Less-Educated Workers In California: A Statistical Abstract

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Preface

In 1999, nearly one of five adult workers in California lacked a high school degree. In this report, this group is characterized as “Less-Educated Workers.” We know very little about these 2.5 million workers despite their large number and their significant role in the state and national economy.

This report, a statistical abstract, was prepared at the request of Senate Majority Leader Richard G. Polanco (D-Los Angeles) and provides a series of tables describing less-educated workers in California.

The tables include data on age, ethnicity, gender, family structure, employment characteristics, health, nativity, home ownership, and poverty. For contrast, the report includes data on two other groups: workers with a high school diploma or higher level of education (“Better-Educated Workers”) and adults on public assistance.

All the data for the tables are from the 1999 March Current Population Survey, which is a survey of households conducted by the Census Bureau with a sample size that includes over 13,000 Californians.

A note of caution: this report provides data for persons over the age of 18, i.e., adults. It does not include information on their children. This point is worthy of note as the two groups, within the same family, may have different characteristics. Take, for example, the national status of less-educated workers. Table 19 shows that about 70 percent of less-educated workers are foreign born. When a similar analysis is done for their children, one finds the reverse pattern: over 80 percent of the children of these workers were born in the United States. In California, families of mixed legal status are not uncommon. In designing policies for less-educated workers, policymakers may want to also consider the impact that these policies may have on the families of these workers.

Definitions:

“Less-Educated Workers” = Workers age 19 or over without a high school diploma or equivalent certification.

“Better-Educated Workers” = Workers age 19 or over with a high school diploma or more.

“Adults on Public Assistance” = persons age 19 or over who received welfare payments any time during the previous year. These public assistance programs include Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), General Assistance Program, Emergency Assistance, Refugee Assistance, or Indian Assistance. It does not include Food Stamps or Social Security Insurance (SSI).
## Age, Ethnicity, Gender, & Region

### Table 1

#### Age Distribution

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<td>766,442</td>
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<td>Age 50-64</td>
<td>411,308</td>
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<td>Age 65+</td>
<td>34,701</td>
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<td>2,512,050</td>
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<td>13,587,488</td>
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Median Age: 36, 39, 33


Figures above are of persons over the age of 18 in California, 1999.

### Age Distribution

**Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999**

- Less-Educated Workers
- Better-Educated Workers
- Adults on Public Assistance

![Age Distribution Chart](chart.png)

Table 2

Race & Ethnic Distribution

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<td>Number</td>
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<td>White</td>
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<td>Latino</td>
<td>1,838,118</td>
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Ethnic Distribution

Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

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Gender

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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number        %</td>
<td>Number       %</td>
<td>Number        %</td>
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<td>Male</td>
<td>1,579,505 63</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>932,545 37</td>
<td>6,364,545 47</td>
<td>426,923 89</td>
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<td>477,460 100</td>
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Gender
Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

Less-Educated Workers Better-Educated Workers Adults on Public Assistance

Table 4
Region of Residence

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<tr>
<td>Sacramento Valley</td>
<td>72,179</td>
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<td>717,359</td>
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<td>Bay Area</td>
<td>346,840</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>3,236,628</td>
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<td>San Joaquin Valley</td>
<td>215,758</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>850,276</td>
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<tr>
<td>Los Angeles &amp; Orange Counties</td>
<td>1,180,748</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>4,755,192</td>
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<tr>
<td>San Diego</td>
<td>145,993</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>1,149,231</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rest of California</td>
<td>550,532</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>2,878,022</td>
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Counties Included in the Region:
- Sacramento Valley: El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, & Yolo.
- San Joaquin Valley: Kern, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, & Tulare.
- Los Angeles Region: Los Angeles, & Orange Counties.
- San Diego: San Diego County.

Please note that the "Rest of California" category includes many counties that would normally be included in the other listed regions. This is a limitation of the data.

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Family Structure

Table 5

Marital Status

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<th>Better-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Married</td>
<td>1,521,050</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>7,372,705</td>
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<td>Widowed</td>
<td>49,822</td>
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<td>Divorced</td>
<td>160,059</td>
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<td>Separated</td>
<td>119,552</td>
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<td>Never Married</td>
<td>661,566</td>
<td>26</td>
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Marital Status

Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

Table 6
Family Role

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<tr>
<th>Number</th>
<th>%</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>%</th>
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<th>%</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Living Alone</td>
<td>370,808</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>3,381,106</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>49,987</td>
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<tr>
<td>Husband</td>
<td>837,554</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>3,927,108</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>20,786</td>
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<td>Wife</td>
<td>450,430</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>3,121,875</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>90,847</td>
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<tr>
<td>Child</td>
<td>217,707</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>1,490,907</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>23,407</td>
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<td>Other Relative</td>
<td>336,598</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>514,703</td>
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<td>Unmarried Head of Household</td>
<td>298,952</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>1,151,788</td>
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<td>274,892</td>
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# Employment Characteristics

**Table 7**

## Current Employment Status

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Number</strong></td>
<td>%</td>
<td><strong>Number</strong></td>
<td>%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Working</td>
<td>2,177,868</td>
<td>12,562,345</td>
<td>155,664</td>
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<tr>
<td>With job, not at work</td>
<td>46,223</td>
<td>379,728</td>
<td>72,020</td>
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<td>Unemployed, looking for work</td>
<td>194,689</td>
<td>586,688</td>
<td>5,660</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unemployed, on layoff</td>
<td>93,270</td>
<td>58,728</td>
<td>244,118</td>
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<tr>
<td>Not in the Labor Force</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>2,512,050</td>
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## Current Employment Status

**Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999**

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<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
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<tr>
<td>Working</td>
<td>87</td>
<td>92</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>With job, not at work</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unemployed, looking for work</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unemployed, on layoff</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not in the Labor Force</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Percent</strong></td>
<td>87%</td>
<td>92%</td>
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Table 8
Current Occupation

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not in Labor Force</td>
<td>243,582</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>17,213</td>
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<td>Managers &amp; Professionals</td>
<td>100,103</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5,008,156</td>
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<td>Technicians &amp; Precision Occupations</td>
<td>433,568</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>1,968,274</td>
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<td>Sales &amp; Administrative Support</td>
<td>282,760</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>3,942,190</td>
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<td>Food Service &amp; Cleaning Occupations</td>
<td>570,691</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>1,217,167</td>
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<td>Other Laborers</td>
<td>780,763</td>
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<td>Farm Related Occupations</td>
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Current Occupation
Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

![Bar chart showing current occupation distribution]


See the appendix for a detailed listing of the occupations.
Table 9
Employer Size

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Did Not Work Last Year</th>
<th>Less-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>%</th>
<th>Better-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>%</th>
<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>%</th>
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</thead>
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<tr>
<td>Small Employer (1-99 employees)</td>
<td>1,483,382</td>
<td>59</td>
<td></td>
<td>5,418,023</td>
<td>40</td>
<td></td>
<td>89,078</td>
<td>19</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Large Employer (100+ employees)</td>
<td>883,164</td>
<td>35</td>
<td></td>
<td>7,733,891</td>
<td>57</td>
<td></td>
<td>136,196</td>
<td>29</td>
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Employer Size
Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

Table 10
Worked for How Many Employers Last Year?

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<th>Better-Educated Workers</th>
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<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
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<td>0 (did not work at all last year)</td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2,128,957</td>
<td>85</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>186,351</td>
<td>7</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>51,238</td>
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Table 11
Work Status

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<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
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<tr>
<td>Full-Time/Full Year</td>
<td>1,599,937</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>9,278,039</td>
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<tr>
<td>Part-Time/Full Year</td>
<td>161,048</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>1,370,399</td>
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<td>Full-Time/Part Year</td>
<td>473,982</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>1,578,662</td>
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<td>Part-Time/Part Year</td>
<td>131,580</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>924,816</td>
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<tr>
<td>Did Not Work Last Year</td>
<td>145,504</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>435,574</td>
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A “full-time” worker is one who worked 35 hours or more per week.
A “full-year” worker is one who worked 50 weeks or more per year.
### Table 12

**Employer Type**

<table>
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<th>Employer Type</th>
<th>Less-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Better-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number (% of 100)</td>
<td>Number (% of 100)</td>
<td>Number (% of 100)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Private Sector</td>
<td>2,165,001 (86)</td>
<td>9,861,098 (73)</td>
<td>204,513 (43)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Government</td>
<td>51,323 (2)</td>
<td>2,047,257 (15)</td>
<td>15,773 (3)</td>
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<td>Self-Employed</td>
<td>150,222 (6)</td>
<td>1,229,588 (9)</td>
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<td>Did Not Work Last Year</td>
<td>145,504 (6)</td>
<td>435,574 (3)</td>
<td>252,187 (53)</td>
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<td><strong>2,512,050 (100)</strong></td>
<td><strong>13,573,517 (100)</strong></td>
<td><strong>477,460 (100)</strong></td>
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### Employer Type

**Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999**

![Bar chart showing employer type distribution](chart.png)

# Pension at Work

Table 13  
Existence of Pension Plan at Work

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Did Not Work Last Year</th>
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<th>Better-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
<th>Persons %</th>
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<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Did Not Work Last Year</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>435,574</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>594,808</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>7,761,420</td>
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<td>71</td>
<td>5,390,494</td>
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<td>2,512,050</td>
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<td>13,587,488</td>
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Existence of Pension Plan at Work  
Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

- **Less-Educated Workers**
- **Better-Educated Workers**
- **Adults on Public Assistance**

Table 14
Health Condition

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Health Condition</th>
<th>Less-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Better-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Excellent or Very Good</td>
<td>1,456,001</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>9,728,796</td>
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<td>Good or Fair</td>
<td>1,009,222</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>3,729,476</td>
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<tr>
<td>Poor</td>
<td>46,826</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>129,216</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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Health Condition
Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

Table 15
Health or Disability Limits Amount of Work

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Less-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Better-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>35,703</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>359,892</td>
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<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>2,476,347</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>13,227,596</td>
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Health or Disability Limits Amount of Work
Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

Less-Educated Workers □ Better-Educated Workers □ Adults on Public Assistance

Table 16
Type of Health Insurance

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Health Insurance</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>%</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>%</th>
<th>Persons</th>
<th>%</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Less-Educated Workers</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Uninsured</td>
<td>1,259,697</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>2,594,839</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>24,044</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medicare</td>
<td>44,574</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>369,119</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>22,374</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medicaid</td>
<td>251,619</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>401,694</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>429,793</td>
<td>90</td>
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<tr>
<td>Military &amp; Indian Health</td>
<td>17,816</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>338,801</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Employer-Provided</td>
<td>870,664</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>9,066,985</td>
<td>67</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Privately Purchased</td>
<td>48,511</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>661,969</td>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Plan of someone outside of HH*</td>
<td>14,746</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>144,838</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>2,507,628</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>13,578,246</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>476,211</td>
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*HH – Head of Household

Health Insurance
Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

*HH – Head of Household
Poverty & Public Assistance

Table 17
Poverty Level

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Poverty Level</th>
<th>Less-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Better-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Below Poverty</td>
<td>529,226</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>807,769</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100% to 150%</td>
<td>455,743</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>701,870</td>
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<tr>
<td>150% &amp; above</td>
<td>1,527,081</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>12,077,849</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>2,512,050</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>13,587,488</td>
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The Census Bureau determines the poverty level. A family of three is considered to be below the federal poverty level if their combined family income is below $14,150.
Table 18
On Public Assistance Any Time Last Year

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
<th>Less-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Better-Educated Workers</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number %</td>
<td>Number %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>2,427,087 97</td>
<td>13,439,108 99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>84,963 3</td>
<td>148,380 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>2,512,050 100</td>
<td>13,587,488 100</td>
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On Public Assistance Any Time Last Year
Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

### Table 19
Citizenship Status

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Citizenship Status</th>
<th>Less-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Better-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Native</td>
<td>742,999</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>10,532,646</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Foreign Born, U.S. Citizen by naturalization</td>
<td>278,925</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>1,428,853</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Foreign Born (permanent resident, etc.)</td>
<td>1,490,126</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>1,625,989</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>2,512,050</td>
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Foreign Born not U.S. Citizens can be legally here, i.e., Permanent Residents, or undocumented.

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### Citizenship
Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

Table 20
Nativity

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Nativity or Place of Birth</th>
<th>Less-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Better-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>680,686</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>10,306,693</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Puerto Rico &amp; Outlying Areas</td>
<td>18,123</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>39,344</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Europe</td>
<td>44,110</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>312,544</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Asia</td>
<td>182,123</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>1,493,223</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canada</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>76,718</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Latin America</td>
<td>1,578,826</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>1,256,341</td>
</tr>
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<td>Africa</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>43,209</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Australia &amp; Pacific Islands</td>
<td>1,341</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>24,290</td>
</tr>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>2,505,209</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>13,552,362</td>
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Nativity or Place of Birth
Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

## Home Ownership

### Table 21

Home Ownership

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<tr>
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<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Own House</td>
<td>932,013</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>8,333,284</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Renting</td>
<td>1,547,771</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>5,126,960</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not Cash Rent</td>
<td>32,266</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>127,244</td>
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### Home Ownership

**Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999**

Table 22
Number of Housing Units in Structure

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Less-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Better-Educated Workers</th>
<th>Adults on Public Assistance</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>9,332,469</td>
<td>69</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>668,916</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 to 4</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>736,734</td>
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<td>5 to 9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>987,410</td>
<td>7</td>
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<tr>
<td>10 or more</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>1,861,959</td>
<td>14</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>13,587,488</td>
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Number of Housing Units in Structure
Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

Table 23
Telephone in Household

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>Number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>2,247,379</td>
<td>89</td>
<td>13,111,082</td>
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<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>264,670</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>476,407</td>
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Telephone in Household
Persons Over the Age of 18, California 1999

Appendix: Occupational Categories

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<tr>
<th>Managers &amp; Professionals</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Other executive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Management related occupations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Engineers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mathematical and computer scientists</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Natural scientists</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Health diagnosing occupations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Health assessment &amp; treating occupations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Teachers, college and university</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Teachers, except college and university</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Lawyers and judges</td>
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<tr>
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<td>Other professional specialty occupations</td>
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<tr>
<td>Technicians &amp; Precision Occupations</td>
<td>Health technologists and technicians</td>
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<tr>
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<td>Engineering and science technicians</td>
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<td>Technicians, except health, engineering, &amp; science</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Protective service occupations (except 88B-92)</td>
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<td>Mechanics and repairers</td>
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<td>Construction trades</td>
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<td>Other precision production occupations</td>
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<td>Sales representatives, finance, &amp; business</td>
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<td>Sales reps, commodities, except retail</td>
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<td>Sales workers, retail &amp; personal services</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>Sales related occupations</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Supervisors - administrative support</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Computer equipment operators</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Secretaries, stenographers, and typists</td>
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<td>Financial records, processing occupations</td>
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<td>Mail and message distributing</td>
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<td>Other administrative support, incl clerical</td>
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<td>Food Service &amp; Cleaning Occupations</td>
<td>Private household service occupations</td>
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<td>Health service occupations</td>
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<td>Cleaning and building service occupations</td>
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<td>Other Laborers</td>
<td>Machine operators &amp; tenders, not precision</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>Fabricator, assembler, inspector, sampler</td>
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<td>Motor vehicle operators</td>
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<td>Other transportation &amp; material moving</td>
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<td>Construction laborer</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Freight, stock and material handlers</td>
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<td>Other laborers</td>
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<td>Farm operators and managers</td>
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<td>Farm workers and related occupations</td>
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