

Highlights



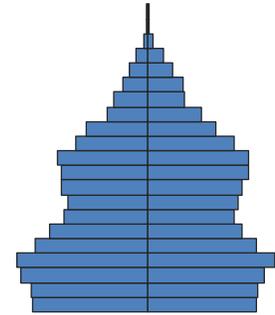
**Population Growth:** The total population of El Centro increased by 13% to 43,000 over the past ten years, similar to the statewide pace. The greatest increase was among the Hispanic population, which increased by 7,000 (23%), while the white, non-Hispanic population fell by 1,000 (-16%). Most of the population gain occurred in the working-age population.

**Diversity:** Hispanics are the largest racial and ethnic group, with 82% of the total population, up from 75% a decade ago. White, non-Hispanics now account for 14% of total, down from 18% in 2000.

**Age Structure:** The age structure in El Centro shifted slightly upward over the past ten years, with median age increasing from 30 to 32. This is still relatively young when compared with the statewide median of 35. The share of the population age 65+ increased from 9% to 11%, while the share of young people dropped from 37% to 33%.

**Income:** Household income in El Centro is substantially lower than in California as a whole—the median household income is \$38,000, just 63% of the state median. Nearly 35% of households had incomes of less than \$25,000, compared with 20% statewide.

**Foreign Born:** The foreign-born population accounts for 30% of El Centro’s total population, close to the statewide share of 27%, but the share of immigrants from Mexico is much higher, at 90%, compared with 44% statewide. A relatively high share of all households, 18%, is linguistically isolated, compared with the statewide share of 10%.



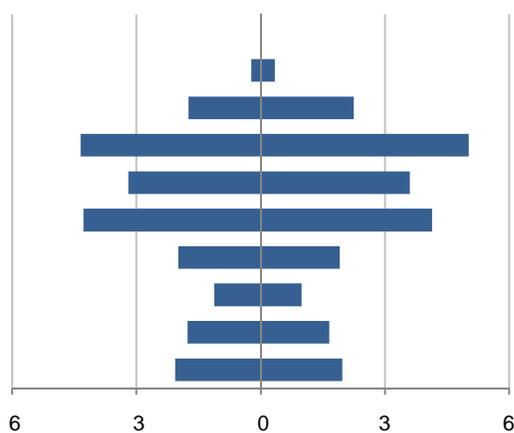
Population by Age

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Key Indicators			
		2000	2010
<b>Population Growth</b>			
	Total population	37,835	42,598
	10-year growth	20.6%	12.6%
<b>Diversity</b>			
	% Hispanic	74.6%	81.6%
	% Asian, non-Hispanic	3.2%	1.8%
	% White, non-Hispanic	18.1%	13.5%
	% Black, non-Hispanic	2.8%	2.0%
<b>Aging</b>			
	% 65+	9.3%	10.7%
	Median age	30.0	31.8
<b>Households</b>			
	% Married couple with children	33.3%	24.9%
	% Living alone	19.0%	18.8%

1. Population by Library-Defined Age Group, 2010

In thousands; males on left, females on right

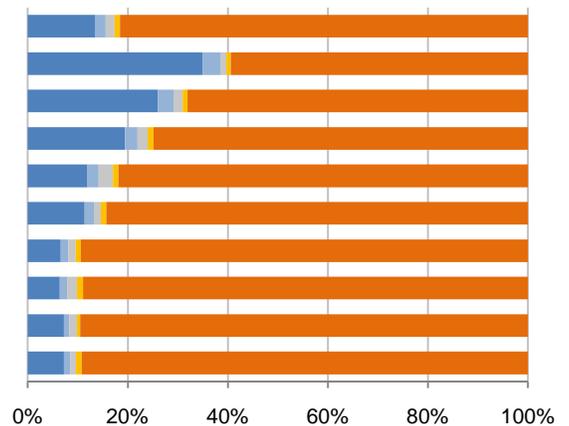


2. Race and Ethnicity by Library-Defined Age Group, 2010

White, NH Black, NH Asian, NH Other, NH Hispanic

Age group

- Total
- 85+, Oldest
- 65 to 84, Older adults
- 46 to 64, Midlife
- 33 to 45, Adult
- 19 to 32, Young
- 14 to 18, Teens
- 11 to 13, Tweens
- 6 to 10, School age
- 0 to 5, Infants/toddlers

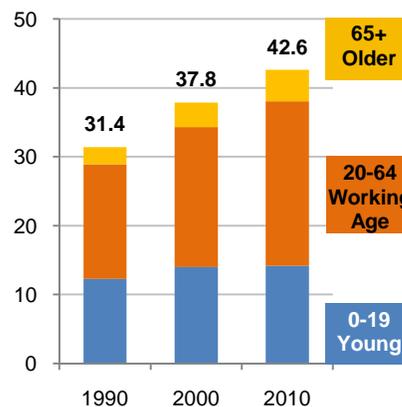


3. Population Growth by Library-Defined Age Group, 2000-10

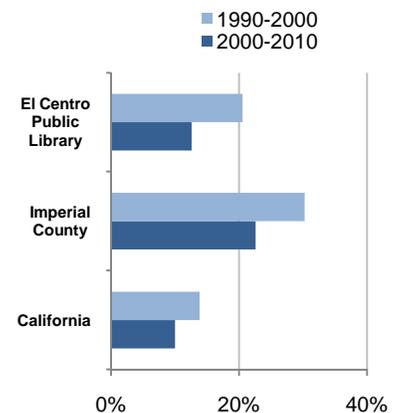
	2010	Change	% Change
<b>Total</b>	42,598	4,763	12.6%
<b>85+</b>	567	268	89.6%
<b>65 to 84</b>	3,989	759	23.5%
<b>46 to 64</b>	9,369	2,958	46.1%
<b>33 to 45</b>	6,795	-590	-8.0%
<b>19 to 32</b>	8,415	1,289	18.1%
<b>14 to 18</b>	3,901	298	8.3%
<b>11 to 13</b>	2,106	-116	-5.2%
<b>6 to 10</b>	3,424	-289	-7.8%
<b>0 to 5</b>	4,032	186	4.8%

4. Population Total, 1990-2010

In thousands



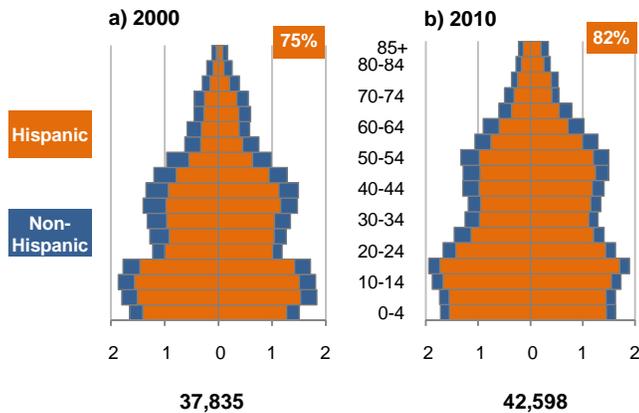
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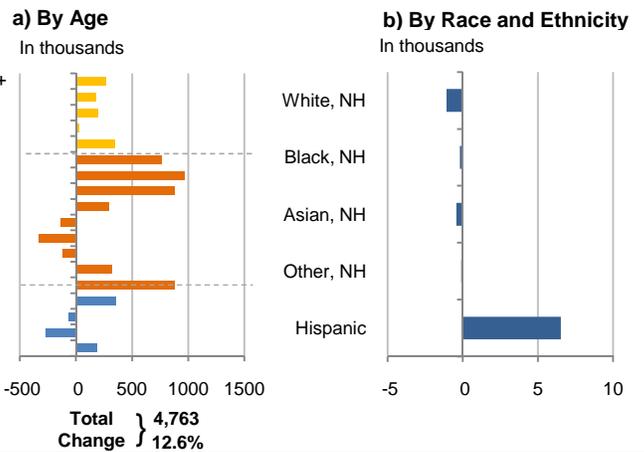
Source: US Census 2010, 2000, or 1990

6. Population by 5-Year Age Brackets

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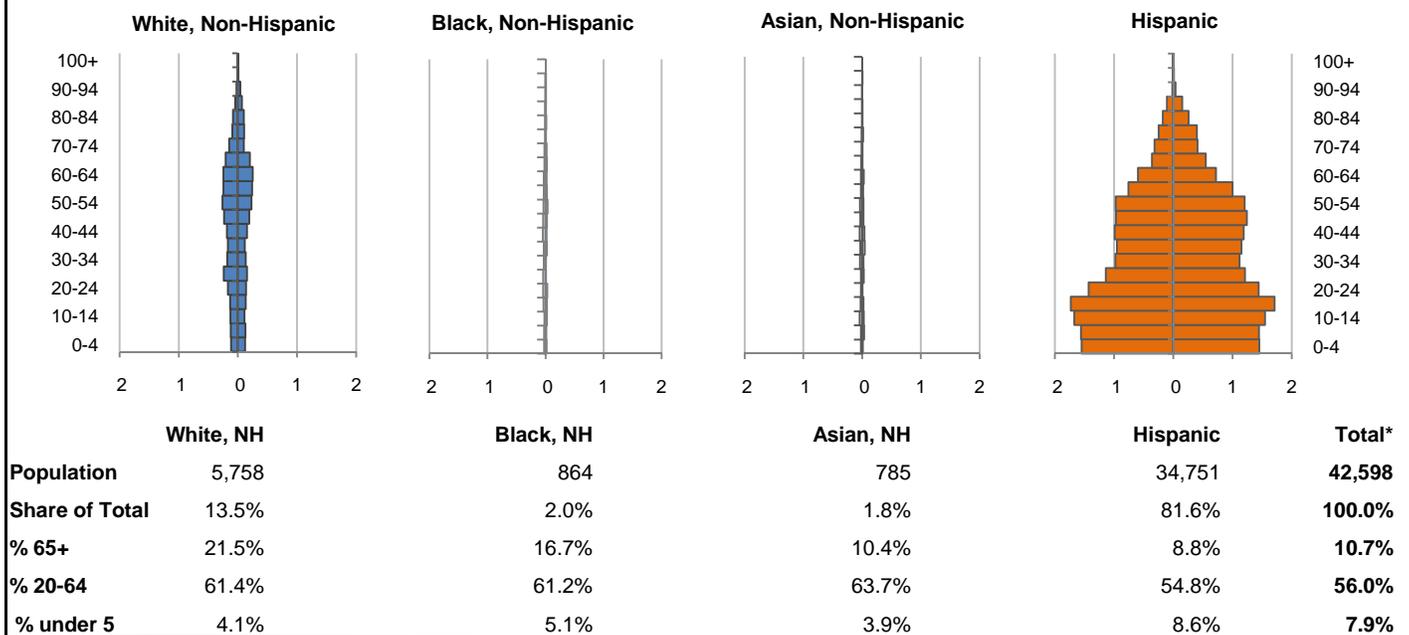


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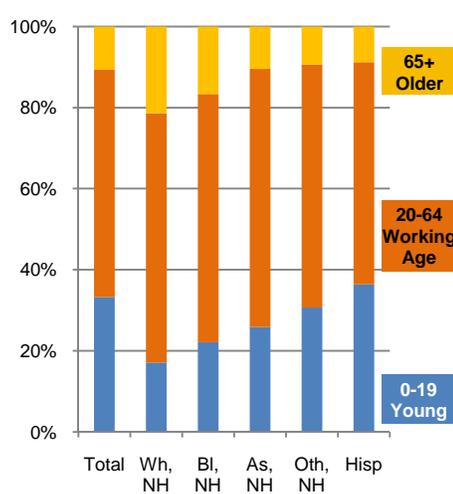


8. Population by Age, Race, and Ethnicity, 2010

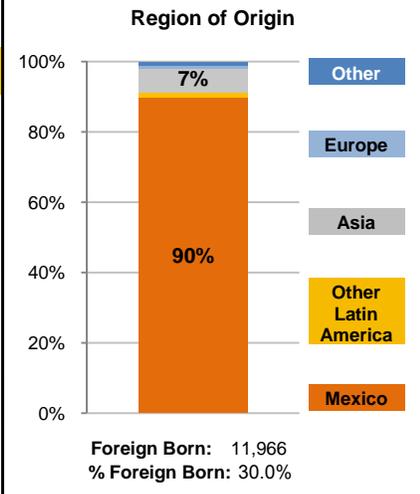
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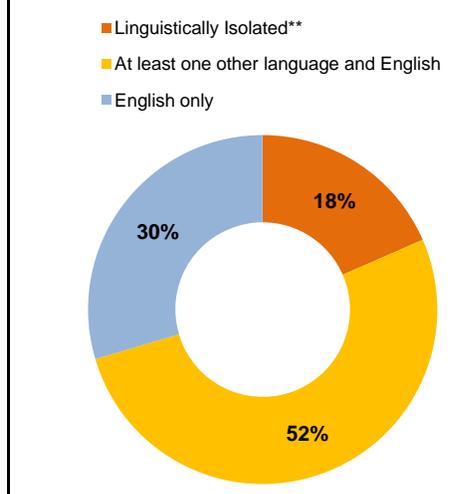
9. Age Mix by Race and Ethnicity, 2010



10. Foreign Born, 2005-09



11. Household Language, 2005-09

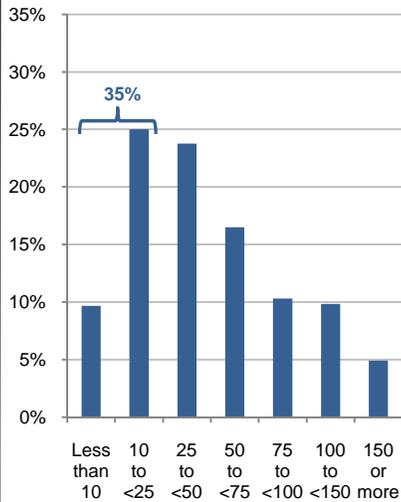


Wh=White; Bl=Black; As=Asian; Oth=Other Race or Two or More Races; Hisp=Hispanic; NH=Non-Hispanic; ACS=American Community Survey 2005-09  
 \*See pages 5-6 for detail on Other, Non-Hispanic  
 \*\*Linguistically Isolated = No one in the household age 14 and over speaks English at least "very well"

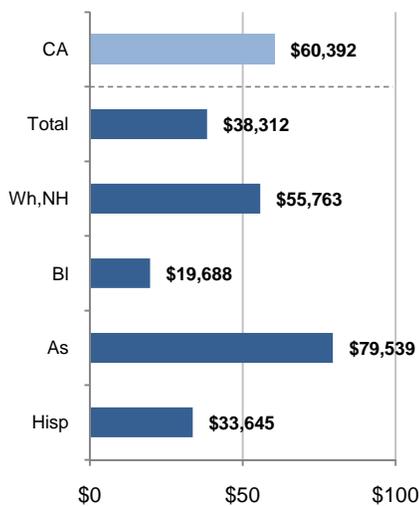
12. Household Income, 2005-09

In thousands of \$ (2009)

a) Income Distribution



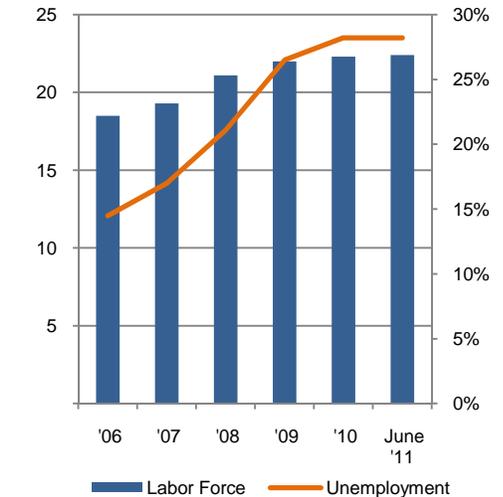
b) Median Household Income by Race and Ethnicity\*



13. Labor Force and Unemployment, 2006-11

Labor Force  
In thousands

Unemployment Rate

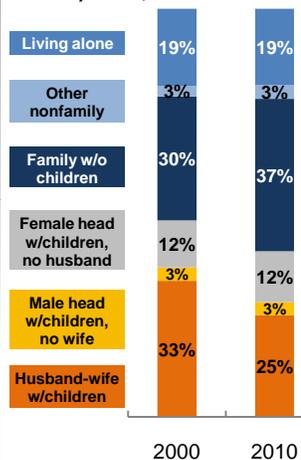


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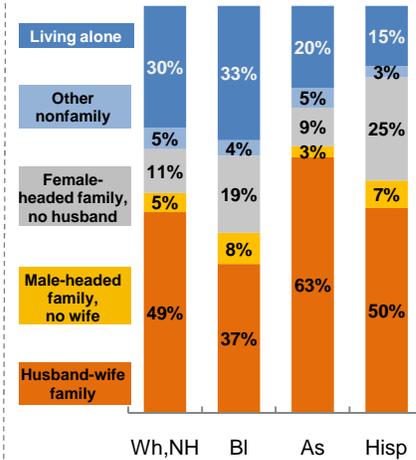
14. Household Type, 2010

% of all households

a) Total, 2000-10

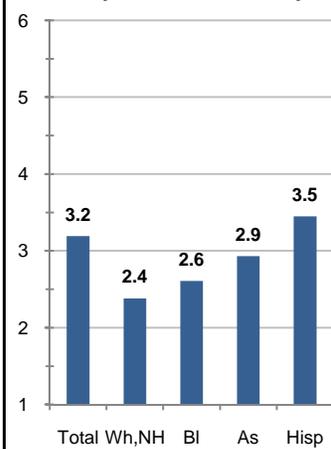


b) By Race and Ethnicity,\* 2010

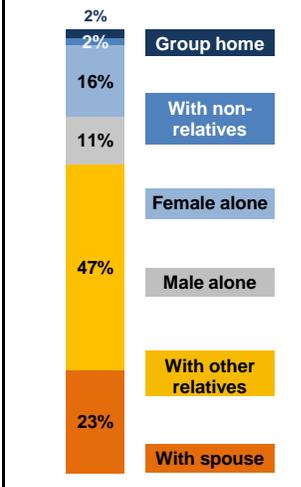


15. Average Household Size, 2010

By Race and Ethnicity\*



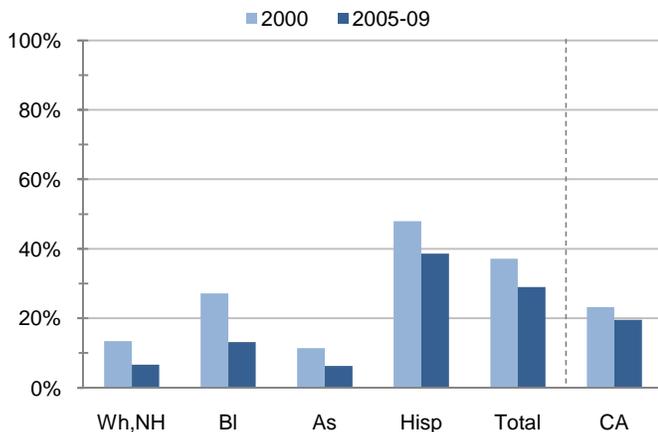
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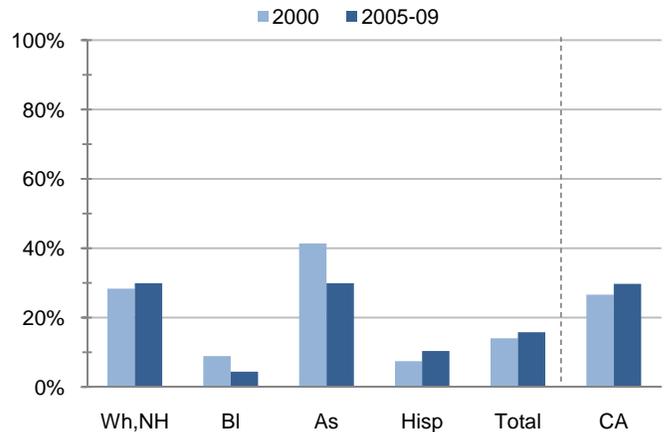
Source: ACS 2005-09

17. Educational Attainment for the Population Age 25 and Over by Race and Ethnicity\*

a) % of Adults Who Did Not Complete High School



b) % of Adults Who Attained a BA or Higher



Source: Census 2000, ACS 2005-09

\*Wh,NH=White,Non-Hispanic; BI=Black,Hispanic Inclusive; As=Asian,Hispanic Inclusive; Hisp=Hispanic(Includes all races); CA=California Total

Note: In the American Community Survey and for Census variables other than population, Hispanic origin is not broken out for all races.

	White, Non- Hispanic	Black, Non- Hispanic	Asian, Non- Hispanic	Other, Non- Hispanic	Detail for Other, Non-Hispanic				Hispanic or Latino	Total Population
					American Indian & Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races		
<b>A. Total Population</b>										
<b>2000 Total</b>	6,837	1,042	1,208	529	107	24	56	342	28,219	37,835
<b>2000 % of Total</b>	18.1%	2.8%	3.2%	1.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.9%	74.6%	100.0%
<b>2010 Total</b>	5,758	864	785	440	95	19	54	272	34,751	42,598
<b>2010 % of Total</b>	13.5%	2.0%	1.8%	1.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%	81.6%	100.0%
<b>B. Population in Major Age Groups by Race and Ethnicity</b>										
<b>2000</b>										
0-19	1,472	343	310	165	23	7	20	115	11,680	13,970
20-64	4,082	545	808	311	67	17	32	195	14,590	20,336
65+	1,283	154	90	53	17	0	4	32	1,949	3,529
85+	131	18	22	6	5	0	0	1	122	299
<b>2010</b>										
0-19	985	191	203	135	9	3	14	109	12,658	14,172
20-64	3,537	529	500	264	69	16	39	140	19,040	23,870
65+	1,236	144	82	41	17	0	1	23	3,053	4,556
85+	198	21	6	5	4	0	0	1	337	567
<b>C. Age Mix for Each Racial and Ethnic Group</b>										
<b>2000</b>										
0-19	21.5%	32.9%	25.7%	31.2%	21.5%	29.2%	35.7%	33.6%	41.4%	36.9%
20-64	59.7%	52.3%	66.9%	58.8%	62.6%	70.8%	57.1%	57.0%	51.7%	53.7%
65+	18.8%	14.8%	7.5%	10.0%	15.9%	0.0%	7.1%	9.4%	6.9%	9.3%
85+	1.9%	1.7%	1.8%	1.1%	4.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.8%
<b>2010</b>										
0-19	17.1%	22.1%	25.9%	30.7%	9.5%	15.8%	25.9%	40.1%	36.4%	33.3%
20-64	61.4%	61.2%	63.7%	60.0%	72.6%	84.2%	72.2%	51.5%	54.8%	56.0%
65+	21.5%	16.7%	10.4%	9.3%	17.9%	0.0%	1.9%	8.5%	8.8%	10.7%
85+	3.4%	2.4%	0.8%	1.1%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	1.0%	1.3%
<b>D. Racial and Ethnic Mix for Each Age Group</b>										
<b>2000</b>										
0-19	10.5%	2.5%	2.2%	1.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.8%	83.6%	100.0%
20-64	20.1%	2.7%	4.0%	1.5%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	1.0%	71.7%	100.0%
65+	36.4%	4.4%	2.6%	1.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	0.9%	55.2%	100.0%
85+	43.8%	6.0%	7.4%	2.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	40.8%	100.0%
<b>2010</b>										
0-19	7.0%	1.3%	1.4%	1.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.8%	89.3%	100.0%
20-64	14.8%	2.2%	2.1%	1.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.6%	79.8%	100.0%
65+	27.1%	3.2%	1.8%	0.9%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	67.0%	100.0%
85+	34.9%	3.7%	1.1%	0.9%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	59.4%	100.0%
<b>E. Population Growth</b>										
<b>2000-10, Change</b>										
0-19	-487	-152	-107	-30	-14	-4	-6	-6	978	202
20-64	-545	-16	-308	-47	2	-1	7	-55	4,450	3,534
65+	-47	-10	-8	-12	0	0	-3	-9	1,104	1,027
85+	67	3	-16	-1	-1	0	0	0	215	268
<b>Total</b>	<b>-1,079</b>	<b>-178</b>	<b>-423</b>	<b>-89</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>6,532</b>	<b>4,763</b>
<b>2000-10, % Change</b>										
0-19	-33.1%	-44.3%	-34.5%	-18.2%	-60.9%	-57.1%	-30.0%	-5.2%	8.4%	1.4%
20-64	-13.4%	-2.9%	-38.1%	-15.1%	3.0%	-5.9%	21.9%	-28.2%	30.5%	17.4%
65+	-3.7%	-6.5%	-8.9%	-22.6%	0.0%	N/A	-75.0%	-28.1%	56.6%	29.1%
85+	51.1%	16.7%	-72.7%	-16.7%	-20.0%	N/A	N/A	0.0%	176.2%	89.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>-15.8%</b>	<b>-17.1%</b>	<b>-35.0%</b>	<b>-16.8%</b>	<b>-11.2%</b>	<b>-20.8%</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>-20.5%</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>

Source: US Census 2010, 2000

	White, Non- Hispanic	Black, Non- Hispanic	Asian, Non- Hispanic	Other, Non- Hispanic	Detail for Other, Non-Hispanic				Hispanic or Latino	Total Population 2010
					American Indian & Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races		
<b>F. Population by Library-Defined Age Groups, 2010</b>										
0-5	291	52	46	46	4	0	5	37	3,597	4,032
6-10	247	38	52	22	1	1	4	16	3,065	3,424
11-13	135	31	42	25	1	0	1	23	1,873	2,106
14-18	257	59	57	40	3	1	3	33	3,488	3,901
19-32	959	155	117	91	19	6	17	49	7,093	8,415
33-45	811	151	196	72	20	7	12	33	5,565	6,795
46-64	1,822	234	193	103	30	4	11	58	7,017	9,369
65-84	1,038	123	76	36	13	0	1	22	2,716	3,989
85+	198	21	6	5	4	0	0	1	337	567
Total	5,758	864	785	440	95	19	54	272	34,751	42,598
<b>G. Population by 5-Year Age Brackets, 2010</b>										
0-4	235	44	31	36	4	0	3	29	3,001	3,347
5-9	248	39	56	27	1	0	5	21	3,001	3,371
10-14	237	46	69	39	2	1	5	31	3,220	3,611
15-19	265	62	47	33	2	2	1	28	3,436	3,843
20-24	309	71	27	30	7	0	2	21	2,865	3,302
25-29	390	51	50	32	6	3	5	18	2,348	2,871
30-34	315	42	57	38	9	4	9	16	2,096	2,548
35-39	285	57	73	20	6	4	3	7	2,104	2,539
40-44	342	65	85	40	11	1	8	20	2,171	2,703
45-49	426	70	58	23	5	1	2	15	2,209	2,786
50-54	489	72	60	37	9	1	6	21	2,176	2,834
55-59	487	52	40	23	6	2	2	13	1,754	2,356
60-64	494	49	50	21	10	0	2	9	1,317	1,931
65-69	410	48	22	13	6	0	1	6	911	1,404
70-74	248	38	21	4	3	0	0	1	726	1,037
75-79	199	16	26	9	2	0	0	7	644	894
80-84	181	21	7	10	2	0	0	8	435	654
85-89	116	11	3	2	2	0	0	0	259	391
90-94	66	5	2	3	2	0	0	1	54	130
95-99	14	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	40
100+	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6
Total	5,758	864	785	440	95	19	54	272	34,751	42,598
<b>H. Median Age, 2000-10</b>										
	White, Non- Hispanic	Black, Hispanic Inclusive	Asian, Hispanic Inclusive		American Indian & Alaska Native, Hispanic Inclusive	Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander, Hispanic Inclusive	Some Other Race, Hispanic Inclusive	Two or More Races, Hispanic Inclusive	Hispanic or Latino	Total Population
2000	43.5	33.0	33.7		31.1	23.8	24.9	27.7	26.1	30.0
2010	48.2	37.0	37.5		33.7	29.0	27.8	24.7	29.0	31.8

Source: US Census 2010, 2000

Note: In the American Community Survey and for Census variables other than population, Hispanic origin is not broken out for all races.

I. Income Distribution, 2005-09			J. Median Household Income by Race and Ethnicity, 2005-09 (\$2009)						
Range (ths)	Households	% of Total	White, NH	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Total	% of CA	California
<\$10	1,283	9.7%	\$55,763	\$19,688	\$79,539	\$33,645	\$38,312	63.4%	\$60,392
\$10 to <\$25	3,317	25.0%							
\$25 to <\$50	3,150	23.8%							
\$50 to <\$75	2,187	16.5%							
\$75 to <\$100	1,366	10.3%							
\$100 to <\$150	1,306	9.8%							
\$150+	652	4.9%							
K. Household Type, 2000-10			2000	2000,%	2010	2010,%			
<b>Total households</b>			11,449	100.0%	13,108	100.0%			
Family Households			8,983	78.5%	10,210	77.9%			
Husband-wife w/children			3,818	33.3%	3,266	24.9%			
Female head, no husband, w/children			1,323	11.6%	1,634	12.5%			
Male head, no wife, w/children			374	3.3%	417	3.2%			
Without children			3,468	30.3%	4,893	37.3%			
Nonfamily households			2,466	21.5%	2,898	22.1%			
Living alone			2,170	19.0%	2,458	18.8%			
Other nonfamily			296	2.6%	440	3.4%	Source: US Census 2010, 2000		
L. Household Type by Race and Ethnicity, 2010			White, NH	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Total		
<b>Total households</b>			2,668	391	328	9,662	13,108		
Husband-wife family			49.4%	36.6%	62.8%	50.4%	50.0%		
Family with male head, no wife			4.7%	7.7%	2.7%	6.7%	6.2%		
Family with female head, no husband			10.7%	18.9%	9.5%	25.4%	21.7%		
Living alone			29.9%	33.0%	20.1%	14.7%	18.8%	Source: US	
Other nonfamily			5.2%	3.8%	4.9%	2.7%	3.4%	Census 2010	
M. Poverty, 2005-09									
<b>Percentage of families and people whose income in the past 12 months is below the poverty level</b>								California	
All families						19.2%	9.8%		
Families w/ related children under 18 years						26.3%	14.5%		
Families w/ female householder, no husband present						40.8%	24.2%		
Families w/ female householder, no husband present w/ related children under 18 years						47.6%	32.2%		
All people						21.0%	13.2%		
Under 18 years						28.1%	18.3%		
18 to 64 years						18.3%	11.9%		
65 years and over						12.7%	8.4%		
N. Educational Attainment, 2005-09									
			% at each level of educational attainment						
			White, NH	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Total		
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>			5,302	664	825	15,641	22,534		
Less than high school			6.6%	13.1%	6.3%	38.6%	29.0%		
High school graduate (includes equivalency)			26.5%	25.2%	35.3%	23.9%	24.8%		
Some college or associate's degree			36.9%	57.4%	28.5%	27.0%	30.3%		
Bachelor's degree or higher			30.0%	4.4%	29.9%	10.4%	15.8%		
O. Employment Status, 2010-11									
			2010	June 2011					
In civilian labor force			22,300	22,400					
Employed			16,000	16,100					
Unemployed, % of labor force			28.2%	28.2%	Source: CA Employment Development Department				
P. Occupation, 2005-09									
					Estimate	Percent			
<b>Civilian employed population, 16 yrs &amp; over</b>					15,105	100.0%			
Management, professional, and related occupations					4,275	28.3%			
Service occupations					3,575	23.7%			
Sales and office occupations					3,681	24.4%			
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations					503	3.3%			
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations					1,492	9.9%			
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations					1,579	10.5%			
Q. Class of Worker, 2005-09									
					Estimate	Percent			
<b>Civilian employed population, 16 yrs &amp; over</b>					15,105	100.0%			
Private, for profit, wage and salary employee					8,623	57.1%			
Private, not for profit, wage and salary employee					573	3.8%			
Private, for profit, wage and salary self-employed in own business					405	2.7%			
Government workers					4,357	28.8%			
Self-employed in own not incorporated business					1,018	6.7%			
Unpaid family workers in family business					129	0.9%			

Source: American Community Survey 2005-09, unless otherwise stated

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Note: In the American Community Survey and for US Census variables other than population, Hispanic origin is not broken out for all races. White, NH represents White, Non-Hispanic. Black and Asian are Hispanic inclusive.