

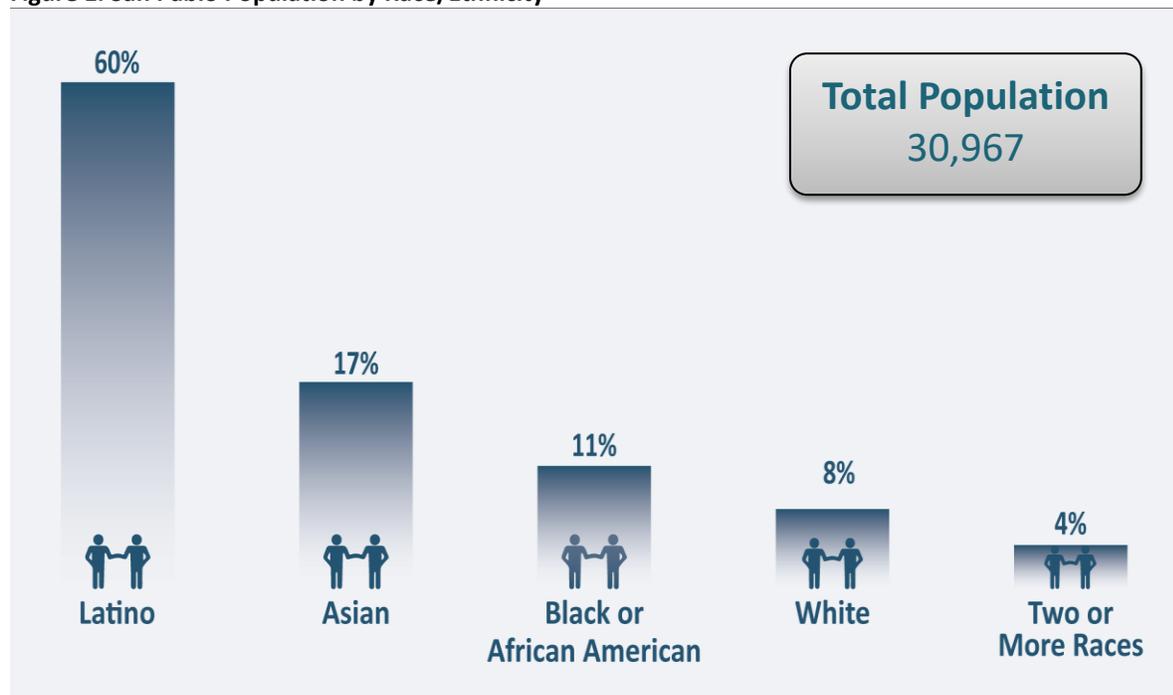
Appendix: Needs Assessment Summary Updates

The City of San Pablo 2020 Needs Assessment report was concluded near the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic (Covid). Since the past year brought new challenges for a large percentage of the population and especially the youth population, the City of San Pablo decided to update some of the data to better reflect the changes experienced by the community. Please note that some of the data for the sections below was incomplete or not available due to still being collected.

Demographics.

The previous data reported was derived from the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates. In the 2019 ACS population estimates for San Pablo there was a slight increase in the total population from 30,839 (2018) to 30,967 (2019). The race/ethnicity make up of San Pablo experienced a shift from 2018. For instance, the Latino population, which is more than half the total population of San Pablo decreased from 62% in 2018 to 60% in 2019. The Asian population experienced an increased by 1% from 2018 (16%) to 2019 (17%).²⁸ The black/African American (11%) and white (8%) population of San Pablo remained at the same levels. Given that some of the ACS data from 2020 is still being updated, the population shifts will need to be further analyzed when post-Covid data are available.

Figure 1. San Pablo Population by Race/Ethnicity



Source: 2019 American Community Survey Five Year Estimates

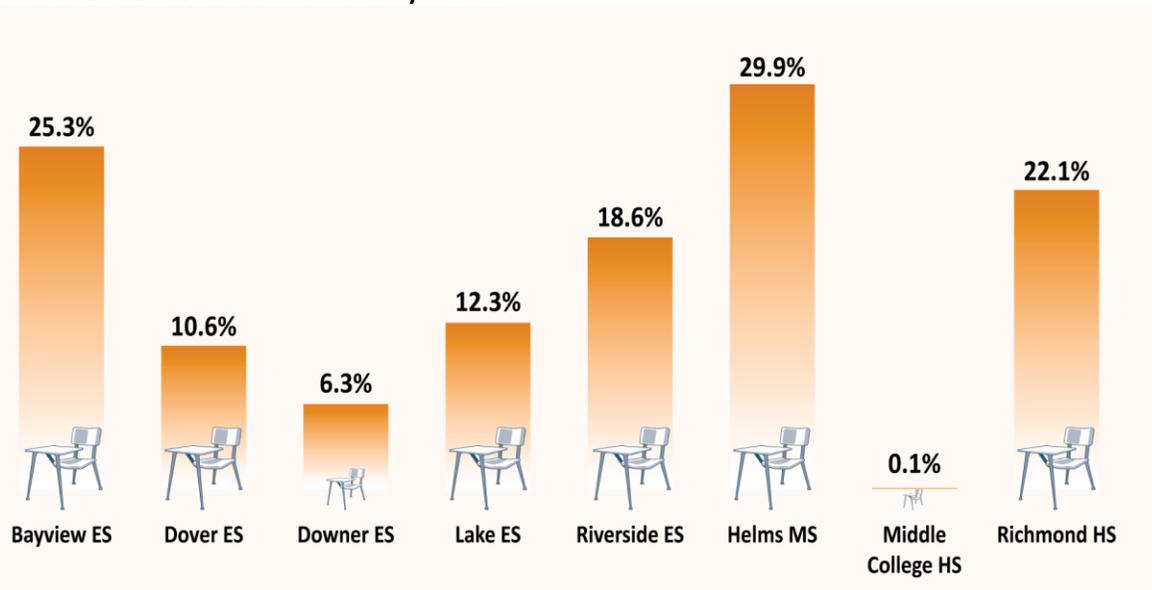
²⁸ 2019, American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

In San Pablo 72% of the total population speak a language other than English at home, and 34% speak English less than “very well”²⁹ for ages 5 and up.³⁰ This is similar to the previously reported data from 2018, which stood at 73% for a language spoken at home other than English and 35% for residents who speak English less than “very well”.³¹

Academic Success

Student school attendance is one of the key predictors of academic success. For the 2020-21 school year, there was data available only from September to April on average daily attendance and chronic absenteeism. In the 2020-21 school year, 15% of San Pablo elementary and 26% of secondary students were chronically absent. Chronic absenteeism was 19% of all WCCUSD students, and 12% of all County students from 2020-21. In 2018-19 17% of elementary and 19% of secondary students were chronically absent in San Pablo.³² In 2018-19 the chronic absenteeism rate for the district was at 17% and the county at 12%.

Figure 2. 2020-21 Chronic Absenteeism by School



Source: 2020-21 West Contra Costa Unified School District (*9-month data, September to April)

In 2020-21 the following San Pablo schools experienced a decrease in average daily attendance. Bayview (90.6%), Lake (94.1%), Helms (88.9%), and Richmond High School (91.8%).³³ The following schools were above the West Contra Costa Unified School District goal of 95% attendance rate. Dover, Downer, and Middle College, while Riverside was close at 94.3%. See figure 2 below for a comparison to additional school years.³⁴

²⁹ The U.S. Census defined limited English proficient as the population 5 years or older who self-identify as speaking English less than “very well”.

³⁰ 2019, American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

³¹ 2018, American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

³² 2021, West Contra Costa Unified School District

³³ 2021, West Contra Costa Unified School District

³⁴ 2021, West Contra Costa Unified School District

Figure 3. 2017-18 through 2020-21 Attendance Rates by School

	2017-18		2018-19		2020-21*
Bayview ES	93.2	↓	92.0	↓	90.6
Dover ES	94.8	↓	94.4	↑	95.3
Downer ES	92.9	↑	93.5	↑	96.1
Lake ES	94.8	↑	95.2	↓	94.1
Riverside ES	94.5	↓	94.4	↓	94.3
Helms MS	94.9	↓	94.0	↓	88.9
Middle College HS	98.4	↓	98.3	↑	99.9
Richmond HS	94.9	→	94.9	↓	91.8

Source: 2020-21 West Contra Costa Unified School District (*denotes data from September 2020 to April 2021)

High School

The percentage of high school graduates in the total San Pablo adult population increased from 56% in 2018 to 67% in 2019.³⁵ However, there was approximately an 8% decline in the graduation rate for Richmond High School (RHS) in the 2019-20 (76%) school year compared to the 2018-19 (84%)³⁶. San Pablo students completed a survey in spring 2020 and 23% of RHS students reported a change in their post-graduation plans since the school building closed due to Covid.³⁷

Although Covid changed the post graduating plans for a percentage of students, the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion rate saw a slight change. In 2021 55% of graduating senior class from RHS completed a FAFSA application, while 58% in 2020.³⁸

Health

San Pablo, like cities across the country, had to cope with the increasing infection rate and deaths due to Covid. As of June 2021, the infection rate for San Pablo stood at 12%, which was double the infection rate of Contra Costa County at 6%. The mortality rate of San Pablo (.11%) was close to double that of the county (.07%).³⁹

³⁵ 2019, American Community Survey

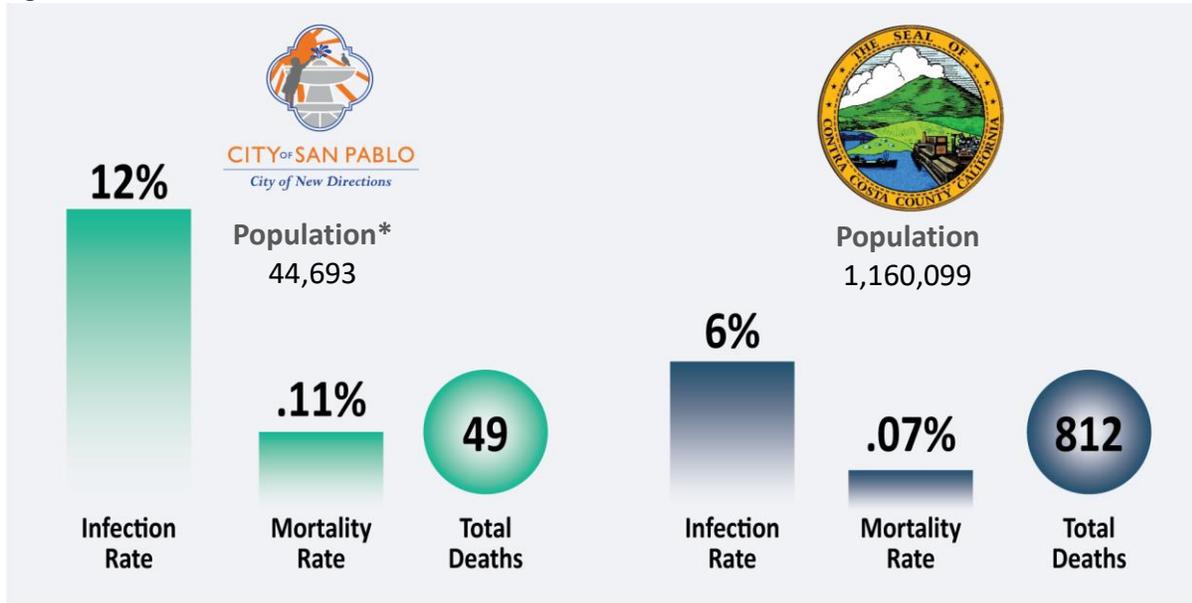
³⁶ 2020, West Contra Costa Unified School District

³⁷ 2020, Youth Truth Student Survey

³⁸ 2021, California Student Aid Commission

³⁹ 2021, Contra Costa Health Services

Figure 4. June 2021 COVID-19 Data



Source: 2021, Contra Costa Health Services (*includes population living in both incorporated and unincorporated parts of the city)

In 2021 there was a significant increase in meal distribution due to Covid especially in schools. From the meal distribution data available for San Pablo schools between July 1st to March 31, 2021, there were approximately 106,000 meal boxes distributed at Bayview, 264,000 at Helms, and around 458,000 at Richmond High.⁴⁰ In WCCUSD meal boxes were distributed only on Thursdays at 15 school sites between 8am to 1pm. One box is given per child and each meal box contains 7 days' worth of meals including breakfast, snack, lunch and supper. In addition to the school sites there were a couple of community sites that distributed food with varying schedules.⁴¹

Economic Development

The unemployment rates have experienced significant shifts from pre-Covid data to current numbers available. In San Pablo the unemployment rate in 2019 stood at 3.4%.⁴² The 2020 unemployment average for San Pablo went up to 11.4%. The unemployment rate for San Pablo as of April was at 8.2%. Through all these fluctuations the unemployment rates experienced by San Pablo have been consistently higher than the county.⁴³

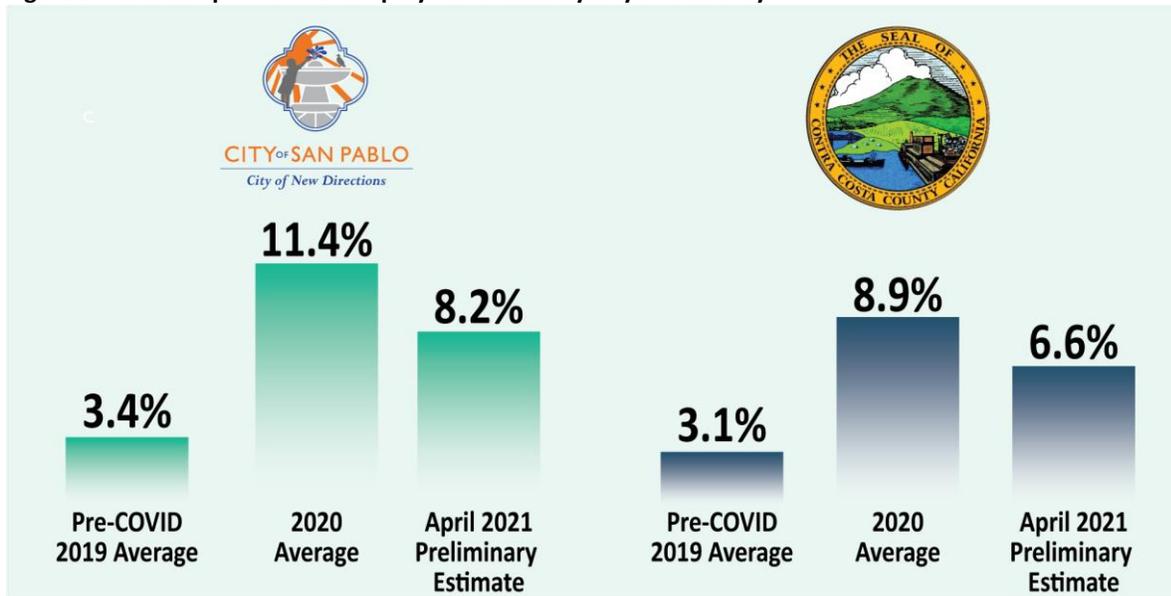
⁴⁰ 2021, West Contra Costa Unified School District Food Services Department

⁴¹ 2021, West Contra Costa Unified School District Food Services Department

⁴² 2019, American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

⁴³ 2021, California Employment Development Department

Figure 5. 2019 to April 2021 Unemployment Rates by City and County



Source: 2019-2021 California Employment Development Department

Another important factor to consider along with the unemployment data is the number of individuals who received some type of rent/housing assistance. During the FY2019-20, in San Pablo 100 applicants were approved for housing assistance of up to \$2,000 per household with a total of \$142,000 funds expended. The updated numbers for FY2020-21 as of June 2021 stand at 99 applicants approved for housing assistance of up to \$1,000 and \$75,200 funds expended.⁴⁴

Summary of Findings

There are two additional areas of improvement that emerged from this update to the report; Covid prevention and economic development. The updated summary of findings reflects these additions:

Early Childhood Education. There is a need for additional childcare slots, access to early education programs, and literacy development.

Community Health Support. There is a need for physical fitness, mental health, and nutrition supports. During this era of Covid 19 and shelter-in-place orders there is a growing need for food support and household supplies, as well as Covid prevention to slow down infection rates.

College and Career Supports. Richmond Promise provides a number of support programs in addition to funding for youth to attend college. While San Pablo youth benefit from some of these services by virtue of attending Richmond High school, there is not a corresponding program for San Pablo youth. Youth need pre-college support, financial aid, and emotional/family support.

Economic Development. There is a need for housing assistance and workforce development.

⁴⁴ 2021, San Pablo Housing Rental Assistance Program