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Things may appear to be looking up ...
The million-job economy returns to the Bay Area’s three major urban centers

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For the first time since the 9/11 attacks, all three of the Bay Area’s employment hubs — the South Bay, the East Bay and the San Francisco metro area — are million-job economies, fresh evidence that the region has banished the woes of the Great Recession, a state labor report released Friday shows.

That also suggests the Bay Area may be experiencing an employment boom reminiscent of the dot-com era. The difference this time is that much of the employment gains are being driven by solid performers in the technology industry such as Google, Apple and Facebook.

Bay Area housing market posts strong September

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Despite two years of double-digit increases that have home prices approaching previous peaks, there’s still plenty of demand for single-family homes, condos and townhouses in the nine-county Bay Area, according to the latest snapshot of the region’s booming

RECENTLY REACHED COVERS

• Near record levels of employment
• Thriving housing market
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Thriving housing market
Strong economic growth

But the data paint an unprecedented picture.

20%  

80%  

1 in 5 Alameda County residents relies on the Food Bank

The economic recovery left 20% of our neighbors in the rubble.
...or think of it this way.
We serve 6x more people per year than the number served by all 100 Starbucks in Alameda County per year.

How could this happen in one of our nation’s most prosperous regions?
$86,000
The annual income required to make ends meet for a family of four with two working parents in Alameda County.

California Budget Project, December 2013

$10,000 (or less)
The annual income of more than 40% of client households.
Fill Oakland Coliseum to capacity.

And then fill it again.

That’s how many in our community we serve each month.

Half of client households must choose between paying for food and utilities, medicine, or rent. At least 20% face these choices continually.
In one of the wealthiest nation’s wealthiest areas ...

People are choosing between paying for food and rent. Between food and buying their child a pair of shoes. Food and heat in the wintertime. Seniors are choosing whether to buy food or pay for medicine. Parents are skipping meals so their children won’t have to. Folks are literally going to bed hungry.

WHO ARE FB CLIENTS?

Age distribution

- 0-17: 15.4%
- 18-49: 22.4%
- 50-64: 41.6%
- 65+: 20.5%

Race/ethnicity

- White: 18%
- Black/AA: 1%
- Hispanic/Latino: 24%
- Other: 7%
- Asian: 41%
- Multiracial: 8%

Education

- < HS: 12.1%
- HS dipl/GED: 28.3%
- AA/Some college: 19.4%
- 4-year degree: 39.9%
WHO ARE FB CLIENTS (cont’d)?

Income as % of FPL

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3 in 4 households had a member work for pay in the last 4 weeks
1 in 4 households include grandparents who are responsible for grandchildren

HOUSEHOLD & HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Among households in non-temporary housing, 7% have a mortgage, 9% own the home, 79% rent/lease, and 5% do not have to pay rent.

‘Non-temporary’ does NOT equate to stable. 30% who live in non-temporary housing have started living with another person/family member in the last 12 months. 9% have faced eviction or foreclosure in the past 5 years.
More than 10% lack ANY cooking facilities

1 in 5 lack food-preserving techniques (refrigerator)

3/4 regularly rely on our member agencies

What if every month you had to choose between buying food and paying for...

- 31% School loans, tuition, education
- 29% Medicine or medical care
- 21% Rent or mortgage
- 18% Transportation or gas
- 16% Utilities
HUNGRY AND UNHEALTHY

40% of households report a member in just fair or poor health. This same proportion report at least one family member with high blood pressure.

1 in 5 households report at least one family member with diabetes

1 in 3 households report having unpaid medical bills

Composite Map of Food Insecurity
Need vs. Resources