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PATHWAYS TO
THE MIDDLE

ECONOMIC
GROWTH

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SECURITY

Economic Prosperity Strategy

Improving economic opportunity
for the Bay Area's low- and
moderate-wage workers

How do we connect
lower-wage workers to
better job opportunities.

This was part of a 3-year
\$5 million grant from
HUD to MTC.

Reality: Over 1.1 million Bay Area workers are low and moderate wage--earning less than \$18 per hour.

	2010	Share of total workforce
\$30 and above	1,196,090	38%
\$18 to \$30 an hour	850,210	27%
Under \$18 an hour	1,126,860	36%
Total	3,173,160	

Source: 5-year 2011 American Community Survey (PUMS data)

Job opportunities in the middle are mostly from “replacement” jobs.

Economic prosperity means achieving three goals: upward mobility, more growth in the middle, and better conditions at the bottom.

