# Simi Valley, California

## Indicators Report

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Exploring the economics, demographics, and well-being of Simi Valley 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 Simi Valley (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 Simi Valley. These indicators are compared to Ventura County (the County) as a whole, a broader region where one is well defined, California, and the United Sates.

This report is vital for understanding trends in the underlying economy. It does not provide forecasts, but Rob Eyler and Jon Haveman at Economic Forensics and Analytics are available to provide them if that is of interest.

#### **Topics Covered:**

- **Demographics:** A detailed snopshot of Simi Valley demographics is presented. This provides evidence on the size, age and sex, income and poverty status, race and ethnicity, housing status, living arrangements, education, health, and transportation choices of the population. Beyond the current population level, data on trends in local population growth, in comparison with other broader regions is presented, in both tabular and graphical form.
- **Employment Report:** Here, we provide a brief snapshot or employment and unemployment in Simi Valley 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 Simi Valley, along with information on how long the City's residents have been in place.
- Transportation: Increasingly important, in the wake of the pandemic, is an understanding of
  the transportation patterns and choices of local residents. We provide detailed evidence on the
  proprotion of residents who work from home and on the various transportation choices of those
  who head to the office. This information is also provided for those who work in Simi Valley, but
  do not necessarily live in Simi Valley.
- **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 compositon.

### Why is it important?

The characteristics and growth of Simi Valley's population are fundamental indicators of the city's growth potential.

A Demographic Snapshot

Statistic	2022	2019
POPULATION		
Population Estimate (#, 5yr)	126,153.0	125,842.0
Veterans (#, 5yr)	4,818.0	5,705.0
Foreign born persons (%, 5yr)	18.0	18.1
Population age 25+ (#, 5yr)	89,545.0	87,909.0
AGE AND SEX		
Persons under 5 years (%, 5yr)	4.5	5.7
Persons under 18 years (%, 5yr)	20.2	21.6
Persons 65 years and over (%, 5yr)	16.5	14.8
Female persons (%, 5yr)	50.5	51.4
INCOME AND POVERTY		
Median household income (\$, 5yr)	112,144.0	99,151.0
Per capita income in past 12 months (\$, 5yr)	51,324.0	42,678.0
Persons in poverty (%, 5yr)	7.0	6.4
Children age less than 18 in poverty (#, 5yr)	1,996.0	1,952.0
Children age less than 18 in poverty (%, 5yr)	8.0	7.3
RACE AND ETHNICITY		
White alone (%, 5yr)	66.8	78.5
African American alone (%, 5yr)	1.0	1.3
American Indian or Alaska Native alone (%, 5yr)	0.7	0.4
Asian alone (%, 5yr)	11.5	10.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (%, 5yr)	0.2	0.2
Two or More Races (%, 5yr)	12.0	5.0
Hispanic or Latino (%, 5yr)	26.2	26.2
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino (%, 5yr) HOUSING	56.8	59.2
Housing units (#, 5yr)	45,161.0	43,473.0
Owner-occupied housing units (%, 5yr)	72.8	72.2
Median value of owner-occupied housing units (\$, 5yr)	704,200.0	584,900.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-with a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	3,047.0	2,635.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-without a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	752.0	620.0
Median gross rent (\$, 5yr)	2,402.0	2,023.0
FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	2,402.0	2,020.0
Households (#, 5yr)	43,936.0	41,986.0
Persons per household (#, 5yr)	2.8	3.0
Living in same house 1 year ago, % of persons age 1+ (5yr)	89.8	90.8
EDUCATION	00.0	00.0
High school graduate or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	91.3	91.9
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	36.0	33.6
HEALTH		
With a disability, under age 65 years (#, 5yr)	6,690.0	7,357.0
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years (%, 5yr)	5.2	4.7
LABOR FORCE		
In civilian labor force, persons age 16+ (%, 5yr)	66.3	67.3
In civilian labor force, women age 16+ (%, 5yr)	59.2	61.1
Employed, persons age 16+ (%, 5yr)	60.4	62.1
Self employed (%, 5yr)	10.3	11.2
TRANSPORTATION		
Mean travel time to work, workers age 16+ (Mins., 5yr)	25.1	29.3
Drive alone in private vehicle (%, 5yr)	76.6	81.5
Using public transportation (%, 5yr)	1.4	1.7
Worked from home (%, 5yr)	14.7	6.2

Source: American Community Survey, Summary Files
Note: Data are from the 1-year files unless indicated by the notation 5yr.

#### **Current Population**

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

Table 1. Population Change by Region

(Thousands, January to January)

	2023		% Ch	ange					
Region	Population	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year					
City									
Simi Valley	124, 174	-0.13	-0.62	-2.55					
	County and B	roader R	egions						
Ventura County	825,653	-0.71	-1.85	-3.70					
Southern California	21,794,548	-0.41	-2.24	-2.84					
California	38,940,231	-0.35	-1.79	-2.01					

Source: CA DOF; Calculations by National Economic Education Delegation

Table 2. County Population Change by City

(Thousands, January to January)

				% Change	
City	2022	2023	Local	Southern California	California
Ventura County	831.5	825.7	-0.71	-0.41	-0.35
Oxnard	199.8	197.5	-1.18		
Simi Valley	124.3	124.2	-0.13		
Thousand Oaks	124.4	123.0	-1.18		
San Buenaventura	107.5	107.3	-0.15		
Camarillo	69.9	69.3	-0.88		
Moorpark	35.4	35.2	-0.65		
Santa Paula	31.1	31.4	0.89		
Port Hueneme	21.6	21.4	-0.91		
Fillmore	16.5	16.9	2.70		
Ojai	7.6	7.5	-0.99		

Source: CA DOF; Calculations by National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 1: Population Growth (1)

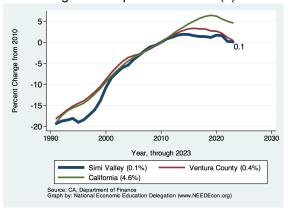


Figure 2: Population Growth (2)

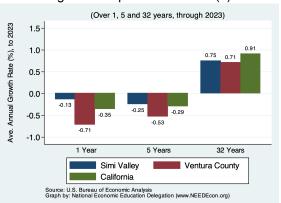
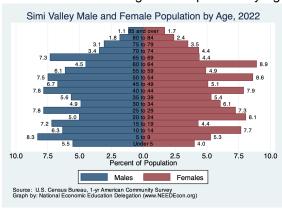


Figure 3: Population by Age - Detailed Age Categories



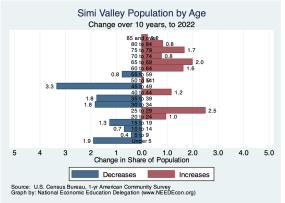
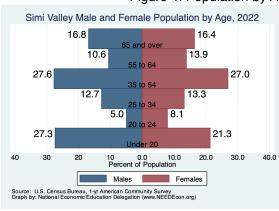


Figure 4: Population by Age - Broad Age Categories



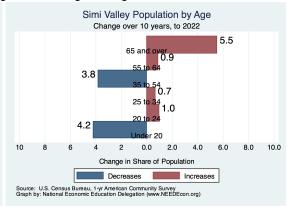
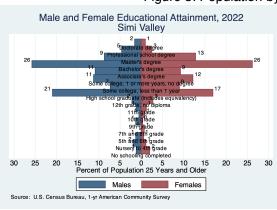
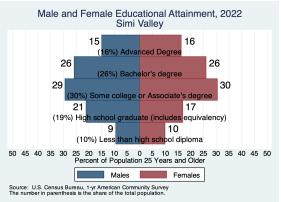


Figure 5: Population by Educational Attainment





Simi Valley Race/Ethnicity, 2022 31.1% 11.29 0.5% White, Nonhispanic Black, Nonhispanic Asian, Nonhispanic Other, Nonhispanic Hispanic

Figure 6: Population by Race/Ethnicity Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1-yr American Community Survey Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

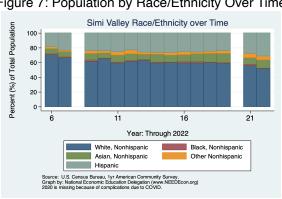


Figure 7: Population by Race/Ethnicity Over Time

## **Employment Report**

## Citywide Employment and Unemployment

#### **Definition:**

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

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

#### Why is it important?

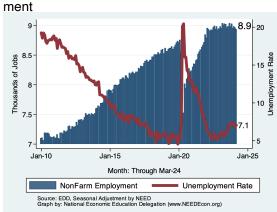
Employment growth is a fundamental indicator of the health of an economy.

Table 3. Simi Valley Summary for March, 2024

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

Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 8: Historical Employment and Unemploy- Figure 9: Employment and Unemployment - Last



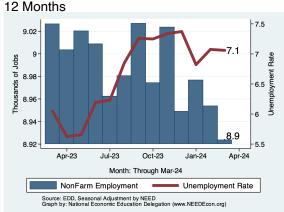
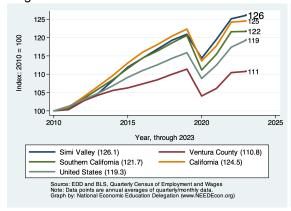
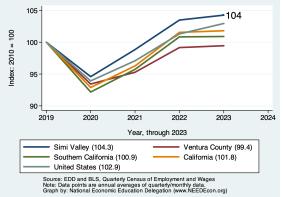


Figure 10: Relative Employment Growth Across Figure 11: Relative Employment Growth Across Regions - since 2010 Regions - since 2019





## County Employment by Industry

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

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

			Empl	% Growth - Annualized Rate					
Industry	Employment	Share	Growth	Month	Qtr	6mo	1yr	3yr	5yr
Total Nonfarm	318,518	100.0	885.4	3.4	3.2	2.4	1.8	2.8	0.5
Total Private	270,414	84.9	490.3	2.2	2.9	2.5	1.8	2.7	0.5
Goods Producing	45,702	14.3	111.8	3.0	-2.9	-0.4	0.0	1.0	0.7
Mining, Logging and Construction	19,018	6.0	102.0	6.7	-3.6	-1.6	1.1	1.9	1.5
Mining and Logging	1,000	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	2.2
Construction	17,999	5.7	89.6	6.2	-4.0	-2.1	1.2	1.8	1.4
Manufacturing	26,684	8.4	-44.9	-2.0	-2.4	0.1	-0.7	0.4	0.2
Durable Goods	19,022	6.0	-28.9	-1.8	-2.4	-0.1	0.0	1.3	-0.5
Non-Durable Goods	7,630	2.4	-25.5	-3.9	-2.9	0.7	-2.5	-1.6	2.0
Service Providing	272,807	85.6	787.1	3.5	4.4	2.8	2.2	3.1	0.5
Trade, Trans & Utilities	56,518	17.7	185.1	4.0	4.0	0.5	-0.4	0.7	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	11,564	3.6	-5.2	-0.5	0.7	-1.1	-4.2	-2.0	-1.4
Retail Trade	36,688	11.5	210.0	7.1	7.0	1.4	0.5	0.2	-0.9
Trans & Warehousing	7,433	2.3	54.6	9.3	4.7	2.4	1.4	10.0	7.9
Information	3,579	1.1	56.9	21.2	15.9	-6.7	-7.8	-0.0	-6.7
Financial Activities	15,229	4.8	-22.0	-1.7	2.8	-1.1	-0.6	-1.4	-0.8
Finance & Insurance	10,671	3.4	-1.2	-0.1	-0.4	-2.1	-0.9	-3.1	-1.8
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4,575	1.4	-25.7	-6.5	8.0	2.6	0.0	3.2	2.0
Professional & Business Srvcs	44,124	13.9	91.8	2.5	2.0	2.0	1.4	0.5	0.1
Prof, Sci, & Tech	18,463	5.8	-2.1	-0.1	3.8	9.2	5.1	2.8	1.3
Admin & Support Srvcs	16,420	5.2	22.9	1.7	3.1	-2.3	-0.1	-2.1	-2.0
Employment Srvcs	6,327	2.0	85.0	17.6	7.8	2.8	3.1	-4.9	-4.9
Educational & Health Srvcs	56,692	17.8	405.5	9.0	7.9	7.1	8.1	5.3	3.0
Leisure & Hospitality	38,612	12.1	-109.1	-3.3	2.0	2.3	0.8	9.1	0.3
Accommodation & Food Srvcs	33,897	10.6	-123.4	-4.3	3.8	3.1	1.2	8.2	0.7
Other Srvcs	9,747	3.1	5.2	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.0	5.6	-0.0
Government	48,144	15.1	154.2	3.9	5.8	4.3	2.5	3.5	0.4
Federal	7,433	2.3	-3.5	-0.6	2.7	4.2	0.0	-1.3	0.3
State	2,493	0.8	-5.4	-2.6	-8.5	-6.5	-10.3	-2.4	-3.8
Local	38,245	12.0	169.0	5.5	7.5	4.7	4.0	5.1	0.8
County	10,638	3.3	167.1	20.9	16.7	14.2	9.2	5.8	3.2
City	4,171	1.3	-59.7	-15.7	6.8	9.3	4.8	5.3	0.3
Local Government Education	21,016	6.6	6.4	0.4	2.6	0.9	1.4	4.7	-0.0

Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation (NEED)

## Some Employee Detail

#### **Employed in Simi Valley**

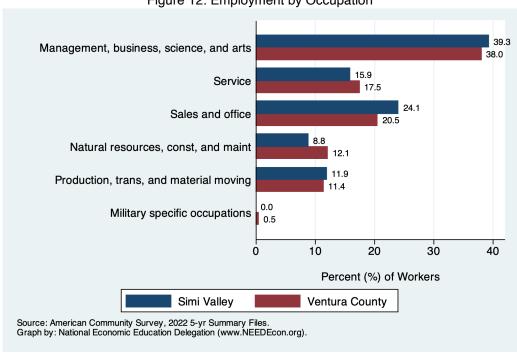
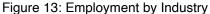
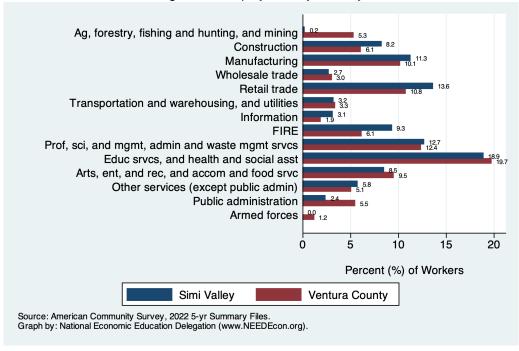


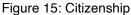
Figure 12: Employment by Occupation

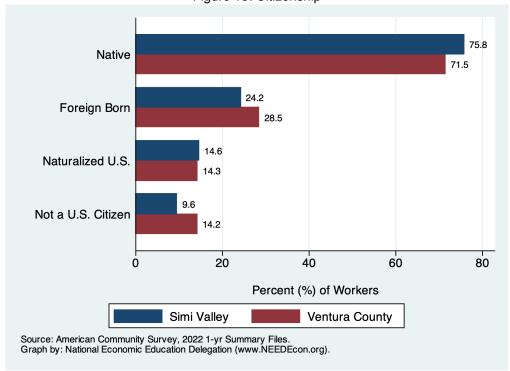




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Figure 14: Language Spoken at Home





#### **Employed Residents of Simi Valley**

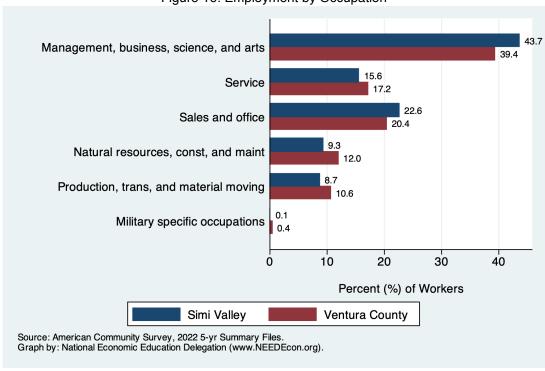
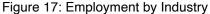
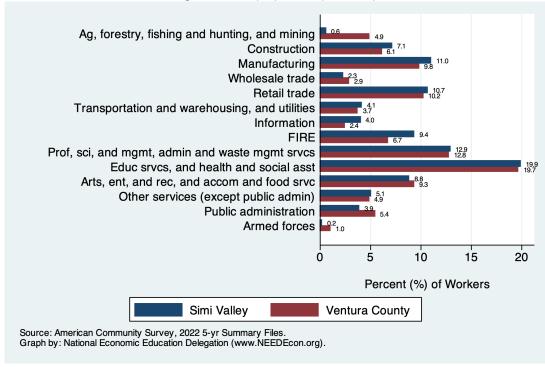


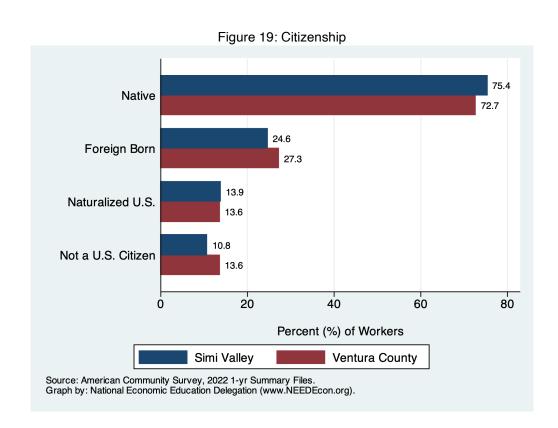
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#### **Employed Residents vs Workers in Simi Valley**

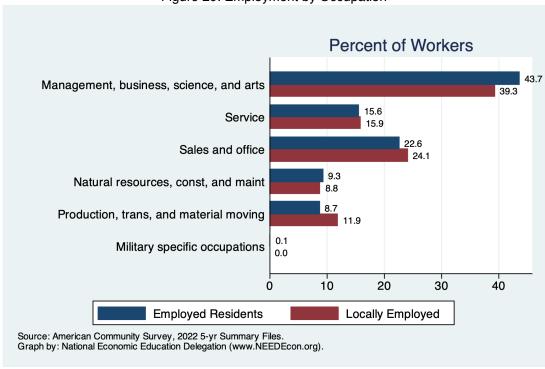
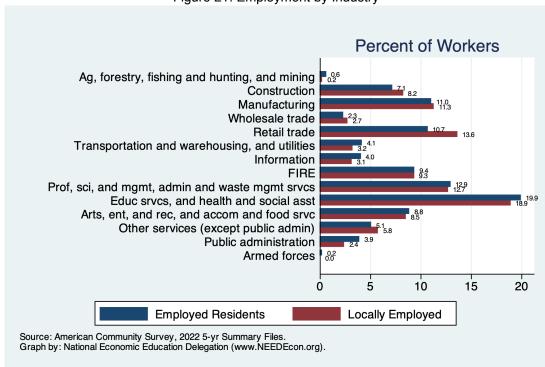


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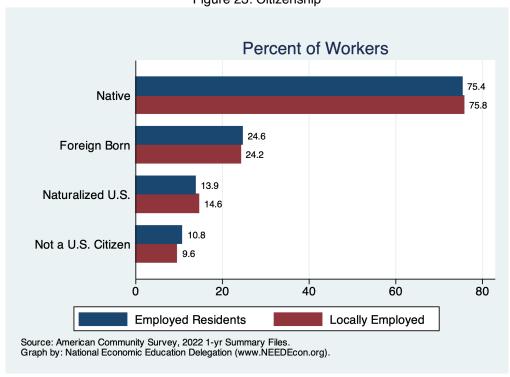




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Figure 22: Language Spoken at Home





## **Income and Earnings**

#### Per Capita Income Growth

#### **Definition:**

Per capita income is the average income per person in Simi Valley. 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.

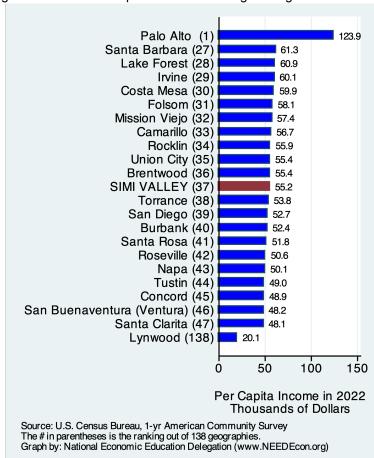
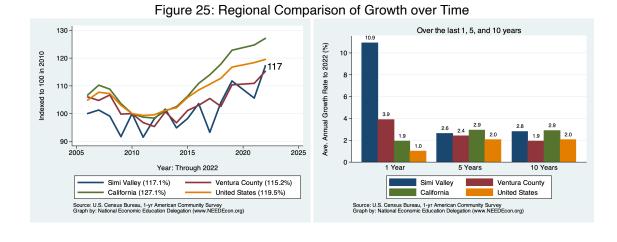
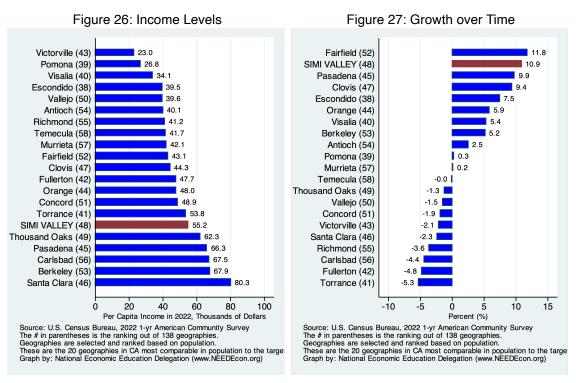


Figure 24: Real Per Capita Income Ranking Among California Cities

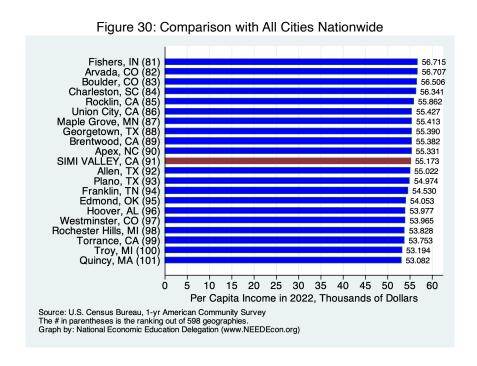


## Real Per Capita Income Ranking Among California Cities - w/Comparable Populations



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

Figure 29: Growth over Time Figure 28: Income Levels 30.3 SIMI VALLEY (3) 10.9 Oxnard (4) SIMI VALLEY (3) Camarillo (2) Camarillo (2) 56.7 Oxnard (4) Thousand Oaks (1) Thousand Oaks (1) 62.3 15 20 5 40 60 80 -5 Ò 10 Per Capita Income in 2022, Thousands of Dollars Percent (%) Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 1-yr American Community Survey
The # in parentheses is the ranking out of 4 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) Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 1-yr American Community Survey The # in parentheses is the ranking out of 4 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)



## Poverty and Inequality

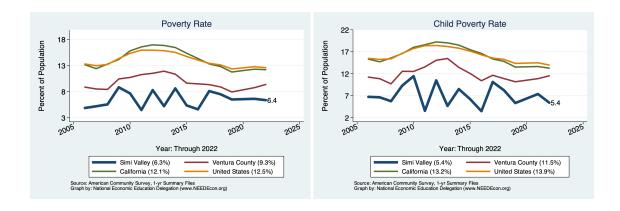
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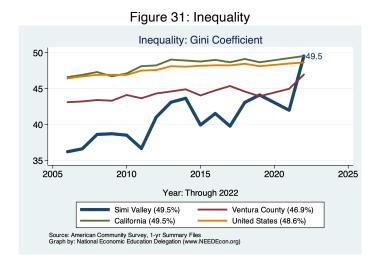
The local poverty rate provides an indication of the well-being of those at the bottom of the income distribution. The federal poverty rate measures the proportion of households in the region that are classified as living in poverty. Also included are measures of the extent to which the City's children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

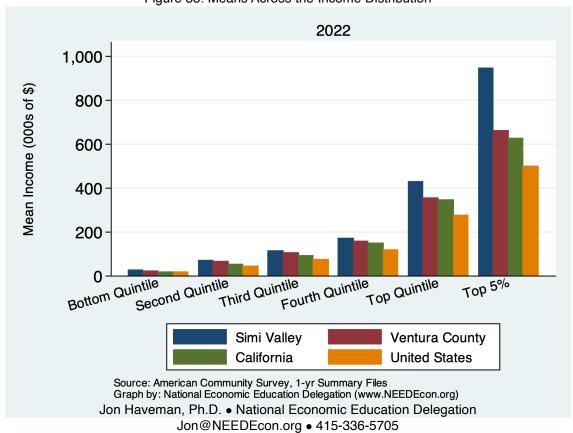




2022 50 Percent of All Income 40 30 20 10 0 Second Quintile Bottom Quintile Third Quintile Fourth Quintile Top Quintile Top 5% Ventura County Simi Valley **United States** California Source: American Community Survey, 1-yr Summary Files Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

Figure 32: Shares Across the Income Distribution





## Housing

#### Housing Costs and Affordability

#### **Definition:**

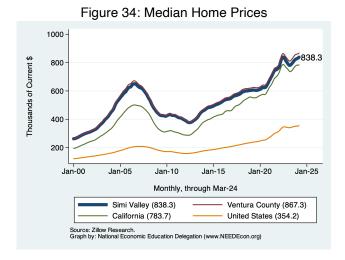
Housing costs are measured in several different ways. First, we provide evidence on the evolution of median home prices, median rental price, and finally through evidence on the housing burden in the city and comparison regions. Housing burden is defined as a household needing to commit more than 30%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

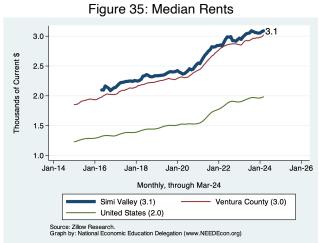
percent of units are above the median and 50 percent are below.

#### 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 Simi Valley and Broader Regions





#### Housing Ownership in Simi Valley and Broader Regions

Figure 36: Home Ownership Rates

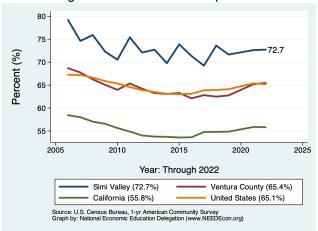


Figure 37: Home Ownership by Age

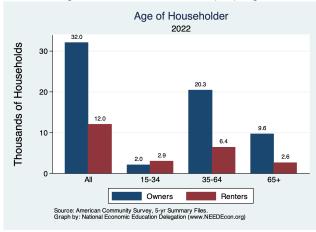


Figure 38: Income by Tenure

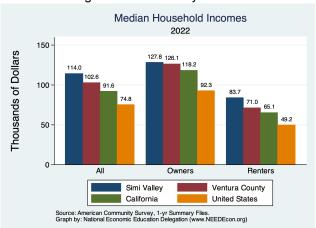


Figure 39: Income Distribution by Tenure

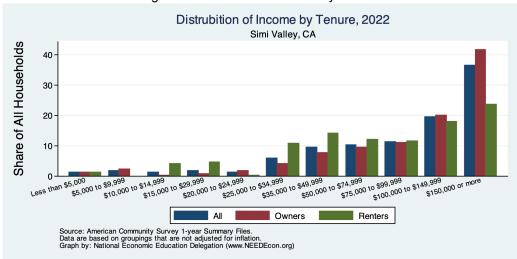


Figure 40: Income Distribution of Home Owners

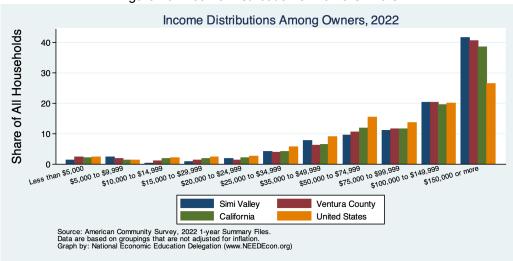
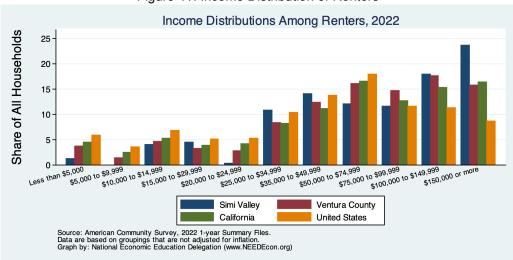


Figure 41: Income Distribution of Renters



#### Housing Burden in Simi Valley and Broader Regions

Figure 42: Home Owners w/ A Mortgage

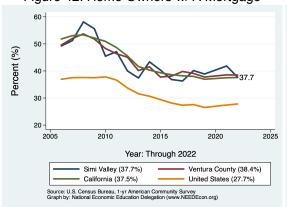


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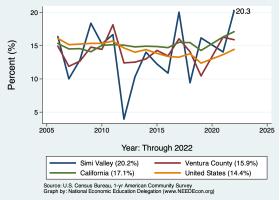


Figure 44: Renters

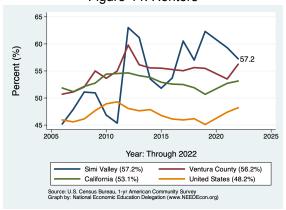
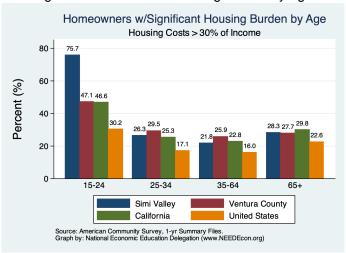


Figure 45: Homeowner Housing Burden by Age



## 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** 

				% Cha	nge from
Indicator	2023	2019	2010	2019	2010
Total Population	124,174.0	125,664.0	124,237.0	-1.2	-0.1
Total # of Homes	44,695.0	43,200.0	42,506.0	3.5	5.1
# Occupied Units	43,782.0	41,661.0	41,237.0	5.1	6.2
Persons per Household	2.8	3.0	3.0	-6.1	-5.9
Vacancy Rate (%)	2.0	3.6	3.0	-42.7	-31.6

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

Figure 46: Housing Growth

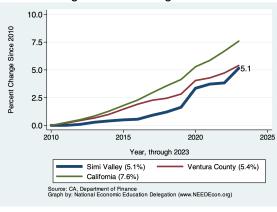


Figure 47: Persons per Household

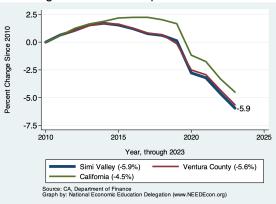


Figure 48: Vacancy Rates

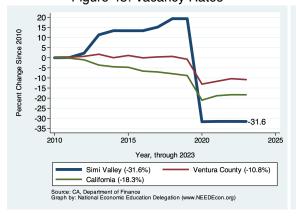
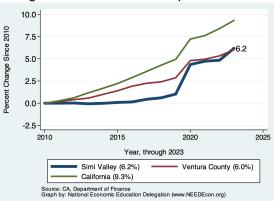


Figure 49: Number of Occupanied Units



#### Trends in the Growth of Housing by Housing Type

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Year, through 2023

Simi Valley (3.1%)

Source: CA, Department of Finance Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

California (5.8%)

2020

Ventura County (2.9%)

Figure 50: Single Detached Homes

Percent Change Since 2010

0.0

Figure 51: Single Attached Homes

20152010
2015
2020
2025
Year, through 2023

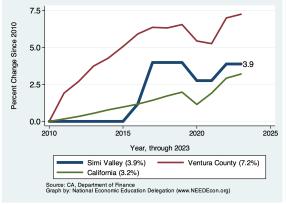
Simi Valley (16.8%)
California (9.3%)

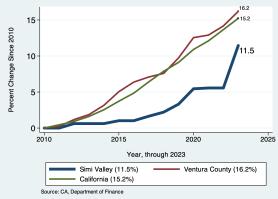
Source: CA, Department of Finance Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

Figure 52: Housing in Buildings with Two to Four Figure 53: Housing in Buildings with Five or More Units

Units

2025





## Vintage of Residential Housing

#### Why is it important?

This section provides evidence on the year in which residential housing in Simi Valley was built. We break it down into owned versus rented residences and provide a comparison across Ventura County and broader regions. A sense of the age of housing in a region provides an indication of the urgency with which a region might pursue additional housing. As the

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.

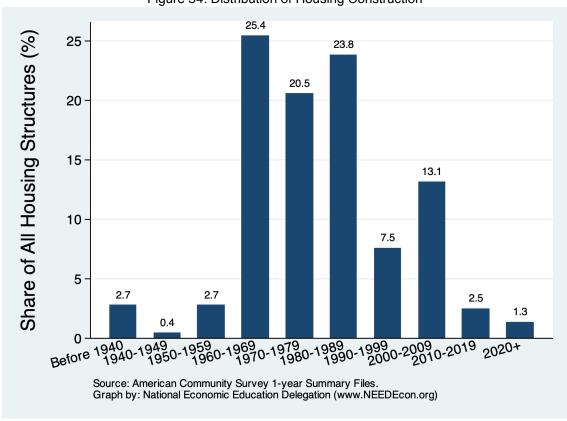


Figure 54: Distribution of Housing Construction

Figure 55: Housing Vintage across Regions

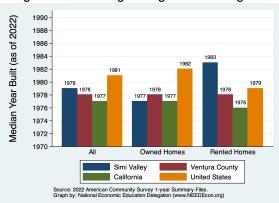


Figure 56: Housing Vintage by Tenure

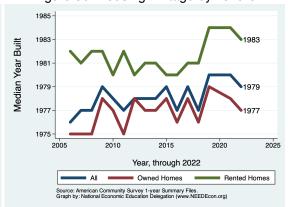


Figure 57: Vintage of Owned Residences

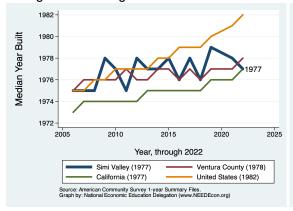


Figure 58: Vintage of Rented Residences

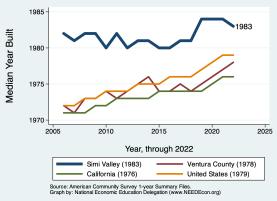
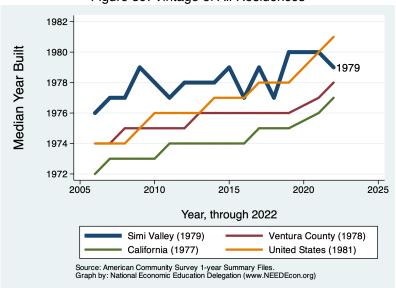


Figure 59: Vintage of All Residences



## 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.

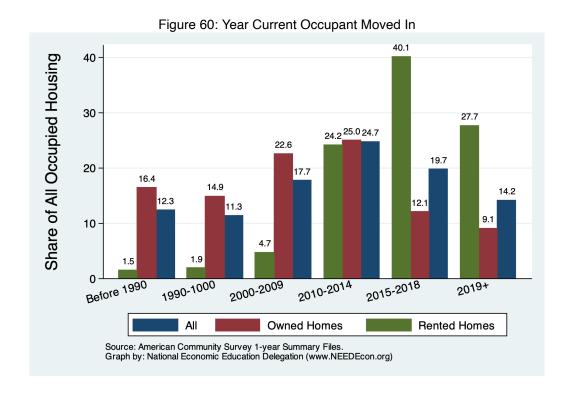


Figure 61: Year Occupied by Current Residents Figure 62: Year Occupied by Current Residents across Regions by Tenure

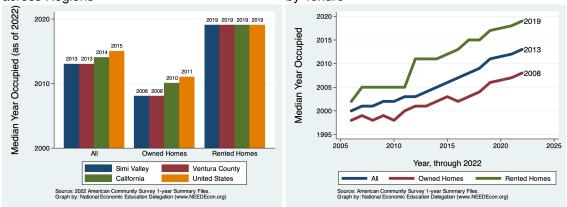


Figure 63: Year Occupied by Current Residents Figure 64: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Owned Housing for Rented Housing

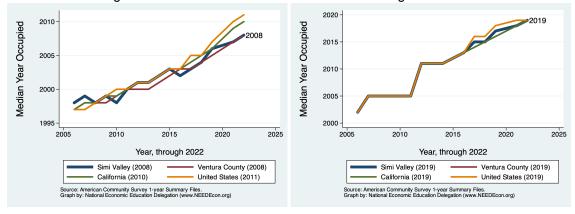


Figure 65: Year Occupied by Current Residents for All Housing 2015 Median Year Occupied 2010 2005 2000 2010 2015 2020 2025 2005 Year, through 2022 Simi Valley (2013) Ventura County (2013) United States (2015) California (2014) Source: American Community Survey 1-year Summary Files. Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

## Residential Permitting

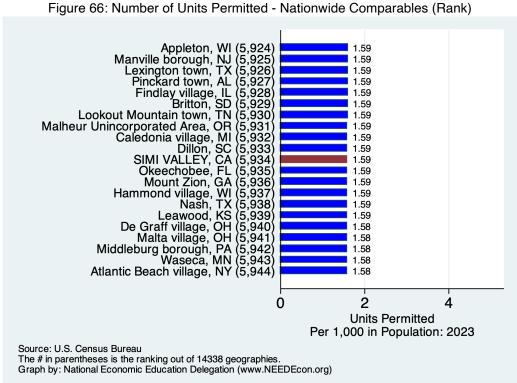
#### **Definition:**

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

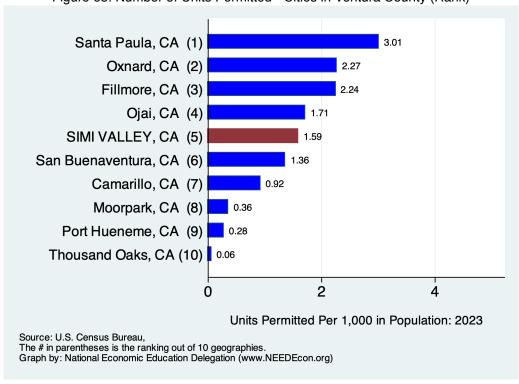
#### Simi Valley - Ranking Among Comparables



Paradise town, CA 86.39 Pleasanton, CA 1.71 Pittsburg, 1.69 El Cerrito, 1.69 Menlo Park, 1.69 Lynwood, San Mateo Unincorporated Area, Inglewood, 1.61 Placentia, 1.61 Wasco, SIMI VALLEY, 1.59 Stockton, Lodi, Santa Maria, 1.57 Shasta Unincorporated Area, Glendora, CA 1.54 Alhambra, 1.52 1.51 1.51 San Gabriel, CA 1.52 Marin Unincorporated Area, CA Marysville, CA Blue Lake, CA (515) 0.00 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 Units Permitted Per 1,000 in Population: 2023 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 67: Number of Units Permitted - California Comparables (Rank)





#### Simi Valley - Permitting Activity

#### **Annual Units Permitted - Per Capita in Simi Valley**

Figure 70: Average Annual Growth in Units

Figure 69: Units Permitted Each Year

Permitted

N/A

N/A

Annual Number of Buildings Permitted - Per Capita in Simi Valley

Figure 72: Average Annual Growth in Build-

Figure 71: Units Permitted Each Year ings Permitted

N/A

N/A

**Annual Value of Property Permitted - Per Capita in Simi Valley** 

Figure 74: Average Annual Growth in Value

Figure 73: Value Permitted Each Year Permitted

N/A

N/A

## **Commute Patterns**

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

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

## Mode of Transportation

Figure 75: Percent of Workers Commuting by Figure 76: Percent of Workers Commuting by Car Alone Carpool

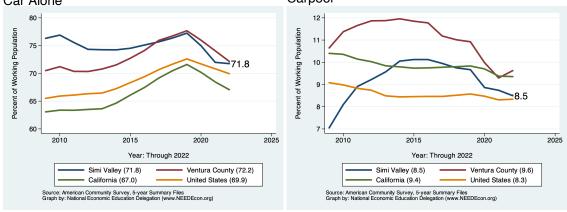
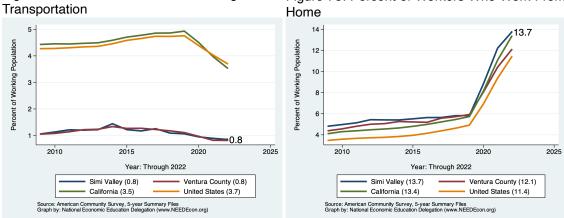


Figure 77: Percent of Workers using Public Figure 78: Percent of Workers Who Work From



The first table on this page presents data for those who LIVE in Simi Valley. The second provides data on those who work, but do not necessarily live in Simi Valley. The final two columns provide for a comparison of commute mode choices of people locally with those in California more broadly.

Table 6. SEX OF WORKERS BY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

	Ma	le	Fem	All Wo	All of CA		
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van:	30, 567	82.8	23, 203	72.9	53,770	80.2	78.0
Drove Alone	27,411	74.2	20,667	65.0	48,078	71.8	68.4
Carpooled:	3,156	8.5	2,536	8.0	5,692	8.5	9.5
In 2-person carpool	2,289	6.2	1,819	5.7	4,108	6.1	6.9
In 3-person carpool	353	1.0	313	1.0	666	1.0	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	514	1.4	404	1.3	918	1.4	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	341	0.9	228	0.7	569	0.8	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	192	0.5	80	0.3	272	0.4	2.3
Streetcar or Trolley Car	75	0.2	61	0.2	136	0.2	0.8
Subway or Elevated	74	0.2	87	0.3	161	0.2	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	56	0.2	78	0.2	134	0.2	0.7
Walked	261	0.7	165	0.5	426	0.6	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	251	0.7	301	0.9	552	0.8	1.7
Worked at Home	4,048	11.0	5,163	16.2	9,211	13.7	13.6
Total:	35, 524	96.2	29, 138	91.6	64,662	96.5	

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

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

	Ma	Male Female		All Wo	All of CA		
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van:	19,763	74.8	14,558	61.1	34, 321	68.3	78.0
Drove Alone	17,602	66.6	12,684	53.2	30,286	60.3	68.5
Carpooled:	2,161	8.2	1,874	7.9	4,035	8.0	9.5
In 2-person carpool	1,467	5.6	1,457	6.1	2,924	5.8	6.9
In 3-person carpool	399	1.5	158	0.7	557	1.1	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	295	1.1	259	1.1	554	1.1	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	117	0.4	136	0.6	253	0.5	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	100	0.4	122	0.5	222	0.4	2.3
Streetcar or Trolley Car	10	0.0	11	0.0	21	0.0	0.8
Subway or Elevated	7	0.0	3	0.0	10	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	79	0.3	15	0.1	94	0.2	0.7
Walked	298	1.1	177	0.7	475	0.9	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	288	1.1	178	0.7	466	0.9	1.7
Worked at Home	4,048	15.3	5,163	21.7	9,211	18.3	13.6
Total:	24, 593	93.1	20, 227	84.9	44,820	89.2	

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 Times for Employed Residents

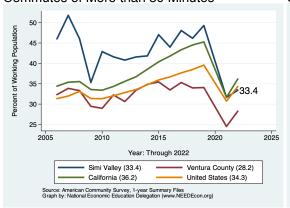
Table 8. SEX OF WORKERS BY TRAVEL TIME TO WORK

	Mal	е	Fer	Female		rkers	All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Less than 5 minutes	433	1.2	481	1.6	914	1.4	2.1
5 to 9 minutes	3,158	9.0	2,170	7.4	5,328	8.4	7.8
10 to 14 minutes	3,228	9.2	3,103	10.6	6,331	9.9	12.4
15 to 19 minutes	3,010	8.6	3,453	11.8	6,463	10.1	15.4
20 to 24 minutes	4,323	12.3	2,335	8.0	6,658	10.4	14.8
25 to 29 minutes	3,993	11.3	2,627	9.0	6,620	10.4	6.4
30 to 34 minutes	3,489	9.9	4,232	14.4	7,721	12.1	15.2
35 to 39 minutes	718	2.0	1,000	3.4	1,718	2.7	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	1,629	4.6	846	2.9	2,475	3.9	4.1
45 to 59 minutes	3,441	9.8	2,004	6.8	5,445	8.5	8.2
60 to 89 minutes	2,256	6.4	876	3.0	3,132	4.9	7.2
90 or more minutes	400	1.1	403	1.4	803	1.3	3.6
Total:	30,078	85.5	23, 530	80.3	53,608	84.1	

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

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

Commutes of More than 90 Minutes



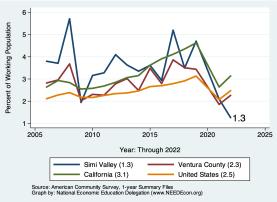
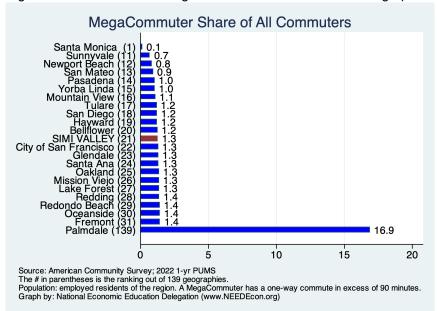


Figure 81: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



### Commute Times for Those Employed in the City

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

WORKPLAC	JE GEOGR	AFIII					
	Mal	е	Fem	Female		rkers	All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Less than 5 minutes	727	2.9	420	1.8	1,147	2.4	2.1
5 to 9 minutes	2,553	10.3	2,194	9.6	4,747	10.0	7.8
10 to 14 minutes	3,276	13.3	2,559	11.2	5,835	12.3	12.4
15 to 19 minutes	3,860	15.6	2,009	8.8	5,869	12.4	15.3
20 to 24 minutes	1,868	7.6	1,479	6.5	3,347	7.1	14.8
25 to 29 minutes	1,092	4.4	1,539	6.8	2,631	5.5	6.4
30 to 34 minutes	3,108	12.6	2,479	10.9	5,587	11.8	15.2
35 to 39 minutes	647	2.6	543	2.4	1,190	2.5	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	639	2.6	471	2.1	1,110	2.3	4.1
45 to 59 minutes	1,902	7.7	366	1.6	2,268	4.8	8.2
60 to 89 minutes	1,435	5.8	665	2.9	2,100	4.4	7.2
90 or more minutes	1,413	5.7	312	1.4	1,725	3.6	3.6
Total:	22,520	91.2	15,036	66.0	37,556	79.2	

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

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

Figure 82: Percent of Local Employees With Figure 83: Percent of Local Employees With Commutes of More than 30 Minutes

Commutes of More than 90 Minutes

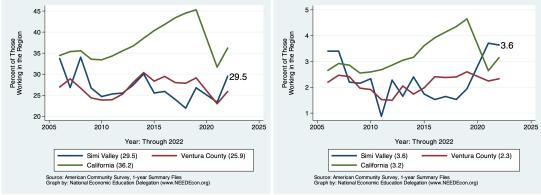
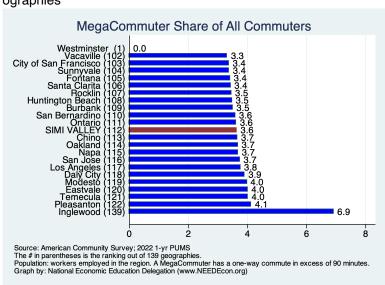


Figure 84: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



#### Place of Work

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

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

	Male		Fem	Female		All Workers	
Place of Work	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Worked in state of residence:	33,985	92.0	28,999	91.2	62,984	94.0	99.6
Worked in county of residence	23,056	62.4	20,461	64.3	43,517	64.9	85.3
worked outside of county of residence	10,929	29.6	8,538	26.8	19,467	29.1	14.3
Worked outside state of residence	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.4
Total:	33,985	92.0	28,999	91.2	62,984	94.0	

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

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

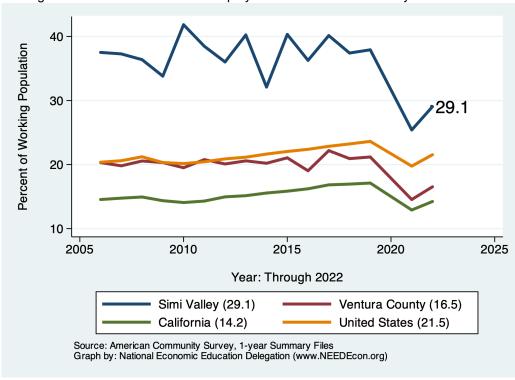
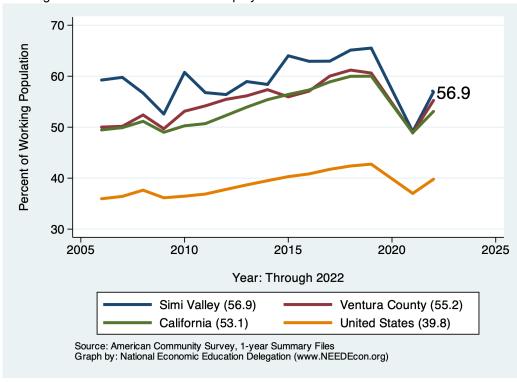


Table 11. SEX OF WORKERS BY PLACE OF WORK-PLACE LEVEL

	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA	
Place of Work	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)	
Living in a place:	33,985	92.0	28,999	91.2	62,984	94.0	95.8	
Worked in place of residence	12,436	33.7	12,431	39.1	24,867	37.1	42.3	
Worked outside place of residence	21,549	58.4	16,568	52.1	38,117	56.9	53.4	
Not living in a place	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4.2	
Total:	33, 985	92.0	28,999	91.2	62,984	94.0		

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

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



## Commute Mode by Income

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

City	California		United Sta	tes
Median	Median	Ratio	Median	Ratio
53, 411	48, 335	98.3	45,677	96.8
44,808	35,926	110.9	34,518	107.5
	34,625		41,443	
62,818	30,552	182.9	27,247	190.9
68,434	40,631	149.8	36,218	156.4
92,445	79,738	103.1	69,180	110.6
56,008	49,818	112.4	46,365	120.8
	Median 53,411 44,808 62,818 68,434 92,445	Median         Median           53,411         48,335           44,808         35,926           34,625         62,818           68,434         40,631           92,445         79,738	Median         Median         Ratio           53,411         48,335         98.3           44,808         35,926         110.9           34,625         62,818         30,552         182.9           68,434         40,631         149.8           92,445         79,738         103.1	Median         Median         Ratio         Median           53,411         48,335         98.3         45,677           44,808         35,926         110.9         34,518           34,625         41,443           62,818         30,552         182.9         27,247           68,434         40,631         149.8         36,218           92,445         79,738         103.1         69,180

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

Notes: 1) Ratio = the ratio of the regional median to either the CA or US median, relative to the Total ratio. Values above 100 imply a high local median. Values below 100 imply a low local median. For example, a value of 200 means that the local mean is 2x higher than would be expected. For "Total:", ratio is simply the ratio of the medians.

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

	< \$25	,000	\$25,000-	\$74,999	\$75,0	00+	Al	l	All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	10,510	48.5	14, 411	58.5	18,550	73.0	48,078	71.8	68.4
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	971	4.5	2,191	8.9	1,534	6.0	5,692	8.5	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	177	0.8	125	0.5	227	0.9	569	0.8	3.6
Walked	133	0.6	160	0.6	72	0.3	426	0.6	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	201	0.9	180	0.7	280	1.1	686	1.0	2.4
Worked at Home	1,606	7.4	2,265	9.2	4,742	18.7	9,211	13.7	13.6
Total:	13,598	62.8	19,332	78.5	25,405		64,662	96.5	100.0

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

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

	< \$25	< \$25,000		\$25,000-\$74,999		\$75,000+		All	
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	8,758	48.1	9,888	67.0	7,898	46.1	30, 286	64.5	68.5
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	1,162	6.4	1,164	7.9	816	4.8	4,035	8.6	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	165	0.9	56	0.4	0	0.0	253	0.5	3.6
Walked	165	0.9	154	1.0	77	0.4	475	1.0	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	193	1.1	176	1.2	166	1.0	560	1.2	2.4
Worked at Home	1,606	8.8	2,265	15.3	4,742	27.7	9,211	19.6	13.6
Total:	12,049	66.1	13,703	92.8	13,699	79.9	44,820	95.5	

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

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

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

## Commute Mode by Poverty Status

Table 15. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK BY POVERTY STATUS

	In Po	verty	100-149	% of Pov	>150%	of Pov	Al		All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	1,036	34.0	1,448	41.3	45, 594	72.4	48,078	72.3	68.7
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	240	7.9	279	8.0	5,173	8.2	5,692	8.6	9.5
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	19	0.6	28	0.8	522	0.8	569	0.9	3.6
Walked	46	1.5	0	0.0	377	0.6	423	0.6	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	0	0.0	12	0.3	674	1.1	686	1.0	2.4
Worked at Home	216	7.1	250	7.1	8,745	13.9	9,211	13.8	13.6
Total:	1,557	51.1	2,017	57.6	61,085	96.9	64,659	97.2	

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

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

	In Po	verty	100-149	% of Pov	>150%	of Pov	Al		All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	764	23.9	1,511	58.1	28, 824	59.9	31,099	59.6	65.8
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	356	11.1	196	7.5	3,895	8.1	4,447	8.5	9.8
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	45	1.4	0	0.0	204	0.4	249	0.5	2.6
Walked	0	0.0	0	0.0	498	1.0	498	1.0	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,233	2.6	1,233	2.4	2.4
Worked at Home	246	7.7	271	10.4	8,859	18.4	9,376	18.0	17.2
Total:	1,411	44.1	1,978	76.0	43,513	90.4	46,902	90.0	100.0

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

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

## Migration

#### **Overall Migration Flows**

#### **Definition:**

The United States is a country with an increasingly mobile population. People move, migrate, from one place to another with increasing frequency.

#### Why is it important?

Having a handle on whether or not Simi Valley is a net recipient (migration inflows) or donor (migration outflows) of population is very important for understanding trends in the City's development. This section outlines migration patterns by age, education, income, marital status, and housing tenure. Understanding recent trends is very important for making policy, investment, and other decisions about the future. Also, understanding the extent to which the population is stable, or experiences significant turnover each year is helpful for planning purposes.

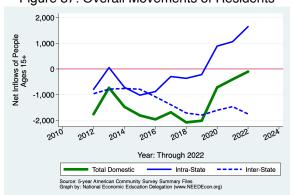


Figure 87: Overall Movements of Residents

Table 17: Migration by Income

Net Inflows								
			Same	State		_		
			W/in	Between	Across	From		
Category	Population	All Migration	County	Counties	States	Abroad		
No income	14,749	-75	-1	191	-319	54		
With income	91,110	212	1,068	389	-1,433	188		
\$1 to \$9,999 or loss	10, 371	19	104	-174	32	57		
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6,562	20	45	145	-170	0		
\$15,000 to \$24,999	9,427	80	171	7	-109	11		
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10,046	230	117	206	-143	50		
\$35,000 to \$49,999	11,560	103	330	31	-271	13		
\$50,000 to \$64,999	8,575	-44	112	-44	-153	41		
\$65,000 to \$74,999	5,071	-192	27	-72	-147	0		
\$75,000 or more	29,498	-4	162	290	-472	16		
All:	105, 859	137	1,067	580	-1,752	242		

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

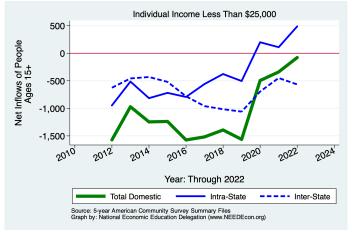


Figure 89: Overall Movements of Middle Income Residents

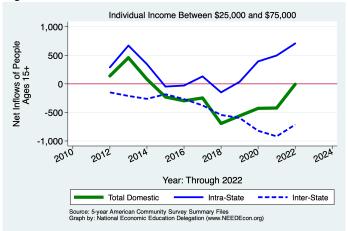
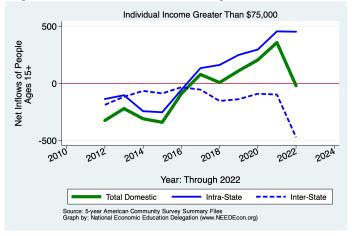


Figure 90: Overall Movements of High Income Residents



## **Demographics of Migration Flows**

**Table 18: Migration by Marital Status** 

		N	et Inflows				
			Same	e State	State		
			W/in	Between	Across	From	
Category	Population	All Migration	County	Counties	States	Abroad	
Never married	35,638	373	546	279	-573	121	
Now married, except separated	52,469	-240	299	397	-1,014	78	
Divorced	10,410	-1	144	-93	-74	22	
Separated	1,370	11	19	10	-18	0	
Widowed	5,972	-6	59	-13	-73	21	
Total:	105,859	137	1,067	580	-1,752	242	

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

**Table 19: Migration by Tenure** 

		Net Inflows					
		Same State				_	
0.1	<b>5</b>	A II A 4"	W/in	Between	Across	From	
Category	Population	All Migration	County	Counties	States	Abroad	
Householder lived in owner-occupied housing units	89,600	-355	2,385	-479	-2,419	158	
Householder lived in renter-occupied housing units	32,281	1,190	879	753	-553	111	
Total:	121,881	835	3,264	274	-2,972	269	

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

4,000 Net Inflows of People Ages 15+ 2,000 -2,000 2012 Year: Through 2022 Owner: Intra-State --- Owner: Inter-State Renter: Intra-State ---- Renter: Inter-State Source: 1-year American Community Survey Summary Files Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org)

Figure 91: Domestic Movements of Residents by Tenure

Table 20: Migration by Age

		Net Inflows					
			Same	e State		_	
			W/in	Between	Across	From	
Category	Population	All Migration	County	Counties	States	Abroad	
1 to 4 years	4,630	89	93	58	-62	0	
5 to 17 years	19,776	376	104	326	-75	21	
18 and 19 years	2,683	-403	-37	-217	-149	0	
20 to 24 years	8,480	103	178	-26	-117	68	
25 to 29 years	8,713	239	201	104	-116	50	
30 to 34 years	7,830	18	53	126	-177	16	
35 to 39 years	7,626	190	207	81	-156	58	
40 to 44 years	8,369	115	99	30	-14	0	
45 to 49 years	8,837	106	-10	363	-247	0	
50 to 54 years	9,219	136	55	51	30	0	
55 to 59 years	9,256	-300	13	-96	-230	13	
60 to 64 years	8,851	-59	58	122	-239	0	
65 to 69 years	7,289	-110	109	-40	-211	32	
70 to 74 years	4,797	-170	27	-87	-115	5	
75 years and over	8,758	94	87	65	-58	0	
Total Population:	125, 114	424	1, 237	860	-1,936	263	

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

**Table 21: Migration by Educational Attainment** 

	Net Inflows						
			Samo	e State		_	
			W/in	Between	Across	From	
Category	Population	All Migration	County	Counties	States	Abroad	
Less than high school graduate	8,296	-20	-40	44	-75	51	
High school graduate (includes equiv)	16,254	-113	915	-649	-537	158	
Some college or assoc. degree	25,661	-105	838	-307	-636	0	
Bachelor's degree	22,349	520	-102	1,099	-477	0	
Graduate or professional degree	13,418	309	542	41	-274	0	
Total:	85,978	591	2,153	228	-1,999	209	

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

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

Flow	In-Migration	Out-Migration
Same House 1 Year Ago	47,362	47,362
Moved Within Same County	39,334	44,339
Moved to Different County, Same State	68,513	49,667
Moved Between States	28,771	103,332
Moved from Abroad	58,433	
Total Population:	46,592	47,812

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

Table 23: Median Age of Migration Flows

Flow	In-Migration	Out-Migration
Same House 1 Year Ago	41.8	41.8
Moved Within Same County	36.0	28.9
Moved to Different County, Same State	28.3	36.0
Moved Between States	22.9	34.5
Moved from Abroad	25.6	
Total Population:	40.5	40.9

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

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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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