

# San Mateo Commute Patterns

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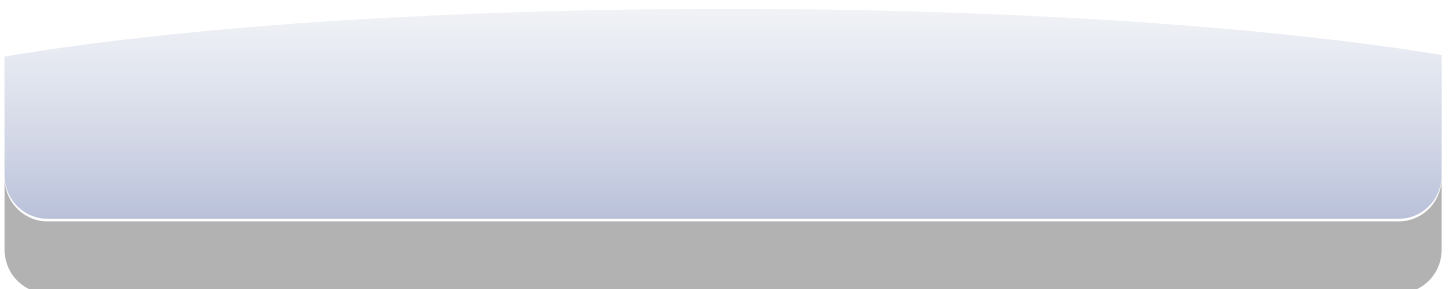
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# 1. Mode of Transportation

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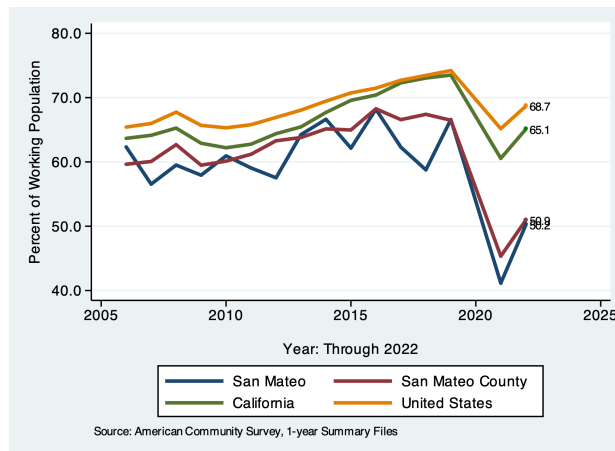


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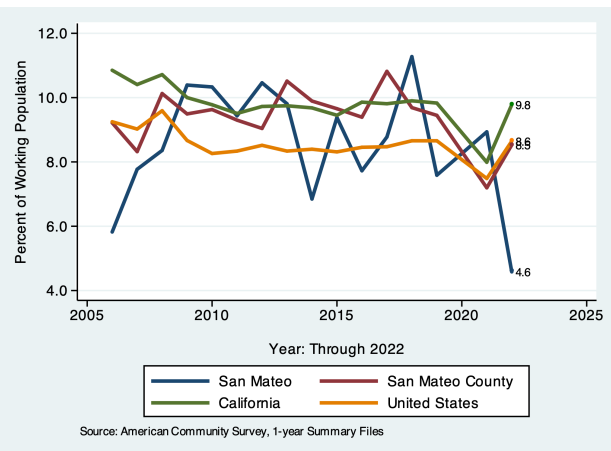


Figure 1 - 3: Percent of Workers using Public Transportation

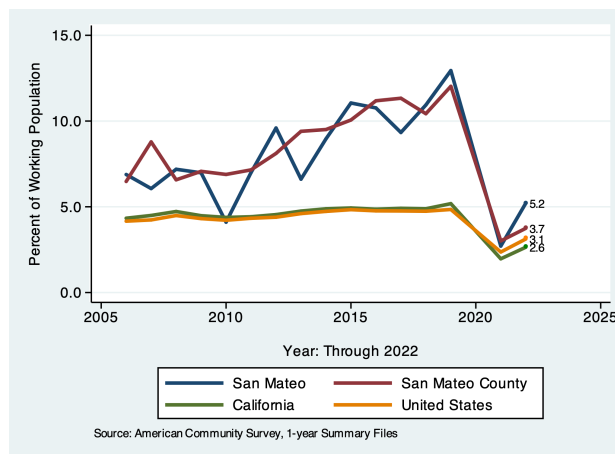
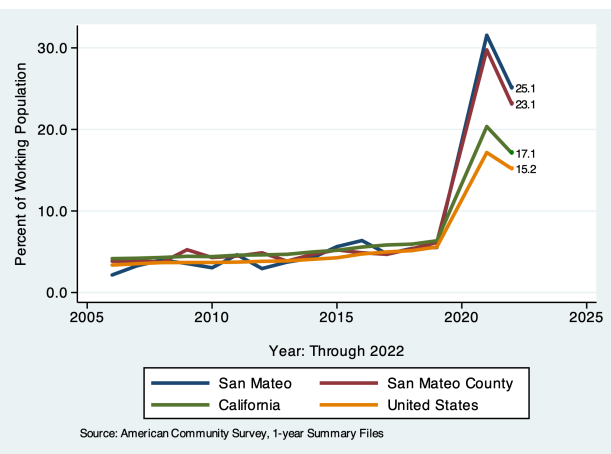


Figure 1 - 4: Percent of Workers Who Work From Home



**Table 1.1. SEX OF WORKERS BY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK**

Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van:	18,965	58.5	13,738	50.3	32,703	54.8	75.3
Drove Alone	17,548	54.1	12,419	45.5	29,967	50.2	65.5
Carpooled:	1,417	4.4	1,319	4.8	2,736	4.6	9.8
In 2-person carpool	904	2.8	1,038	3.8	1,942	3.3	7.0
In 3-person carpool	261	0.8	237	0.9	498	0.8	1.7
In 4-or-more-person carpool	252	0.8	44	0.2	296	0.5	1.2
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	1,269	3.9	1,840	6.7	3,109	5.2	2.7
Bus or Trolley Bus	448	1.4	676	2.5	1,124	1.9	1.8
Streetcar or Trolley Car	348	1.1	0	0.0	348	0.6	0.5
Subway or Elevated	473	1.5	1,164	4.3	1,637	2.7	0.2
Railroad	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Ferryboat	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Bicycle	349	1.1	160	0.6	509	0.9	0.7
Walked	1,532	4.7	740	2.7	2,272	3.8	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	598	1.8	269	1.0	867	1.5	1.7
Worked at Home	7,922	24.4	7,060	25.9	14,982	25.1	17.2
<b>Total:</b>	30,635	94.5	23,807	87.2	54,442	91.2	

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

**Table 1.2. SEX OF WORKERS BY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKPLACE GEOGRAPHY**

Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Car, Truck, or Van:	19,799	63.6	17,908	63.4	37,707	63.7	75.3
Drove Alone	16,688	53.6	15,350	54.3	32,038	54.1	65.5
Carpooled:	3,111	10.0	2,558	9.1	5,669	9.6	9.8
In 2-person carpool	1,565	5.0	2,045	7.2	3,610	6.1	7.0
In 3-person carpool	666	2.1	330	1.2	996	1.7	1.7
In 4-or-more-person carpool	880	2.8	183	0.6	1,063	1.8	1.2
Public Transportation (excl Taxi):	807	2.6	469	1.7	1,276	2.2	2.6
Bus or Trolley Bus	437	1.4	351	1.2	788	1.3	1.8
Streetcar or Trolley Car	176	0.6	0	0.0	176	0.3	0.5
Subway or Elevated	194	0.6	118	0.4	312	0.5	0.2
Railroad	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Ferryboat	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1
Bicycle	246	0.8	310	1.1	556	0.9	0.7
Walked	1,772	5.7	453	1.6	2,225	3.8	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	495	1.6	253	0.9	748	1.3	1.7
Worked at Home	7,922	25.4	7,060	25.0	14,982	25.3	17.2
<b>Total:</b>	31,041	99.7	26,453	93.6	57,494	97.1	

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.

## 2. Travel Time to Work

**Table 2.1. SEX OF WORKERS BY TRAVEL TIME TO WORK**

Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Less than 5 minutes	381	1.2	170	0.7	551	1.0	2.1
5 to 9 minutes	2,730	8.8	1,793	7.1	4,523	8.0	7.8
10 to 14 minutes	2,500	8.0	2,710	10.7	5,210	9.2	12.4
15 to 19 minutes	2,159	6.9	2,815	11.1	4,974	8.8	15.4
20 to 24 minutes	2,944	9.4	2,835	11.2	5,779	10.2	14.8
25 to 29 minutes	1,635	5.2	1,211	4.8	2,846	5.0	6.4
30 to 34 minutes	3,561	11.4	899	3.6	4,460	7.9	15.2
35 to 39 minutes	1,509	4.8	944	3.7	2,453	4.3	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	1,632	5.2	933	3.7	2,565	4.5	4.1
45 to 59 minutes	2,350	7.5	1,181	4.7	3,531	6.3	8.2
60 to 89 minutes	1,167	3.7	883	3.5	2,050	3.6	7.2
90 or more minutes	145	0.5	373	1.5	518	0.9	3.6
<b>Total:</b>	22,713	72.9	16,747	66.3	39,460	69.9	

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

**Table 2.2. SEX OF WORKERS BY TRAVEL TIME TO WORK FOR WORKPLACE GEOGRAPHY**

Mode of Transit	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Less than 5 minutes	375	1.3	170	0.6	545	1.0	2.1
5 to 9 minutes	2,009	6.7	1,243	4.6	3,252	5.8	7.8
10 to 14 minutes	2,115	7.1	2,626	9.7	4,741	8.5	12.4
15 to 19 minutes	2,815	9.5	2,940	10.8	5,755	10.3	15.3
20 to 24 minutes	2,606	8.8	2,822	10.4	5,428	9.7	14.8
25 to 29 minutes	1,110	3.7	989	3.6	2,099	3.7	6.4
30 to 34 minutes	3,011	10.1	3,022	11.1	6,033	10.8	15.2
35 to 39 minutes	968	3.3	1,008	3.7	1,976	3.5	2.9
40 to 44 minutes	1,028	3.5	2,021	7.4	3,049	5.4	4.1
45 to 59 minutes	2,600	8.7	1,214	4.5	3,814	6.8	8.2
60 to 89 minutes	3,394	11.4	654	2.4	4,048	7.2	7.2
90 or more minutes	1,088	3.7	684	2.5	1,772	3.2	3.6
<b>Total:</b>	23,119	77.6	19,393	71.3	42,512	75.9	

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

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Figure 2 - 1: Percent of Employed Population With Commutes of More than 30 Minutes

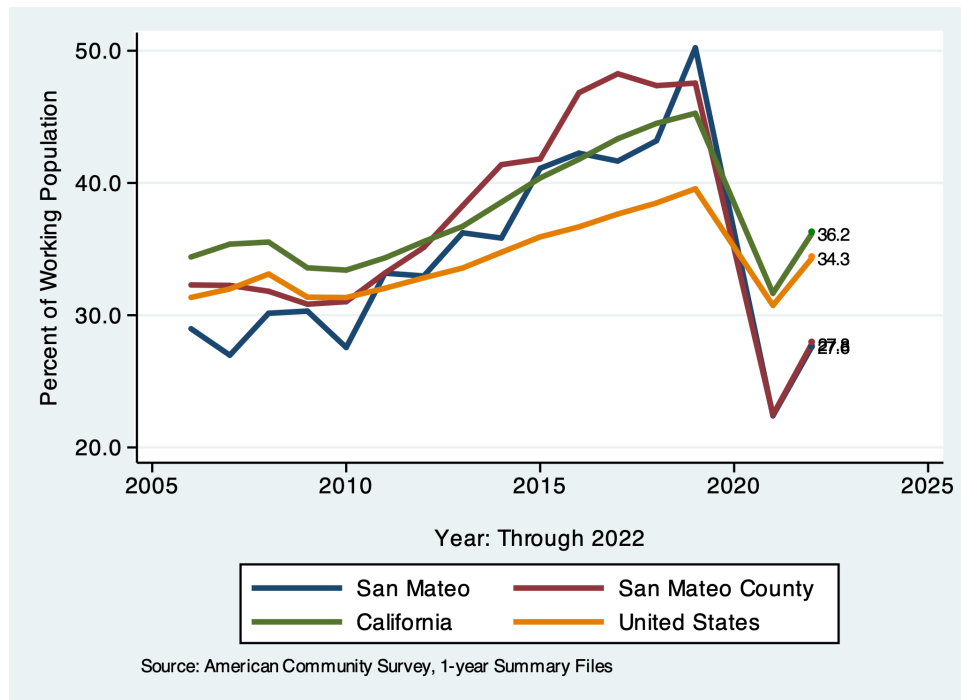


Figure 2 - 2: Percent of Employed Population With Commutes of More than 90 Minutes

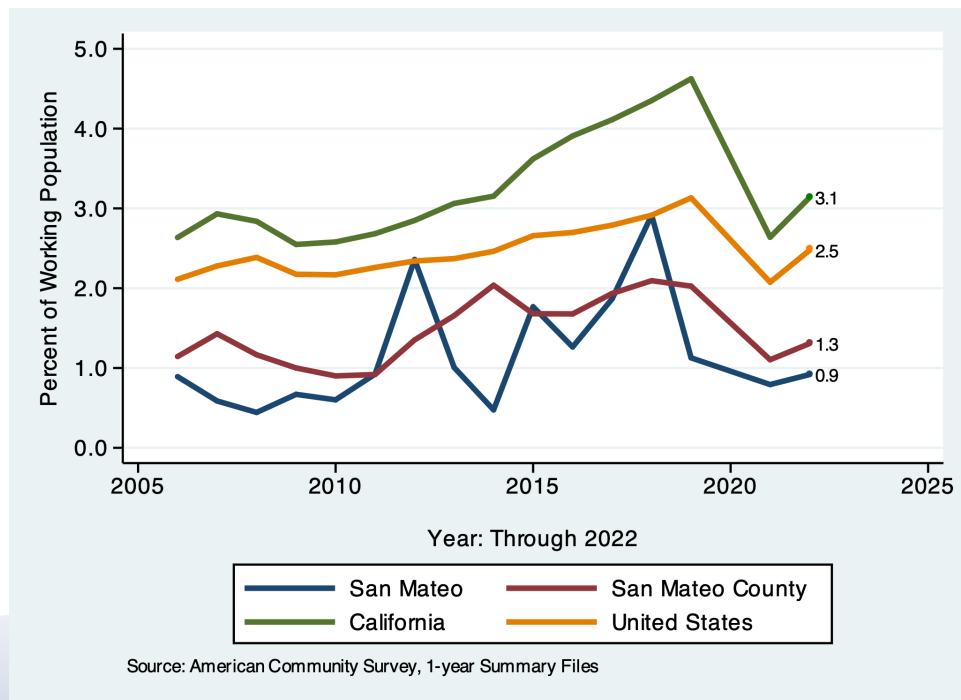


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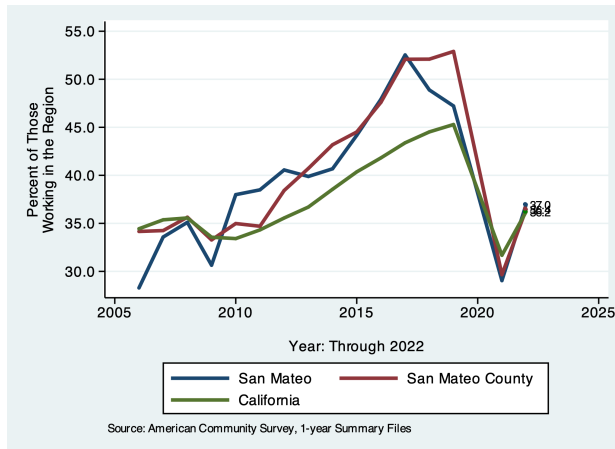


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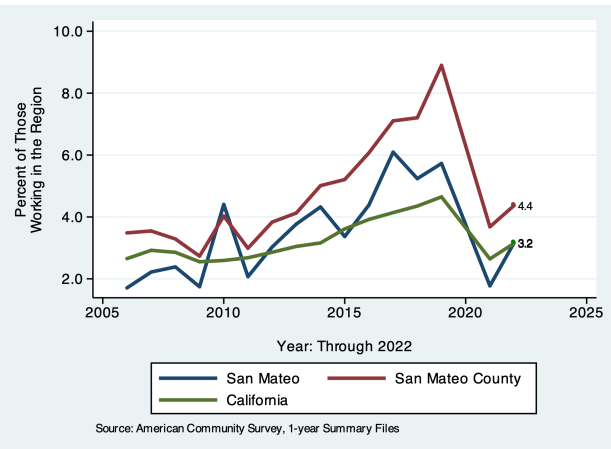
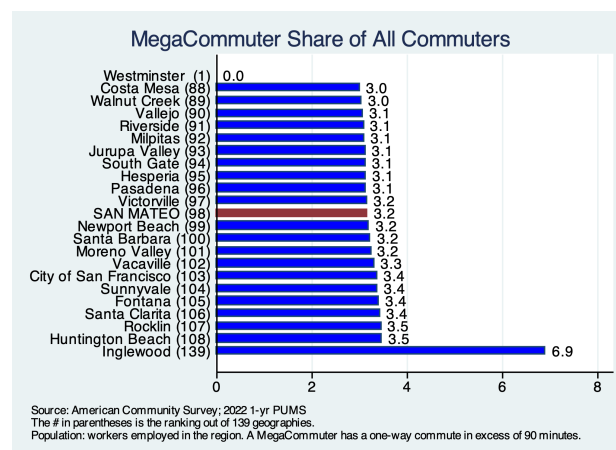


Figure 2 - 5: Rank: Share of MegaCommuters Across Similar Geographies



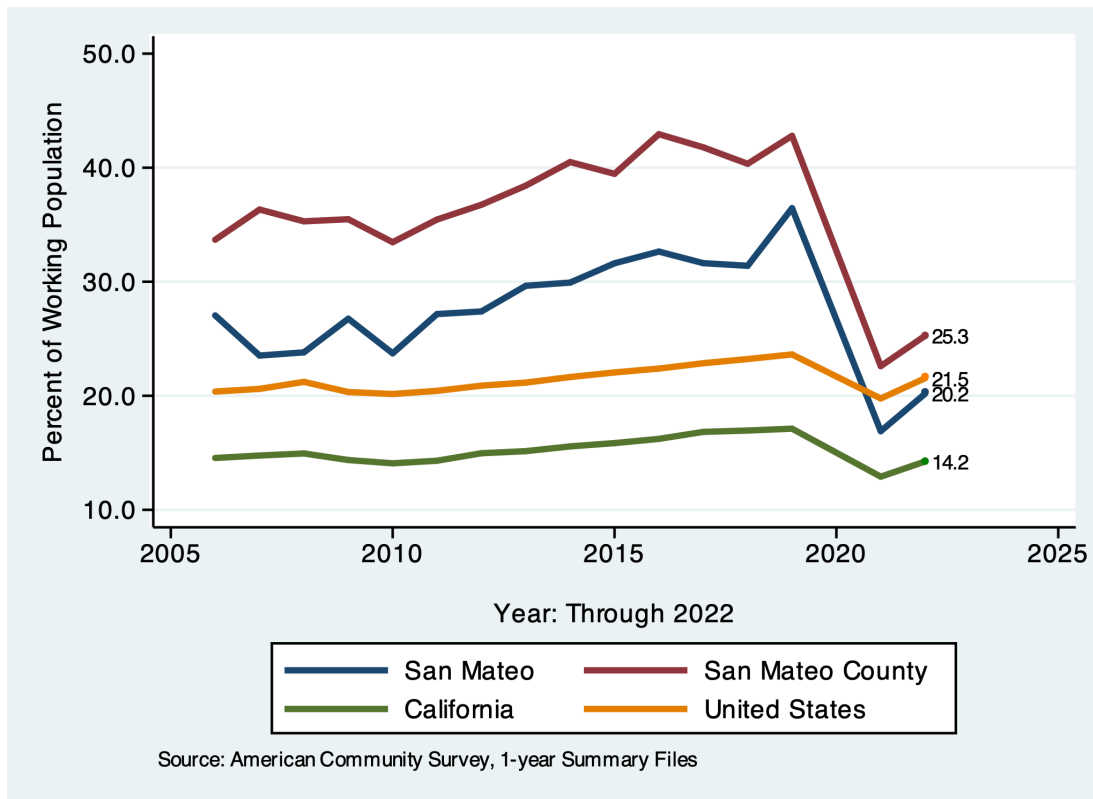
### 3. Place of Work

**Table 3.1. SEX OF WORKERS BY PLACE OF WORK-STATE AND COUNTY LEVEL**

Place of Work	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Worked in state of residence:	30,635	94.5	23,807	87.2	54,442	91.2	99.6
Worked in county of residence	22,529	69.5	19,859	72.8	42,388	71.0	85.3
worked outside of county of residence	8,106	25.0	3,948	14.5	12,054	20.2	14.3
Worked outside state of residence	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.4
<b>Total:</b>	30,635	94.5	23,807	87.2	54,442	91.2	

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

**Figure 3 - 1: Percent of Workers Employed Outside of Their County of Residence**

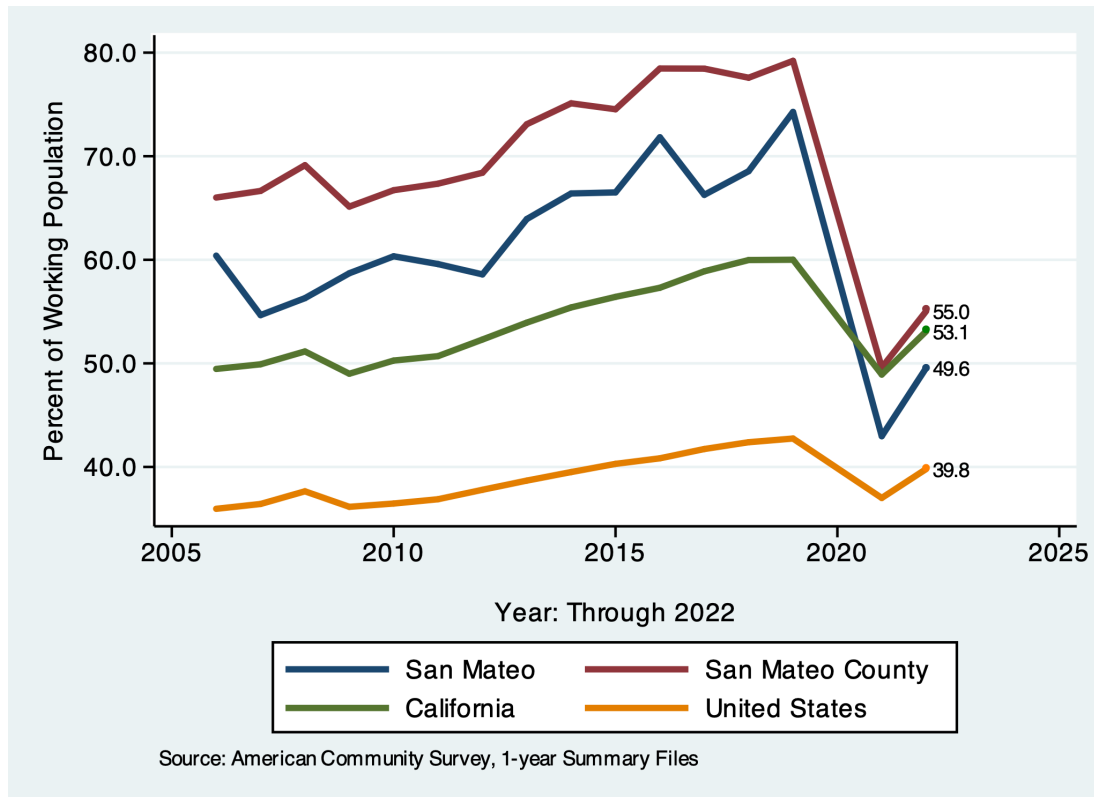


**Table 3.2. SEX OF WORKERS BY PLACE OF WORK-PLACE LEVEL**

Place of Work	Male		Female		All Workers		All of CA (%)
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	
Living in a place:	30,635	94.5	23,807	87.2	54,442	91.2	95.8
Worked in place of residence	12,986	40.0	11,863	43.5	24,849	41.6	42.3
Worked outside place of residence	17,649	54.4	11,944	43.8	29,593	49.6	53.4
Not living in a place	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4.2
<b>Total:</b>	30,635	94.5	23,807	87.2	54,442	91.2	

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

**Figure 3 - 2: Percent of Workers Employed Outside of Their Place of Residence**





## 4. Commute Mode by Income

**Table 4.1. MEDIAN EARNINGS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS  
BY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK**

	<i>Region</i>	<i>California</i>		<i>United States</i>	
		<i>Median</i>	<i>Ratio</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Ratio</i>
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	80,696	48,335	93.3	45,677	91.8
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	41,682	35,926	64.8	34,518	62.8
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	61,866	34,625	99.8	41,443	77.6
Walked	52,936	30,552	96.8	27,247	101.0
Taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle, or other means	41,717	40,631	57.3	36,218	59.9
Worked from home	130,272	79,738	91.3	69,180	97.9
<b>Total:</b>	89,189	49,818	179.0	46,365	192.4

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Table 4.2. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK BY WORKERS' EARNINGS**

Mode of Transit	< \$25,000		\$25,000-\$74,999		\$75,000+		All		All of CA
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	4,739	28.3	7,166	39.8	16,059	51.2	29,967	50.2	65.5
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	970	5.8	905	5.0	784	2.5	2,736	4.6	9.8
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	1,051	6.3	498	2.8	1,452	4.6	3,109	5.2	2.7
Walked	447	2.7	907	5.0	755	2.4	2,272	3.8	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	609	3.6	169	0.9	587	1.9	1,376	2.3	2.4
Worked at Home	736	4.4	2,233	12.4	11,702	37.3	14,982	25.1	17.2
<b>Total:</b>	8,552	51.1	11,878	66.0	31,339		54,442	91.2	100.0

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

**Table 4.3. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK BY WORKERS' EARNINGS FOR  
WORKPLACE GEOGRAPHY**

Mode of Transit	< \$25,000		\$25,000-\$74,999		\$75,000+		All		All of CA
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	6,659	33.4	8,247	46.8	15,035	49.9	32,038	54.1	65.5
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	1,933	9.7	1,904	10.8	1,317	4.4	5,669	9.6	9.8
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	941	4.7	66	0.4	269	0.9	1,276	2.2	2.6
Walked	406	2.0	471	2.7	1,128	3.7	2,225	3.8	2.4
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	398	2.0	123	0.7	693	2.3	1,304	2.2	2.4
Worked at Home	736	3.7	2,233	12.7	11,702	38.8	14,982	25.3	17.2
<b>Total:</b>	11,073	55.5	13,044	74.0	30,144		57,494	97.1	

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

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## 5. Commute Mode by Poverty Status

**Table 5.1. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK BY POVERTY STATUS**

Mode of Transit	In Poverty		100-149% of Pov		>150% of Pov		All		All of CA
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	1,176	41.9	802	25.5	27,989	51.5	29,967	51.9	65.8
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	135	4.8	44	1.4	2,557	4.7	2,736	4.7	9.8
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	798	28.4	0	0.0	2,311	4.3	3,109	5.4	2.6
Walked	246	8.8	0	0.0	2,026	3.7	2,272	3.9	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	234	8.3	136	4.3	1,006	1.9	1,376	2.4	2.4
Worked at Home	220	7.8	0	0.0	14,762	27.2	14,982	25.9	17.2
<b>Total:</b>	2,809		982	31.3	50,651	93.3	54,442	94.3	

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

**Table 5.2. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK BY POVERTY STATUS FOR WORKPLACE GEOGRAPHY**

Mode of Transit	In Poverty		100-149% of Pov		>150% of Pov		All		All of CA
	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)	(%)
Car, Truck, or Van: Drove Alone	1,061	36.9	697	20.9	30,280	54.7	32,038	54.1	65.8
Car, Truck, or Van: Carpooled	741	25.8	188	5.6	4,740	8.6	5,669	9.6	9.8
Public Transportation (excl Taxi)	477	16.6	88	2.6	711	1.3	1,276	2.2	2.6
Walked	205	7.1	0	0.0	2,020	3.6	2,225	3.8	2.1
Taxicab, Motorcycle, or other	86	3.0	0	0.0	1,218	2.2	1,304	2.2	2.4
Worked at Home	220	7.7	0	0.0	14,762	26.7	14,982	25.3	17.2
<b>Total:</b>	2,790	97.1	973	29.1	53,731	97.1	57,494	97.1	100.0

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