

# REGIONAL JOBS STRATEGY 2017 DASHBOARD UPDATE

## A PRODUCT OF THE REGIONAL JOBS STRATEGY

This report is an update to the initial 2016 Regional Jobs Strategy Dashboards produced by the San Diego Regional Chamber Foundation. The intent of the Jobs Strategy initiative was to place the attention of the entire business community on locally-proven strategies, and the issues that matter most for job creation. The Report is designed to be a clear road map for leveraging the region's resources and aligning initiatives.

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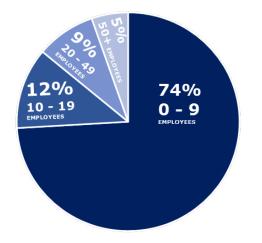




## **BUSINESS & TAX CLIMATE**

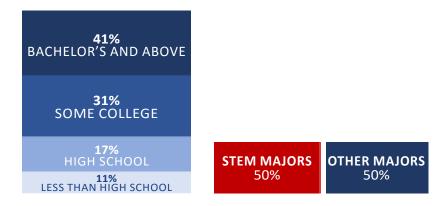
#### **BUSINESSES BY SIZE**

San Diego ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in number of small employers (fewer than 10 employees).



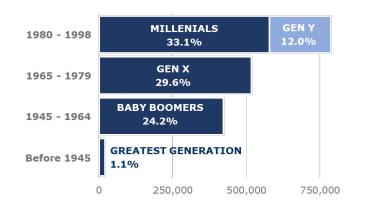
#### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

San Diego ranks 9<sup>th</sup> in educational attainment and 5<sup>th</sup> for having the most STEM/STEM-related majors. In San Diego, a relatively high proportion of those with at least a Bachelor's degree hold one in STEM/STEM-related fields. This fosters continuous growth potential in high-demand occupations.



## **GENERATIONS**

Millennials now represent the largest population in the workforce.



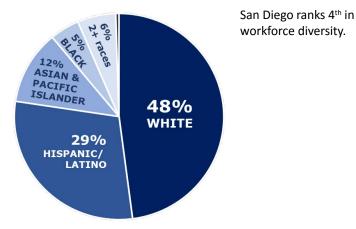
## **VETERANS AND WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE**

San Diego has a higher percentage of veterans in the workforce than any of its major competitor metros. At 88.5 percent male, the makeup of San Diego's armed forces and transitioning veterans likely explains part of San Diego's low representation of women in the workforce.

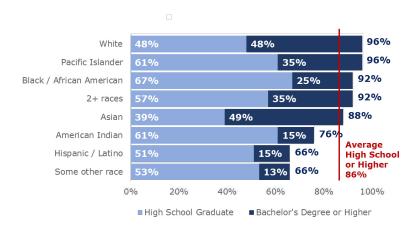
#### VETERANS: SAN DIEGO RANKS HIGHEST



## **ETHNICITIES IN THE WORKFORCE**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY ETHNICITY



## **TAXES, FEES & WAGES**

## **STATE TAXES**

California's rank among seven state tax climates.

CALIFORNIA HIGHEST OVERALL STATE TAXES



#### **SALES TAX**



SAN DIEGO 6<sup>TH</sup> HIGHEST SALES TAX: 7.75%

#### **UTILITY RATES**



WATER 3<sup>RD</sup> HIGHEST RATE: \$5.72/HCF



Sources: San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, Tax Foundation, Symmetry Payroll, State of California Franchise Tax Board, San Diego County Office of Property Tax Services, Tax Policy Center, U.S. Energy Information Administration

## **MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES**



## MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES ACROSS TARGET OCCUPATIONS

The occupations below represent higher wage industries in which San Diego competes for business and talent. The vertical red line indicates the range of median wages across the selected Key:

San Diego competitor metros. Median Wage Range Across Competitor Metros \$80 Healthcare Computer & **Business &** Practitioners Mathematical Financial \$60 & Technical Operations Management \$40 Architecture & Median - \$19.80 Life, Physical & Engineering \$20 (All Occupations) Social Science \$0 **RANK:** 8<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 3rd 5<sup>th</sup>



# AFFORDABILITY

## **AFFORDABILITY INDEX**

### **HOW FAR INCOME GOES**

Affordability is the ratio of cost of living versus income. The table below uses the per capita income in the competitor metros to calculate the income needed in San Diego to maintain current spending patterns. San Diego ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in per capita personal income and last in overall affordability.



		HOW FAR INCOME GOES	
COMPETITOR METRO CITY	PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME	% FARTHER THAN SAN DIEGO	RANK
SAN JOSE, CA	\$81,592	50%	1
AUSTIN, TX	\$51,014	46%	2
DENVER, CO	\$55,975	39%	3
RALEIGH, NC	\$48,411	39%	4
BOSTON, MA	\$68,292	30%	5
SEATTLE, WA	\$61,021	14%	6
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	\$79,206	14%	7
LOS ANGELES, CA	\$54,526	3%	8
PORTLAND, OR	\$48,422	1%	9
SAN DIEGO, CA	\$53,298		10

## TAXES

## **INCOME TAXES**

5 SAN DIEGO: \$1,991 2<sup>№</sup> HIGHEST AMONG METROS

**PROPERTY TAXES** 

SAN DIEGO: \$1,385 3<sup>RD</sup> HIGHEST AMONG METROS

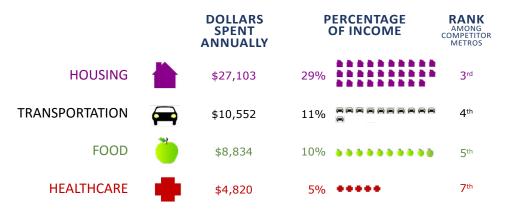
### **SALES TAXES**

The effective sales tax differs throughout San Diego County, as some cities have passed local sales taxes. All cities within the County pay a half percent sales tax for regional transportation infrastructure. In the graph below, cities within San Diego County are presented in color showing the California state tax (gold), the infrastructure tax (red), and the locally passed taxes (blue).

Seattle, WA	10.1%
Los Angeles, CA	9.25%
San Francisco, CA	8.5%
San Jose, CA	9.25%
National City, CA	8.75%
La Mesa, CA	8.5%
Vista, CA	8.25%
El Cajon, CA	8.25%
San Diego, CA	7.75%
Austin, TX	8.25%
Denver, CO	7.65%
Raleigh, NC	7.25%
Boston, MA	6.25%
Portland, OR – 0%	

## **TYPICAL HOUSEHOLD SPENDING**

Average annual income before taxes in San Diego is \$93,466. The figure below shows the typical spending in each major expenditure category as a percentage of average income.



## **COST OF HOUSING**

San Diego is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> highest out of competitor metros for percentage of home owners and rentors spending 30% or more of their income on housing.



Sources: San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, The Tax Foundation, San Diego Association of Governments Sources: San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Council for Community and Economic Research, Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS, San Diego County Apartment Association



# **STANDARD OF LIVING**

## **RECREATION AND WEATHER**

## PARKS AND BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE

San Diego ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in most acres of parkland with over 48,000 acres and ranks 6<sup>th</sup> for bike paths, with 2.2 miles of bicycle infrastructure per square mile.

## WALKABILITY

San Diego ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in walkability with a walk score of 51, meaning it is "somewhat walkable."

## WEATHER

Over the past year, San Diego has 279 sunny days and only 2 days of extreme temperature, ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> among metros.



## HEALTH AND SAFETY

## **OBESITY**

San Diego has the 6<sup>th</sup> highest rate of obesity among competitor metros. Raleigh has the highest obesity ranking among metros.

COMPETITOR METRO	RANK
RALEIGH, NC	1
PORTLAND, OR	2
AUSTIN, TX	3
SEATTLE, WA	4
LOS ANGELES, CA	5
SAN DIEGO, CA	6
BOSTON, MA	7
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	8
DENVER, CO	9
SAN JOSE, CA	10

## CRIME

San Diego has the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest property crime rate, and ranks 4<sup>TH</sup> lowest for violent crime among metros, just behind San Jose, Portland and Austin.



## **OPPORTUNITY**

## HOMELESSNESS, POVERTY AND UPWARD MOBILITY

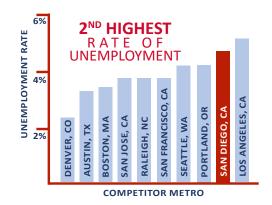
At 12.3%, San Diego has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest poverty rate. Disconnected youth - teenagers and young adults who are neither working nor in school - are nearly twice as likely to live in poverty. At 9.7%, San Diego ranks 5<sup>th</sup> for disconnected youth - nearly 50 percent higher than Boston. However, San Diego ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> for upward mobility, which measures the ability for people to change their social and economic status. Additionally, San Diego has the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest homelessness rate, and has five chronically homeless individuals per 1,000 residents.



Sources: San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, Trust for Public Land, National Weather Service, Alliance for Biking & Walking, WalkScore.com, Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, FBI Uniform Crime Reports

## **UNEMPLOYMENT**

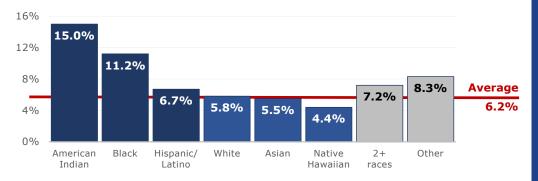
San Diego ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> highest for unemployment, with an unemployment rate of 4.7% in August of 2017. Similarly, San Diego has the highest women's unemployment rate and the second highest veterans unemployment rate according to 2016 figures which is the most recent available data.





## **UNEMPLOYMENT BY ETHNICITY**

In 2016, San Diego's unemployment rate is 6.2%, but some races and ethnicities face higher and lower unemployment rates.



#### According to the 2017 Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index report, the overall standard of living

comparison reflects five categories:

**STANDARD OF LIVING INDEX** 

1. Purpose

2. Social

3. Financial

4. Community

5. Physical



COMPETITOR METRO	WELL-BEING INDEX SCORE	RANK
SAN DIEGO, CA	63.9	1
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	63.5	2
SAN JOSE, CA	63.3	3
AUSTIN, TX	63.0	4
RALEIGH, NC	63.0	5
LOS ANGELES, CA	62.8	6
BOSTON, MA	62.7	7
DENVER, CO	62.7	8
PORTLAND, OR	62.0	9
SEATTLE, WA	62.0	10

**OVERALL INDEX** 

Sources: San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Social Science Research Council, National Bureau of Economic Research