# Status of the Re-Opening of the San Francisco Economy: June 2022



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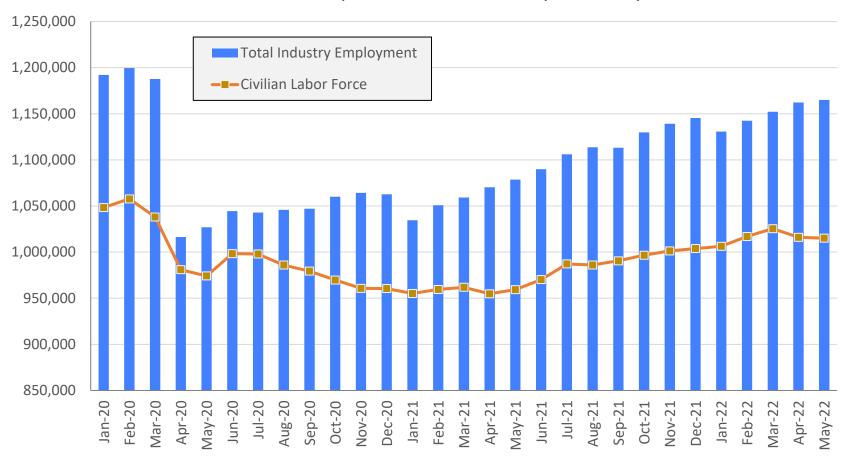
# **Highlights of the May Report**

- 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 unemployment rate dipped to 1.9% in May, the lowest monthly rate on record for San Francisco. Given the red-hot nature of the labor market, job growth is inevitably slowing. Jobs in the San Francisco metro division grew at a 2.9% annual rate in May, which is healthy but still a slowdown from the double-digit growth rates seen earlier in the year.
- Once again this month, the hard-hit Leisure & Hospitality industry led job growth, as the travel industry enters a strong summer, both locally and nationally. The return of conventions has also boosted the industry; in early June, hotel rates and occupancy exceeded the 2019 average for the first time since the start of the pandemic.
- For office industries, however, the news was more mixed. There was little movement in the Kastle return-to-office measure, and BART's downtown ridership remains below 30% of normal.
- Rapidly rising mortgage rates are beginning to cool the housing market. Housing permits have dropped since the start of the year, and housing prices in the city are beginning to moderate, though growth across the state is still strong.

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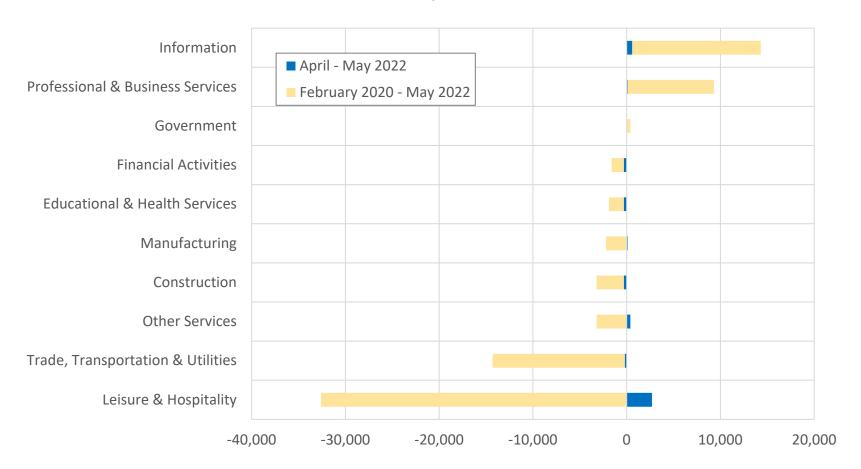
## Job Growth Slowed in May, as Labor Force Growth Stalled

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

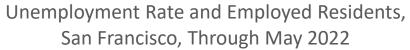


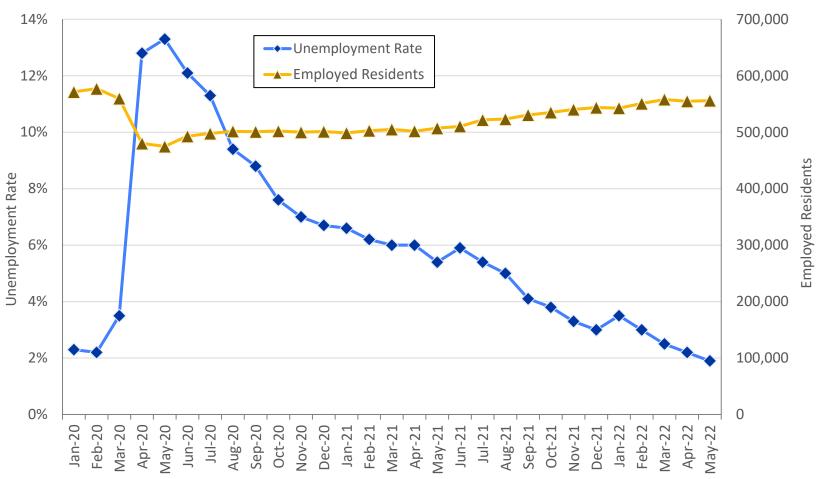
## Leisure & Hospitality Leads Growth; Still Down > 30k Jobs

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



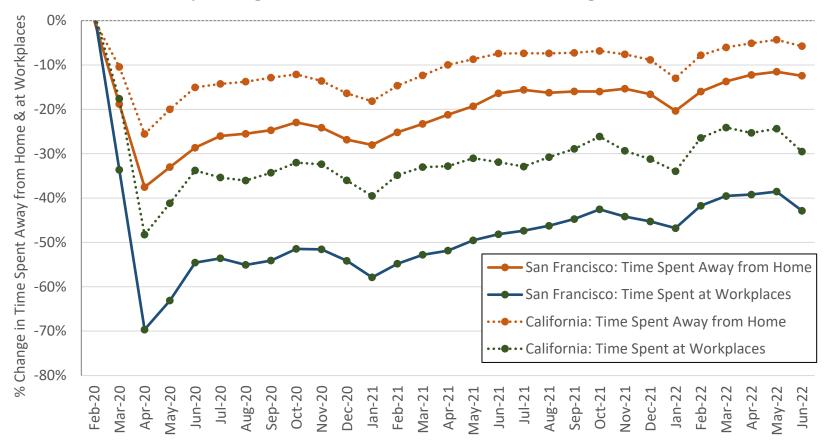
## Labor Market Tightens Further as Jobless Rate Drops to 1.9%





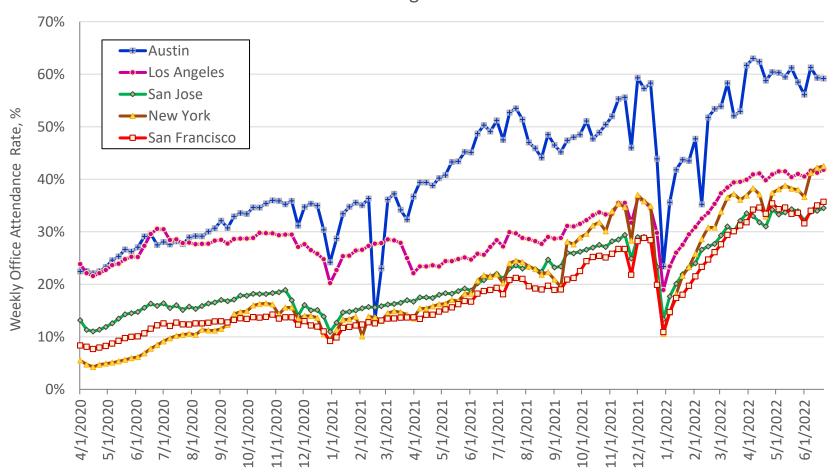
## Mobility Dropping in June: Possible Response to Inflation

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



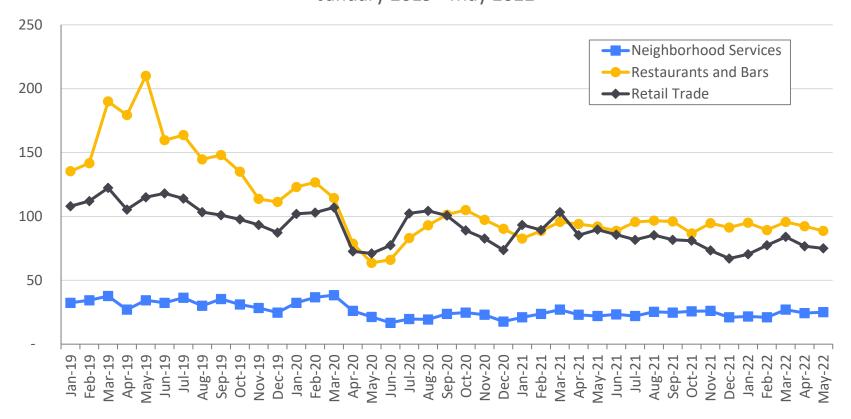
## Little Improvement in Return-to-Office Through Mid-June

Weekly Office Attendance in San Francisco and Other Selected Metros, Through June 22



## **Businesses Formation Stalling After Growth in Early 2022**

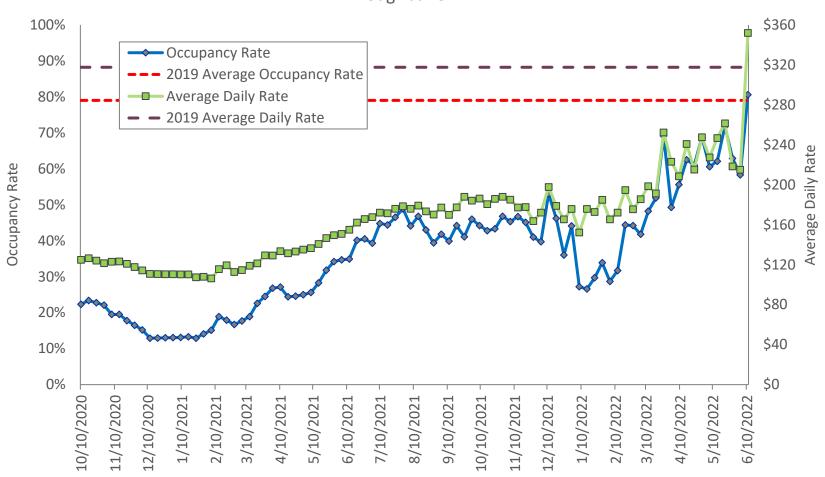
New Business Locations in San Francisco, 3-month Moving Average, Selected Industries: January 2019 - May 2022



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)".

## Return of Conventions Driving Hotel Growth in June

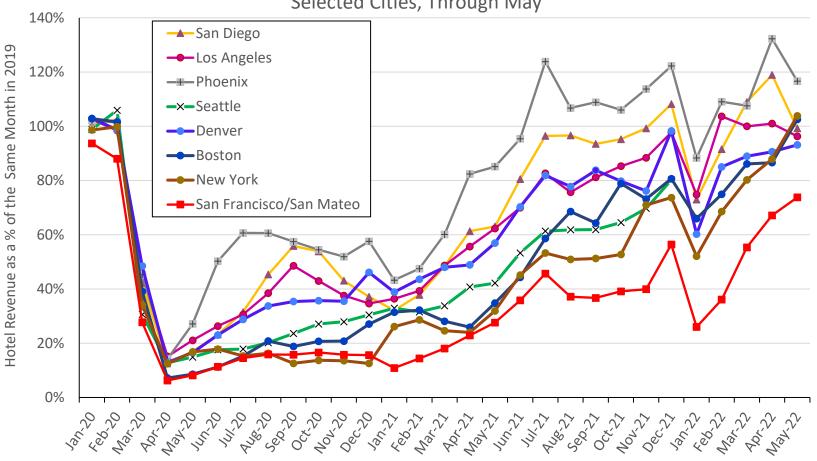
Weekly San Francisco Hotel Occupancy Rate and Average Daily Room Rate, Through June 11



Source: STR

## SF's Hotel Recovery Continued in May, Alongside Peer Cities



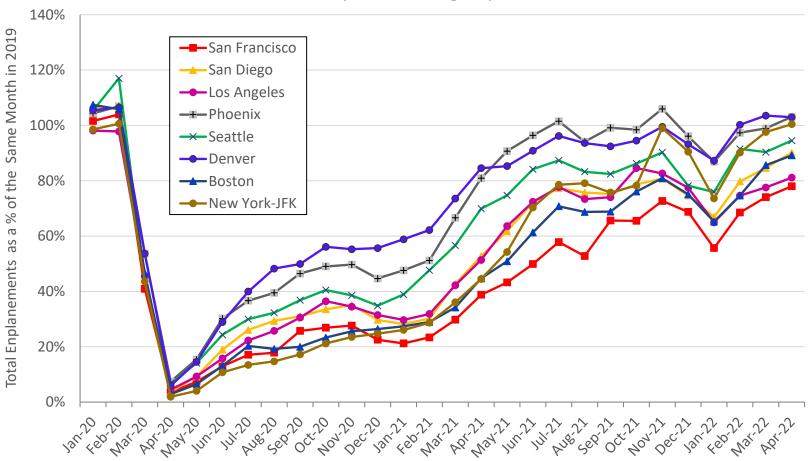


TRI (Total Room Inventory) takes in to account all the hotel rooms in the city, whether open or closed.

Source: STR. All the hotel rooms in a city are considered, whether they are open or closed.

## In April, Domestic Air Travel Reached 80% of Pre-Pandemic

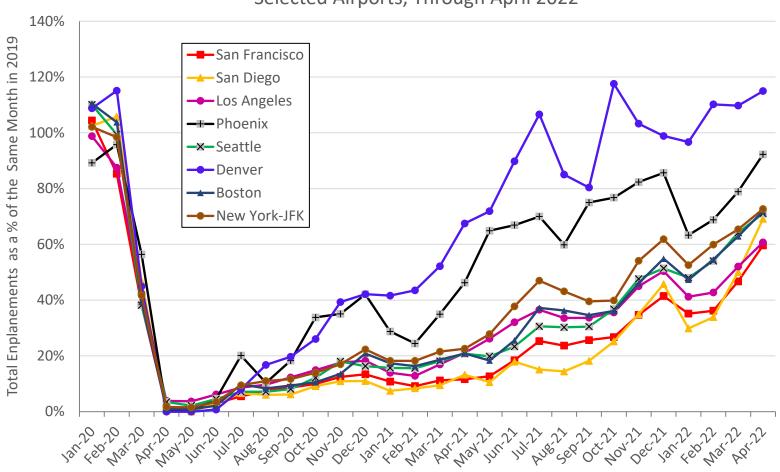
Domestic Enplanements, Selected Airports, Through April 2022



Source: Individual airports

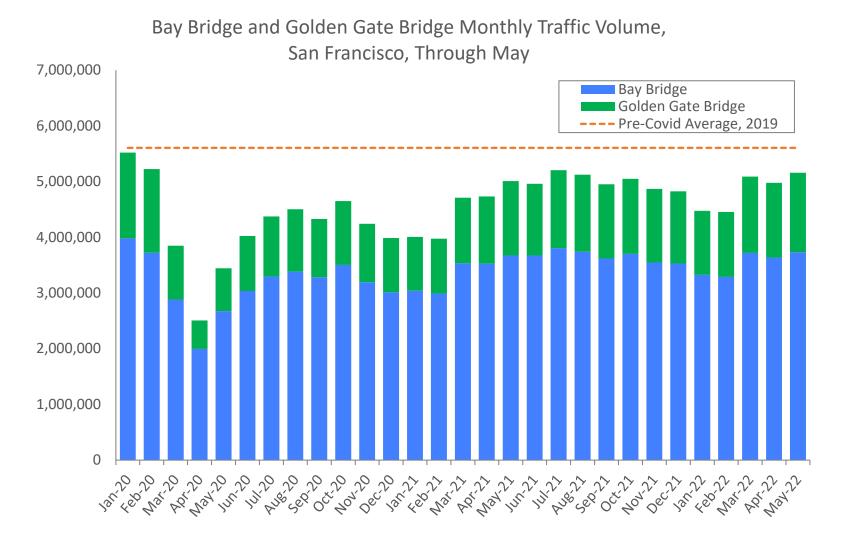
## ... And International Reached 60% of 2019 Levels





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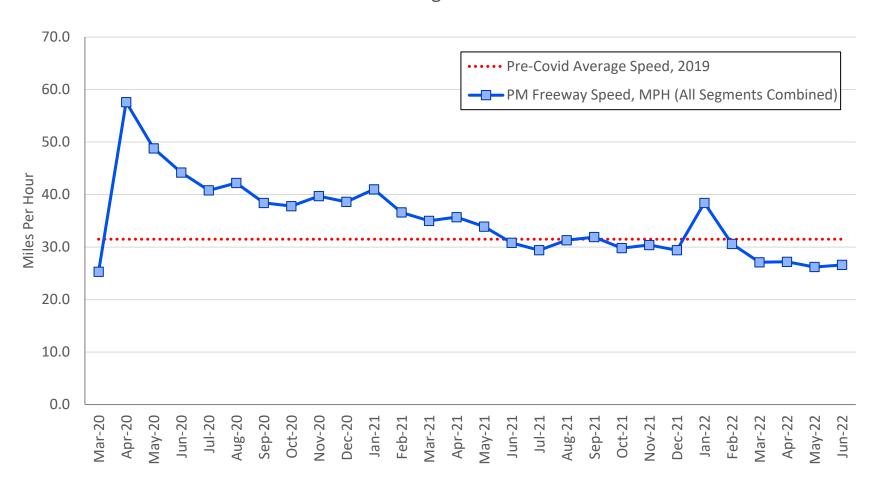
## Bridge Traffic Staying in a Narrow Range, ~90% of Normal



Source: Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District. Includes westbound Bay Bridge traffic and southbound Golden Gate Bridge traffic.

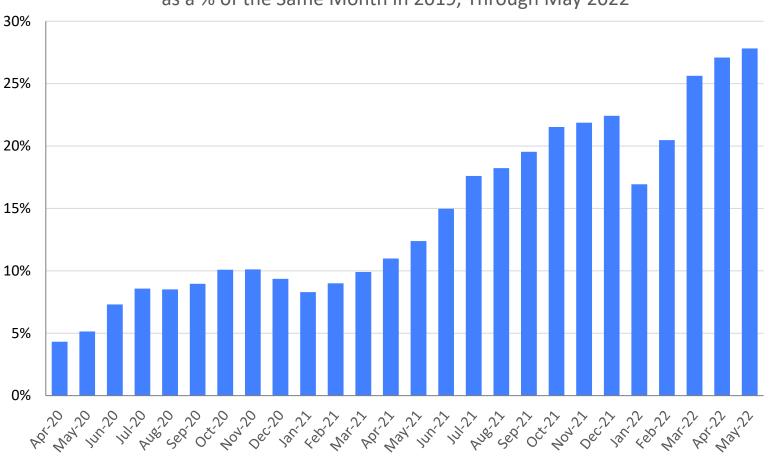
## PM Rush-Hour Freeways Slower Than Before Pandemic

#### Average Monthly PM Freeway Speed in San Francisco, Through June



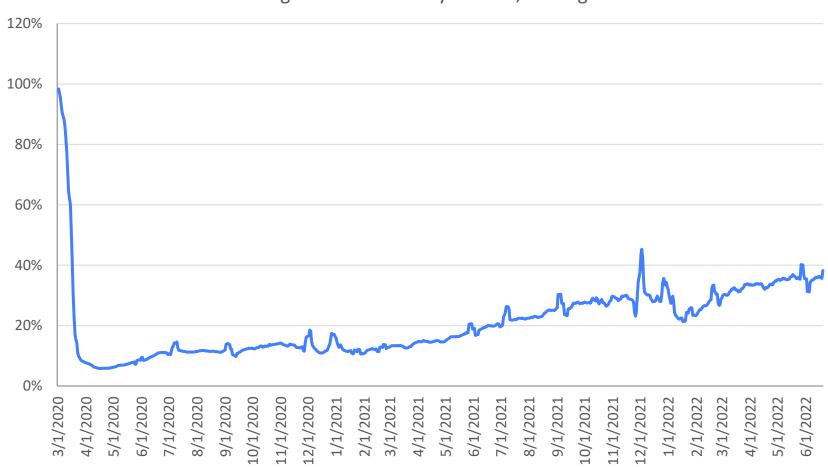
## Downtown BART Ridership is Still Below 30% of Normal

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



## ...With a Similar System-Wide BART Trend Through Late June

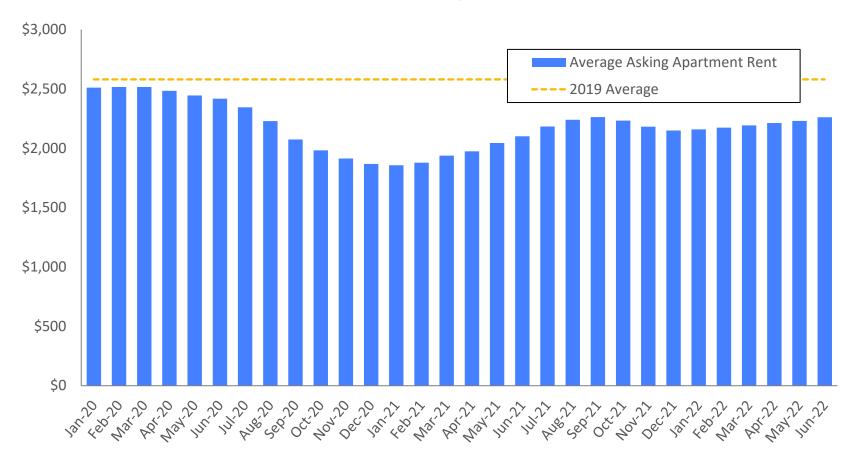
BART Total Ridership, 7-day Moving Average, as a Percentage of the Same Day in 2019, Through June 20



Source: BART

## Steady Slow Growth in Apartment Rents; 12% Below Normal

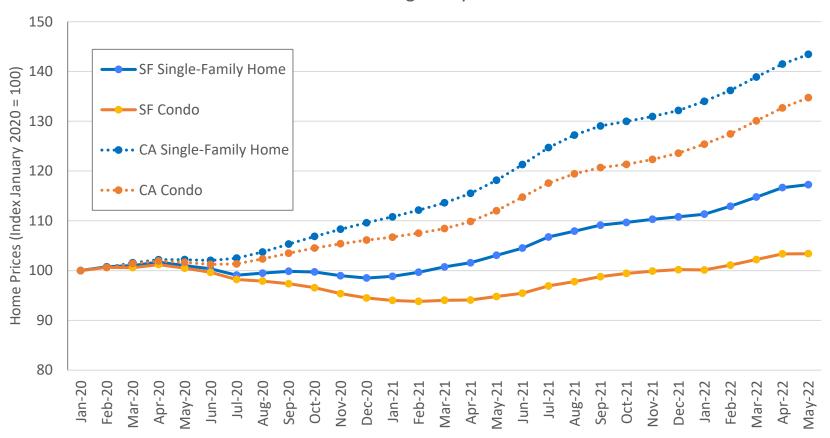




Source: Apartment List

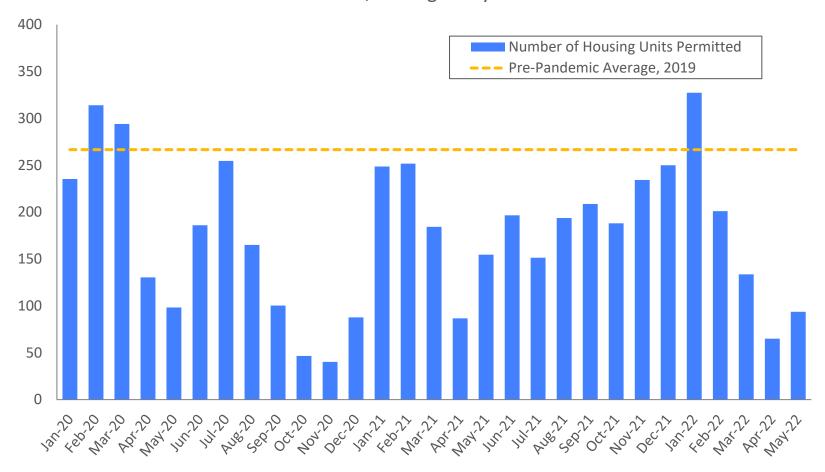
## Slowing in SF Housing Prices – California Still Growing Fast

#### Condo and Single-Family Home Prices in San Francisco and California, Through May



## **Drop in Housing Building Permits in the Spring**

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



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