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Community Profile

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Assessed Valuation -The value assigned by the County Assessor to property which is used as the basis for computing property taxes.

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) - A regional governmental organization composed of cities and counties in the 9-county San Francisco Bay Area : Sonoma, Solano, Napa, Marin, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo and Santa Clara.

Block - An area bounded on all sides by visible features, such as streets, roads, streams, and railroad tracks or by non-visible boundaries such as city, town, or county limits, property lines and short imaginary extensions of streets. A block is the smallest area for which decennial census data are tabulated. Blocks do not cross census tract or block numbering area boundaries.

Buildout - When all land designated for development has been developed.

Census Tract - A small, relatively permanent division of a metropolitan statistical areas and selected non-metropolitan counties, delineated for the purpose of presenting census data. When census tracts are established, they are designed to be relatively homogenous with respect to population characteristics, economic status, and living conditions and to contain between 2,500 and 8,000 inhabitants. Census tract boundaries are established cooperatively by local census statistical area committees and the Census Bureau in accordance with Bureau defined guidelines that impose limitations on population size and specify the need for visible and stable boundaries. Census tracts do not cross county boundaries, but may be split between other political areas.

Census Tract Number – A four digit number between 1 and 9499, possible with a two digit suffix, used to identify a census tract uniquely within a county and usually within a metropolitan area. Leading zeros are not shown on census maps.

Cohort – A group of people comprised of individuals within a certain age range and sex.

Community Development Agency -The agency created pursuant to California Redevelopment Law which is authorized to receive tax increment funds generated by properties within the Community Redevelopment Project Area.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) - The CPI is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The CPI is based on the prices of food, clothing, shelter and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other foods that people buy for day to day living. The indices measure price change from a designated reference date.

Death rate - The total number of deaths in a age cohort divided by the total number of individuals in the cohort. It is calculated for each year of age and is used in ABAG's model to calculate the projected annual deaths in the region.

Employed Civilian –A person who is employed outside the Armed Services.

Employed Residents - Refers to the resident employed labor force in a community or area. Employed residents live in the identified community or county, but do not necessarily work there. Employed residents does not include unemployed residents.

Estero Municipal Improvement District (EMID) -The special district created in 1960 to finance major improvements for and provides services prior to the area's incorporation as Foster City. EMID continues to provide water and sewer service.

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Family - According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, a family consists of the householder and at least one additional person related to the householder through marriage, birth or adoption.

Fertility - The completed fertility rate is the average number of children a woman has produced during her childbearing years (15-44 years of age).

Fiscal Year - The year beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

Household – A household consists of all the persons who occupy a housing unit. The persons constituting a given household include the related family members and all the unrelated persons, if any, such as boarders, foster children or employees who share the housing unit. A person living alone in a housing unit, or a group of unrelated persons (less than 10) sharing a household as partners is also counted as a housing unit.

Household size - The numbers of persons comprising a household.

Housing Unit -A housing unit is a house, an apartment, mobile home or trailer, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied as a separate living quarter. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants live and eat separately from any other persons in the building and which have direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall.

Labor Force Participation rate - The percentage of the population between the ages of 15 and 65 + which is either employed or looking for work (includes the unemployed population who are actively seeking work).

Labor Force Statuses - The US Bureau of the Census classifies the labor force statuses as follows (1) in the labor forces, including

(a) employed civilian or (b) unemployed civilian, (2) in the armed services, or (3) not in the labor force.

Mean Household Income - Total average income earned or transferred to household members.

Migration - The movement of one's place of residence from one location to another.

Non-family -As defined by the U.S. Bureau of Census, a nonfamily is composed of a householder who either lives alone or nonexclusively with persons unrelated to the householder through marriage, birth or adoption.

Non-resident Workforce - People who work in the subject city but do not live there.

Per Capita -The total quantity of something divided by the number of people to obtain the average amount per person.

Resident Workforce - People who work and live in the subject city.

Taxable Sales - Sales which are subject to sales tax; excluded are sales for resale, sales of nontaxable items such as food for home consumption and prescription medicines.

Total Jobs - Refers to full or part time activities that individuals perform to receive income. Total jobs are reported by where workers are employed rather than by where they live. Total jobs include wage and salary workers plus self-employed workers. The number of jobs and workers is not the same within the region because some workers hold more than one job, some people who work in a region live elsewhere, and some residents commute to jobs outside of the region.