



A PORTRAIT OF CALIFORNIA

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The San Francisco Metro Area on the American Human Development Index

The San Francisco metro area has some of the highest levels of well-being in the state, as measured by the American Human Development Index, with health, education, and earnings outcomes any other large metro area in California. The San Francisco metro area includes the San Francisco Peninsula as well as Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin and San Mateo counties.

Beneath this city average lies tremendous variation. What does *A Portrait of California 2011* reveal about well-being and opportunity within the San Francisco metro area?

Health in the San Francisco Metro Area:

- A baby born today in the San Francisco metro area can expect to live 81.4 years, over a year longer than the state average and longer than in any other metro area in the state. Longevity in the San Francisco metro area is about equal to the longest-lived state in the nation, Hawaii.

	HD Index
UNITED STATES	5.09
California	5.46
San Francisco Metro Area	6.97
TOP SF: Contra Costa- Moraga and Walnut Creek	8.77
BOTTOM SF: Alameda- Elmhurst	3.07

TABLE 2 Life Expectancy by Metro Area and Race/Ethnicity

METRO AREA	ALL RACE/ETHNIC GROUPS	AFRICAN AMERICANS	ASIAN AMERICANS	LATINOS	WHITES
California	80.1	73.3	86.1	83.1	79.3
San Francisco Metro Area	81.4	72.1	87.1	85.1	81.1
San Diego Metro Area	80.7	74.6	87.2	83.0	80.2
Los Angeles Metro Area	80.7	73.4	85.6	83.4	80.1
Sacramento Metro Area	79.4	73.2	84.6	83.3	79.1
Riverside-San Bernardino Metro Area	78.3	72.7	86.1	81.8	77.2

Source: AHDP calculations using mortality and population data from the California Department of Public Health and the U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008. See Methodological Notes for more details.

- Within the San Francisco metro area, life expectancy at birth ranges from 85 years in the San Mateo communities of Burlingame and Milbrae to only 74 in the Elmhurst section of Oakland, an 11-year gap within the same metro area.
- Asian Americans, Latinos, and whites live longer lives in the San Francisco metro area than in any other big city in California. The converse is true for African Americans, where life expectancy is lower in San Francisco than in other major metro area in the state (see table on reverse).

Education in the San Francisco Metro Area:

- Over 43 percent of adults in the San Francisco metro area hold at least a bachelor’s degree or higher compared to only about 30 percent for California overall.
- Within the San Francisco area, degree attainment reaches its highest levels in Berkeley in Alameda County where more than two-thirds of adults have a bachelor’s degree and over one-third a graduate or professional degree.
- Only about 15 miles away in the Elmhurst section of Oakland, more than one-third of adults never completed high school or a GED and only 13 in 100 have earned a four-year college degree.

Earnings in the San Francisco Metro Area:

- Median personal earnings in the San Francisco Metro Area are more than \$9,000 higher than California’s median earnings and higher than those of all other large metro areas in the state. Median earnings are the wages and salaries of the typical worker aged 16 and older.
- Earnings are highest for whites at over \$49,000, followed by Asian Americans at \$40,000, African Americans at \$32,000, and Latinos at \$24,000 [see table below].
- Within the San Francisco metro area, median earnings range from almost \$67,000 in and around San Ramon in Contra Costa County to only about one-third of that, about \$23,000, in Elmhurst, Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO BY RACE/ ETHNICITY	MEDIAN EARNINGS
UNITED STATES	\$28,000
California	\$30,000
SF Whites	\$49,000
SF Asian Americans	\$40,000
SF African Americans	\$32,000
SF Latinos	\$24,000

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