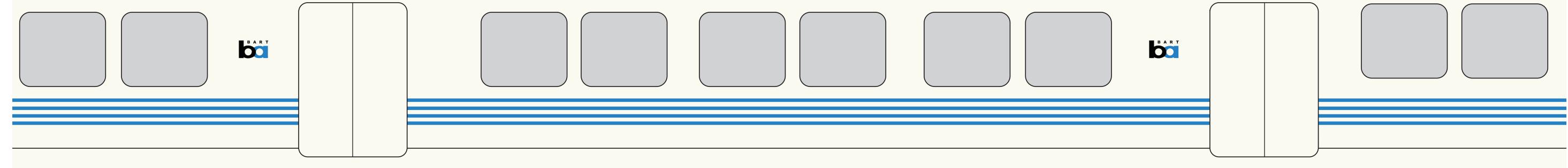
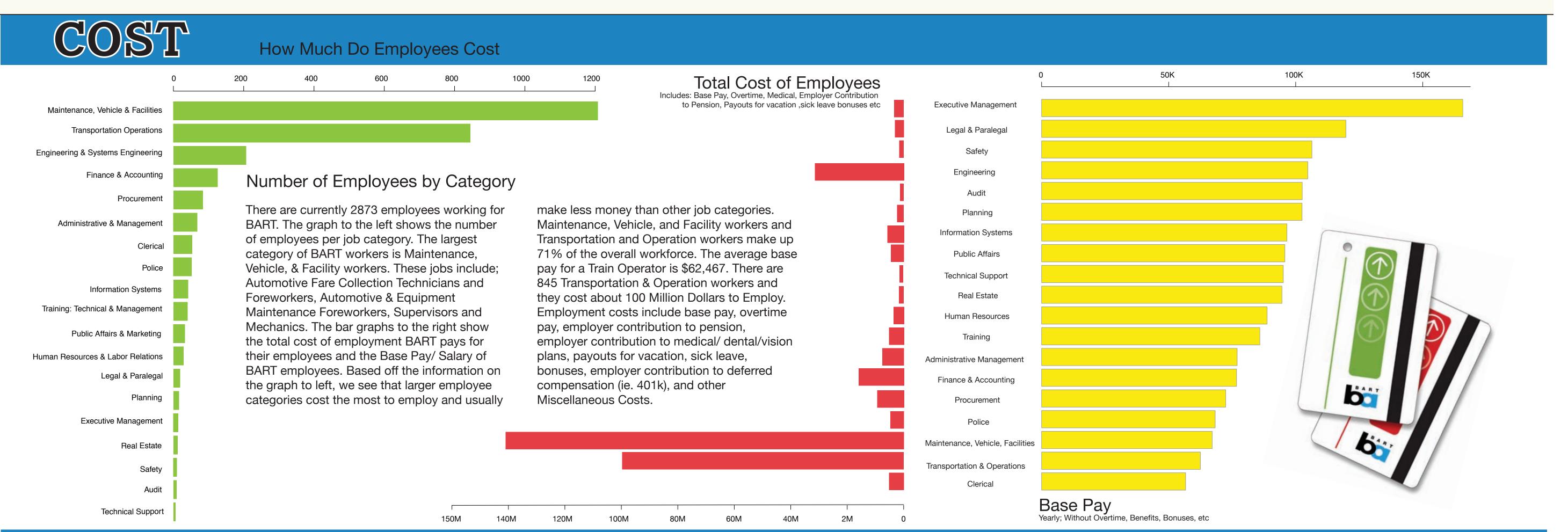
# BREAKING DOWN THE BART STRIKE

Fed up with not receiving a raise within the past 4 years, BART Employees went on strike Friday October 18th. They demanded better medical benefits, reduced contribution to pension and job security. After striking for 9 days they were heard. The new contract gives workers a 12 percent total raise start;

(two raises of 3.7% and a final one of 4%), a 4 percent pension contribution, and an increase in medical premiums by about \$50 a month. The BART strike has drawn a lot of media attention and has left many Bay Area residents asking themselves, 'Are the BART strikes really necessary?'



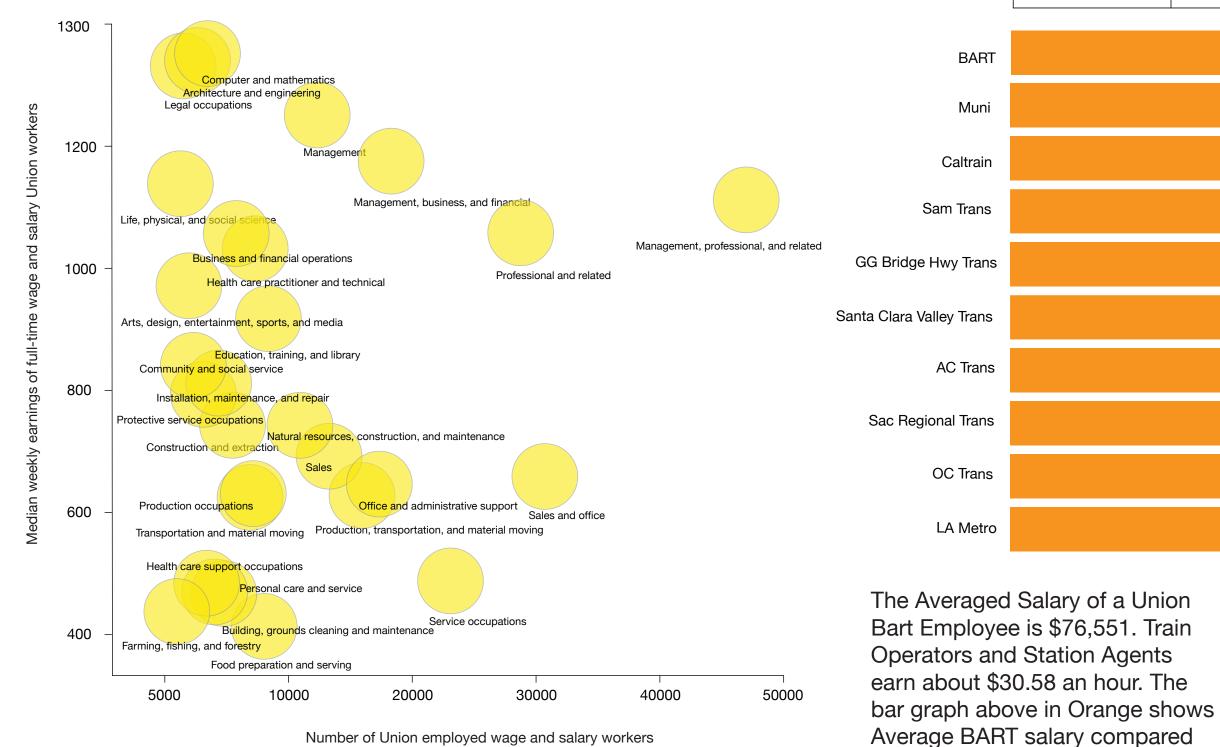
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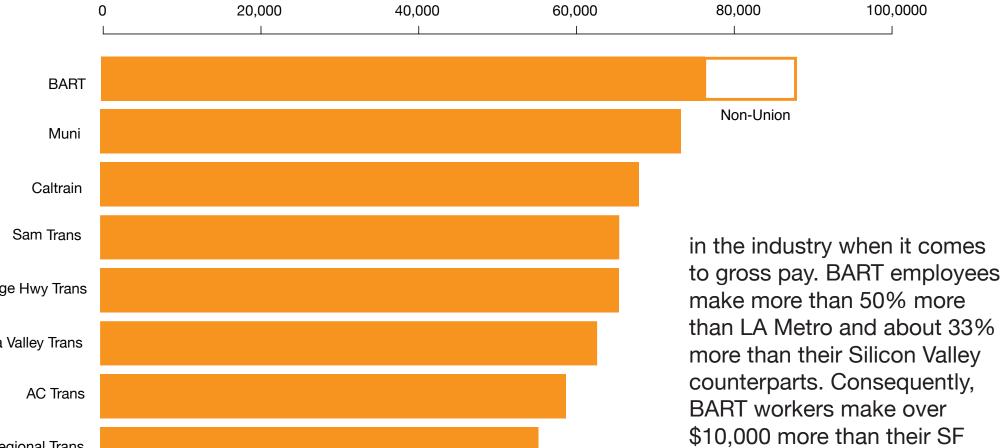
## UNION

#### How Does BART Compare to Other Union Jobs

Union Jobs by Occupation



### Top Grossing Cal Transit Agencies







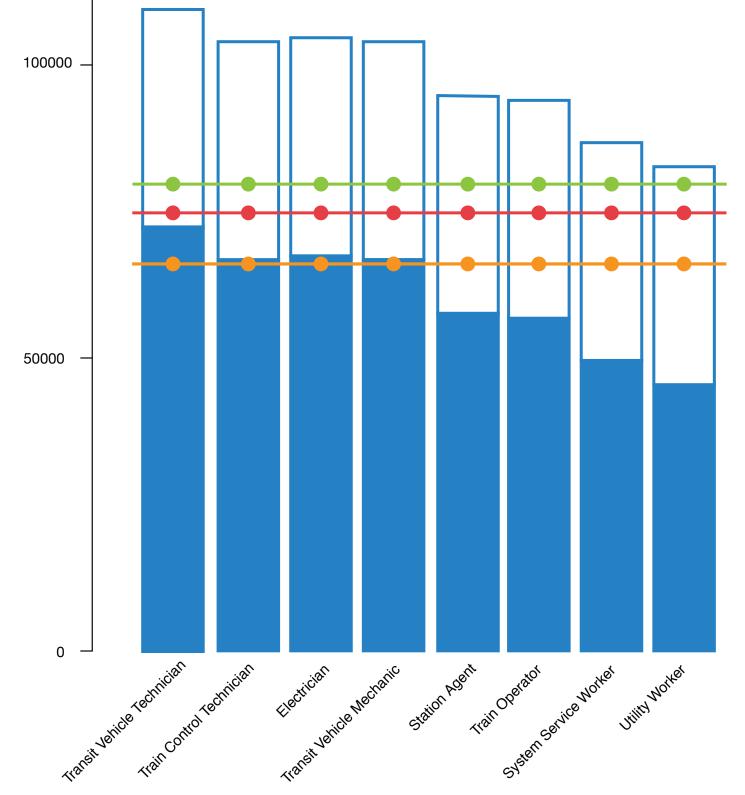
Putting It Into Perspective

Agencies. \_\_\_\_ shows the smal amount of Non-Union BART workers salaries including executives, lawyers, etc who's salaries throw off the ratio. Even without the new salary raise, BART workers exceed their peers with other California Transit

to the far left shows other Union Jobs in the United States. Circles closer to the top have more workers and circles closer to the right have higher salaries. Overall, transportation and service industries do not exceed above other occupations on the chart. From both these charts we can see that BART workers make more than their peers in the industry.

MUNI. The scatter plot graph

## COST OF LIVING



#### The cost of living in the Bay Area is very expensive. 70K is a very good salary if you are only supporting yourself, but for most this is not the case. The graph to the left represents BART employees that are married with two children. The graph visualizes how their salaries stack up to the cost of living in the Bay Area. The employee positions shown are the most common SEIU and ATU Union jobs. shows spouse income added on top of the BART worker's income. Spouse income, (\$37,215), was calculated by averaging the median per capita income in San Francisco, Alameda, Solano, and Santa Clara counties. The three colored line plots show cost of living in each city/area. The tree-graphs to the right break down cost of living per

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area per year. The cost of living data was gathered from Economic Policy Institute's Family Budget Calculator.

Monthly Total : \$7,011

Taxes :

\$676

Annual Total : \$84,132

Monthly Total : \$6,605

Taxes :

\$614

Annual Total : \$79,260

Monthly Total : \$5,838

Taxes

Annual Total : \$70,056

\$451

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