

Foster City, California

Indicators Report

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

A Demographic Snapshot

Statistic	2022	2019
POPULATION		
Population Estimate (#, 5yr)	33,215.0	33,997.0
Veterans (#, 5yr)	728.0	1,029.0
Foreign born persons (% , 5yr)	48.0	45.1
Population age 25+ (#, 5yr)	24,278.0	25,115.0
AGE AND SEX		
Persons under 5 years (% , 5yr)	6.2	5.8
Persons under 18 years (% , 5yr)	22.5	21.9
Persons 65 years and over (% , 5yr)	18.1	16.8
Female persons (% , 5yr)	50.9	50.2
INCOME AND POVERTY		
Median household income (\$, 5yr)	191,267.0	158,529.0
Per capita income in past 12 months (\$, 5yr)	91,552.0	70,705.0
Persons in poverty (% , 5yr)	3.8	4.4
Children age less than 18 in poverty (#, 5yr)	124.0	347.0
Children age less than 18 in poverty (% , 5yr)	1.7	4.7
RACE AND ETHNICITY		
White alone (% , 5yr)	34.5	43.6
African American alone (% , 5yr)	2.1	2.5
American Indian or Alaska Native alone (% , 5yr)	0.3	0.2
Asian alone (% , 5yr)	53.1	47.6
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (% , 5yr)	0.2	0.2
Two or More Races (% , 5yr)	8.2	4.8
Hispanic or Latino (% , 5yr)	7.4	8.4
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino (% , 5yr)	31.1	36.9
HOUSING		
Housing units (#, 5yr)	13,318.0	13,459.0
Owner-occupied housing units (% , 5yr)	52.5	57.1
Median value of owner-occupied housing units (\$, 5yr)	1,673,100.0	1,245,800.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-with a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	4,001.0	3,638.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-without a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	1,046.0	909.0
Median gross rent (\$, 5yr)	3,501.0	3,209.0
FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		
Households (#, 5yr)	12,658.0	12,690.0
Persons per household (#, 5yr)	2.6	2.7
Living in same house 1 year ago, % of persons age 1+ (5yr)	78.7	77.6
EDUCATION		
High school graduate or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	95.9	96.3
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	72.5	70.3
HEALTH		
With a disability, under age 65 years (#, 5yr)	899.0	914.0
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years (% , 5yr)	1.7	1.7
LABOR FORCE		
In civilian labor force, persons age 16+ (% , 5yr)	66.5	67.2
In civilian labor force, women age 16+ (% , 5yr)	59.7	57.5
Employed, persons age 16+ (% , 5yr)	61.1	62.4
Self employed (% , 5yr)	9.2	8.6
TRANSPORTATION		
Mean travel time to work, workers age 16+ (Mins., 5yr)	24.6	32.1
Drive alone in private vehicle (% , 5yr)	57.7	70.9
Using public transportation (% , 5yr)	7.7	12.6
Worked from home (% , 5yr)	26.4	5.9

Source: American Community Survey, Summary Files

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

Current Population

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

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

Region	2023 Population	% Change		
		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
City				
Foster City	32,703	-0.45	-0.98	-1.18
County and Broader Regions				
San Mateo County	737,644	-0.43	-4.33	-4.50
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
San Mateo County	740.8	737.6	-0.43	-0.45	-0.35
San Mateo	103.7	103.3	-0.32		
Daly City	102.0	101.5	-0.56		
Redwood City	81.8	81.5	-0.32		
South San Francisco	64.3	64.3	-0.00		
San Bruno	42.3	42.1	-0.68		
Pacifica	37.2	37.1	-0.41		
Foster City	32.9	32.7	-0.45		
Menlo Park	32.8	32.5	-0.85		
Burlingame	30.1	30.1	0.22		
San Carlos	29.8	29.5	-0.89		
East Palo Alto	28.8	28.6	-0.66		
Belmont	27.0	26.8	-0.88		
Millbrae	22.5	22.5	0.08		
Half Moon Bay	11.3	11.2	-0.77		
Hillsborough	11.0	11.0	-0.20		
Atherton	6.7	6.7	-0.48		
Woodside	5.1	5.1	-0.29		
Brisbane	4.7	4.6	-0.51		
Portola Valley	4.3	4.2	-0.54		
Colma	1.4	1.4	-0.88		

Source: CA DOF; Calculations by National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 1: Population Growth (1)

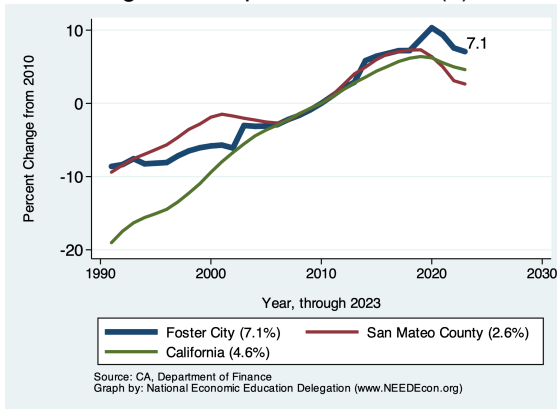


Figure 2: Population Growth (2)

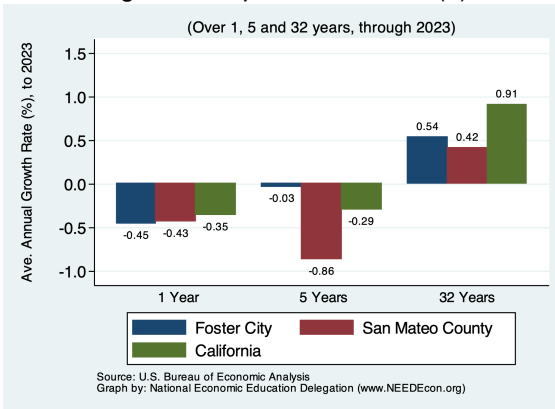


Figure 3: Population by Age - Detailed Age Categories

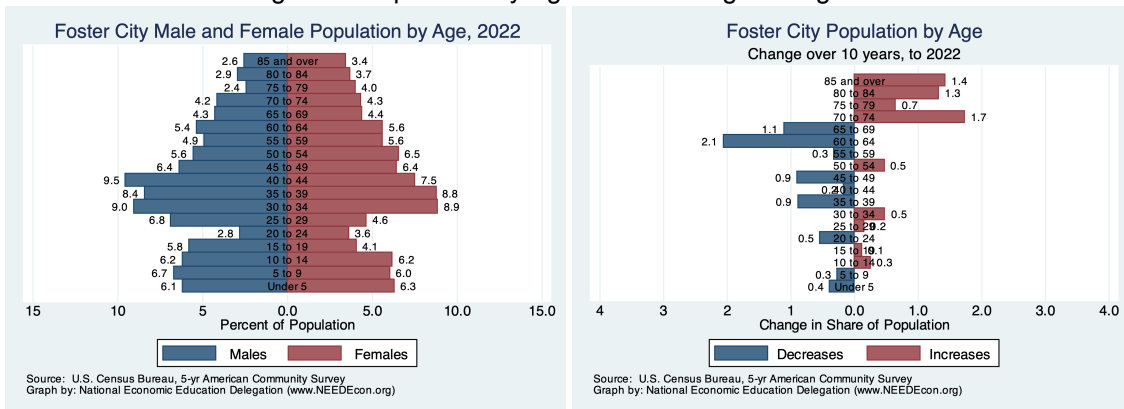


Figure 4: Population by Age - Broad Age Categories

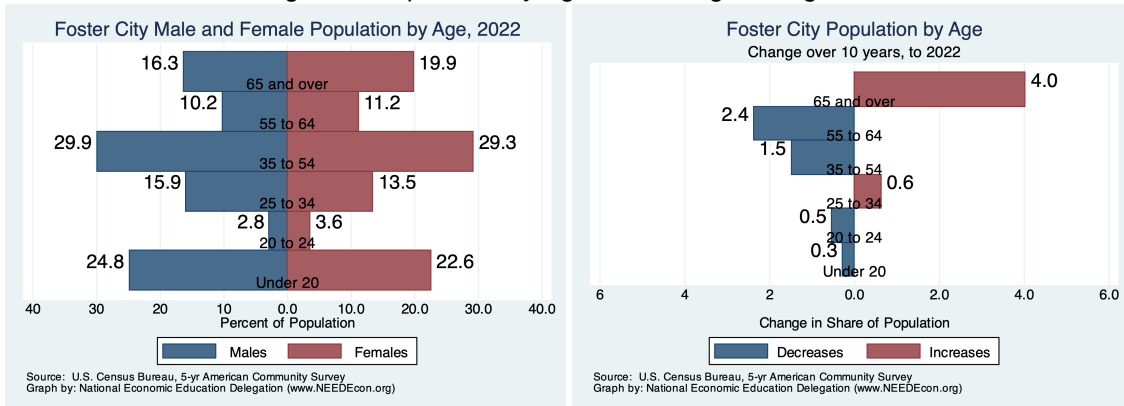


Figure 5: Population by Educational Attainment

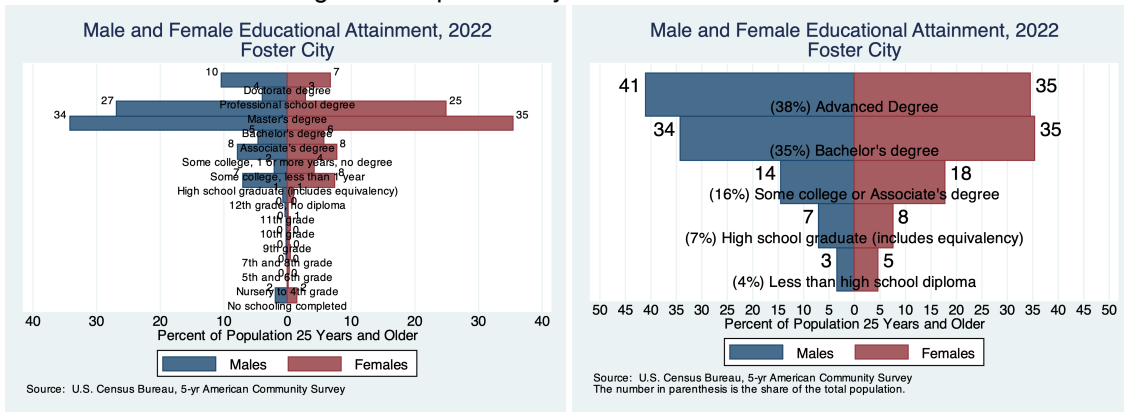


Figure 6: Population by Race/Ethnicity

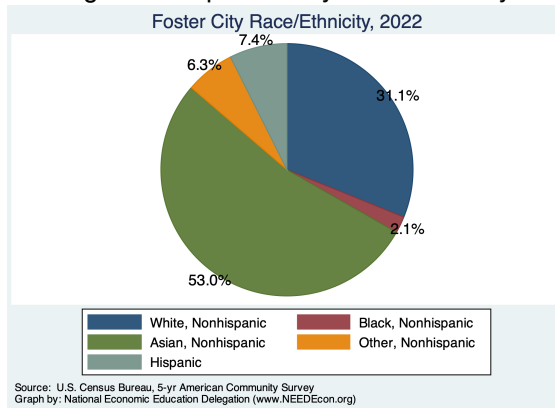
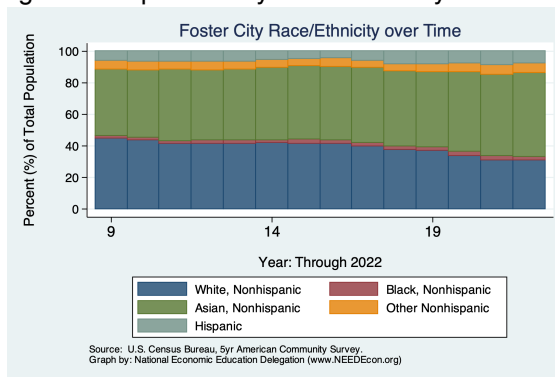


Figure 7: Population by Race/Ethnicity Over Time



Employment Report

Citywide Employment and Unemployment

Definition:

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

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

Why is it important?

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

Table 3. Foster City Summary for March, 2024

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

Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 8: Historical Employment and Unemployment - Last 12 Months



Figure 9: Employment and Unemployment - Last 12 Months



Figure 10: Relative Employment Growth Across Regions - since 2010

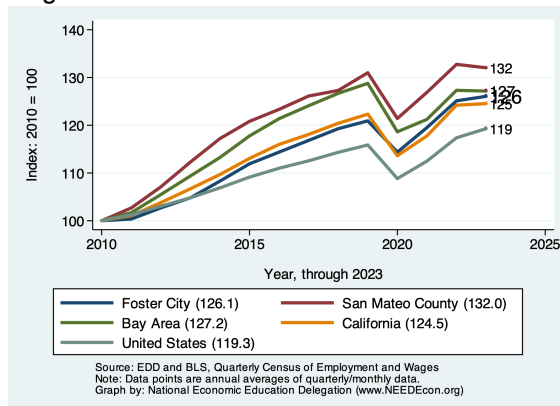
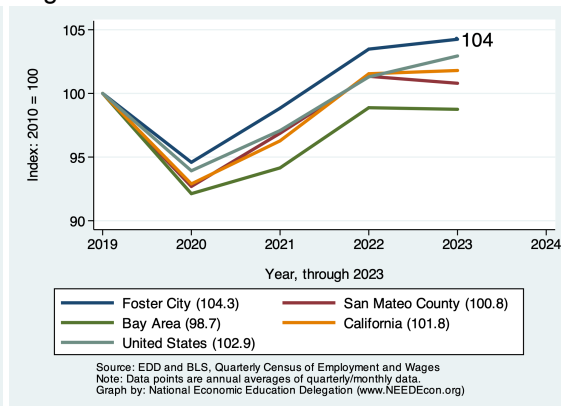


Figure 11: Relative Employment Growth Across Regions - since 2019



County Employment by Industry

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

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

Industry	Employment	Share	Empl Growth	% Growth - Annualized Rate					
				Month	Qtr	6mo	1yr	3yr	5yr
Total Nonfarm	421,423	100.0	-155.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.8	-1.1	2.7	0.5
Goods Producing	42,354	10.1	83.4	2.4	-2.7	-1.9	-1.9	-1.7	-1.4
Mining, Logging and Construction	17,763	4.2	195.5	14.2	-0.3	-1.6	-0.4	-2.7	-2.1
Manufacturing	24,439	5.8	-145.1	-6.9	-4.4	-2.2	-3.7	-0.9	-1.0
Durable Goods	10,906	2.6	-34.6	-3.7	-2.0	-0.0	-1.2	3.2	-0.3
Non-Durable Goods	13,363	3.2	-71.7	-6.2	-5.0	-4.3	-6.2	-4.1	-1.8
Service Providing	377,775	89.6	-351.9	-1.1	-0.6	0.9	-1.1	3.2	0.7
Trade, Trans & Utilities	60,982	14.5	-35.3	-0.7	3.4	1.6	-0.1	-1.5	-2.8
Wholesale Trade	10,826	2.6	0.6	0.1	-5.2	-4.7	-3.0	0.1	-1.3
Retail Trade	28,442	6.7	-11.1	-0.5	2.9	2.3	-0.4	-1.9	-2.8
Information	53,278	12.6	-742.7	-15.3	-8.2	-7.3	-10.6	-0.3	4.3
Financial Activities	22,519	5.3	-77.9	-4.1	-4.5	-2.3	-4.4	0.3	-1.0
Finance & Insurance	16,013	3.8	-57.0	-4.2	-3.2	-1.5	-4.1	-0.5	-0.3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	6,366	1.5	-52.4	-9.4	-13.9	-5.3	-5.6	2.0	-2.6
Professional & Business Svcs	87,702	20.8	-191.1	-2.6	-2.1	-1.5	-3.6	1.7	0.9
Prof, Sci, & Tech	61,339	14.6	-341.0	-6.4	-4.1	-2.6	-4.2	1.2	1.7
Educational & Health Svcs	62,625	14.9	261.2	5.1	-3.2	5.1	4.8	7.7	5.1
Education Svcs	14,599	3.5	-17.6	-1.4	1.4	2.3	1.7	14.4	12.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	47,537	11.3	193.9	5.0	-4.7	5.5	5.6	5.7	3.2
Leisure & Hospitality	44,147	10.5	25.5	0.7	3.4	4.8	3.8	16.3	-0.5
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	6,656	1.6	16.9	3.1	15.5	14.1	11.5	21.6	2.7
Accommodation & Food Svcs	37,721	9.0	49.2	1.6	2.7	3.5	2.4	15.7	-0.9
Other Svcs	12,800	3.0	62.8	6.1	4.2	5.6	1.2	7.5	-1.1
Government	31,669	7.5	174.2	6.8	7.1	6.1	2.7	2.3	-0.9
Federal	2,892	0.7	-20.5	-8.1	-5.5	-2.8	0.0	-5.2	-3.6
State	596	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.7	5.8	0.5	-0.2	-0.1
Local	28,562	6.8	125.4	5.4	4.3	4.7	4.6	3.9	-0.3

Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation (NEED)

Some Employee Detail

Employed in Foster City

Figure 12: Employment by Occupation

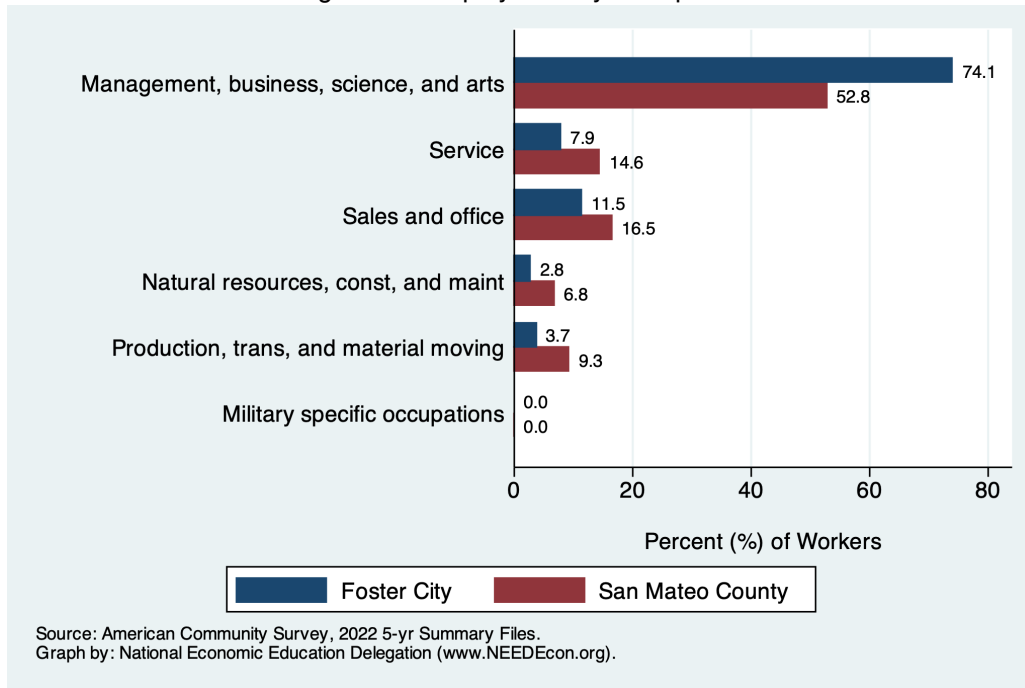


Figure 13: Employment by Industry

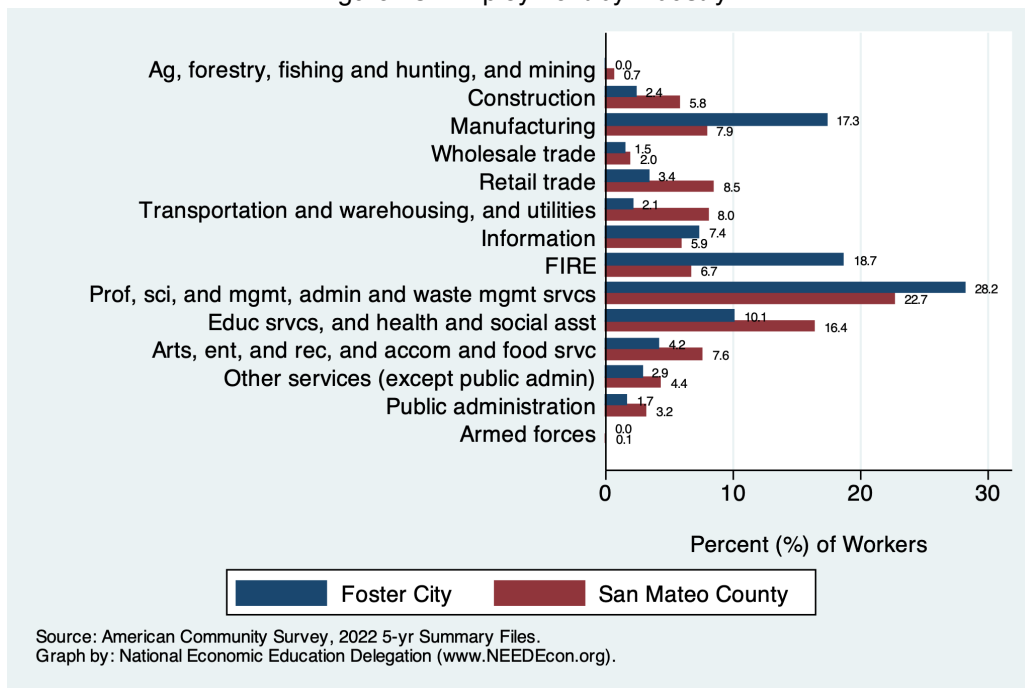


Figure 14: Language Spoken at Home

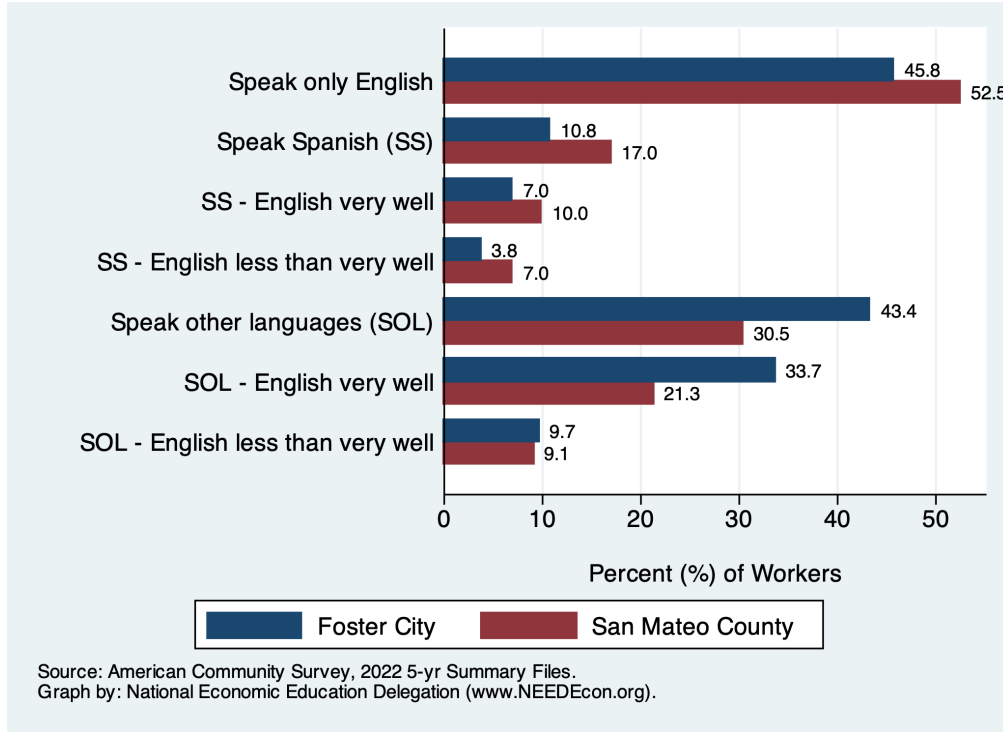
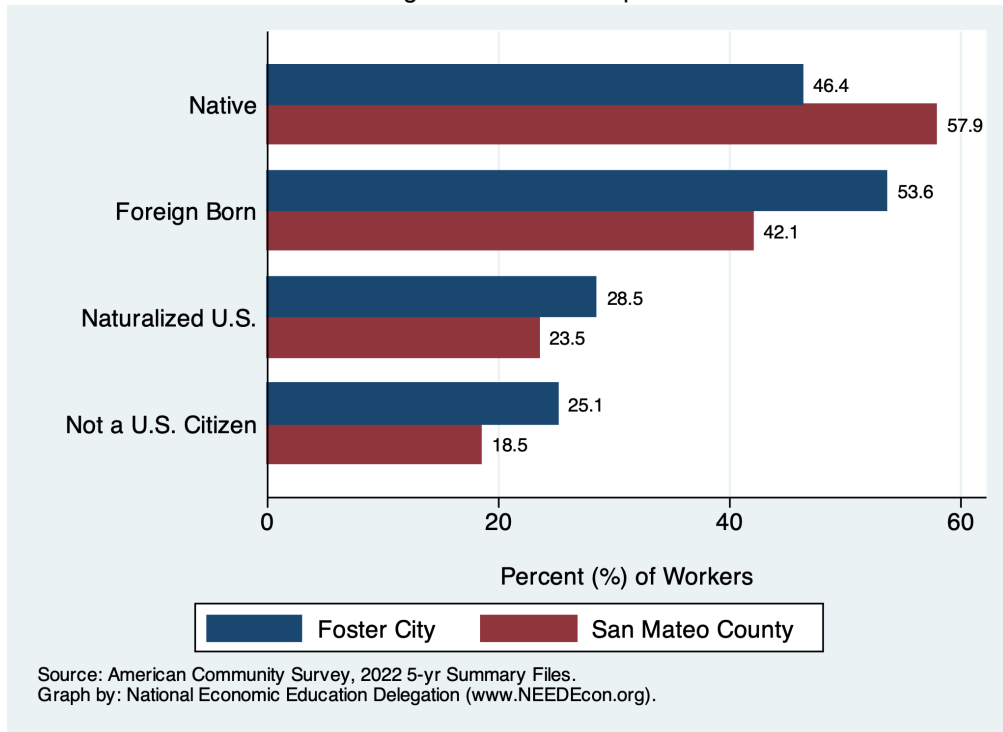


Figure 15: Citizenship



Employed Residents of Foster City

Figure 16: Employment by Occupation

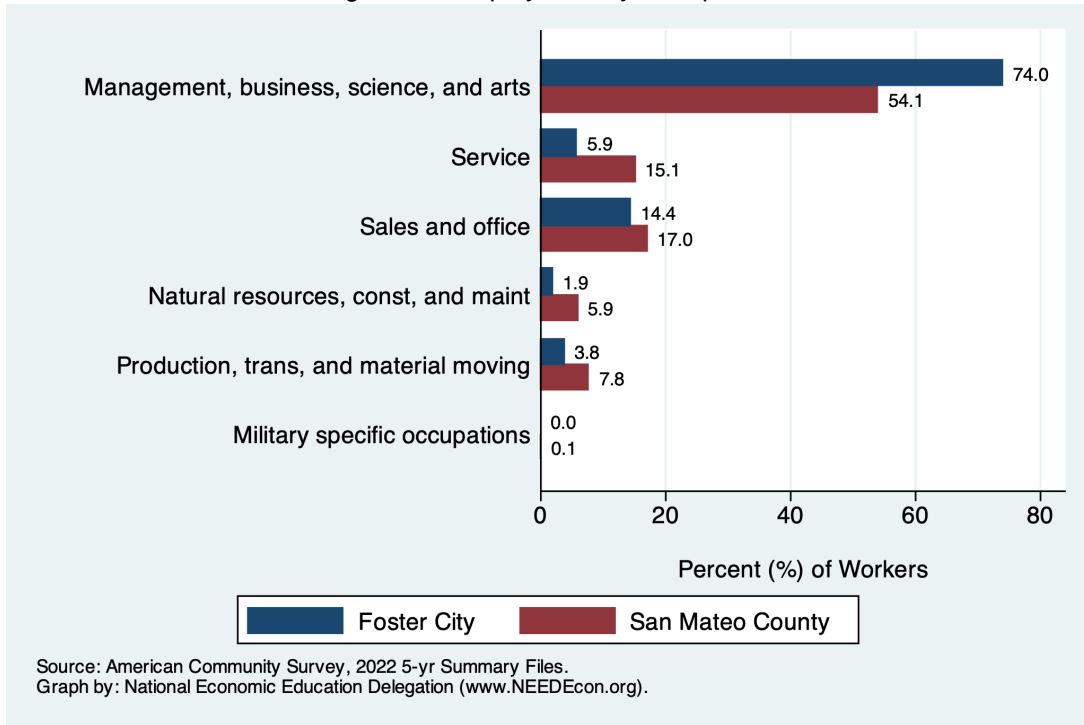


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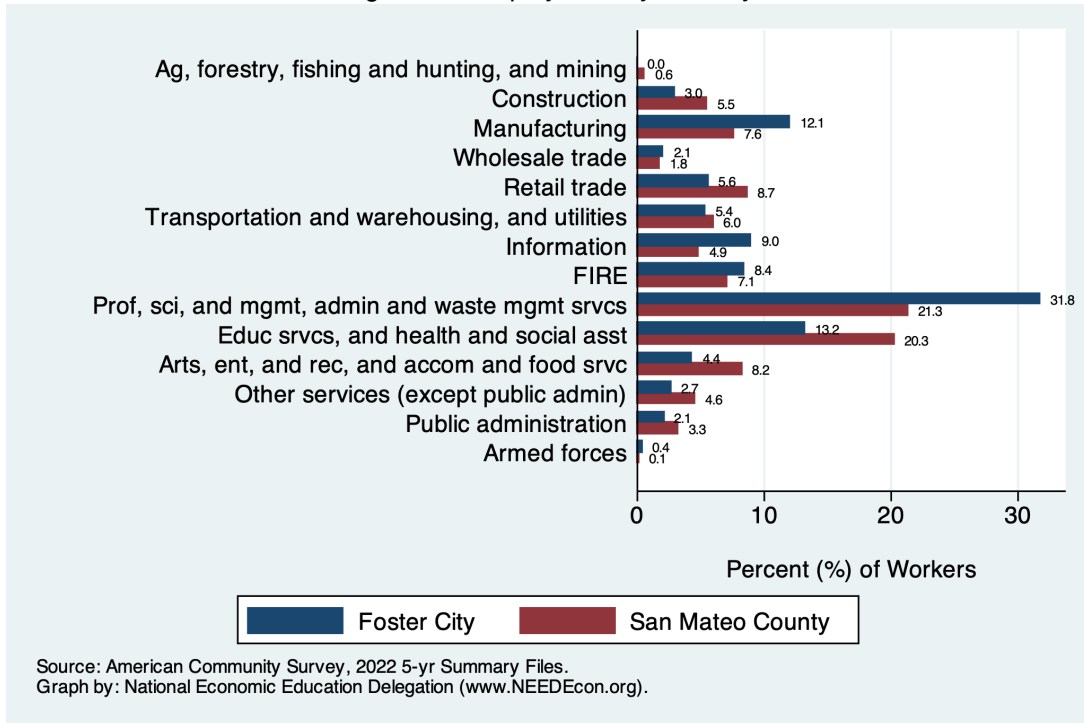


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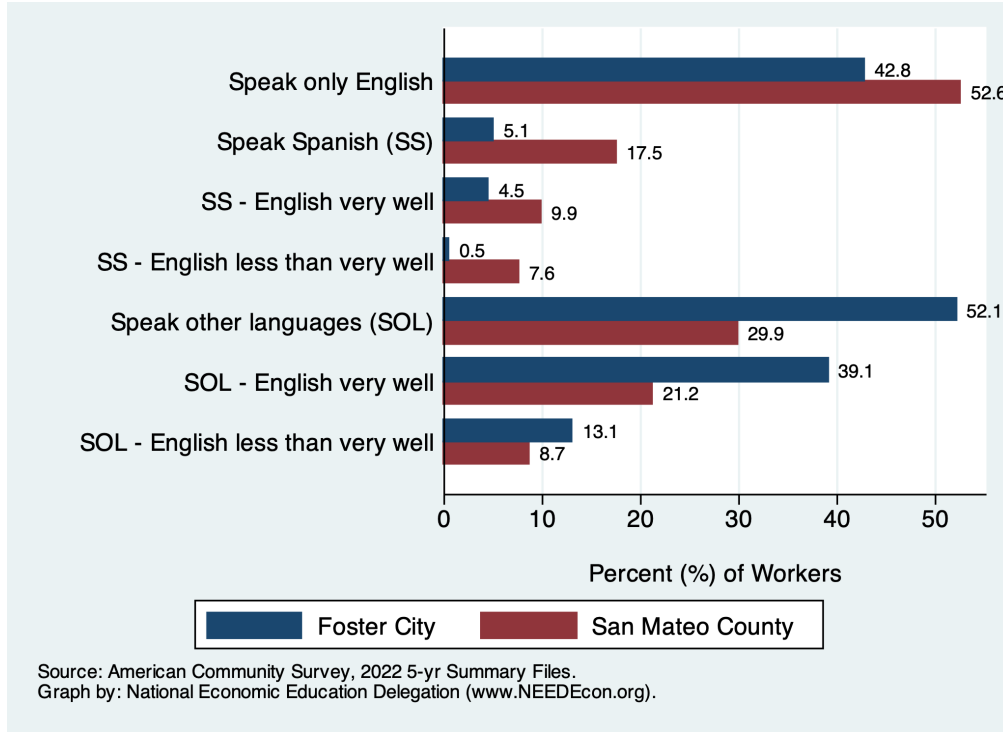
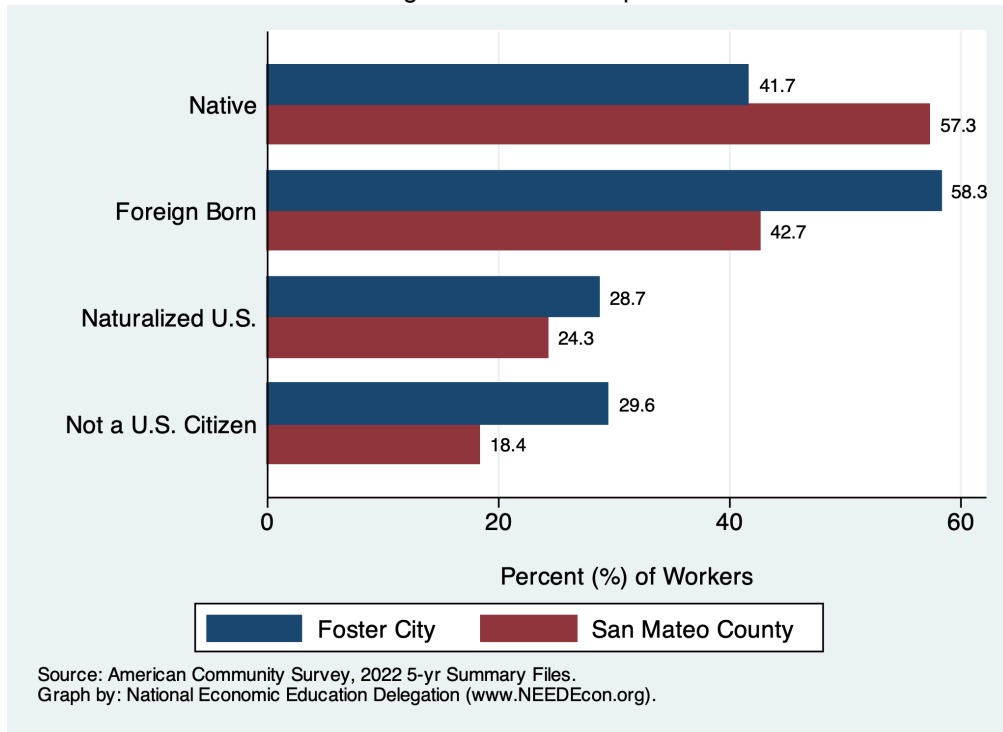


Figure 19: Citizenship



Employed Residents vs Workers in Foster City

Figure 20: Employment by Occupation

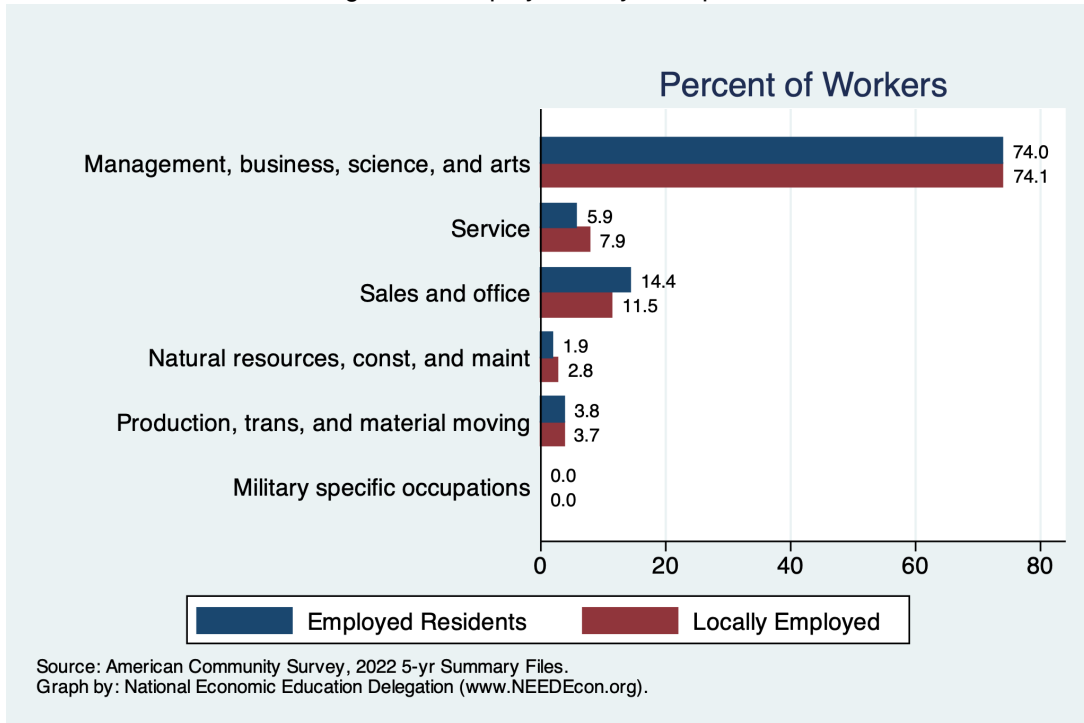


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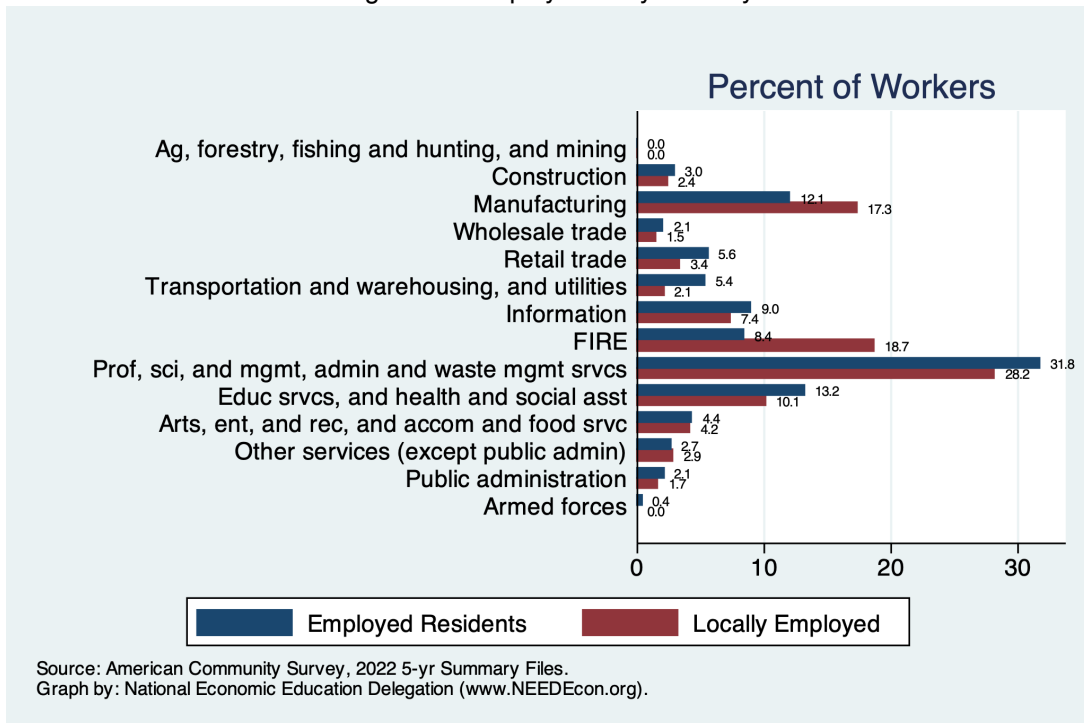


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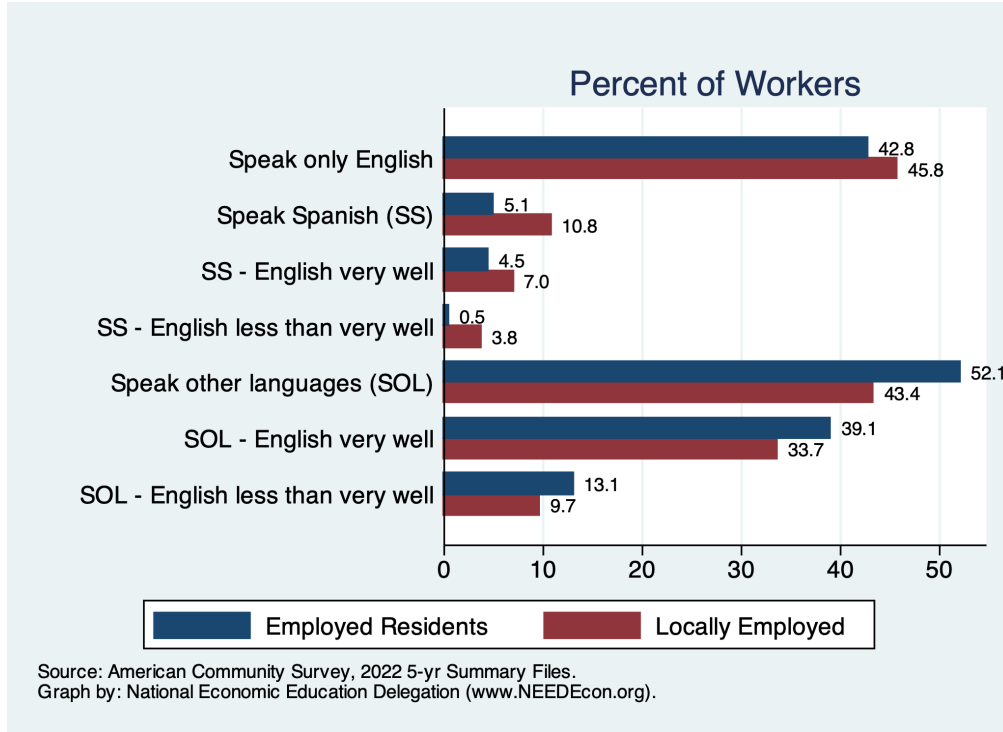
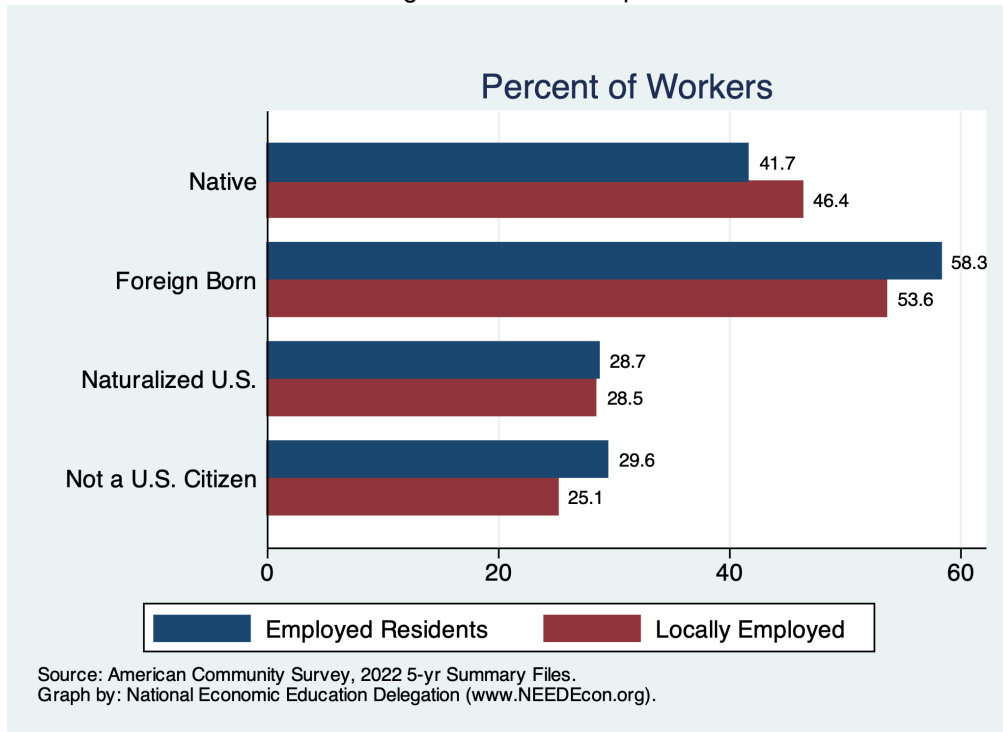


Figure 23: Citizenship



Income and Earnings

Per Capita Income Growth

Definition:

Per capita income is the average income per person in Foster City. 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

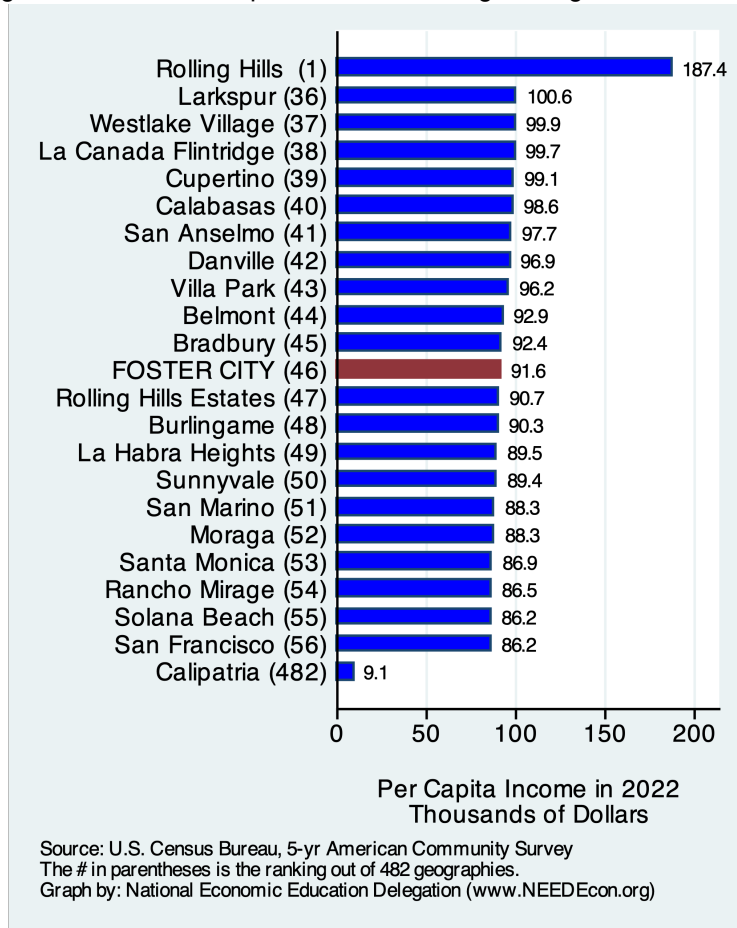
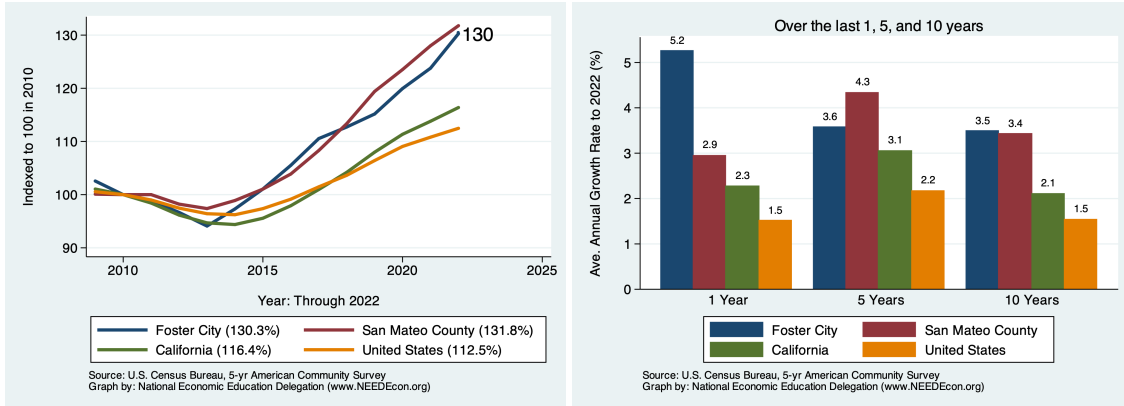


Figure 25: Regional Comparison of Growth over Time



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

Figure 26: Income Levels

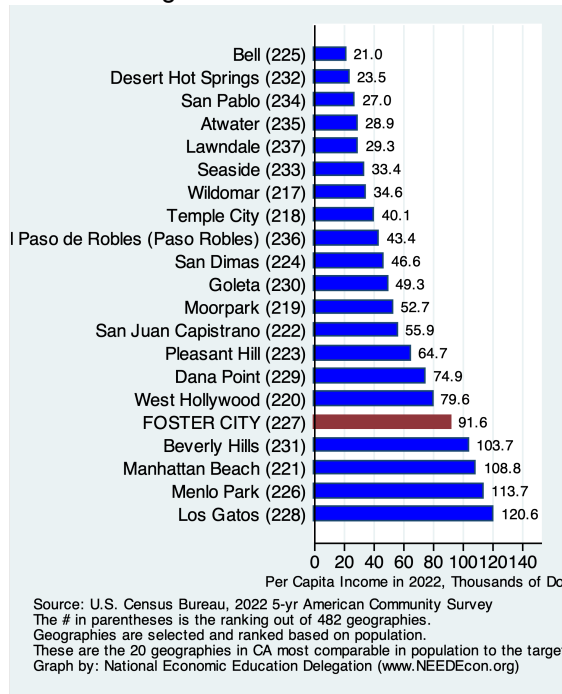
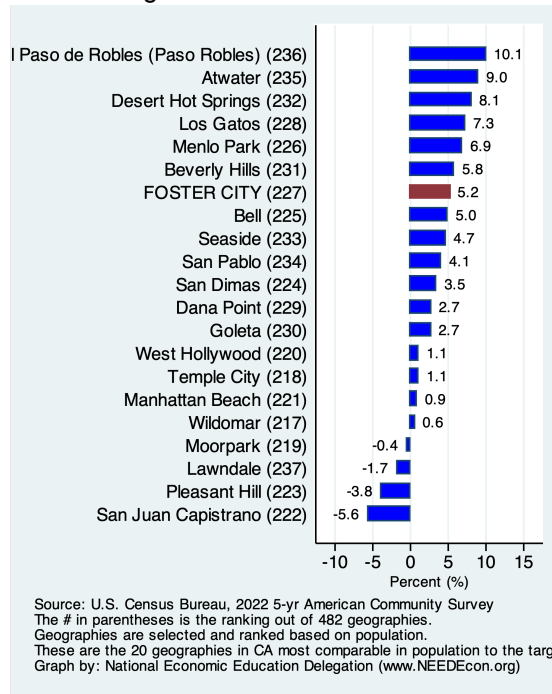


Figure 27: Growth over Time



Real Per Capita Income Ranking Among Cities in San Mateo County

Figure 28: Income Levels

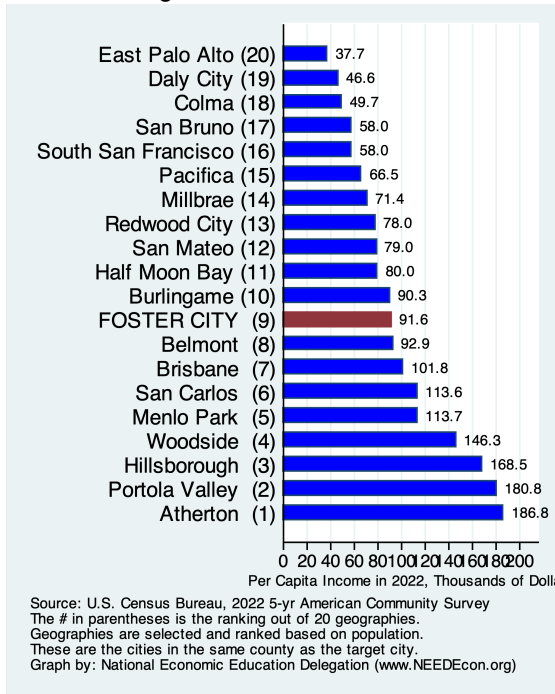


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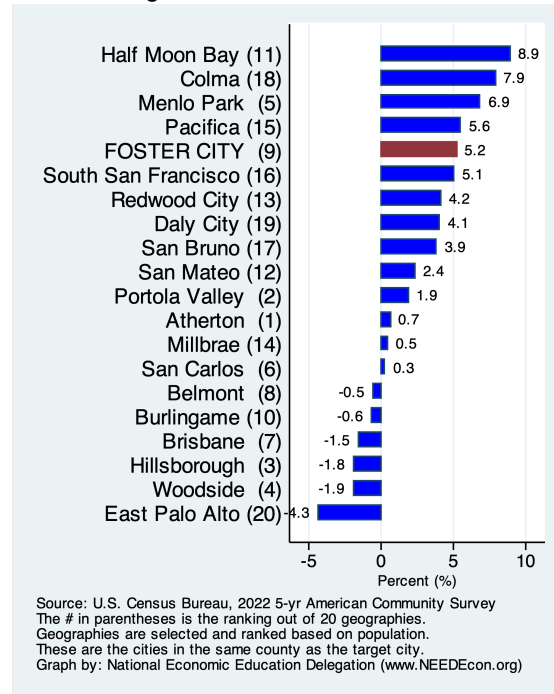
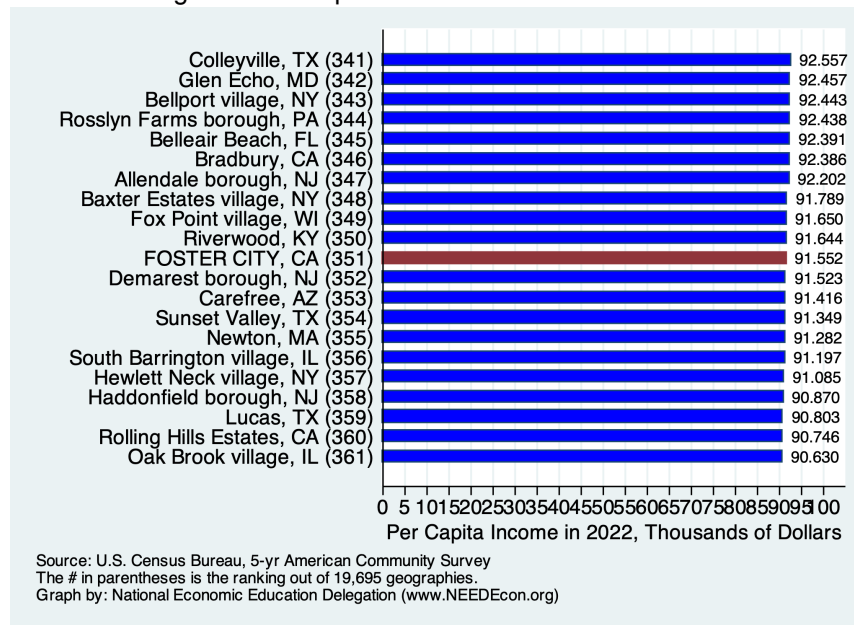


Figure 30: Comparison with All Cities Nationwide



Poverty and Inequality

Definition:

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

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

Why is it important?

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

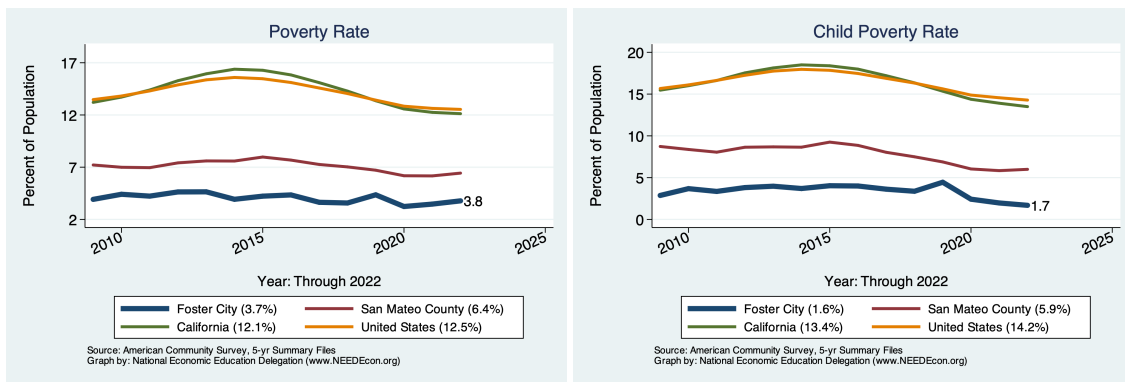


Figure 31: Inequality

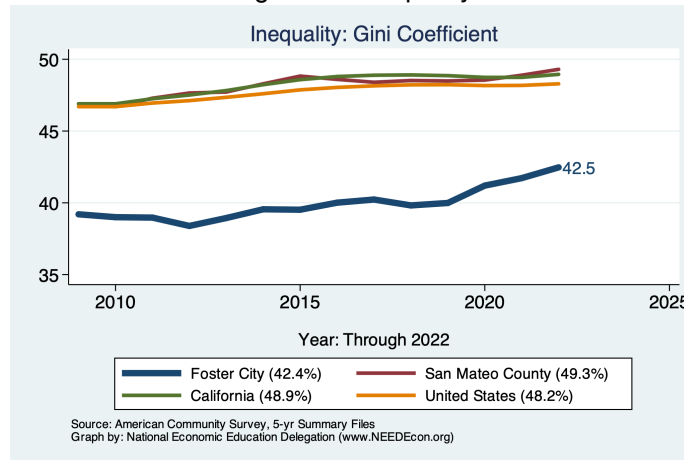


Figure 32: Shares Across the Income Distribution

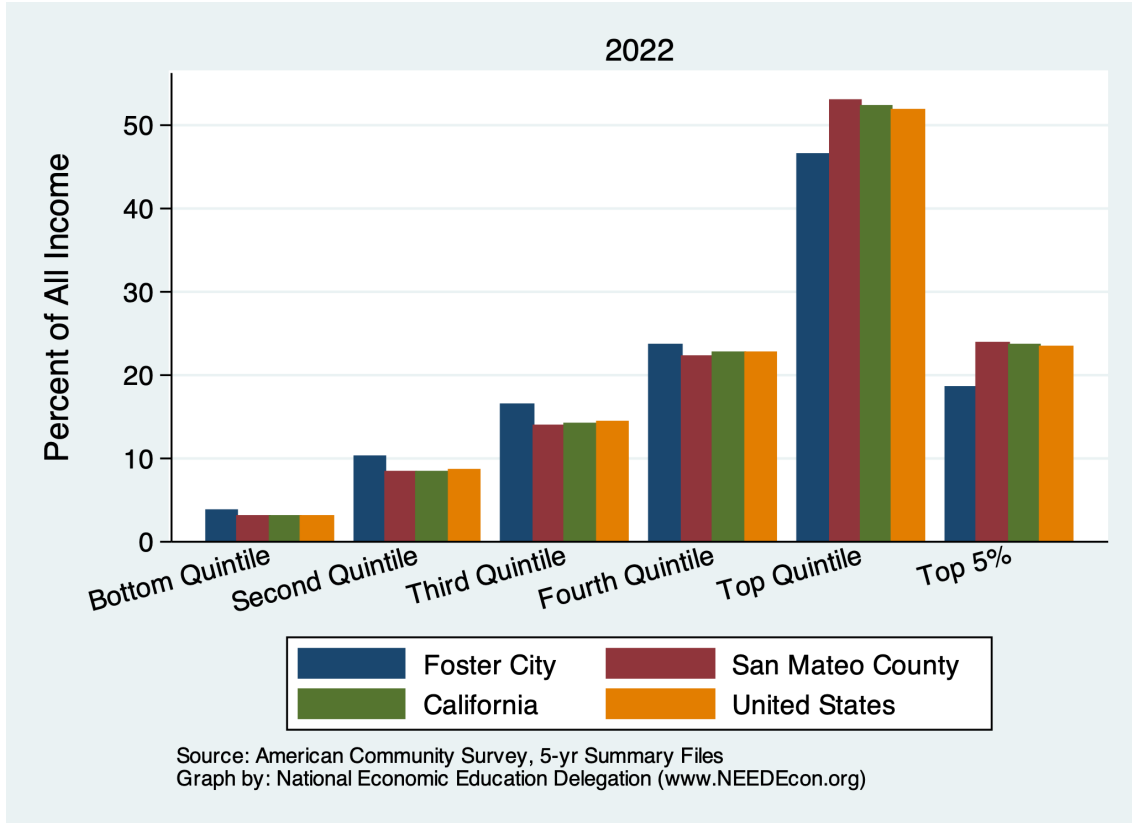
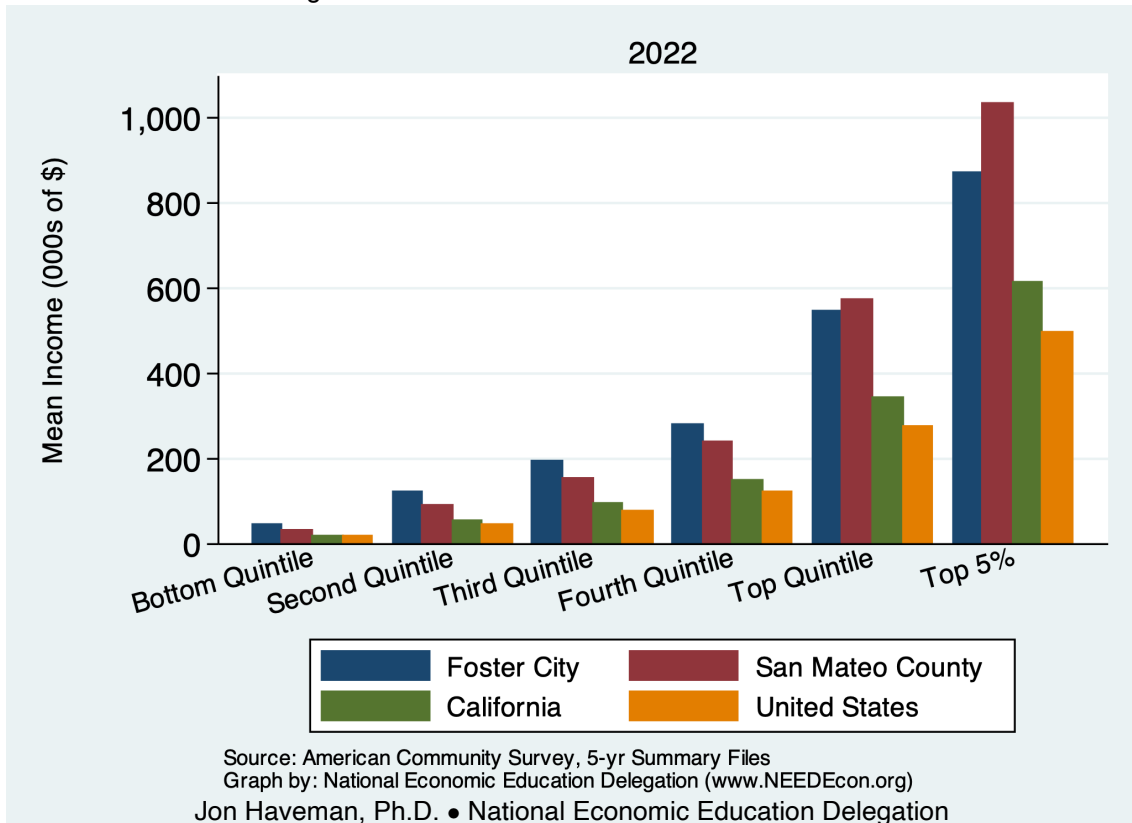


Figure 33: Means Across the Income Distribution



Housing

Housing Costs and Affordability

Definition:

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

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

Why is it important?

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

Cost of Housing in Foster City and Broader Regions

Figure 34: Median Home Prices

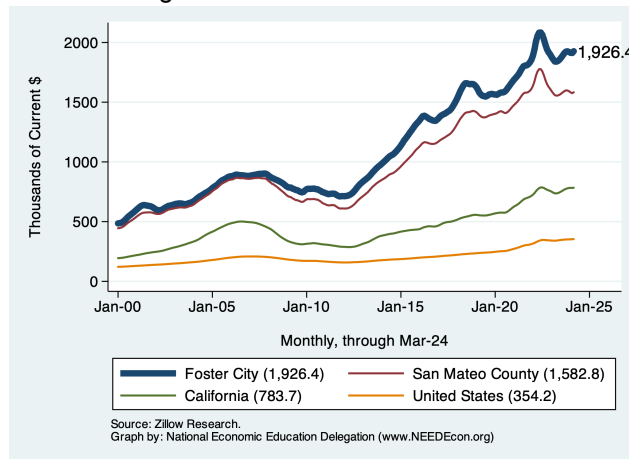
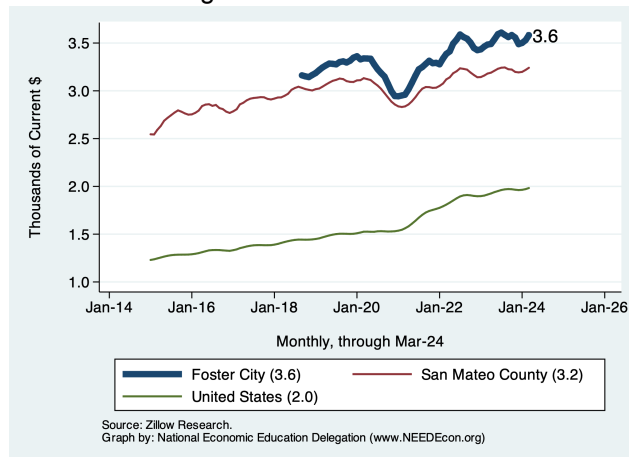


Figure 35: Median Rents



Housing Ownership in Foster City and Broader Regions

Figure 36: Home Ownership Rates

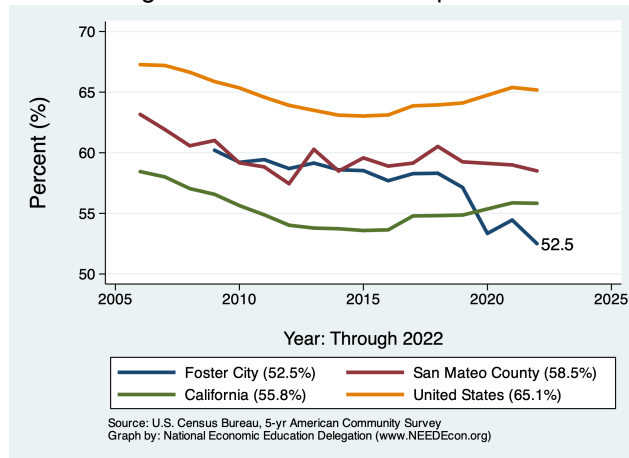


Figure 37: Home Ownership by Age

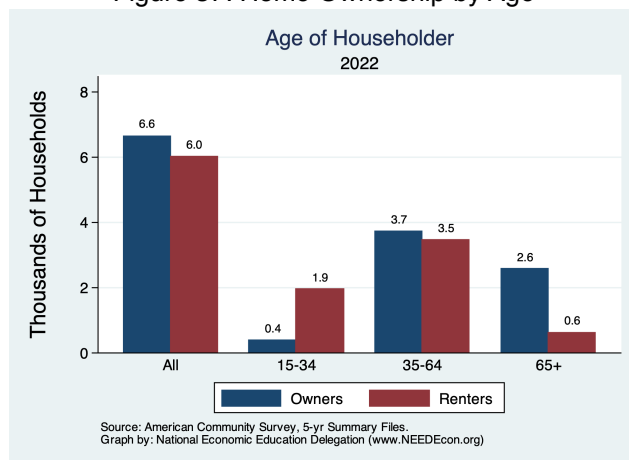


Figure 38: Income by Tenure

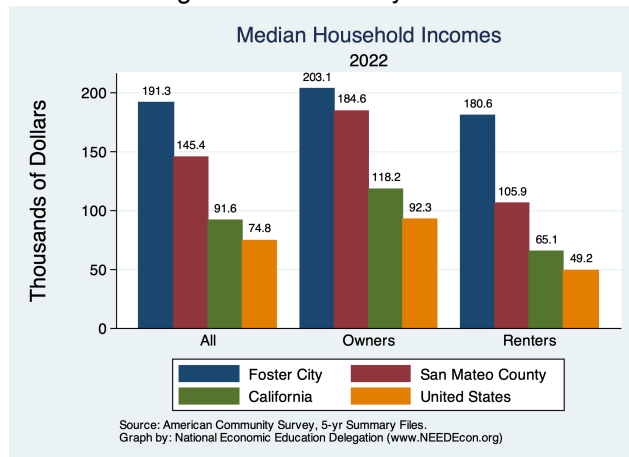


Figure 39: Income Distribution by Tenure

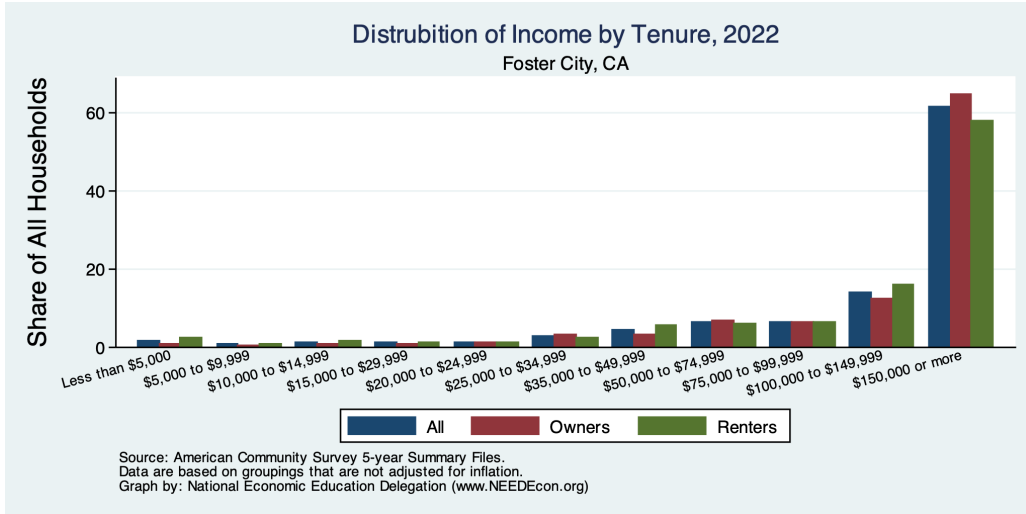


Figure 40: Income Distribution of Home Owners

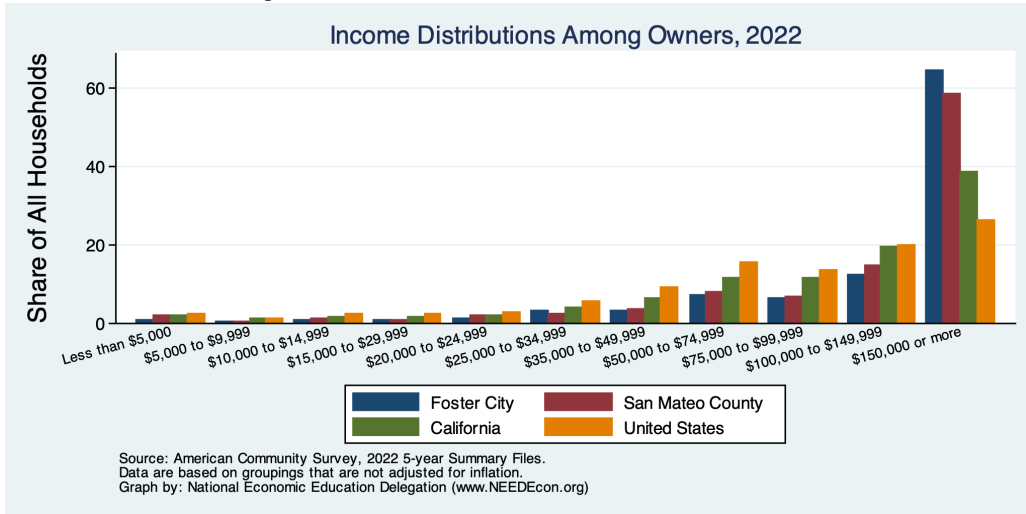
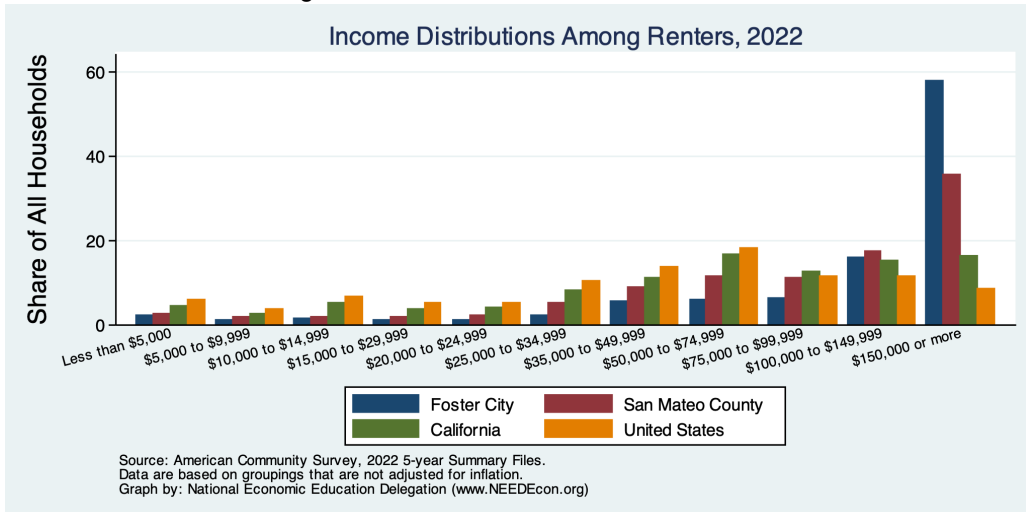


Figure 41: Income Distribution of Renters



Housing Burden in Foster City and Broader Regions

Figure 42: Home Owners w/ A Mortgage

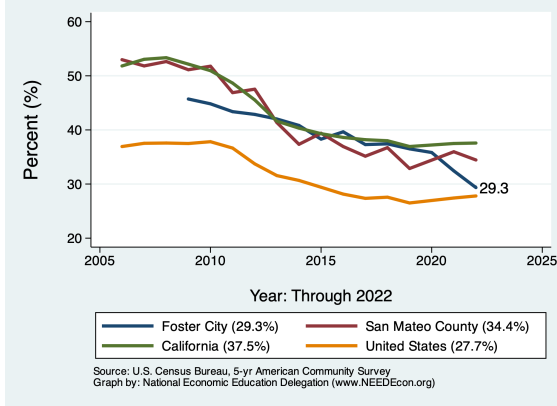


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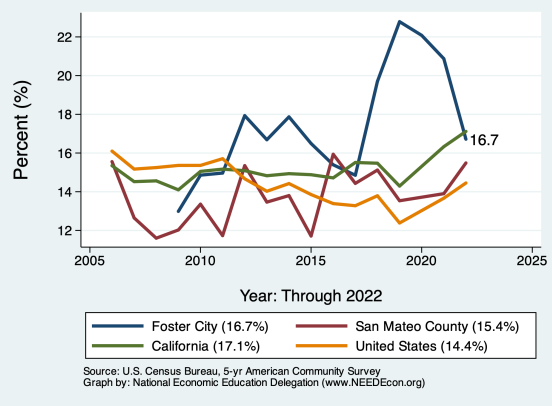


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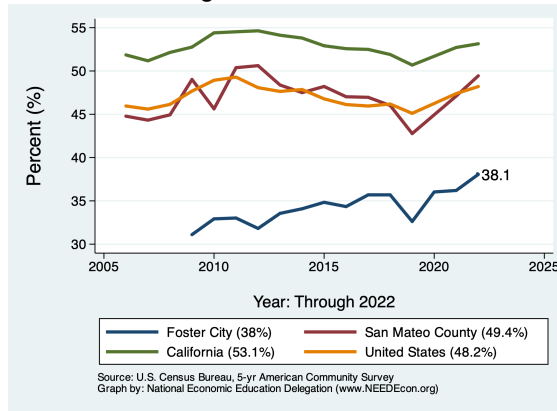
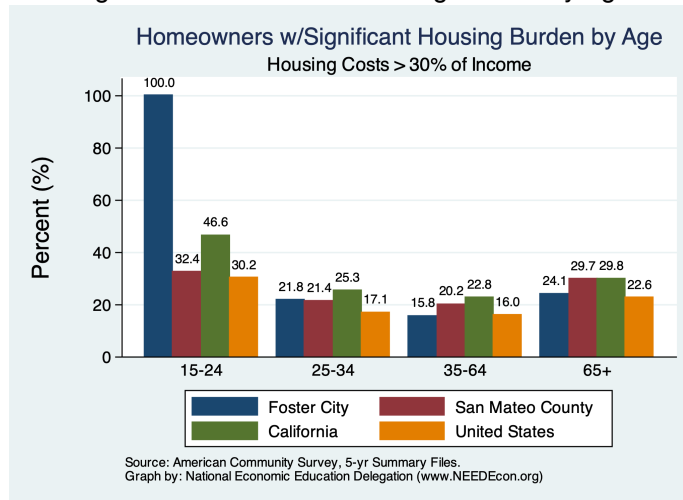


Figure 45: Homeowner Housing Burden by Age



Housing Picture

Definition:

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

Why is it important?

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

Table 5. Housing Market Indicators

Indicator	2023	2019	2010	% Change from	
				2019	2010
Total Population	32,703.0	33,211.0	30,567.0	-1.5	7.0
Total # of Homes	13,796.0	13,152.0	12,458.0	4.9	10.7
# Occupied Units	13,121.0	12,428.0	12,016.0	5.6	9.2
Persons per Household	2.5	2.7	2.5	-6.7	-2.1
Vacancy Rate (%)	4.9	5.5	3.5	-11.1	37.9

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

Figure 46: Housing Growth

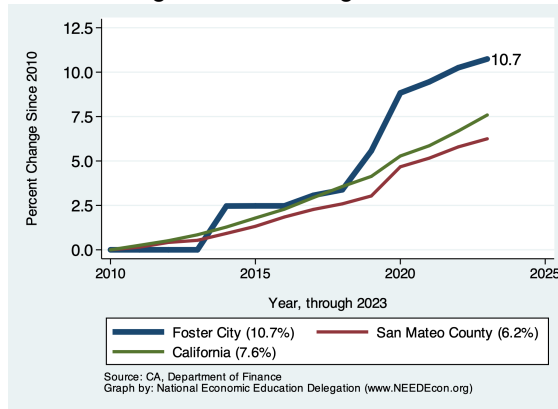


Figure 47: Persons per Household

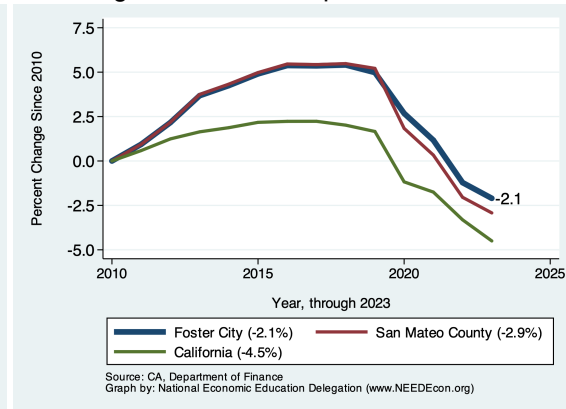


Figure 48: Vacancy Rates

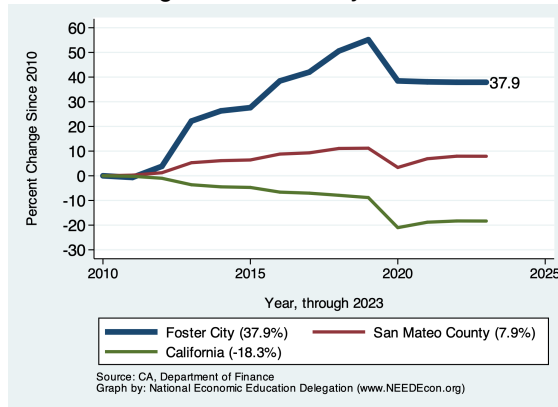
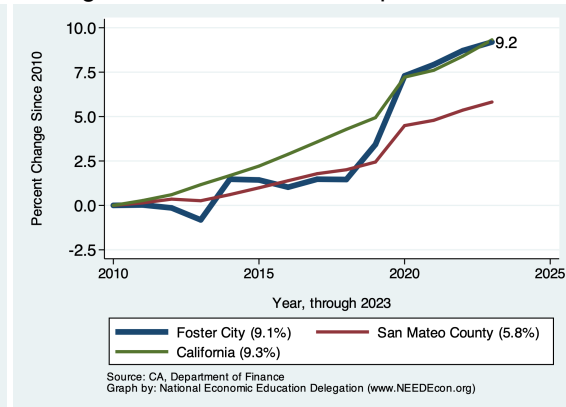


Figure 49: Number of Occupied Units



Trends in the Growth of Housing by Housing Type

Figure 50: Single Detached Homes

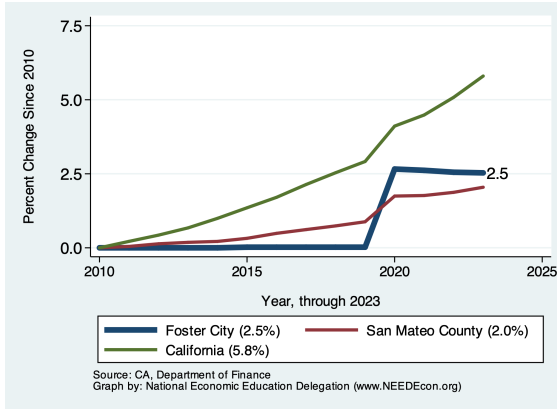


Figure 51: Single Attached Homes

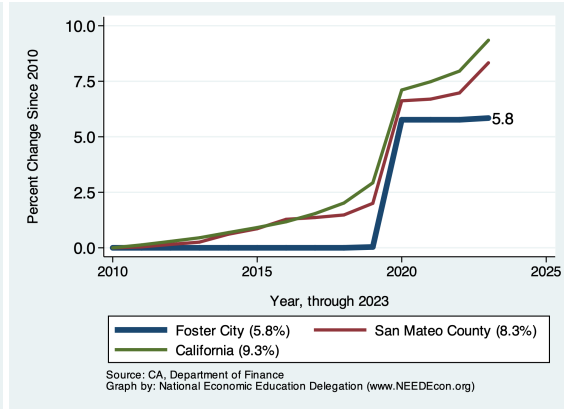


Figure 52: Housing in Buildings with Two to Four Units

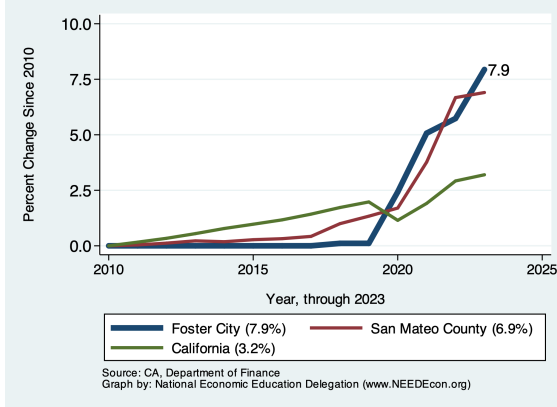
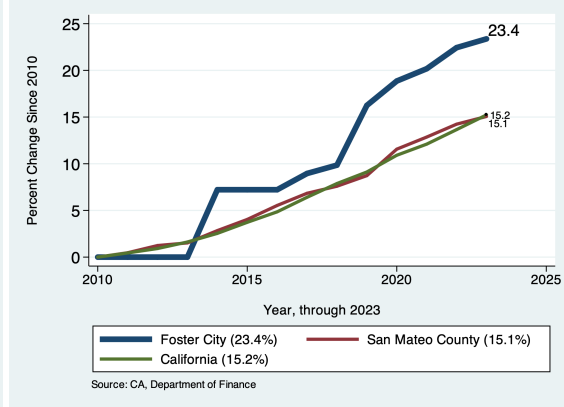


Figure 53: Housing in Buildings with Five or More Units



Vintage of Residential Housing

Why is it important?

This section provides evidence on the year in which residential housing in Foster City was built. We break it down into owned versus rented residences and provide a comparison across San Mateo 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 54: Distribution of Housing Construction

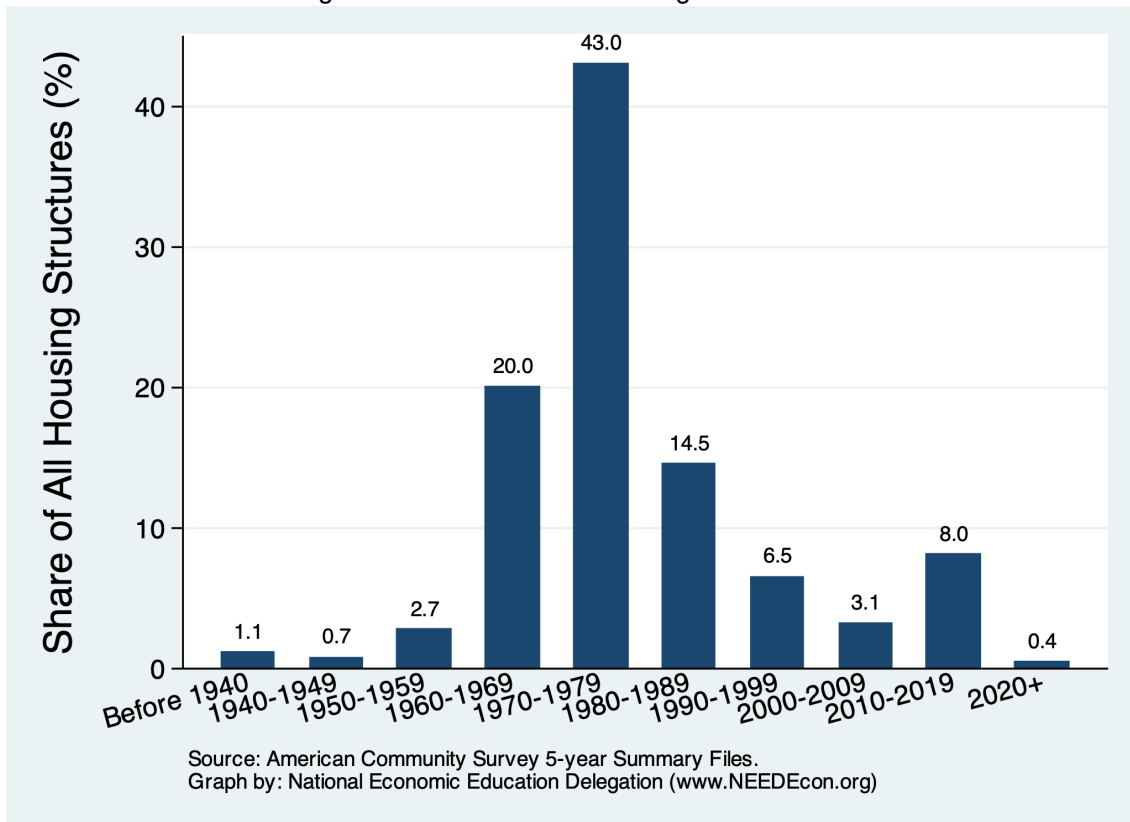


Figure 55: Housing Vintage across Regions

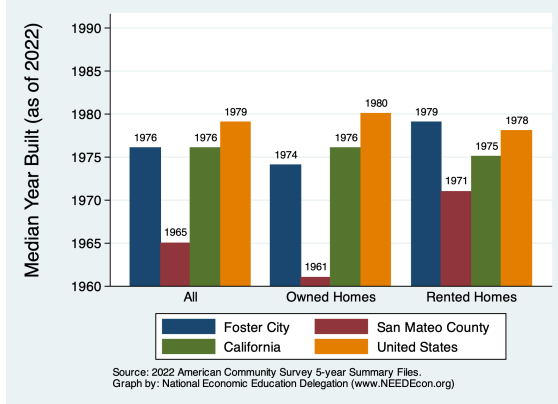


Figure 56: Housing Vintage by Tenure

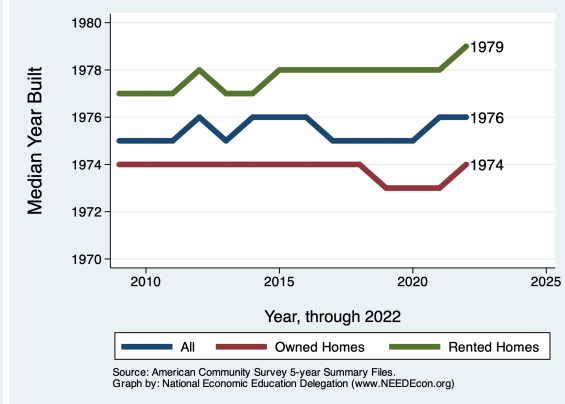


Figure 57: Vintage of Owned Residences

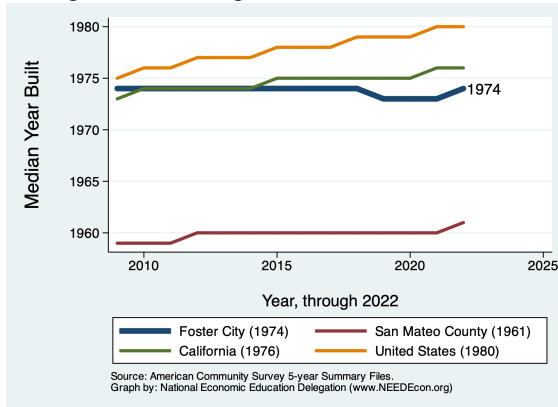


Figure 58: Vintage of Rented Residences

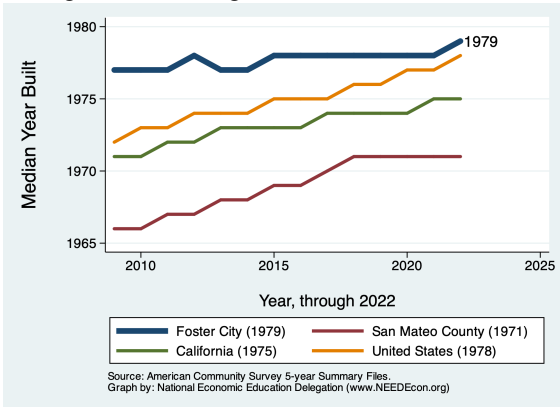
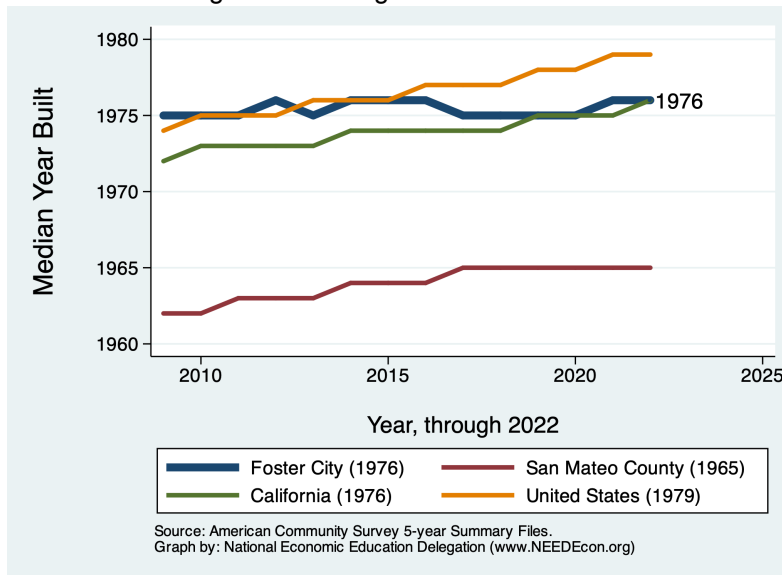


Figure 59: Vintage of All Residences



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

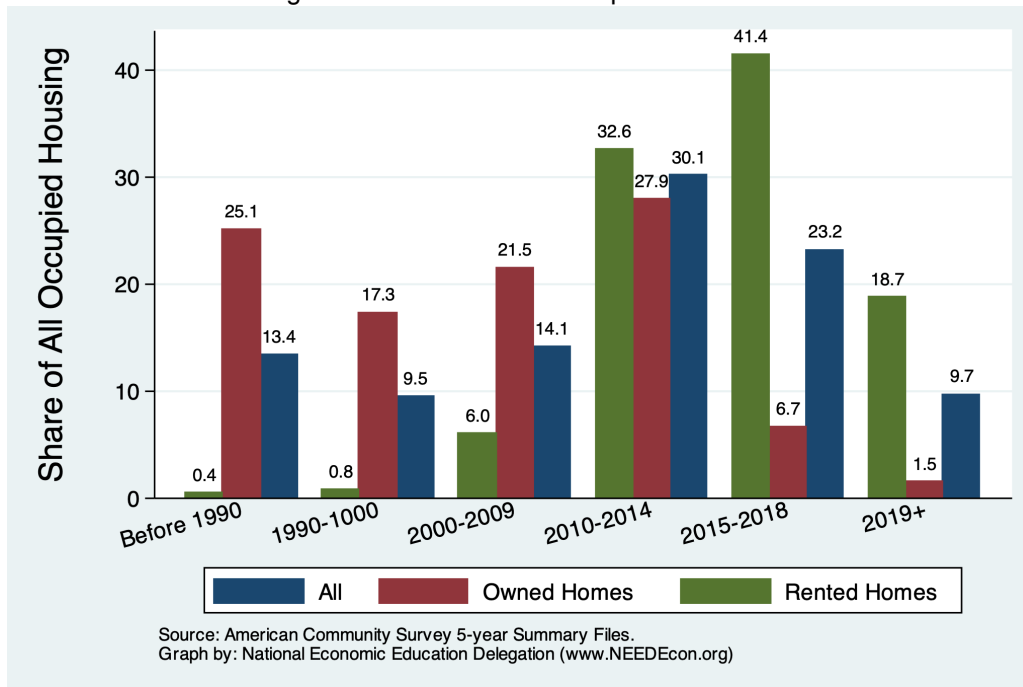


Figure 61: Year Occupied by Current Residents across Regions

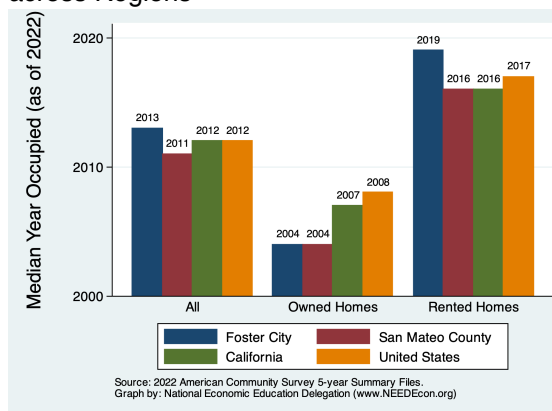


Figure 62: Year Occupied by Current Residents by Tenure

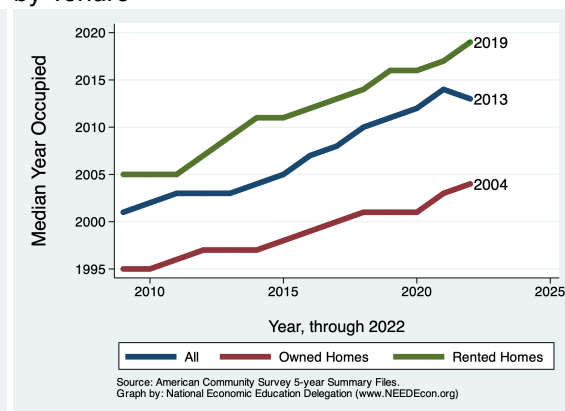


Figure 63: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Owned Housing

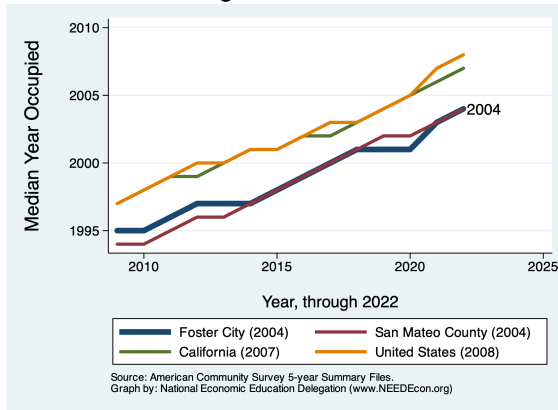


Figure 64: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Rented Housing

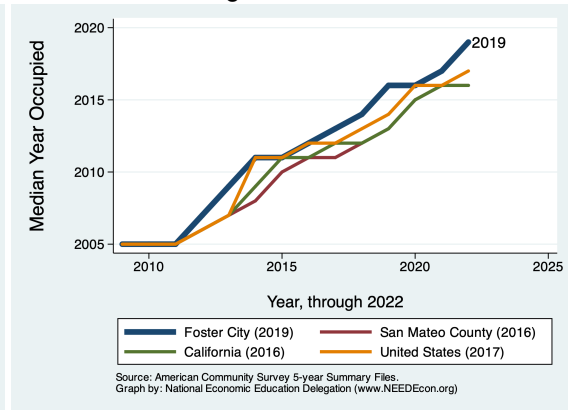
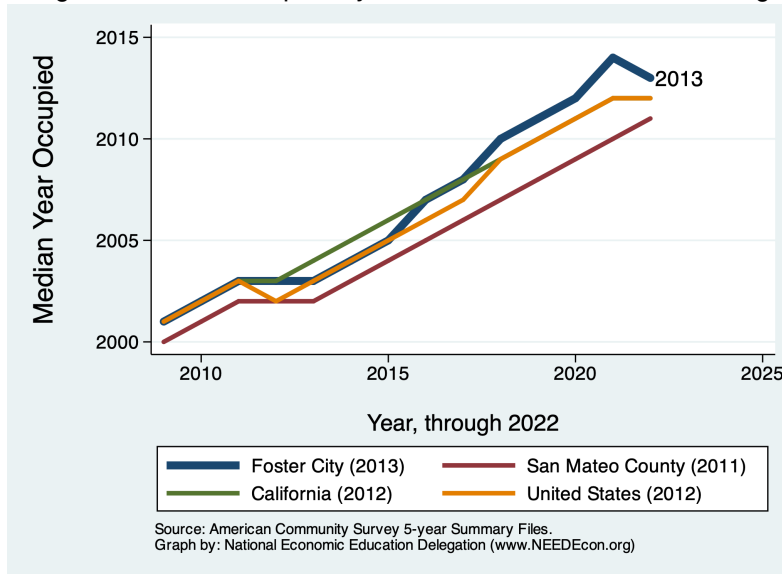


Figure 65: Year Occupied by Current Residents for All Housing



Residential Permitting

Definition:

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

Foster City - Ranking Among Comparables

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

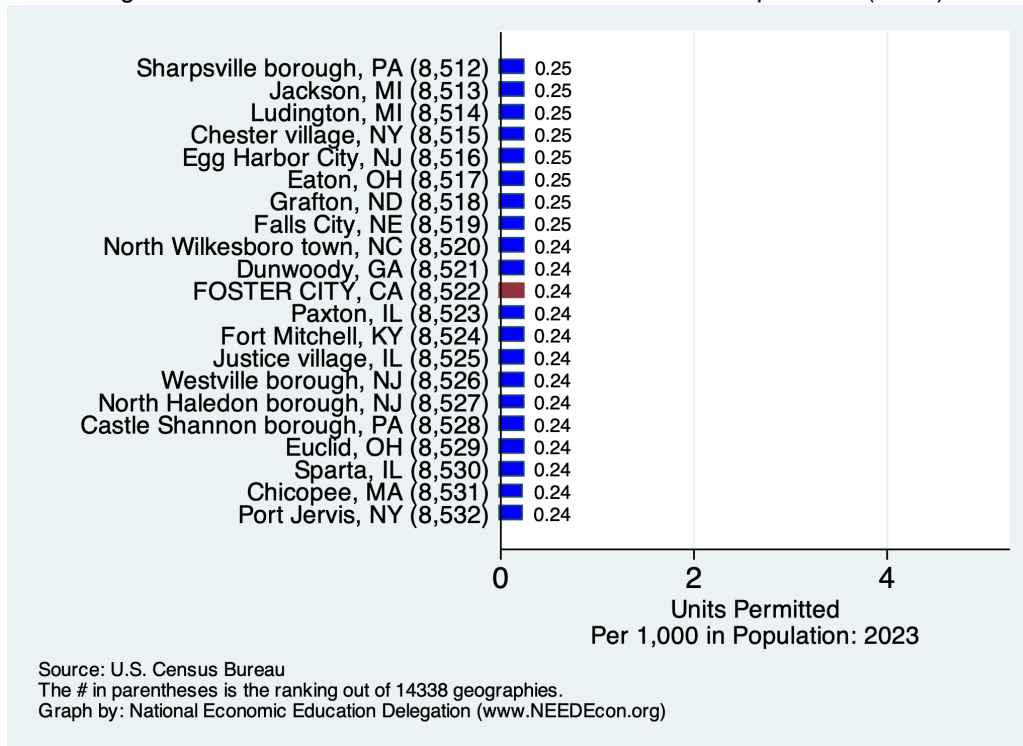
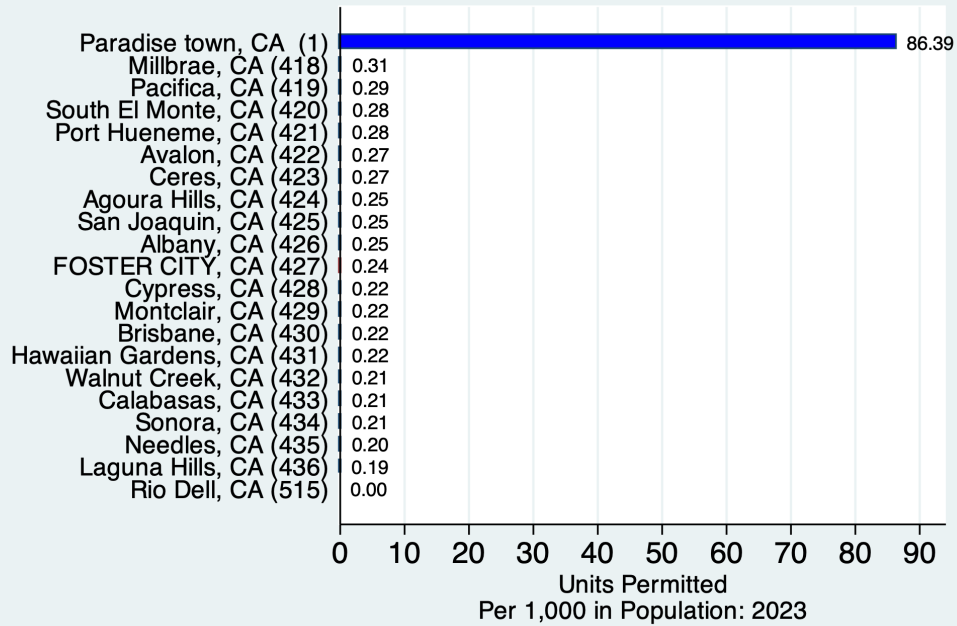
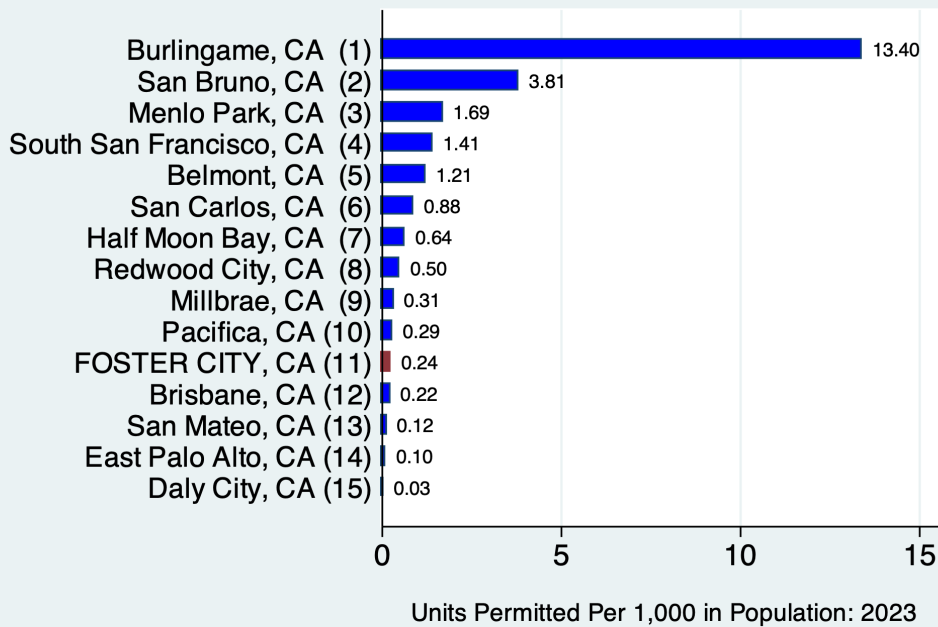


Figure 67: Number of Units Permitted - California Comparables (Rank)



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

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



Source: U.S. Census Bureau,
 The # in parentheses is the ranking out of 15 geographies.
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Foster City - Permitting Activity

Annual Units Permitted - Per Capita in Foster City

Figure 69: Units Permitted Each Year

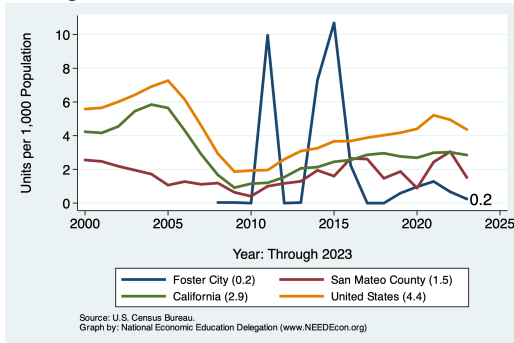
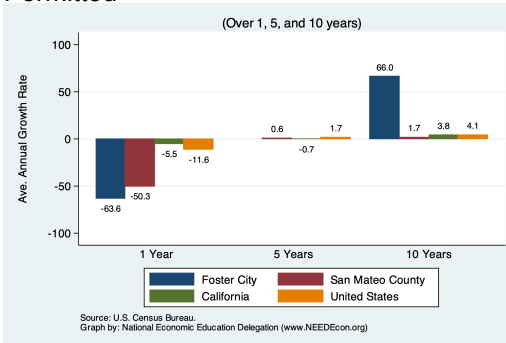


Figure 70: Average Annual Growth in Units Permitted



Annual Number of Buildings Permitted - Per Capita in Foster City

Figure 71: Units Permitted Each Year

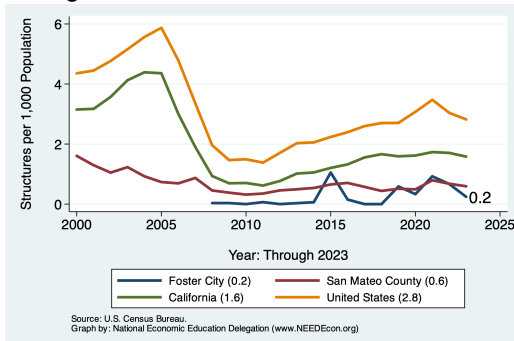
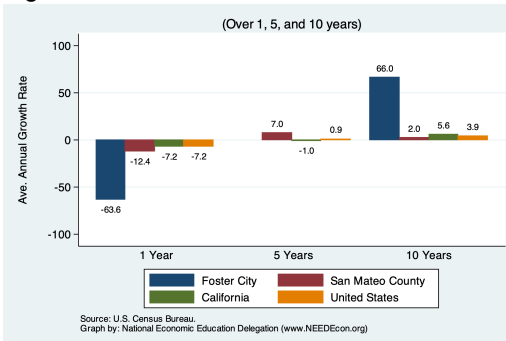


Figure 72: Average Annual Growth in Buildings Permitted



Annual Value of Property Permitted - Per Capita in Foster City

Figure 73: Value Permitted Each Year

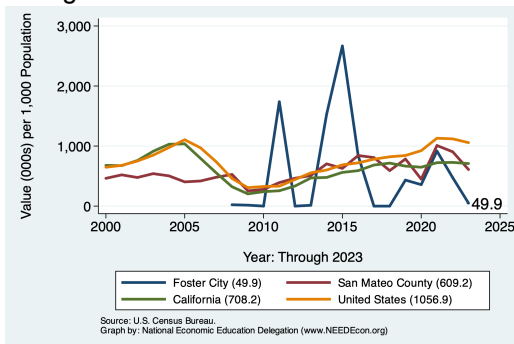
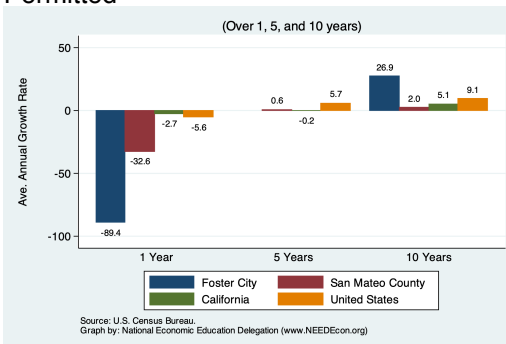


Figure 74: Average Annual Growth in Value Permitted



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

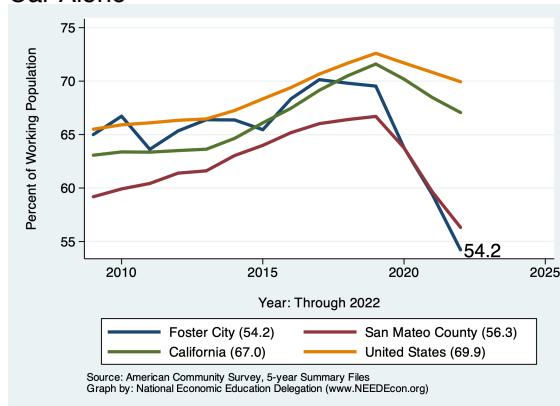


Figure 76: Percent of Workers Commuting by Carpool

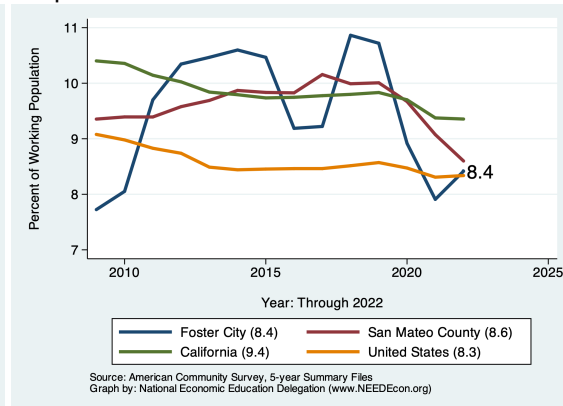


Figure 77: Percent of Workers using Public Transportation

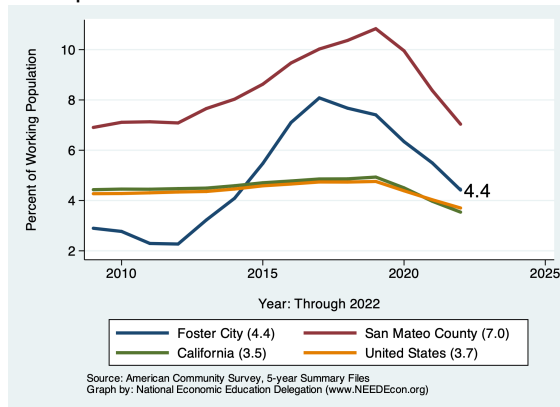
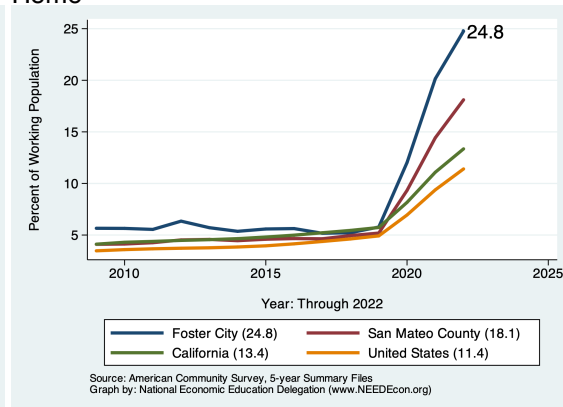


Figure 78: Percent of Workers Who Work From Home



The first table on this page presents data for those who LIVE in Foster City. The second provides data on those who work, but do not necessarily live in Foster City. 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:	5,998	60.6	4,876	63.9	10,874	62.6	78.0
Drove Alone	5,237	52.9	4,176	54.8	9,413	54.2	68.4
Carpooled:	761	7.7	700	9.2	1,461	8.4	9.5
In 2-person carpool	655	6.6	646	8.5	1,301	7.5	6.9
In 3-person carpool	83	0.8	32	0.4	115	0.7	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	23	0.2	22	0.3	45	0.3	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	492	5.0	275	3.6	767	4.4	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	177	1.8	18	0.2	195	1.1	2.3
Streetcar or Trolley Car	89	0.9	153	2.0	242	1.4	0.8
Subway or Elevated	226	2.3	104	1.4	330	1.9	0.3
Railroad	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.2
Ferryboat	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Bicycle	158	1.6	66	0.9	224	1.3	0.7
Walked	112	1.1	143	1.9	255	1.5	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	123	1.2	148	1.9	271	1.6	1.7
Worked at Home	2,264	22.9	2,034	26.7	4,298	24.8	13.6
Total:	9,147	92.4	7,542	98.9	16,689	96.1	

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

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

Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van:	6,935	59.9	5,758	63.5	12,693	62.9	78.0
Drove Alone	6,175	53.3	5,158	56.9	11,333	56.2	68.5
Carpooled:	760	6.6	600	6.6	1,360	6.7	9.5
In 2-person carpool	718	6.2	448	4.9	1,166	5.8	6.9
In 3-person carpool	28	0.2	101	1.1	129	0.6	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	14	0.1	51	0.6	65	0.3	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	485	4.2	361	4.0	846	4.2	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	289	2.5	215	2.4	504	2.5	2.3
Streetcar or Trolley Car	96	0.8	89	1.0	185	0.9	0.8
Subway or Elevated	91	0.8	57	0.6	148	0.7	0.3
Railroad	9	0.1	0	0.0	9	0.0	0.2
Ferryboat	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Bicycle	148	1.3	82	0.9	230	1.1	0.7
Walked	163	1.4	132	1.5	295	1.5	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	280	2.4	148	1.6	428	2.1	1.7
Worked at Home	2,264	19.6	2,034	22.4	4,298	21.3	13.6
Total:	10,275	88.8	8,515	93.9	18,790	93.1	

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

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

Commute Times for Employed Residents

Table 8. SEX OF WORKERS BY TRAVEL TIME TO WORK

Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Less than 5 minutes	10	0.1	81	1.2	91	0.6	2.0
5 to 9 minutes	434	4.6	482	6.9	916	5.6	7.5
10 to 14 minutes	623	6.6	538	7.8	1,161	7.1	12.2
15 to 19 minutes	635	6.7	649	9.4	1,284	7.8	15.0
20 to 24 minutes	735	7.8	685	9.9	1,420	8.7	14.3
25 to 29 minutes	461	4.9	472	6.8	933	5.7	6.3
30 to 34 minutes	1,115	11.8	935	13.5	2,050	12.5	15.0
35 to 39 minutes	264	2.8	154	2.2	418	2.6	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	493	5.2	289	4.2	782	4.8	4.3
45 to 59 minutes	1,113	11.8	558	8.0	1,671	10.2	8.6
60 to 89 minutes	821	8.7	475	6.8	1,296	7.9	7.9
90 or more minutes	179	1.9	190	2.7	369	2.3	4.0
Total:	6,883	72.9	5,508	79.4	12,391	75.7	

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

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

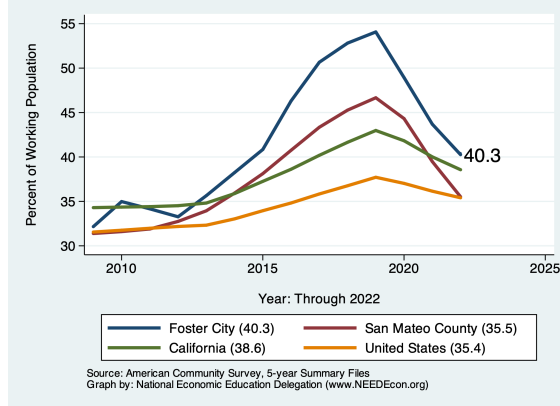


Figure 80: Percent of Employed Population With Commutes of More than 90 Minutes

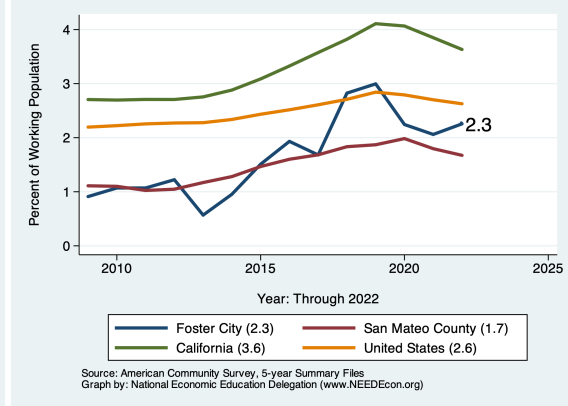
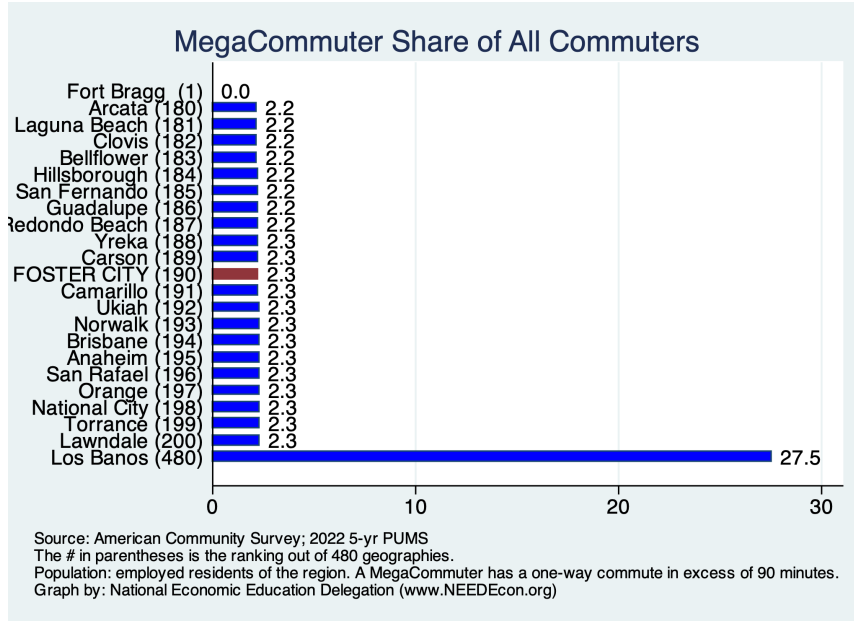


Figure 81: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



Commute Times for Those Employed in the City

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

Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Less than 5 minutes	106	1.0	117	1.4	223	1.2	2.0
5 to 9 minutes	398	3.6	437	5.2	835	4.3	7.5
10 to 14 minutes	851	7.7	1,114	13.2	1,965	10.2	12.2
15 to 19 minutes	708	6.4	757	9.0	1,465	7.6	15.0
20 to 24 minutes	990	9.0	715	8.5	1,705	8.8	14.3
25 to 29 minutes	411	3.7	262	3.1	673	3.5	6.3
30 to 34 minutes	965	8.7	965	11.4	1,930	10.0	15.0
35 to 39 minutes	341	3.1	252	3.0	593	3.1	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	282	2.6	353	4.2	635	3.3	4.3
45 to 59 minutes	905	8.2	644	7.6	1,549	8.0	8.6
60 to 89 minutes	1,518	13.8	515	6.1	2,033	10.6	7.9
90 or more minutes	536	4.9	350	4.2	886	4.6	4.0
Total:	8,011	72.6	6,481	76.9	14,492	75.2	

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

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

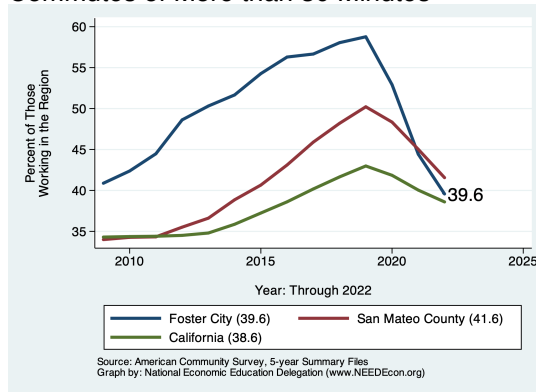


Figure 83: Percent of Local Employees With Commutes of More than 90 Minutes

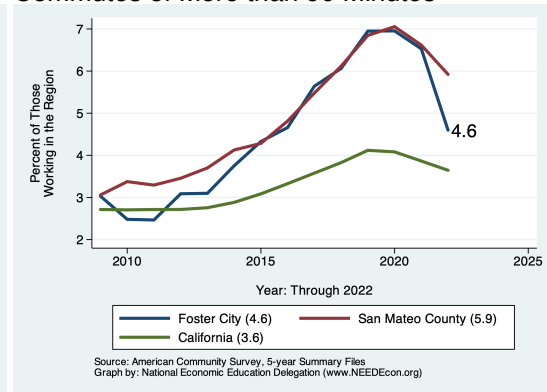
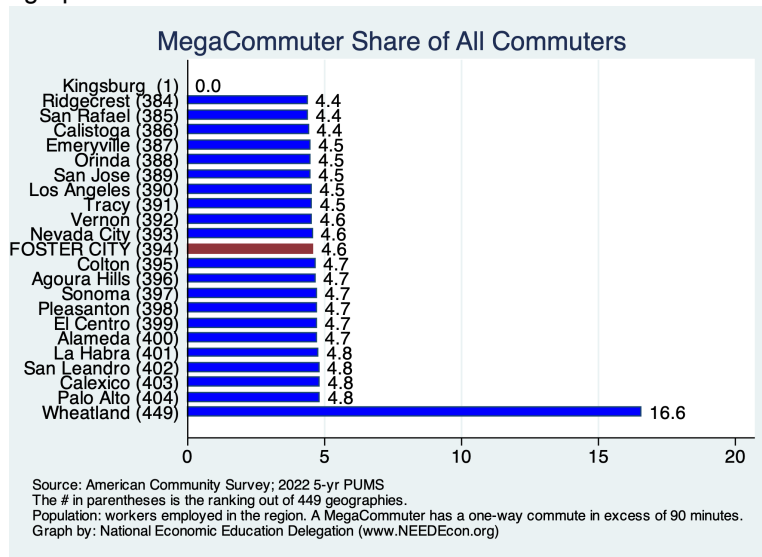


Figure 84: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



Place of Work

This section provides evidence on where workers living in Foster City work. As evidenced in the first table, some of Foster City’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 Foster City 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:	9,082	91.8	7,500	98.3	16,582	95.5	99.6
Worked in county of residence	6,386	64.5	5,966	78.2	12,352	71.1	84.1
worked outside of county of residence	2,696	27.2	1,534	20.1	4,230	24.4	15.4
Worked outside state of residence	65	0.7	42	0.6	107	0.6	0.4
Total:	9,147	92.4	7,542	98.9	16,689	96.1	

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

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

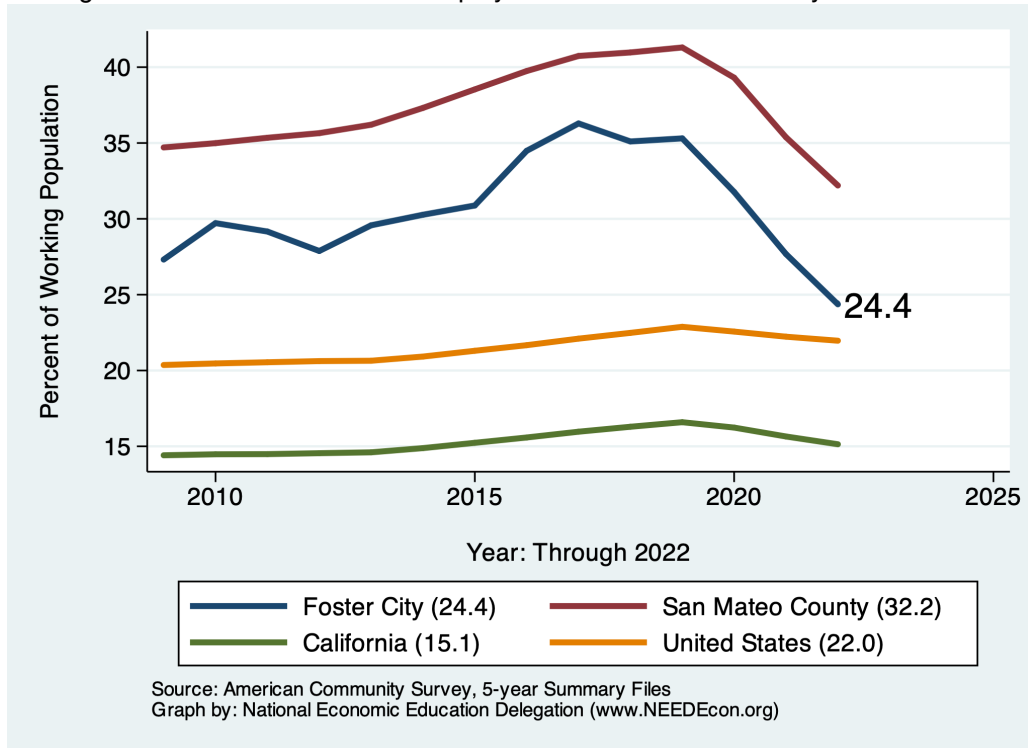
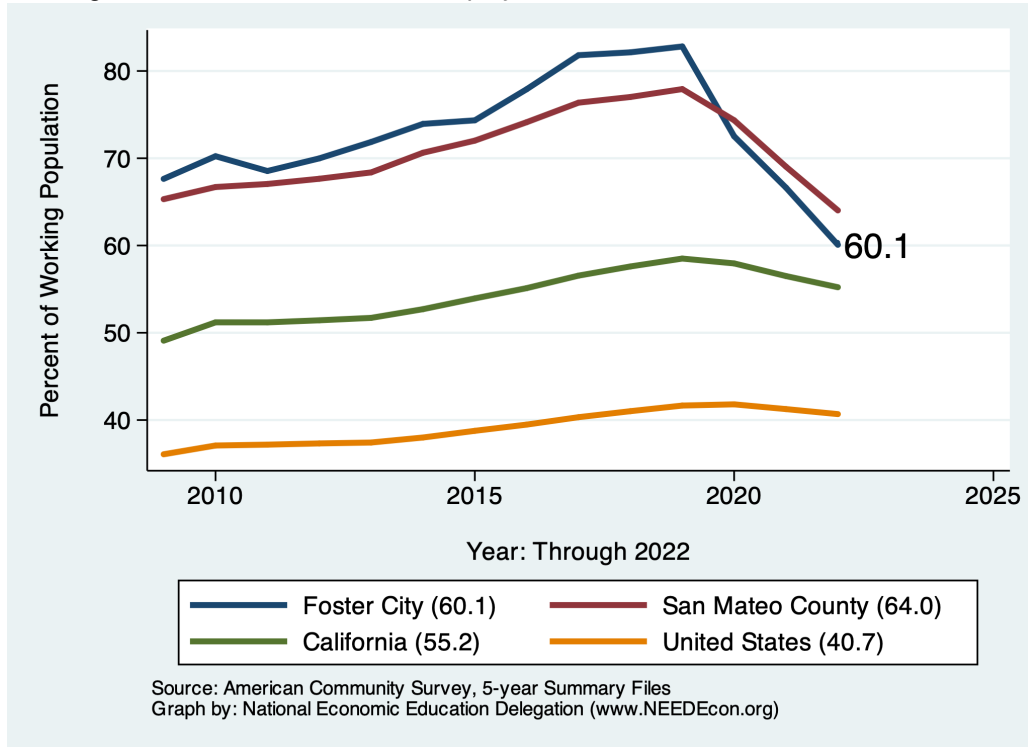


Table 11. SEX OF WORKERS BY PLACE OF WORK-PLACE LEVEL

Place of Work	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Living in a place:	9,147	92.4	7,542	98.9	16,689	96.1	95.9
Worked in place of residence	3,125	31.6	3,133	41.1	6,258	36.0	39.5
Worked outside place of residence	6,022	60.9	4,409	57.8	10,431	60.1	56.4
Not living in a place	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4.1
Total:	9,147	92.4	7,542	98.9	16,689	96.1	

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

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



Commute Mode by Income

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

	City	California	Ratio	United States	
	Median	Median		Median	Ratio
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	121,537	48,566	96.0	46,171	95.5
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	119,293	36,463	125.5	34,487	125.4
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	118,934	40,179	113.5	45,100	95.6
Walked	46,142	29,366	60.3	27,142	61.6
Taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle, or other means	122,417	40,433	116.1	36,140	122.8
Worked from home	136,958	75,153	69.9	67,180	73.9
Total:	127,121	48,747	260.8	46,099	275.8

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mode of Transit	< \$25,000		\$25,000-\$74,999		\$75,000+		All		All of CA
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	801	30.7	1,787	38.9	6,543	55.2	9,413	54.3	68.4
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	120	4.6	320	7.0	938	7.9	1,461	8.4	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	69	2.6	154	3.4	544	4.6	767	4.4	3.6
Walked	88	3.4	89	1.9	78	0.7	255	1.5	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	96	3.7	16	0.3	383	3.2	495	2.9	2.4
Worked at Home	304	11.6	544	11.8	3,368	28.4	4,298	24.8	13.6
Total:	1,478	56.6	2,910	63.4	11,854		16,689	96.2	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	1,299	37.1	1,969	39.3	7,330	56.6	11,333	56.2	68.5
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	149	4.3	257	5.1	869	6.7	1,360	6.7	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	56	1.6	136	2.7	593	4.6	846	4.2	3.6
Walked	74	2.1	94	1.9	78	0.6	295	1.5	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	50	1.4	30	0.6	578	4.5	658	3.3	2.4
Worked at Home	304	8.7	544	10.9	3,368	26.0	4,298	21.3	13.6
Total:	1,932	55.1	3,030	60.5	12,816	99.0	18,790	93.2	

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	111	34.0	72	25.5	9,230	54.6	9,413	54.2	68.7
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,461	8.6	1,461	8.4	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	15	4.6	0	0.0	752	4.4	767	4.4	3.6
Walked	37	11.3	0	0.0	218	1.3	255	1.5	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	13	4.0	13	4.6	469	2.8	495	2.9	2.4
Worked at Home	38	11.7	0	0.0	4,260	25.2	4,298	24.8	13.6
Total:	214	65.6	85	30.1	16,390	96.9	16,689	96.1	

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

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

Mode of Transit	In Poverty		100-149% of Pov		>150% of Pov		All		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	281	50.6	97	12.4	10,955	56.4	11,333	56.2	68.7
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	16	2.9	102	13.1	1,242	6.4	1,360	6.7	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	0	0.0	0	0.0	846	4.4	846	4.2	3.6
Walked	50	9.0	0	0.0	245	1.3	295	1.5	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	23	4.1	0	0.0	635	3.3	658	3.3	2.4
Worked at Home	38	6.8	0	0.0	4,260	21.9	4,298	21.3	13.6
Total:	408	73.5	199	25.5	18,183	93.6	18,790	93.1	

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

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

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 Foster City is a net recipient (migration inflows) or donor (migration outflows) of population is very im-

portant 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

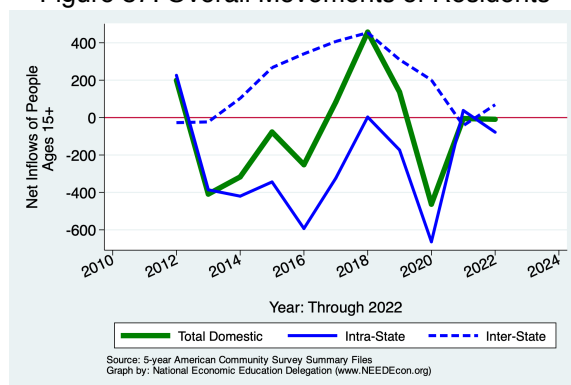


Table 17: Migration by Income

Category	Population	Net Inflows				
		All Migration	Same State		Across States	From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties		
No income	3,578	117	101	-277	-36	329
With income	23,398	465	471	-373	105	262
\$1 to \$9,999 or less	2,106	41	85	-132	6	82
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,004	-116	-30	-75	-23	12
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,008	-11	-23	19	-7	0
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,127	-101	16	-53	-73	9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,868	370	201	109	31	29
\$50,000 to \$64,999	1,685	85	1	50	12	22
\$65,000 to \$74,999	977	35	37	26	-28	0
\$75,000 or more	13,623	162	184	-317	187	108
All:	26,976	582	572	-650	69	591

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

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

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

Figure 88: Overall Movements of Low Income Residents

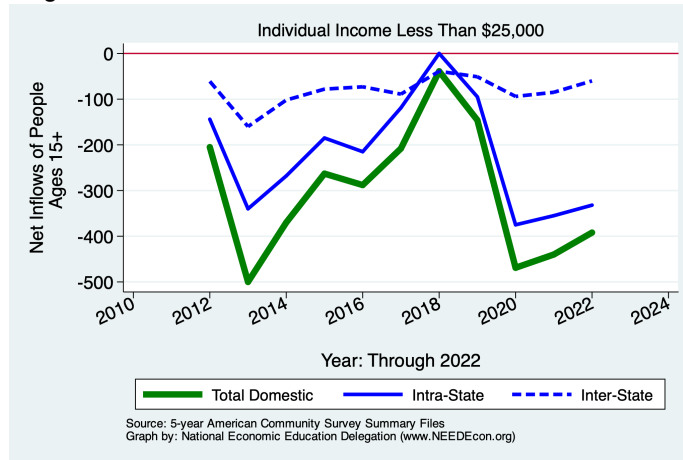


Figure 89: Overall Movements of Middle Income Residents

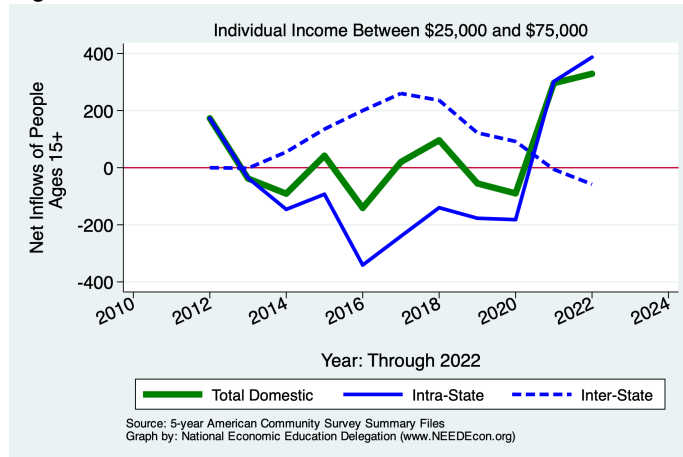
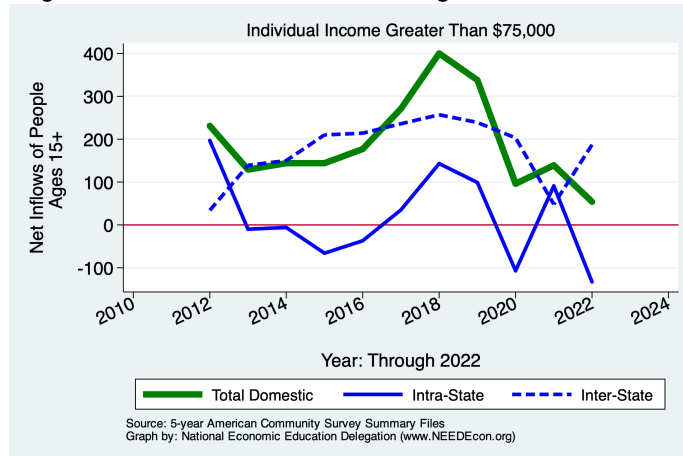


Figure 90: Overall Movements of High Income Residents



Demographics of Migration Flows

Table 18: Migration by Marital Status

Category	Population	Net Inflows				
		All Migration	Same State		Across States	From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties		
Never married	6,832	398	207	-18	114	95
Now married, except separated	16,765	335	385	-545	66	429
Divorced	1,459	-67	-19	-70	9	13
Separated	410	-34	4	-45	-19	26
Widowed	1,510	-50	-5	28	-101	28
Total:	26,976	582	572	-650	69	591

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

Table 19: Migration by Tenure

Category	Population	Net Inflows				
		All Migration	Same State		Across States	From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties		
Householder lived in owner-occupied housing units	17,602	-1,594	-303	-1,276	-198	183
Householder lived in renter-occupied housing units	14,881	2,116	904	470	175	567
Total:	32,483	522	601	-806	-23	750

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

Figure 91: Domestic Movements of Residents by Tenure

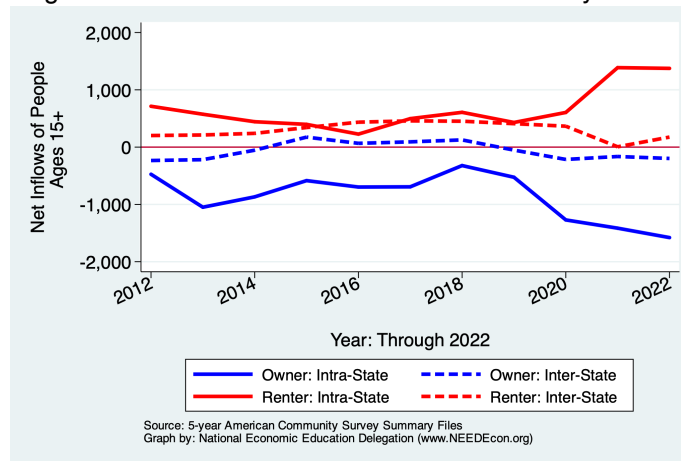


Table 20: Migration by Age

Category	Population	Net Inflows					From Abroad
		All Migration	Same State			Across States	
			W/in County	Between Counties	Between Counties		
1 to 4 years	1,526	-90	-34	-40	-76	60	
5 to 17 years	5,391	-67	125	-301	-18	127	
18 and 19 years	410	-165	0	-201	4	32	
20 to 24 years	1,069	104	6	40	52	6	
25 to 29 years	1,902	204	107	62	-3	38	
30 to 34 years	2,973	199	46	-8	44	117	
35 to 39 years	2,854	-141	100	-306	-70	135	
40 to 44 years	2,824	164	81	-50	105	28	
45 to 49 years	2,131	86	131	-53	8	0	
50 to 54 years	2,012	-109	-108	-46	32	13	
55 to 59 years	1,740	67	86	-71	16	36	
60 to 64 years	1,823	-52	-36	-16	-23	23	
65 to 69 years	1,438	47	-9	-15	0	71	
70 to 74 years	1,413	-66	-30	-47	-6	17	
75 years and over	3,168	184	150	78	-91	47	
Total Population:	32,674	365	615	-974	-26	750	

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

Table 21: Migration by Educational Attainment

Category	Population	Net Inflows					From Abroad
		All Migration	Same State			Across States	
			W/in County	Between Counties	Between Counties		
Less than high school graduate	986	41	67	-88	9	53	
High school graduate (includes equiv)	1,766	225	99	32	23	71	
Some college or assoc. degree	3,915	-133	58	-88	-160	57	
Bachelor's degree	8,457	261	351	-214	-93	217	
Graduate or professional degree	9,154	189	-57	-114	233	127	
Total:	24,278	583	518	-472	12	525	

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

Table 22: Median Income of Migration Flows

Flow	In-Migration	Out-Migration
Same House 1 Year Ago	93,137	93,137
Moved Within Same County	113,178	124,042
Moved to Different County, Same State	87,408	103,313
Moved Between States	129,464	83,068
Moved from Abroad	49,722	
Total Population:	99,280	101,197

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	43.2	43.2
Moved Within Same County	35.0	34.7
Moved to Different County, Same State	31.1	31.2
Moved Between States	32.4	34.3
Moved from Abroad	34.9	
Total Population:	40.5	40.2

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

References and Sources

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

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