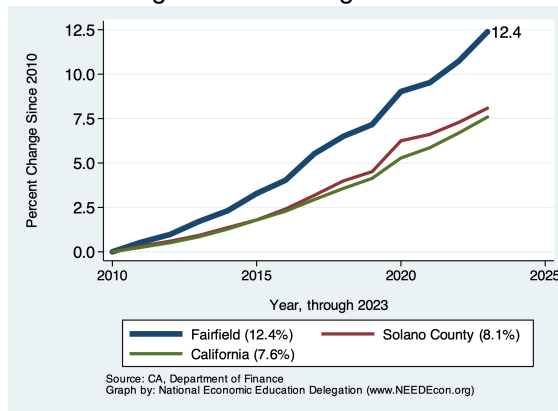
In areas where the rate of population growth exceeds the rate of housing growth, this is likely to reflect a tightening housing market. A tightening housing market will also likely be reflected in lower vacancy rates and higher occupancy rates. It may also be reflected in higher numbers of people per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

**Table 5. Housing Market Indicators**

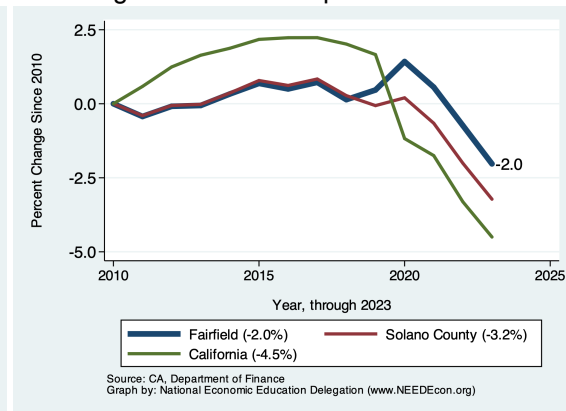
Indicator	2023	2019	2010	% Change from	
				2019	2010
Total Population	119,526.0	116,319.0	105,321.0	2.8	13.5
Total # of Homes	41,790.0	39,847.0	37,184.0	4.9	12.4
# Occupied Units	40,193.0	38,020.0	34,484.0	5.7	16.6
Persons per Household	2.9	3.0	3.0	-2.5	-2.0
Vacancy Rate (%)	3.8	4.6	7.3	-16.7	-47.4

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

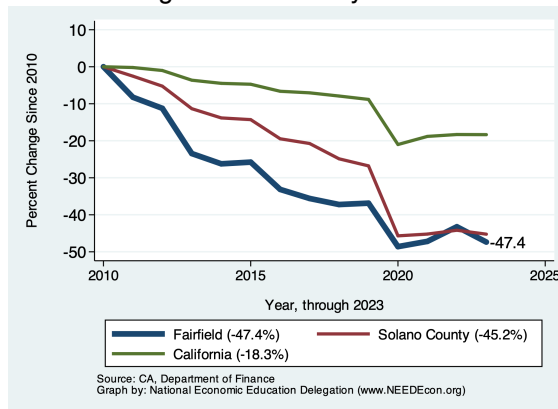
**Figure 46: Housing Growth**



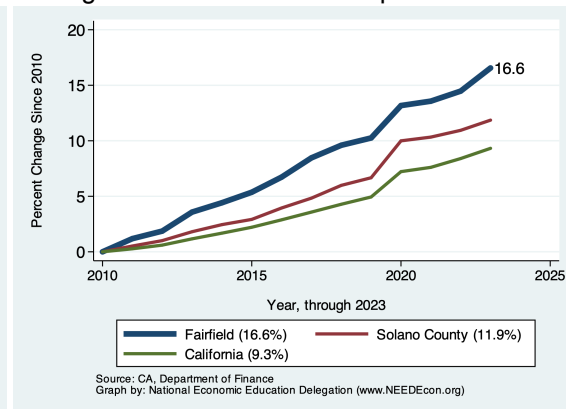
**Figure 47: Persons per Household**



**Figure 48: Vacancy Rates**



**Figure 49: Number of Occupied Units**



## Trends in the Growth of Housing by Housing Type

Figure 50: Single Detached Homes

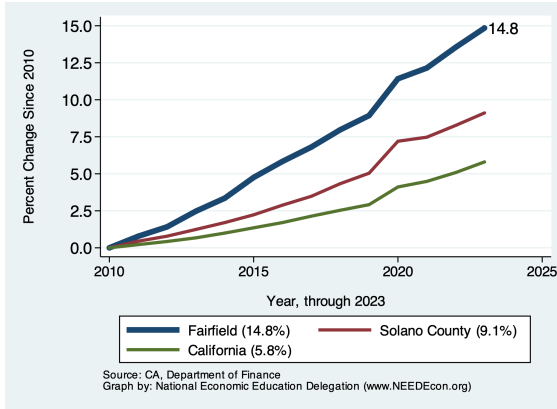


Figure 51: Single Attached Homes

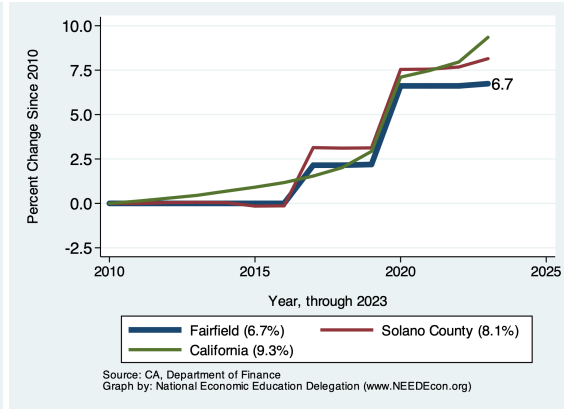


Figure 52: Housing in Buildings with Two to Four Units

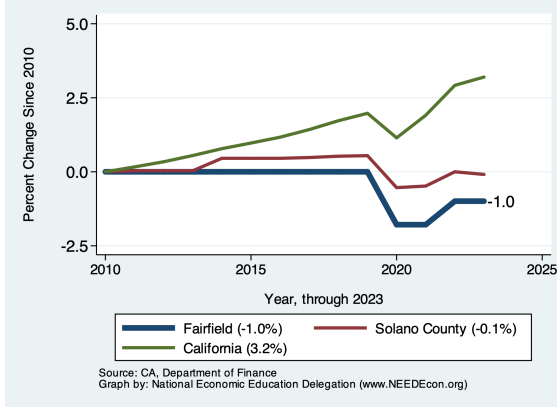
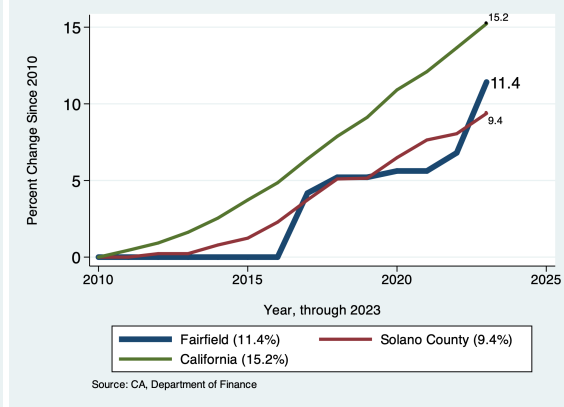


Figure 53: Housing in Buildings with Five or More Units



## Vintage of Residential Housing

### Why is it important?

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

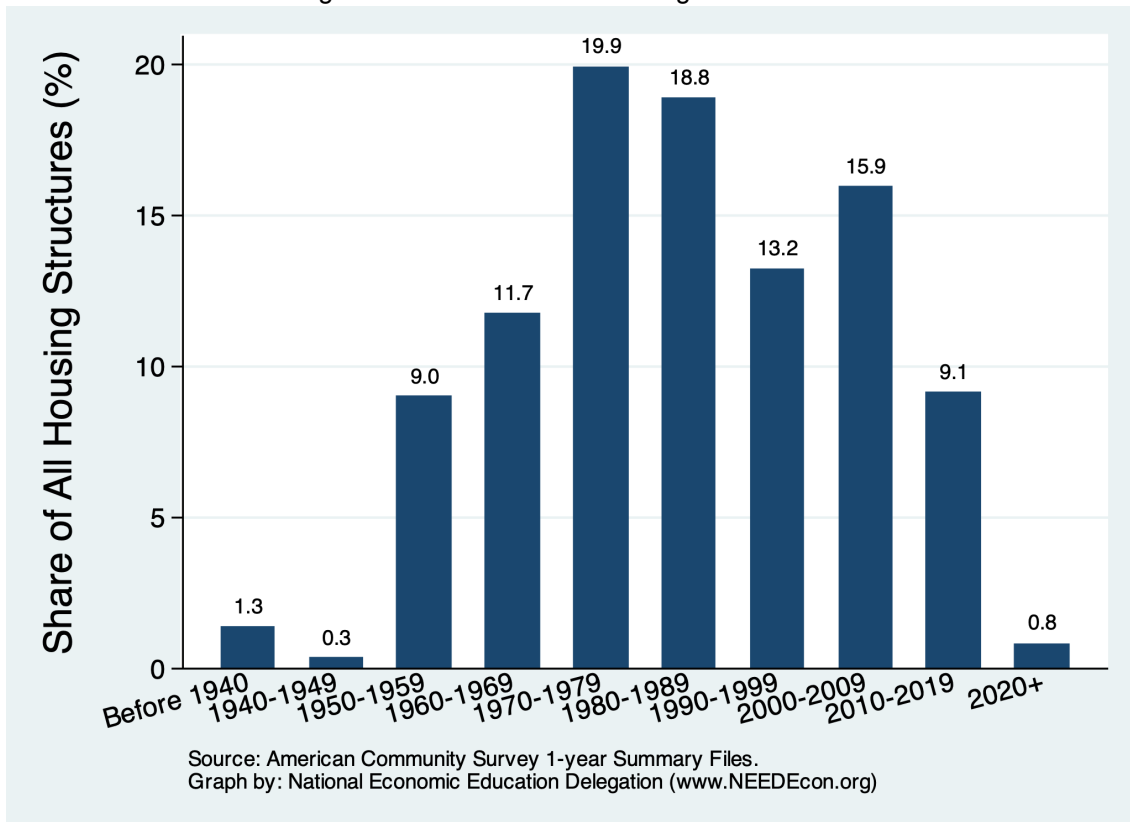


Figure 55: Housing Vintage across Regions

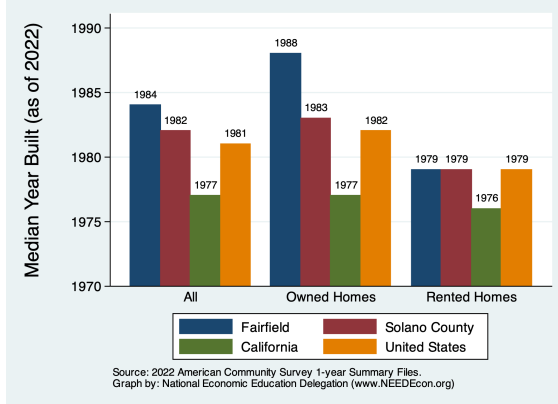


Figure 56: Housing Vintage by Tenure

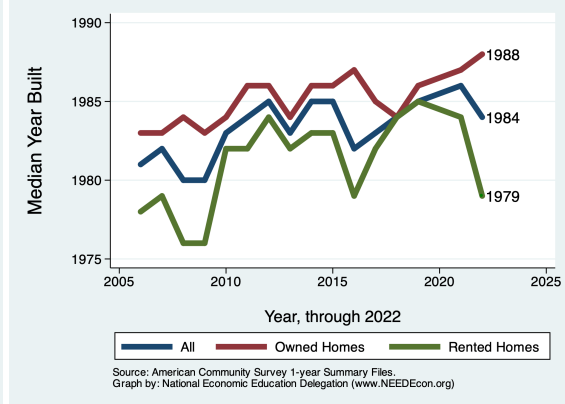


Figure 57: Vintage of Owned Residences

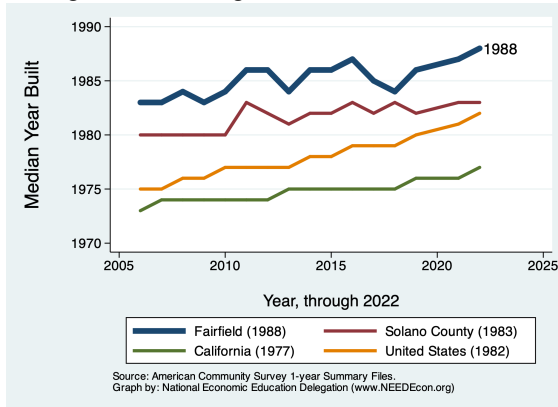


Figure 58: Vintage of Rented Residences

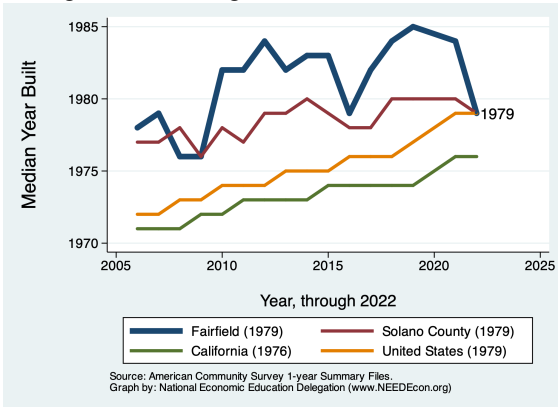
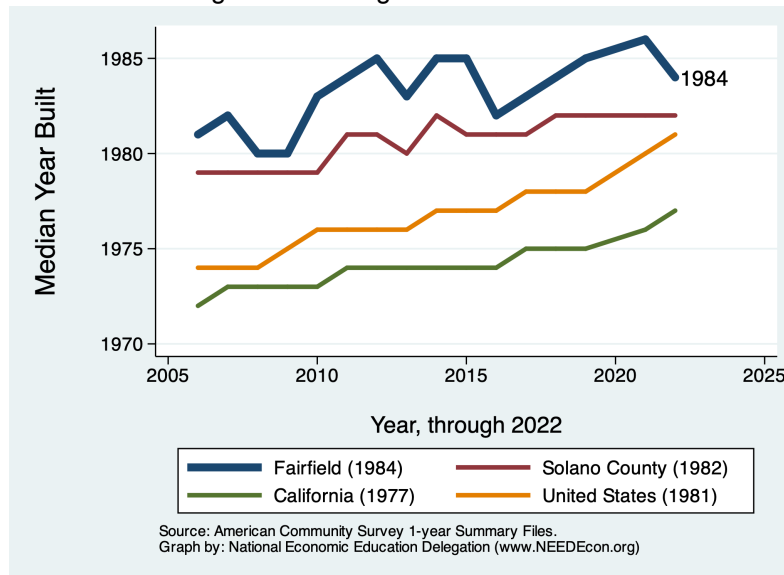


Figure 59: Vintage of All Residences



## 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

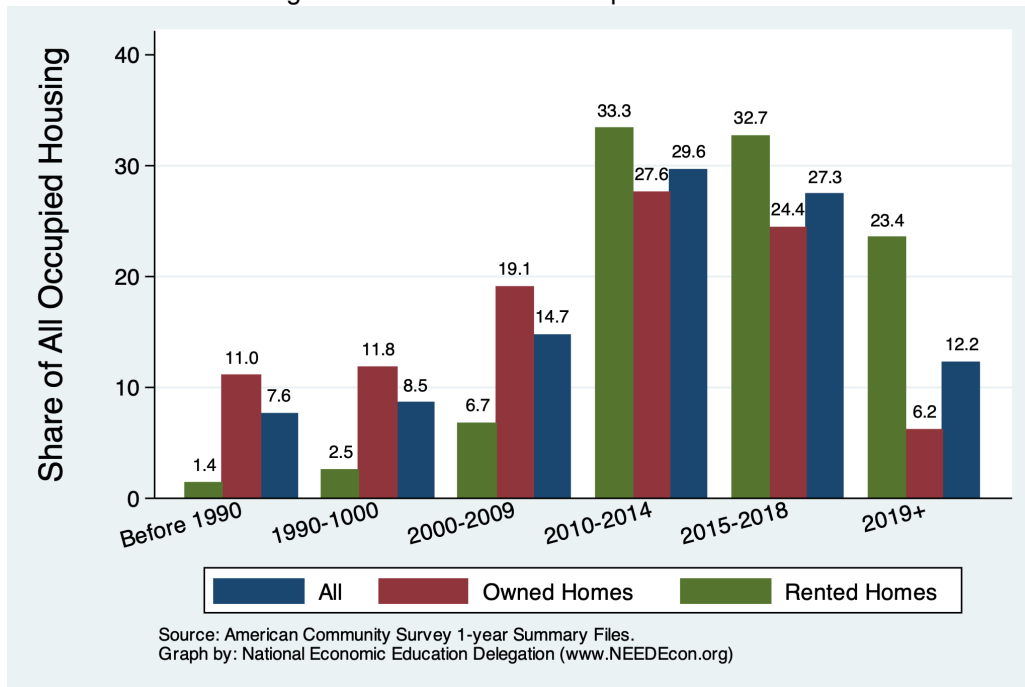


Figure 61: Year Occupied by Current Residents across Regions

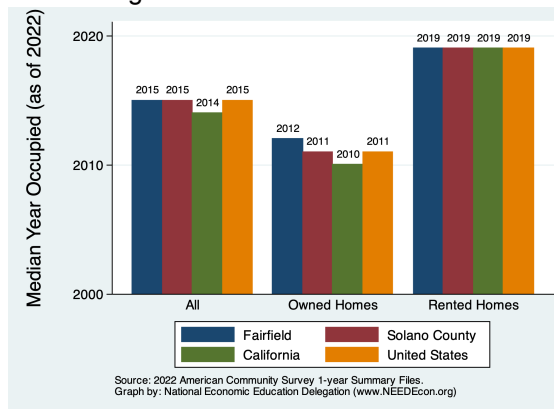


Figure 62: Year Occupied by Current Residents by Tenure

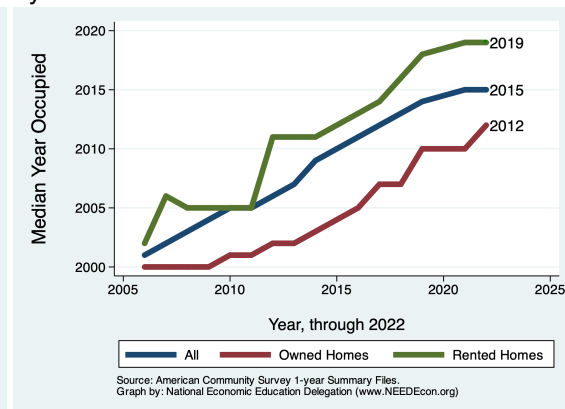


Figure 63: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Owned Housing

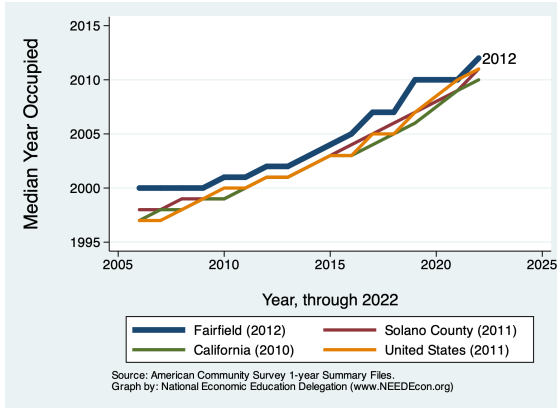


Figure 64: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Rented Housing

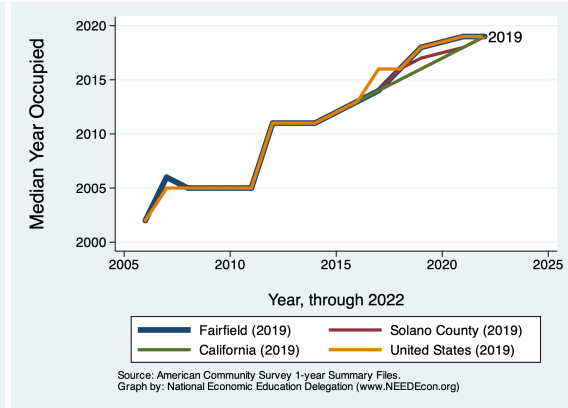
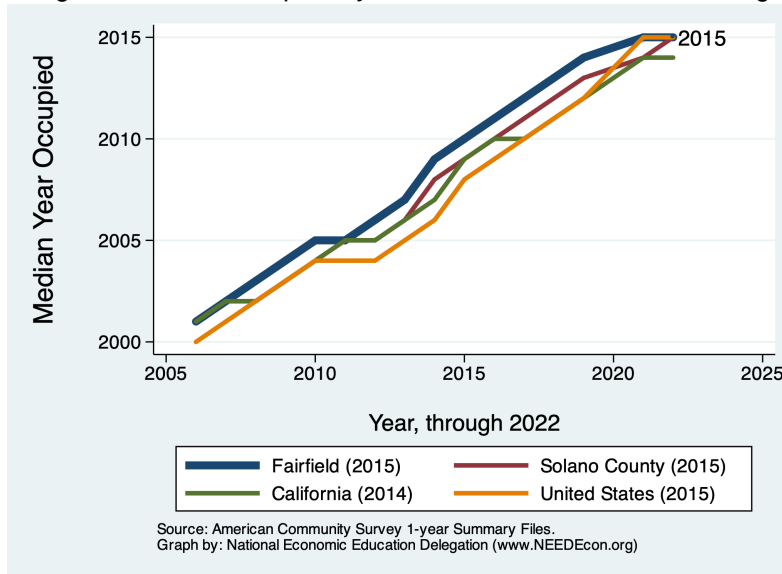


Figure 65: Year Occupied by Current Residents for All Housing



## Residential Permitting

### Definition:

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

### Fairfield - Ranking Among Comparables

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

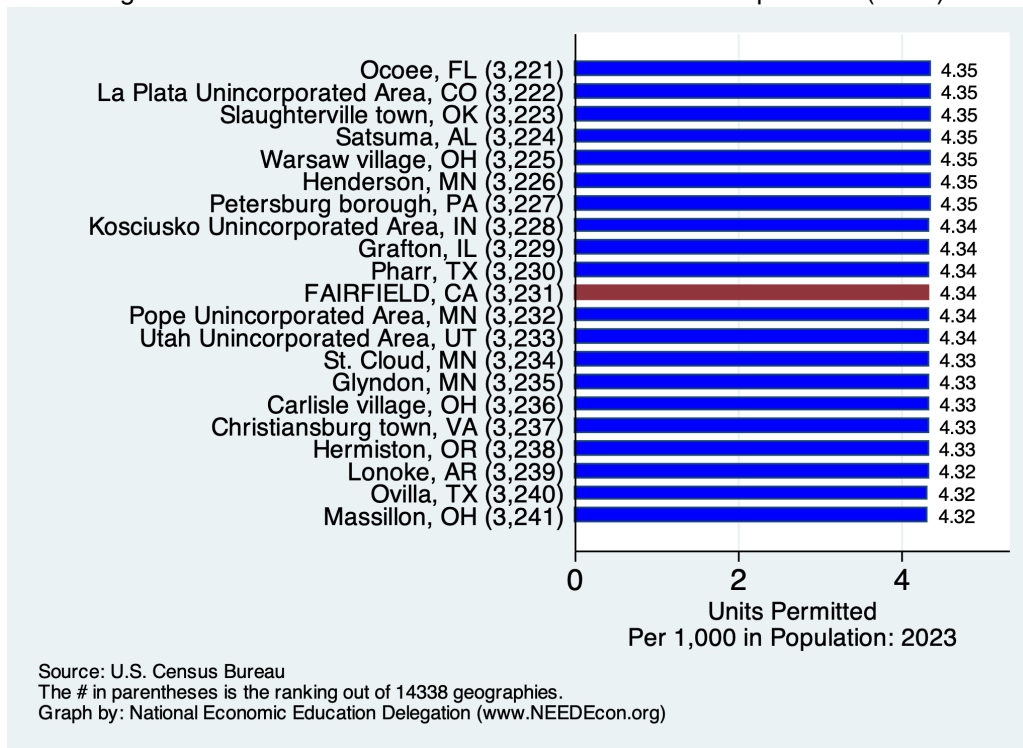
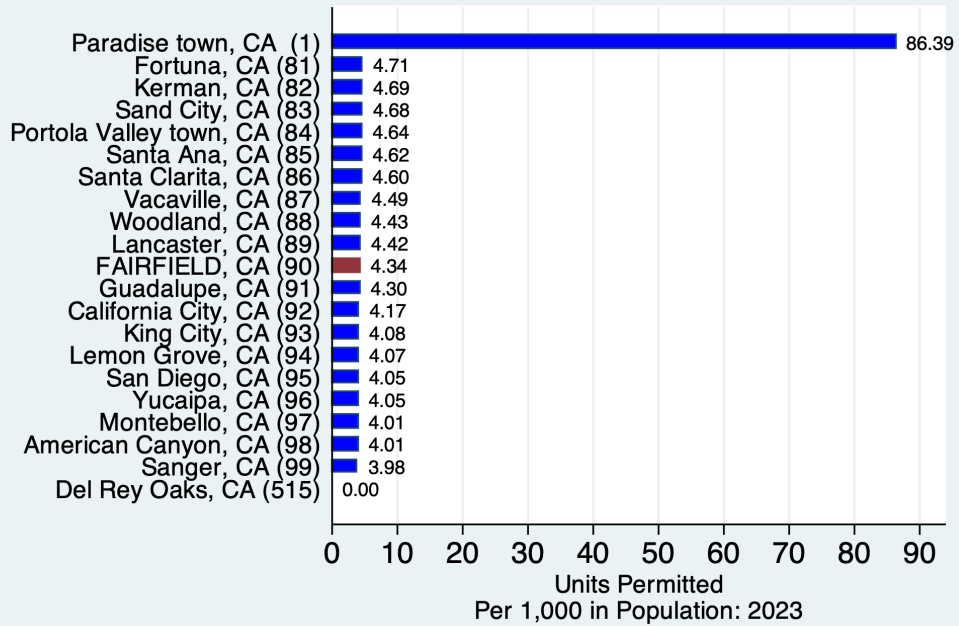


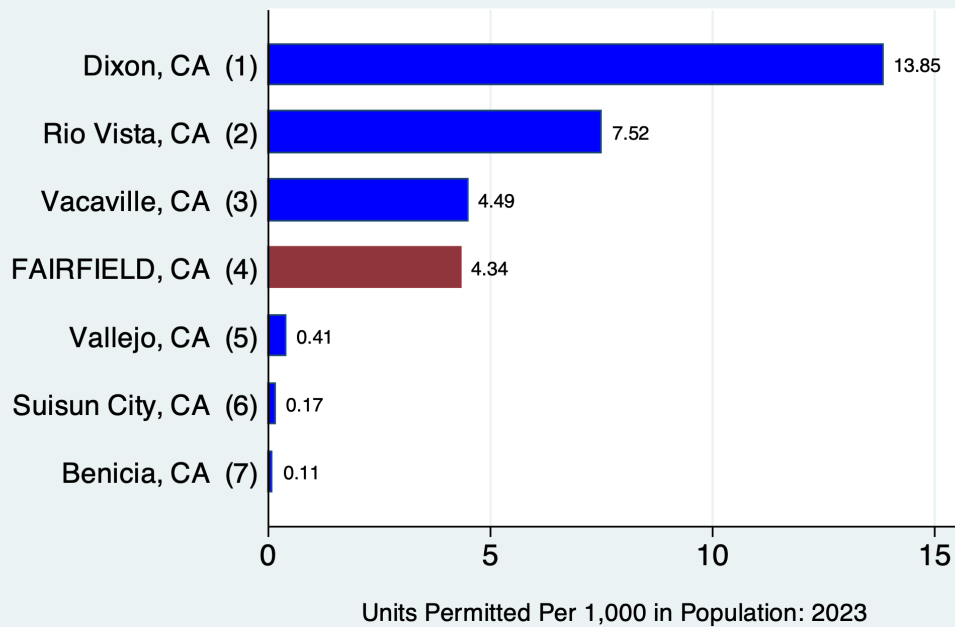


Figure 67: Number of Units Permitted - California Comparables (Rank)



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

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



Source: U.S. Census Bureau,  
 The # in parentheses is the ranking out of 7 geographies.  
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## Fairfield - Permitting Activity

### Annual Units Permitted - Per Capita in Fairfield

Figure 69: Units Permitted Each Year

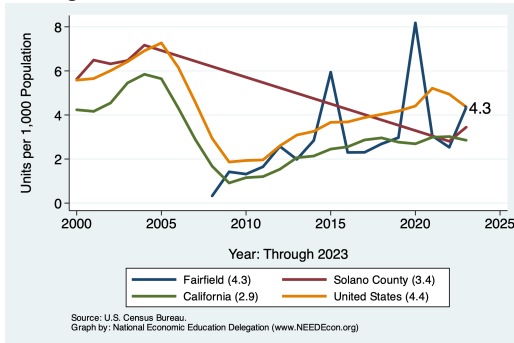
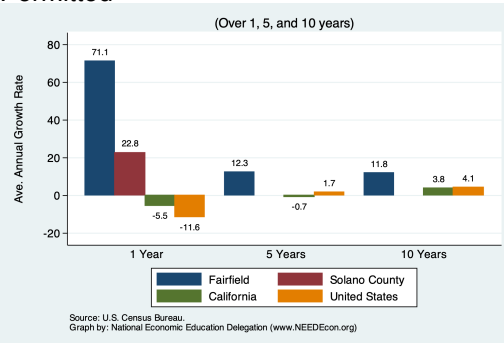


Figure 70: Average Annual Growth in Units Permitted



### Annual Number of Buildings Permitted - Per Capita in Fairfield

Figure 71: Units Permitted Each Year

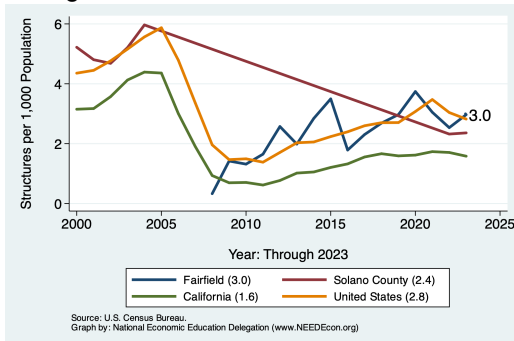
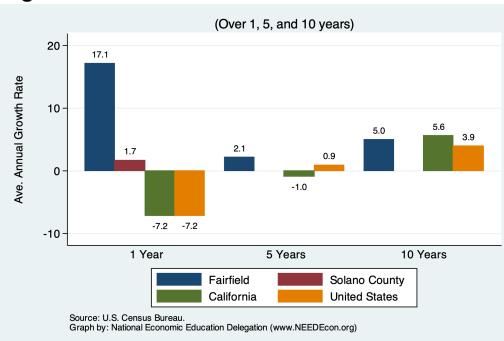


Figure 72: Average Annual Growth in Buildings Permitted



### Annual Value of Property Permitted - Per Capita in Fairfield

Figure 73: Value Permitted Each Year

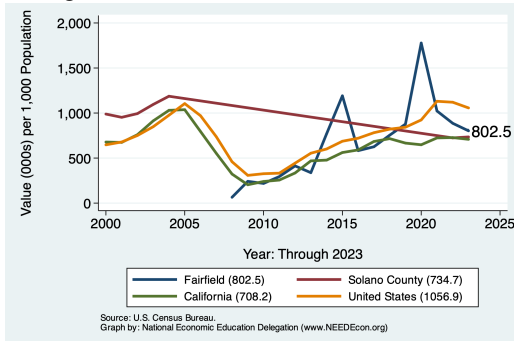
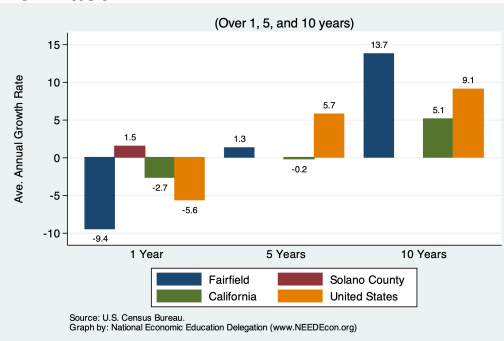


Figure 74: Average Annual Growth in Value Permitted



# 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

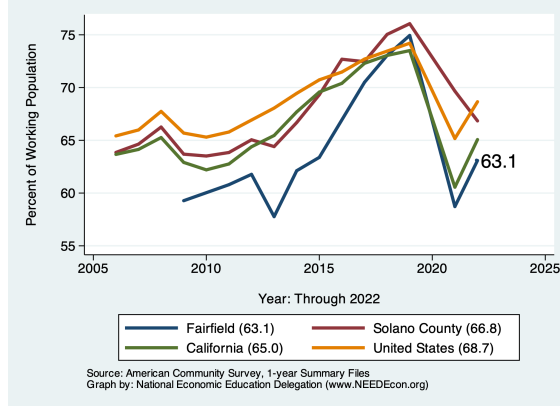


Figure 76: Percent of Workers Commuting by Carpool

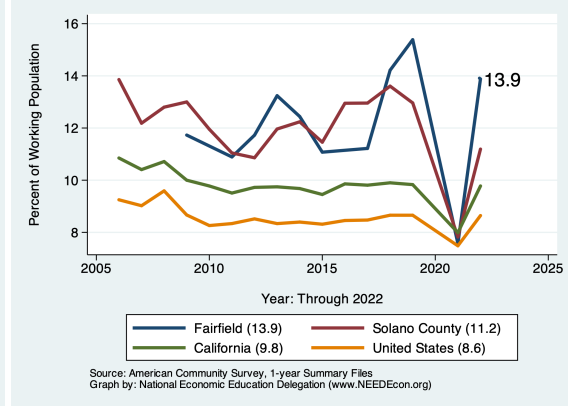


Figure 77: Percent of Workers using Public Transportation

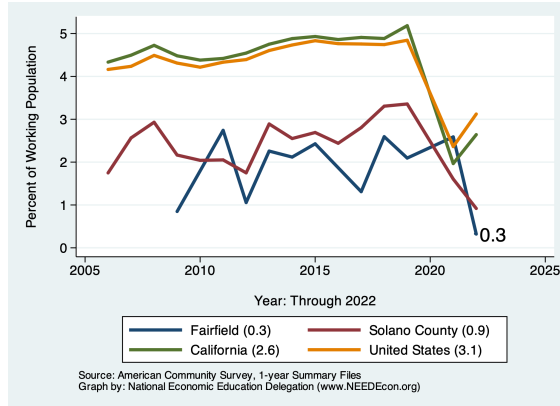
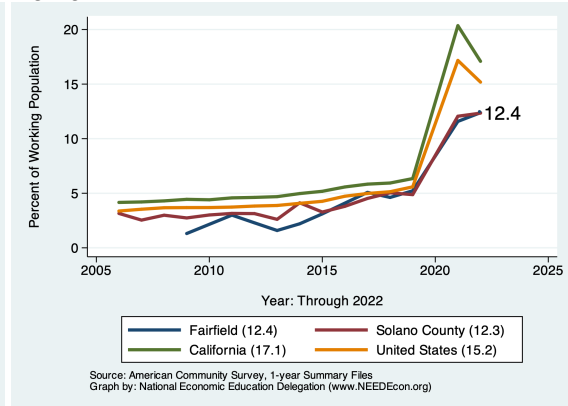


Figure 78: Percent of Workers Who Work From Home



The first table on this page presents data for those who LIVE in Fairfield. The second provides data on those who work, but do not necessarily live in Fairfield. 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:	27,187	83.3	18,636	68.9	45,823	77.0	75.3
Drove Alone	22,441	68.7	15,118	55.9	37,559	63.1	65.5
Carpooled:	4,746	14.5	3,518	13.0	8,264	13.9	9.8
In 2-person carpool	2,806	8.6	2,715	10.0	5,521	9.3	7.0
In 3-person carpool	1,008	3.1	516	1.9	1,524	2.6	1.7
In 4-or-more-person carpool	932	2.9	287	1.1	1,219	2.0	1.2
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	91	0.3	100	0.4	191	0.3	2.7
Bus or Trolley Bus	91	0.3	0	0.0	91	0.2	1.8
Streetcar or Trolley Car	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.5
Subway or Elevated	0	0.0	100	0.4	100	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	228	0.7	36	0.1	264	0.4	0.7
Walked	120	0.4	823	3.0	943	1.6	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	242	0.7	511	1.9	753	1.3	1.7
Worked at Home	3,303	10.1	4,069	15.0	7,372	12.4	17.2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>31,171</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>24,175</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>55,346</b>	<b>93.0</b>	

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:	24,221	83.4	20,192	78.6	44,413	84.0	78.0
Drove Alone	21,940	75.6	18,108	70.5	40,048	75.8	68.5
Carpooled:	2,281	7.9	2,084	8.1	4,365	8.3	9.5
In 2-person carpool	1,707	5.9	1,456	5.7	3,163	6.0	6.9
In 3-person carpool	322	1.1	340	1.3	662	1.3	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	252	0.9	288	1.1	540	1.0	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	110	0.4	113	0.4	223	0.4	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	74	0.3	92	0.4	166	0.3	2.3
Streetcar or Trolley Car	0	0.0	10	0.0	10	0.0	0.8
Subway or Elevated	20	0.1	11	0.0	31	0.1	0.3
Railroad	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.2
Ferryboat	16	0.1	0	0.0	16	0.0	0.1
Bicycle	199	0.7	49	0.2	248	0.5	0.7
Walked	265	0.9	457	1.8	722	1.4	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	269	0.9	378	1.5	647	1.2	1.7
Worked at Home	2,649	9.1	2,822	11.0	5,471	10.3	13.6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>27,713</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>24,011</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>51,724</b>	<b>97.8</b>	

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.

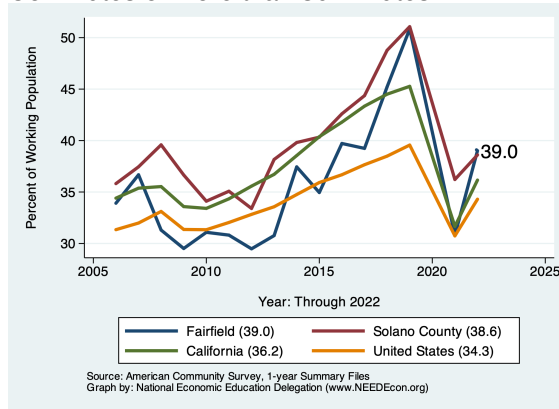
# Commute Times for Employed Residents

**Table 8. SEX OF WORKERS BY TRAVEL TIME TO WORK**

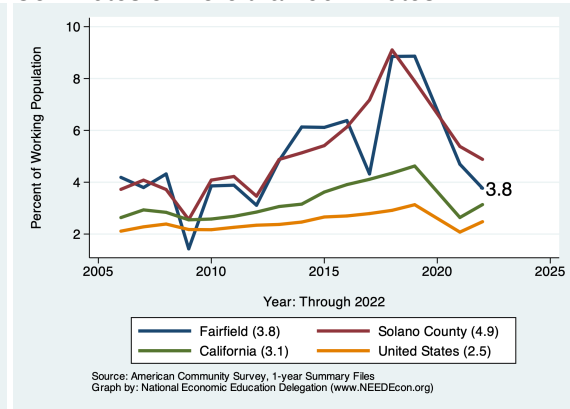
Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Less than 5 minutes	391	1.3	499	1.9	890	1.6	2.1
5 to 9 minutes	2,593	8.3	1,859	7.2	4,452	7.9	7.8
10 to 14 minutes	2,916	9.4	3,390	13.1	6,306	11.2	12.4
15 to 19 minutes	3,329	10.7	3,361	13.0	6,690	11.9	15.4
20 to 24 minutes	2,526	8.1	2,748	10.6	5,274	9.3	14.8
25 to 29 minutes	1,473	4.7	876	3.4	2,349	4.2	6.4
30 to 34 minutes	2,537	8.2	2,361	9.1	4,898	8.7	15.2
35 to 39 minutes	265	0.9	0	0.0	265	0.5	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	1,390	4.5	359	1.4	1,749	3.1	4.1
45 to 59 minutes	3,201	10.3	1,837	7.1	5,038	8.9	8.2
60 to 89 minutes	5,818	18.7	2,119	8.2	7,937	14.1	7.2
90 or more minutes	1,429	4.6	697	2.7	2,126	3.8	3.6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>27,868</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>20,106</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>47,974</b>	<b>85.0</b>	

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

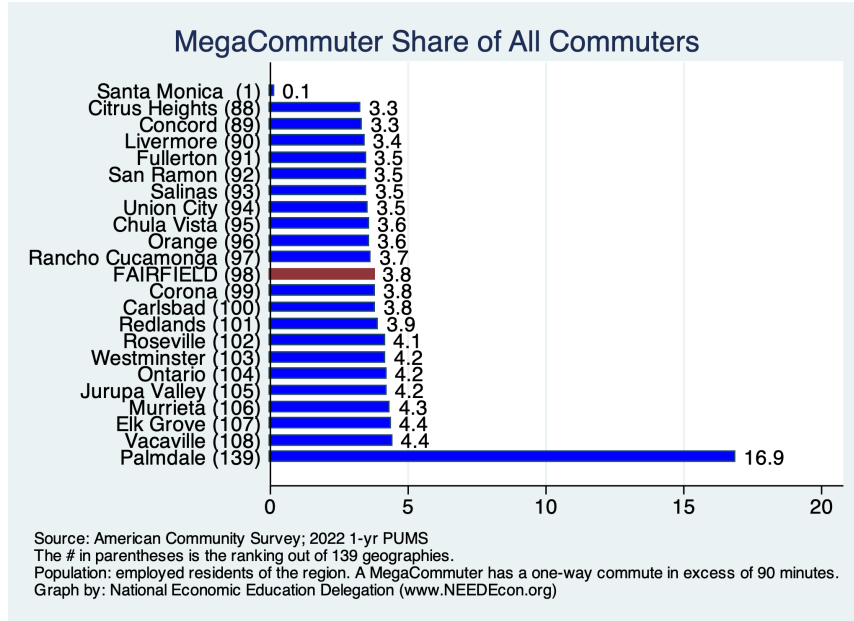
**Figure 79: Percent of Employed Population With Commutes of More than 30 Minutes**



**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

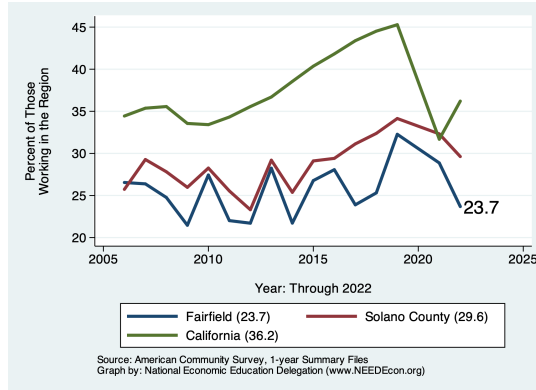
**Table 9. SEX OF WORKERS BY TRAVEL TIME TO WORK FOR WORKPLACE GEOGRAPHY**

Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Less than 5 minutes	394	1.4	1,010	4.2	1,404	2.8	2.1
5 to 9 minutes	2,994	10.6	2,678	11.0	5,672	11.4	7.8
10 to 14 minutes	2,987	10.5	3,995	16.4	6,982	14.0	12.4
15 to 19 minutes	3,857	13.6	4,948	20.3	8,805	17.7	15.3
20 to 24 minutes	2,519	8.9	2,698	11.1	5,217	10.5	14.8
25 to 29 minutes	1,496	5.3	435	1.8	1,931	3.9	6.4
30 to 34 minutes	1,367	4.8	1,373	5.6	2,740	5.5	15.2
35 to 39 minutes	659	2.3	485	2.0	1,144	2.3	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	1,023	3.6	249	1.0	1,272	2.6	4.1
45 to 59 minutes	1,963	6.9	771	3.2	2,734	5.5	8.2
60 to 89 minutes	2,129	7.5	823	3.4	2,952	5.9	7.2
90 or more minutes	686	2.4	255	1.0	941	1.9	3.6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>22,074</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>19,720</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>41,794</b>	<b>84.0</b>	

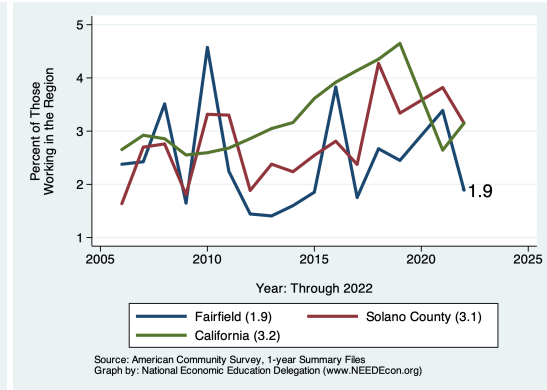
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The results in this table are for those who work in the region, regardless of the location of their residence.

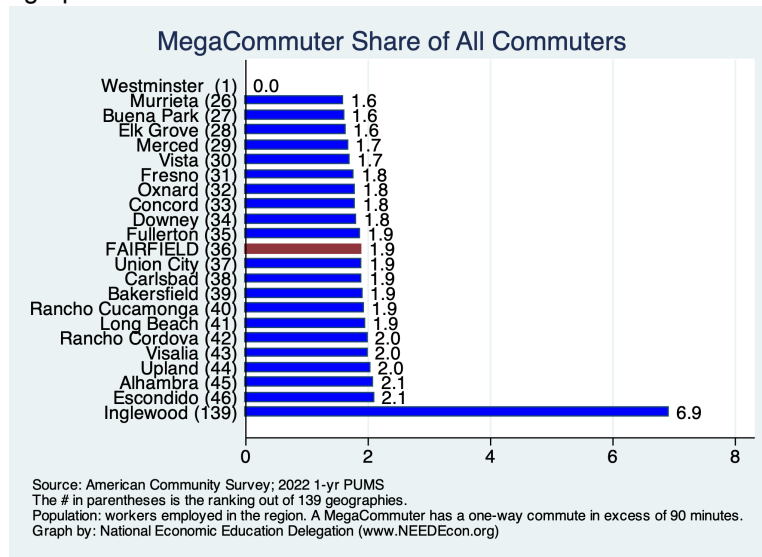
**Figure 82: Percent of Local Employees With Commutes of More than 30 Minutes**



**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

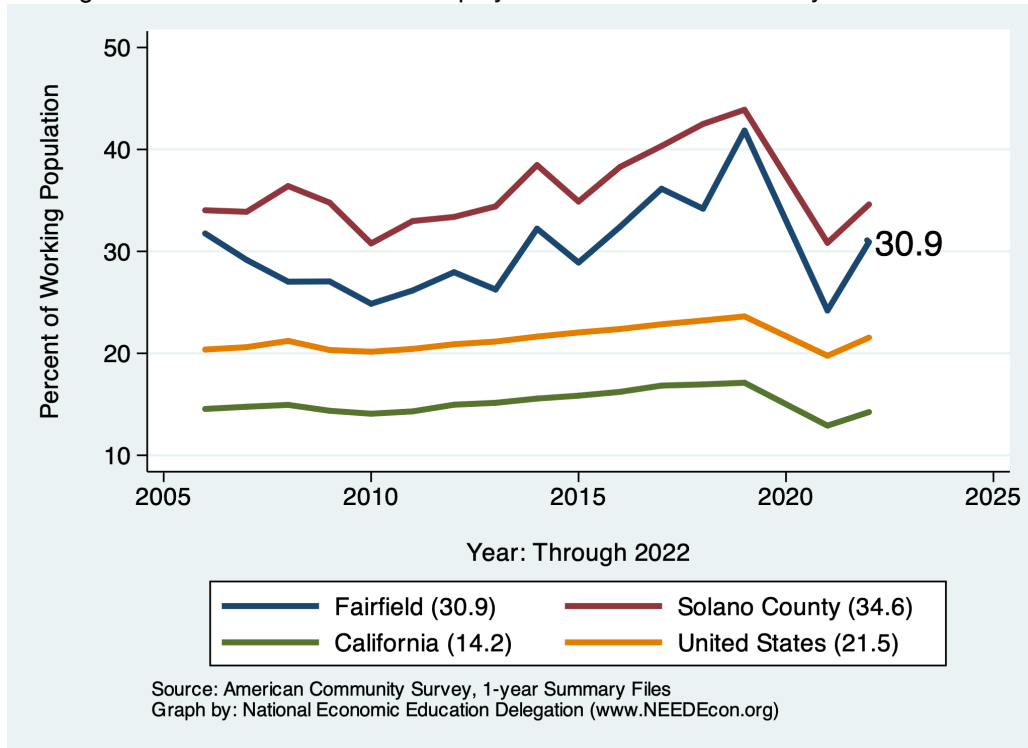
This section provides evidence on where workers living in Fairfield work. As evidenced in the first table, some of Fairfield’s employed workers work in the City, but many do not. The first table and graph pair provide evidence at the county level while the second provide evidence with regard to working outside of the Fairfield 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:	31,171	95.5	24,175	89.3	55,346	93.0	99.6
Worked in county of residence	18,871	57.8	18,065	66.7	36,936	62.0	85.3
worked outside of county of residence	12,300	37.7	6,110	22.6	18,410	30.9	14.3
Worked outside state of residence	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.4
<b>Total:</b>	31,171	95.5	24,175	89.3	55,346	93.0	

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

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

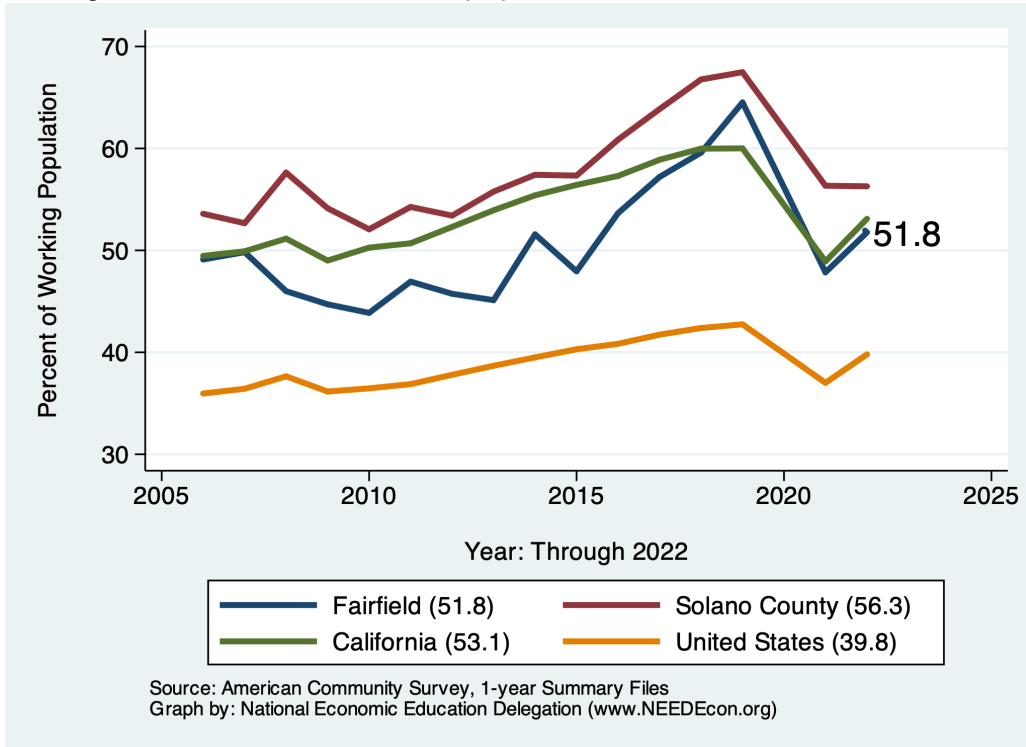


**Table 11. SEX OF WORKERS BY PLACE OF WORK-PLACE LEVEL**

Place of Work	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Living in a place:	31,171	95.5	24,175	89.3	55,346	93.0	95.8
Worked in place of residence	12,127	37.1	12,399	45.8	24,526	41.2	42.3
Worked outside place of residence	19,044	58.3	11,776	43.5	30,820	51.8	53.4
Not living in a place	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4.2
<b>Total:</b>	31,171	95.5	24,175	89.3	55,346	93.0	

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		California	United States	
	Median	Ratio	Median	Ratio	Ratio
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	52,592	100.2	48,335	45,677	98.6
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	59,963	153.6	35,926	34,518	148.8
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)			34,625	41,443	
Walked	6,397	19.3	30,552	27,247	20.1
Taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle, or other means	32,889	74.5	40,631	36,218	77.8
Worked from home	64,671	74.7	79,738	69,180	80.1
<b>Total:</b>	54,117	108.6	49,818	46,365	116.7

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	8,802	48.4	13,508	68.1	12,979	68.3	40,143	72.0	68.4
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	1,650	9.1	2,437	12.3	1,867	9.8	7,385	13.2	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	167	0.9	250	1.3	436	2.3	975	1.7	3.6
Walked	341	1.9	134	0.7	83	0.4	768	1.4	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	460	2.5	257	1.3	192	1.0	973	1.7	2.4
Worked at Home	1,218	6.7	1,682	8.5	2,157	11.3	5,471	9.8	13.6
<b>Total:</b>	12,638	69.5	18,268	92.0	17,714	93.2	55,715	99.9	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	8,750	49.6	13,091	72.3	13,686	79.0	40,048	77.4	68.5
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	1,115	6.3	1,244	6.9	1,091	6.3	4,365	8.4	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	151	0.9	18	0.1	43	0.2	223	0.4	3.6
Walked	298	1.7	119	0.7	89	0.5	722	1.4	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	313	1.8	291	1.6	262	1.5	895	1.7	2.4
Worked at Home	1,218	6.9	1,682	9.3	2,157	12.4	5,471	10.6	13.6
<b>Total:</b>	11,845	67.1	16,445	90.8	17,328		51,724		

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

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

## Commute Mode by Poverty Status

**Table 15. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK BY POVERTY STATUS**

Mode of Transit	In Poverty		100-149% of Pov		>150% of Pov		All		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	1,401	40.0	1,338	34.0	37,271	69.0	40,010	67.4	68.7
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	435	12.4	407	10.3	6,462	12.0	7,304	12.3	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	13	0.4	56	1.4	906	1.7	975	1.6	3.6
Walked	51	1.5	22	0.6	653	1.2	726	1.2	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	120	3.4	45	1.1	751	1.4	916	1.5	2.4
Worked at Home	135	3.9	178	4.5	5,157	9.5	5,470	9.2	13.6
<b>Total:</b>	2,155	61.5	2,046	51.9	51,200	94.8	55,401	93.4	

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

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

Mode of Transit	In Poverty		100-149% of Pov		>150% of Pov		All		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	1,204	34.9	1,125	25.7	37,586	78.1	39,915	77.6	68.7
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	211	6.1	171	3.9	3,902	8.1	4,284	8.3	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	23	0.7	15	0.3	185	0.4	223	0.4	3.6
Walked	82	2.4	13	0.3	589	1.2	684	1.3	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	70	2.0	74	1.7	694	1.4	838	1.6	2.4
Worked at Home	135	3.9	178	4.1	5,157	10.7	5,470	10.6	13.6
<b>Total:</b>	1,725	50.0	1,576	35.9	48,113		51,414		

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 Fairfield 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

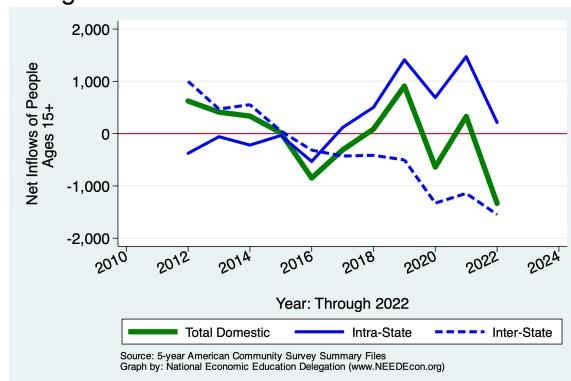


Table 17: Migration by Income

Category	Population	Net Inflows				
		All Migration	Same State		Across States	From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties		
No income	15,223	-84	-164	-150	-274	504
With income	79,881	-4,068	-2,167	-1,287	-1,238	624
\$1 to \$9,999 or less	10,940	-1,422	-513	-222	-871	184
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6,170	32	44	-152	-31	171
\$15,000 to \$24,999	7,367	-1,146	-343	-894	91	0
\$25,000 to \$34,999	8,175	-417	-199	-448	230	0
\$35,000 to \$49,999	11,395	-338	-521	147	-97	133
\$50,000 to \$64,999	8,547	554	52	473	29	0
\$65,000 to \$74,999	4,571	50	0	146	-132	36
\$75,000 or more	22,716	-1,381	-687	-337	-457	100
<b>All:</b>	95,104	-4,152	-2,331	-1,437	-1,512	1,128

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

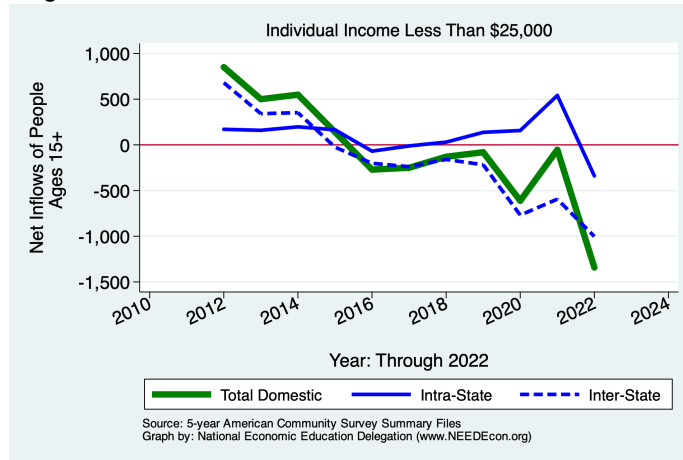


Figure 89: Overall Movements of Middle Income Residents

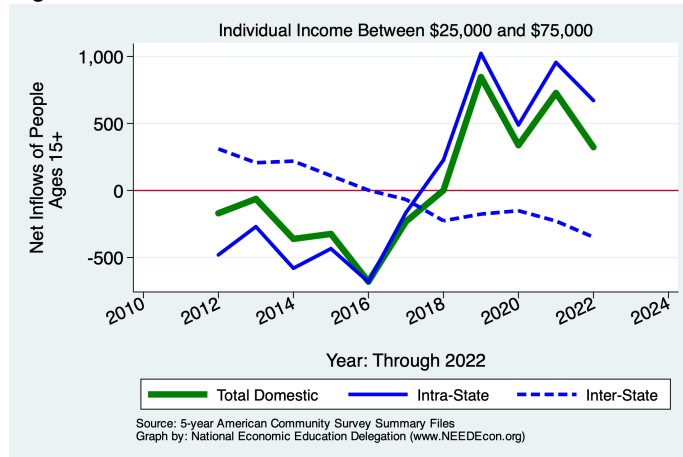
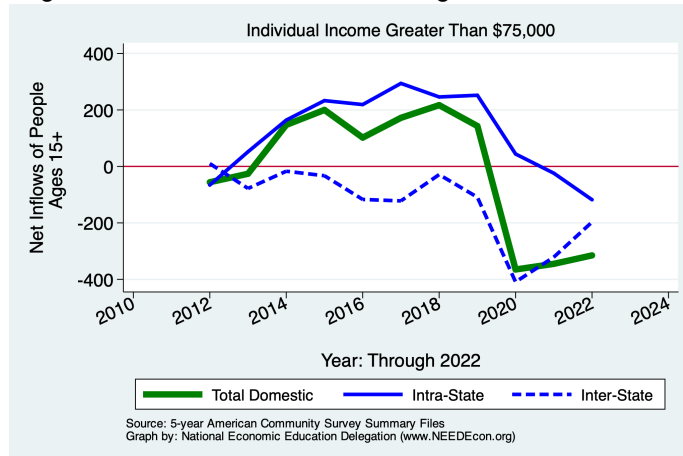


Figure 90: Overall Movements of High Income Residents



## Demographics of Migration Flows

**Table 18: Migration by Marital Status**

Category	Population	Net Inflows				
		All Migration	Same State			From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties	Across States	
Never married	33,083	-1,916	-780	-1,339	-111	314
Now married, except separated	48,311	-957	-500	-10	-1,225	778
Divorced	7,998	-615	-332	-196	-87	0
Separated	790	-216	-323	107	0	0
Widowed	4,922	-448	-396	1	-89	36
<b>Total:</b>	95,104	-4,152	-2,331	-1,437	-1,512	1,128

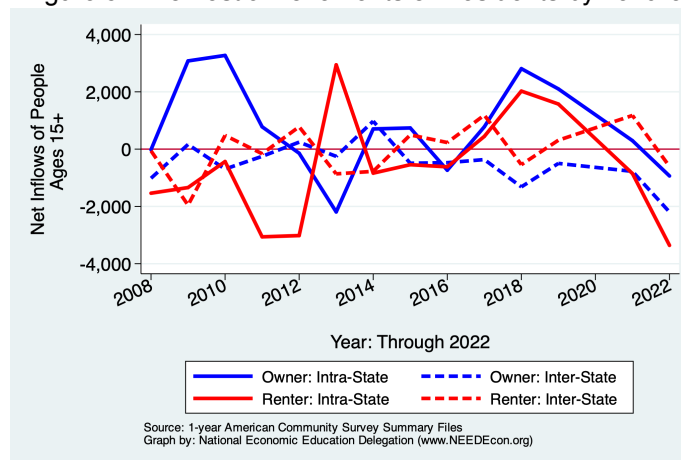
Source: 2022 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

**Table 19: Migration by Tenure**

Category	Population	Net Inflows				
		All Migration	Same State			From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties	Across States	
Householder lived in owner-occupied housing units	77,238	-2,719	-1,450	513	-2,197	415
Householder lived in renter-occupied housing units	38,276	-2,886	-1,434	-1,926	-605	1,079
<b>Total:</b>	115,514	-5,605	-2,884	-1,413	-2,802	1,494

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			
1 to 4 years	6,869	-62	-94	102	-167	97	
5 to 17 years	20,957	-731	-561	-38	-297	165	
18 and 19 years	2,988	-313	-138	-50	-167	42	
20 to 24 years	8,242	209	212	-11	-157	165	
25 to 29 years	9,459	815	82	388	170	175	
30 to 34 years	8,641	-457	53	-92	-470	52	
35 to 39 years	8,198	131	-71	219	-128	111	
40 to 44 years	8,017	-147	-140	-69	-61	123	
45 to 49 years	7,327	89	-115	189	-92	107	
50 to 54 years	7,430	-440	-135	-108	-207	10	
55 to 59 years	6,826	10	31	-3	-26	8	
60 to 64 years	6,235	-116	-40	-29	-149	102	
65 to 69 years	5,085	155	-27	102	-23	103	
70 to 74 years	4,611	28	47	18	-50	13	
75 years and over	6,879	-63	-1	15	-131	54	
<b>Total Population:</b>	117,764	-892	-897	633	-1,955	1,327	

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			
Less than high school graduate	10,982	-172	-68	-22	-82	0	
High school graduate (includes equiv)	17,688	-833	-389	-638	-222	416	
Some college or assoc. degree	28,306	-174	-1,134	808	-125	277	
Bachelor's degree	15,263	-577	119	-316	-685	305	
Graduate or professional degree	6,027	-858	-239	-656	37	0	
<b>Total:</b>	78,266	-2,614	-1,711	-824	-1,077	998	

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	43,452	43,452
Moved Within Same County	32,115	32,863
Moved to Different County, Same State	60,560	26,536
Moved Between States	25,255	12,966
Moved from Abroad	14,371	
<b>Total Population:</b>	42,774	41,406

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	38.4	38.4
Moved Within Same County	27.3	27.6
Moved to Different County, Same State	36.4	27.8
Moved Between States	26.6	21.2
Moved from Abroad	31.5	
<b>Total Population:</b>	37.1	36.2

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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