Siliconia



Figure 1: Siliconia in context.

All of Siliconia lies within 300 miles of San Francisco. It is bordered on the north by the California counties that border Oregon and on the east by Nevada.

Population

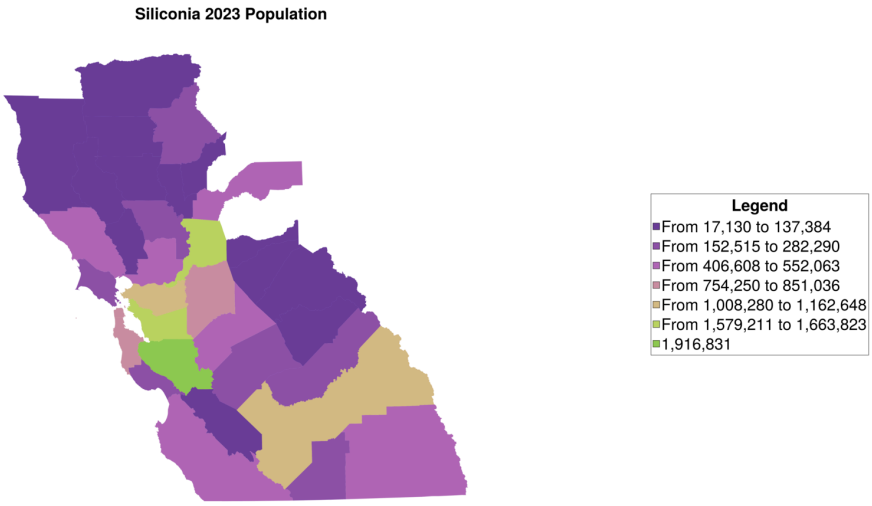

Figure 2: Counties of Siliconia.

Source: American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables 2023.

The population of Siliconia is 14,861,773. The following table shows it in relation to the European Union member states.

Nation	Population	Nation	Population
Malta	540,000	Hungary	9,680,000
Luxembourg	673,000	Greece	10,000,000
Cyprus	1,360,000	Portugal	10,400,000
Estonia	1,360,000	Sweden	10,600,000
Latvia	1,870,000	Czech Republic	10,700,000
Slovenia	2,120,000	Belgium	11,700,000
Lithuania	2,860,000	Siliconia	14,861,773
Croatia	3,880,000	Netherlands	18,200,000
Ireland	5,260,000	Romania	19,000,000
Slovak Republic	5,510,000	Poland	38,500,000
Finland	5,620,000	Spain	47,900,000
Denmark	5,980,000	Italy	59,300,000
Bulgaria	6,760,000	France	66,500,000
Austria	9,120,000	Germany	84,600,000

Age Structure

Compared to the United States as a whole, Siliconia has a deficit of population aged 55 and older and a surplus of population in the 10–54 year age group.

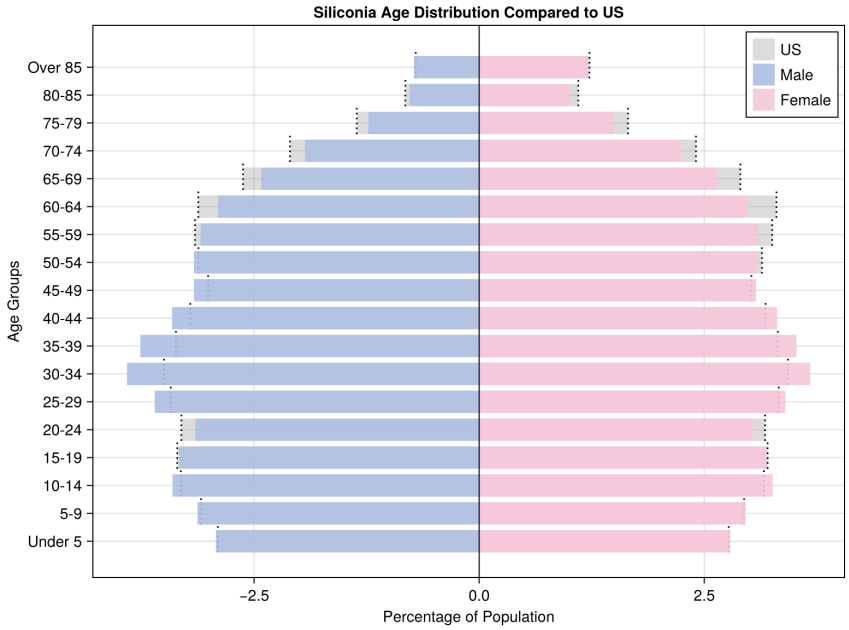

Figure 3: Siliconia regional age pyramid.

The dependency ratio of Siliconia is 51.81%, compared to 54.03% for the United States.

Growth

The fertility rate of Siliconia is 50.85 per thousand women aged 15–44, compared to the U.S. rate of 54.5. Both are below the minimum required to sustain the population in the absence of immigration.

Births	Deaths	Natural	Foreign	Domestic	Net
180,370	112,684	67,686	115,068	−54,349	128,405

Table 2: Components of population change.

Sources: American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables 2023. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality 2018–2023 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 2024 (Multiple Cause of Death Files; accessed Feb 11, 2025). Deaths were estimated by applying the 2018–2023 crude rate of deaths per 100,000 population to the ACS 2023 population estimates. Census data on domestic migration is limited to moves from a different county, a different state, or abroad. Relocations between counties within Siliconia are therefore included, which overstates total growth.

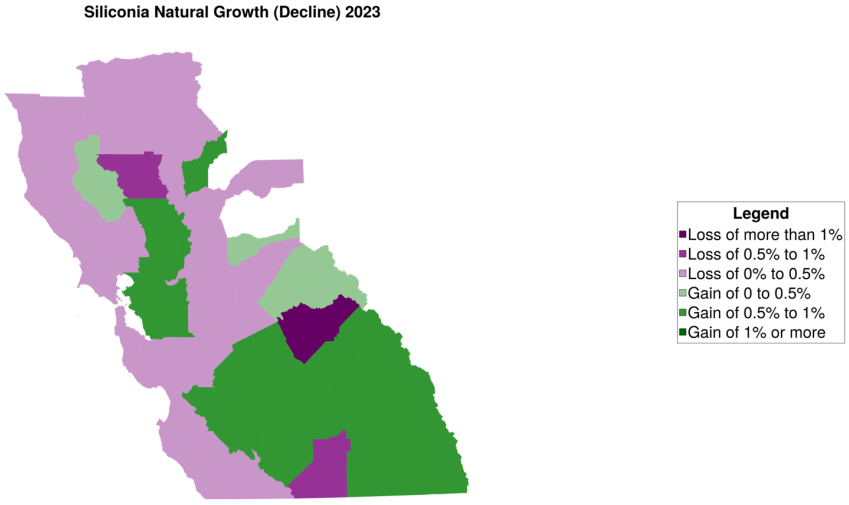

Figure 4: Natural growth.

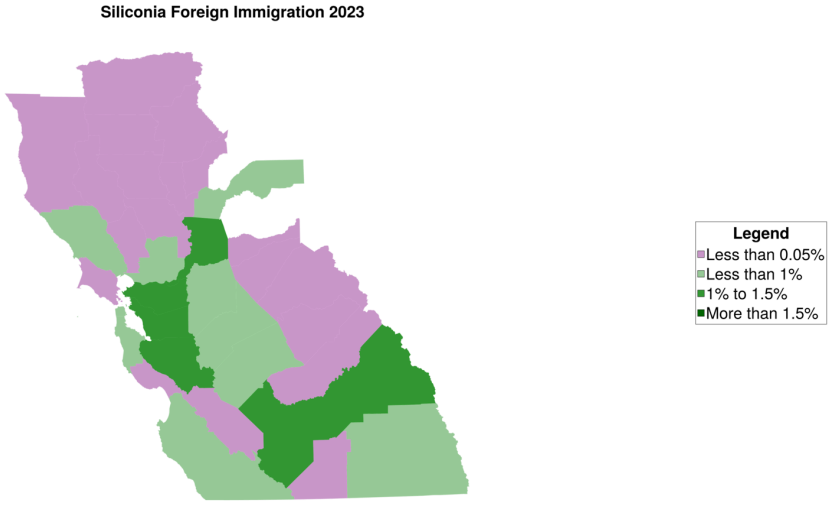

Figure 5: Foreign immigration.

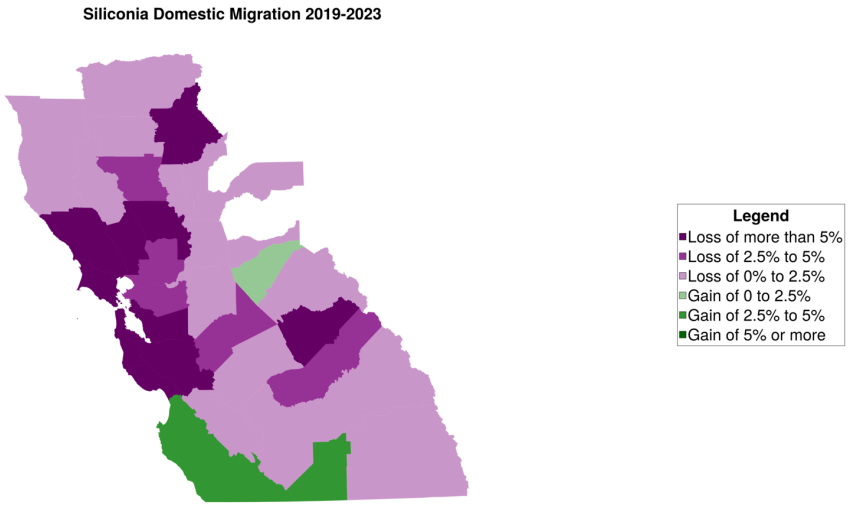

Figure 6: Domestic migration.

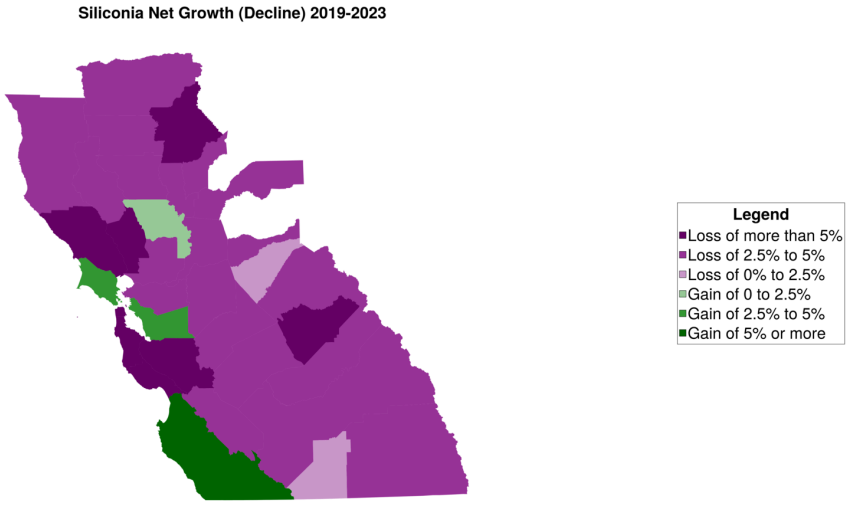

Figure 7: Net population change.

Education

The United States has a population over age 25 of 206,738,617. Of those, 15.27% have graduate or professional degrees, 48.85% have bachelor's or associate's degrees, 29.27% have high school diplomas, and 6.61% have no high school diploma or equivalent.

Siliconia has a population over age 25 of 9,140,416. Of those, 18.4% have graduate or professional degrees, 53.45% have bachelor's or associate's degrees, 21.56% have high school diplomas, and 6.59% have no high school diploma or equivalent.

Economy

Gross Domestic Product

The gross domestic product of Siliconia is $748,400,126,570, approximately 5.15% of the US GDP for the counties that are reported.

Nation	GDP (trillions)	Nation	GDP (trillions)
Malta	0.0223	Czech Republic	0.3432
Cyprus	0.0339	Romania	0.3508
Estonia	0.0413	Denmark	0.4071
Latvia	0.0422	Austria	0.5117
Slovenia	0.0691	Ireland	0.5514
Lithuania	0.0798	Sweden	0.585
Croatia	0.0844	Belgium	0.6448
Luxembourg	0.0858	Siliconia	0.7484
Bulgaria	0.1024	Poland	0.8092
Slovak Republic	0.1329	Netherlands	1.1544
Hungary	0.2124	Spain	1.6201
Greece	0.2435	Italy	2.3009
Portugal	0.2891	France	3.0518
Finland	0.2955	Germany	4.5257

EU source: World Bank. US county source: the 2023 GDP of the United States reported by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, May 21, 2025) was $27,720.709 billion, compared to $14,533.405 billion, the total of counties for which GDP is reported in the BEA county data. For comparison among the new nation states and the EU member states, county GDPs are multiplied by 1.91 to account for the difference. That may understate or overstate the GDP of a particular region, depending on the GDP of the omitted counties.

Political polarization

Replicating the unstable political dichotomy of the past decade is to be avoided. Taking the 2024 presidential vote as a proxy for political values, each nation should have a clear majority.

A linear regression model explains 79.14% of the variation in the county margin in the 2024 presidential election in Siliconia, using as explanatory variables the percentage of white non-Hispanic voters, the percentage of voters without a college degree, and population density.

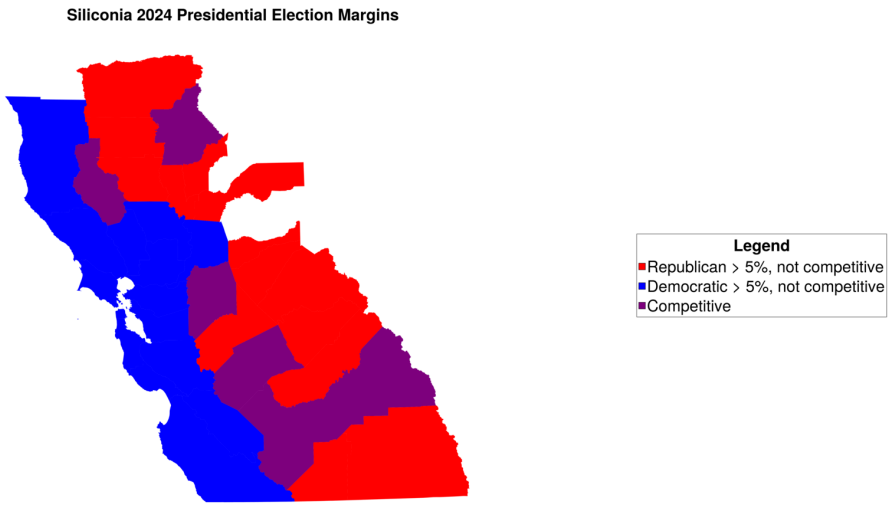

Figure 8: 2024 presidential margin by county.

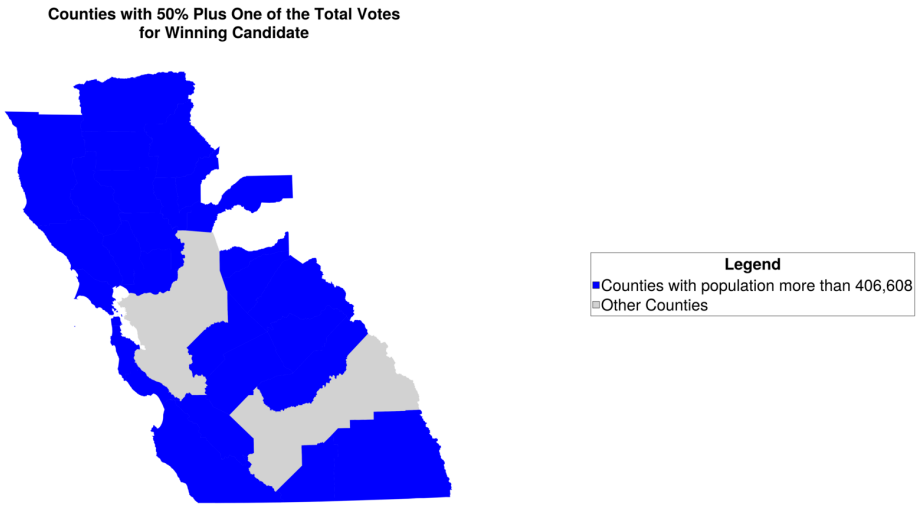

Figure 9: Electoral power.

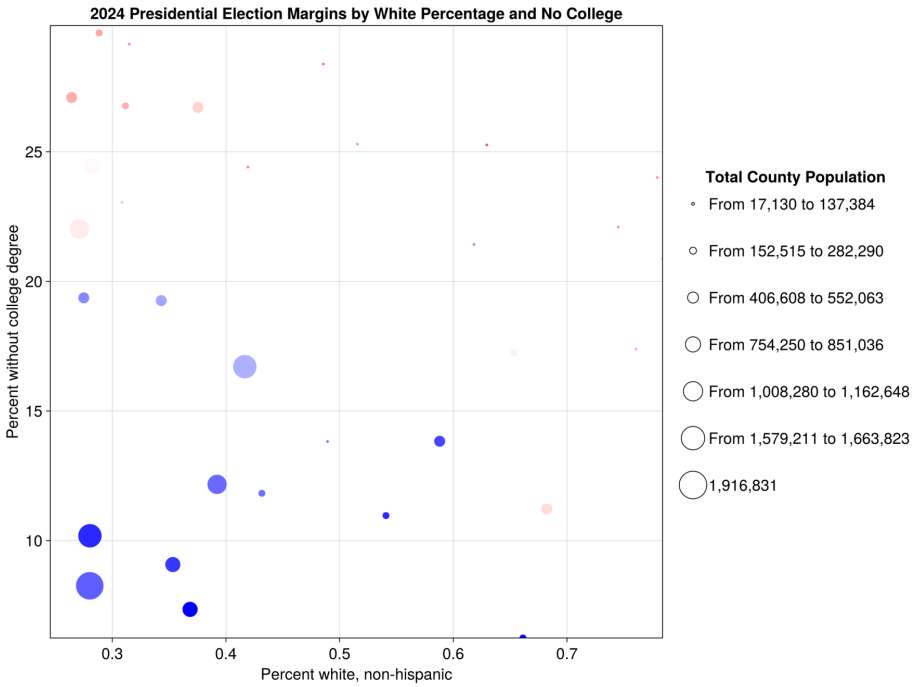

Figure 10: White non-Hispanic share and share without a college degree.

Source: United States General Election Presidential Results by District, Ward, or County, 2008 to 2024 (tonmcg.github.io/US_County_Level_Election_Results_08-24).

Assessment

Siliconia, in common with the other new nations, relies on international immigration for growth.