

# Poverty and Inequality in San Mateo County

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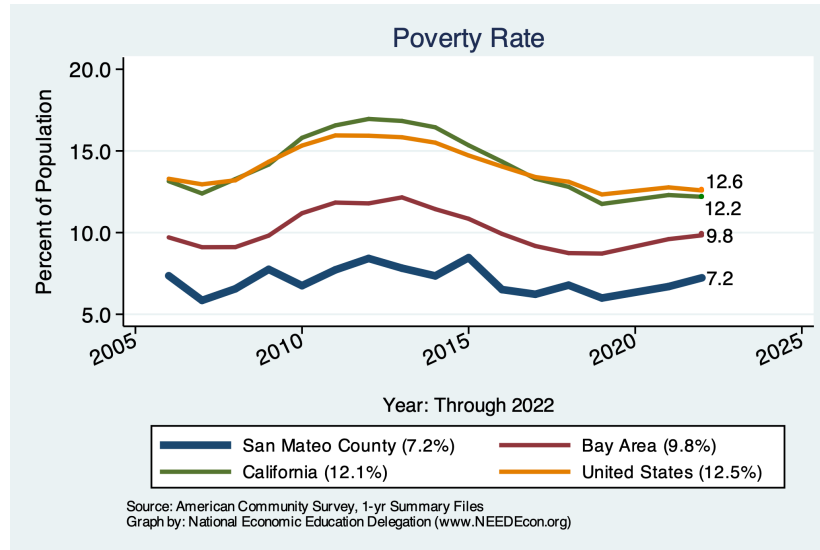
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# 1. Poverty

Figure 1 - 1: Overall Poverty Rate

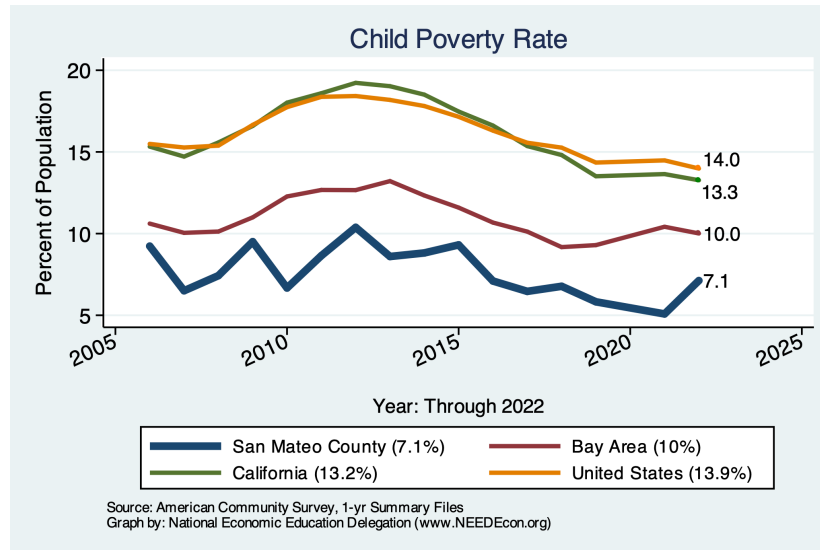


**Table 1.1: Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity**

Race/Ethnicity	Population	Poverty	
		#	% of Population
White Alone	285,461	15,338	5.4
Asian Alone	229,980	14,118	6.1
Some Other Race Alone	83,732	7,896	9.4
Two or More Races	98,483	6,138	6.2
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino	261,685	11,722	4.5
Hispanic or Latino	175,248	16,283	9.3
<b>All Races</b>	<b>733,104</b>	<b>49,089</b>	<b>6.7</b>

Source: 2021 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Figure 1 - 2: Child Poverty Rate



Number of Children (< 18) Living in Poverty: 10,539

**Table 1.2: Poverty Rates by Age and Sex**

Age	Male			Female			Total Poverty Rate
	In Poverty	Number Total	Poverty Rate	In Poverty	Number Total	Poverty Rate	
< 5	1,168	19,210	6.1	1,050	18,516	5.7	5.9
5	447	4,437	10.1	531	4,700	11.3	10.7
6 to 11	1,310	24,952	5.3	1,044	24,736	4.2	4.7
12 to 14	704	12,813	5.5	407	10,360	3.9	4.8
15	172	3,548	4.8	174	3,804	4.6	4.7
16 to 17	299	9,749	3.1	497	8,930	5.6	4.3
18 to 24	2,692	26,219	10.3	3,430	23,997	14.3	12.2
25 to 34	3,118	54,325	5.7	2,339	50,497	4.6	5.2
35 to 44	3,191	54,972	5.8	3,337	52,647	6.3	6.1
45 to 54	3,339	49,696	6.7	2,765	50,173	5.5	6.1
55 to 64	3,324	47,817	7.0	2,469	49,478	5.0	6.0
65 to 74	2,282	34,742	6.6	2,727	39,778	6.9	6.7
75+	2,358	21,979	10.7	3,915	31,029	12.6	11.8
<b>All Ages</b>	24,404	364,459	6.7	24,685	368,645	6.7	6.7

Source: 2021 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

**Table 1.3: Income Relative to the Poverty Line**

Income Group	% of Population	Cumulative %	Group Population
Under 50%	3.6	3.6	26,478
50% - 74%	1.5	5.1	10,679
75% - 99%	1.6	6.7	11,932
100% - 124%	1.6	8.3	11,743
125% - 149%	2.1	10.4	15,209
150% - 174%	1.6	11.9	11,432
175% - 184%	0.9	12.8	6,596
185% - 199%	1.5	14.3	10,677
200% - 299%	10.6	24.9	78,005
300% - 399%	8.5	33.5	62,669
400% - 499%	8.9	42.3	64,957
500% +	57.7	100.0	422,727
<b>Total</b>	100.0	100.0	733,104

Source: 2021 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

**Table 1.4: Poverty Rates by Sex and Education**

Education	Male			Female			Total Poverty Rate
	In Poverty	Number Total	Poverty Rate	In Poverty	Number Total	Poverty Rate	
Less than High School	5,448	27,908	19.5	4,797	22,993	20.9	20.1
High School Grad (& Equiv)	3,380	41,322	8.2	3,659	40,600	9.0	8.6
Some College, Assoc Degree	4,239	60,757	7.0	4,622	64,353	7.2	7.1
Bachelor's degree or higher	4,545	133,544	3.4	4,474	145,656	3.1	3.2
<b>Total:</b>	17,612	263,531	6.7	17,552	273,602	6.4	6.5

Source: 2021 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Universe: Population 25 years old and over.

**Table 1.5: Poverty Rates by Sex and Work Experience**

Work Experience	Male		Poverty Rate	Female		Poverty Rate	Total Poverty Rate
	In Poverty	Total		In Poverty	Total		
Worked full time, year-round	1,796	154,995	1.2	501	120,709	0.4	0.8
Worked part-time or part-year	4,788	62,811	7.6	5,657	71,253	7.9	7.8
Did not work	14,019	81,693	17.2	15,321	114,567	13.4	14.9
<b>Total:</b>	20,603	299,499	6.9	21,479	306,529	7.0	6.9

Source: 2021 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Universe: Population 16 years old and over.

**Table 1.6: Poverty Rates by Sex and Employment Status**

Employment Status	Male		Poverty Rate	Female		Poverty Rate	Total Poverty Rate
	In Poverty	Total		In Poverty	Total		
In labor force:	7,449	215,609	3.5	7,222	191,092	3.8	3.6
Employed	5,682	202,806	2.8	4,773	177,361	2.7	2.8
Unemployed	1,767	12,803	13.8	2,449	13,731	17.8	15.9
Not in labor force	13,154	83,857	15.7	14,257	115,437	12.4	13.8
<b>Total:</b>	20,603	299,466	6.9	21,479	306,529	7.0	6.9

Source: 2021 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Universe: Population 16 years old and over.

**Table 1.7: Poverty Rates for Families, by Tenure**

Family Type	Owners		Renters		All Families	
	Poverty	Number	Poverty	Number	Poverty	Number
Married-couple family:	1.4	103,401	7.2	39,605	3.0	143,006
Male householder, no wife present:	5.0	5,822	13.1	7,447	9.5	13,269
Female householder, no husband present:	2.9	12,749	15.2	12,304	8.9	25,053
<b>Total:</b>	1.7	121,972	9.6	59,356	4.3	181,328

Source: 2021 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

Universe: Families, excluding single individual households.

**Table 1.8: Poverty Rates by Nativity**

Nativity	# of Persons		Poverty Rate
	In Poverty	Total	
Native:	26,656	479,328	5.6
Foreign Born:	22,433	253,776	8.8
Naturalized Citizen	8,875	149,647	5.9
Not a Citizen	13,558	104,129	13.0

Source: 2021 1-year American Community Survey, Summary File

## 2. Income Inequality

Figure 2 - 1: Median Household Income

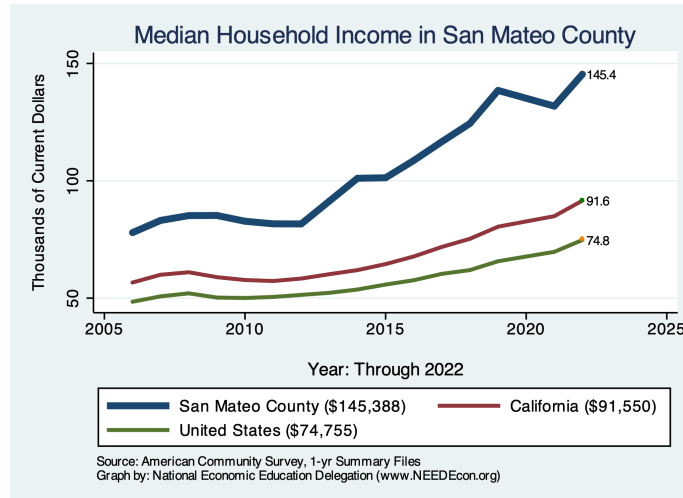


Figure 2 - 2: Per Capita Income

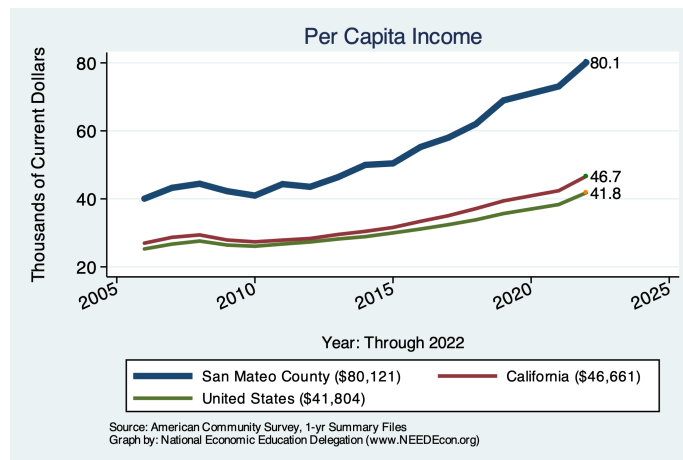


Figure 2 - 3: Gini Coefficients

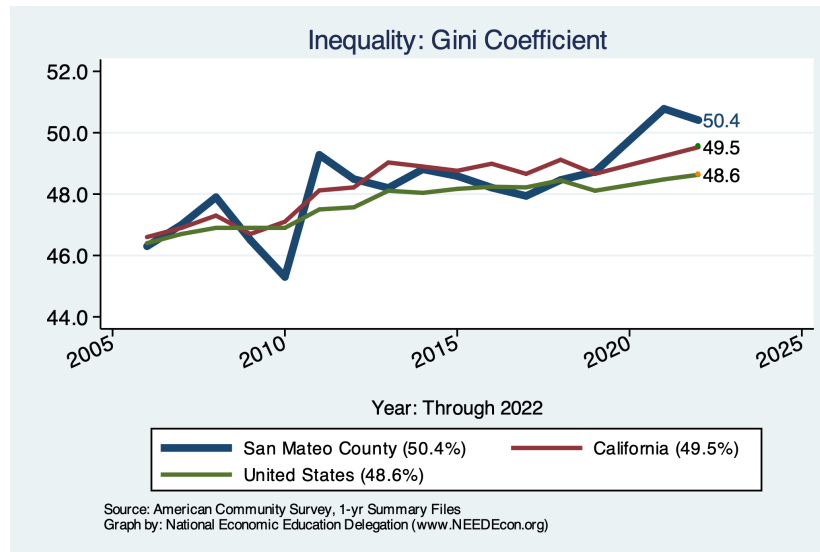


Figure 2 - 4: Distribution of Household Income

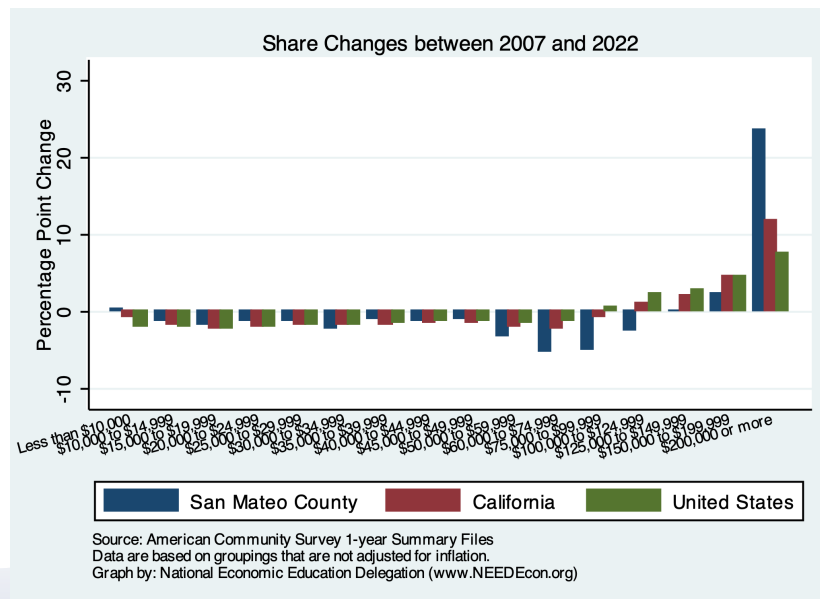


Figure 2 - 5: Income Shares by Quintile

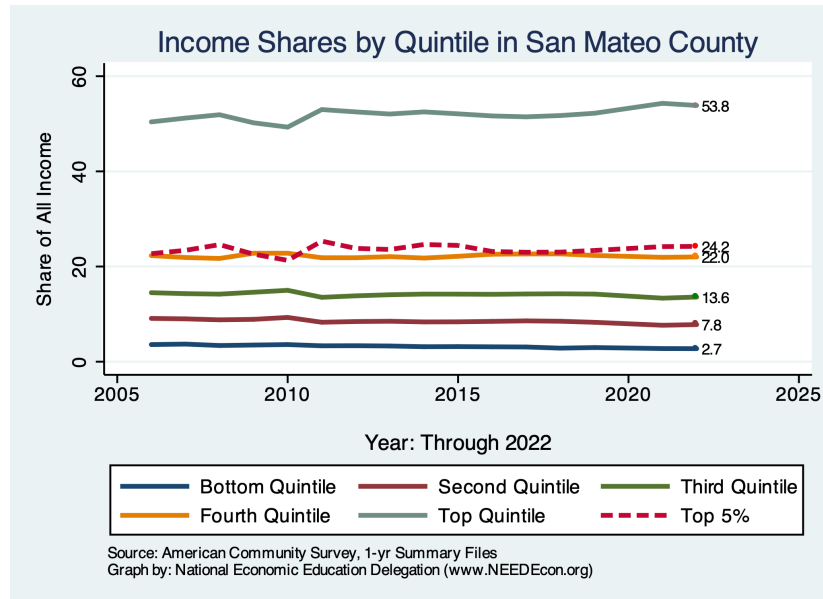


Figure 2 - 6: Income Shares by Quintile - Comparison

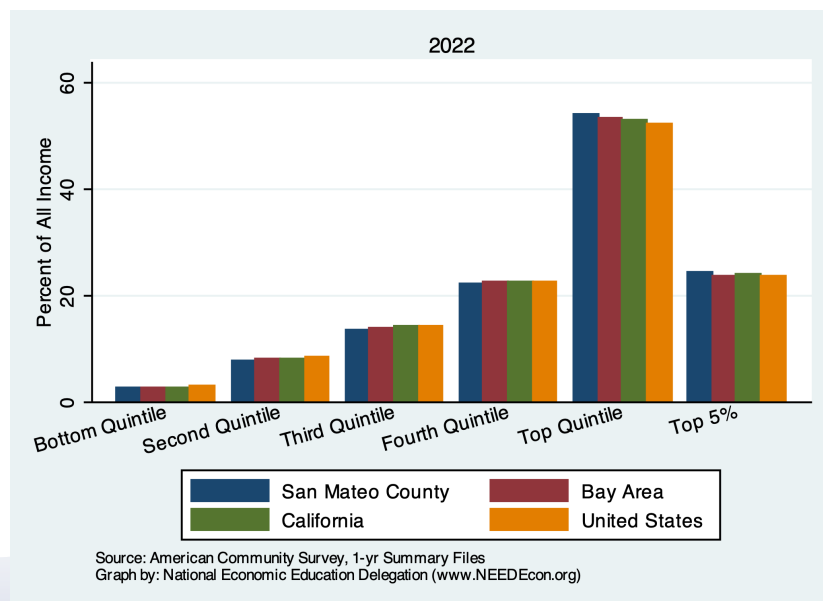




Figure 2 - 7: Mean Income by Quintile

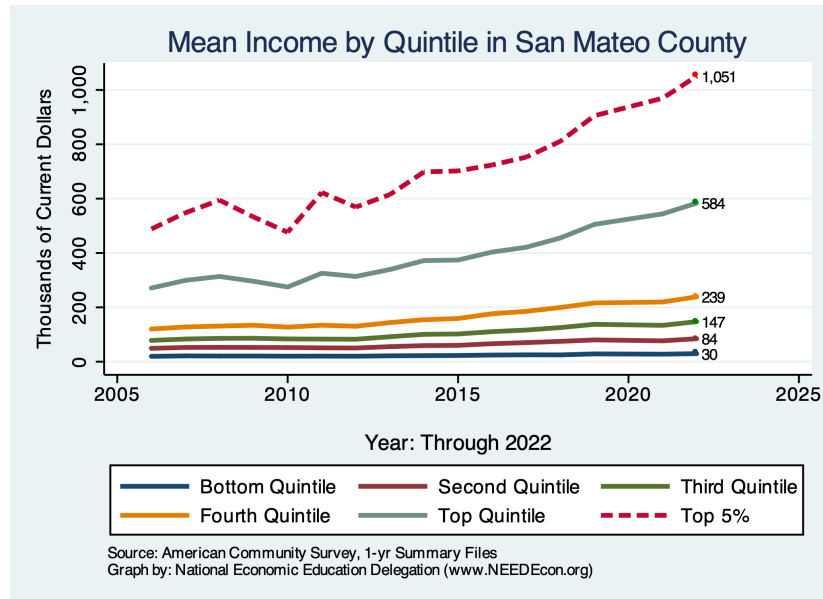


Figure 2 - 8: Mean Income by Quintile - Comparison

