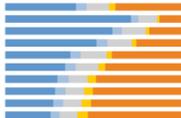


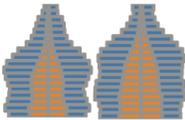
Highlights



Population Growth: Population in Merced County grew by 21% over the past ten years to 256,000, double the statewide growth rate. The Hispanic population increased by 45,000 (47%).



Diversity: Hispanics now make up the majority of the population, having increased from 45% to 55% of the total. The white, non-Hispanic share of the population decreased from 41% to 32%.



Age Structure: Merced County is relatively young with a median age of 30, compared with the statewide median of 35. The share of population age 65+ is only 9%, lower than the 11% share statewide, and young people account for 36% of the total, compared with 28% in California overall.



Households: Traditional families—married couples with children—are common here, making up 29% of total households compared with 23% statewide. Only 17% of households are single-person, compared with 23% in the state overall.



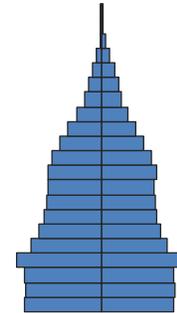
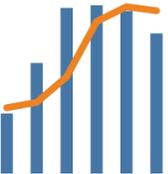
Education: Educational attainment in Merced County is lower than in California as a whole. Thirty-three percent of the adult population has less than a high school diploma, compared with 20% of the state, and only 13% of adults have earned a Bachelor’s degree, much lower than the 30% share statewide.



Income: Median household income is \$44,000, just 73% of the state median of \$60,000.



Foreign Born: The foreign-born population accounts for 25% of the total, which is similar to the share statewide. However, 71% of the foreign-born population here are from Mexico, compared with 44% statewide. Also, 14% of households are linguistically isolated, meaning that no one in these households age 14 and over speaks English at least “very well.”



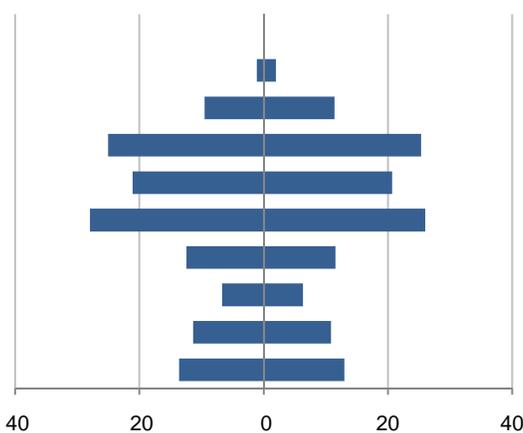
Population by Age

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Key Indicators			
		2000	2010
Population Growth			
	Total population	210,554	255,793
	10-year growth	18.0%	21.5%
Diversity			
	% Hispanic	45.3%	54.9%
	% Asian, non-Hispanic	6.7%	7.1%
	% White, non-Hispanic	40.6%	31.9%
	% Black, non-Hispanic	3.6%	3.4%
Aging			
	% 65+	9.5%	9.4%
	Median age	29.0	29.6
Households			
	% Married couple with children	33.9%	28.7%
	% Living alone	17.6%	17.4%

1. Population by Library-Defined Age Group, 2010

In thousands; males on left, females on right

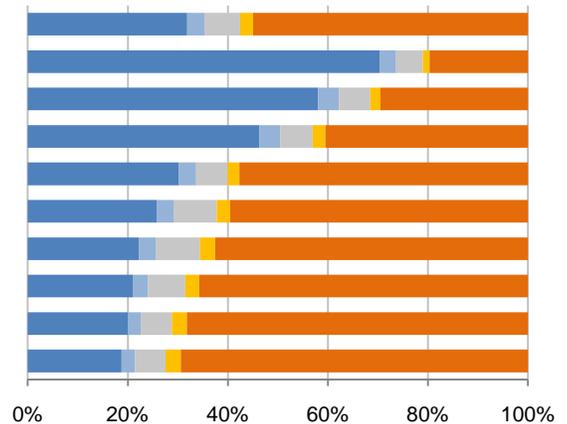


2. Race and Ethnicity by Library-Defined Age Group, 2010

Legend: White, NH (blue); Black, NH (light blue); Asian, NH (grey); Other, NH (yellow); Hispanic (orange)

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

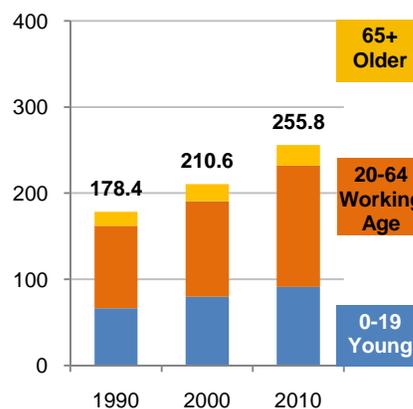


3. Population Growth by Library-Defined Age Group, 2000-10

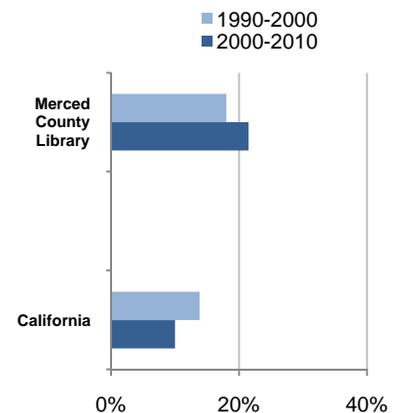
	2010	Change	% Change
Total	255,793	45,239	21.5%
85+	3,038	939	44.7%
65 to 84	20,922	3,017	16.9%
46 to 64	50,336	15,540	44.7%
33 to 45	41,734	2,885	7.4%
19 to 32	53,961	13,462	33.2%
14 to 18	24,004	4,086	20.5%
11 to 13	12,976	756	6.2%
6 to 10	22,191	667	3.1%
0 to 5	26,631	3,887	17.1%

4. Population Total, 1990-2010

In thousands



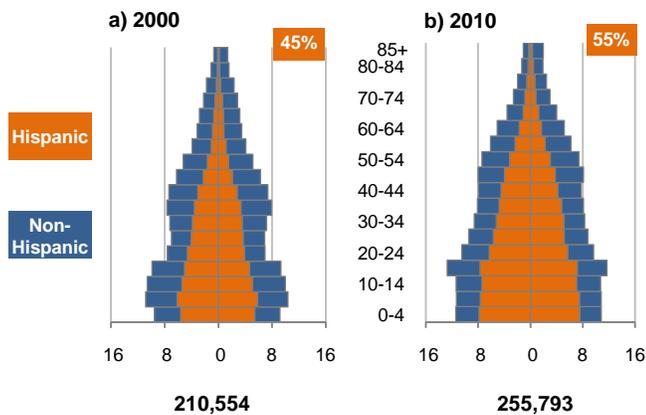
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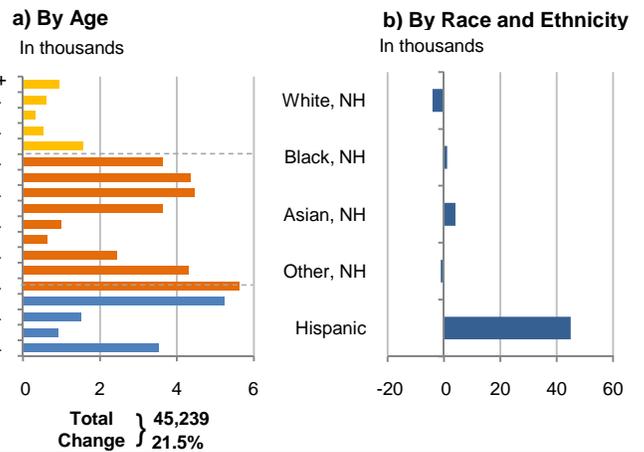
Source: US Census 2010, 2000, or 1990

6. Population by 5-Year Age Brackets

In thousands; males on left, females on right

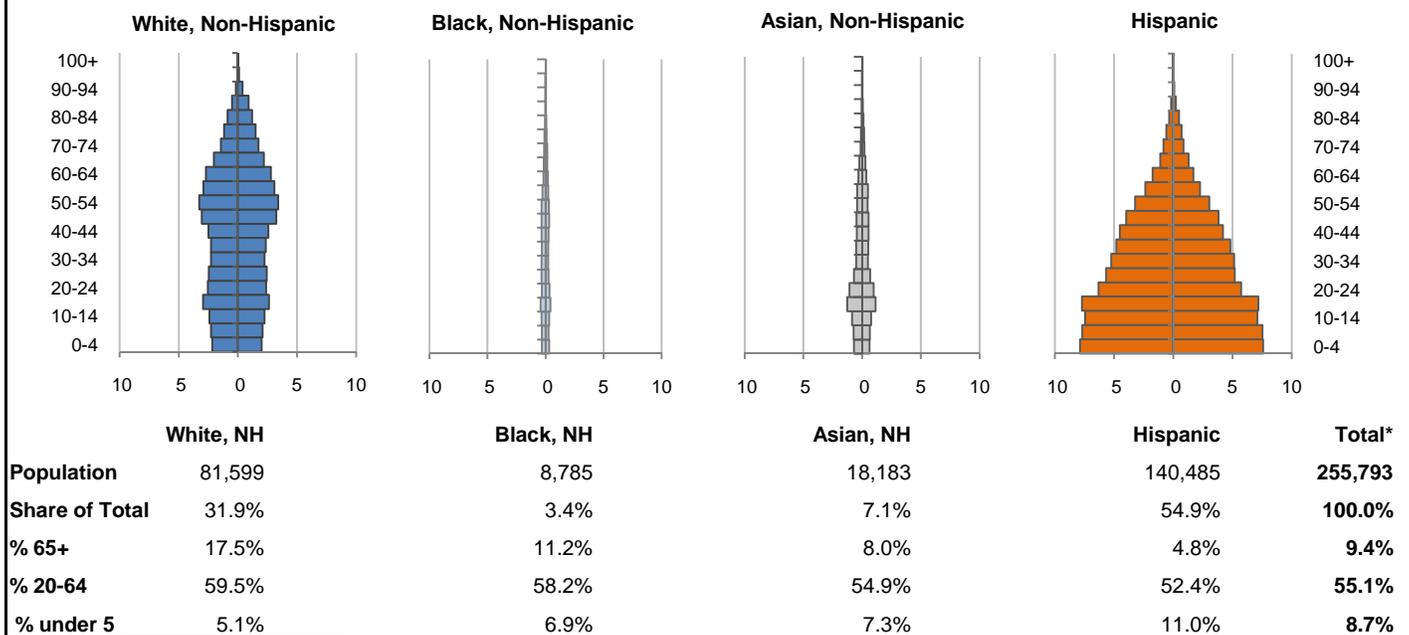


7. 10-Year Change in Population, 2000-10

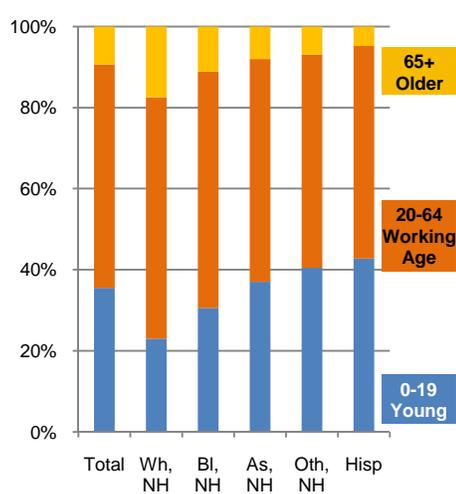


8. Population by Age, Race, and Ethnicity, 2010

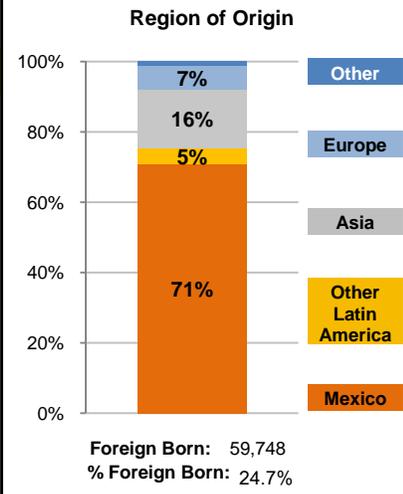
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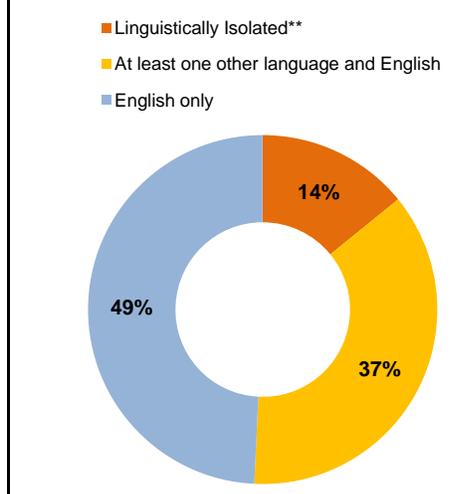
9. Age Mix by Race and Ethnicity, 2010



10. Foreign Born, 2005-09



11. Household Language, 2005-09

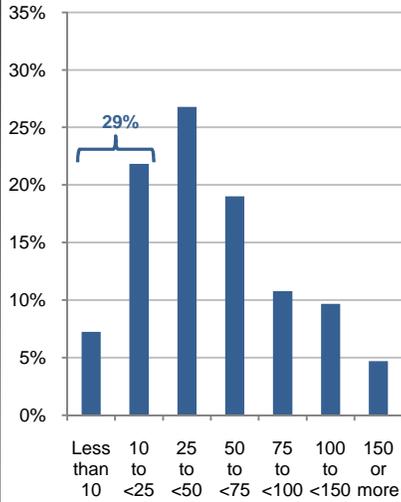


Wh=White; BI=Black; As=Asian; Oth=Other Race or Two or More Races; Hisp=Hispanic; NH=Non-Hispanic; ACS=American Community Survey 2005-09
 *See pages 5-6 for detail on Other, Non-Hispanic
 **Linguistically Isolated = No one in the household age 14 and over speaks English at least "very well"

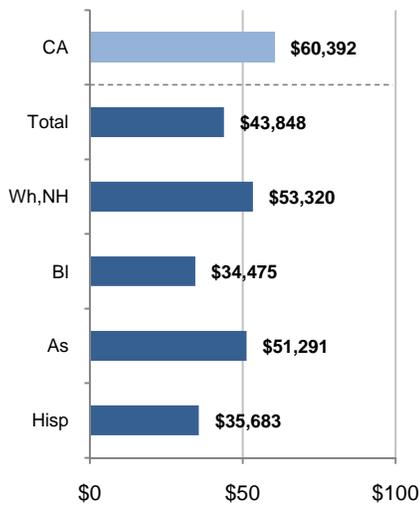
12. Household Income, 2005-09

In thousands of \$ (2009)

a) Income Distribution



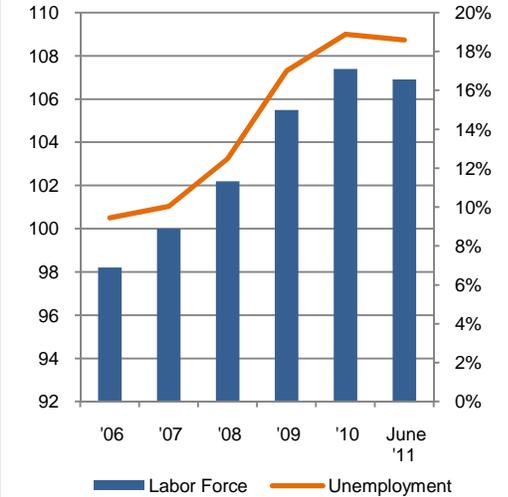
b) Median Household Income by Race and Ethnicity*



13. Labor Force and Unemployment, 2006-11

Labor Force In thousands

Unemployment Rate

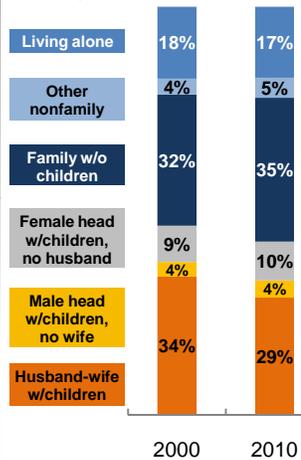


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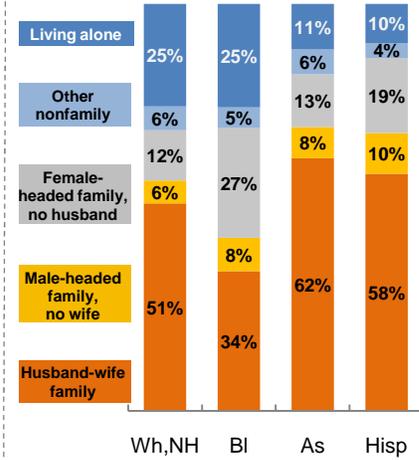
14. Household Type, 2010

% of all households

a) Total, 2000-10

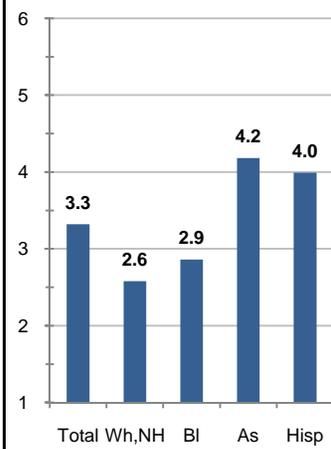


b) By Race and Ethnicity,* 2010

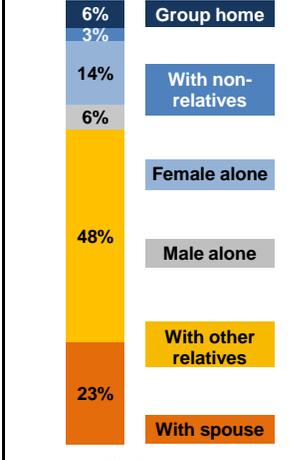


15. Average Household Size, 2010

By Race and Ethnicity*



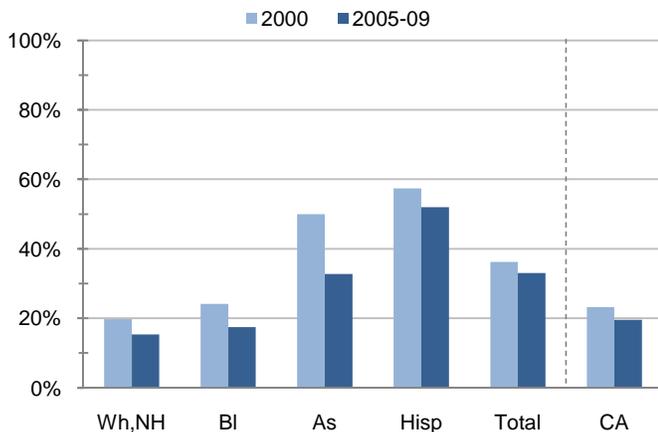
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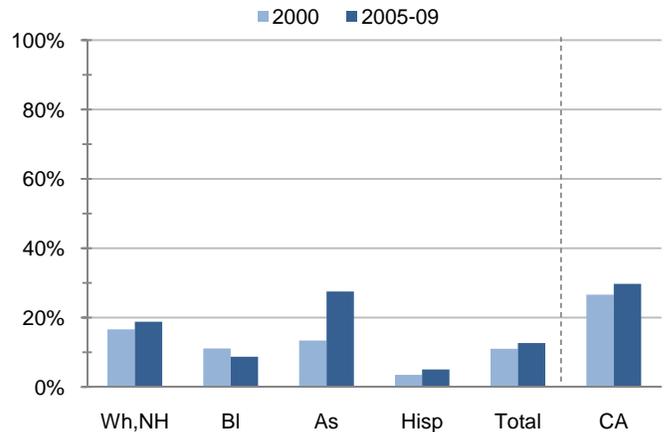
Source: ACS 2005-09

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; Bl=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		
A. Total Population										
2000 Total	85,585	7,594	14,041	7,868	1,115	281	410	6,062	95,466	210,554
2000 % of Total	40.6%	3.6%	6.7%	3.7%	0.5%	0.1%	0.2%	2.9%	45.3%	100.0%
2010 Total	81,599	8,785	18,183	6,741	1,126	476	439	4,700	140,485	255,793
2010 % of Total	31.9%	3.4%	7.1%	2.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	1.8%	54.9%	100.0%
B. Population in Major Age Groups by Race and Ethnicity										
2000										
0-19	23,387	2,829	7,028	3,161	316	94	162	2,589	43,357	79,762
20-64	48,400	4,017	6,086	4,104	720	168	213	3,003	48,181	110,788
65+	13,798	748	927	603	79	19	35	470	3,928	20,004
85+	1,589	73	75	72	7	1	8	56	290	2,099
2010										
0-19	18,748	2,687	6,734	2,730	270	141	165	2,154	60,060	90,959
20-64	48,570	5,117	9,986	3,543	725	305	246	2,267	73,658	140,874
65+	14,281	981	1,463	468	131	30	28	279	6,767	23,960
85+	2,136	101	162	41	7	0	2	32	598	3,038
C. Age Mix for Each Racial and Ethnic Group										
2000										
0-19	27.3%	37.3%	50.1%	40.2%	28.3%	33.5%	39.5%	42.7%	45.4%	37.9%
20-64	56.6%	52.9%	43.3%	52.2%	64.6%	59.8%	52.0%	49.5%	50.5%	52.6%
65+	16.1%	9.8%	6.6%	7.7%	7.1%	6.8%	8.5%	7.8%	4.1%	9.5%
85+	1.9%	1.0%	0.5%	0.9%	0.6%	0.4%	2.0%	0.9%	0.3%	1.0%
2010										
0-19	23.0%	30.6%	37.0%	40.5%	24.0%	29.6%	37.6%	45.8%	42.8%	35.6%
20-64	59.5%	58.2%	54.9%	52.6%	64.4%	64.1%	56.0%	48.2%	52.4%	55.1%
65+	17.5%	11.2%	8.0%	6.9%	11.6%	6.3%	6.4%	5.9%	4.8%	9.4%
85+	2.6%	1.1%	0.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%	0.4%	1.2%
D. Racial and Ethnic Mix for Each Age Group										
2000										
0-19	29.3%	3.5%	8.8%	4.0%	0.4%	0.1%	0.2%	3.2%	54.4%	100.0%
20-64	43.7%	3.6%	5.5%	3.7%	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%	2.7%	43.5%	100.0%
65+	69.0%	3.7%	4.6%	3.0%	0.4%	0.1%	0.2%	2.3%	19.6%	100.0%
85+	75.7%	3.5%	3.6%	3.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	2.7%	13.8%	100.0%
2010										
0-19	20.6%	3.0%	7.4%	3.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	2.4%	66.0%	100.0%
20-64	34.5%	3.6%	7.1%	2.5%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	1.6%	52.3%	100.0%
65+	59.6%	4.1%	6.1%	2.0%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	1.2%	28.2%	100.0%
85+	70.3%	3.3%	5.3%	1.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	1.1%	19.7%	100.0%
E. Population Growth										
2000-10, Change										
0-19	-4,639	-142	-294	-431	-46	47	3	-435	16,703	11,197
20-64	170	1,100	3,900	-561	5	137	33	-736	25,477	30,086
65+	483	233	536	-135	52	11	-7	-191	2,839	3,956
85+	547	28	87	-31	0	-1	-6	-24	308	939
Total	-3,986	1,191	4,142	-1,127	11	195	29	-1,362	45,019	45,239
2000-10, % Change										
0-19	-19.8%	-5.0%	-4.2%	-13.6%	-14.6%	50.0%	1.9%	-16.8%	38.5%	14.0%
20-64	0.4%	27.4%	64.1%	-13.7%	0.7%	81.5%	15.5%	-24.5%	52.9%	27.2%
65+	3.5%	31.1%	57.8%	-22.4%	65.8%	57.9%	-20.0%	-40.6%	72.3%	19.8%
85+	34.4%	38.4%	116.0%	-43.1%	0.0%	-100.0%	-75.0%	-42.9%	106.2%	44.7%
Total	-4.7%	15.7%	29.5%	-14.3%	1.0%	69.4%	7.1%	-22.5%	47.2%	21.5%

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		
F. Population by Library-Defined Age Groups, 2010										
0-5	4,989	726	1,613	817	71	33	37	676	18,486	26,631
6-10	4,446	571	1,382	658	60	29	48	521	15,134	22,191
11-13	2,724	396	970	363	30	21	34	278	8,523	12,976
14-18	5,338	794	2,137	729	84	39	36	570	15,006	24,004
19-32	13,907	1,800	4,696	1,450	235	135	99	981	32,108	53,961
33-45	12,592	1,447	2,641	973	187	89	69	628	24,081	41,734
46-64	23,322	2,070	3,281	1,283	328	100	88	767	20,380	50,336
65-84	12,145	880	1,301	427	124	30	26	247	6,169	20,922
85+	2,136	101	162	41	7	0	2	32	598	3,038
Total	81,599	8,785	18,183	6,741	1,126	476	439	4,700	140,485	255,793
G. Population by 5-Year Age Brackets, 2010										
0-4	4,159	609	1,331	678	55	23	31	569	15,449	22,226
5-9	4,367	579	1,388	650	66	30	42	512	15,183	22,167
10-14	4,654	643	1,622	659	55	34	54	516	14,537	22,115
15-19	5,568	856	2,393	743	94	54	38	557	14,891	24,451
20-24	4,936	636	2,062	549	82	46	34	387	12,012	20,195
25-29	4,879	593	1,384	485	85	47	34	319	10,849	18,190
30-34	4,531	576	1,009	385	68	34	31	252	10,369	16,870
35-39	4,656	543	1,029	392	72	29	26	265	9,623	16,243
40-44	5,054	588	1,003	370	69	43	28	230	8,709	15,724
45-49	6,298	635	1,013	416	106	36	23	251	7,784	16,146
50-54	6,686	650	901	369	102	20	32	215	6,255	14,861
55-59	6,017	517	913	294	66	25	18	185	4,622	12,363
60-64	5,513	379	672	283	75	25	20	163	3,435	10,282
65-69	4,252	305	524	158	52	12	10	84	2,367	7,606
70-74	3,164	274	331	133	33	7	6	87	1,697	5,599
75-79	2,662	180	267	81	25	6	8	42	1,280	4,470
80-84	2,067	121	179	55	14	5	2	34	825	3,247
85-89	1,399	61	106	29	6	0	2	21	423	2,018
90-94	567	32	40	9	1	0	0	8	137	785
95-99	147	5	15	3	0	0	0	3	29	199
100+	23	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	36
Total	81,599	8,785	18,183	6,741	1,126	476	439	4,700	140,485	255,793
H. Median Age, 2000-10										
	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	39.1	29.5	20.0		29.8	27.3	22.4	21.0	22.5	29.0
2010	43.1	31.3	25.7		28.6	28.8	24.7	19.7	24.2	29.6

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	5,290	7.2%	\$53,320	\$34,475	\$51,291	\$35,683	\$43,848	72.6%	\$60,392
\$10 to <\$25	15,960	21.8%							
\$25 to <\$50	19,589	26.8%							
\$50 to <\$75	13,898	19.0%							
\$75 to <\$100	7,885	10.8%							
\$100 to <\$150	7,080	9.7%							
\$150+	3,426	4.7%							
K. Household Type, 2000-10			2000	2000,%	2010	2010,%			
Total households			63,933	100.0%	75,642	100.0%			
Family Households			50,136	78.4%	58,767	77.7%			
Husband-wife w/children			21,674	33.9%	21,722	28.7%			
Female head, no husband, w/children			5,675	8.9%	7,225	9.6%			
Male head, no wife, w/children			2,264	3.5%	3,187	4.2%			
Without children			20,523	32.1%	26,633	35.2%			
Nonfamily households			13,797	21.6%	16,875	22.3%			
Living alone			11,277	17.6%	13,157	17.4%			
Other nonfamily			2,520	3.9%	3,718	4.9%	Source: US Census 2010, 2000		
L. Household Type by Race and Ethnicity, 2010			White, NH	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Total		
Total households			32,856	3,254	4,337	33,650	75,642		
Husband-wife family			51.0%	34.3%	62.1%	58.2%	54.0%		
Family with male head, no wife			5.6%	8.2%	7.7%	10.0%	7.8%		
Family with female head, no husband			12.4%	27.0%	13.0%	18.5%	15.8%		
Living alone			25.1%	25.4%	11.2%	9.6%	17.4%	Source: US	
Other nonfamily			5.9%	5.1%	6.1%	3.7%	4.9%	Census 2010	
M. Poverty, 2005-09									California
<i>Percentage of families and people whose income in the past 12 months is below the poverty level</i>									
All families							17.3%	9.8%	
Families w/ related children under 18 years							24.5%	14.5%	
Families w/ female householder, no husband present							37.6%	24.2%	
Families w/ female householder, no husband present w/ related children under 18 years							47.5%	32.2%	
All people							21.1%	13.2%	
Under 18 years							28.8%	18.3%	
18 to 64 years							18.5%	11.9%	
65 years and over							10.0%	8.4%	
N. Educational Attainment, 2005-09			% at each level of educational attainment						
			White, NH	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Total		
Population 25 years and over			58,669	5,274	8,539	61,120	136,267		
Less than high school			15.4%	17.4%	32.7%	52.0%	33.0%		
High school graduate (includes equivalency)			29.4%	28.2%	16.3%	22.7%	25.5%		
Some college or associate's degree			36.5%	45.7%	23.4%	20.2%	28.8%		
Bachelor's degree or higher			18.8%	8.7%	27.5%	5.1%	12.7%		
O. Employment Status, 2010-11			2010	June 2011					
In civilian labor force			107,400	106,900					
Employed			87,100	87,000					
Unemployed, % of labor force			18.9%	18.6%	Source: CA Employment Development Department				
P. Occupation, 2005-09			Estimate		Percent				
Civilian employed population, 16 yrs & over			91,808		100.0%				
Management, professional, and related occupations			21,646		23.6%				
Service occupations			16,527		18.0%				
Sales and office occupations			20,004		21.8%				
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations			7,719		8.4%				
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations			9,649		10.5%				
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations			16,263		17.7%				
Q. Class of Worker, 2005-09			Estimate		Percent				
Civilian employed population, 16 yrs & over			91,808		100.0%				
Private, for profit, wage and salary employee			65,974		71.9%				
Private, not for profit, wage and salary employee			3,666		4.0%				
Private, for profit, wage and salary self-employed in own business			1,581		1.7%				
Government workers			13,623		14.8%				
Self-employed in own not incorporated business			6,784		7.4%				
Unpaid family workers in family business			180		0.2%				

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.