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



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# **Highlights of the September Report**

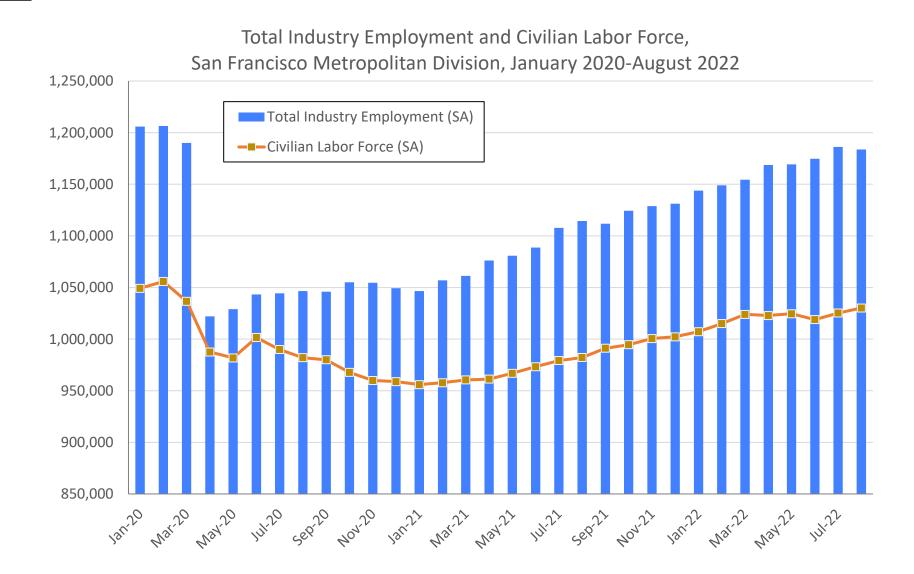
- The San Francisco Controller's Office has been tracking the state of the city's economy with monthly reports on a variety of local economic indicators.
- The San Francisco metro division lost close to 2,500 jobs in August, the first monthly drop since September 2021. The city's unemployment rate in August was 2.1% on a seasonally-adjusted basis, which is still extremely low, though slightly up from July.
- While the city's overall tourism recovery slowed in the summer months, after a strong early part of the year, we are continuing to see a strong recovery in international air travelers to San Francisco International Airport. In July, international enplanements reached 77% of July 2019 levels. This is actually a stronger recovery than domestic air travel, which has stalled in recent months and was 74% of 2019 levels in July.
- The housing market is another area of change in the city's economy. According to Zillow, home values have declined by 4% from May to August. Apartment rents were flat in September, which was actually a relatively strong performance, given the softening rental market nationally. Rents remain down 9% since the start of the pandemic, according to ApartmentList.

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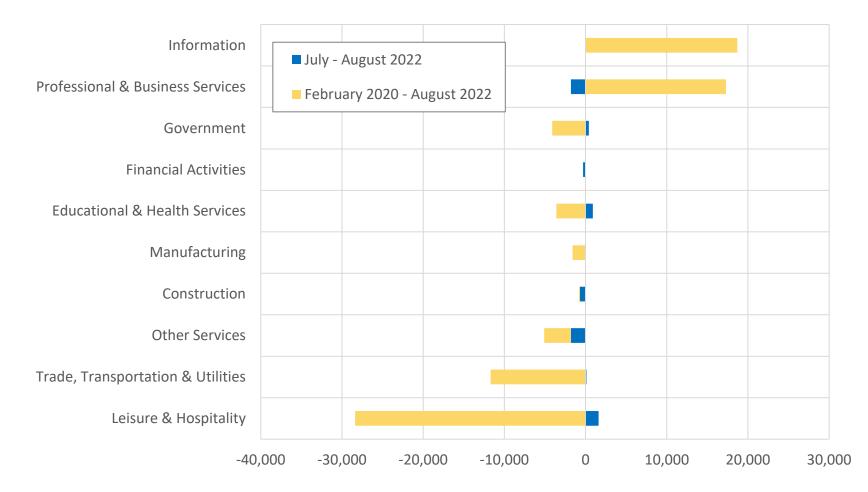
# Jobs Declined for the First Time Since September 2021



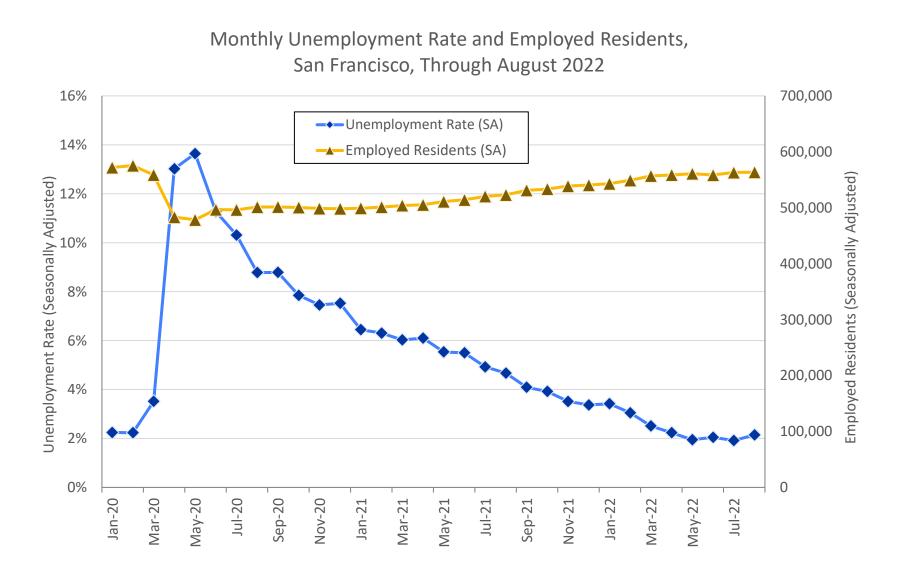
Source: EDD, SF Metro Division includes San Francisco and San Mateo counties, Seasonally adjusted by the OEA

# August Growth Led by Tourism; Decline in Prof. Services

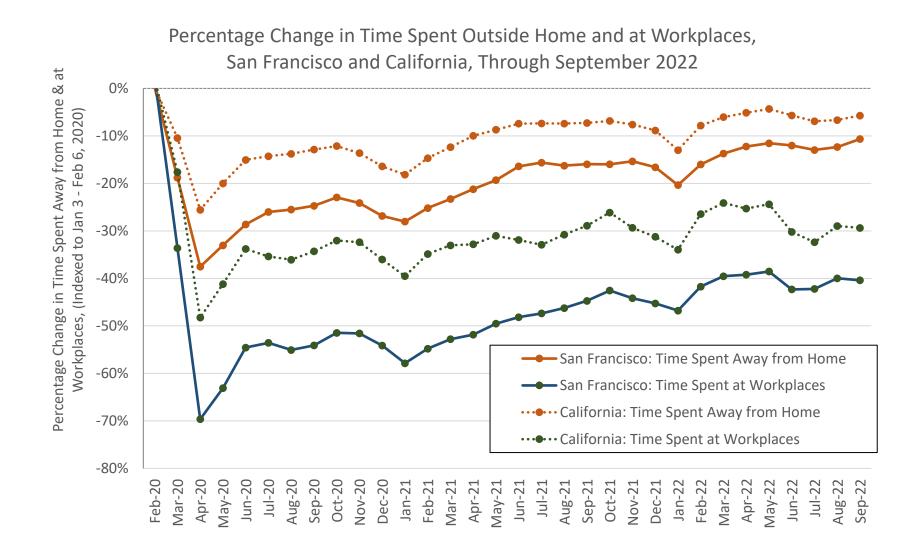
Employment Change by Industry Sector, San Francisco Metro Division: Since the Start of the Pandemic, and the Most Recent Month



#### Seasonally-Adjusted Jobless Rate Ticked up to 2.1%

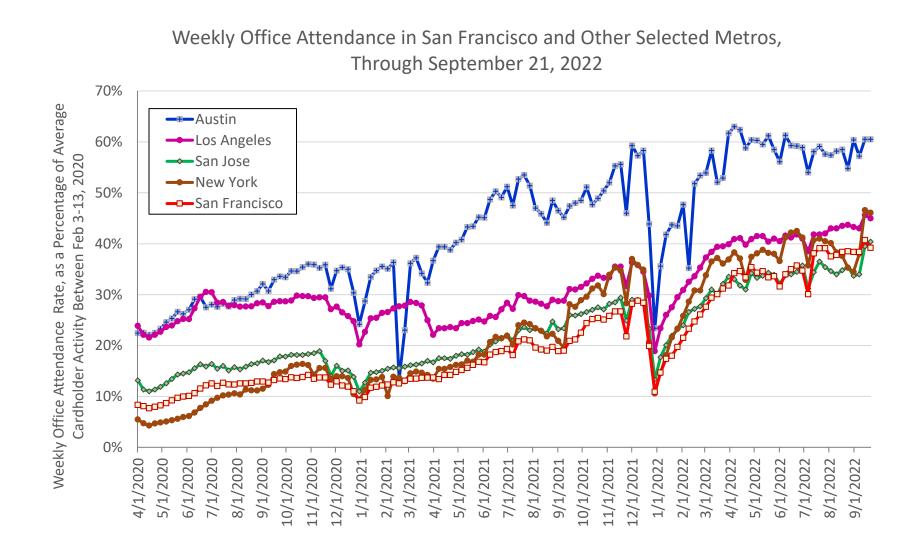


# City Still Lags State Average in Workplace Attendance



Source: Google Mobility, Opportunity Insights, <u>https://tracktherecovery.org</u> <u>https://opportunityinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/tracker\_paper.pdf</u> Note: Monthly Average

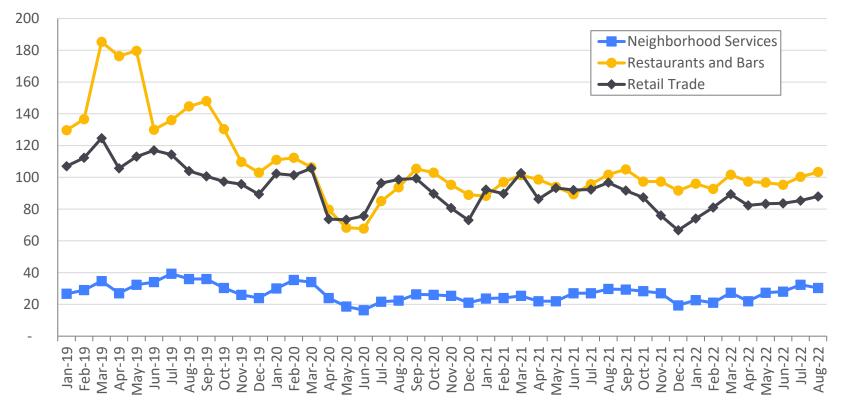
# SF Office Attendance Steady in September; Rising Elsewhere



### **Slight Improvements in New Business Formation**

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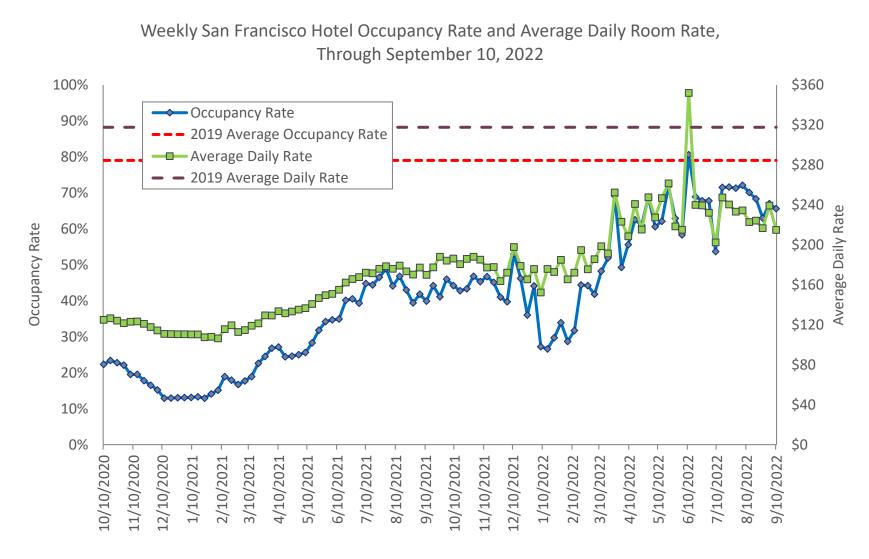
New Business Locations in San Francisco, 3-month Moving Average, Selected Industries: January 2019 - August 2022



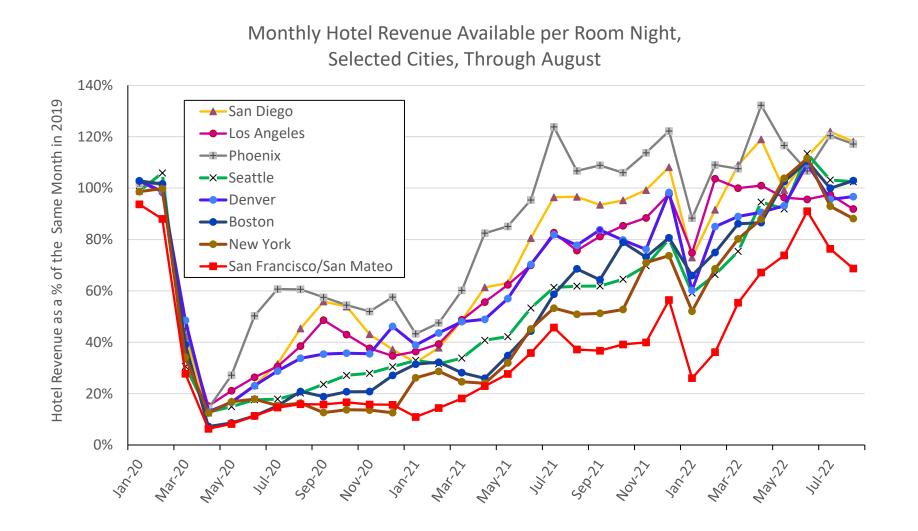
Source: Treasurer & Tax Collector, City and County of San Francisco

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 and Room Rates Have Weakened

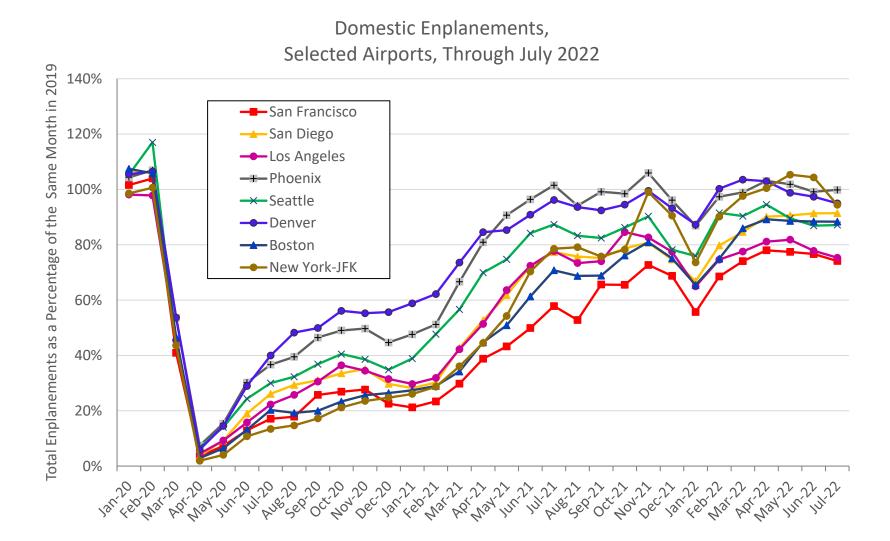


#### Hotel Revenues Down from June Peaks in Most Cities



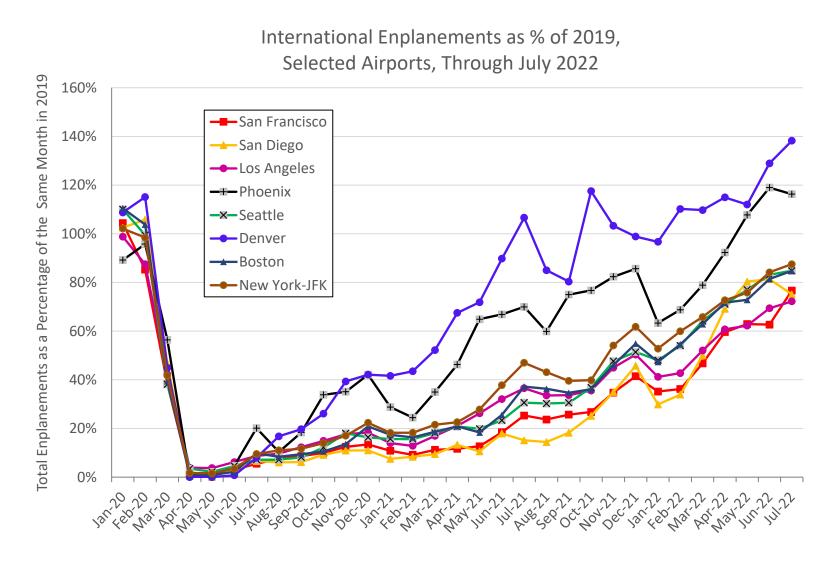
Source: STR. All the hotel rooms in a city are considered, whether they are open or closed.

### SF Domestic Air Travel Around 80% of 2019 Levels



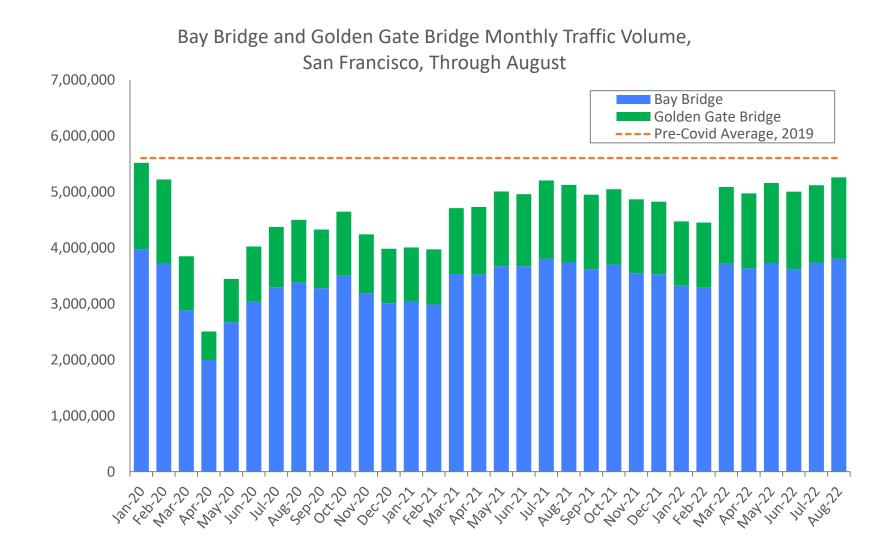
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# More Rapid Recovery in International – Near 80% of 2019



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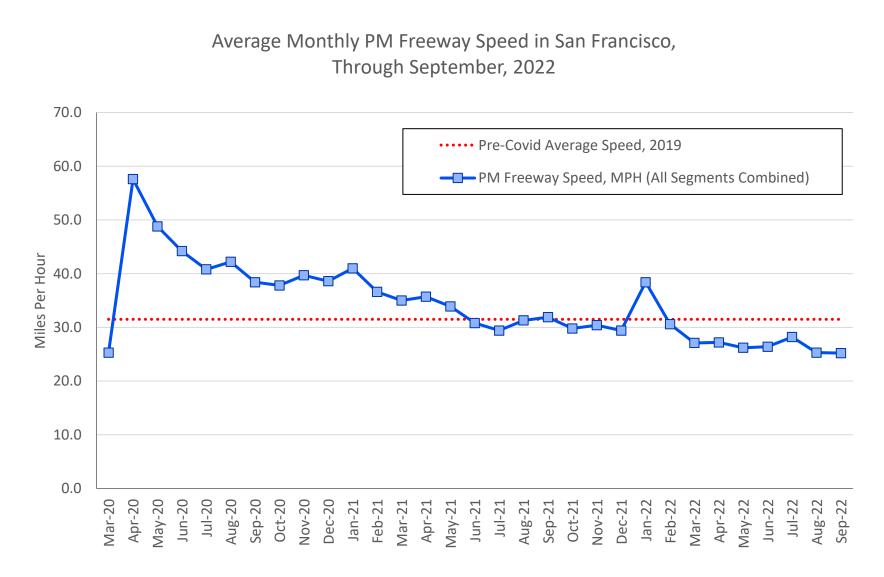
### Bay Bridge at 92% of 2019 Levels; Golden Gate at 83%



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

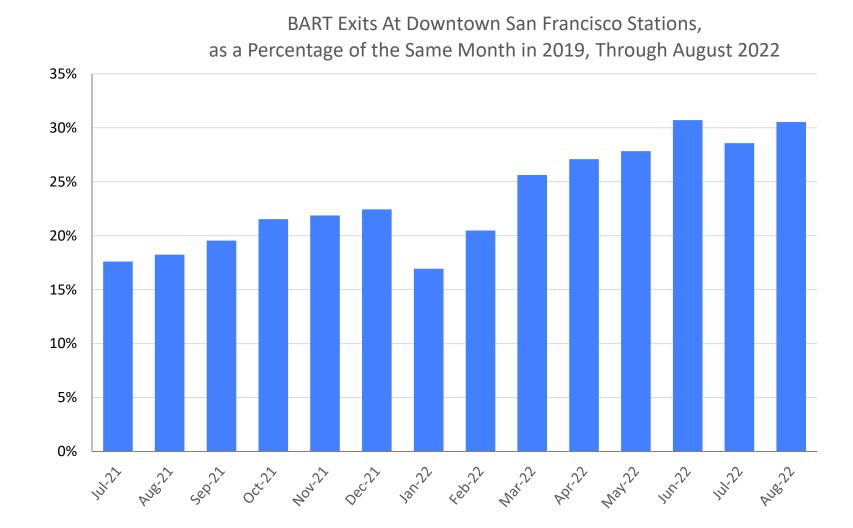
# Highway Speed is the Slowest Since the Pandemic Started

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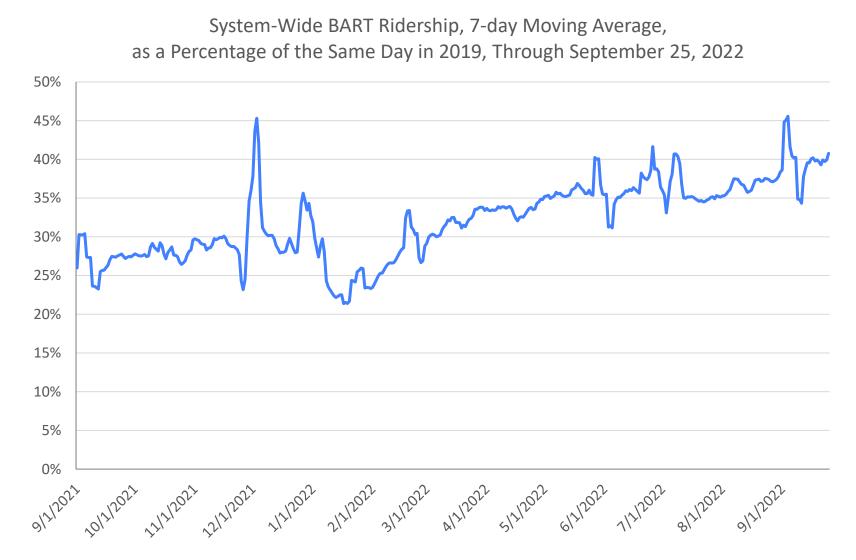
Source: SF County Transportation Authority

#### **Downtown BART Ridership Stalled in the Summer**



# Little System-Wide BART Ridership Growth in September

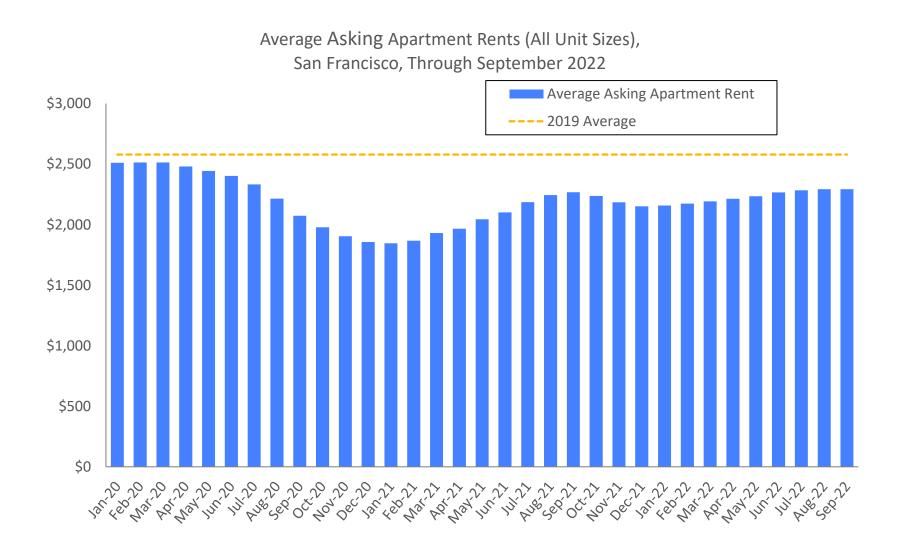
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Source: BART

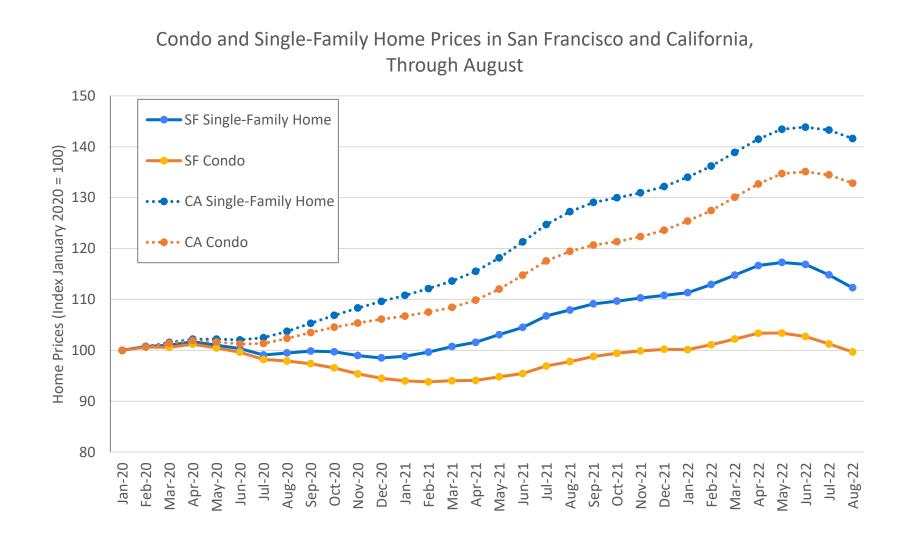
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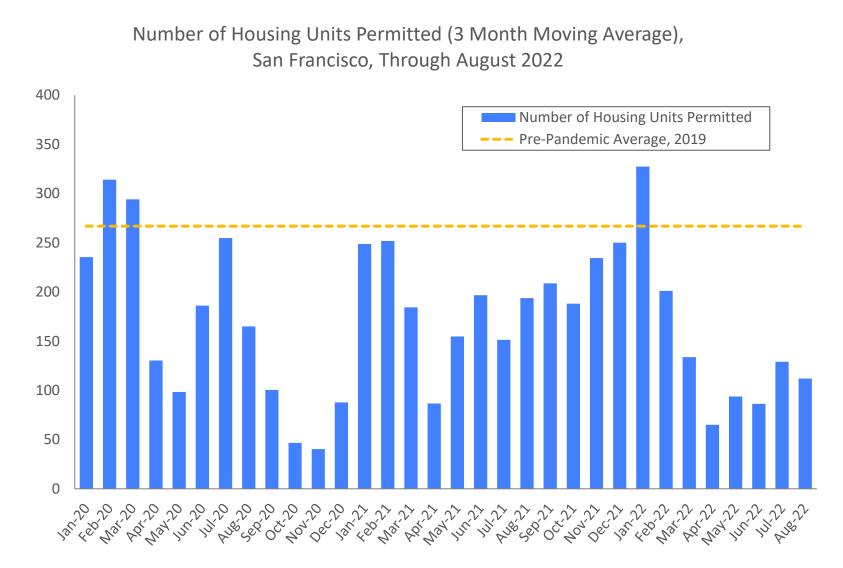
Source: Apartment List

# Housing Prices Falling Faster in SF than Statewide



# **Residential Building Permits Continue 2022 Decline**

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

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