South Pasadena, California

Indicators Report

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

A Demographic Snapshot

Statistic	2022	2019
POPULATION		
Population Estimate (#, 5yr)	26,583.0	25,661.0
Veterans (#, 5yr)	476.0	557.0
Foreign born persons (%, 5yr)	24.6	24.9
Population age 25+ (#, 5yr)	19,159.0	18,104.0
AGE AND SEX		
Persons under 5 years (%, 5yr)	5.9	5.3
Persons under 18 years (%, 5yr)	23.1	24.5
Persons 65 years and over (%, 5yr)	14.5	13.9
Female persons (%, 5yr)	50.0	51.0
INCOME AND POVERTY		
Median household income (\$, 5yr)	127,882.0	104,308.0
Per capita income in past 12 months (\$, 5yr)	71,865.0	60,674.0
Persons in poverty (%, 5yr)	4.8	7.6
Children age less than 18 in poverty (#, 5yr)	245.0	352.0
Children age less than 18 in poverty (%, 5yr)	4.0	5.6
RACE AND ETHNICITY		5.0
White alone (%, 5yr)	45.0	55.5
African American alone (%, 5yr)	3.7	3.6
American Indian or Alaska Native alone (%, 5yr)	0.4	0.2
Asian alone (%, 5yr)	33.2	30.5
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (%, 5yr)	0.0	0.0
Two or More Races (%, 5yr)	12.1	6.0
Hispanic or Latino (%, 5yr)	18.2	18.5
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino (%, 5yr)	39.2	42.7
HOUSING	00.2	
Housing units (#, 5yr)	10,968.0	10,678.0
Owner-occupied housing units (%, 5yr)	46.6	47.4
Median value of owner-occupied housing units (\$, 5yr)	1,453,500.0	1,071,000.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-with a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	4,001.0	3,740.0
Median selected monthly owner costs-without a mortgage (\$, 5yr)	,	756.0
Median gross rent (\$, 5yr)	2,135.0	1,802.0
FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	2,10010	1,002.0
Households (#, 5yr)	10,274.0	9,827.0
Persons per household (#, 5yr)	2.6	2.6
Living in same house 1 year ago, % of persons age 1+ (5yr)	88.3	88.1
EDUCATION	00.0	50.1
High school graduate or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	97.3	96.2
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25+ (5yr)	71.8	67.4
HEALTH		0
With a disability, under age 65 years (#, 5yr)	975.0	940.0
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years (%, 5yr)	3.5	3.5
LABOR FORCE	0.0	0.0
In civilian labor force, persons age 16+ (%, 5yr)	69.9	70.3
In civilian labor force, women age 16+ (%, 5yr)	64.7	66.7
Employed, persons age 16+ (%, 5yr)	63.9	65.4
Self employed (%, 5yr)	14.2	15.4
TRANSPORTATION	17.2	13.4
	24.0	30.5
Mean travel time to work workers age 16+ (Mins 5vr)	24.0	
	65.2	76 /
Mean travel time to work, workers age 16+ (Mins., 5yr) Drive alone in private vehicle (%, 5yr) Using public transportation (%, 5vr)	65.2 7.9	76.4 6.8

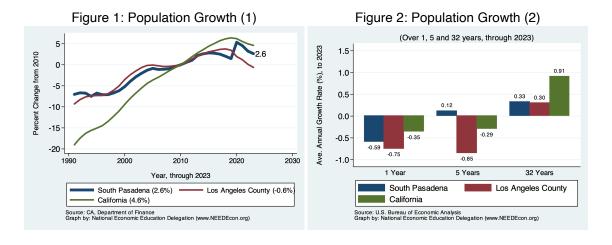
Source: American Community Survey, Summary Files Note: Data are from the 1-year files unless indicated by the notation 5yr.

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		% Char	nge			
Region	Population	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year			
City							
South Pasadena	26,273	-0.59	1.62	-0.01			
County and Broader Regions							
Los Angeles County	9,761,210	-0.75	-3.69	-4.81			
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



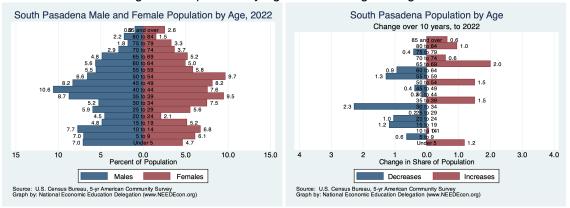
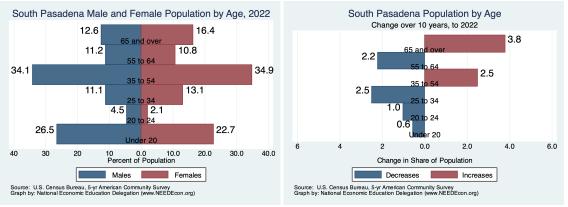


Figure 3: Population by Age - Detailed Age Categories

Figure 4: Population by Age - Broad Age Categories



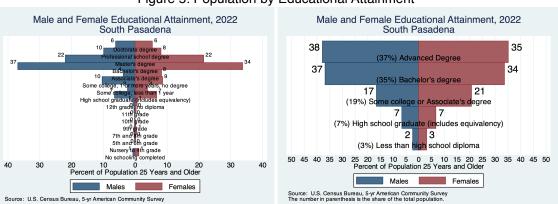


Figure 5: Population by Educational Attainment

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

City	2022	2023	Local	% Change Southern California	California
os Angeles County	9,834.5	9,761.2	-0.75	-0.41	-0.35
Los Angeles	3,802.7	3,766.1	-0.96		
Long Beach	460.2	458.2	-0.44		
Santa Clarita	229.0	230.7	0.71		
Glendale	192.9	191.3	-0.82		
Lancaster	174.6	173.4	-0.70		
Palmdale	167.0	165.9	-0.66		
Pomona	149.9	149.7	-0.12		
Torrance	144.3	143.1	-0.88		
Pasadena	137.8	137.0	-0.60		
Downey	112.1	111.3	-0.73		
West Covina	107.6	107.9	0.23		
El Monte	107.3	106.4	-0.84		
Inglewood	106.9	106.2	-0.64		
Burbank	105.0	104.5	-0.42		
Norwalk	101.8	101.2	-0.65		
Compton	94.3	93.7	-0.61		
South Gate	93.4	92.6	-0.78		
Carson	92.7	92.2	-0.60		
Santa Monica	91.7	91.7	-0.02		
Whittier	87.7	87.3	-0.47		
Hawthorne	86.5	85.7	-0.96		
Alhambra	81.6	81.3	-0.37		
Lakewood	80.9	80.2	-0.92		
Bellflower	77.6	76.9	-0.92		
Baldwin Park	70.8	70.4	-0.63		
Redondo Beach	69.1	68.4	-0.97		
Lynwood	66.6	66.2	-0.55		
Montebello	61.8	61.6	-0.26		
Pico Rivera	61.4	61.0	-0.77		
Gardena	60.1	59.8	-0.47		
Monterey Park	59.8	59.3	-0.90		
Arcadia	55.9	55.5	-0.74		
Diamond Bar	53.9	53.4	-1.03		
Huntington Park	53.8	53.3	-0.93		
Paramount	52.6	52.2	-0.72		
Glendora	51.6	51.2	-0.80		
Covina	50.7	50.4	-0.67		
Rosemead	50.1	50.0	-0.17		
Azusa	49.5	49.5	0.06		
La Mirada	48.4	47.9	-1.00		
Cerritos	48.4	47.9	-1.06		
Rancho Palos Verdes	41.5	41.0	-1.02		
Culver City	40.0	39.7	-0.73		
San Gabriel	38.7	38.5	-0.58		
Bell Gardens	38.8	38.4	-0.84		
Monrovia	37.8	37.5	-0.62		
La Puente	37.6	37.4	-0.63		
Claremont	37.0	36.8	-0.74		
Temple City	36.0	35.8	-0.55		
West Hollywood	34.9	34.8	-0.39		
Manhattan Beach	34.7	34.3	-1.24		
San Dimas	34.4	34.1	-0.95		
Bell	33.6	33.4	-0.72		
La Verne	32.3	32.1	-0.89		
Beverly Hills	31.9	31.7	-0.90		
Lawndale	31.2	30.9	-0.93		
Walnut	27.7	27.6	-0.61		
South Pasadena	26.4	26.3	-0.59		
Maywood	24.8	24.5	-0.94		
San Fernando	23.5	23.5	-0.20		
Calabasas	23.0	22.8	-0.99		
Duarte	21.4	22.8	6.60		
Cudahy	22.4	22.3	-0.52		
Lomita	20.3	20.1	-1.02		
La Canada Flintridge	20.1	19.9	-0.65		
Agoura Hills	19.8	19.8	-0.03		
South El Monte	19.6	19.5	-0.85		
Hermosa Beach	19.2	19.0	-0.98		
Santa Fe Springs	18.7	18.6	-0.88		
El Segundo	17.0	16.9	-0.67		
Artesia	16.2	16.1	-0.81		
Hawaiian Gardens	13.7	13.5	-0.91		
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Signal Hill	11.5	11.4	-1.04 - 0.84		
Sierra Madre	10.9	10.8	-0.84 -0.81		
Malibu	10.9	10.8	-0.81 -0.21		
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Rolling Hills Estates	8.5	8.4	-0.40		

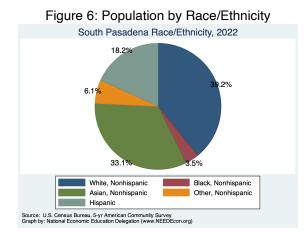
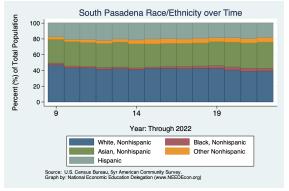


Figure 7: Population by Race/Ethnicity Over Time



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 employment 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.

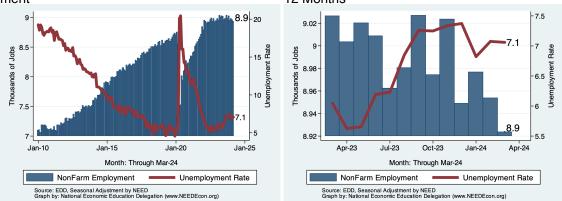
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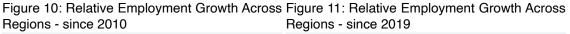
Employment growth is a fundamental indicator of the health of an economy.

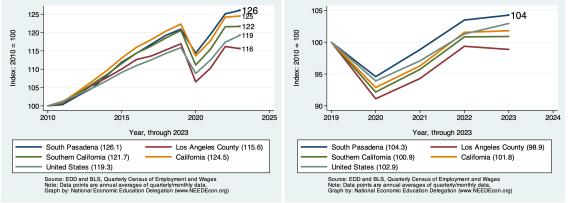
Change From:									
Category	Current Value	Last Month	2 Months Ago	Last Year					
Employment	8,924	-30	-53	-103					
Labor Force	9,644	9	15	96					
Number Unemployed	678	-4	21	97					
Unemployment Rate	7.0	-0.0	0.2	0.9					

Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation

Figure 8: Historical Employment and Unemploy- Figure 9: Employment and Unemployment - Last ment 12 Months







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 Los Angeles County. The following table provides the latest data for the County.

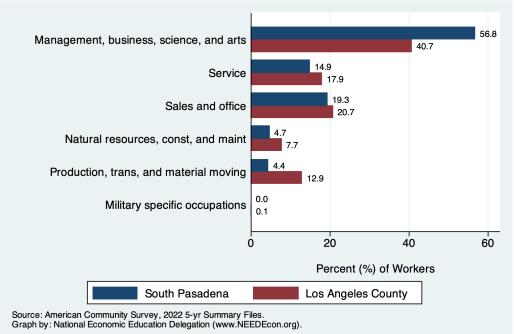
						% Growth - Annualized Rate					
Industry	Employment	Share	Growth	Month	Qtr	6mo	1yr	3yr	5yr		
Total Nonfarm	4,571,176	100.0	10,019.7	2.7	1.9	1.8	0.4	3.0	0.0		
Total Private	3,980,116	87.1	10,298.0	3.2	1.8	1.7	0.2	3.1	0.1		
Goods Producing	467,870	10.2	18.0	0.0	-2.8	-1.2	-0.8	0.4	-1.0		
Mining, Logging and Construction	151,916	3.3	532.2	4.3	-5.0	-0.7	0.2	-0.0	0.2		
Mining and Logging	1,600	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-5.9	0.0	-3.2		
Construction	149,974	3.3	383.7	3.1	-5.7	-1.3	0.3	0.0	0.3		
Manufacturing	316,063	6.9	-223.5	-0.8	-2.1	-1.5	-1.4	0.5	-1.5		
Durable Goods	190,266	4.2	126.6	0.8	-1.4	-0.8	-0.7	0.7	-1.1		
Non-Durable Goods	125,955	2.8	-296.8	-2.8	-3.0	-2.5	-2.4	0.3	-2.2		
Service Providing	4,101,400	89.7	9,377.4	2.8	2.1	2.0	0.6	3.4	0.2		
Trade, Trans & Utilities	824,556	18.0	-680.6	-1.0	-1.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.7	-0.6		
Wholesale Trade	198, 134	4.3	-19.8	-0.1	-2.1	-1.6	-1.5	-0.4	-2.2		
Retail Trade	406,837	8.9	88.1	0.3	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	1.3	-0.4		
Trans & Warehousing	207,446	4.5	-739.7	-4.2	-0.3	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.9		
Utilities	12,541	0.3	-4.9	-0.5	0.8	2.7	3.3	2.6	1.0		
Information	178,723	3.9	2,431.1	17.9	3.5	0.4	-14.8	-2.7	-3.6		
Financial Activities	210,643	4.6	-319.1	-1.8	4.2	0.5	-1.0	-0.2	-1.2		
Finance & Insurance	122,234	2.7	82.9	0.8	1.2	-0.6	-1.2	-1.9	-2.0		
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	88,325	1.9	-180.4	-2.4	3.9	1.9	-0.8	2.5	-0.1		
Professional & Business Srvcs	646, 393	14.1	1,136.2	2.1	2.2	-0.4	-1.9	1.5	-0.1		
Prof, Sci, & Tech	312,951	6.8	-1,162.7	-4.4	-0.3	-1.1	-1.1	2.1	0.9		
Admin & Support Srvcs	258,283	5.7	2,442.0	12.1	8.3	0.7	-3.2	1.2	-1.0		
Employment Srvcs	96,576	2.1	1,117.0	15.0	12.8	-0.7	-8.1	-0.7	-2.2		
Educational & Health Srvcs	948, 482	20.7	6,221.2	8.2	5.9	5.5	5.3	4.6	2.8		
Education Srvcs	147,023	3.2	1,208.1	10.4	9.5	8.0	7.8	7.3	2.1		
Health Care & Social Assistance	801,869	17.5	5,246.7	8.2	5.6	5.2	4.9	4.1	2.9		
Leisure & Hospitality	539,744	11.8	-335.7	-0.7	1.3	1.4	1.3	13.8	-0.1		
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	93,094	2.0	-469.8	-5.9	-6.6	-7.9	-3.9	19.4	-0.5		
Accommodation & Food Srvcs	444,463	9.7	-845.1	-2.3	-0.3	2.1	2.4	13.0	-0.1		
Other Srvcs	160,653	3.5	-27.8	-0.2	0.8	3.0	2.9	9.1	0.4		
Government	590, 364	12.9	72.7	0.1	3.1	2.0	1.9	2.4	-0.1		
Federal	48,700	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	2.9	2.3	0.7	0.8		
State	97,915	2.1	-158.6	-1.9	0.1	0.1	-0.1	3.5	1.1		
Local	443,641	9.7	146.6	0.4	3.1	2.8	2.3	2.3	-0.4		
County	103,766	2.3	109.3	1.3	1.0	-0.5	0.0	-1.0	-0.7		
City	92,291	2.0	55.4	0.7	0.6	1.5	2.4	1.9	-0.4		
Local Government Education	225,880	4.9	-153.1	-0.8	4.4	4.2	3.6	4.2	-0.4		

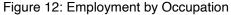
Table 4. Employment Growth by Industry in Los Angeles County for March, 2024

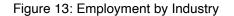
Source: EDD, National Economic Education Delegation (NEED)

Some Employee Detail

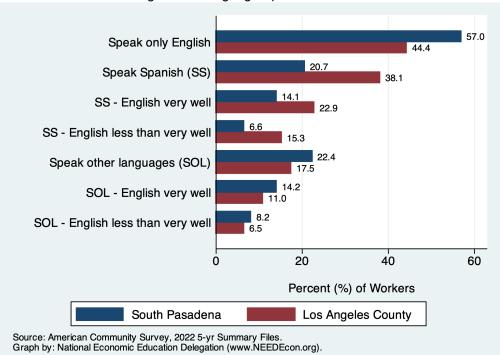
Employed in South Pasadena











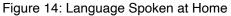


Figure 15: Citizenship

^{68.3} Native 61.2 31.7 Foreign Born 38.8 19.4 Naturalized U.S. 20.7 12.4 Not a U.S. Citizen 18.1 20 40 Ò 60 80 Percent (%) of Workers South Pasadena Los Angeles County Source: American Community Survey, 2022 5-yr Summary Files. Graph by: National Economic Education Delegation (www.NEEDEcon.org).

Employed Residents of South Pasadena

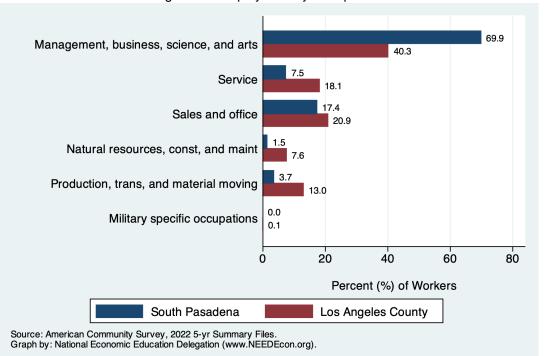
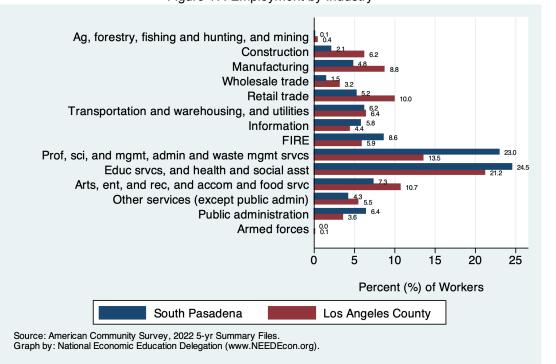


Figure 16: Employment by Occupation

Figure 17: Employment by Industry



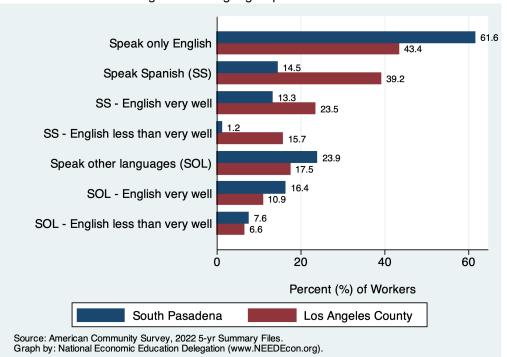


Figure 18: Language Spoken at Home

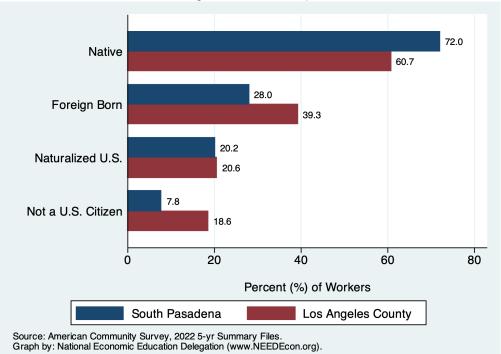


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Employed Residents vs Workers in South Pasadena

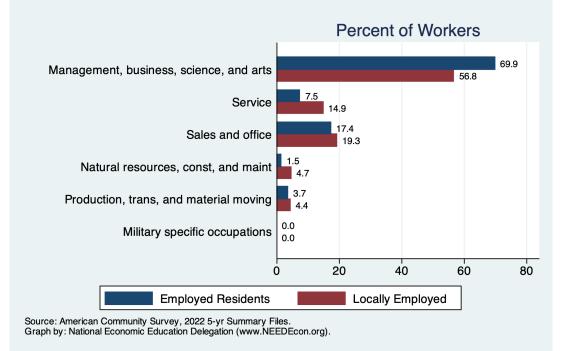
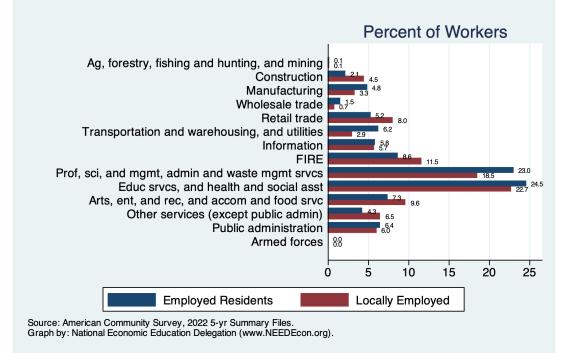


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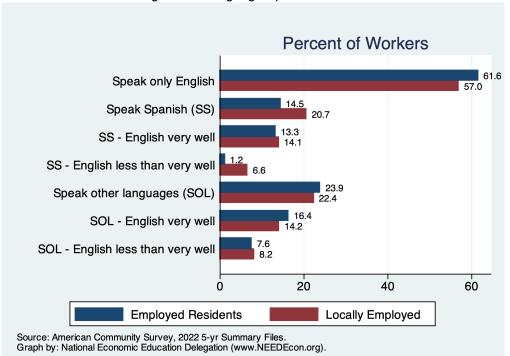


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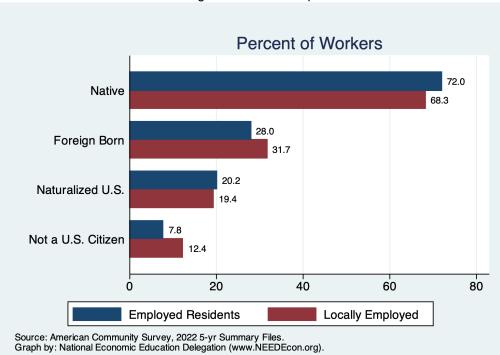


Figure 23: Citizenship

Income and Earnings

Per Capita Income Growth

Definition:

Per capita income is the average income per person in South Pasadena. 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.

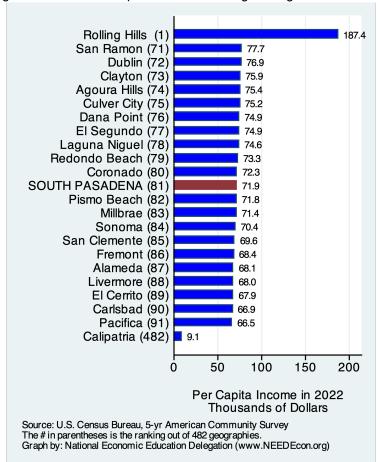


Figure 24: Real Per Capita Income Ranking Among California Cities

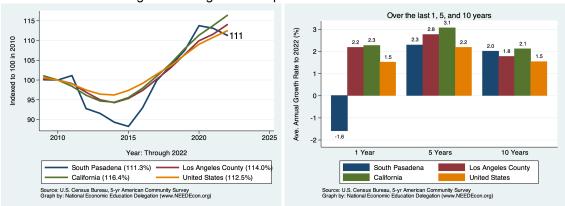
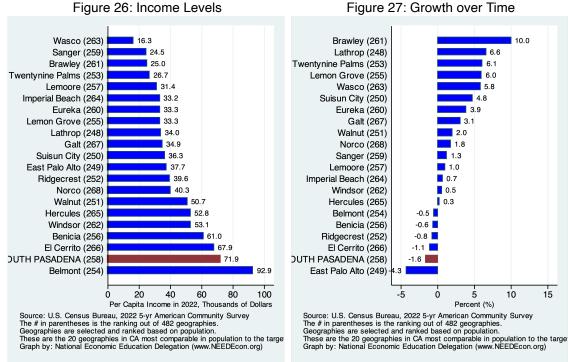


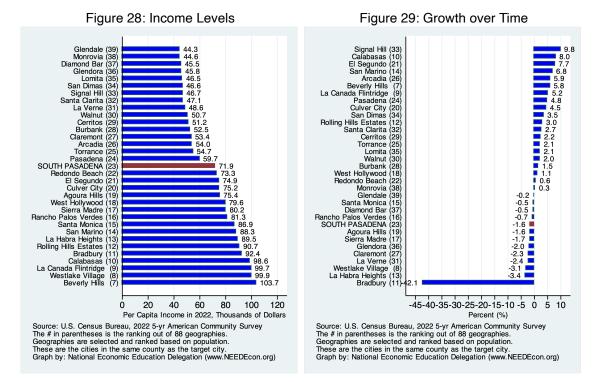
Figure 25: Regional Comparison of Growth over Time





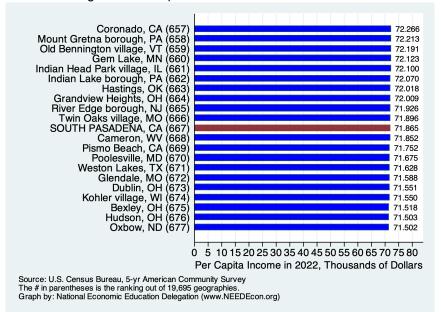
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Real Per Capita Income Ranking Among Cities in Los Angeles County

Figure 30: Comparison with All Cities Nationwide



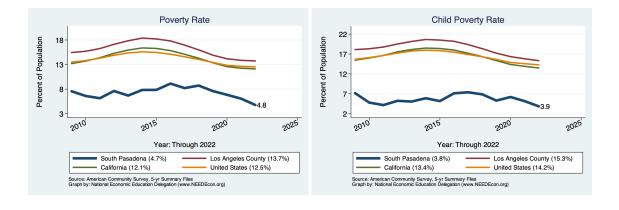
Poverty and Inequality

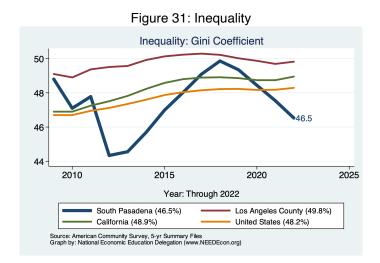
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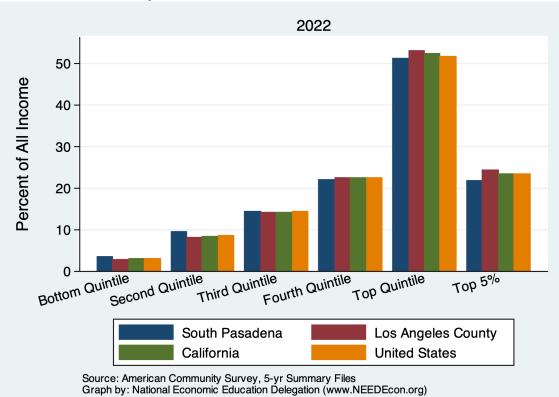
The local poverty rate provides an indication of the well-being of those at the bottom of the income distribution. The federal poverty rate measures the proportion of households in the region that are classified as living in poverty. Also included are measures of the extent to which the City's children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

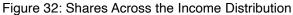
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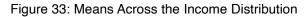
It is important to track measures of poverty and inequality to assess the extent of income disparities in the region, with an eye toward understanding how well the local economy is performing for all of its citizens.

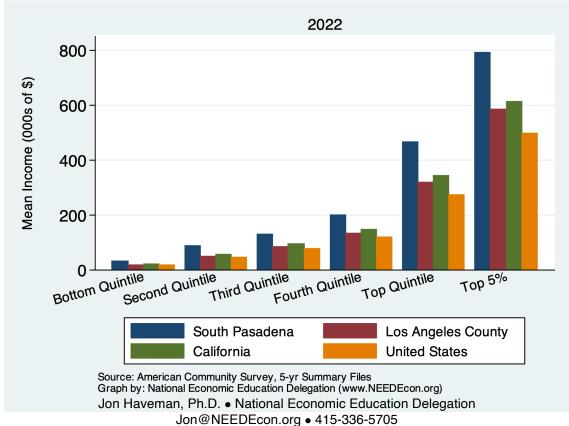












Housing

Housing Costs and Affordability

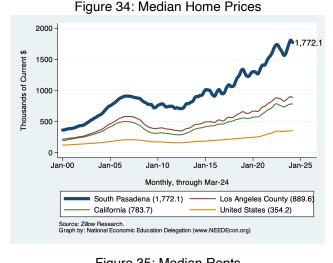
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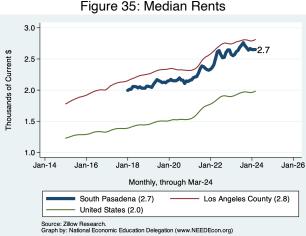
Housing costs are measured in several different ways. First, we provide evidence on the evolution of median home prices, median rental price, and finally through evidence on the housing burden in the city and comparison regions. Housing burden is defined as a household needing to commit more than 30%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

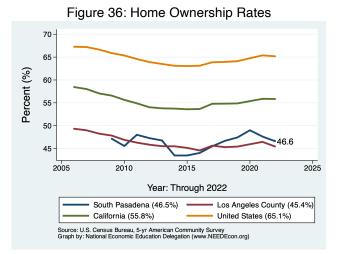
Why is it important?

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.

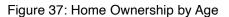
Cost of Housing in South Pasadena and Broader Regions

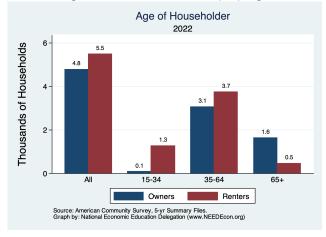


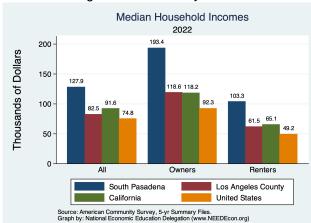




Housing Ownership in South Pasadena and Broader Regions







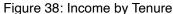
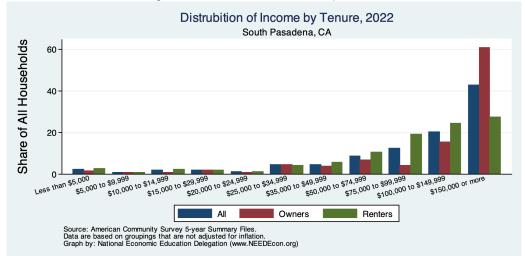
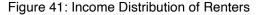


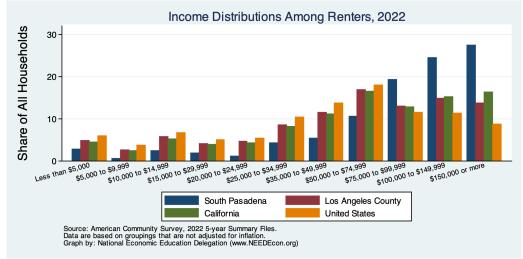
Figure 39: Income Distribution by Tenure

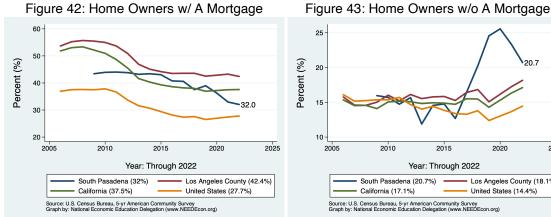












Housing Burden in South Pasadena and Broader Regions

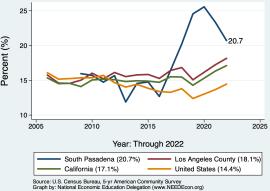
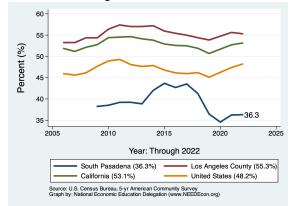
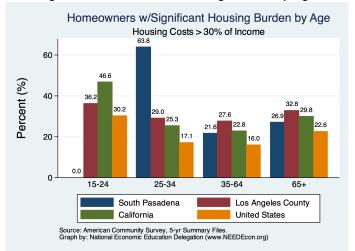


Figure 44: Renters







Housing Picture

Definition:

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2010

Percent Change Since 2010

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.

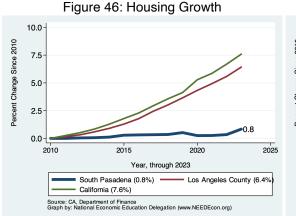
Table 5. Housing Market Indicators

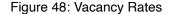
Why is it important?

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.

				% Change from			
Indicator	2023	2019	2010	2019	2010		
Total Population	26,273.0	25,524.0	25,619.0	2.9	2.6		
Total # of Homes	11,211.0	11,176.0	11,118.0	0.3	0.8		
# Occupied Units	10,638.0	10,353.0	10,467.0	2.8	1.6		
Persons per Household	2.5	2.4	2.4	0.1	0.8		
Vacancy Rate (%)	5.1	7.4	5.9	-30.6	-12.7		

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





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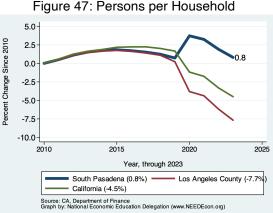
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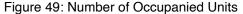
South Pasadena (-12.7%)

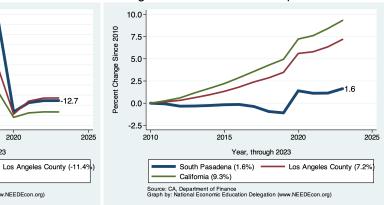
California (-18.3%)

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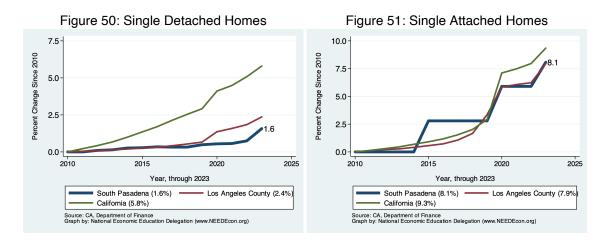
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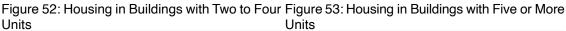


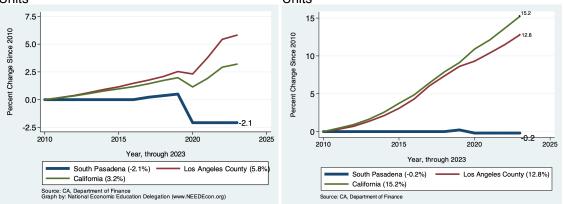












Vintage of Residential Housing

Why is it important?

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

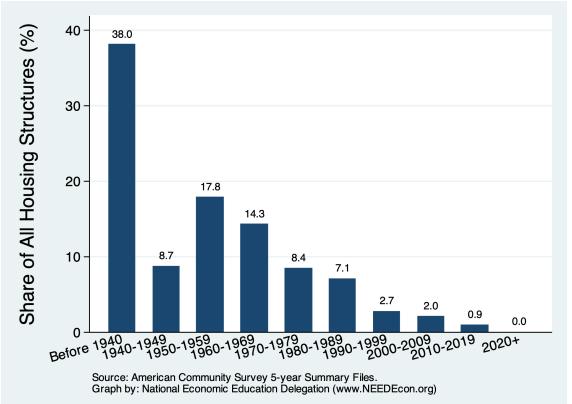
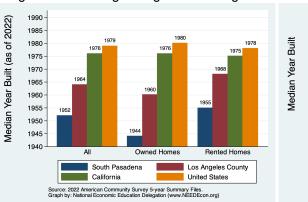
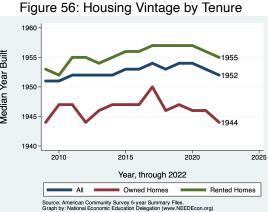
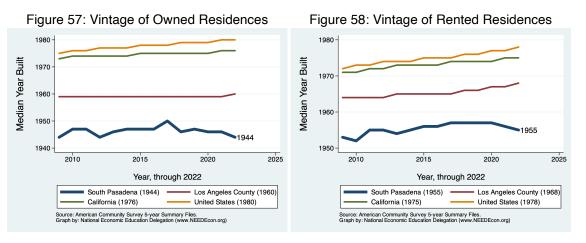
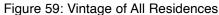


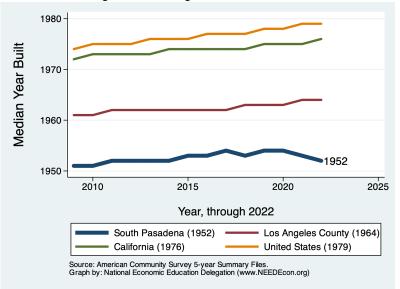
Figure 54: Distribution of Housing Construction











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Figure 55: Housing Vintage across Regions

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.

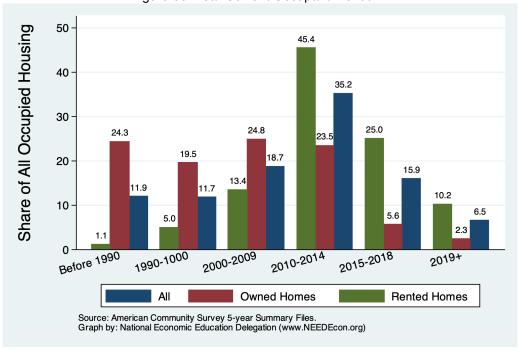


Figure 60: Year Current Occupant Moved In



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

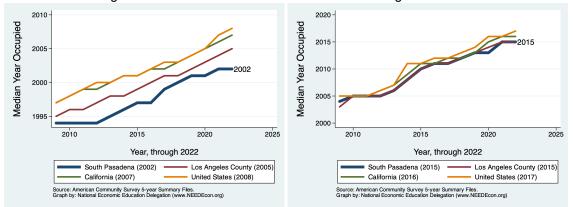
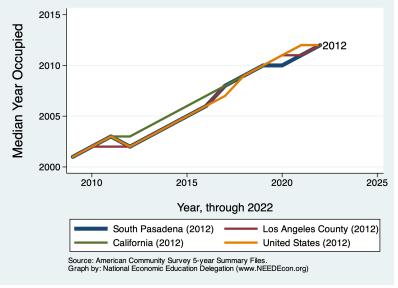


Figure 63: Year Occupied by Current Residents Figure 64: Year Occupied by Current Residents for Owned Housing for Rented Housing





Definition:

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

South Pasadena - Ranking Among Comparables

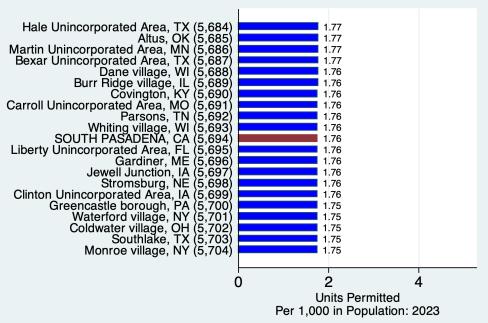


Figure 66: Number of Units Permitted - Nationwide Comparables (Rank)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The # in parentheses is the ranking out of 14338 geographies.

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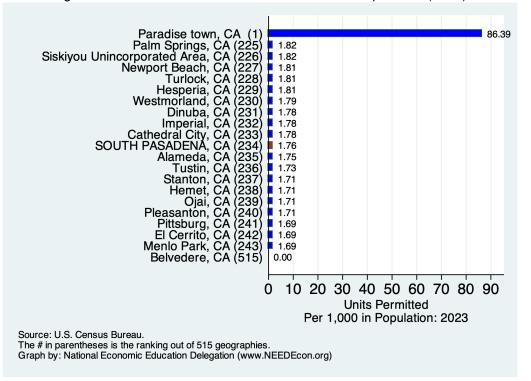


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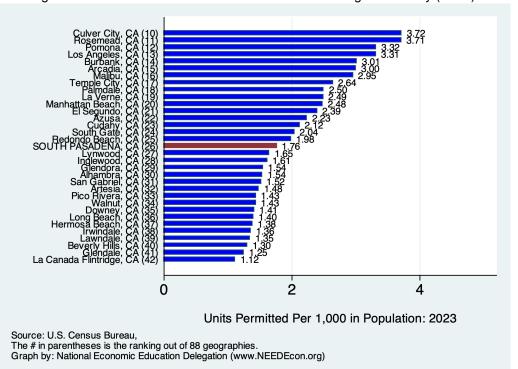
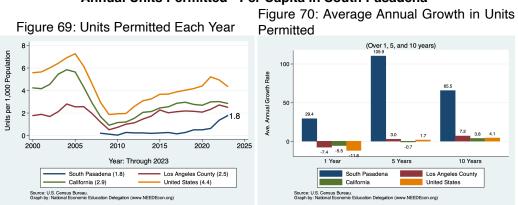
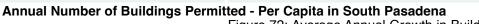


Figure 68: Number of Units Permitted - Cities in Los Angeles County (Rank)

South Pasadena - Permitting Activity



Annual Units Permitted - Per Capita in South Pasadena



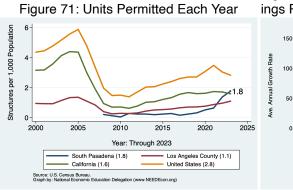
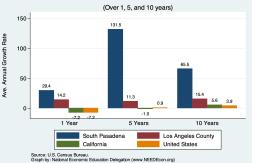
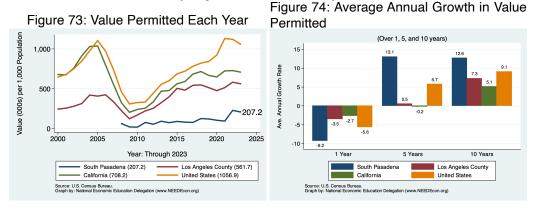


Figure 72: Average Annual Growth in Buildings Permitted



Annual Value of Property Permitted - Per Capita in South Pasadena



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 housing 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

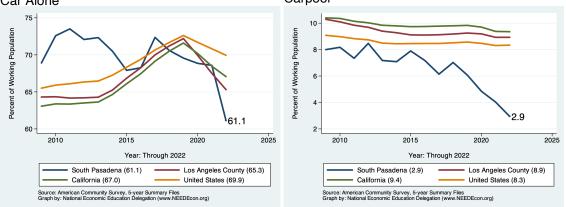
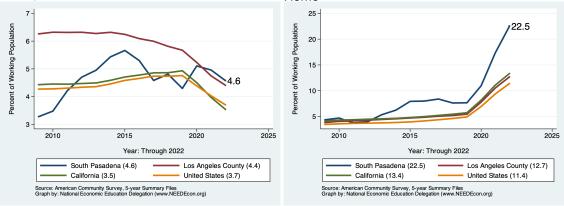


Figure 75: Percent of Workers Commuting by Figure 76: Percent of Workers Commuting by Car Alone Carpool

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



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

	М	ale	Ferr	nale	All Wo	All of CA	
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van:	4,545	63.5	4,641	64.7	9,186	64.1	78.0
Drove Alone	4,365	60.9	4,399	61.3	8,764	61.1	68.4
Carpooled:	180	2.5	242	3.4	422	2.9	9.5
In 2-person carpool	159	2.2	180	2.5	339	2.4	6.9
In 3-person carpool	12	0.2	62	0.9	74	0.5	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	9	0.1	0	0.0	9	0.1	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	408	5.7	248	3.5	656	4.6	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	117	1.6	55	0.8	172	1.2	2.3
Streetcar or Trolley Car	273	3.8	116	1.6	389	2.7	0.8
Subway or Elevated	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.3
Railroad	18	0.3	77	1.1	95	0.7	0.2
Ferryboat	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Bicycle	160	2.2	28	0.4	188	1.3	0.7
Walked	64	0.9	114	1.6	178	1.2	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	283	4.0	37	0.5	320	2.2	1.7
Worked at Home	1,700	23.7	1,531	21.3	3,231	22.5	13.6
Total:	7,160	100.0	6,599	91.9	13,759	96.0	

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

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

	М	ale	Ferr	nale	All W	orkers	All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van:	2,609	57.0	2,535	55.2	5,144	58.1	78.0
Drove Alone	2,382	52.1	2,198	47.8	4,580	51.8	68.5
Carpooled:	227	5.0	337	7.3	564	6.4	9.5
In 2-person carpool	179	3.9	197	4.3	376	4.3	6.9
In 3-person carpool	9	0.2	57	1.2	66	0.7	1.5
In 4-or-more-person carpool	39	0.9	83	1.8	122	1.4	1.1
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	107	2.3	62	1.3	169	1.9	3.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	36	0.8	36	0.8	72	0.8	2.3
Streetcar or Trolley Car	64	1.4	20	0.4	84	0.9	0.8
Subway or Elevated	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.3
Railroad	0	0.0	6	0.1	6	0.1	0.2
Ferryboat	7	0.2	0	0.0	7	0.1	0.1
Bicycle	32	0.7	0	0.0	32	0.4	0.7
Walked	38	0.8	115	2.5	153	1.7	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	90	2.0	28	0.6	118	1.3	1.7
Worked at Home	1,700	37.2	1,531	33.3	3,231	36.5	13.6
Total:	4,576	100.0	4,271	92.9	8,847	100.0	

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

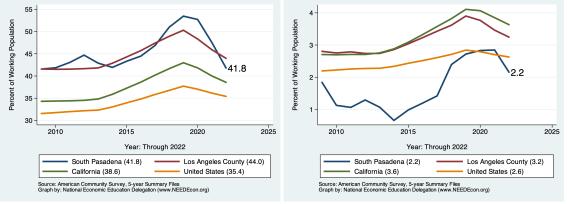
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Commute Times for Employed Residents

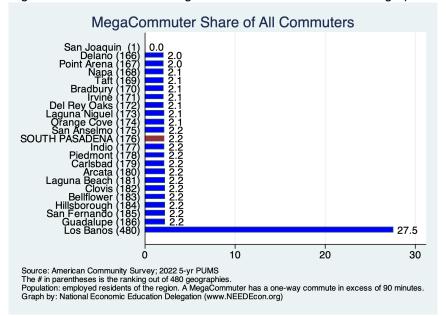
Table 8. SEX OF WO	RKERS E	BY TRAV	EL TIME	TO WOF	R		
	Ма	le	Ferr	nale	All Wo	rkers	All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Less than 5 minutes	71	1.1	41	0.6	112	0.9	2.0
5 to 9 minutes	244	3.8	447	7.0	691	5.5	7.5
10 to 14 minutes	483	7.6	440	6.9	923	7.3	12.2
15 to 19 minutes	566	8.9	737	11.6	1,303	10.3	15.0
20 to 24 minutes	898	14.0	596	9.4	1,494	11.8	14.3
25 to 29 minutes	574	9.0	157	2.5	731	5.8	6.3
30 to 34 minutes	934	14.6	1,010	15.9	1,944	15.4	15.0
35 to 39 minutes	72	1.1	189	3.0	261	2.1	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	294	4.6	308	4.9	602	4.8	4.3
45 to 59 minutes	669	10.5	557	8.8	1,226	9.7	8.6
60 to 89 minutes	510	8.0	459	7.2	969	7.7	7.9
90 or more minutes	145	2.3	127	2.0	272	2.2	4.0
Total:	5,460	85.4	5,068	79.9	10,528	83.4	

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









Commute Times for Those Employed in the City

Table 9. SEX OF WO WORKPLAC			EL TIME	TO WOF	rk for		
	Ма	ıle	Ferr	nale	All Wo	orkers	All of CA
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Less than 5 minutes	187	5.5	20	0.5	207	3.0	2.0
5 to 9 minutes	286	8.4	374	9.7	660	9.4	7.5
10 to 14 minutes	326	9.6	249	6.5	575	8.2	12.2
15 to 19 minutes	407	12.0	373	9.7	780	11.1	15.0
20 to 24 minutes	312	9.2	506	13.1	818	11.7	14.3
25 to 29 minutes	176	5.2	108	2.8	284	4.1	6.3
30 to 34 minutes	424	12.5	263	6.8	687	9.8	15.0
35 to 39 minutes	102	3.0	45	1.2	147	2.1	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	155	4.6	137	3.6	292	4.2	4.3
45 to 59 minutes	160	4.7	144	3.7	304	4.3	8.6
60 to 89 minutes	236	6.9	452	11.7	688	9.8	7.9
90 or more minutes	105	3.1	69	1.8	174	2.5	4.0
Total:	2,876	84.7	2,740	71.2	5,616	80.3	

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.



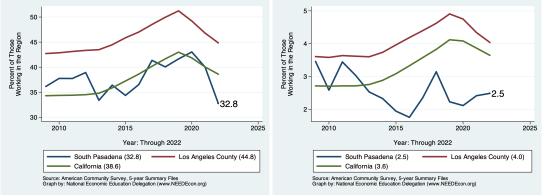
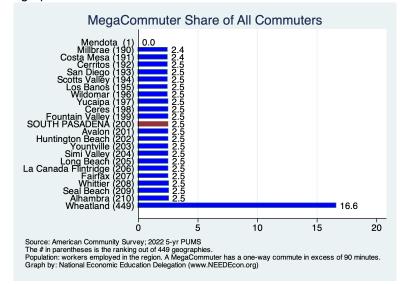


Figure 84: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



Place of Work

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

	N	lale	Ferr	nale	All Wo	All of CA	
Place of Work	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Worked in state of residence:	7,130	99.6	6,599	91.9	13,729	95.7	99.6
Worked in county of residence	6,940	96.9	6,553	91.3	13,493	94.1	84.1
worked outside of county of residence	190	2.7	46	0.6	236	1.6	15.4
Worked outside state of residence	30	0.4	0	0.0	30	0.2	0.4
Total:	7,160	100.0	6,599	91.9	13,759	96.0	

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

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

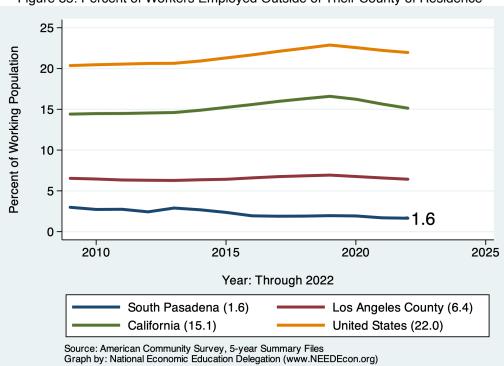


Figure 85: Percent of Workers Employed Outside of Their County of Residence

Place of Work	N	lale	Ferr	nale	All Wo	rkers	All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Living in a place:	7,160	100.0	6,599	91.9	13,759	96.0	95.9
Worked in place of residence	2,002	28.0	1,921	26.8	3,923	27.4	39.5
Worked outside place of residence	5,158	72.0	4,678	65.2	9,836	68.6	56.4
Not living in a place	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4.1
Total:	7,160	100.0	6,599	91.9	13,759	96.0	
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Table 11. SEX OF WORKERS BY PLACE OF WORK-PLACE LEVEL

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

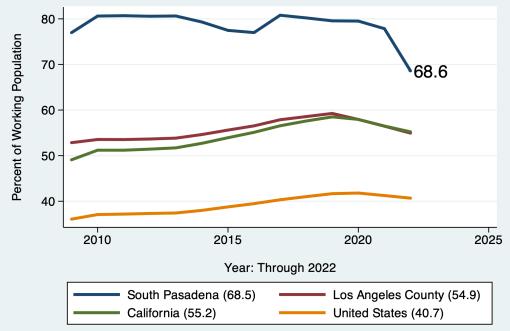


Figure 86: Percent of Workers Employed Outside of Their Place of Residence

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

Commute Mode by Income

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

	City	California		United Sta	tes
	Median	Median	Ratio	Median	Ratio
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	90,318	48,566	106.1	46,171	105.5
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	58,143	36,463	91.0	34,487	90.9
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	71,429	40,179	101.4	45,100	85.4
Walked	35,119	29,366	68.2	27,142	69.8
Taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle, or other means		40,433		36,140	
Worked from home	79,881	75, 153	60.6	67,180	64.1
Total:	85,460	48,747	175.3	46,099	185.4

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

	< \$25,000		\$25,000-\$74,999		\$75,000+		All		All of CA	
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	999	33.3	2,204	45.3	5,080	67.7	8,764	61.1	68.4	
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	115	3.8	81	1.7	152	2.0	422	2.9	9.5	
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	63	2.1	234	4.8	318	4.2	656	4.6	3.6	
Walked	33	1.1	52	1.1	38	0.5	178	1.2	2.4	
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	245	8.2	70	1.4	172	2.3	508	3.5	2.4	
Worked at Home	608	20.3	719	14.8	1,747	23.3	3,231	22.5	13.6	
Total:	2,063	68.8	3,360	69.1	7,507		13,759	96.0	100.0	

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

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

	< \$25,000		\$25,000-\$74,999		\$75,000+		All		All of CA	
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	1,287	40.2	1,216	54.9	1,477	42.9	4,580	52.0	68.5	
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	166	5.2	111	5.0	167	4.9	564	6.4	9.5	
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	97	3.0	7	0.3	16	0.5	138	1.6	3.6	
Walked	44	1.4	38	1.7	30	0.9	153	1.7	2.4	
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	89	2.8	36	1.6	4	0.1	150	1.7	2.4	
Worked at Home	608	19.0	719	32.5	1,747	50.8	3,231	36.6	13.6	
Total:	2,291	71.5	2,127	96.1	3,441		8,816			

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

	In Poverty		100-149% of Pov		>150% of Pov		All		All of CA	
Mode of Transit	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	167	30.2	108	27.1	8,489	62.0	8,764	61.1	68.7	
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	15	2.7	18	4.5	389	2.8	422	2.9	9.5	
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	10	1.8	28	7.0	618	4.5	656	4.6	3.6	
Walked	13	2.4	6	1.5	159	1.2	178	1.2	2.1	
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	0	0.0	16	4.0	492	3.6	508	3.5	2.4	
Worked at Home	67	12.1	52	13.1	3,112	22.7	3,231	22.5	13.6	
Total:	272	49.2	228	57.3	13,259	96.8	13,759	96.0		

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

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

In Poverty		100-149% of Pov		>150% of Pov		All		All of CA
#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
212	30.7	186	31.6	4,182	51.2	4,580	51.8	68.7
38	5.5	9	1.5	513	6.3	560	6.3	9.5
32	4.6	13	2.2	124	1.5	169	1.9	3.6
0	0.0	6	1.0	147	1.8	153	1.7	2.1
41	5.9	16	2.7	93	1.1	150	1.7	2.4
67	9.7	52	8.8	3,112	38.1	3,231	36.5	13.6
390	56.5	282	47.9	8,171		8,843		
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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 South Pasadena 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.

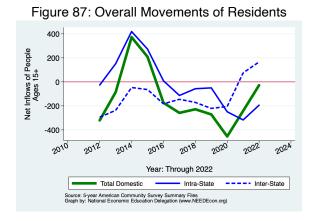


Table 17: Migration by Income

	Net Inflows					
		Same State				-
			W/in	Between	Across	From
Category	Population	All Migration	County	Counties	States	Abroad
No income	2,950	114	6	-29	-3	140
With income	18,413	55	-53	-118	169	57
\$1 to \$9,999 or loss	1,483	-158	-22	-109	-27	0
\$10,000 to \$14,999	866	-2	-48	25	7	14
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,617	-66	-109	-11	54	0
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,282	25	-3	58	-38	8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,494	-10	-69	-5	51	13
\$50,000 to \$64,999	1,807	102	97	5	0	0
\$65,000 to \$74,999	1,109	-18	-3	-27	12	0
\$75,000 or more	8,755	182	104	-54	110	22
All:	21,363	169	-47	-147	166	197

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.

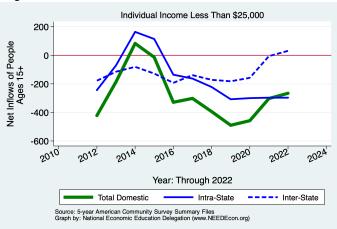
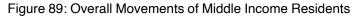
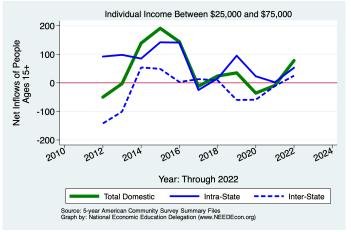
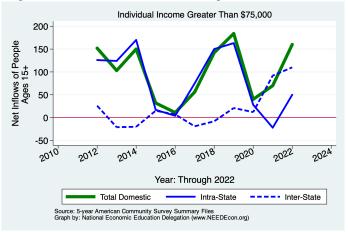


Figure 88: Overall Movements of Low Income Residents









Demographics of Migration Flows

Table 18: Migration by Marital Status

	Net Inflows						
			Sam	e State		•	
Category	Population	All Migration	W/in County	Between Counties	Across States	From Abroad	
Never married	7,216	85	137	-30	-36	14	
Now married, except separated	11,515	233	2	-103	215	119	
Divorced	1,674	-59	-99	$^{-3}$	-13	56	
Separated	262	-40	-29	-11	0	0	
Widowed	696	-50	-58	0	0	8	
Total:	21,363	169	-47	-147	166	197	

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

Table 19: Migration by Tenure

		Net Inflows				_
			Same State			
Category	Population	All Migration	W/in County	Between Counties	Across States	From Abroad
Householder lived in owner-occupied housing units Householder lived in renter-occupied housing units	$13,648 \\ 12,566$	$-139 \\ 619$	$-170\\142$	$-74 \\ -70$	$70 \\ 310$	$\frac{35}{237}$
Total:	26,214	480	-28	-144	380	272

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

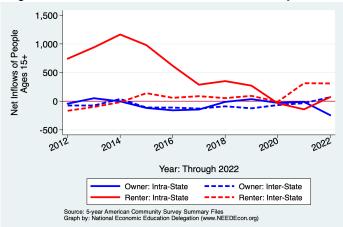


Figure 91: Domestic Movements of Residents by Tenure

Table 20: Migration by Age

	Net Inflows					
		Same State				
			W/in	Between	Across	From
Category	Population	All Migration	County	Counties	States	Abroad
1 to 4 years	1,329	87	36	-13	64	0
5 to 17 years	4,579	-16	-76	-85	56	89
18 and 19 years	410	-117	-25	-79	-13	0
20 to 24 years	878	34	-12	77	-31	0
25 to 29 years	1,524	211	166	-17	62	0
30 to 34 years	1,698	176	80	8	61	27
35 to 39 years	2,419	177	92	-22	30	77
40 to 44 years	2,410	19	-42	-27	31	57
45 to 49 years	2,180	62	35	-26	39	14
50 to 54 years	2,161	-99	-148	20	29	0
55 to 59 years	1,515	-56	-36	-20	0	0
60 to 64 years	1,403	-72	-25	-53	6	0
65 to 69 years	1,337	-34	-44	10	0	0
70 to 74 years	874	9	-2	-5	8	8
75 years and over	1,638	-39	1	-13	-27	0
Total Population:	26,355	342	0	-245	315	272

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

Table 21: Migration by Educational Attainment

	Net Inflows						
		Same State					
Category	Population	All Migration	W/in County	Between Counties	Across States	From Abroad	
Less than high school graduate	525	22	22	0	0	0	
High school graduate (includes equiv)	1,279	-69	-84	-11	26	0	
Some college or assoc. degree	3,604	79	74	-60	43	22	
Bachelor's degree	6,749	209	88	-11	64	68	
Graduate or professional degree	7,002	113	-23	-63	106	93	
Total:	19,159	354	77	-145	239	183	

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	71,189	71,189
Moved Within Same County	72,813	58,787
Moved to Different County, Same State	32,679	33,456
Moved Between States	70,417	30,820
Total Population:	70,709	69,272

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	42.7	42.7
Moved Within Same County	31.4	34.3
Moved to Different County, Same State	24.0	26.6
Moved Between States	29.7	23.2
Moved from Abroad	37.1	
Total Population:	40.8	42.1

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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