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

The San Francisco MD lost 3,900 jobs in September, the first such loss based on the revised August and preliminary September data. The City’s jobless rate was unchanged at 2.1% on a seasonally-adjusted basis.

In a reversal of pandemic-era trends, most of the job losses were concentrated in the tech-heavy Information and Professional and Business Services sectors.

While office attendance continues its slow recovery, at about 40% of pre-pandemic levels, San Francisco continues to lag most other metro areas. The city’s office vacancy rate rose to 24% in the third quarter of 2022.

The city’s housing market weakness continued through September. Since May, single-family home prices in the city have fallen by 6.2%. Across the state, housing prices have dropped by 2.5% from their peak in June.
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The SF Metro Division Lost 3,900 Jobs in September

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

Source: EDD, SF Metro Division includes San Francisco and San Mateo counties, Seasonally adjusted by the OEA
Job Losses Were Concentrated in Tech in September

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
Unemployment Rate Remains Very Low at 2.1%

Monthly Unemployment Rate and Employed Residents, San Francisco, Through September 2022

Source: EDD, Seasonally adjusted by the OEA
Continuing Slow Improvement in Mobility Measures

Percentage Change in Time Spent Outside Home and at Workplaces, San Francisco and California, Through October 2022


Note: Monthly Average
Office Attendance in All Metros Improved Through October

Weekly Office Attendance in San Francisco and Other Selected Metros, Through October 19, 2022

Source: Kastle Systems
Office Vacancy Jumped to 24.1% in the Third Quarter

Office Vacancy and Asking Rent
San Francisco, Through 2022Q3

Source: Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL)
New Business Locations in San Francisco, 3-month Moving Average, Selected Industries: January 2019 - September 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)”. 
Hotel Occupancy Continues to Approach Normal Levels

Weekly San Francisco Hotel Occupancy Rate and Average Daily Room Rate, Through October 22, 2022

Occupancy Rate
- Blue line: Occupancy Rate
- Red dashed line: 2019 Average Occupancy Rate
- Green squares: Average Daily Rate
- Purple line: 2019 Average Daily Rate

Source: STR
Monthly Hotel Revenue Available per Room Night, Selected Cities, Through September

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.
Through the Summer, Weakening Domestic Air Recovery

Source: Individual airports, NY-JFK July number is estimated by the OEA
But Recovery in International Travel Remained Strong

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

Source: Individual airports
Overall Bridge Crossings Drop 4% September

Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge Monthly Traffic Volume, San Francisco, Through September 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 Reached 32% of Normal

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

Source: BART
Little Change in October System-Wide BART Ridership

Source: BART
Apartment Rents Starting to Fall, in Line with US Trends

Average Asking Apartment Rents (All Unit Sizes), San Francisco, Through October 2022

Source: Apartment List
Continuing Drops in SF Condo & Single-Family Housing

Condo and Single-Family Home Prices in San Francisco and California,
Through September, 2022

Source: Zillow
No Movement in Residential Building Permits Activity

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

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