

Morro Bay, California

Indicators Report

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Exploring the economics, demographics, and well-being of Morro Bay 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 Morro Bay (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 Morro Bay. These indicators are compared to San Luis Obispo County (the County) as a whole, a broader region where one is well defined, California, and the United 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 Morro Bay 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 Morro Bay 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 Morro Bay, 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 Morro Bay, but do not necessarily live in Morro Bay.
- **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 Morro Bay's population are fundamental indicators of the city's growth potential.

A Demographic Snapshot

Statistic	2022	2019
POPULATION		
Population Estimate (#, 5yr)	10,766.0	10,578.0
Veterans (#, 5yr)	1,101.0	896.0
Foreign born persons (% , 5yr)	5.8	5.2
Population age 25+ (#, 5yr)	8,380.0	8,113.0
AGE AND SEX		
Persons under 5 years (% , 5yr)	3.1	2.7
Persons under 18 years (% , 5yr)	12.5	13.6
Persons 65 years and over (% , 5yr)	28.6	31.0
Female persons (% , 5yr)	51.2	51.6
INCOME AND POVERTY		
Median household income (\$, 5yr)	88,547.0	68,262.0
Per capita income in past 12 months (\$, 5yr)	50,928.0	39,312.0
Persons in poverty (% , 5yr)	9.8	11.0
Children age less than 18 in poverty (#, 5yr)	243.0	159.0
Children age less than 18 in poverty (% , 5yr)	18.3	11.1
RACE AND ETHNICITY		
White alone (% , 5yr)	78.6	88.4
African American alone (% , 5yr)	0.2	1.3
American Indian or Alaska Native alone (% , 5yr)	0.6	1.2
Asian alone (% , 5yr)	5.4	3.6
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (% , 5yr)	0.0	0.0
Two or More Races (% , 5yr)	6.8	3.3
Hispanic or Latino (% , 5yr)	14.1	11.2
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino (% , 5yr)	74.9	80.2
HOUSING		
Housing units (#, 5yr)	6,086.0	6,386.0
Owner-occupied housing units (% , 5yr)	57.7	59.1
Median value of owner-occupied housing units (\$, 5yr)	802,700.0	607,300.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-with a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	2,797.0	2,228.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-without a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	689.0	571.0
Median gross rent (\$, 5yr)	1,734.0	1,560.0
FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		
Households (#, 5yr)	4,852.0	4,899.0
Persons per household (#, 5yr)	2.2	2.1
Living in same house 1 year ago, % of persons age 1+ (5yr)	86.6	87.4
EDUCATION		
High school graduate or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	93.4	93.0
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	43.2	40.8
HEALTH		
With a disability, under age 65 years (#, 5yr)	971.0	780.0
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years (% , 5yr)	2.3	4.5
LABOR FORCE		
In civilian labor force, persons age 16+ (% , 5yr)	57.7	52.8
In civilian labor force, women age 16+ (% , 5yr)	52.4	46.7
Employed, persons age 16+ (% , 5yr)	49.9	46.4
Self employed (% , 5yr)	12.3	13.5
TRANSPORTATION		
Mean travel time to work, workers age 16+ (Mins., 5yr)	19.0	22.2
Drive alone in private vehicle (% , 5yr)	75.1	78.4
Using public transportation (% , 5yr)	0.7	1.5
Worked from home (% , 5yr)	14.5	6.5

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				
Morro Bay	10,275	-1.34	1.22	-2.12
County and Broader Regions				
San Luis Obispo County	278,348	-0.50	0.55	-0.61
Central Coast	1,411,324	-0.74	-1.86	-2.79
California	38,940,231	-0.35	-1.79	-2.01

Source: CA DOF; Calculations by National Economic Education Delegation

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

City	2022	2023	% Change		
			Local	Central Coast	California
San Luis Obispo County	279.8	278.3	-0.50	-0.74	-0.35
San Luis Obispo	47.2	47.8	1.15		
El Paso De Robles	31.0	30.7	-1.02		
Atascadero	30.3	30.2	-0.31		
Arroyo Grande	18.1	17.9	-1.20		
Grover Beach	12.6	12.5	-1.24		
Morro Bay	10.4	10.3	-1.34		
Pismo Beach	8.0	7.9	-1.17		

Source: CA DOF; Calculations by National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 1: Population Growth (1)

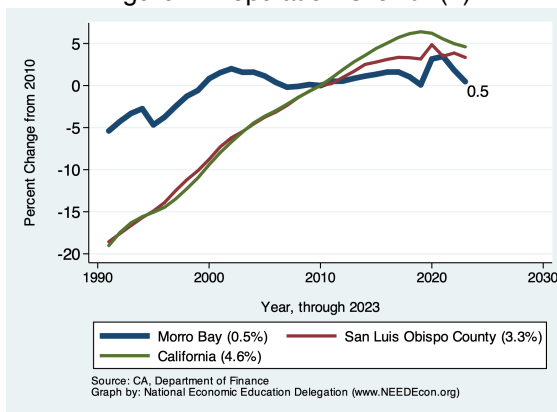


Figure 2: Population Growth (2)

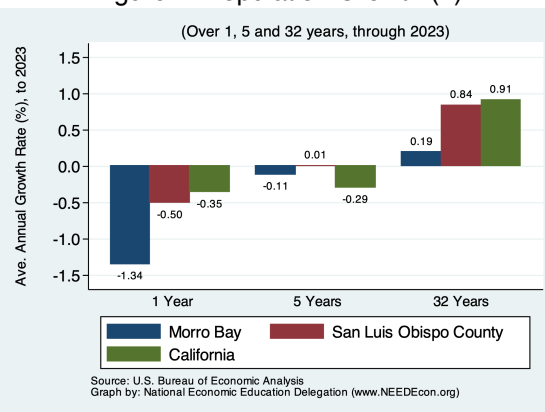


Figure 3: Population by Age - Detailed Age Categories

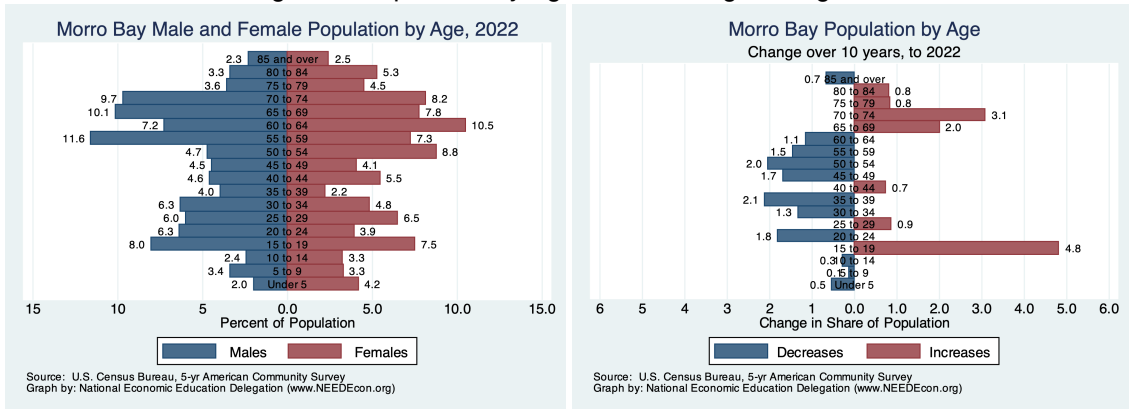


Figure 4: Population by Age - Broad Age Categories

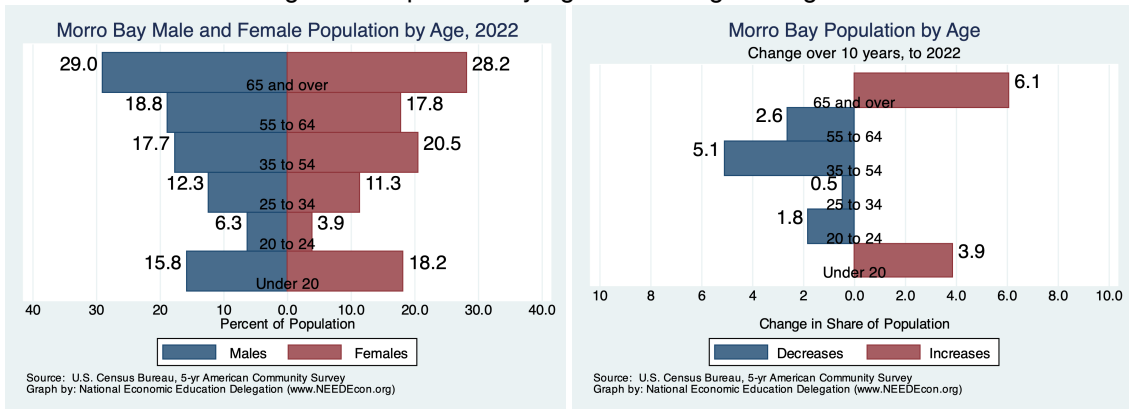


Figure 5: Population by Educational Attainment

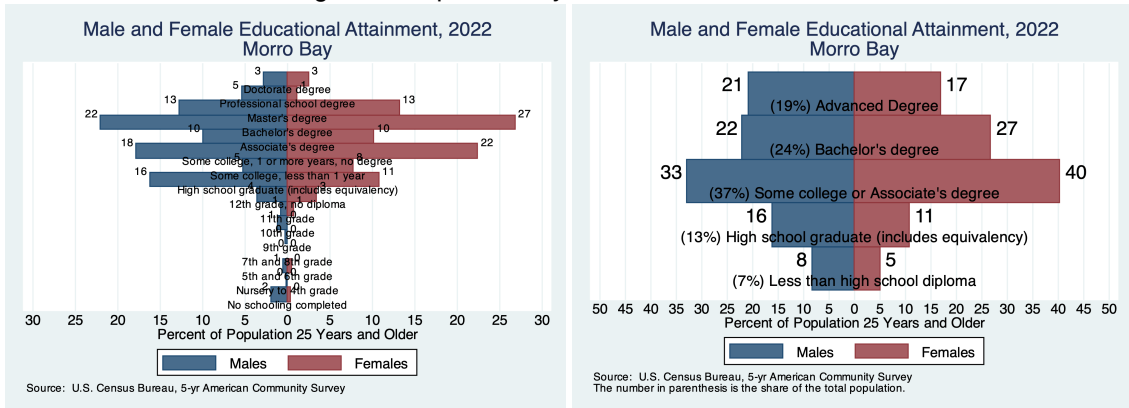


Figure 6: Population by Race/Ethnicity

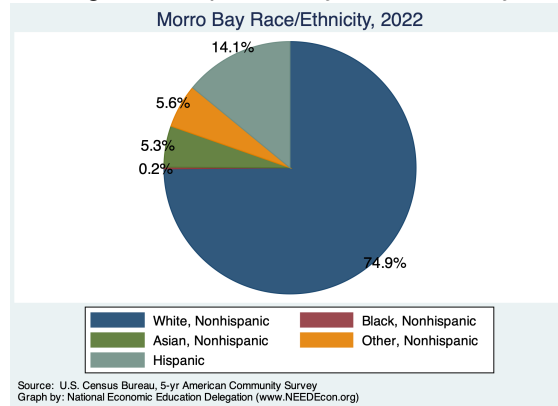
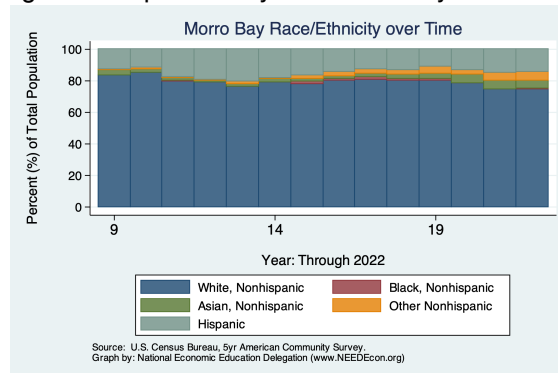


Figure 7: Population by Race/Ethnicity Over Time



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. Morro Bay 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

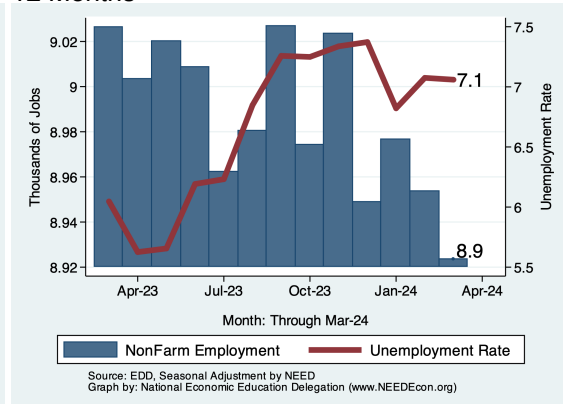


Figure 10: Relative Employment Growth Across Regions - since 2010

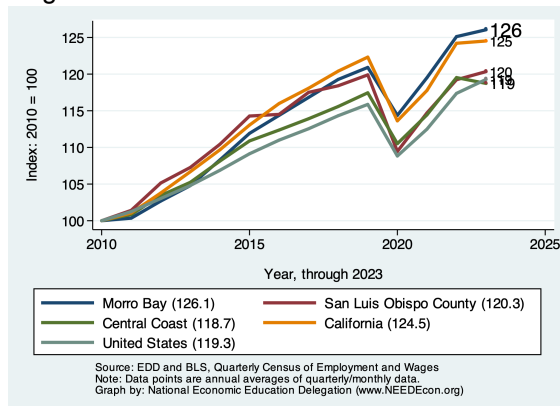
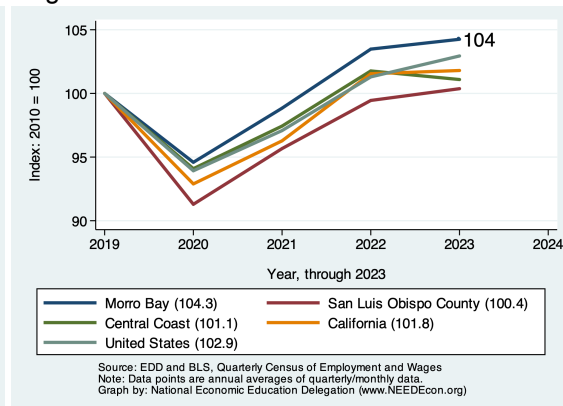


Figure 11: Relative Employment Growth Across Regions - since 2019



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

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

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

Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation (NEED)

Some Employee Detail

Employed in Morro Bay

Figure 12: Employment by Occupation

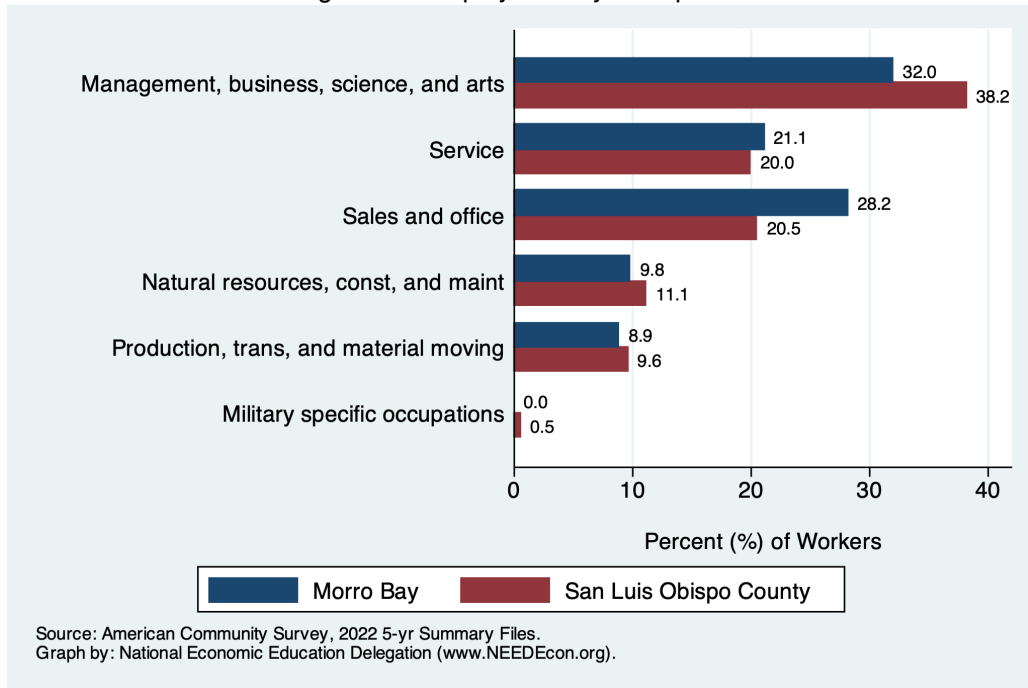


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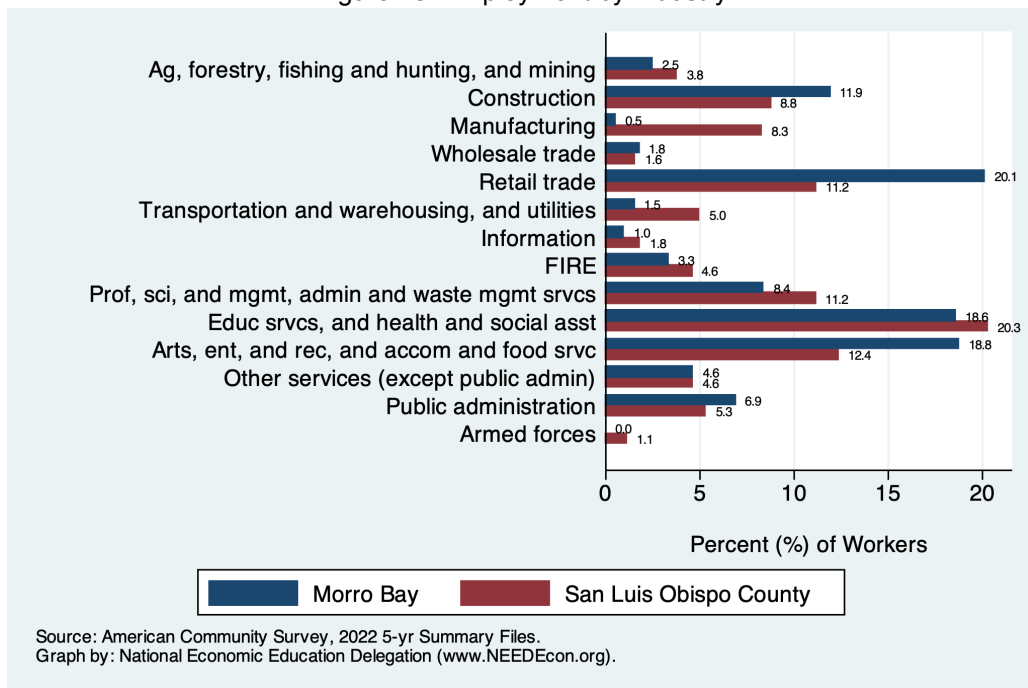


Figure 14: Language Spoken at Home

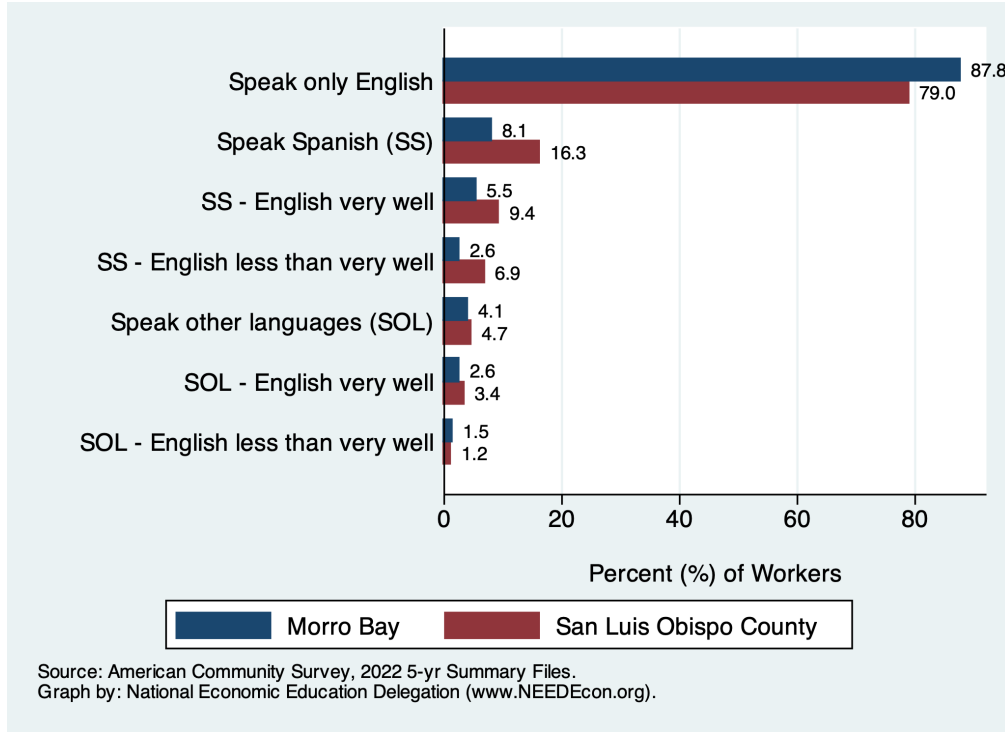
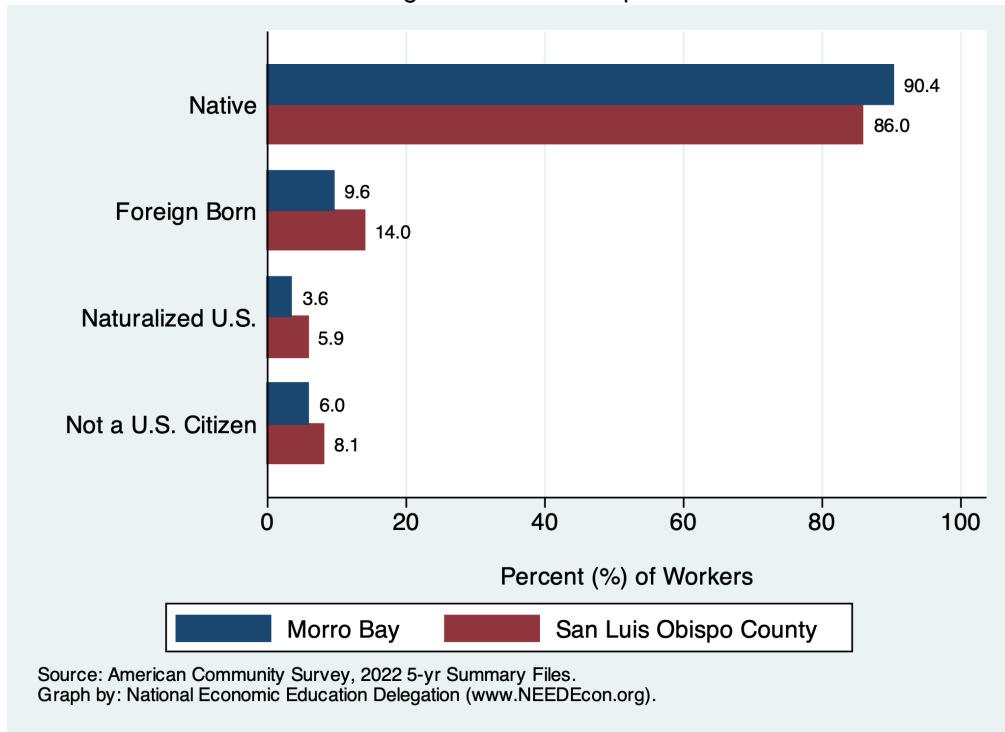


Figure 15: Citizenship



Employed Residents of Morro Bay

Figure 16: Employment by Occupation

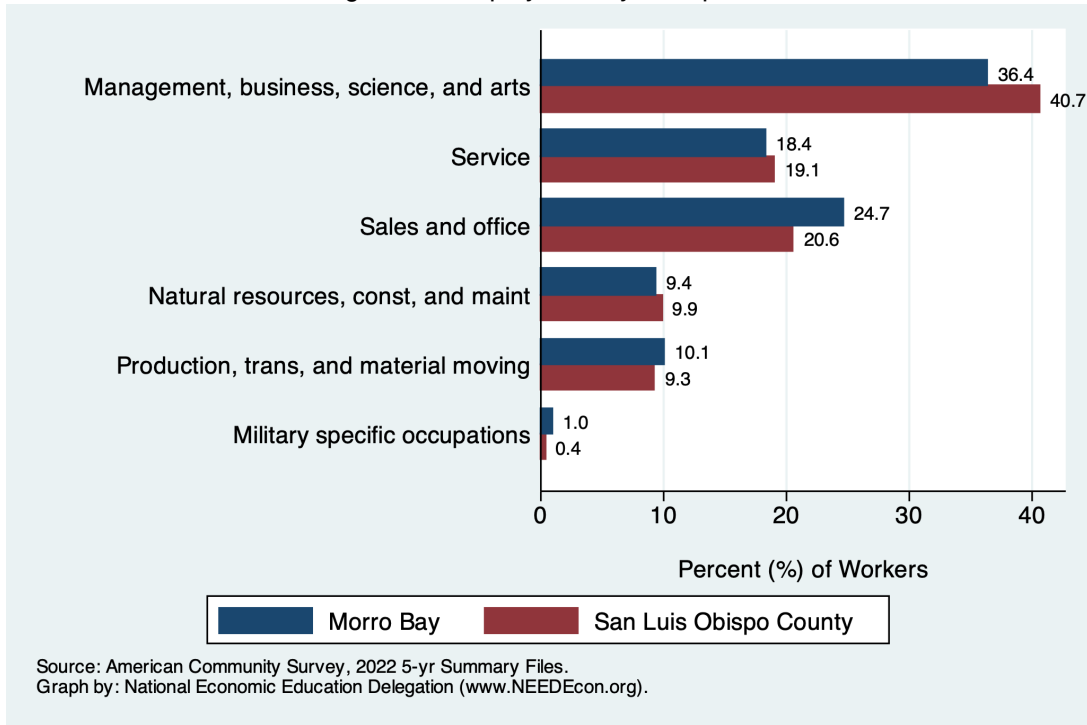


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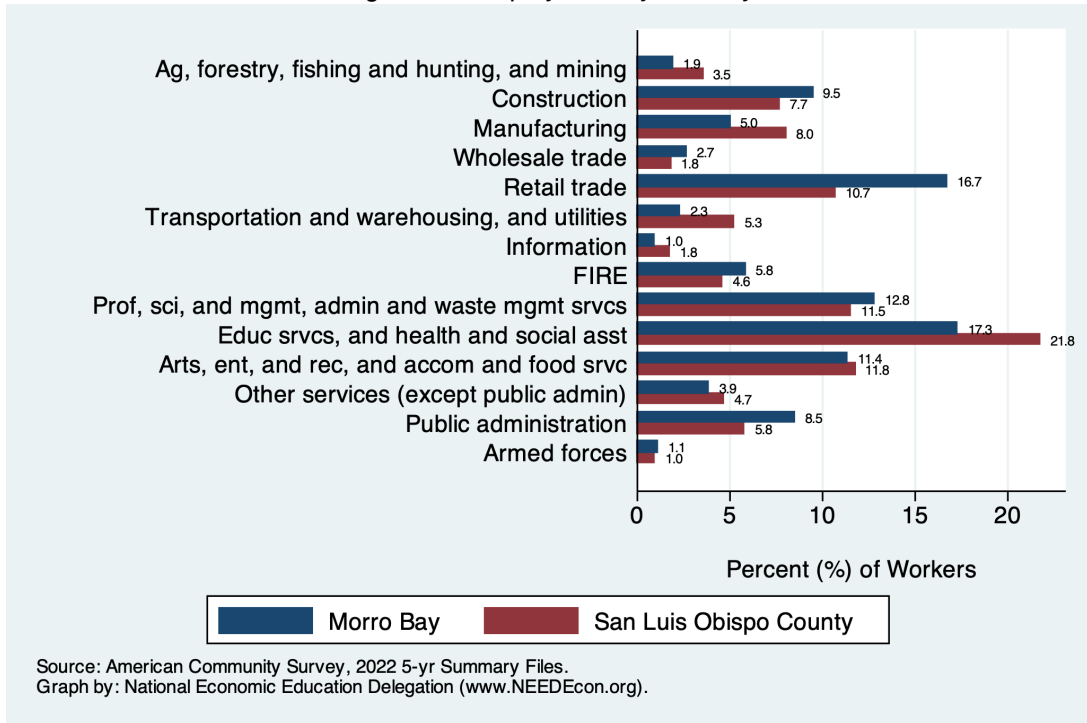


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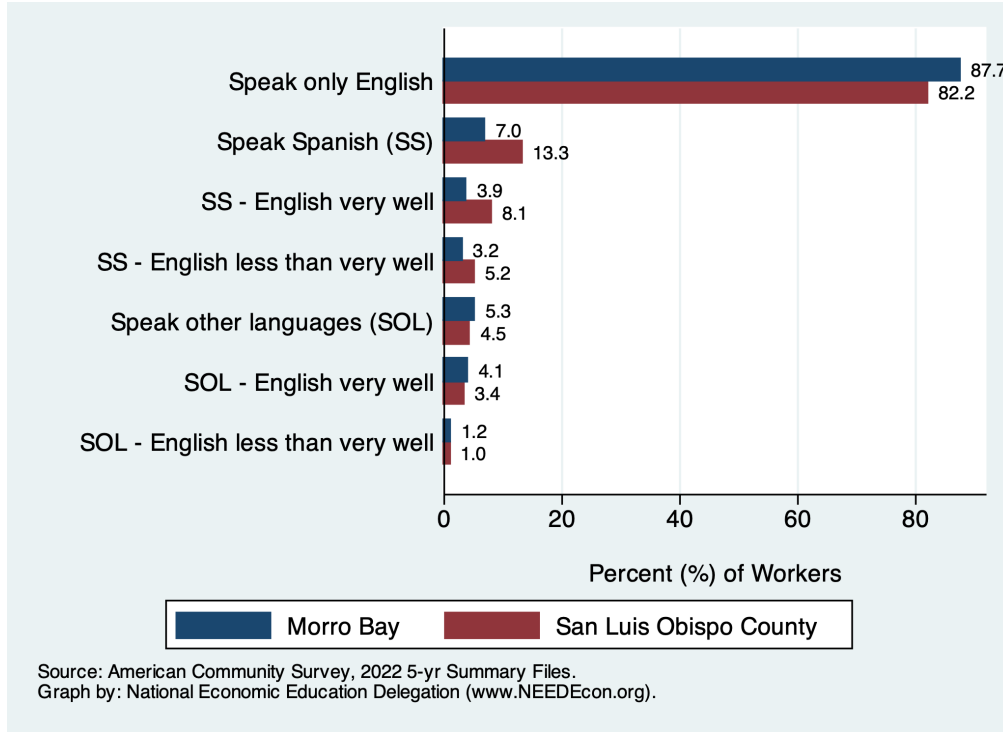
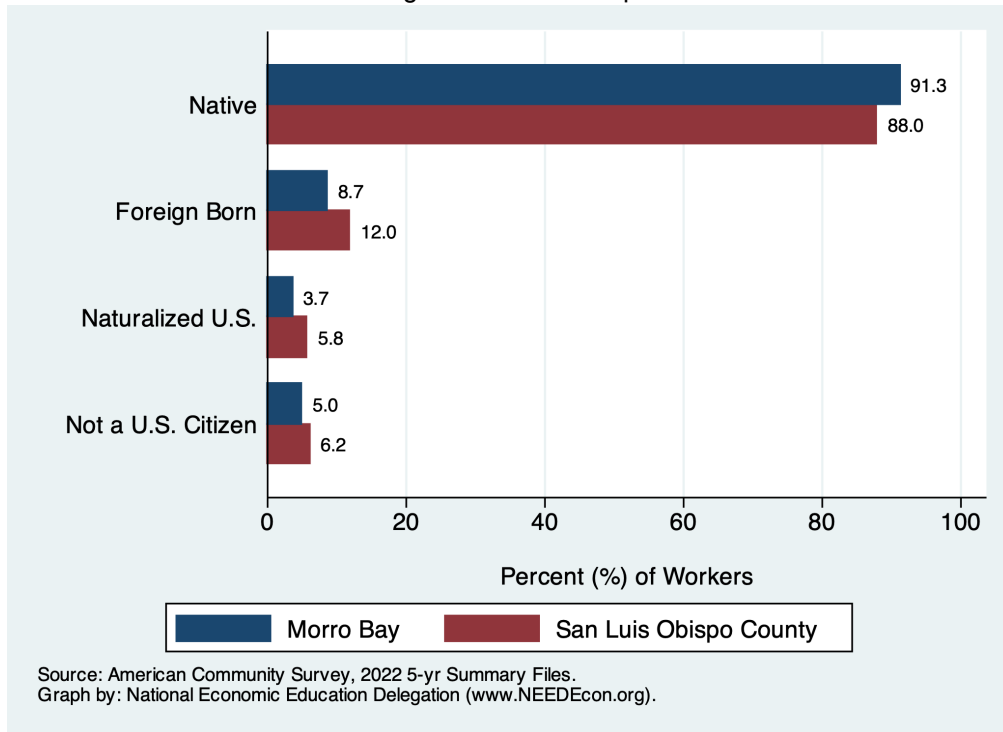


Figure 19: Citizenship



Employed Residents vs Workers in Morro Bay

Figure 20: Employment by Occupation

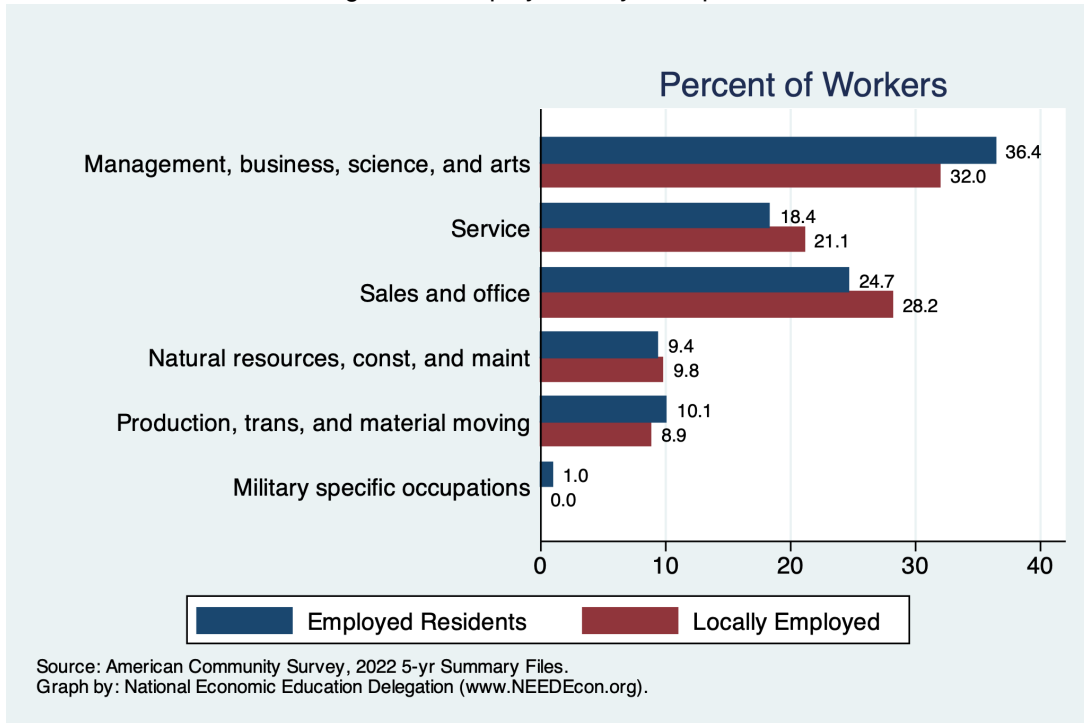


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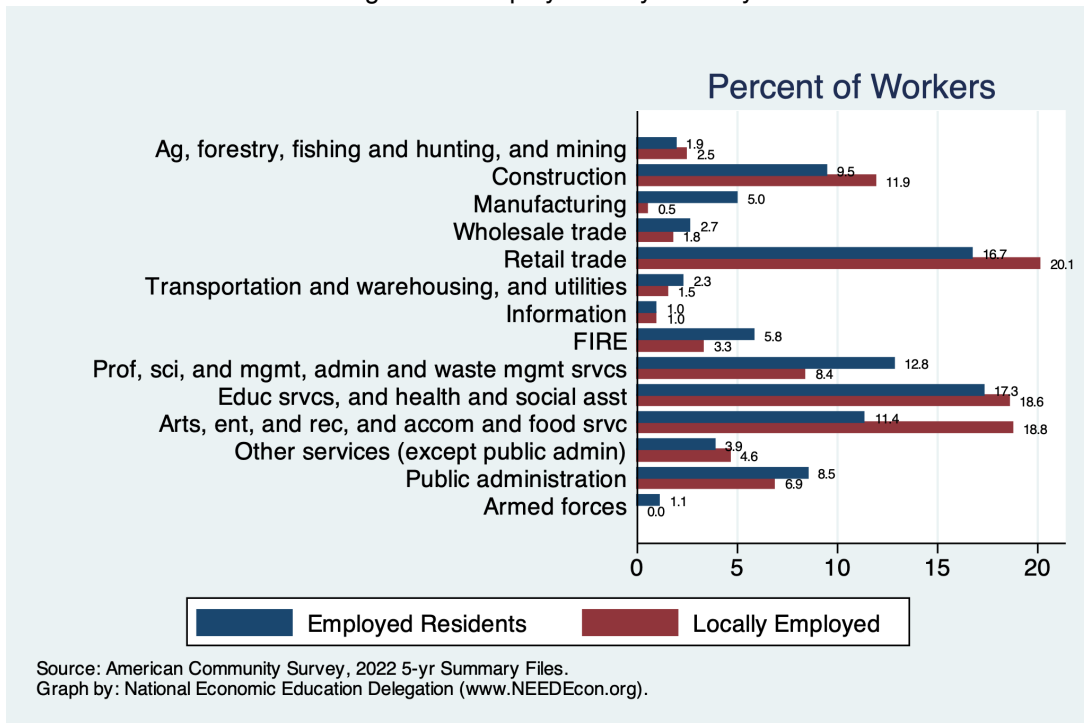


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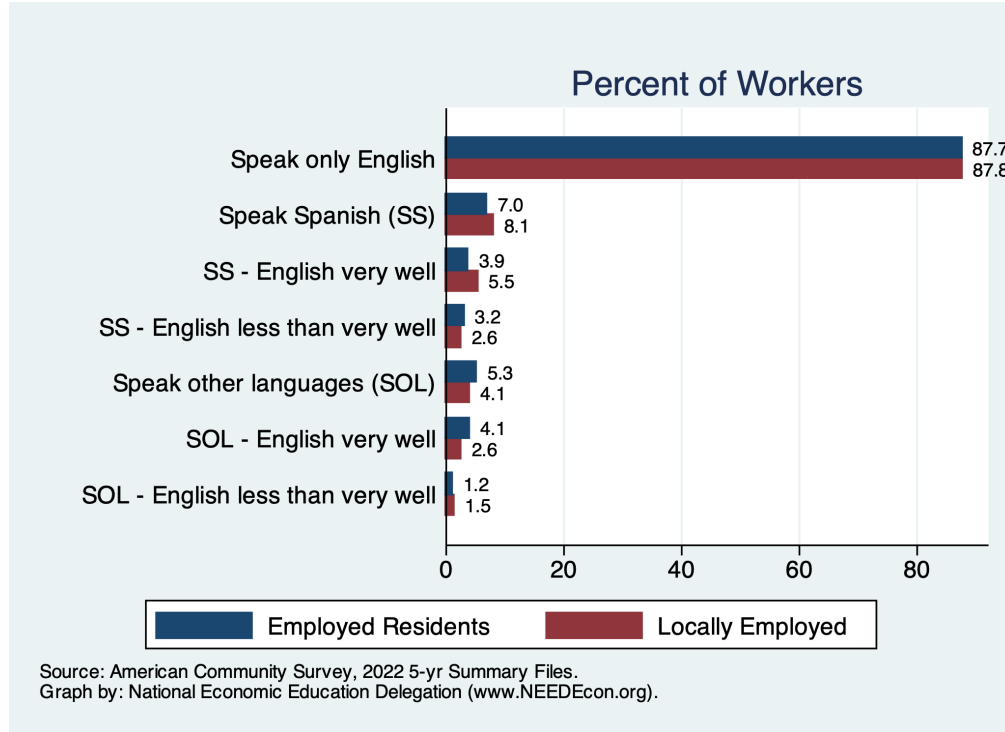
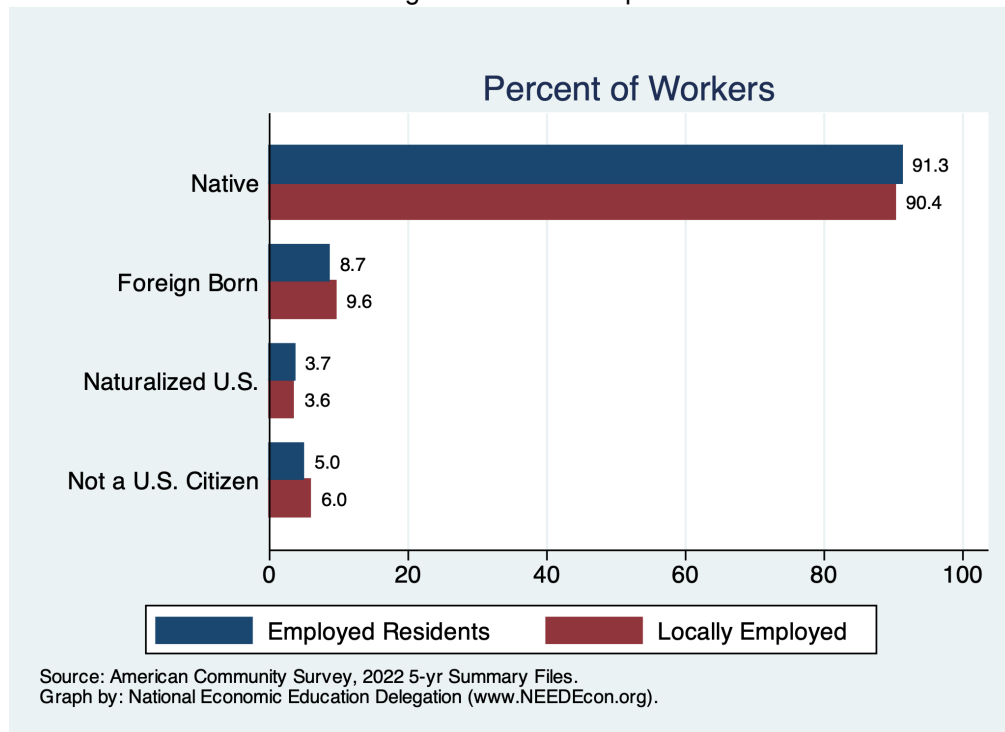


Figure 23: Citizenship



Income and Earnings

Per Capita Income Growth

Definition:

Per capita income is the average income per person in Morro Bay. 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

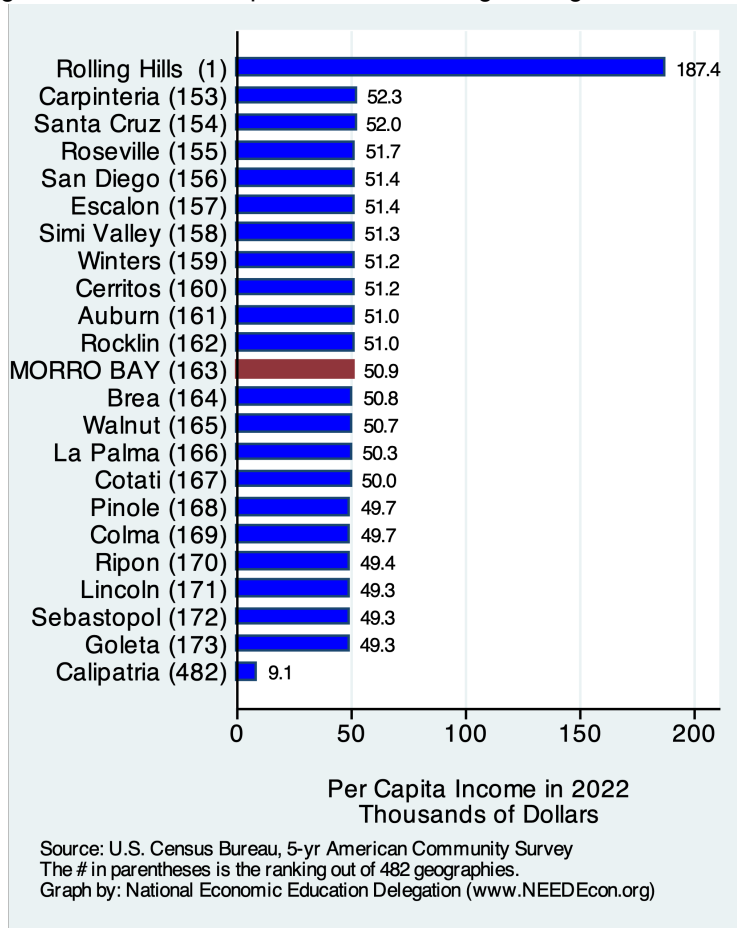
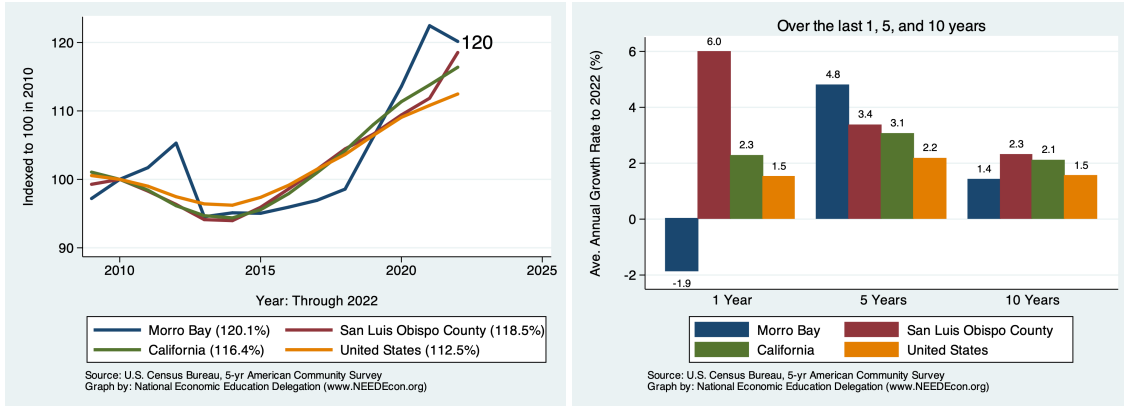


Figure 25: Regional Comparison of Growth over Time



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

Figure 26: Income Levels

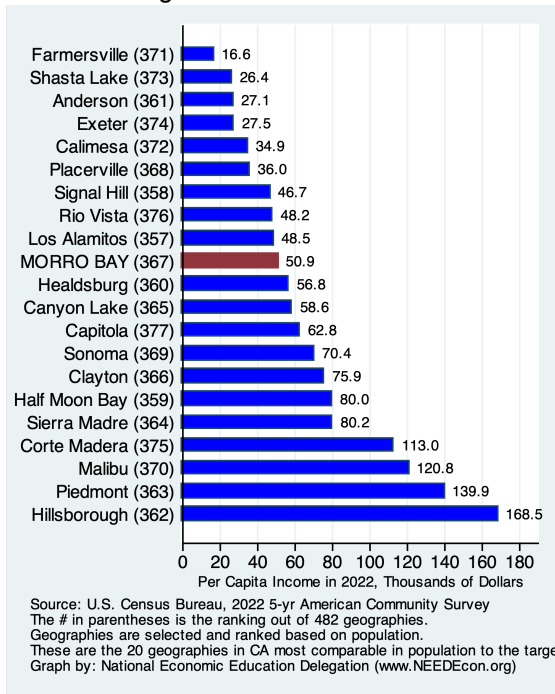
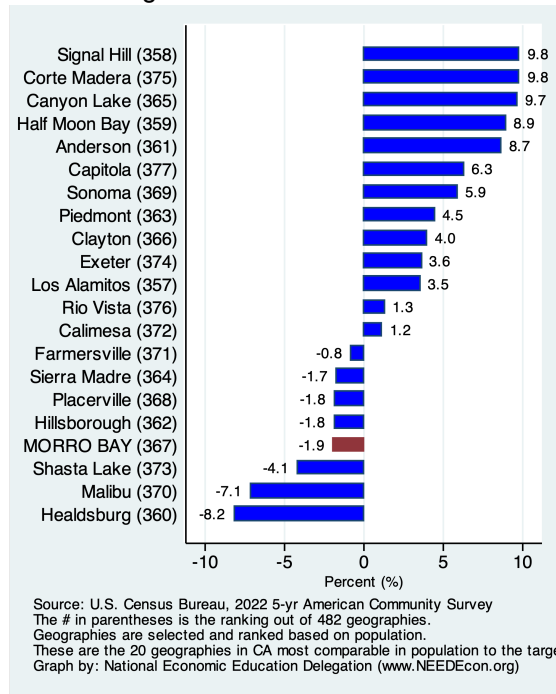
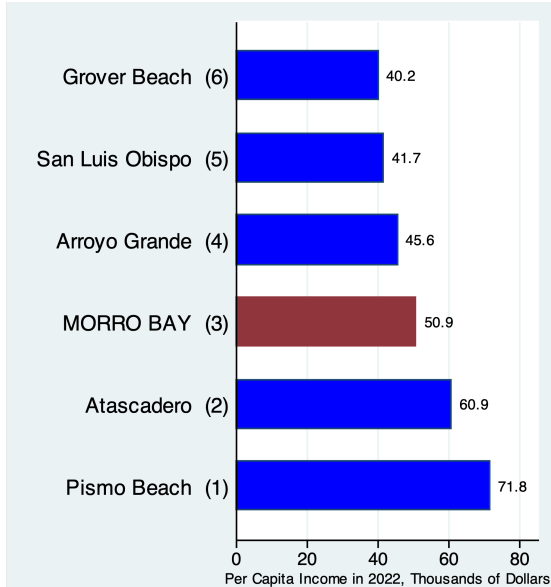


Figure 27: Growth over Time



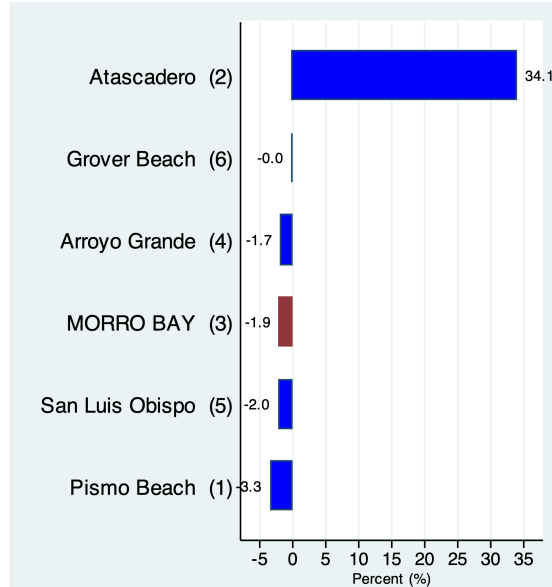
Real Per Capita Income Ranking Among Cities in San Luis Obispo County

Figure 28: Income Levels



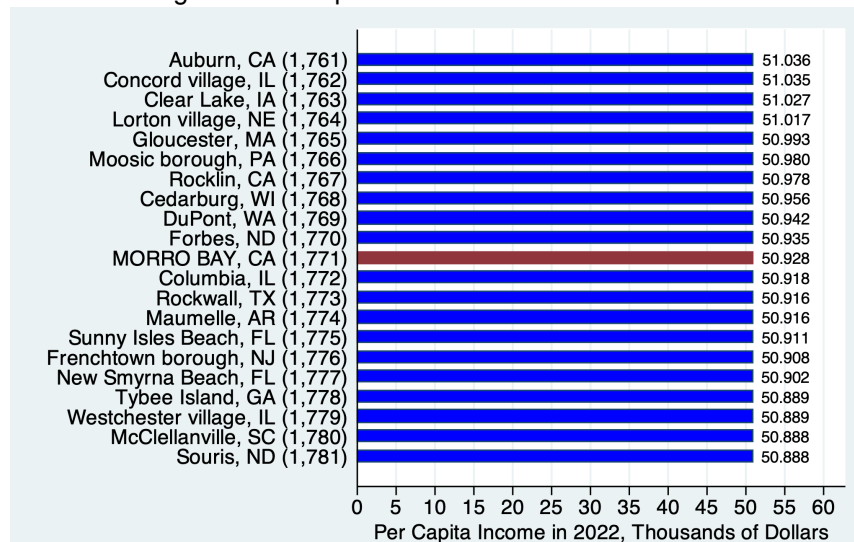
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 5-yr American Community Survey
 The # in parentheses is the ranking out of 6 geographies.
 Geographies are selected and ranked based on population.
 These are the cities in the same county as the target city.
 Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDecon.org)

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Figure 30: Comparison with All Cities Nationwide



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 5-yr American Community Survey
 The # in parentheses is the ranking out of 19,695 geographies.
 Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDecon.org)

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.

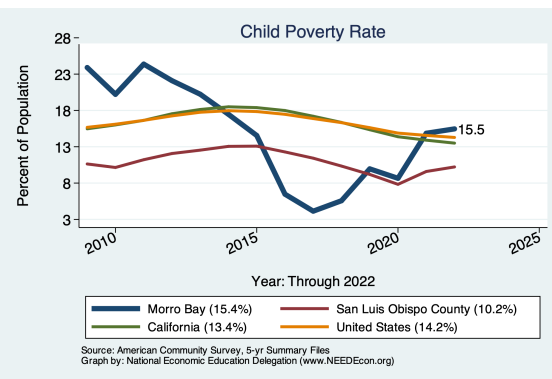
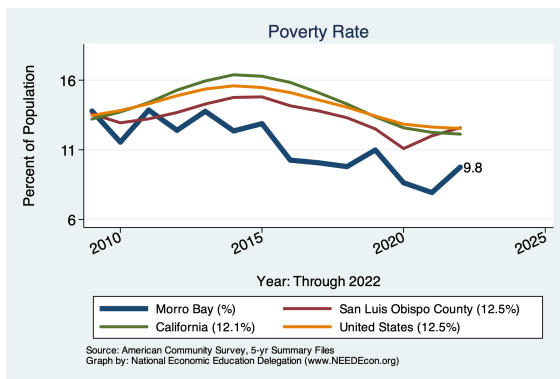


Figure 31: Inequality

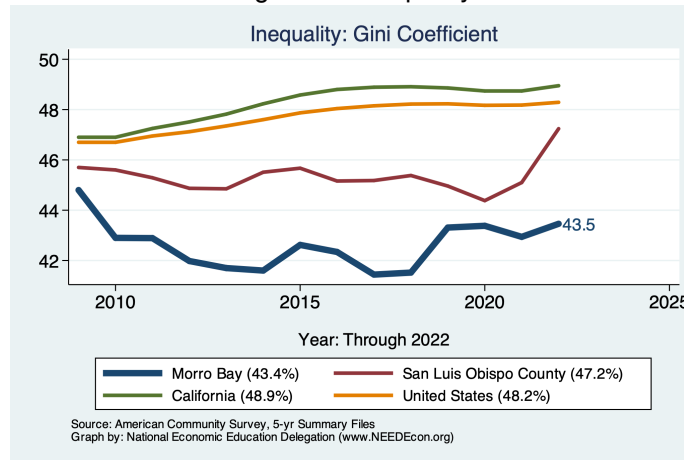


Figure 32: Shares Across the Income Distribution

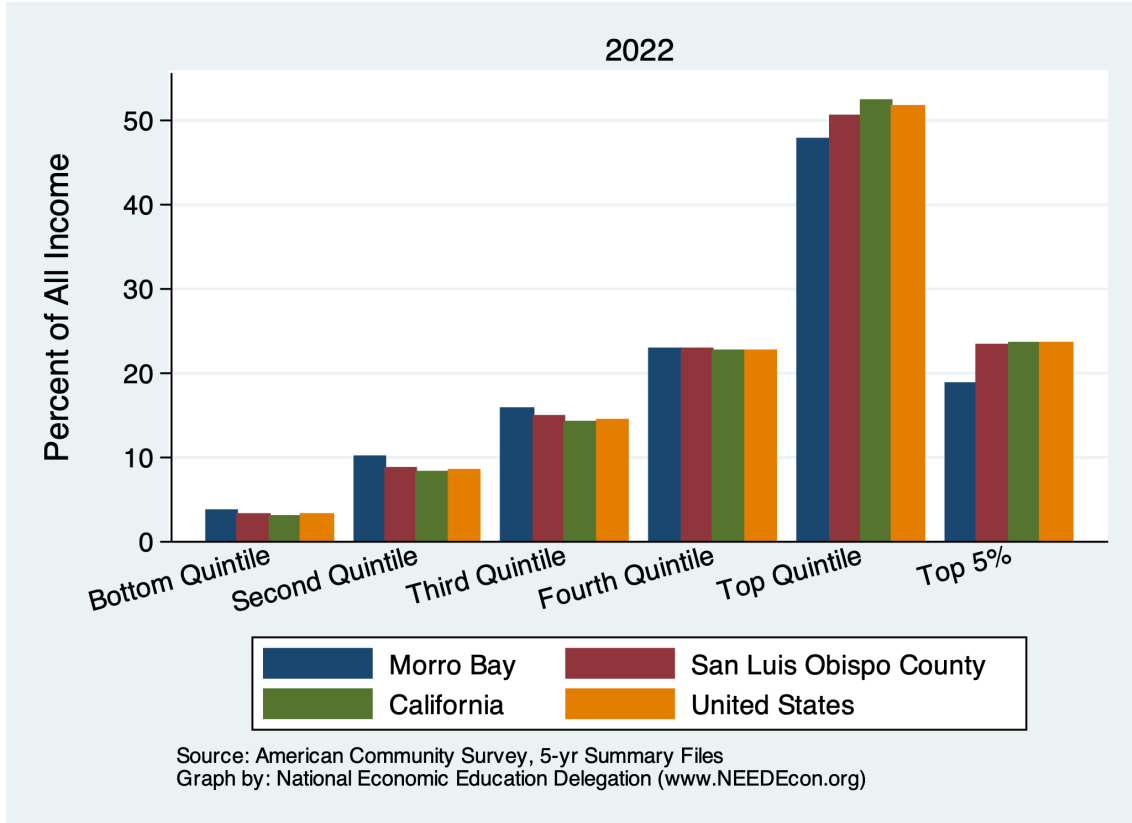
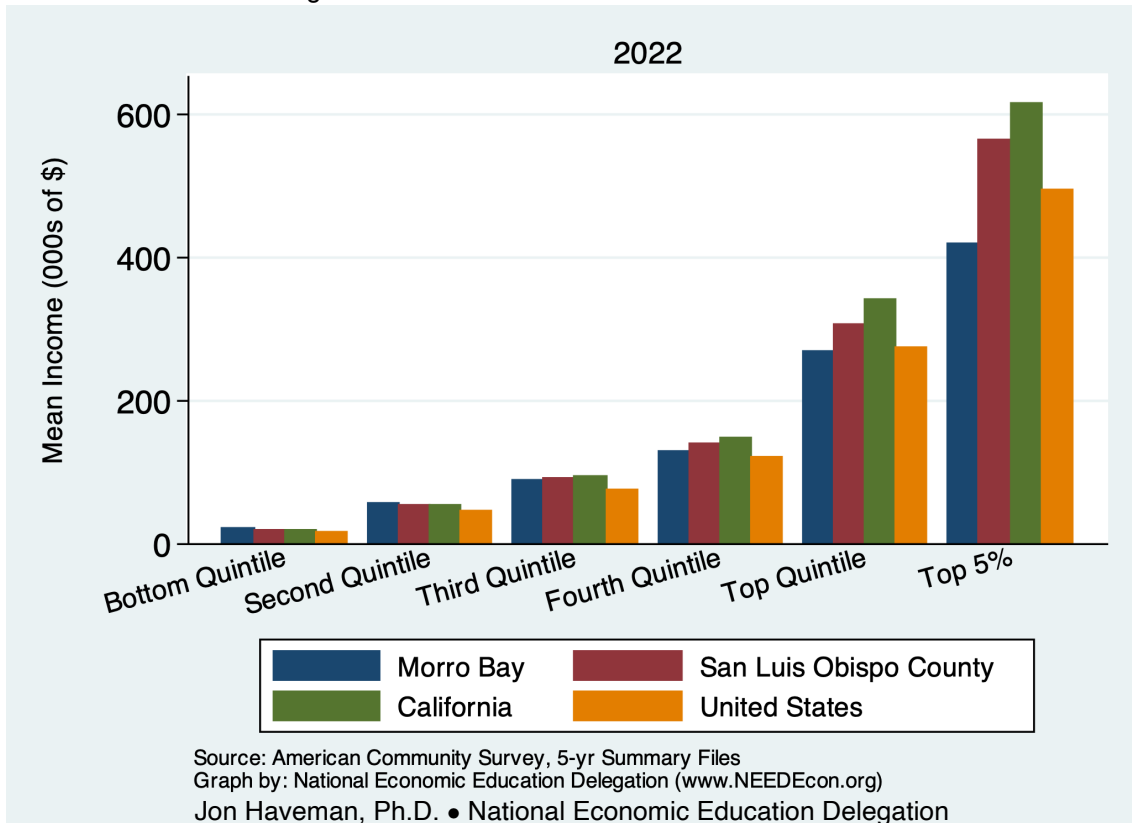


Figure 33: Means Across the Income Distribution



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 Morro Bay and Broader Regions

Figure 34: Median Home Prices

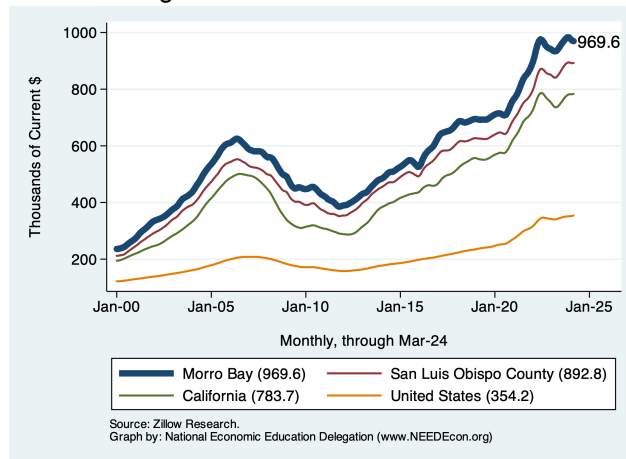
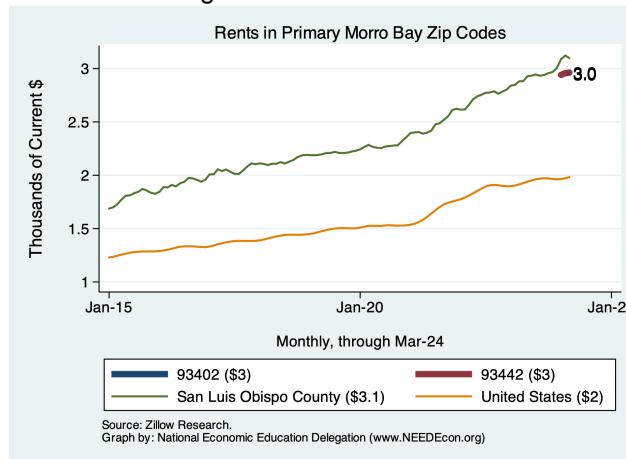


Figure 35: Median Rents



Housing Ownership in Morro Bay and Broader Regions

Figure 36: Home Ownership Rates

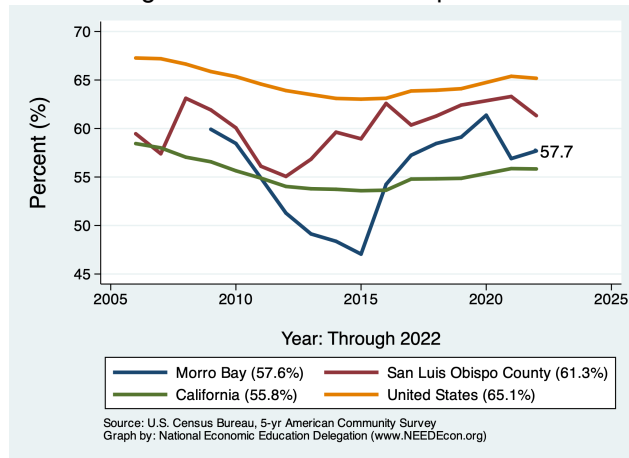


Figure 37: Home Ownership by Age

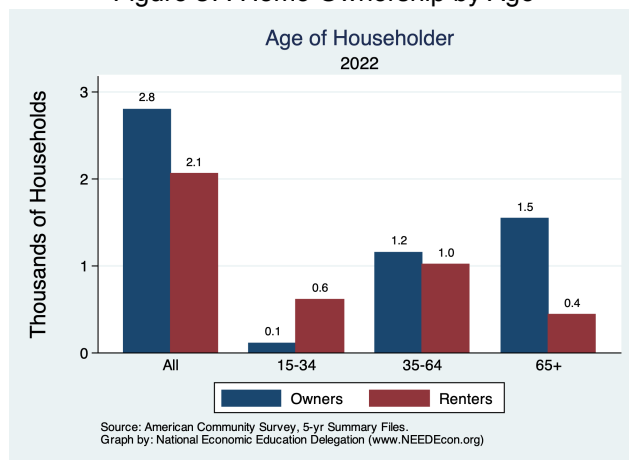


Figure 38: Income by Tenure

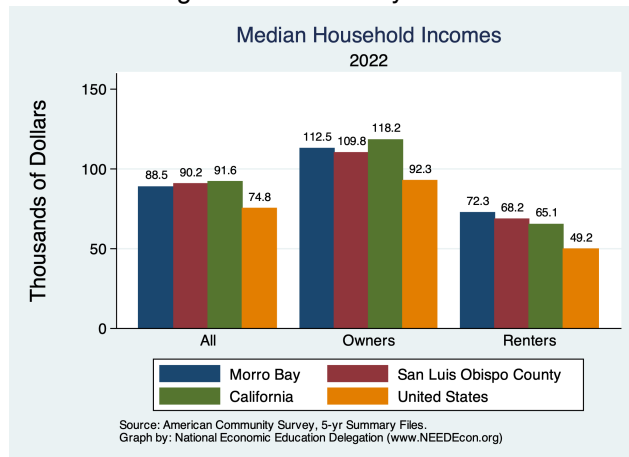


Figure 39: Income Distribution by Tenure

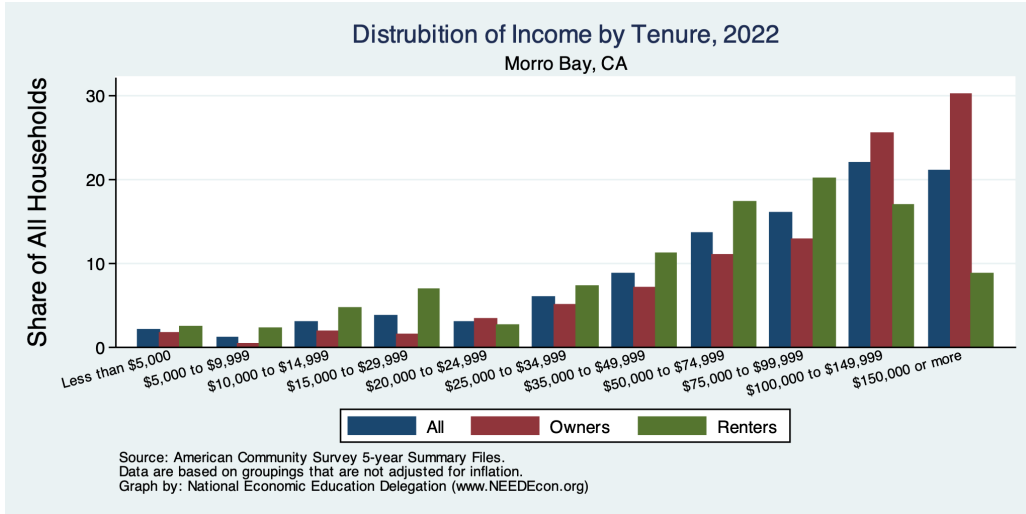


Figure 40: Income Distribution of Home Owners

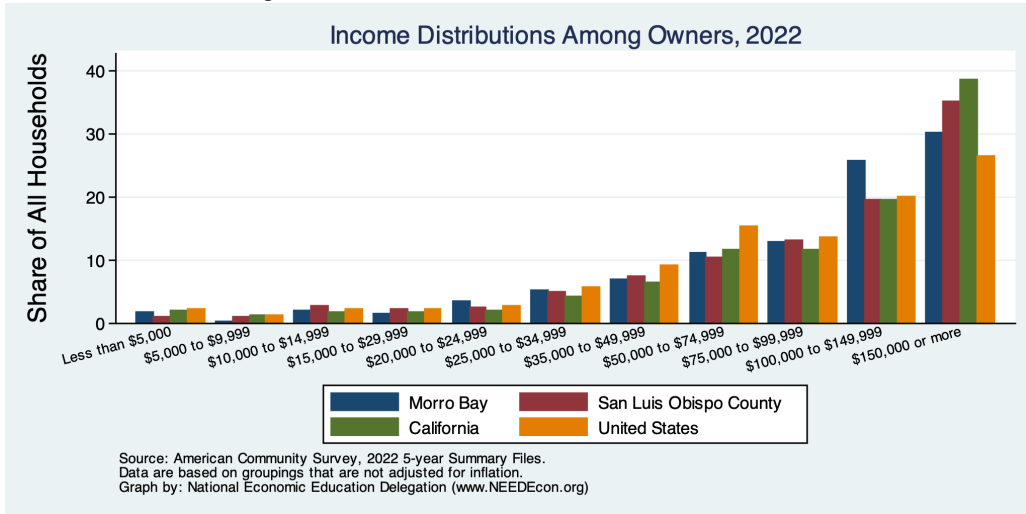
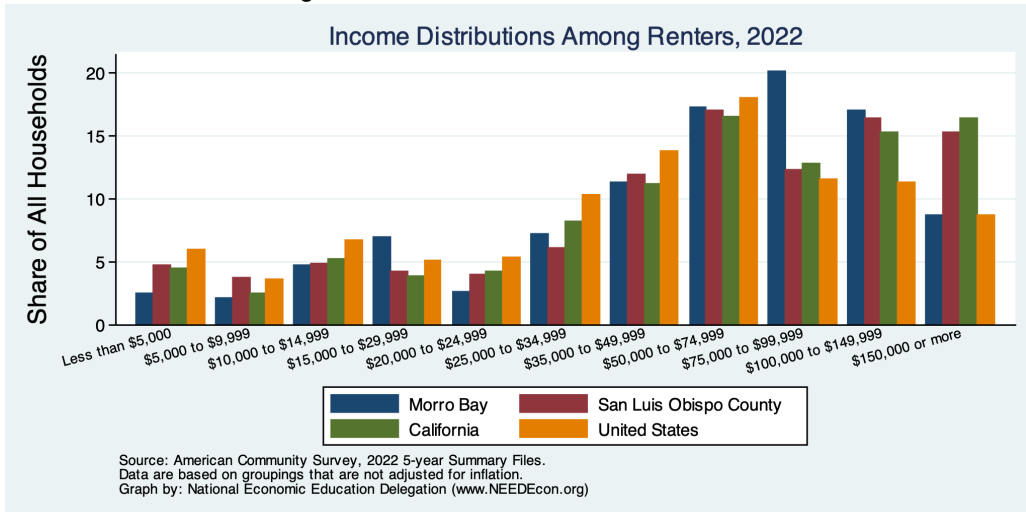


Figure 41: Income Distribution of Renters



Housing Burden in Morro Bay and Broader Regions

Figure 42: Home Owners w/ A Mortgage

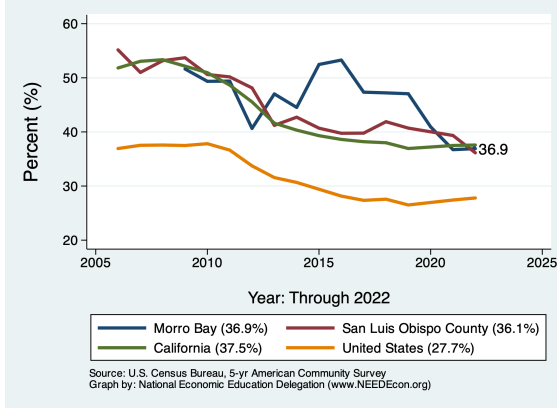


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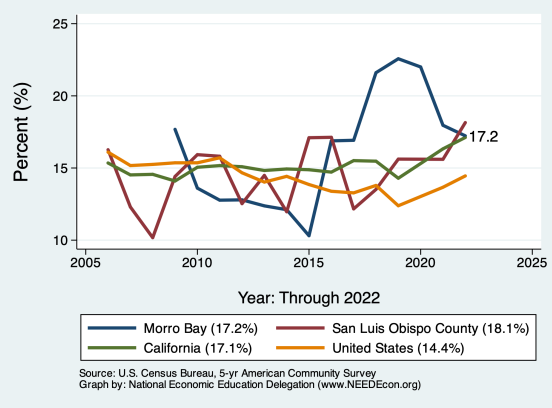


Figure 44: Renters

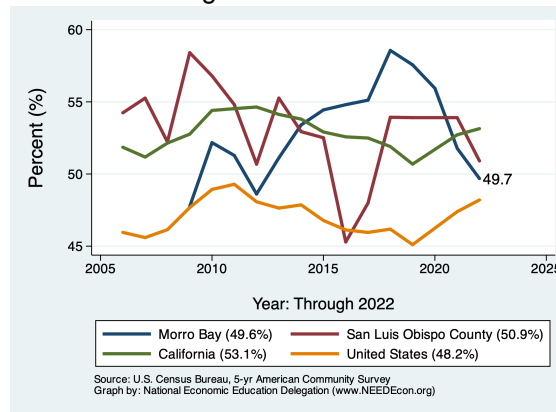
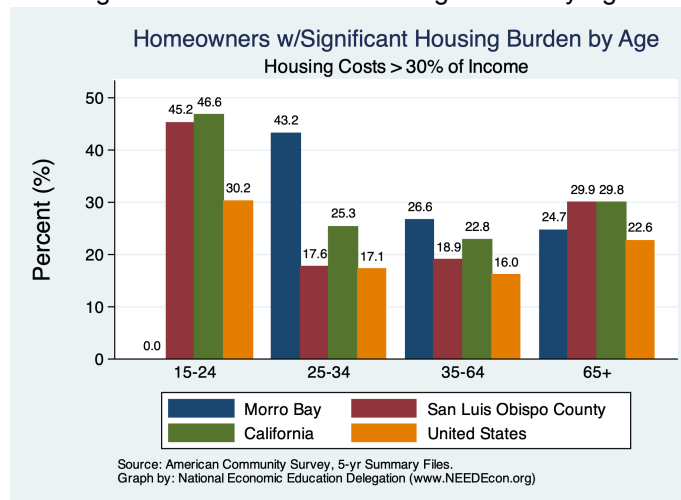


Figure 45: Homeowner Housing Burden by Age



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	10,275.0	10,269.0	10,234.0	0.1	0.4
Total # of Homes	6,567.0	6,466.0	6,320.0	1.6	3.9
# Occupied Units	5,071.0	4,963.0	4,844.0	2.2	4.7
Persons per Household	2.0	2.0	2.1	-2.1	-4.1
Vacancy Rate (%)	22.8	23.2	23.4	-2.0	-2.5

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

Figure 46: Housing Growth

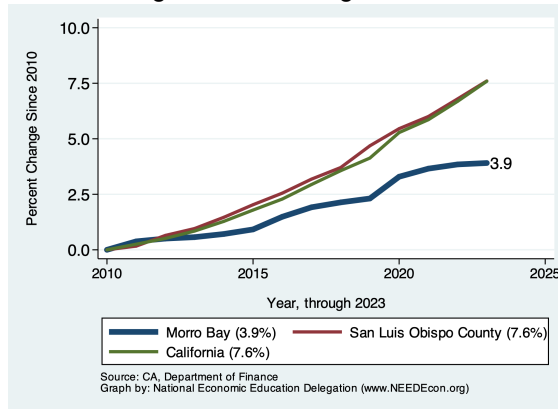


Figure 47: Persons per Household

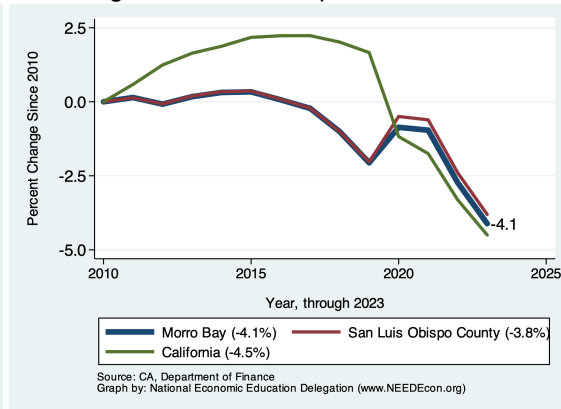


Figure 48: Vacancy Rates

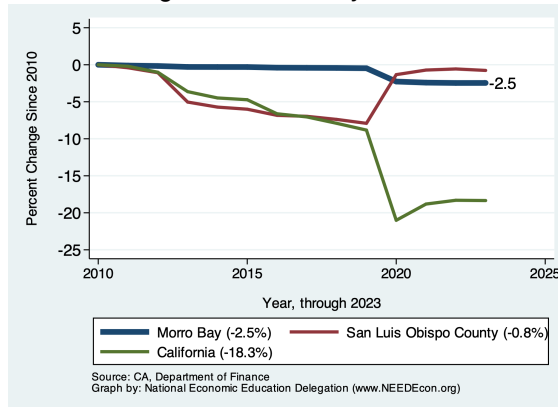
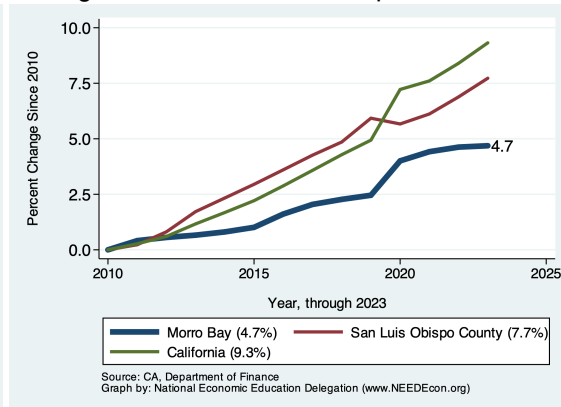


Figure 49: Number of Occupanied Units



Trends in the Growth of Housing by Housing Type

Figure 50: Single Detached Homes

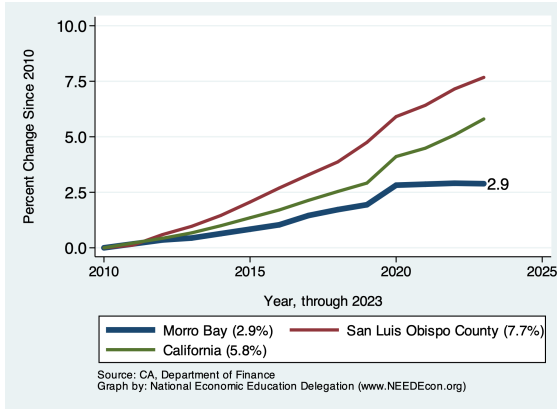


Figure 51: Single Attached Homes

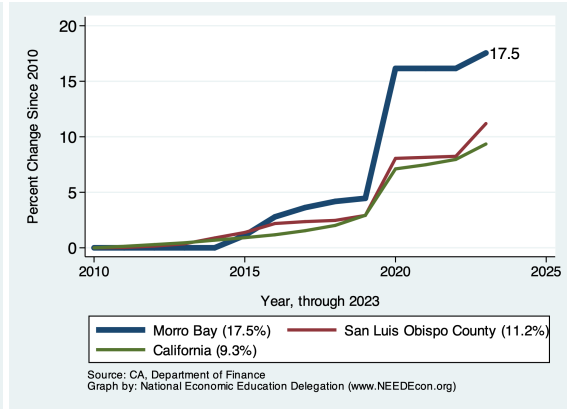


Figure 52: Housing in Buildings with Two to Four Units

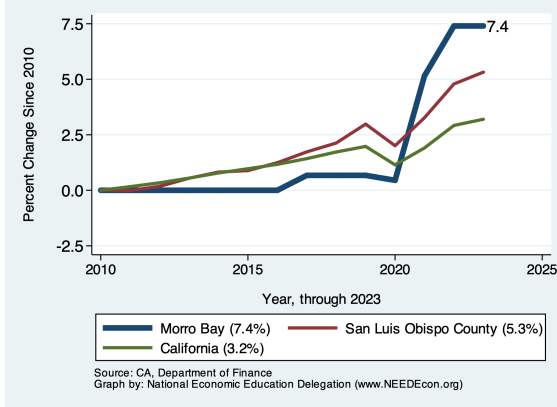
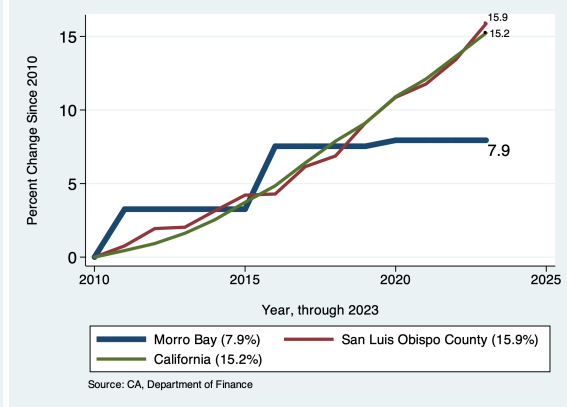


Figure 53: Housing in Buildings with Five or More Units



Vintage of Residential Housing

Why is it important?

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

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

Figure 54: Distribution of Housing Construction

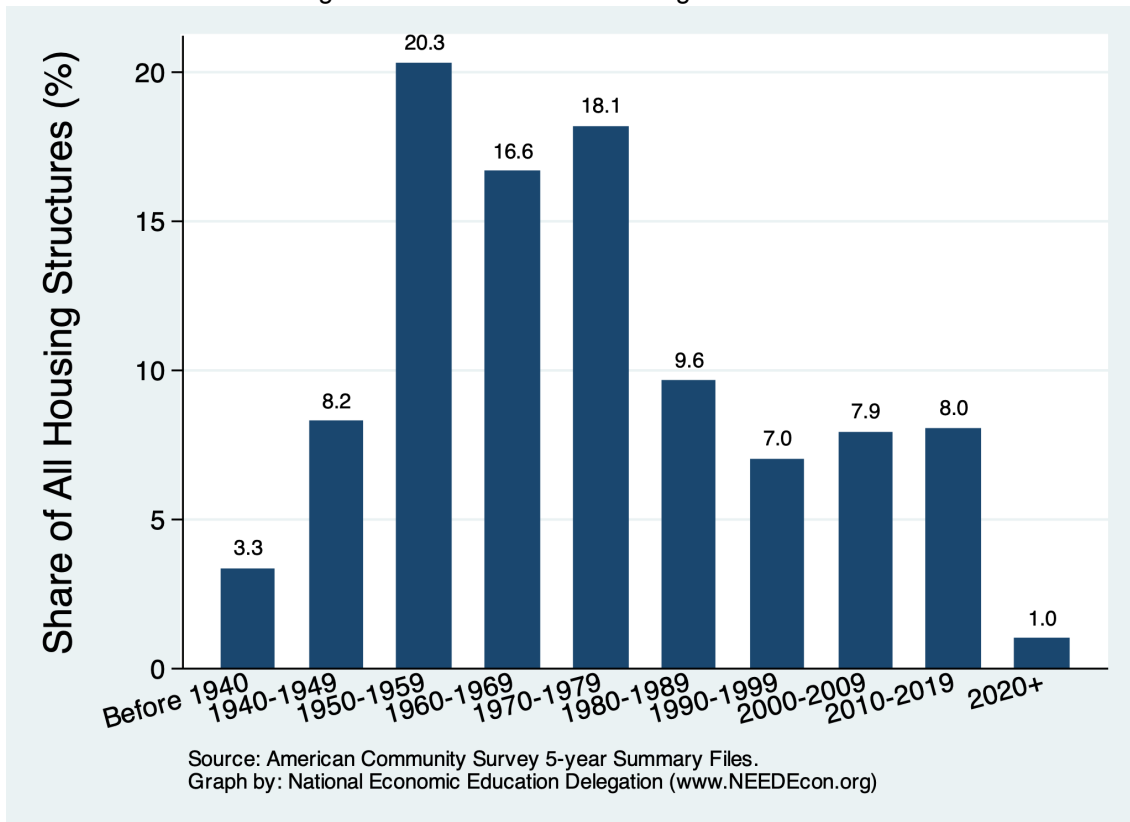


Figure 55: Housing Vintage across Regions

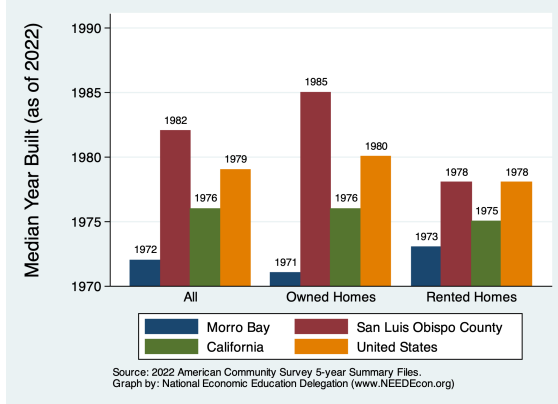


Figure 56: Housing Vintage by Tenure

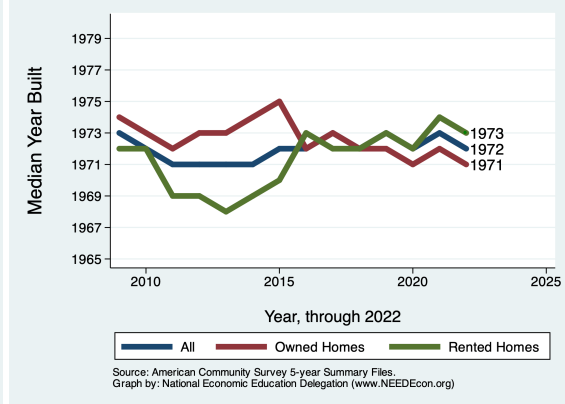


Figure 57: Vintage of Owned Residences

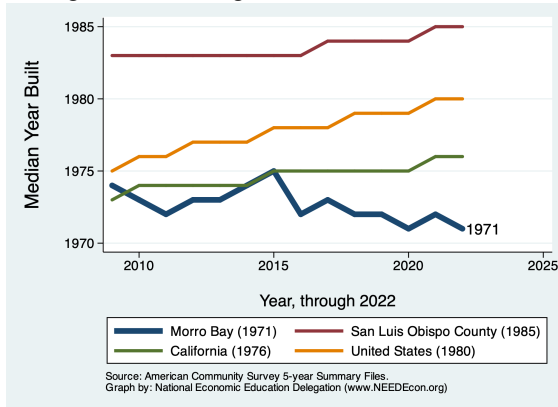


Figure 58: Vintage of Rented Residences

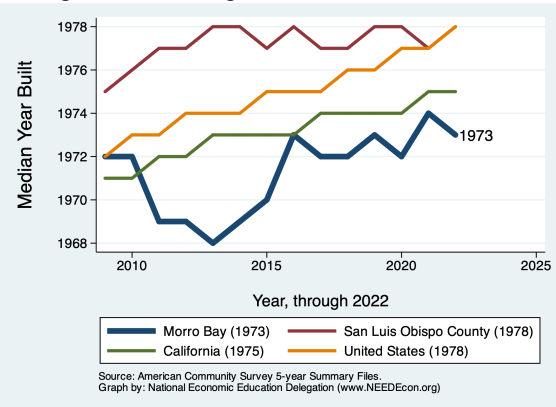
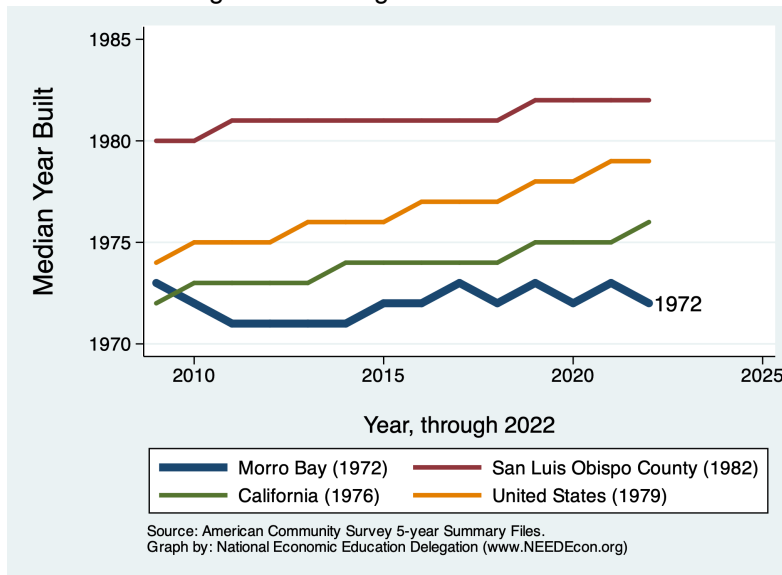


Figure 59: Vintage of All Residences



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

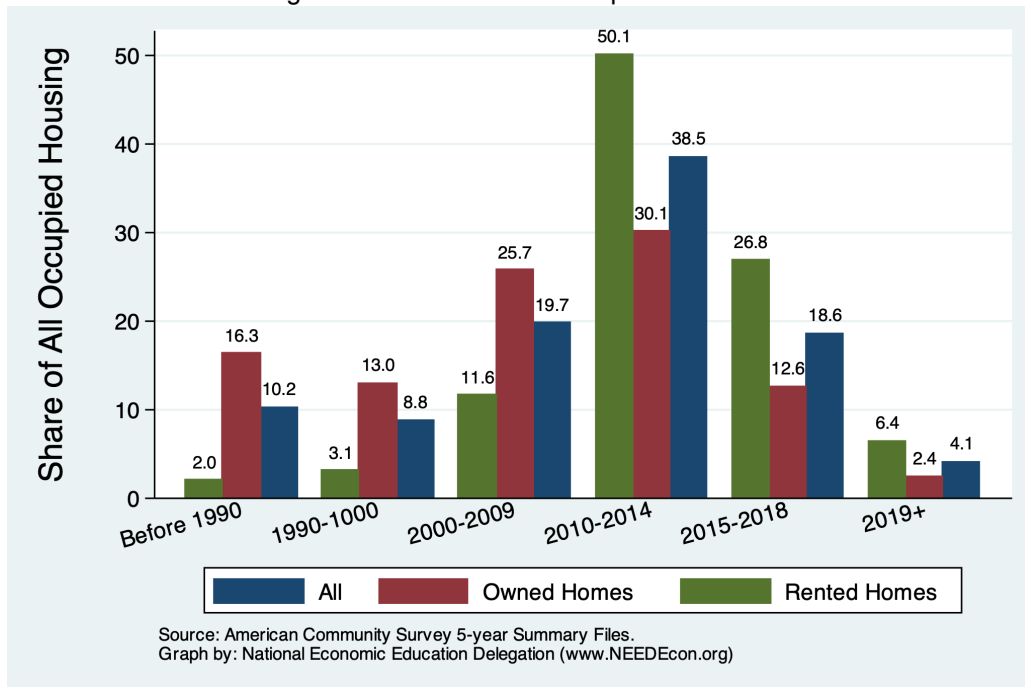


Figure 61: Year Occupied by Current Residents across Regions

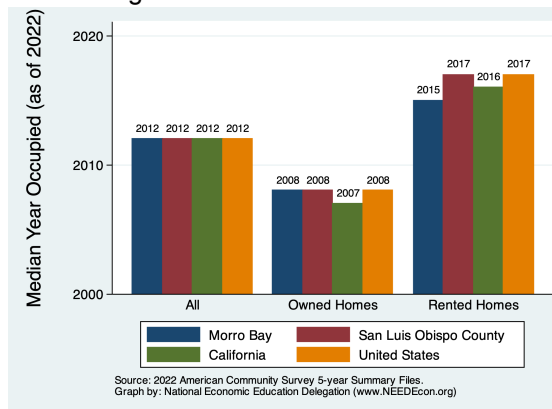


Figure 62: Year Occupied by Current Residents by Tenure

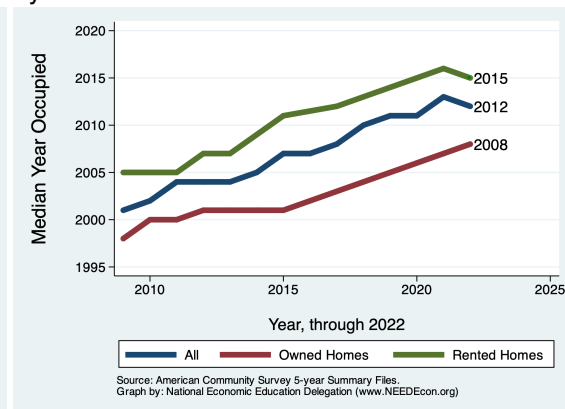


Figure 63: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Owned Housing

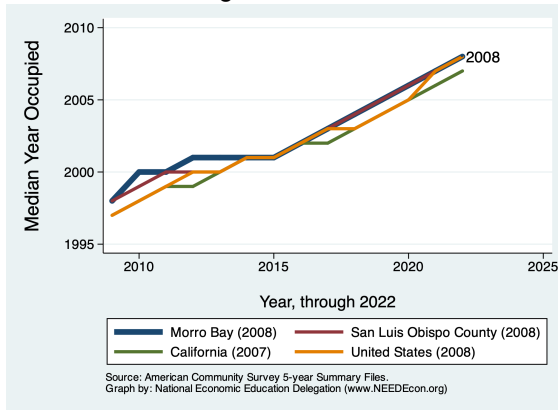


Figure 64: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Rented Housing

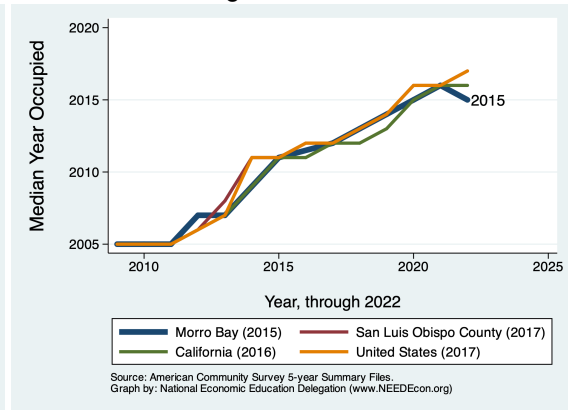
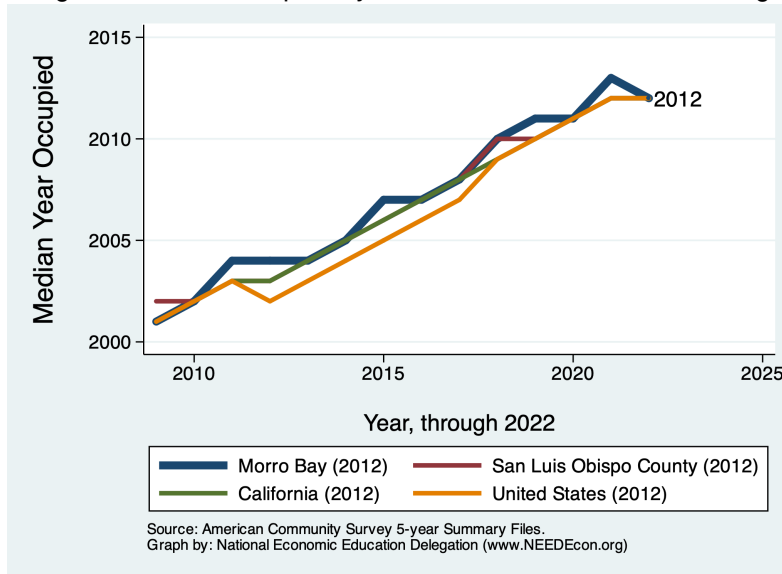


Figure 65: Year Occupied by Current Residents for All Housing



Residential Permitting

Definition:

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

Why is it important?

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

Morro Bay - Ranking Among Comparables

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

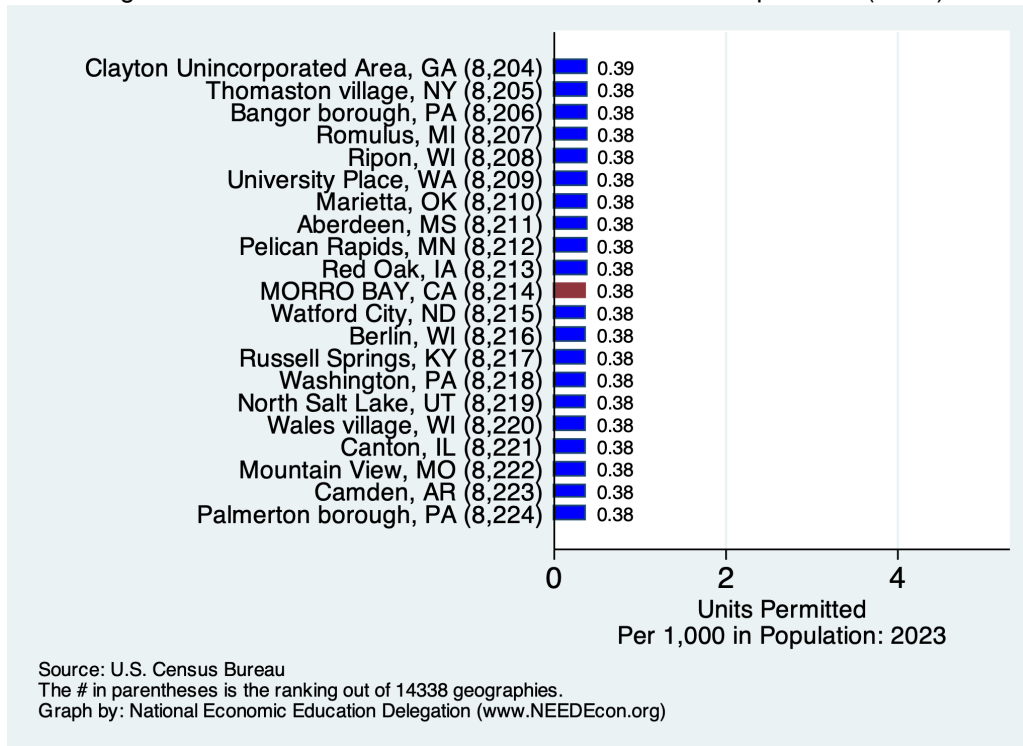
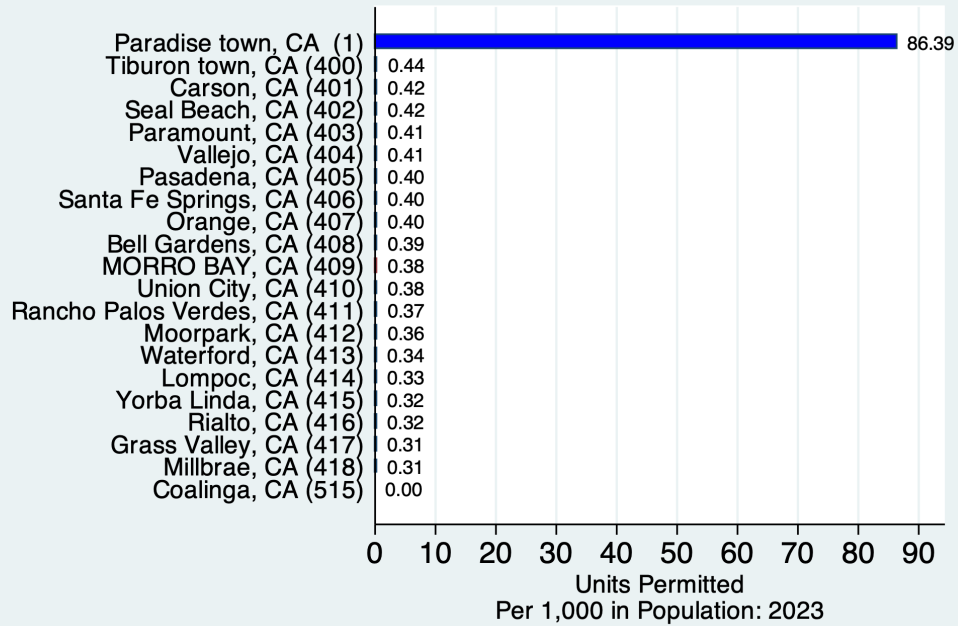
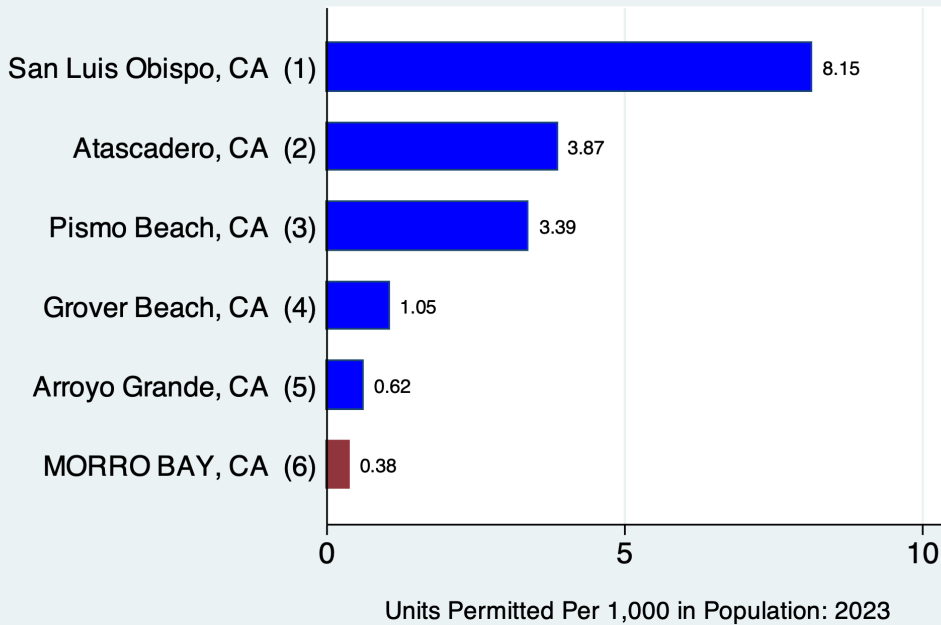


Figure 67: Number of Units Permitted - California Comparables (Rank)



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 Luis Obispo County (Rank)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau,
 The # in parentheses is the ranking out of 6 geographies.
 Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDecon.org)

Morro Bay - Permitting Activity

Annual Units Permitted - Per Capita in Morro Bay

Figure 69: Units Permitted Each Year

N/A

Figure 70: Average Annual Growth in Units Permitted

N/A

Annual Number of Buildings Permitted - Per Capita in Morro Bay

Figure 71: Units Permitted Each Year

N/A

Figure 72: Average Annual Growth in Buildings Permitted

N/A

Annual Value of Property Permitted - Per Capita in Morro Bay

Figure 73: Value Permitted Each Year

N/A

Figure 74: Average Annual Growth in Value Permitted

N/A

Commute Patterns

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

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

Mode of Transportation

Figure 75: Percent of Workers Commuting by Car Alone

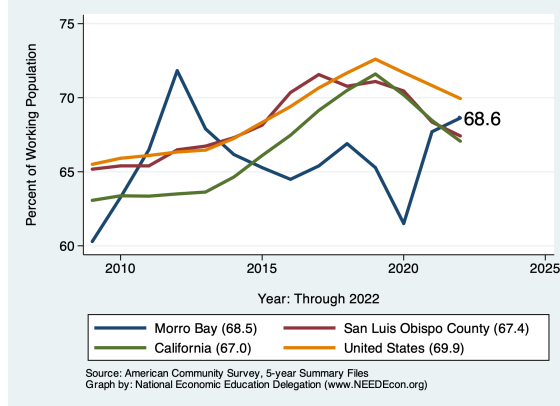


Figure 76: Percent of Workers Commuting by Carpool

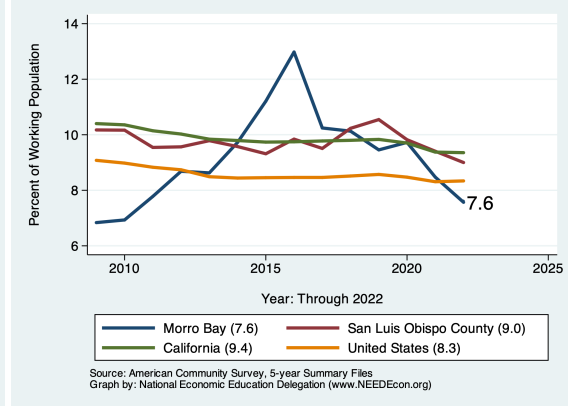


Figure 77: Percent of Workers using Public Transportation

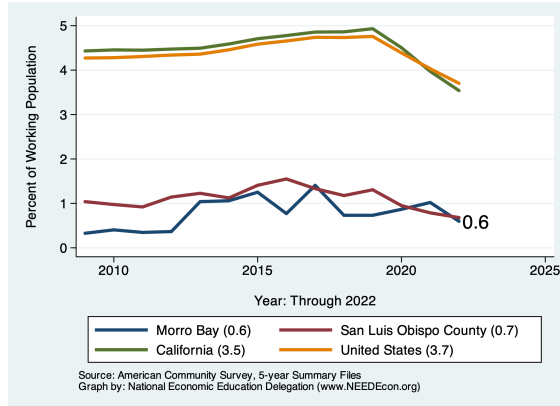
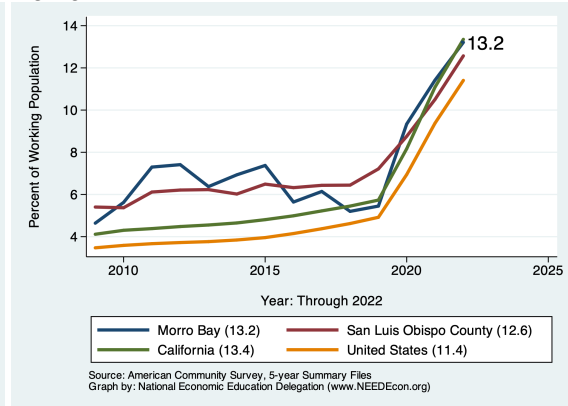


Figure 78: Percent of Workers Who Work From Home



The first table on this page presents data for those who LIVE in Morro Bay. The second provides data on those who work, but do not necessarily live in Morro Bay. 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:	2,175	78.8	1,782	72.6	3,957	76.2	78.0
Drove Alone	2,094	75.8	1,470	59.9	3,564	68.6	68.4
Carpooled:	81	2.9	312	12.7	393	7.6	9.5
In 2-person carpool	81	2.9	261	10.6	342	6.6	6.9
In 3-person carpool	0	0.0	7	0.3	7	0.1	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	0	0.0	44	1.8	44	0.8	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	0	0.0	31	1.3	31	0.6	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	0	0.0	31	1.3	31	0.6	2.3
Streetcar or Trolley Car	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.8
Subway or Elevated	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.3
Railroad	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.2
Ferryboat	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Bicycle	21	0.8	8	0.3	29	0.6	0.7
Walked	56	2.0	18	0.7	74	1.4	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	62	2.2	35	1.4	97	1.9	1.7
Worked at Home	421	15.2	265	10.8	686	13.2	13.6
Total:	2,735	99.1	2,139	87.1	4,874	93.9	

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:	1,909	77.0	1,672	84.4	3,581	80.3	78.0
Drove Alone	1,779	71.8	1,411	71.3	3,190	71.5	68.5
Carpooled:	130	5.2	261	13.2	391	8.8	9.5
In 2-person carpool	101	4.1	174	8.8	275	6.2	6.9
In 3-person carpool	5	0.2	48	2.4	53	1.2	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	24	1.0	39	2.0	63	1.4	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2.3
Streetcar or Trolley Car	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.8
Subway or Elevated	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.3
Railroad	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.2
Ferryboat	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Bicycle	0	0.0	8	0.4	8	0.2	0.7
Walked	92	3.7	35	1.8	127	2.8	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	57	2.3	0	0.0	57	1.3	1.7
Worked at Home	421	17.0	265	13.4	686	15.4	13.6
Total:	2,479	100.0	1,980	100.0	4,459	100.0	

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

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

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	141	5.4	69	3.1	210	4.4	2.0
5 to 9 minutes	404	15.4	511	23.3	915	19.0	7.5
10 to 14 minutes	147	5.6	213	9.7	360	7.5	12.2
15 to 19 minutes	277	10.6	405	18.5	682	14.2	15.0
20 to 24 minutes	427	16.3	280	12.8	707	14.7	14.3
25 to 29 minutes	233	8.9	81	3.7	314	6.5	6.3
30 to 34 minutes	298	11.4	185	8.4	483	10.0	15.0
35 to 39 minutes	100	3.8	34	1.6	134	2.8	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	55	2.1	8	0.4	63	1.3	4.3
45 to 59 minutes	123	4.7	39	1.8	162	3.4	8.6
60 to 89 minutes	31	1.2	0	0.0	31	0.6	7.9
90 or more minutes	78	3.0	49	2.2	127	2.6	4.0
Total:	2,314	88.5	1,874	85.5	4,188	87.1	

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

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

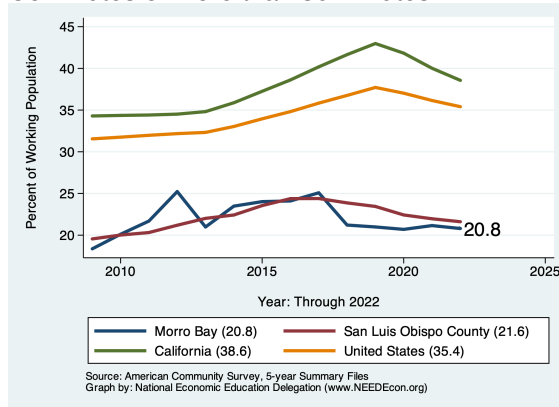


Figure 80: Percent of Employed Population With Commutes of More than 90 Minutes

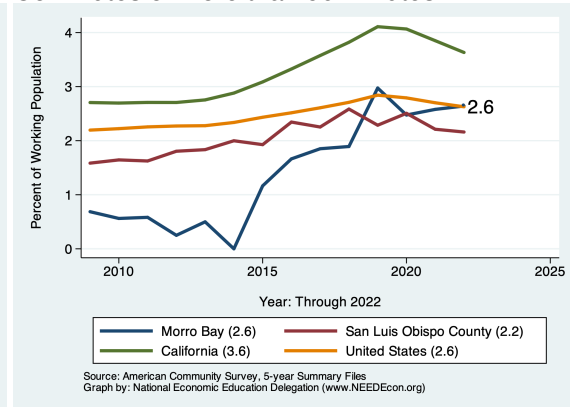
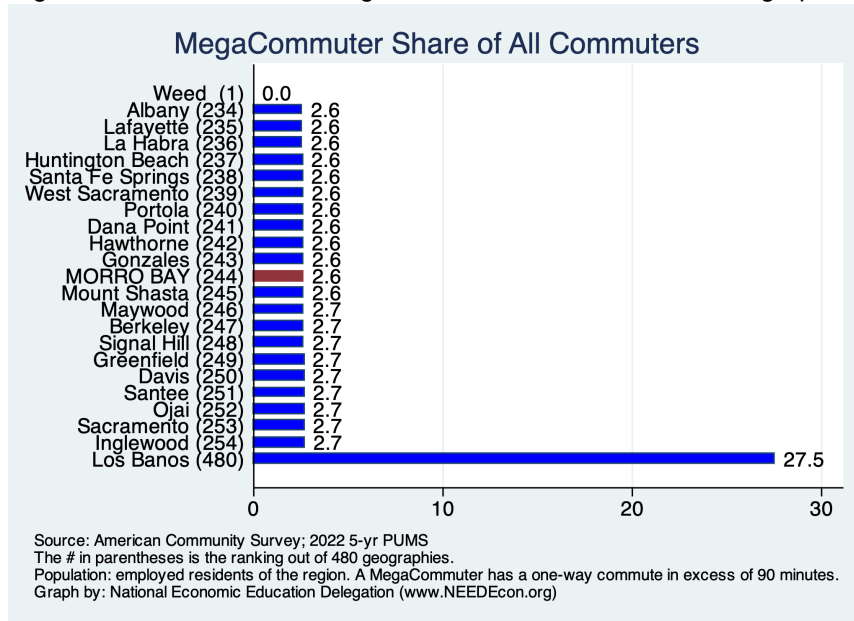


Figure 81: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



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	104	4.9	70	4.1	174	4.6	2.0
5 to 9 minutes	523	24.5	538	31.4	1,061	28.1	7.5
10 to 14 minutes	300	14.0	317	18.5	617	16.4	12.2
15 to 19 minutes	125	5.9	411	24.0	536	14.2	15.0
20 to 24 minutes	320	15.0	67	3.9	387	10.3	14.3
25 to 29 minutes	78	3.7	114	6.6	192	5.1	6.3
30 to 34 minutes	141	6.6	51	3.0	192	5.1	15.0
35 to 39 minutes	47	2.2	40	2.3	87	2.3	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	67	3.1	28	1.6	95	2.5	4.3
45 to 59 minutes	126	5.9	35	2.0	161	4.3	8.6
60 to 89 minutes	102	4.8	8	0.5	110	2.9	7.9
90 or more minutes	125	5.9	36	2.1	161	4.3	4.0
Total:	2,058	96.3	1,715	100.0	3,773	100.0	

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

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

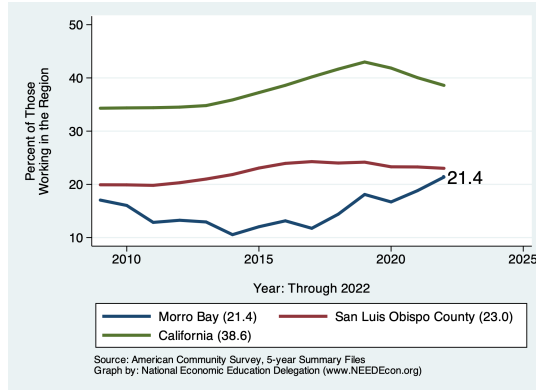


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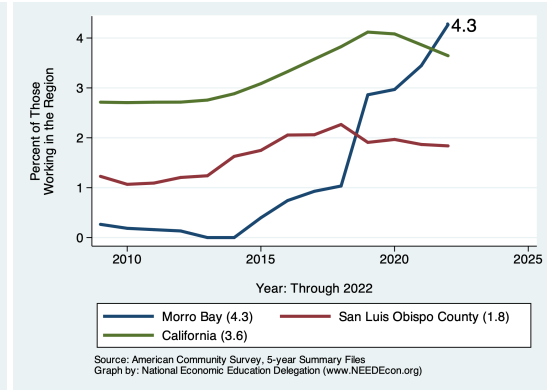
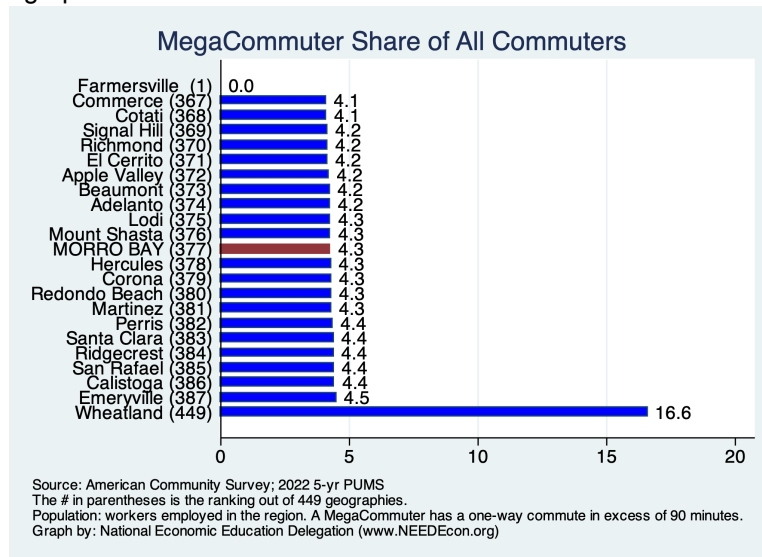


Figure 84: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



Place of Work

This section provides evidence on where workers living in Morro Bay work. As evidenced in the first table, some of Morro Bay'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 Morro Bay 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:	2,730	98.9	2,139	87.1	4,869	93.8	99.6
Worked in county of residence	2,566	92.9	2,061	84.0	4,627	89.1	84.1
worked outside of county of residence	164	5.9	78	3.2	242	4.7	15.4
Worked outside state of residence	5	0.2	0	0.0	5	0.1	0.4
Total:	2,735	99.1	2,139	87.1	4,874	93.9	

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

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

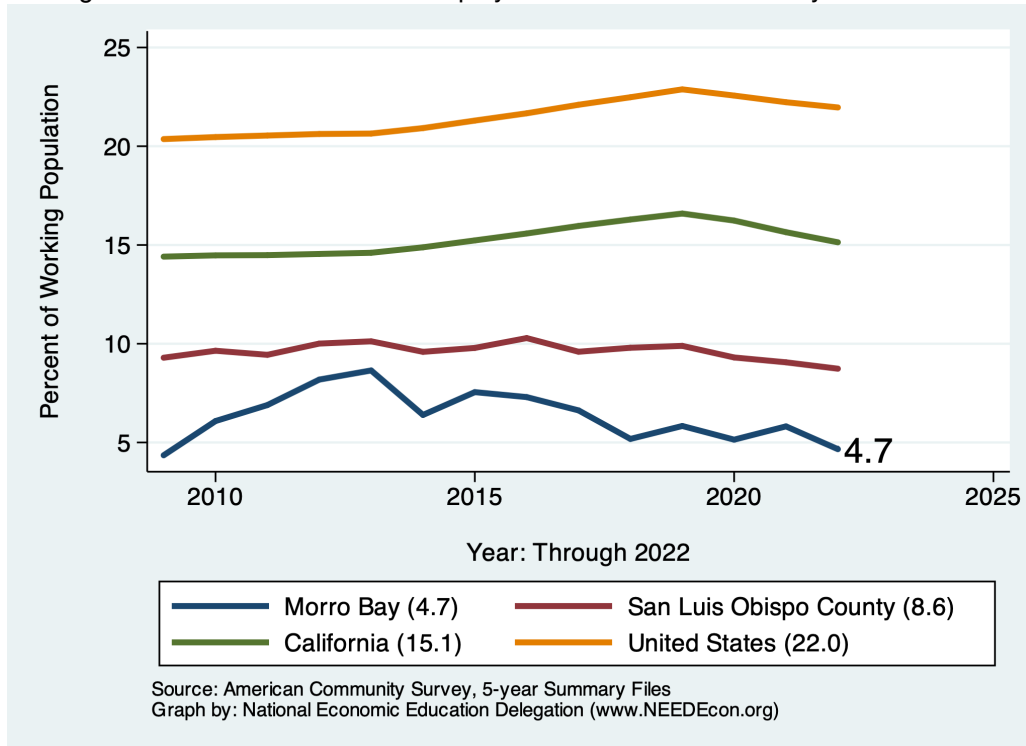
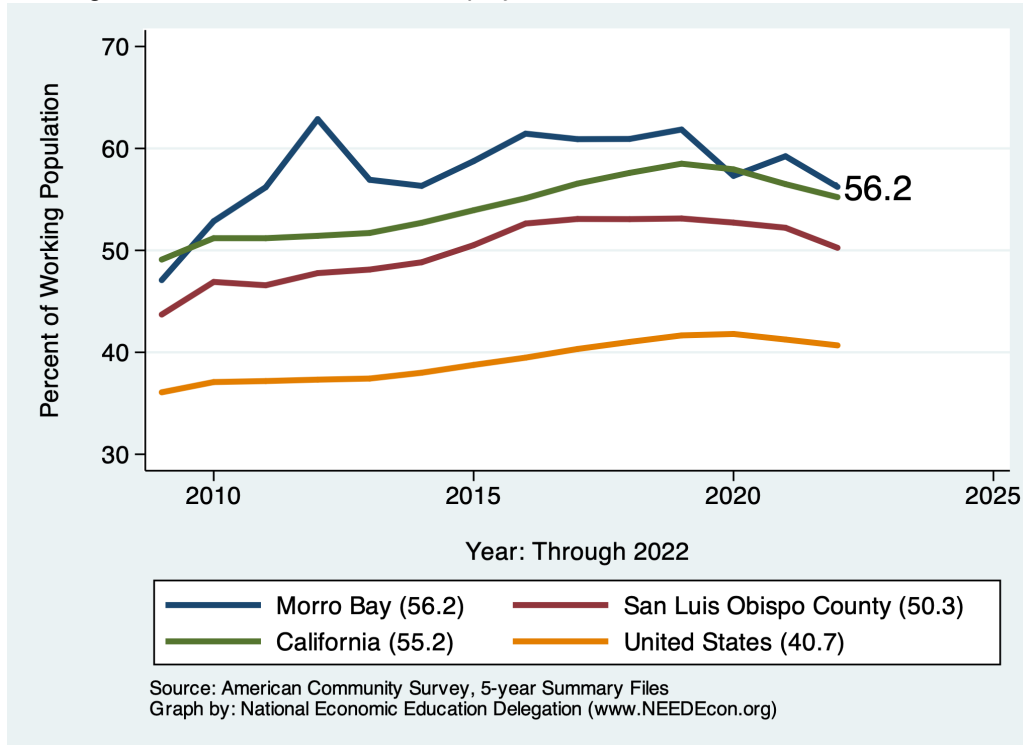


Table 11. SEX OF WORKERS BY PLACE OF WORK-PLACE LEVEL

Place of Work	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Living in a place:	2,735	99.1	2,139	87.1	4,874	93.9	95.9
Worked in place of residence	982	35.6	972	39.6	1,954	37.6	39.5
Worked outside place of residence	1,753	63.5	1,167	47.5	2,920	56.2	56.4
Not living in a place	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4.1
Total:	2,735	99.1	2,139	87.1	4,874	93.9	

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

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



Commute Mode by Income

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

	City	California	Ratio	United States	
	Median	Median		Median	Ratio
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	47,150	48,566	97.5	46,171	97.0
Car, truck, or van - carpooled		36,463		34,487	
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)		40,179		45,100	
Walked	67,778	29,366	231.8	27,142	237.1
Taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle, or other means	63,370	40,433	157.4	36,140	166.5
Worked from home	87,277	75,153	116.6	67,180	123.4
Total:	48,548	48,747	99.6	46,099	105.3

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	1,097	51.7	1,162	75.4	1,102	67.7	3,564	68.6	68.4
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	247	11.7	43	2.8	62	3.8	393	7.6	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	31	1.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	31	0.6	3.6
Walked	11	0.5	45	2.9	8	0.5	74	1.4	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	47	2.2	46	3.0	33	2.0	126	2.4	2.4
Worked at Home	111	5.2	136	8.8	422	25.9	686	13.2	13.6
Total:	1,544	72.8	1,432	92.9	1,627		4,874	93.9	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	1,526	67.2	669	68.0	499	52.8	3,190	71.5	68.5
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	222	9.8	88	8.9	9	1.0	391	8.8	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3.6
Walked	57	2.5	45	4.6	15	1.6	127	2.8	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	19	0.8	46	4.7	0	0.0	65	1.5	2.4
Worked at Home	111	4.9	136	13.8	422	44.7	686	15.4	13.6
Total:	1,935	85.2	984		945		4,459		

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	281	57.9	100	27.3	3,183	71.3	3,564	68.6	68.7
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	24	4.9	0	0.0	369	8.3	393	7.6	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	17	3.5	14	3.8	0	0.0	31	0.6	3.6
Walked	11	2.3	0	0.0	63	1.4	74	1.4	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	11	2.3	0	0.0	115	2.6	126	2.4	2.4
Worked at Home	15	3.1	20	5.5	651	14.6	686	13.2	13.6
Total:	359	74.0	134	36.6	4,381	98.2	4,874	93.9	

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	318	76.3	97	24.6	2,775	70.8	3,190	71.5	68.7
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	6	1.4	17	4.3	368	9.4	391	8.8	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3.6
Walked	40	9.6	17	4.3	70	1.8	127	2.8	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	11	2.6	0	0.0	54	1.4	65	1.5	2.4
Worked at Home	15	3.6	20	5.1	651	16.6	686	15.4	13.6
Total:	390	93.5	151	38.2	3,918		4,459		

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 Morro Bay 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

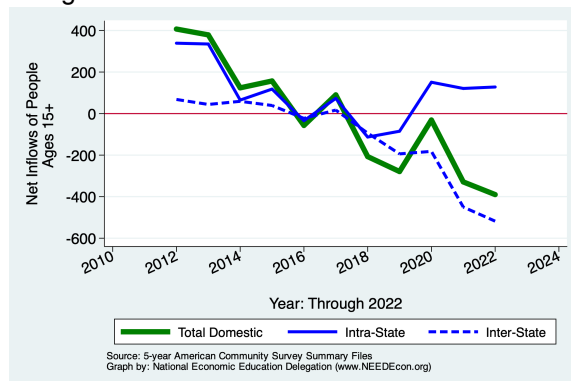


Table 17: Migration by Income

Category	Population	Net Inflows				
		All Migration	Same State		Across States	From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties		
No income	1,047	-147	-3	-2	-142	0
With income	8,718	-210	-125	258	-376	33
\$1 to \$9,999 or less	1,134	-100	22	-44	-78	0
\$10,000 to \$14,999	885	111	-2	150	-37	0
\$15,000 to \$24,999	917	-4	-8	40	-36	0
\$25,000 to \$34,999	705	-86	-55	23	-54	0
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,182	-18	-44	47	-21	0
\$50,000 to \$64,999	715	-10	-18	8	0	0
\$65,000 to \$74,999	457	-49	1	-50	0	0
\$75,000 or more	2,723	-54	-21	84	-150	33
All:	9,765	-357	-128	256	-518	33

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

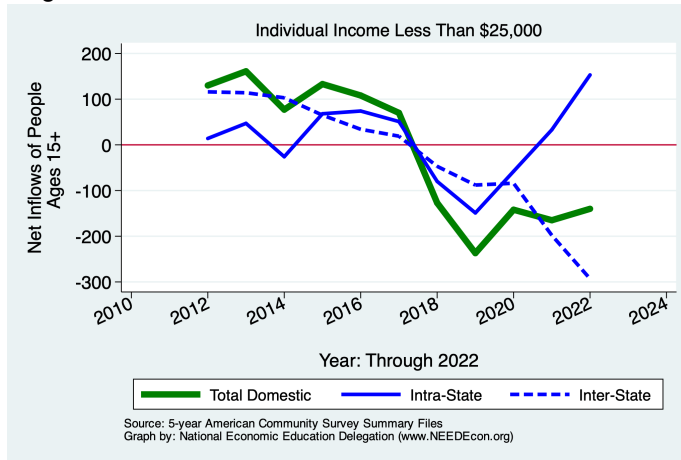


Figure 89: Overall Movements of Middle Income Residents

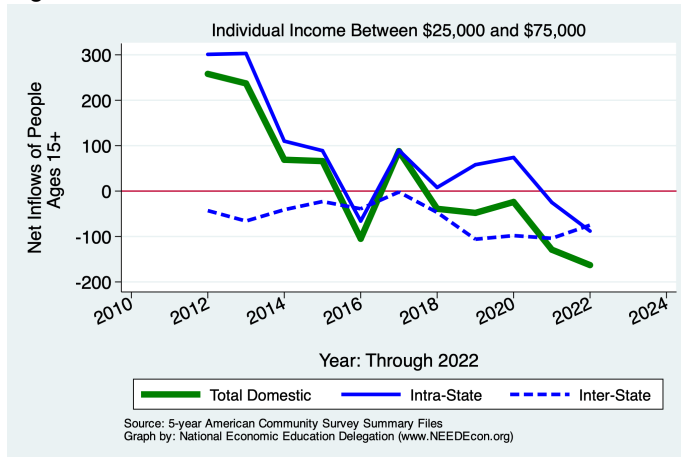
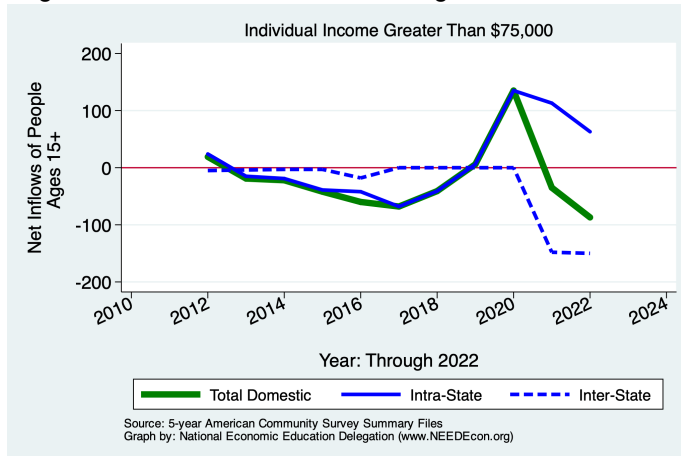


Figure 90: Overall Movements of High Income Residents



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	2,779	-110	-50	56	-116	0
Now married, except separated	4,684	-345	-159	154	-340	0
Divorced	1,280	30	36	29	-47	12
Separated	271	22	18	4	0	0
Widowed	751	46	27	13	-15	21
Total:	9,765	-357	-128	256	-518	33

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	6,132	-310	-132	-26	-152	0
Householder lived in renter-occupied housing units	4,397	-146	21	291	-491	33
Total:	10,529	-456	-111	265	-643	33

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

Figure 91: Domestic Movements of Residents by Tenure

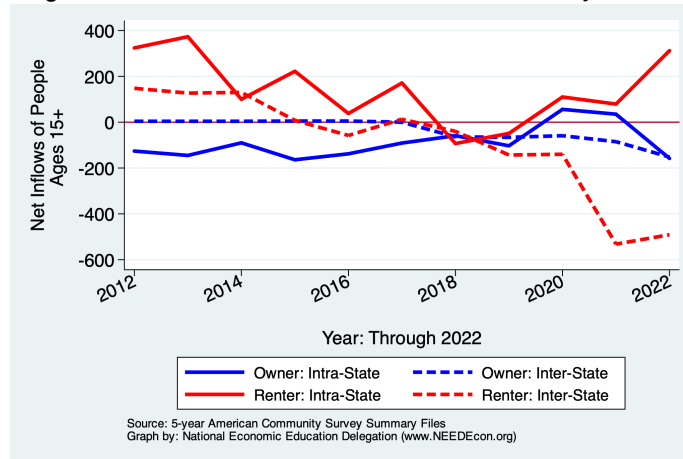


Table 20: Migration by Age

Category	Population	Net Inflows				
		All Migration	Same State		Across States	From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties		
1 to 4 years	278	-2	2	0	-4	0
5 to 17 years	1,014	-164	-6	0	-158	0
18 and 19 years	488	59	17	90	-48	0
20 to 24 years	549	-33	-34	26	-25	0
25 to 29 years	674	-211	-55	-25	-131	0
30 to 34 years	598	-176	-30	13	-159	0
35 to 39 years	331	-36	-50	2	0	12
40 to 44 years	542	-9	-6	0	-3	0
45 to 49 years	459	-12	0	2	-14	0
50 to 54 years	730	24	-12	36	0	0
55 to 59 years	1,008	32	0	67	-35	0
60 to 64 years	959	-14	9	24	-47	0
65 to 69 years	960	-21	15	0	-36	0
70 to 74 years	958	25	7	13	-16	21
75 years and over	1,161	21	28	8	-15	0
Total Population:	10,709	-517	-115	256	-691	33

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

Table 21: Migration by Educational Attainment

Category	Population	Net Inflows				
		All Migration	Same State		Across States	From Abroad
			W/in County	Between Counties		
Less than high school graduate	554	-9	0	0	-9	0
High school graduate (includes equiv)	1,126	-219	-34	-6	-179	0
Some college or assoc. degree	3,076	30	36	68	-95	21
Bachelor's degree	2,049	-212	-84	27	-155	0
Graduate or professional degree	1,575	33	-12	51	-18	12
Total:	8,380	-377	-94	140	-456	33

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	45,783	45,783
Moved Within Same County	46,750	44,083
Total Population:	45,057	45,009

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	54.2	54.2
Moved Within Same County	35.6	34.3
Moved to Different County, Same State	30.8	26.9
Moved Between States	22.4	26.8
Total Population:	52.3	51.1

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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