What’s Going on with Fertility in the U.S, California and the SCAG Region?

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Between 1990 and 2030
Total California population + 48%
but
Annual births lower by – 24%

Annual Births in California – Actual and Projected

Births in Thousands

Source: California Department of Finance; analysis Dowell Myers

General Fertility Rate - US

Total Fertility Rate
2015  1.843
2016  1.820
2017  1.764

Source: Center for Diseases Control, National Vital Statistics
**Age-Specific Birth Rates - US**

- **Source:** Center for Diseases Control, National Vital Statistics

**Birth Rates by Race/Ethnicity – US and CA, 2006 and 2017**

- **Source:** Center for Diseases Control, National Vital Statistics
Births by Race/Ethnicity – 2006 and 2017 California Only

Source: Center for Diseases Control, National Vital Statistics

Total Fertility Rate – SCAG Counties

Source: California Department of Finance
So what's going on...?

- Financial insecurity
- Cultural shift
- More working parents
- Delayed childbearing
- Workplace policy
- Public policies
- Migration

Public Policy Options

- Child care subsidies +
- Baby bonus +
- Parental leave +
- Maternity leave only ?
- Part-time work +
- School schedules ?
- But...differences across socioeconomic background
In sum...

- Fertility undoubtedly declining across the board

- No one-size-fits-all solution, but some public and private policies may help