

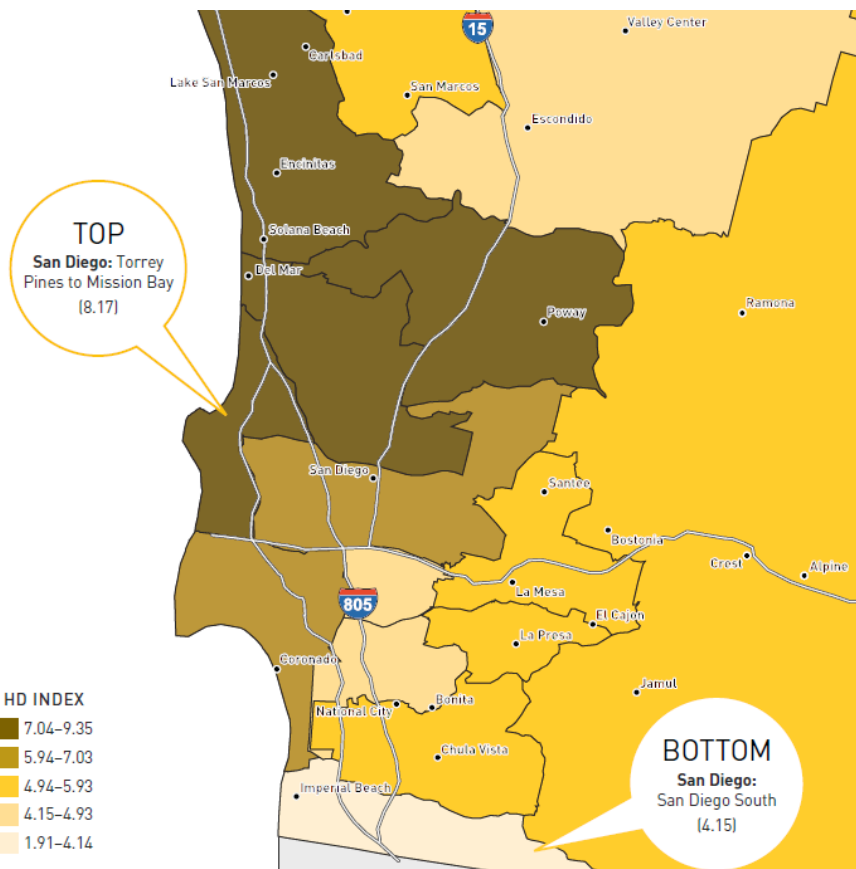
The San Diego Metro Area on the American Human Development Index

San Diego scores highly on the American Human Development Index; it ranks second only to the San Francisco metro area among California’s major cities on this index of well-being and opportunity. The American Human Development Index is a composite measure made up of health, education, and income indicators and expressed as a single number from 0 to 10. San Diego scores higher than both California and the nation as a whole on the Index (see table at right). The San Diego Metro Area is made up of the cities and towns of San Diego County.

	HD Index
UNITED STATES	5.09
California	5.46
San Diego Metro Area	5.80
TOP: San Diego-Torrey Pines to Mission Bay	8.17
BOTTOM: San Diego- South	4.15

Although San Diego performs better than average overall, considerable variation exists within it, as is revealed in *A Portrait of California 2011*. The top-ranked neighborhood group in San Diego County, in and around Torrey Pines, Mission Bay, and La Jolla, has a score of 8.17. This is far above Connecticut, the top-ranked state in the country on the American Human Development Index. People living there enjoy some of highest levels of well-being in the nation today. The bottom-ranked neighborhood group, San Diego South, which includes Imperial Beach, has an Index score of 4.15, comparable to that of Oklahoma, which ranks number 46 of the 50 states plus Washington, DC on the Index by state.

San Diego’s Asian Americans have the highest index score of any racial or ethnic group, 7.65, followed by whites (6.64), African Americans (4.82), and Latinos (4.38).



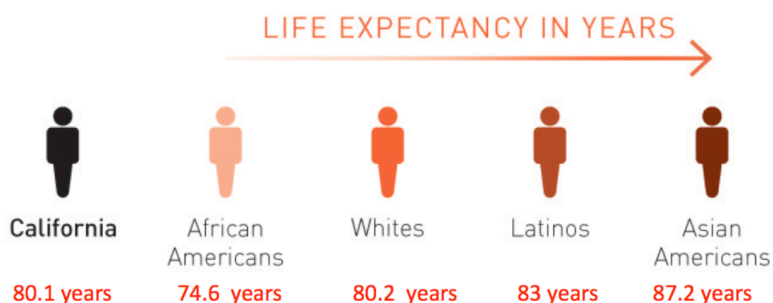
Education in San Diego:

- About 15 percent of adults in the San Diego area have not completed high school, a lower proportion than California overall (19.4 percent) and nearby Los Angeles (22.2 percent). Roughly one in three adults in San Diego has a bachelor’s degree, second only to the San Francisco metro area among California’s big cities.
- Nearly all adults in the communities between Torrey Pines and Mission Bay have a high school diploma. In addition, 68 percent of adults have a bachelor’s degree, and almost one-third a graduate or professional degree. In sharp contrast, in and around National City, only about 15 percent have a bachelor’s degree.

- Nearly half of all Asian Americans have bachelor's degrees (46.1 percent), a higher proportion than any other ethnic/racial group. However, 13.6 percent of Asian American adults did not complete high school. White and African American adults are the most likely to have completed high school, and Asian Americans have the highest rates of school enrollment by a significant margin. Latinos face the greatest educational challenges.

	Adults without HS Degree (%)	Adults with Bachelor's Degree (%)	Adults with Graduate Degree (%)	School Enrollment
San Diego Metro Area	14.6	34.8	12.7	89.6
Asian Americans	13.6	46.1	15.3	100.0
Whites	5.1	42.9	16.3	93.1
African Americans	8.4	24.7	8.0	90.9
Latinos	37.8	14.1	4.6	83.6

Health in San Diego:



- Life expectancy at birth in the San Diego metro area is 80.7 years, about six months longer than that of California today.
- In San Diego, Asian Americans live the longest (87.2 years), followed by Latinos (83 years), whites (80.2), and African Americans (74.6 years)—see left.

African Americans in San Diego can expect to live longer than in any other major California metro area. They outlive African Americans in the San Francisco area by an average of two-and-a-half years, for example. Nonetheless, African Americans have the lowest life expectancy of any major racial or ethnic group in San Diego. They are living as long, on average, as Americans about 25 years ago.

Earnings in San Diego:

- San Diego has the second-highest median personal earnings among big cities in California. San Francisco is first, at \$39,000 per year. The state median is around \$30,000.
- Earnings within the San Diego metro area vary greatly by race and ethnicity: whites and Asian Americans in San Diego earn the most at \$38,000 and \$36,000, respectively, followed by African Americans at about \$30,000, and Latinos at \$23,000.

	MEDIAN EARNINGS
CALIFORNIA	\$30,000
San Diego County	\$31,000
San Diego Whites	\$38,000
San Diego Asian Americans	\$36,000
San Diego African Americans	\$30,000
San Diego Latinos	\$23,000

For more information on *A Portrait of California 2011*, visit: www.measureofamerica.org
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