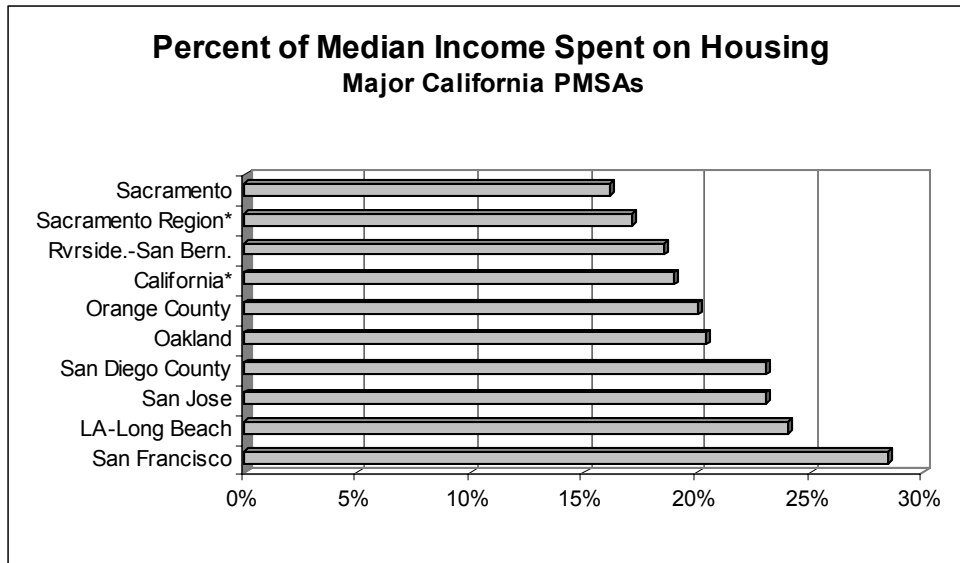


Housing and childcare costs are more affordable in the Sacramento Region than any other major area in California

Residents in the Sacramento area (considering both the Sacramento Region and the Sacramento Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area [PMSA]) spend a smaller proportion of their income on housing and childcare than any other major area in the state. The Sacramento area is also below the state average in both of these expenditure areas.

The charts below show the Sacramento PMSA at the bottom of the list with both housing and childcare comprising approximately 17 and 16 percent of median income, respectively. In terms of housing, the San Francisco PMSA spent the largest proportion on income (28 percent) on housing, while the Sacramento PMSA's 16 percent was the lowest. For childcare, San Diego residents spent the largest percentage of their income (20 percent) compared to the other PMSAs, but still equal to the statewide average. The Orange County PMSA along with Sacramento spent the lowest proportion of income on childcare at 17 percent of median income. While many of the areas in California are somewhat comparable when examining percentage of median income spent on housing and childcare, the Sacramento area still appears to be the most affordable in these two expenditure areas.



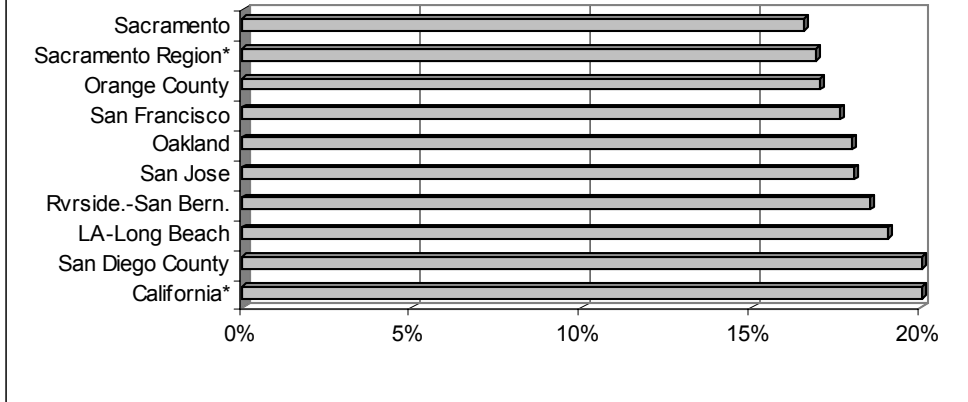
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Note: The Sacramento Region consists of Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties. The Sacramento PMSA contains Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado Counties.

**Percent of Median Income Spent on Childcare
Major California PMSAs**



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