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## Notes on race and ethnicity

Collecting and using data by race and ethnicity is important for monitoring and addressing health inequities and differences.<sup>1</sup> Racial and ethnic data categories are social-political constructs that should not be interpreted as being genetic, biological, or anthropological in nature but which instead serve to identify underlying conditions which produce disparities.<sup>2</sup>

The races/ethnicities represented in this report include those listed in Table 1. Estimates are shown for all race and ethnic groups where data collection methods provide sufficient data.

## Notes on sex and gender

According to the World Health Organization, “sex” refers to the biological and physiological characteristics that define men and women. “Gender” refers to the socially constructed roles, behaviors, activities, and attributes that a given society considers appropriate for men and women.<sup>3</sup> Gender identities include male, female, trans-male, and trans-female.<sup>4</sup>

While biological, social, and personal history aspects of sex and gender identity may matter for understanding health differences, the data sources used in this report typically do not capture gender accurately or do not have sufficient data to produce stable estimates for each of the possible gender

**Table 1: Definitions for racial and ethnic categories<sup>1</sup>**

	Description of race/ethnicity
Asian	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia (including Philippines), or the Indian subcontinent. Where data are available for Asian subpopulations, such as Chinese or Filipino, estimates for the subpopulations are presented.
Asian and Pacific Islander (API)	Includes persons identifying as Asian and or Pacific Islander. Where possible, data for Asians are shown separately from those for Pacific Islanders.
Black/African American (B/AA)	A person having origins of any of the black ethnic groups of Africa.
Latino(a)	A person having origins in Mexico, Central America, South America, Puerto Rico, or Cuba. Latino includes persons self-identifying as Latino, Hispanic, or Chicano, regard-less of race.
Multi-Ethnic	A person having origins in more than one of the races listed. Excludes persons with a Latino ethnicity.
Native American	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North American, Central America, or South America.
Other	Tables and figures may use “other” where data from multiple race/ethnicities are grouped together due to low numbers of responses.
Pacific Islander	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Island.
Unknown	Tables and Figures may include statistics for persons who decline to respond or enter an invalid race/ethnicity responds.
White	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

identities. Most currently available data sources only produce estimates by male and female. In the future, primary data collection by the San Francisco Department of Public Health will include capture of gender identity more accurately, and, where possible, analyses will utilize and show this data.

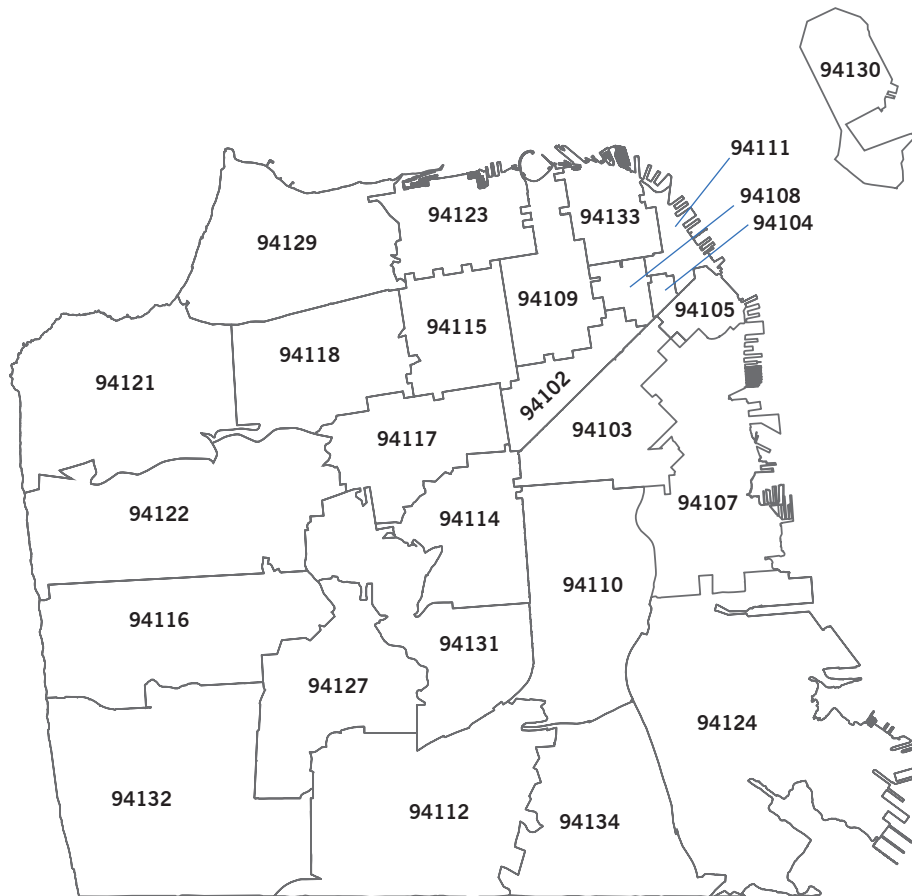
**Notes on geography**

The City and County of San Francisco includes 41 neighborhoods and 26 zip codes. Different data sources vary in terms of geographic level of detail available. Some data sources are available at the census tract level, which can be aggregated up to the neighborhood level, and others only at the zip code level. Neighborhoods may include parts of one or several zip codes and similarly, zip codes may represent parts of one or more neighborhoods. Maps A and B show San Francisco’s neighborhoods and zip codes, respectively. Tables 2 and 3 provide crosswalks between the various neighborhoods and zip codes. Detailed maps showing the overlap of San Francisco geographies are available at <http://bit.ly/sfgeobound>.

**San Francisco Planning Neighborhoods, 2014**



**San Francisco Zip Codes, 2014**



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**Table 2: San Francisco neighborhoods and corresponding zipcodes, 2014**

Neighborhood	Zip Codes	Neighborhood	Zip Codes	Neighborhood	Zip Codes
Bayview Hunters Point	94124	Lincoln Park	94121	Potrero Hill	94107, <i>94110</i>
Bernal Heights	94110	Lone Mountain/USF	94118, 94117, <i>94115</i>	Presidio	94129
Castro/Upper Market	94114, <i>94117</i>	Marina	94123	Presidio Heights	94118, <i>94115</i>
Chinatown	94108, 94133, <i>94111</i>	McLaren Park	94134	Russian Hill	94109, 94133
Excelsior	94112, <i>94134</i>	Mission	94110, 94103	Seacliff	94121
Financial District/ South Beach	94111, 94104, 94105, 94108, <i>94103, 94102, 94107</i>	Mission Bay	94107, <i>94103</i>	South of Market	94103, 94107
Glen Park	94131	Nob Hill	94109, 94108, 94133, <i>94102</i>	Sunset/Parkside	94132, 94116, 94122, 94132
Golden Gate Park	94122, <i>94117</i>	Noe Valley	94131, 94114, <i>94110</i>	Tenderloin	94102, 94109
Haight Ashbury	94117	North Beach	94133	Treasure Island	94130
Hayes Valley	94102, 94117	Oceanview /Merced/ Ingleside	94112, 94132	Twin Peaks	94131, 94114
Inner Richmond	94118	Outer Mission	94112	Visitacion Valley	94134
Inner Sunset	94122, 94131, <i>94116, 94117</i>	Outer Richmond	94121, <i>94118</i>	West of Twin Peaks	94127, 94116, 94112, <i>94131, 19132</i>
Japantown	94115, 94109	Pacific Heights	94115, 94109, <i>94123</i>	Western Addition	94115, 94109, <i>94102</i>
Lakeshore	94132	Portola	94134		

Many San Francisco neighborhoods overlap with parts of multiple zip codes. Zip codes which are italicized have minor overlap with the indicated neighborhood.

**Table 3: San Francisco zip codes and corresponding neighborhoods, 2014**

Zip Code	Neighborhoods	Zip Code	Neighborhoods
94102	Hayes Valley, Tenderloin, <i>Western Addition, Financial District/South Beach, Nob Hill</i>	94117	Haight Ashbury, Lone Mountain/USF, Hayes Valley, <i>Castro/Upper Market, Inner Sunset, Golden Gate Park</i>
94103	South of Market, Mission, <i>Mission Bay, Financial District/South Beach</i>	94118	Inner Richmond, Lone Mountain/USF, Presidio Heights, <i>Outer Richmond</i>
94104	Financial District/South Beach	94121	Lincoln Park, Outer Richmond, Seacliff
94105	Financial District/South Beach	94122	Golden Gate Park, Inner Sunset, Sunset/Parkside
94107	Mission Bay, Potrero Hill, South of Market, <i>Financial District/South Beach</i>	94123	Marina, <i>Pacific Heights</i>
94108	Chinatown, Financial District/South Beach, Nob Hill	94124	Bayview Hunters Point
94109	Russian Hill, Nob Hill, Pacific Heights, Tenderloin, <i>Western Addition, Japantown</i>	94127	West of Twin Peaks
94110	Mission, Bernal Heights, <i>Potrero Hill, Noe valley</i>	94129	Presidio
94111	Financial District/South Beach, Chinatown	94130	Treasure Island
94112	Excelsior, Outer Mission, Oceanview/Merced/Ingleside, <i>West of Twin Peaks</i>	94131	Glen Park, Inner Sunset, Noe Valley, Sunset/Parkside, <i>Twin Peaks, West of Twin Peaks</i>
94114	Castro/Upper Market, Noe Valley, Twin Peaks	94132	Lakeshore, Sunset/Parkside, Oceanview/Merced/Ingleside, <i>West of Twin Peaks</i>
94115	Pacific Heights, Western Addition, Japantown, <i>Lone Mountain/USF, Presidio Heights</i>	94133	North Beach, Russian Hill, Chinatown, Nob Hill
94116	Sunset/Parkside, West of Twin Peaks, <i>Inner Sunset</i>	94134	Portola, Visitacion Valley, McLaren Park, <i>Excelsior</i>

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