Status of the Re-Opening of the San Francisco Economy: July 2022
The San Francisco Controller’s Office has been tracking the state of the city’s economy with monthly reports on a variety of economic indicators.

The city’s labor market remains very tight, with a seasonally adjusted jobless rate of just 2% in June. San Francisco metro division added 7,300 jobs in June, but the labor force fell by 2,000 people during the same period. The metro division has recovered 98% of the jobs it lost during the pandemic.

The job growth was largely driven by the gains in information and leisure and hospitality sectors. Despite recent progress, the leisure and hospitality sector is still below the 32,000 jobs it once had during its peak in February 2020. Comparatively, the financial activities sector has surpassed February 2020 peak by 62,000 jobs.

The convention-driven increase in hotel occupancy and average daily rates in June largely dissipated in July. Pressure on office vacancy and asking rents mounted in the second quarter. The return-to-office recovery continued after the 4th of July dip in attendance. BART's downtown ridership surpassed the 30% mark (of pre-pandemic normal) for the first time since the pandemic's start.

Rising mortgage rates have begun to affect the housing market adversely. Zillow housing price index in the city fell slightly for the first time since January 2021, whereas the state housing price index has started to decelerate after solid gains over the past two years. Building permit activity drop continues through summer.
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SF-Metro Division Jobs Rose by 7.3K, Labor Force Fell by 2K

Total Industry Employment and Civilian Labor Force, San Francisco Metropolitan Division, January 2020-June 2022

Source: EDD, SF Metro Division includes San Francisco and San Mateo counties
Information and Leisure & Hospitality Led Job Growth in June

Employment Change by Industry Sector, San Francisco Metro Division:
Since the Start of the Pandemic, and the Most Recent Month

- Information
- Professional & Business Services
- Government
- Financial Activities
- Educational & Health Services
- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Other Services
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities
- Leisure & Hospitality

Source: EDD
Labor Market Remains Tight with Jobless Rate of Just 2%

Unemployment Rate and Employed Residents, San Francisco, Through June 2022

Source: EDD, Unemployment rate is seasonally adjusted by the OEA
Drop in Mobility Continues May Through July

% Change in Time Spent Outside Home and at Workplaces, Monthly Average, San Francisco and California, Through July 2022

Source: Google Mobility, Opportunity Insights, https://tracktherecovery.org
Return-to-Office Recovery Continues After the 4th of July Dip

Weekly Office Attendance in San Francisco and Other Selected Metros, Through July 20, 2022

Source: Kastle Systems
Pressure on Office Vacancy & Asking Rent Mounted in Q2

Office Vacancy and Asking Rent
San Francisco, Through 2022 Q2

Source: Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL)
Business Formation Continues to Remain Under Pressure

New Business Locations in San Francisco, 3-month Moving Average,
Selected Industries:
January 2019 - June 2022

Source: Treasurer & Tax Collector, City and County of San Francisco
Note: “Restaurants and Bars” is equivalent to the NAICS Sector 722, “Food Services and Drinking Places”. “Neighborhood Services” is equivalent to the NAICS sector 81, “Other Services (except Public Administration)”. 
Weekly San Francisco Hotel Occupancy Rate and Average Daily Room Rate, Through July 23, 2022

Source: STR
Six Conventions Greatly Helped SF Hotel Recovery in June

Monthly Hotel Revenue Available per Room Night, Selected Cities, Through June 2022

TRI (Total Room Inventory) takes into account all the hotel rooms in the city, whether open or closed.

Source: STR. All the hotel rooms in a city are considered, whether they are open or closed.
Domestic Air Travel Experienced Some Deceleration in May

Source: Individual airports, NY-JFK May number is estimated by the OEA
... Whereas International Travel Largely Accelerated in May

International Enplanements as % of 2019,
Selected Airports, Through May 2022

Source: Individual airports, NY-JFK May number is estimated by the OEA
Bridge Traffic Fell by 3.2% in June

Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge Monthly Traffic Volume, San Francisco, Through June 2022

Source: Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District. Includes westbound Bay Bridge traffic and southbound Golden Gate Bridge traffic.
Downtown BART Ridership Surpassed 30% Mark in June

BART Exits At Downtown San Francisco Stations, as a % of the Same Month in 2019, Through June 2022

Source: BART
July System-Wide Ridership Averaged 36%, Same as in June

BART Total Ridership, 7-day Moving Average, as a Percentage of the Same Day in 2019, Through July 20, 2022

Source: BART
Average Asking Apartment Rents Grew by 0.7% in July

Average Asking Apartment Rents (Overall Units), San Francisco, Through July 2022

Source: Apartment List
Condo and Single-Family Home Prices in San Francisco and California, Through June, 2022

Source: Zillow
Building Permits Activity Drop Continues Through Summer

Number of Housing Units Permitted (3 Month Moving Average), San Francisco, Through June 2022

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
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