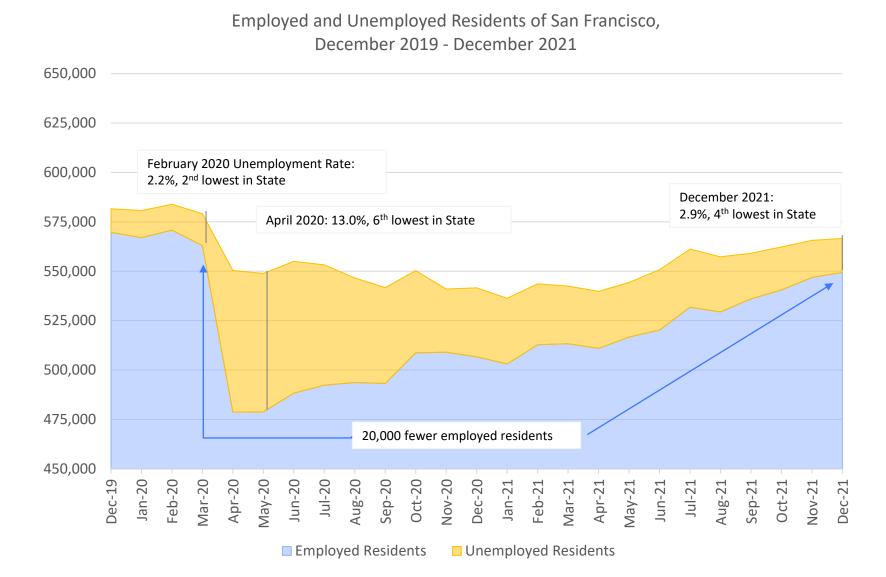
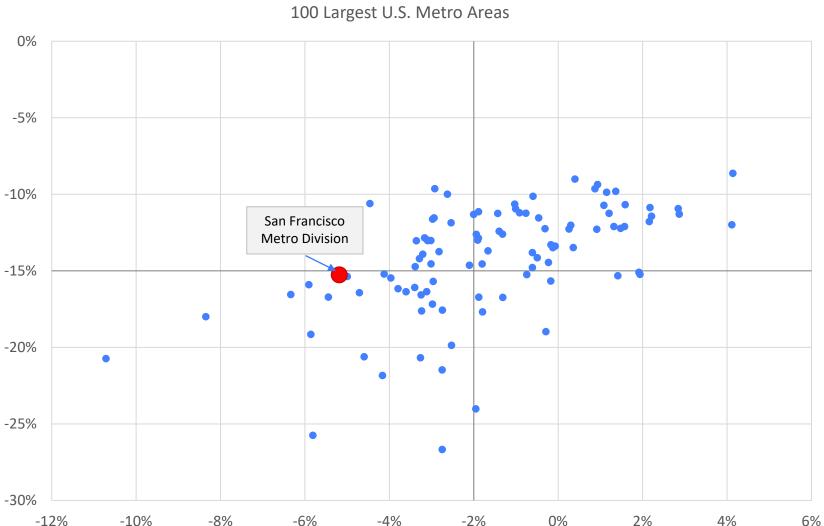
# Update on the City's Economy & Finances

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#### Unemployment Improvement Clear, But Challenges Remain



#### Comparatively Weak Local Job Recovery

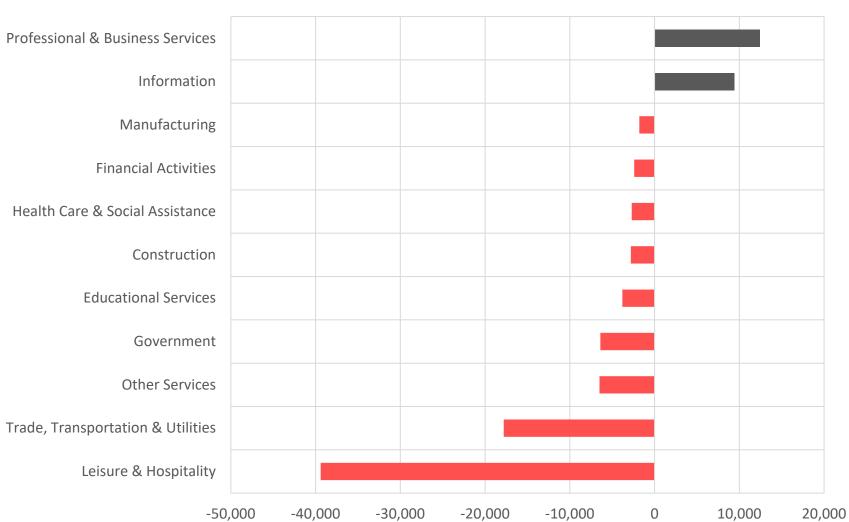


Job Loss at the Start of the Pandemic vs. Job Loss as of November 2021: 100 Largest U.S. Metro Areas

Extent of Recovery: % Change in Jobs, Feb 2020 - Nov 2021

Initial Drop: % Change in Jobs, Feb - Apr 2020

#### Recovery in Some Office Industries; Most Sectors Still Down

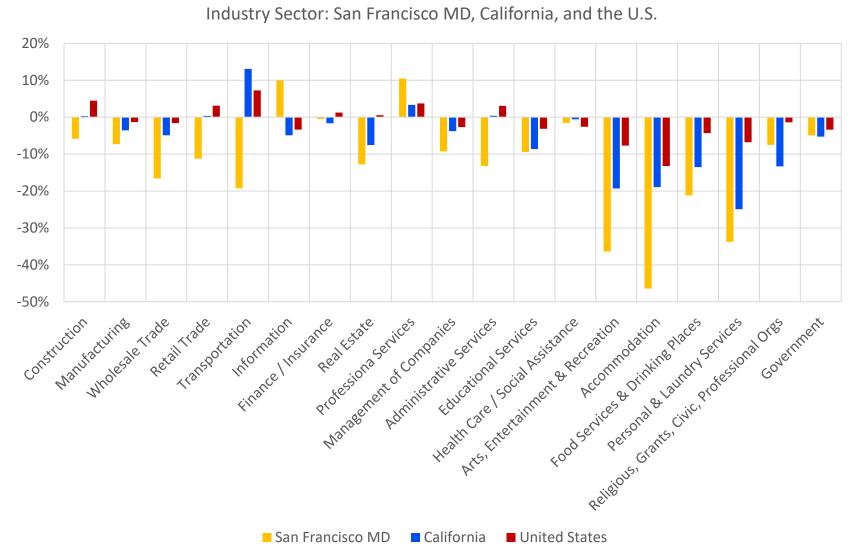


Change in Employment by Industry Sector, Feb 2020-Nov 2021: San Francisco Metro Division

Source: Employment Development Department

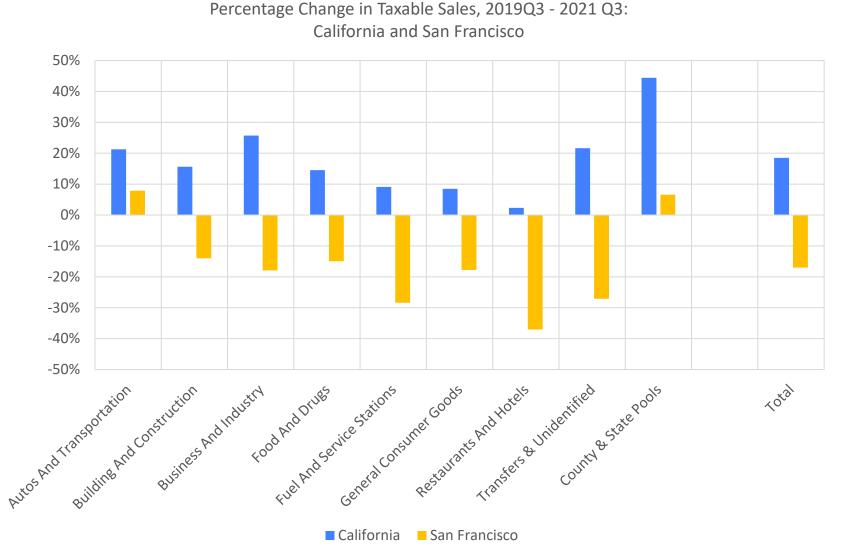
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Employment in November 2021 as a Percentage of Employment in February 2020, by

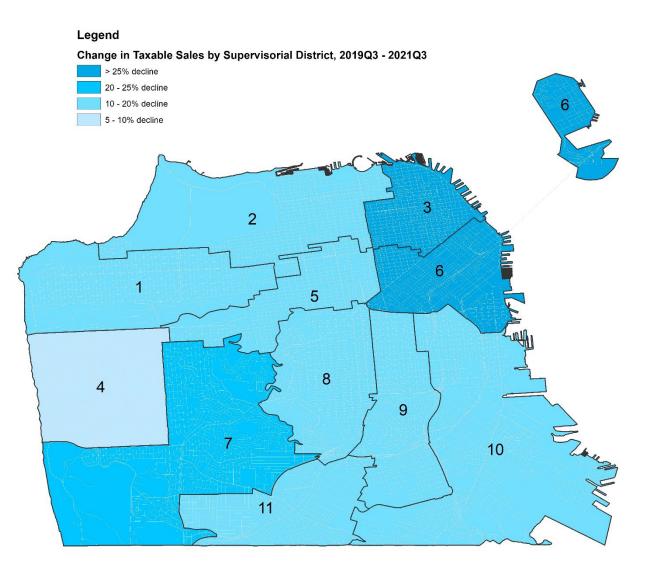


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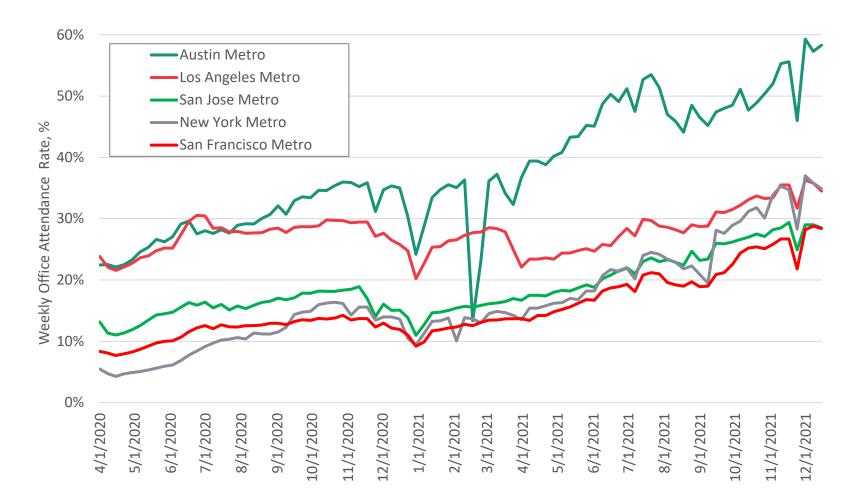


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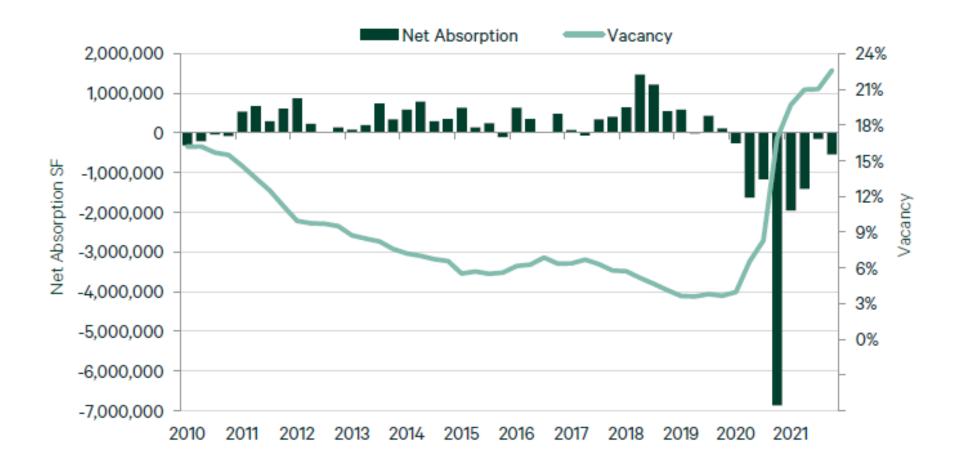


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Weekly Office Attendance in Selected Metros, Through December 15, 2021



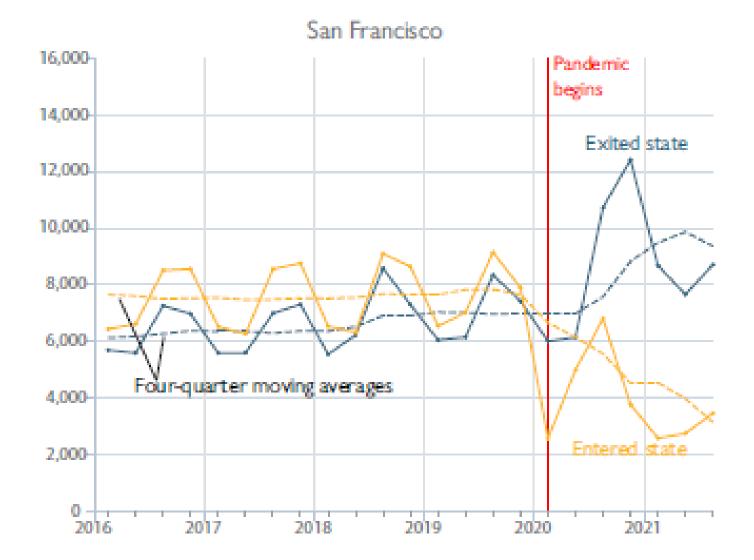
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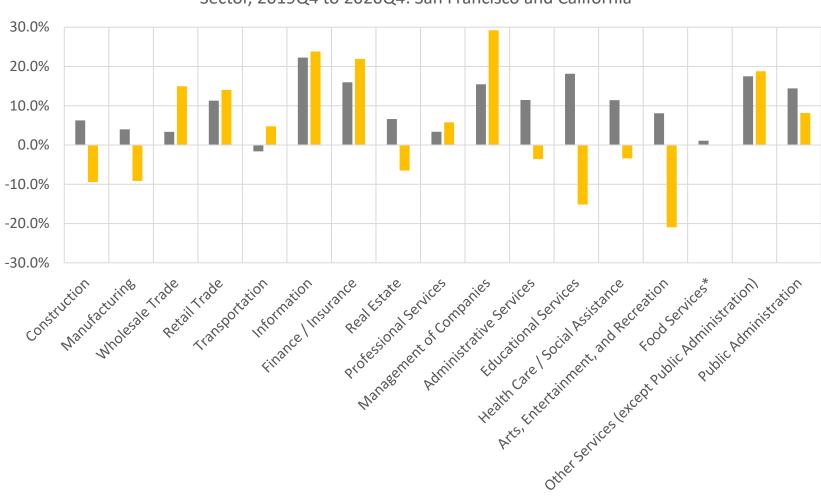
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Monthly Hotel Revenue Available per Room Night, Selected Cities, Through November 140% Revenue Available per Room Night as a % of 2019 -San Francisco/San Mateo 120% San Diego Los Angeles 100% Phoenix Seattle 80% Denver 60% 40% 20% 0% M. C. Land Par Si a 1)1 St OF 02.10 200 yes Nor.22 

#### Demand-Side Concerns: Out-Migration



#### Supply-Side: Some Signs of Wage Pressures



Percent Change in Average Monthly Earnings of Newly-Stable Hires, by Industry Sector, 2019Q4 to 2020Q4: San Francisco and California

California San Francisco

#### Source: U.S. Census. Quarterly Workforce Indicators

\* Accommodations Sector excluded for data quality reasons

# Summary of Economic Conditions

Return to sub-3% unemployment is good news – but a smaller labor force than 2 years ago. San Francisco's growth lags virtually every other city.

Out-migration is not yet picked up in official data – means the city's population and economy is probably smaller than it seems.

Big Issue #1: Offices and ongoing work-from-home. Office industries are hiring but when will the offices get refilled? How much will they be worth when they do?

Big Issue #2: Tourism. Hotel revenues at ~40% of normal, supporting hospitality businesses and arts organizations are suffering, especially around downtown.

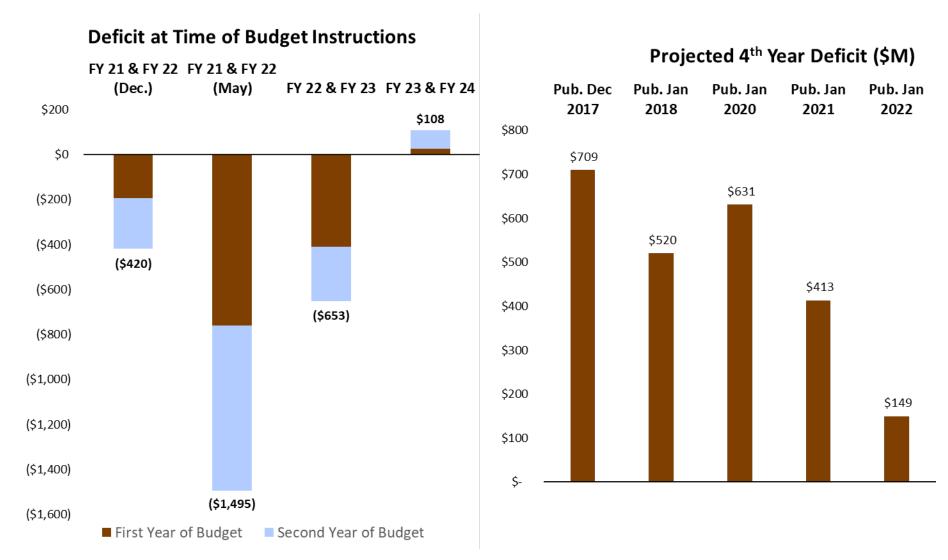
# **Disconnect: Economic & Financial Conditions**

San Francisco is experiencing a slow economic recovery, but demonstrating strong financial resiliency.

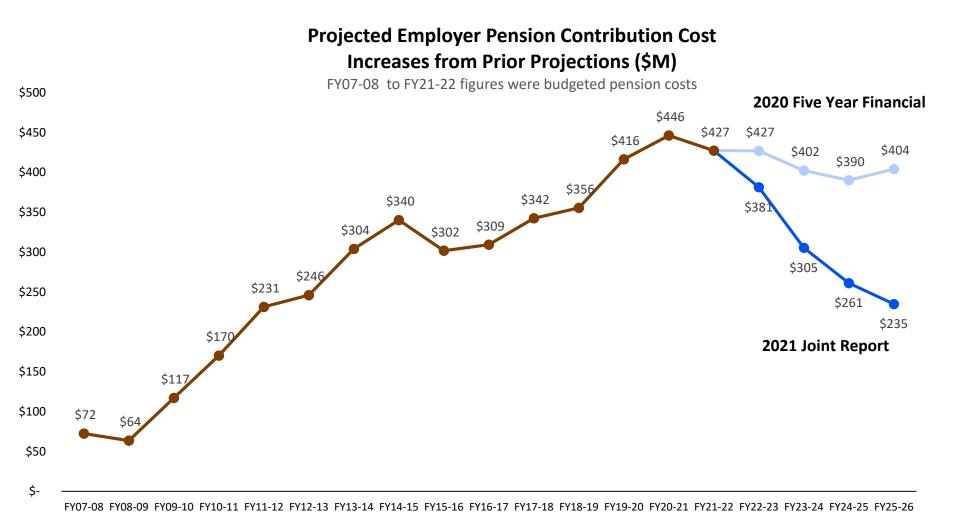
#### Why the disconnect?

- Lags in certain tax revenue impacts.
- Pension fund improvement driving down employer contributions.
- New revenue streams offsetting stark losses in existing ones.

# General Fund Budget Outlook



## **Pension Fund Improvement**



## **Revenue Forecast**

Overall, property,

local taxes are

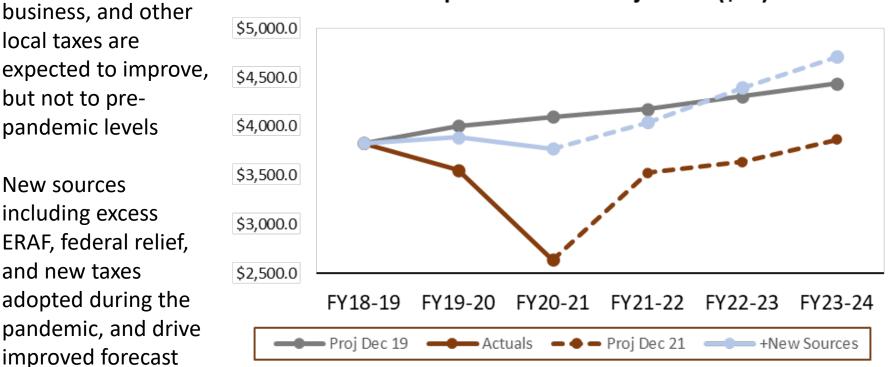
but not to pre-

New sources

pandemic levels

including excess

and new taxes



#### Joint Report Revenue Projection (\$M)

Source: San Francisco Five-Year Financial Plan Update, January 2022

# Wrap Up

The local economy is recovering slowly and lagging most peers.

The City's financial stability provides an opportunity to monitor long-term trends and respond accordingly.

This strength provides an opportunity to monitor key trends that are currently unclear – particularly the pace of the hospitality recovery and the reinflation of downtown.

Policy-makers should plan for financial and operational course corrections as these trends become clearer.