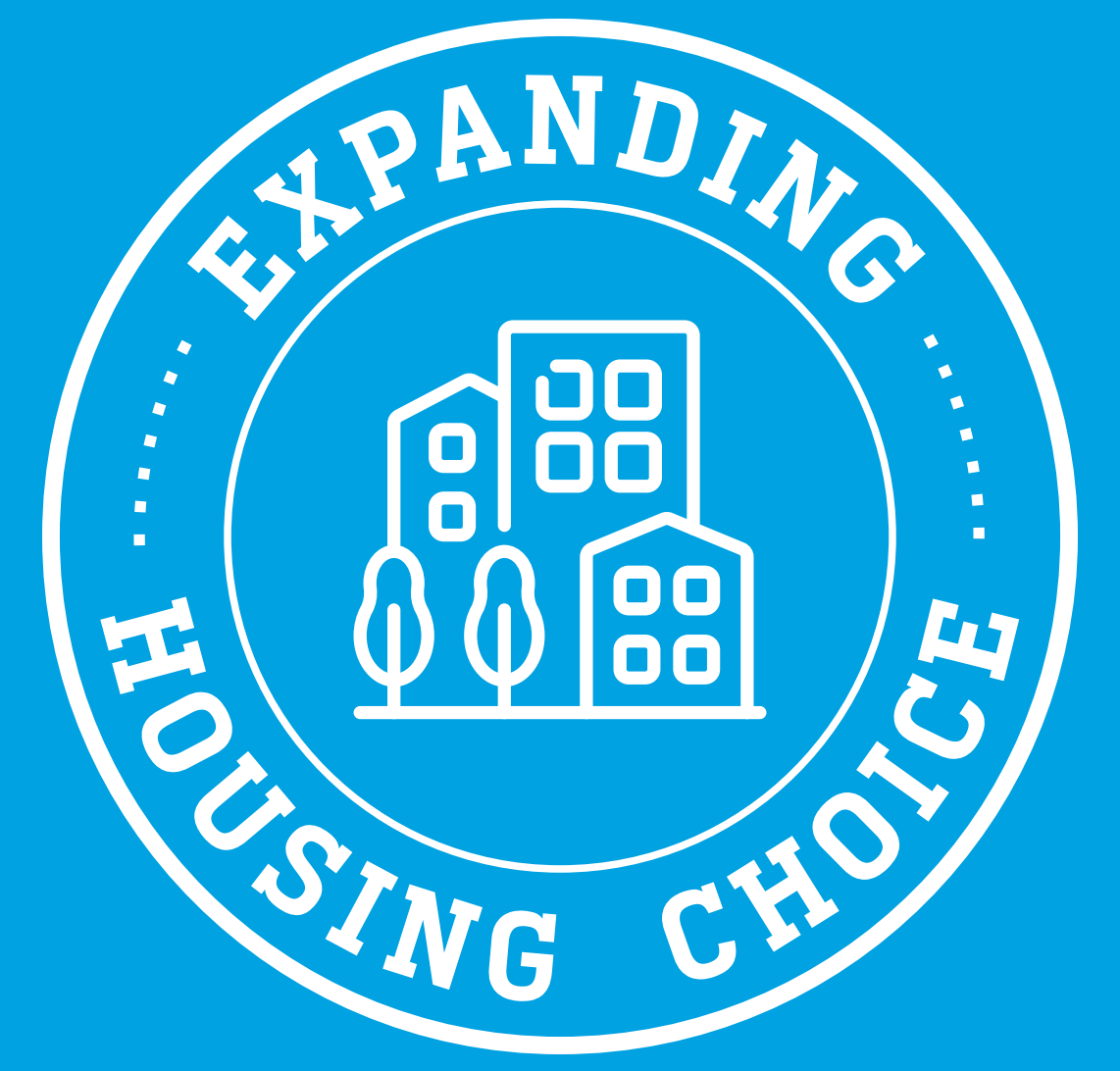


# STATION 5



## PLANNING FOR AND WITH FUTURE GENERATIONS



The decisions we make about housing today will define the city of the future. Let's plan for a city that welcomes children and young people at all stages of their lives. A city that is great for children and young people is a city that is great for everyone!

This station is for young people (ages 24 and below) to share your vision for housing in San Francisco.

It includes:

- Data and trends on the state of children, young people, and Transitional Age Youth (TAY) in San Francisco
- Space to capture priorities, hopes, and ideas that children and young people have to shape the future of housing

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# Where Do Children, Youth and Transitional-Aged Youth (18-24 years) Live in the City?

San Francisco has the lowest percentage of residents younger than 18 among major US cities, and the number of families has been declining for the past two decades.

**118,000**

Children and youth under 18 in San Francisco

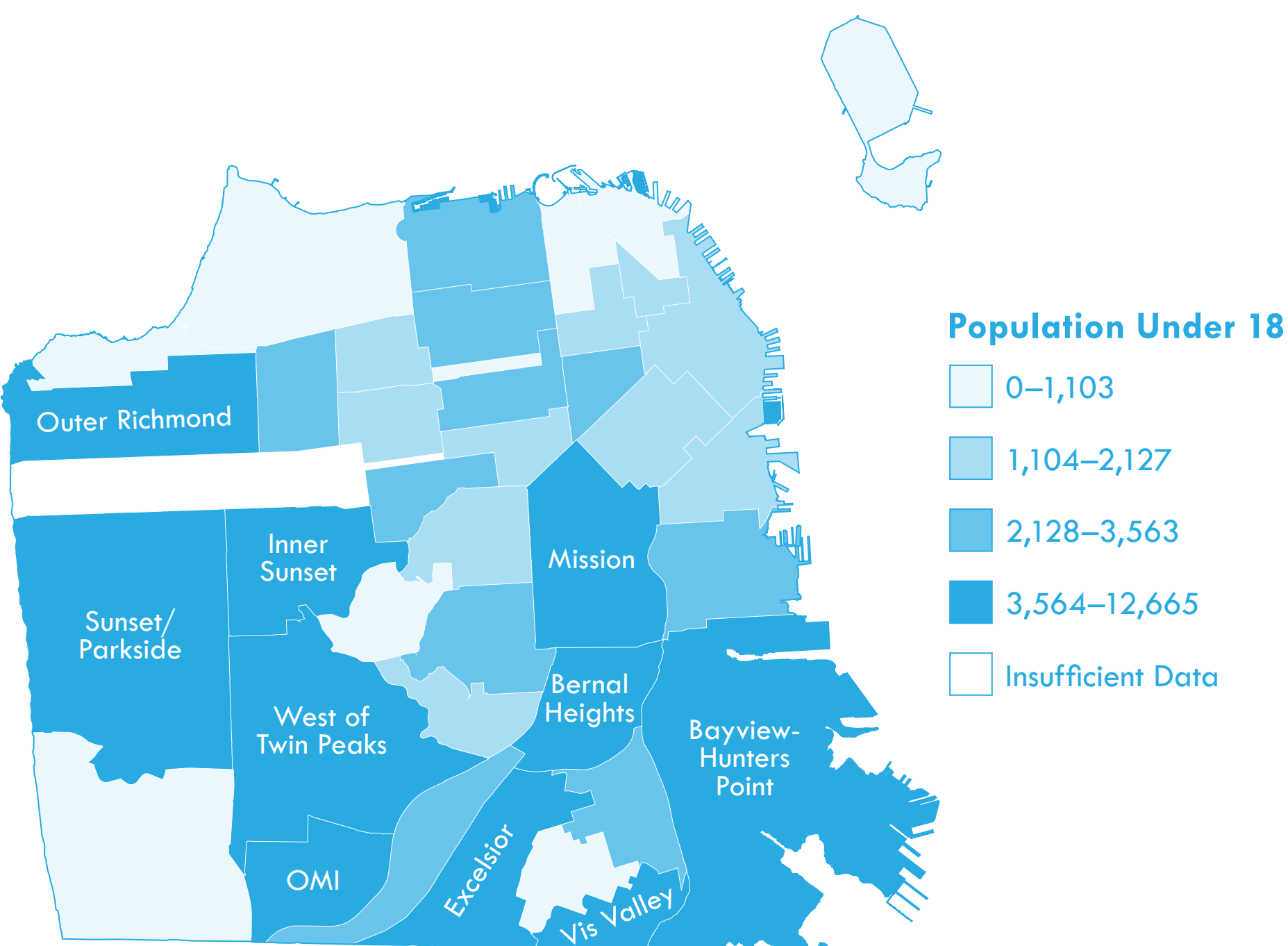
**13%**

of the City's population (compared to 21% in Los Angeles)



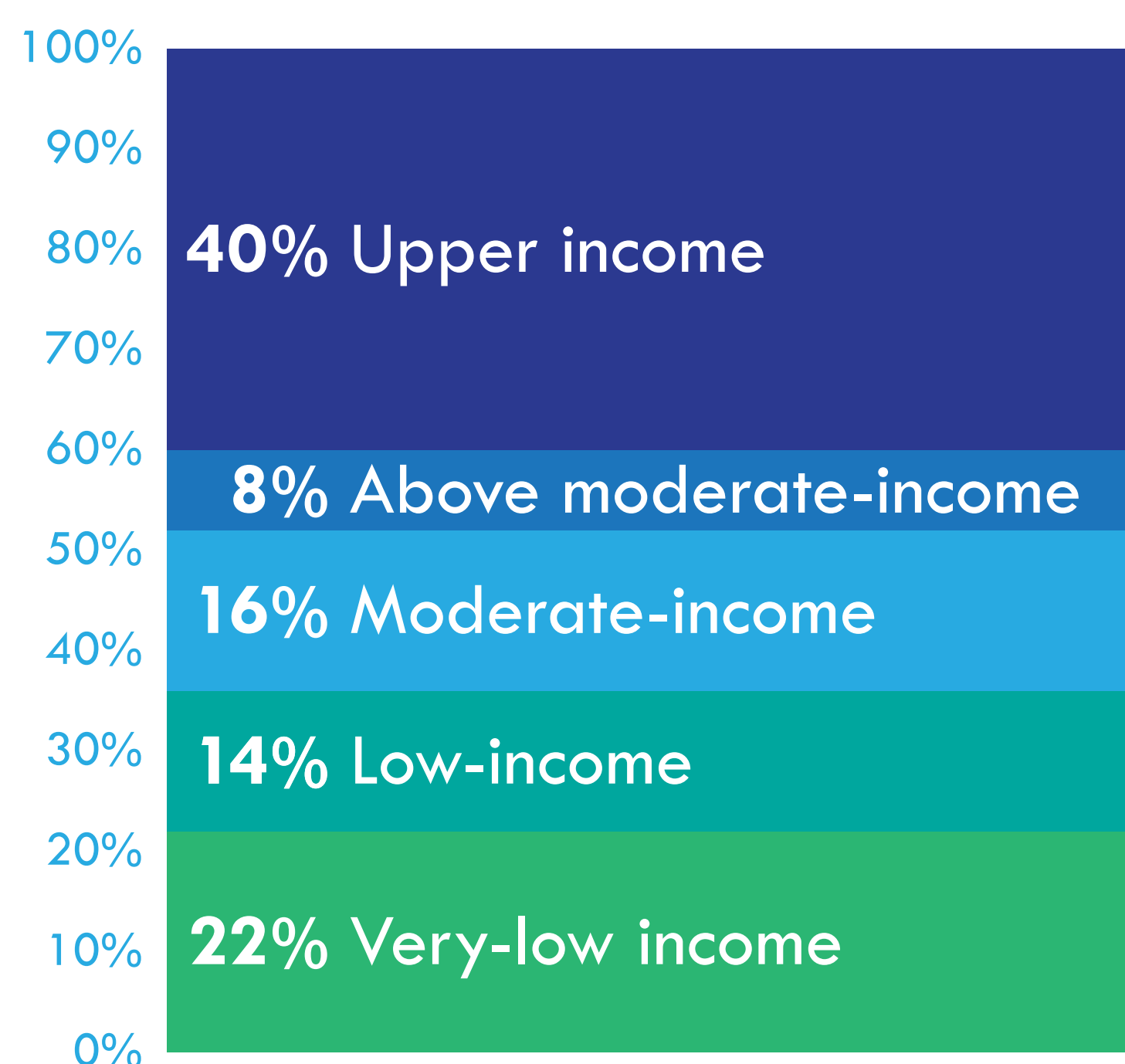
## Children and youth are concentrated in:

- Southeastern neighborhoods, including Mission, Bayview Hunters Point, Bernal Heights, Excelsior, Oceanview/Merced/Ingleside, and Visitation Valley
- Western neighborhoods such as Sunset/Parkside, West of Twin Peaks and Outer Richmond.



Population Under 18 By Neighborhood, 2019 (DYCF Report)

**Household Income:** 48% of households with children are above-moderate income or upper income, 36% are low or very-low income, and 16% of households with children are in the moderate-income category.



Income Distribution of Households with Children, 2014-2018 (DCYF 2022 Report)

**The COVID-19 pandemic** further widened inequality, disproportionately affecting low-income households with children.

**Housing Instability:** 30% of high school students reported less housing stability during the pandemic, due to reduced family income and challenges with making ends meet.

**Challenges** reported by parents, caregivers, and youth during the pandemic:

- Living in overcrowded spaces
- Displacement and homelessness
- Inadequate space for remote work and distance learning.

## Who are Transitional Age Youth (TAY)?

**Transitional Age Youth** are young people aged 18 through 24 years old who experience one or more of the following:

- Homelessness or high risk of homelessness;
- Dropped out of high school;
- A disability or other special needs, including substance abuse;
- Low-income parents;
- Are undocumented;

- New immigrants and/or English Language Learners;
- LGBTQ+
- Transitioning from the foster care, juvenile justice, criminal justice, or special education system.

TAY are at great risk of being unhoused and unsheltered. **In 2022, 20% of the unhoused population were ages 18-24 years old** (Source: San Francisco Health Services Agency).



Photo Sources (all on this page): Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development



# YOUTH SPEAK ABOUT HOUSING & COMMUNITY

Youth understand that affordable housing is fundamental to creating healthy and equitable communities.

Here are themes and quotes from young people from past community engagement on the Housing Element, Sunset Forward Strategy, and Environmental Justice Framework (in partnership with Balboa High School):



Photo: Community Needs Assessment 2022  
Department of Children Youth and their Families

## Demand for More Affordable Housing

“Housing is the number one problem to be solved, and almost all of us have to struggle for this. Local governments need to formulate policies to help developers bring more housing inventory.”

– Balboa HS Senior

“I don’t think the word “affordable” is clearly defined. A house is affordable to one person, but it may not be for another. To solve the housing problem, I think we should build more apartments and condominiums instead of single houses”

– Balboa HS Senior

“Having more affordable housing could result in more money spent on the local communities; affordable housing can create more job opportunities, and a healthier population means a healthier economy.”

– Balboa HS Senior

“What I want is to have cheaper housing prices because it is so expensive in San Francisco; it’s so expensive that there are a lot of homeless people and even if they try to work and obtain money, it will not be enough. To live in San Francisco, you must be wealthy from the start... If we can decrease housing costs, low-income people can lead easier lives.”

– Balboa HS Senior



## Overcrowding Affects Quality of Life and Access to Opportunities

“Living in overcrowded homes makes it difficult to study”

– TAY Resident, Sunset District

“I live in a multigenerational household and I can’t afford a place on my own”

– TAY Resident, Sunset District

Photo: Jeremy Menzies, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

“We’re getting to an age where we don’t fit in our houses anymore or we need to leave because we’re an extra expense to our families. But not having a steady income or good job makes it impossible to find a place in SF for youth in college or just finishing college. When we can find a place, it’s probably a house with 10 other people.”

– TAY Resident, San Francisco



Photo: San Francisco Planning Department

## The Pressures of Gentrification and Displacement

“I would love to see my neighborhood have less gentrification. I would love to be able to grow up in my same neighborhood to have my kids roam around the streets with noise, fun and laughter.”

– Balboa High School Junior

“The houses are too expensive, so I had to move a little far away from school. Near my house, it’s so much easier to find fast food than places that sell fruits and vegetables.”

– Balboa HS Senior, who had to move outside the city

“Oceanview is the neighborhood I live in and has been my home for my whole life (16 years). Over the years my parents and I have built a community in the neighborhood and have gotten to see the neighborhood change for the better. Despite that, I would like to improve some things, like public transportation, add more greenery and more services for the community.”

– Balboa HS Junior

“The lack of affordable housing means I don’t have a lot of peers nearby”

– TAY Resident, Sunset District



# Planning for the Future with Children and Young People

This space is designed for **children, youth and young people to share your priorities about housing.** What's most important for you and the future of San Francisco?

You may use a post-it to provide feedback on this board or write in your *Event Guide*.

<p><b>Please provide feedback on priorities in your neighborhood and amenities you would like to see with new housing.</b></p>	Affordable Housing	Reliable water, sewer, and electricity	Clean air and water (Environmental Justice)
	Different types and sizes of Homes	Improved buses and trains	Recreational facilities and youth centers
	Streets that are comfortable and safe to walk and bike on	Neighborhoods that feel safe from crime and violence	Cultural spaces (arts, music, etc.)
	Parks and public spaces	Street trees and plantings	Public Murals and artwork

**What other services or improvements would you like to see in your neighborhood?**

**Any other questions or feedback?**

**Sign up with your email if you are interested in joining a focus group with children, young people and TAY. (Participants will receive a stipend.)**

