

East Palo Alto Residential Building Permits

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1. Region - Among Comparables

Figure 1 - 1: Number of Units Permitted - Comparables (Rank)

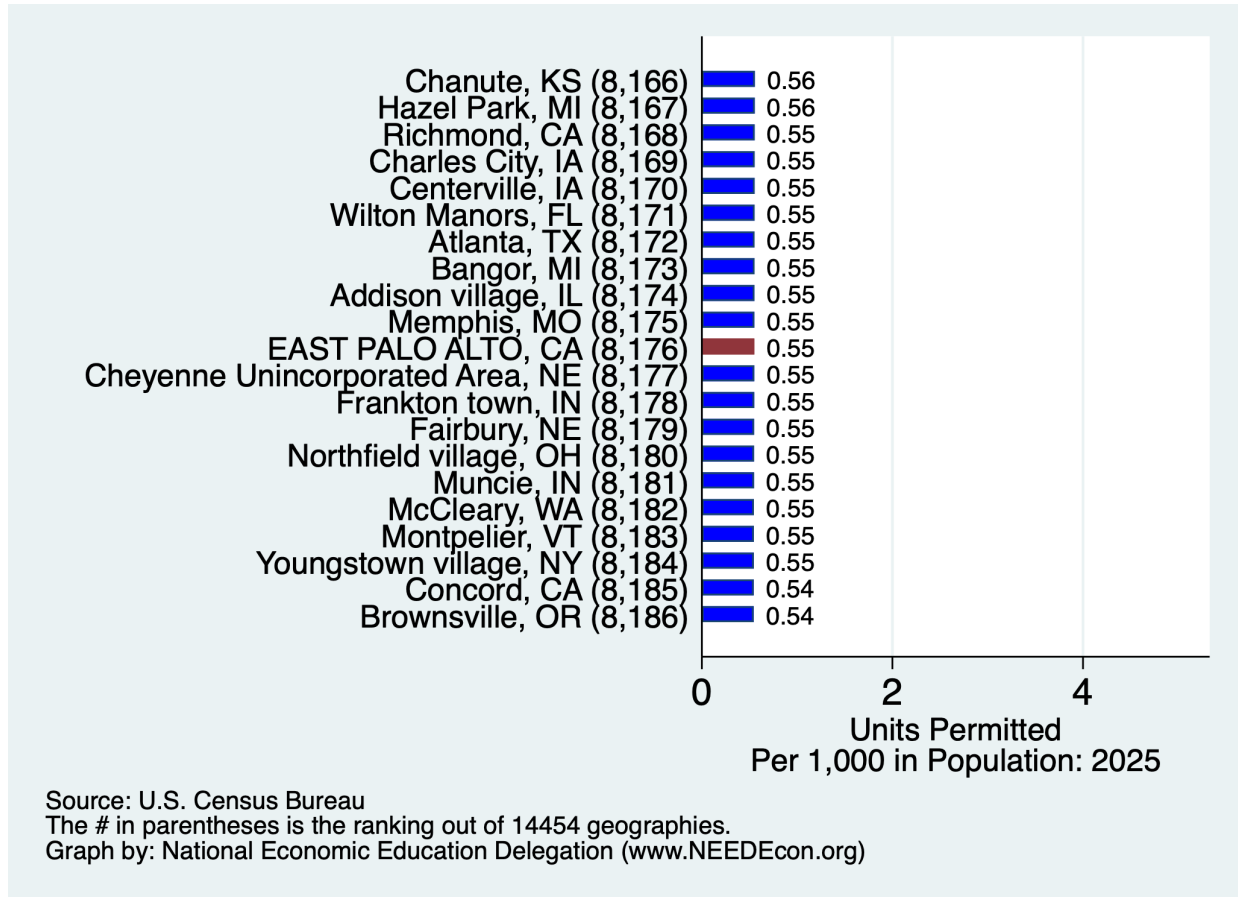
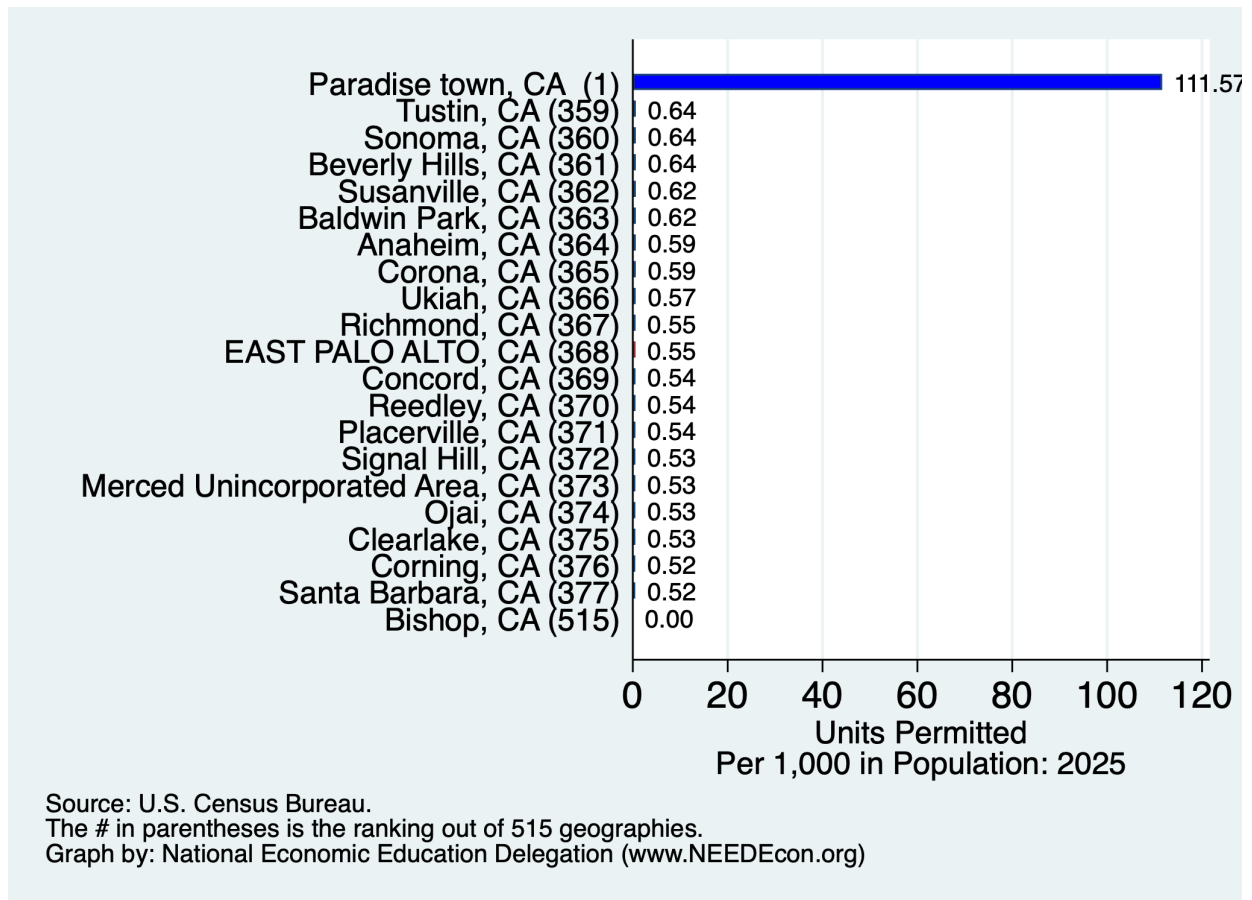


Figure 1 - 2: Number of Units Permitted - w/in California (Rank)



2. Annual Units Permitted - Per Capita

Figure 2 - 1: Units Permitted Each Year

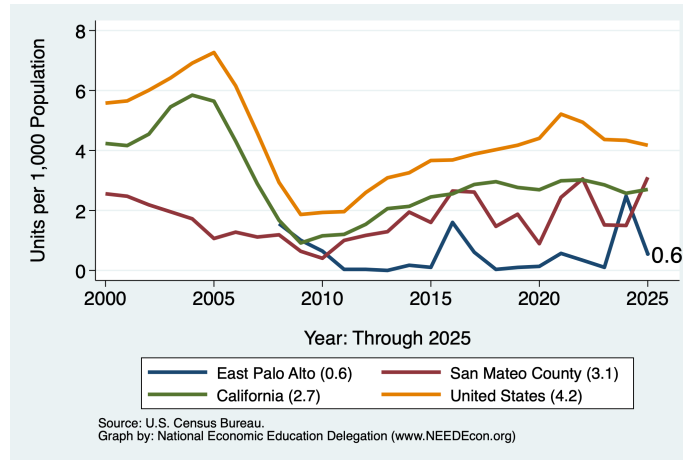


Figure 2 - 2: Average Annual Growth in Units Permitted

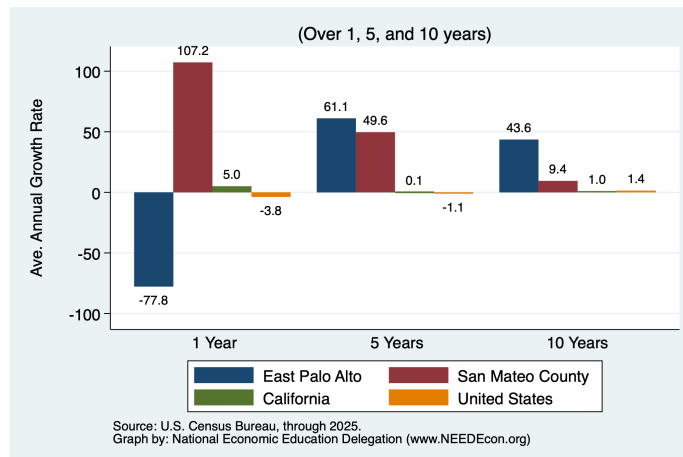


Table 2.1. Percentile Ranking Among All U.S. Cities

Ranking by Levels				
	2025	2010	2007	2000
East Palo Alto	43	49		

Ranking by Growth Rate Since:				
	Last Year	2010	2007	2000
East Palo Alto	43	23		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Note: Higher # indicates a higher ranking (1-100).

Table 2.2. Permits Per Capita

	2025	2010	2007	2000
East Palo Alto	0.55	0.65		
San Mateo County	3.11	0.41	1.11	2.56
Bay Area	2.30	1.44	2.43	3.83
California	2.70	1.15	2.89	4.23
United States	4.34	1.93	4.58	5.58

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 2.3. Growth in Permits Per Capita

(CAGR: Cumulative Annual Growth Rate (%))

	Last Year	2010	2007	2000
East Palo Alto	-77.78	-1.05		
San Mateo County	107.25	14.54	5.86	0.78
Bay Area	32.39	3.19	-0.31	-2.02
California	5.02	5.83	-0.37	-1.78
United States	-0.67	5.94	-0.32	-1.04

Source: U.S. Census Bureau