



# Social Environment Issues

## Community Goals:

*By the year 2010, more people will be educated and engaged in activities that strengthen our community and civic life.*

Community Hero: Nell Newman, *Newman's Organics*

Community Hero: Karina Cervantez, *Community Action Board*

Community Heroes: Bob Rittenhouse, Edie Rittenhouse, Roberta Bristol, *Community Volunteers*

*By the year 2010, families and children will have access to the information, resources and support they need to succeed.*

Community Hero: Robert Rodriguez

*By the year 2010, all people in Santa Cruz will have a way to meet their basic needs for food, housing, healthcare, childcare and transportation.*

Community Hero: Jim Naragon, *Families in Transition*

Community Hero: Deborah Blumberg, *Community Volunteer*

*By the year 2010, Santa Cruz County residents with physical, psychiatric and development disabilities will have access to community services needed to ensure integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.*

Community Hero: Suzanne Koebler

# A Summary of Santa Cruz County's Social Environment, 2006

The social environment of Santa Cruz County cannot be discussed without taking into account the impact of state and national economic changes. In the recent past, the County has seen the erosion of the safety net for the working poor and immigrant populations of the County. The continued deficits at the state level have affected the County's ability to support its population, provide services, and grow.

The last twelve years of CAP clearly show how much County residents enjoy living in the area. When asked what contributes most to their quality of life, respondents have consistently identified the "scenery / geography / climate" as the top response. In 2005, a full

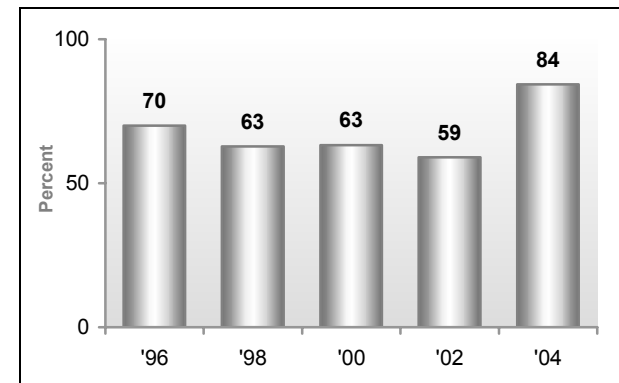


70.8% of respondents provided this as the number one reason they like living in Santa Cruz County. Other common responses were the "friendly people," "social climate," "slow pace" and "quiet / peaceful" nature of the County.

Unfortunately, CAP has also highlighted consistent irritants that affect residents' enjoyment of the County. When asked what detracts most from their quality of life, two common responses across most years are "traffic" and "cost of living / housing." Interestingly, with the exception of 2003, since 1998, "traffic" has surpassed "cost of living / housing" as the number one detractor from respondents' quality of life.

High voter turnout is not uncommon in Santa Cruz County. Over the past 10 years, since the March 1996 Primary election, larger percentages of those registered to vote in the County did so, compared to the state as a whole. In the last general election (November 2004), 84.3% of County registered voters went to the polls, compared to 76.0% of California voters.

## Voter Turnout

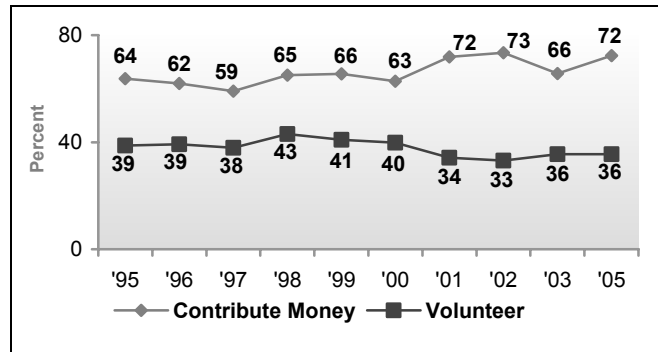


✓ Percent of registered Santa Cruz County voters who participated in General elections.

Recognizing that low-income residents struggle to achieve day-to-day survival, residents of Santa Cruz County continue to be good stewards in an effort to fill the gap in resources. In 2005, 72.4% of residents regularly contributed money to charitable organizations and 35.5% indicated they regularly do volunteer work in the community. Further since 1995, these numbers have stayed fairly constant each

year with around two-thirds of County residents regularly contributing money and at least one-third regularly doing volunteer work.

### Volunteerism & Charitable Giving



✓ Percent of respondents who contribute money to charity and volunteer on a regular basis.

The percentage of respondents who feel that they have been discriminated against in the *past three years* has decreased from 1996 to 2003. In 1996, 28.2% of residents felt discriminated against in the



County and in 2003, 18.4% indicated the same. This question was reworded in 2005, and residents were asked if they have felt discriminated against in the *past 12 months*. About 14% of respondents answered “yes” to this question while 86.2% said “no.” For both versions of the question, ethnicity or race has consistently been cited as the main cause of discrimination. The percentage of respondents who think that racism is a problem locally has also decreased over the past ten years from 59.1% in 1996 to 47.5% in 2005.

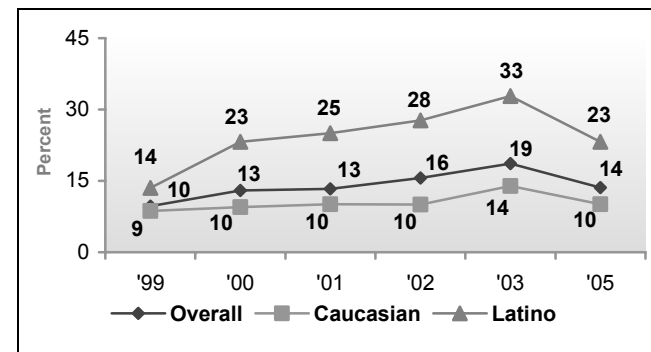
Unfortunately, though the number of

reported hate crimes has vacillated from 1996 to 2005, there was an overall increase in Santa Cruz County from 12 cases in 1996 to 21 cases in 2005. Further, the number of hate crimes more than doubled from 9 in 2003 to 21 in 2005.

Most respondents in 2005 (72.4%) felt that their child had enough activities after school and on weekends, which is slightly lower than the percentage in 1995 (78.3%).

In times of economic hardship, many people go without basic needs. From 1999 to 2003, the percentage of residents who went without basic needs steadily increased and then sharply declined from 2003 to 2005. In 1999, 9.7% of respondents said they had gone without necessities such as food, housing, and health care in any given month; in 2005 that percentage increased to 13.6%. However, this is a decrease from 2003 when 18.6% of residents reported going without basic needs. In 2005, Latino respondents were more than twice as likely to indicate that they went without basic needs than Caucasian respondents (23.2% vs. 10.1%). When asked what basic needs respondents were lacking, most respondents have consistently indicated that they went without health care, and many others indicated that they were going without food or had limited their food choices.

### Unable to Meet Basic Needs



✓ Percent of respondents who report having to go without basic needs in any given month.

Several supports are available to residents who lack basic needs such as food. For example, from 1997 to 2006, the number of people served by the Food Bank increased by 113.7%. During this time, all jurisdictions, except Scotts Valley, have seen a sharp increase in the number of people served by the Food Bank. Most notably, the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County had a 189.8% increase. In the 2005/2006 school year, 45.1% of the students in Santa Cruz County received free or reduced cost meals. However, the percentage of County students receiving these meals has consistently been lower than the state as a whole.

Since affordable housing is cited as a huge challenge in Santa Cruz County, and a large number of residents have gone without their basic needs, it is not surprising that there are a projected 3,371 homeless individuals in the County according to the 2005 Santa Cruz County Homeless Census. Interestingly, the percentage of residents reporting being homeless in the past year has decreased from 1.8% in 2000 to 0.9% in 2005. Of over 400 homeless individuals surveyed for the 2005 Homeless Needs Assessment, 21% had been turned away from a shelter in the past 30 days, most commonly because there was a lack of available beds (63%). The number of non-disaster, emergency shelter beds available in Santa Cruz County in 2005 / 2006 were between 185 and 205 in summer and 298 and 348 in winter.

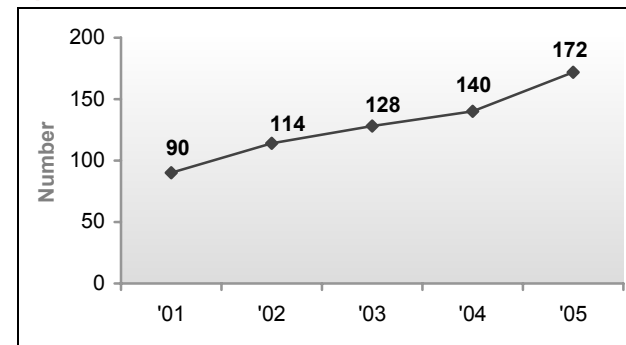


According to 2000 Census data, 15.9% percent of the non-institutionalized population (age 5 and older) of Santa Cruz County are have disabilities. San Andreas Regional Center serves people with

developmental disabilities in the local area. Of the approximately 1,200 people in Santa Cruz County that are served by San Andreas Regional Center, 72.8% live with a parent, relative or legal guardian. In 2005, 22.4% of survey respondents in Santa Cruz County indicated that they or someone in their household has a disability. Of those people, 65.6% said that disabilities prevent that person or persons from fully participating in the community.

In 2000, the percent of County residents with disabilities, age 18 to 34, who were enrolled in a college or graduate school was 27.9% compared to 16.4% for the entire state. In the 2004 / 2005 academic year, Cabrillo College had over 1,500 students with disabilities enrolled in their Disabled Student Programs and Services, and this program currently ranks tenth in the state in the number of students with disabilities served. Over 4,500 people, ages 0 to 22, were enrolled in special education in Santa Cruz County in 2005. Notably, while the number of special education enrollees for most disabilities has remained fairly constant, enrollment for Autism has nearly doubled from 2001 to 2005, increasing from 90 to 172 enrollees. Additionally, in FY 2003 / 2004 the Santa Cruz Mental Health Service Agency served just over 4,800 people for a variety of mental health issues.

### Special Education Enrollment for Autism



✓ Number of special education enrollees diagnosed with Autism.

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# Voting

*Voter registration and turnout reflect people’s sense of ownership and responsibility for their community.*



## Santa Cruz County Voter Registration and Registered Voter Turnout

Election	Registration	Turnout	% Santa Cruz County Turnout	% State Turnout
March 1996 Primary	133,652	65,981	49.4	41.9
November 1996 General	148,663	103,922	70.0	52.6
June 1998 Primary	130,197	66,826	51.3	42.6
November 1998 General	137,955	86,634	62.8	57.6
March 2000 Primary	134,997	79,746	59.1	53.9
November 2000 General	145,214	78,878	63.2	51.9
March 2002 Primary	127,582	62,317	48.8	34.6
November 2002 General	135,554	80,023	59.0	50.6
March 2004 Primary	132,307	74,671	56.4	44.3
November 2004 General	146,157	123,275	84.3	76.0
November 2005 Special	142,889	81,368	56.9	50.1
June 2006 Primary	141,370	45,762	32.3	31.5

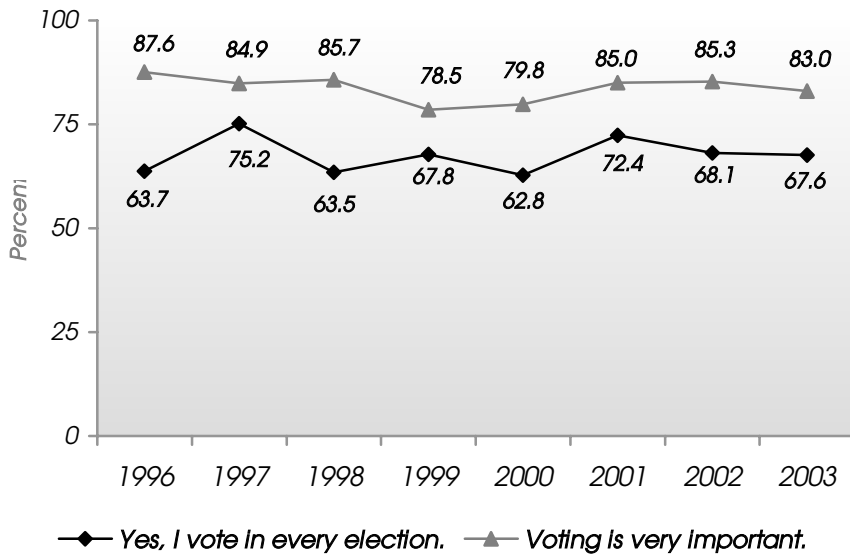
Source: California Secretary of State, Department of Elections, 2006.

Note: The December 1995 Primary was a 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Special Vacancy Primary Election.

# Voting

*Do you vote in every election?*

*In your opinion, how important is voting?*



Total respondents	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Do you vote in every election?	499	509	513	559	658	706	684	703
In your opinion, how important is voting?	484	502	433	557	652	706	684	703

*If you do not vote in every election, why not? (selected responses)*

Response	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Not a citizen	49.4	27.6	42.3	32.0	28.2	22.9	39.3	45.2	35.0
Not registered / Not registered locally	7.4	12.5	3.1	NA	3.4	22.1	10.3	12.1	10.7
Apathy / Lack of interest / Laziness	NA	NA	NA	6.7	5.1	7.9	7.5	6.4	10.1
Voting has no effect	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.7	5.8	6.0	3.5	8.1
No time	13.5	9.2	6.2	15.2	15.8	12.1	5.6	6.3	10.1
Not informed with issues	7.4	20.4	4.1	4.5	10.7	12.5	4.3	6.9	5.8
Don't want to vote	NA	NA	13.4	19.7	14.7	4.6	2.0	2.9	3.6
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>226</b>

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2003.

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 **Voting**

 **Community Profile**

*Percent of respondents who said “Yes” to: “Do you vote in every election?”*

By Ethnicity	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	*2003	2003 N
Caucasian	74.1	76.6	71.9	81.6	78.9	78.3	491
Latino	22.8	31.5	38.0	43.5	39.5	38.0	158

By Region	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	*2003	2003 N
North County	67.0	69.2	66.5	73.6	70.3	73.6	236
South County	58.5	60.7	50.3	65.8	61.8	55.7	242
San Lorenzo Valley	66.0	75.0	73.5	83.4	77.6	78.7	225

By Age	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	*2003	2003 N
18-24	NA	41.5	39.1	37.6	37.3	58.4	109
25-44	NA	61.3	55.0	61.4	52.5	51.0	229
45-64	NA	77.5	74.5	80.1	80.2	76.5	252
65 and older	NA	90.1	85.1	91.7	89.2	90.5	113

By Gender	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	*2003	2003 N
Male	NA	69.5	65.3	72.2	66.9	60.3	348
Female	NA	68.0	61.0	72.5	69.3	74.8	355

By Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	*2003	2003 N
\$34,999 per year or less	NA	49.7	47.7	59.7	53.7	56.7	311
\$35,000 - \$65,499 per year	NA	75.8	70.7	81.7	74.6	73.4	164
\$65,500 and greater	NA	81.6	78.6	83.1	80.5	79.8	177

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2003.

\* Indicates statistically significant survey responses when reporting differences between sub-groups for the 2003 data. Absence of this symbol indicates no statistical significance difference between sub-groups for the 2003 data.

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**Significance Testing**

**Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Latinos*.

**Region:** Residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were residents of the *South County*; residents of the *North County* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were residents of the *South County*.

**Gender:** *Females* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *males*.

**Age:** Those *65 and older* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *18-24 year olds*, *25-44 year olds*, and *45-64 year olds*; *45-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *18-24 year olds* or *25-44 year olds*

**Income:** Those earning *\$35,000 through \$65,499* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those earning *\$34,999 or less*; those earning *\$65,500 or more* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those earning *\$34,999 or less*.

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## Community Profile

Percent of respondents who think voting is “Very important.”

By Ethnicity	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003 N
Caucasian	86.7	79.2	81.7	85.3	86.0	83.5	490
Latino	83.7	78.2	79.9	84.8	89.2	82.7	158

By Region	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003 N
North County	86.6	78.8	77.7	84.2	82.5	82.1	235
South County	87.2	77.8	82.5	86.4	88.2	86.1	242
San Lorenzo Valley	80.0	78.3	82.3	83.8	87.2	79.4	224

By Age	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003 N
18-24	NA	67.5	76.9	67.0	69.3	83.1	109
25-44	NA	76.0	75.9	83.6	82.5	80.1	229
45-64	NA	80.3	81.2	87.7	88.3	83.7	252
65 and older	NA	91.4	91.5	90.9	92.9	88.3	111

By Gender	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	*2003	2003 N
Male	NA	76.4	77.5	81.9	82.8	76.9	348
Female	NA	79.6	81.2	88.0	87.7	89.3	355

By Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003 N
\$34,999 per year or less	NA	73.5	74.6	81.4	84.3	81.1	309
\$35,000 - \$65,499	NA	79.8	81.2	88.8	88.5	84.1	163
\$65,500 and greater	NA	80.9	88.0	87.6	85.6	83.7	177

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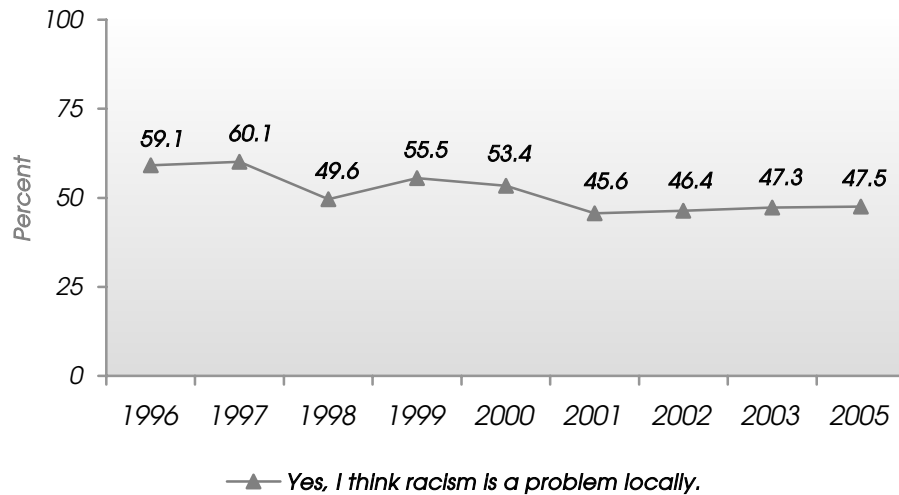
**Gender:** *Females* were significantly more likely to respond “Very important” than were *males*.

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# **Racism and Discrimination**

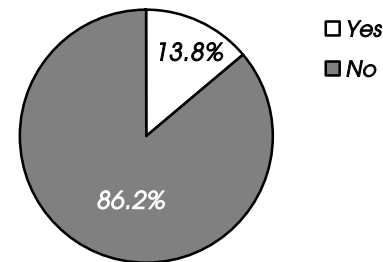
*These Indicators measure perceptions of racism and discrimination in the community.*

*Do you think racism is a problem locally?*




Total Respondents	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005
Do you think racism is a problem locally?	499	506	514	559	657	701	682	696	707

*Have you ever felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the last 12 months? (2005)*



Year 2005: 707 respondents.

 *If you have felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the last 12 months, what was the reason? (Selected responses) (2005)*

Response	2005
Ethnicity / Race	51.8
Socio-economic status	16.7
Appearance	16.0
White race / Non-Hispanic	13.5
Gender	6.4
Age	6.4

Year 2005: 94 respondents offering 126 responses.

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2005.



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# Racism

## Community Profile

*Percent of respondents who said “Yes” to: “Do you think racism is a problem locally?”*

By Ethnicity	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
Caucasian	47.2	51.1	49.3	40.3	42.5	42.2	45.4	495
Latino	60.9	74.2	71.1	56.0	56.6	64.1	57.3	159

By Region	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2005 N
North County	45.3	51.6	53.5	43.4	45.2	46.5	48.9	242
South County	60.0	72.3	60.0	52.2	50.1	52.2	48.6	237
San Lorenzo Valley	38.3	30.0	41.1	38.3	40.0	37.0	40.1	228

By Age	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
18-24	NA	56.1	59.8	64.0	54.6	52.5	32.2	63
25-44	NA	55.3	56.5	41.4	46.9	51.0	56.4	221
45-64	NA	58.4	50.3	44.5	45.8	49.3	50.0	269
65 and older	NA	49.4	44.7	44.1	43.5	30.8	36.3	151

By Gender	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
Male	NA	54.9	50.0	39.8	44.1	46.9	41.1	348
Female	NA	55.4	56.1	51.4	48.7	47.8	53.8	358

By Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2005 N
\$34,999 per year or less	NA	66.9	58.1	42.6	49.4	57.9	48.8	266
\$35,000 - \$65,499	NA	53.4	48.1	52.5	51.1	46.3	48.8	131
\$65,500 and greater	NA	48.7	50.9	40.2	37.3	33.7	45.2	242

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2005.

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### Significance Testing

**Ethnicity:** *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Caucasians*.

**Age:** *25-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *18-24 year olds* or those *65 and older*.

**Gender:** *Females* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Males*.

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# Discrimination - In the Last 12 Months - 2005

## Community Profile

Percent of respondents who said “Yes” to:  
 “Have you ever felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the last 12 months?”

By Ethnicity	*2005	2005 N
Caucasian	12.0	495
Latino	18.7	159

By Region	2005	2005 N
North County	12.2	242
South County	16.1	238
San Lorenzo Valley	9.9	227

By Age	*2005	2005 N
18-24	17.0	63
25-44	17.3	221
45-64	16.7	269
65 and older	2.1	152

By Gender	*2005	2005 N
Male	10.7	348
Female	16.8	359

By Income	2005	2005 N
\$34,999 per year or less	18.4	267
\$35,000 - \$65,499	12.4	131
\$65,000 and greater	11.5	242

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2005.

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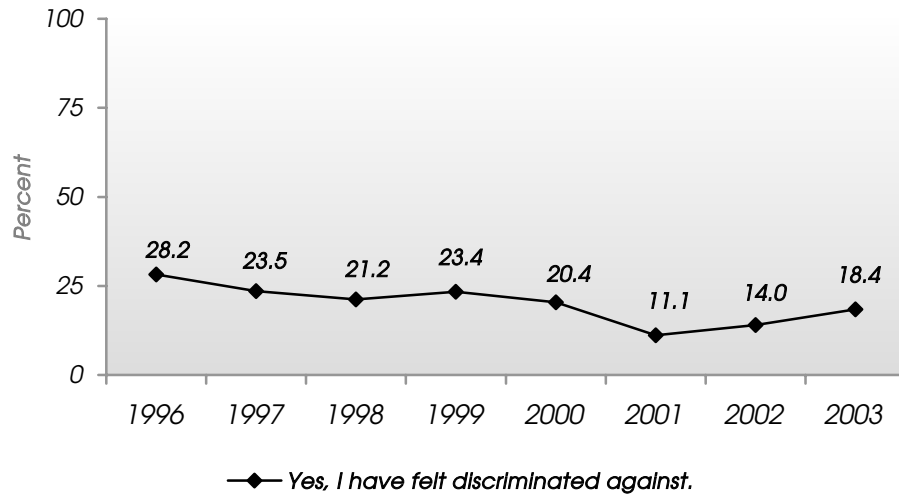
**Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond “No” than were *Latinos*.

**Age:** Those *65 and older* were significantly more likely to respond “No” than were *18-64 year olds*.


**Gender:** *Males* were significantly more likely to respond “No” than were *Females*.

## Discrimination - In the Past Three Years - 1996 - 2003

*Have you ever felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the past three years?*



Total Respondents	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Have you ever felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the last three years?	493	507	513	559	652	705	682	701

 *If you have felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the past three years, what was the reason? (Selected responses)*

Response	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Ethnicity / Race	34.8	29.1	44.4	50.4	42.9	27.2	35.0	33.9
Socio-economic status	NA	NA	3.0	3.1	5.3	18.0	17.2	12.9
Language	6.7	5.2	12.6	11.5	18.8	12.5	9.5	16.4
White race / Non-Hispanic	NA	NA	NA	13.0	10.5	12.4	8.8	9.9
Gender	15.7	17.2	11.9	24.4	22.6	9.7	13.3	6.0

Year 2003: 129 respondents offering 163 responses.

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2003.

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# Discrimination - In the Past Three Years - 1998-2003

## Community Profile

Percent of respondents who said “Yes” to:

“Have you ever felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the *past three years*?”

By Ethnicity	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	*2003	2003 N
Caucasian	17.7	20.1	13.0	7.9	11.9	15.0	491
Latino	34.8	36.0	36.6	11.0	18.0	28.0	157

By Region	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003 N
North County	19.6	21.8	18.3	11.0	13.2	16.9	236
South County	26.7	30.6	27.6	12.5	14.9	22.3	240
San Lorenzo Valley	13.8	15.0	13.5	11.8	13.2	13.5	225

By Age	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	*2003	2003 N
18-24	NA	31.7	23.9	12.2	29.9	28.8	108
25-44	NA	22.6	23.0	13.0	14.1	17.1	228
45-64	NA	24.7	21.9	12.8	15.6	20.1	252
65 and older	NA	14.8	6.5	5.4	3.2	7.4	113

By Gender	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003 N
Male	NA	20.7	18.2	10.4	12.3	19.7	347
Female	NA	24.9	21.8	11.9	15.7	17.1	354

By Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	*2003	2003 N
\$34,999 per year or less	NA	33.1	28.4	8.1	17.6	23.5	308
\$35,000 - \$65,499	NA	22.5	14.5	15.8	16.5	14.4	164
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### Significance Testing

**Ethnicity:** *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Caucasians*.

**Income:** Those earning *\$34,999 or less* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those earning *\$65,500 or more*.

**Age:** *18-24 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those *65 and older*; *45-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those *65 and older*.

## Hate Crimes

*A hate crime is considered to be any crime motivated by the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability.*

### Hate Crimes by Bias Motivation, Santa Cruz County

Bias Motivation	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	96-05 % Change
Race / ethnicity	4	10	6	8	4	6	10	5	9	14	250.0
Sexual Orientation	7	4	5	3	5	4	7	3	6	6	-14.3
Religion	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	2	1	0.0
Physical / Mental Disability	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Gender	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>75.0</b>

Source: State of California Department of Justice, *California Criminal Justice Profile*, 2005.

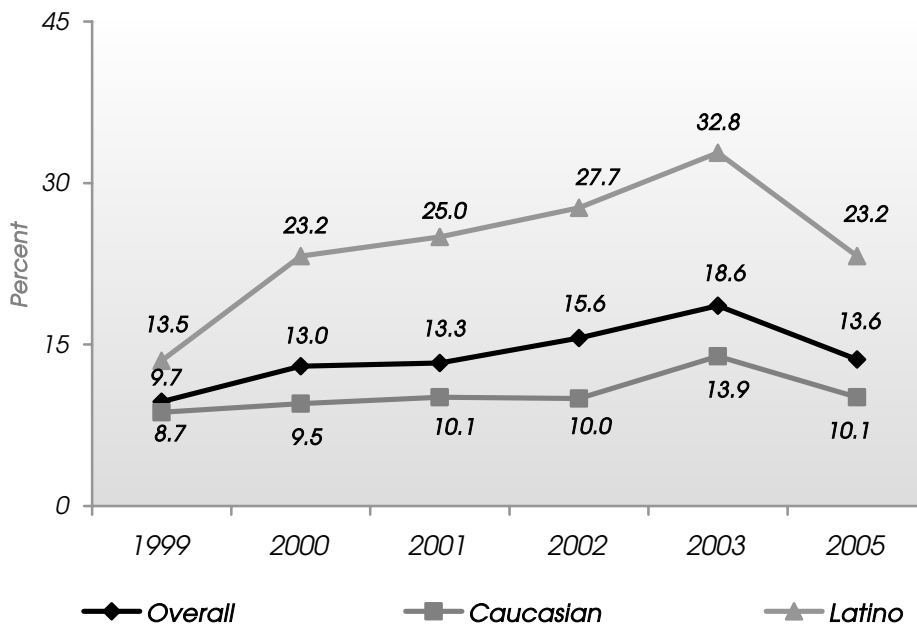
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 **Basic Needs**


The inability to meet basic needs often underlies other social and familial issues such as educational performance, family relationships and health status.



In any given month, do you find yourself having to go without basic needs such as child care, health care, food or housing?  
(Respondents answering "Yes")



Total respondents	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005
Overall	557	654	706	684	700	707
Caucasian	424	442	493	478	489	495
Latino	89	142	159	154	158	159

 If "Yes," what do you go without? (Selected responses)

Response	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005
Health care (including dental)	43.4	41.0	60.8	36.1	51.8	63.5
Food / Limits food choices	30.2	56.6	31.2	40.8	46.2	46.7
Child care	5.7	19.3	12.4	6.8	7.2	12.0
Rent / Housing <sup>1</sup>	NA	2.4	1.9	12.8	2.7	16.0

Year 2005: 96 respondents offering 149 responses.

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2005.

Note: See appendix for results of statistical testing for this question.

<sup>1</sup> Question not asked in 1999.



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## Children Receiving Free or Reduced Cost Meals

### Percent of Children Receiving Free/Reduced Cost Meals

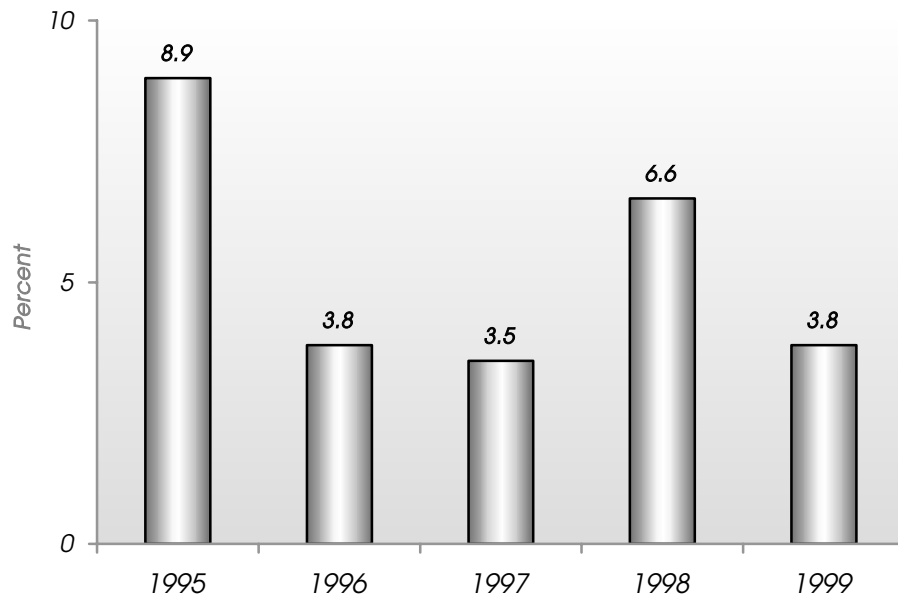
School Districts	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Bonny Doon Elementary	10.1	5.1	5.9	4.5	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.7
Happy Valley Elementary	8.3	10.9	9.4	8.4	8.7	10.6	13.6	5.6	11.9	7.7
Live Oak Elementary	42.1	41.1	36.4	37.1	34.4	32.6	39.1	43.6	43.5	42.3
Mountain Elementary	14.3	19.3	16.2	12.8	11.7	13.1	11.9	19.4	11.7	9.0
Pacific Elementary	23.7	26.8	20.5	20.2	25.3	28.4	26.1	28.6	28.1	24.3
Pajaro Valley Unified	55.2	55.0	54.0	56.3	53.9	53.5	58.2	59.5	64.2	63.3
San Lorenzo Valley Unified	14.5	13.2	14.1	13.6	13.3	10.7	12.2	11.9	10.6	10.5
Santa Cruz City Elementary	37.9	38.1	33.8	39.5	38.0	33.8	39.3	37.9	40.4	40.9
Santa Cruz High School	13.1	12.7	11.6	13.1	11.6	12.4	14.0	17.0	19.1	22.5
Santa Cruz County Office of Education	NA	NA	NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.7	25.3	65.4	35.1
Scotts Valley Unified	3.2	2.3	6.1	5.4	5.9	4.6	4.6	5.0	6.0	7.0
Soquel Union Elementary	27.3	26.1	24.6	25.2	23.9	24.8	26.0	24.9	28.8	28.7
<b>Santa Cruz County Total</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>45.1</b>
State	47.1	47.4	47.6	47.3	46.8	47.0	48.7	49.0	49.7	50.8

Source: State of California Department of Education, *California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS)*, 2006.

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 **Homeless**

*Have you ever been without a home locally (homeless, in a shelter, or on the street) in the last **five years**? (Respondents answering “Yes”) 1995-1999*

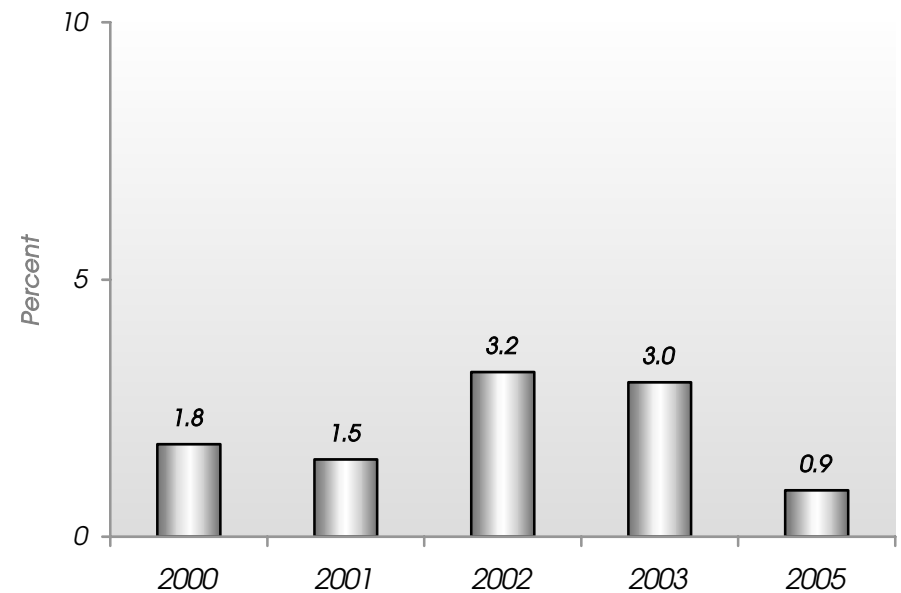


Total respondents	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Overall	348	500	509	512	558

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 1999.

Note: Question was re-worded in 2000 survey to read, “Have you been without a home in Santa Cruz County during the past year?”

*Have you been without housing in Santa Cruz County during the **past year** (homeless, in a shelter, on the street, or living in your vehicle)? (Respondents answering “Yes”) 2000-2005*



Total respondents	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005
Overall	656	706	684	702	708

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2005.

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## Homeless - In the Past Year - 2000-2005

### Community Profile

Percent of respondents who said "Yes" to:

"Have you been without housing in Santa Cruz County during the *past year* (homeless, in a shelter, on the street, or living in your vehicle)?"

By Ethnicity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2005 N
Caucasian	1.1	0.9	2.4	2.1	0.9	495
Latino	2.8	2.4	4.5	4.4	1.4	159

By Region	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2005 N
North County	2.3	2.6	4.1	2.2	0.3	243
South County	1.5	0.5	2.6	4.7	1.2	238
San Lorenzo Valley	0.9	0.3	1.6	0.9	1.8	227

By Age	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2005 N
18-24	5.4	9.2	9.1	7.2	3.6	63
25-44	2.2	1.8	5.3	2.9	0.5	221
45-64	0.5	0.0	1.0	0.8	1.3	269
65 and older	0.0	0.0	1.0	3.8	0.0	152

By Gender	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2005 N
Male	2.2	1.2	3.2	3.8	1.7	349
Female	1.6	1.9	3.2	2.2	0.3	359

By Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2005 N
\$34,999 per year or less	7.2	2.2	5.6	5.9	2.2	267
\$35,000 - \$65,499 per year	0.0	2.0	1.0	1.6	0.6	131
Over \$65,000 per year	0.6	0.2	1.8	0.0	0.0	241

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2005.

\* Indicates statistically significant survey responses when reporting differences between sub-groups for the 2005 data. Absence of this symbol indicates no statistical significance difference between sub-groups for the 2005 data.



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## Homeless - In the Last Year - 1997-1999

### Community Profile

Percent of respondents who said "Yes" to:

*"Have you ever been without a home locally (homeless, in a shelter, or on the street) in the last five years?"*

By Ethnicity	1997	1998	1999
Caucasian	3.0	5.5	3.7
Latino	4.9	8.7	4.5

By Region	1997	1998	1999
North County	3.8	6.7	4.2
South County	2.6	6.7	3.5
San Lorenzo Valley	4.5	6.4	3.3

By Age	1997	1998	1999
18-24	NA	NA	8.5
25-44	NA	NA	4.6
45-64	NA	NA	2.2
65 and older	NA	NA	0.0

By Gender	1997	1998	1999
Male	NA	NA	4.2
Female	NA	NA	3.6

By Income	1997	1998	1999
\$34,999 per year or less	NA	NA	8.3
\$35,000 - \$65,499 per year	NA	NA	1.7
Over \$65,500 per year	NA	NA	1.3

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 1999.

Note: This question was revised after 1999 and new data are not available.

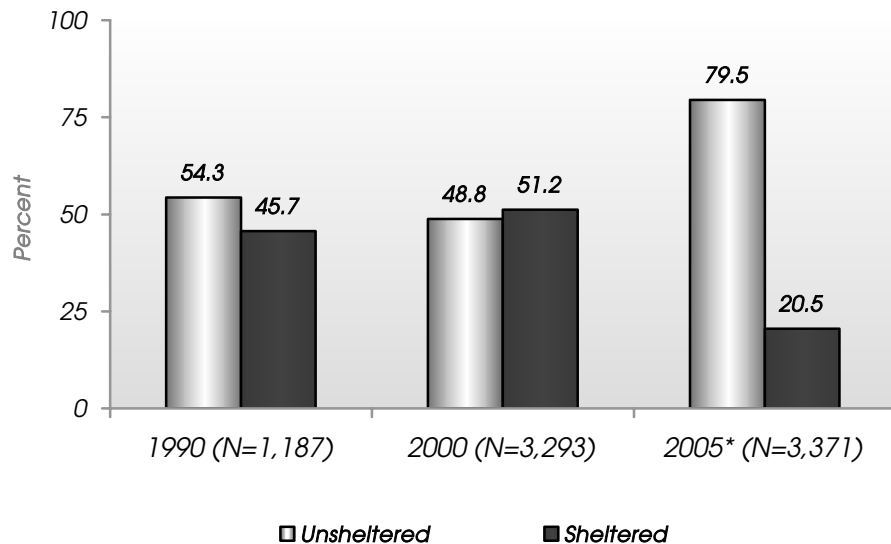


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## Point-in-Time Homeless Census

In 1990, the first Homeless Census in Santa Cruz County was conducted. Although the Homeless 2000 Census was conducted using a similar, non-intrusive observation method, there were significant differences in the approach. The most dramatic of these differences was the use of U.S. census tracts for enumeration. The use of census tracts enabled the researchers to cover the entire County of Santa Cruz, as opposed to focusing on key locations. While the methodological changes increased County coverage, the figures below are believed to be an undercount.

### Unsheltered and Sheltered Homeless



\* In 2005 data, unsheltered count is a projected estimate based on sampling.

### Homeless Needs Assessment, 2005

Category	Selected Findings
Residency	62% of homeless respondents were living in Santa Cruz at the time they became homeless 39% lived outdoors 13% lived in a vehicle
Length of Homelessness	Long-term homelessness (greater than 2 years) was leveling off– 13% in 1990, 32% in 2000, and 32% in 2005 41% of respondents had been homeless less than 1 year
Employment	Employed homeless persons were down – 33% in 2000 to 11% in 2005 11% were employed full or part-time Leading causes of unemployment were not having a permanent address (33%) and lack of transportation (31%).
Health	31% did not receive health care when they needed since they became homeless Nearly 60% indicated they were experiencing a disabling condition. Approximately 21% of females experienced domestic violence
Veterans	Veterans as a percent of the homeless was leveling off– 20% in 1990, 13% in 2000, and 13% in 2005
Assistance	46% did not receive any type of government assistance 21% had been turned away from a shelter in the last 30 days. The most common reason (63%) was because of lack of available beds
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>402</b>

Source: Applied Survey Research, *Santa Cruz County Homeless Census and Needs Assessment, 2000 and 2005. Assessment of Shelter and Housing Needs for the Homeless Population of Santa Cruz County, 1990.*



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# Homeless - Housing and Emergency Beds

## Number of Non-disaster Emergency Shelter Beds, 2005/06

Agency	Primary Client	Summer	Winter
Interfaith Satellite Shelter Project (ISSP) <sup>1</sup>	Adults and families	42	142
Rowland and Pat Rebele Family Shelter	Families	28	28
River Street Shelter <sup>2</sup>	Adult men and women	32	32
Pajaro Valley Shelter Services	Women and children	17	30
Salvation Army Homeless Shelters <sup>3</sup>	Adults and families	51-71	51-101
Women's Crisis Support / Defensa de Mujeres	Battered women and their children	15	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>185 - 205</b>	<b>298 - 348</b>

Source: Respective service providers, via phone, FAX, and email communications, 2006.

<sup>1</sup>Interfaith Satellite Shelter Project provides 14 mats and blankets (no beds) year-round at 3 churches (42 mats total) per night from among 20 participating churches, with space varying nightly depending on the size of churches and an additional 100 beds from November 15 to April 15 by renting the National Guard Armory for the winter.

<sup>2</sup>River Street Shelter provides 30 beds, and 2 "crisis beds" owned by Dominican Hospital that are dedicated for homeless outpatients.

<sup>3</sup>Salvation Army Homeless Shelters include 55 beds on site with up to 20 more beds for women and children through HUD housing. In the winter additional funding may increase the number of available shelter beds by 20%.

## Housing for Medical Emergencies Program

Agency	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	98-05 % Change
Number of vouchers provided	405	414	308	280 <sup>4</sup>	376 <sup>4</sup>	310	568	386	-4.7
Number of recipients (unduplicated)	360	362	310	248 <sup>4</sup>	336 <sup>4</sup>	248	292	274	-23.9
Number of children	96	98	70	50 <sup>4</sup>	68 <sup>4</sup>	42	57	46	-52.1
Number of adults	259	264	240	198 <sup>4</sup>	268 <sup>4</sup>	206	235	228	-12.0

Source: Community Action Board, 2006.

Note: The Housing for Medical Emergencies Program provides emergency shelter vouchers for individuals and their families who meet the following conditions: discharged from the hospital or afflicted with Tuberculosis or HIV / AIDS. Vouchers are good for up to one week in a motel, and individuals may receive additional vouchers if needed.

<sup>4</sup>Figures have been revised.

## Point-in-Time CalWORKs Requests for Homeless Assistance

### Number of Requests Received for Homeless Assistance

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	00-04 % Change
<b>Santa Cruz County</b>	179	172	170	173	174	-2.8
State	48,687	NA	68,056	69,346	65,159	33.8

Source: CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program Monthly Statistical Report, 2006.

Note: Homeless Assistance is available to CalWORKs eligible families to meet the reasonable costs of securing permanent housing, and for temporary shelter while seeking permanent housing. Families must meet the definition of homeless, and assistance is restricted to once in a lifetime with few exceptions. Permanent Homeless Assistance is available to families who are eligible for and recipients of CalWORKs and who met the definition of homeless.

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# Homeless - Children

## Number of Children Who Are Homeless

	2004/05
Number of students enrolled in the Lead Education Agency (LEA)	38,358
Number of students who are homeless <sup>1</sup>	3,157
Number of students who are homeless and receiving services under the McKinney Act	3,157

## Housing Situations of Homeless Children

Living Arrangements	2004/05
Shelters <sup>2</sup>	1,637
Doubled-up homeless <sup>3</sup>	1,264
Motels	43
Unsheltered <sup>4</sup>	128
Other situations	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,157</b>

## Homeless Children Receiving Services Under the McKinney Act by Age Group

Age Group	2004/05
Pre-school	NA
Primary (grades K-3)	815
Intermediate (grades 4-6)	931
Middle School (grades 7-8)	507
High School (grades 9-12)	904
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,157</b>

Source: Santa Cruz County Office of Education, *Homeless Education Outreach*, 2005.

<sup>1</sup> This is the first year that the Federal Government requested actual counts of homeless children, instead of estimates. Each school district counted their homeless children based on enrollment data and services provided, and reported these numbers to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

<sup>2</sup> The "Shelter" count includes youth living in "Transitional housing."

<sup>3</sup> The term "Doubled-up homeless" refers to families doubled or tripled up in housing due to an inability to find permanent housing.

<sup>4</sup> The "Unsheltered" numbers do not include migrant youth living in a homeless situation.



**New data not available**

**The McKinney Act** is a legislative bill that enables the provision of government services to homeless individuals.

The criteria used by McKinney Act to determine homelessness has now become the de facto definition:

1. An individual who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, and
2. An individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is:
  - a. a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill), or;
  - b. an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or;
  - c. a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

This means that a person must satisfy both conditions 1 & 2 in order to receive government services for homeless individuals.

## People Served by Food Bank

*While services are not a good proxy for need, this indicator helps identify the scope of efforts to fight poverty and hunger.*

### Number of People Served by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	97-06 % Change
Capitola	685	1,462	709	926	1,064	1,237	897	941	899	1,241	81.2
Santa Cruz	7,618	4,881	6,271	7,095	7,701	8,672	9,548	14,442	11,403	13,523	77.5
Scotts Valley	1,610	1,024	1,295	1,102	1,038	1,085	889	1,055	1,363	1,494	-7.2
Watsonville	7,722	8,852	11,181	11,273	10,383	13,210	11,258	12,961	13,112	16,165	109.3
Unincorporated	6,916	8,165	8,304	9,588	10,510	12,314	10,026	10,676	9,930	20,041	189.8
<b>Santa Cruz County Total</b>	<b>24,551</b>	<b>24,384</b>	<b>27,760</b>	<b>29,984</b>	<b>30,696</b>	<b>36,518</b>	<b>32,618</b>	<b>40,075</b>	<b>36,707</b>	<b>52,464</b>	<b>113.7</b>

### Number of People Served by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	97-06 % Change
Caucasian	9,742	9,483	10,869	12,040	12,150	13,615	10,764	12,825	10,771	14,974	53.7
Latino	12,738	12,975	14,304	16,896	16,521	20,546	19,245	24,285	23,053	30,801	141.8
African American	795	754	763	1,215	1,011	945	1,109	1,403	1,441	2,315	191.2
Asian	610	578	925	840	713	<sup>1</sup>	783	761	786	2,031	233.0
Native American	295	308	238	309	513	432	522	521	291	853	189.2
Pacific Islander	175	130	424	162	295	<sup>1</sup>	32	120	128	489	179.4
Other	150	156	97	171	125	127	163	160	237	1,001	567.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,505</b>	<b>24,384</b>	<b>27,620</b>	<b>31,633</b>	<b>31,841</b>	<b>36,518</b>	<b>32,618</b>	<b>40,075</b>	<b>36,707</b>	<b>52,464</b>	<b>114.1</b>

Source: Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties, 2006.

Note: Totals for ethnicity breakdowns differ due to the regions served by the Food Bank; the ethnicity data is not disaggregated by jurisdiction. Data collected is an unduplicated count of recipients for the month of March.

<sup>1</sup>In 2002 data, Pacific Islanders and Asians were combined together for a total of 853.

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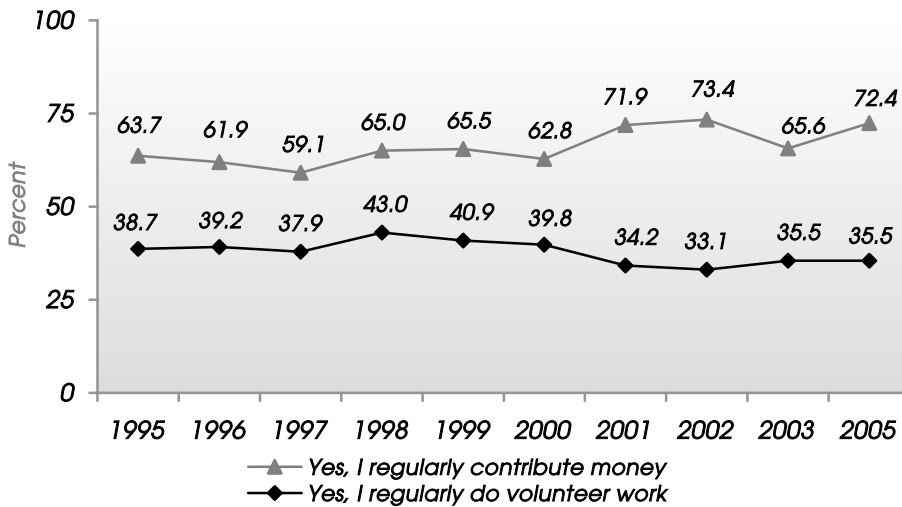
**☎ Volunteerism / Charitable Giving**

*Volunteerism and charitable giving are measures of people's sense of ownership and responsibility for their community.*



*Do you regularly contribute money to charitable organizations?  
Do you regularly do volunteer work in the community?*

*☞ If you volunteer, where do you volunteer?  
(Selected responses)*



Response	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005
School	37.0	36.1	16.4	29.7	39.9	38.7	23.0	19.4	22.6	21.3
Church	30.4	23.0	15.9	27.9	15.8	20.7	18.6	27.3	22.6	31.1
Youth organizations	NA	NA	NA	NA	22.8	11.9	14.3	10.0	10.2	5.8
Service organizations	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	10.3	13.9	10.9	8.3	14.3

Year 2005: 249 respondents offering 329 responses.

*If you contribute money, will you give:*

Response	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005
Less than last year	26.8	17.4	17.9	13.9	9.0	7.8	11.6	17.3	24.2	13.1
More than last year	15.9	19.3	22.3	20.4	31.6	22.6	20.1	17.7	16.4	19.1
About the same as last year	57.3	63.3	59.8	65.7	55.4	68.0	66.1	64.3	57.8	67.8
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>490</b>

Total respondents	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005
Do you regularly contribute money to charitable organizations?	347	499	492	514	524	656	704	681	701	707
Do you regularly do volunteer work?	349	498	509	514	560	656	706	684	698	707

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2005.



**New data not available**

# Volunteerism

## Community Profile

Percent of respondents who said “Yes” to: “Do you regularly do volunteer work in the community?”

By Ethnicity	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
Caucasian	44.0	44.3	42.9	38.4	37.4	37.6	38.8	496
Latino	41.3	30.3	32.4	18.6	16.7	28.1	24.8	159

By Region	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2005 N
North County	44.0	41.2	40.8	35.1	32.0	34.9	33.3	243
South County	44.6	37.0	30.4	34.2	32.3	32.3	38.1	237
San Lorenzo Valley	38.3	48.3	54.5	37.3	38.2	46.4	32.1	228

By Age	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
18-24	NA	28.0	31.5	27.0	15.8	27.7	18.2	62
25-44	NA	44.7	41.4	33.0	26.1	35.3	35.1	221
45-64	NA	40.4	40.0	37.9	38.7	37.9	39.1	270
65 and older	NA	44.4	43.6	33.7	43.1	37.9	36.7	152

By Gender	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
Male	NA	38.0	34.2	31.7	28.6	30.1	26.8	348
Female	NA	42.1	43.6	36.7	37.5	40.7	44.0	359

By Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2005 N
\$34,999 per year or less	NA	34.8	30.7	28.3	25.7	31.4	33.2	267
\$35,000 - \$65,499	NA	37.1	43.1	39.4	37.6	35.7	37.7	131
\$65,500 and greater	NA	53.9	48.8	37.9	37.0	38.0	37.2	242

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2005.

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### Significance Testing

**Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significant more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Latinos*.

**Age:** Those *45 or older* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *18-24 year olds*.

**Gender:** *Females* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Males*.

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# Charitable Giving

## Community Profile

Percent of respondents who said “Yes” to: “Do you regularly contribute money to charitable organizations?”

By Ethnicity	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
Caucasian	70.5	69.5	68.6	72.2	77.2	71.7	77.1	496
Latino	43.5	43.2	49.3	68.3	63.7	50.7	58.6	159

By Region	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
North County	67.6	63.5	62.4	66.8	73.7	67.6	65.8	243
South County	60.0	64.5	57.4	75.4	70.5	59.8	76.8	237
San Lorenzo Valley	68.1	73.7	73.0	75.6	79.7	74.0	74.6	228

By Age	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
18-24	NA	23.0	28.3	55.7	41.7	35.5	18.0	62
25-44	NA	64.7	58.3	63.3	66.0	57.9	66.5	221
45-64	NA	72.4	76.4	77.2	79.4	77.2	81.7	270
65 and older	NA	93.5	81.7	83.3	91.0	84.2	87.0	152

By Gender	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
Male	NA	61.0	59.6	66.6	72.8	62.1	66.9	348
Female	NA	69.1	64.8	77.1	73.9	68.9	77.7	359

By Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
\$34,999 per year or less	NA	41.6	43.8	57.7	60.8	52.0	58.5	267
\$35,000 - \$65,499	NA	75.6	71.8	74.4	73.1	72.7	78.4	131
\$65,500 and greater	NA	83.8	85.0	87.0	88.4	80.1	82.6	242

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2005.

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**Income:** Those earning *\$35,000 or more* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those earning *\$34,999 or less*.

**Region:** Residents of the *South County* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were residents of the *North County*.

# People with Disabilities - Special Education

*It is important for every society to provide the resources necessary to allow all individuals to participate fully in their community, regardless of their physical, mental, or developmental disability.*



## Special Education Enrollment, Selected Disabilities

Mental Retardation	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	01-05 % Change
White (non Hispanic)	94	92	92	78	78	-17.0
Hispanic or Latino	155	164	150	145	142	-8.4
Native American	0	0	0	0	0	-
Asian	2	3	2	1	1	-50.0
Pacific Islander	1	1	1	1	1	0.0
Filipino	0	0	0	1	0	-
African American	2	2	4	4	4	100.0

Mental Retardation	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	01-05 % Change
0 – 5 years old	67	69	48	35	32	-52.2
6 – 12 years old	78	80	94	93	94	20.5
13 – 22 years old	109	113	107	102	100	-8.3
<b>Santa Cruz County</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>-11.0</b>
California	42,255	43,302	44,017	44,263	43,739	3.5

**Mental Retardation (MR):** Mental Retardation means significantly subaverage general intellectual function existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior, and manifested during the developmental period, which adversely affects a child’s educational performance.

Hard of Hearing	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	01-05 % Change
White (non Hispanic)	44	38	37	40	43	-2.3
Hispanic or Latino	53	64	57	65	71	34.0
Native American	0	0	0	0	0	-
Asian	2	2	1	3	4	100.0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	-
Filipino	0	0	0	0	0	-
African American	1	2	2	0	0	-100.0

Hard of Hearing	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	01-05 % Change
0 – 5 years old	6	11	8	19	31	416.7
6 – 12 years old	56	53	47	48	43	-23.2
13 – 22 years old	38	42	42	41	44	15.8
<b>Santa Cruz County</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>18.0</b>
California	6,656	6,934	7,200	7,608	8,150	22.4

**Hard of Hearing (HH):** Hard of Hearing means a hearing impairment, whether permanent or fluctuating, which adversely affects a child’s educational performance but which is not included under the definition of “deaf” in this section.

Source: California Department of Education, *California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS)*, 2005.

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# People with Disabilities - Special Education

## Special Education Enrollment, Selected Disabilities

Speech or Language Impairment	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	01-05 % Change
White	663	676	657	623	604	-8.9
Hispanic	761	778	763	750	813	6.8
Native American	1	1	1	1	1	0.0
Asian	17	21	26	28	19	11.8
Pacific Islander	7	6	5	7	7	0.0
Filipino	4	3	5	7	10	150.0
African American	13	17	20	24	25	92.3

Speech or Language Impairment	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	01-05 % Change
0 – 5 years old	318	295	318	307	318	0.0
6 – 12 years old	1,026	1,073	1,024	986	1,012	-1.4
13 – 22 years old	122	134	135	147	149	22.1
<b>Santa Cruz County</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>0.9</b>
California	167,892	172,417	175,927	176,265	181,319	8.0

**Speech or Language Impairment (SLI):** Speech or Language Impairment means a communication disorder such as stuttering, impaired articulation, language impairment, or a voice impairment, which adversely affects a child's educational performance.

Orthopedic Impairment	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	01-05 % Change
White	77	63	66	63	54	-29.9
Hispanic	66	71	74	73	71	7.6
Native American	0	0	0	0	0	-
Asian	3	2	2	3	4	33.3
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	-
Filipino	1	1	1	1	1	0.0
African American	1	2	3	2	2	100.0

Orthopedic Impairment	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	01-05 % Change
0 – 5 years old	36	29	33	19	16	-55.6
6 – 12 years old	63	59	61	64	61	-3.2
13 – 22 years old	49	51	52	59	55	12.2
<b>Santa Cruz County</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>-10.8</b>
California	15,041	15,131	15,074	15,321	15,653	4.1

**Orthopedic Impairment (OI):** Orthopedic Impairment means a severe orthopedic impairment, which adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term includes impairments caused by congenital anomaly (e.g., clubfoot, absence of some member, etc.), impairments caused by disease (e.g., poliomyelitis, bone tuberculosis, etc.), and impairments from other causes (e.g., cerebral palsy, amputations, and fractures or burns which cause contractures).

Source: California Department of Education, *California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS)*, 2005.

# People with Disabilities - Special Education

## Special Education Enrollment, Selected Disabilities

Other Health Impairment	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	01-05 % Change
White	101	110	114	116	119	17.8
Hispanic	32	30	53	62	60	87.5
Native American	0	0	0	0	0	-
Asian	2	4	2	0	2	0.0
Pacific Islander	1	1	1	0	1	0.0
Filipino	0	0	0	0	0	-
African American	1	1	2	5	2	100.0

Other Health Impairment	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	01-05 % Change
0 – 5 years old	9	15	40	43	36	300.0
6 – 12 years old	70	60	57	62	63	-10.0
13 – 22 years old	58	71	75	78	85	46.6
<b>Santa Cruz County</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>34.3</b>
California	24,241	28,161	32,083	35,650	40,081	65.3

**Other Health Impairment (OHI):** Other Health Impairment means having limited strength, vitality or alertness, due to chronic or acute health problems such as a heart condition, tuberculosis, rheumatic fever, nephritis, asthma, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia, epilepsy, lead poisoning, leukemia, or diabetes, which adversely affects a child's educational performance.

Specific Learning Disability	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	01-05 % Change
White	1,290	1,191	1,090	963	876	-32.1
Hispanic	1,142	1,120	1,158	1,210	1,210	6.0
Native American	9	4	7	7	9	0.0
Asian	14	16	18	12	9	-35.7
Pacific Islander	5	3	5	3	4	-20.0
Filipino	15	13	9	11	11	-26.7
African American	61	60	55	57	64	4.9

Specific Learning Disability	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	01-05 % Change
0 – 5 years old	41	29	24	14	12	-70.7
6 – 12 years old	1,169	1,074	1,038	972	948	-18.9
13 – 22 years old	1,326	1,304	1,280	1,277	1,223	-7.8
<b>Santa Cruz County</b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>2,342</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>2,183</b>	<b>-13.9</b>
California	347,595	344,571	337,884	328,381	314,817	-9.4

**Specific Learning Disability (SLD):** Specific Learning Disability means a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which may manifest itself in an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations, The term includes such conditions as perceptual handicaps, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. The term does not include children who have leaning problems that are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor handicaps, of mental retardation, of emotional disturbance or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage.

Source: California Department of Education, *California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS)*, 2005.

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# People with Disabilities - Special Education

## Special Education Enrollment, Selected Disabilities

<b>Autism</b>	<b>Dec. 2001</b>	<b>Dec. 2002</b>	<b>Dec. 2003</b>	<b>Dec. 2004</b>	<b>Dec. 2005</b>	<b>01-05 % Change</b>
White	73	88	103	109	132	80.8
Hispanic	10	15	14	21	24	140.0
Native American	0	0	0	0	1	-
Asian	6	8	6	4	4	-33.3
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	1	-
Filipino	0	1	2	2	2	-
African American	1	2	3	4	8	700.0

<b>Autism</b>	<b>Dec. 2001</b>	<b>Dec. 2002</b>	<b>Dec. 2003</b>	<b>Dec. 2004</b>	<b>Dec. 2005</b>	<b>01-05 % Change</b>
0 – 5 years old	14	21	28	31	34	142.9
6 – 12 years old	49	59	57	68	83	69.4
13 – 22 years old	27	34	43	41	55	103.7
<b>Santa Cruz County</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>91.1</b>
California	17,508	21,066	24,943	29,370	34,668	98.0

**Autism (AUT):** Autism means a developmental disability significantly affecting verbal and non-verbal communication and social interaction, generally evident before age three that adversely affects educational performance.

Source: California Department of Education, *California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS)*, 2005.

# People with Disabilities - Cabrillo College Enrollment

## Cabrillo College's Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) Enrollment

Type of Disability	2004-2005	
	Number	Percent
Learning Disabilities (LD)	643	40.0%
Acquired Brain Injuries (ABI)	221	14%
Mobility problems	209	13%
Psychological Disabilities	188	12%
Severe learning deficits (DDL)	138	9%
Blindness or other significant visual impairments	35	2%
Deafness or other hearing impairments	23	1%
Speech and language programs	6	1%
Other health impairments	131	8%
<b>Total Students with Disabilities Served</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Cabrillo College, 2006.

Note: Cabrillo College's DSPP Program currently ranks tenth among all California Community Colleges in the number of students with disabilities served. The above table shows the type of disabilities of the students served during the 2004-2005 academic year.


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# **People with Disabilities - Survey Data**

*How many people in your household have a disability, including you?*


<b>Response</b>	<b>2005</b>
No one	77.7
One person	10.6
Two persons	8.9
Three persons	2.7
Four persons	0.2
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>708</b>

Note: See appendix for results of statistical testing for this question.

 *How old are you and / or the people with disabilities?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>2005</b>
18 years or less	7.7
19 to 24 years	4.7
25 to 34 years	10.1
35 to 44 years	16.3
45 to 54 years	29.2
55 to 64 years	42.7
65 to 74 years	21.4
75 to 84 years	22.5
85 years and over	11.4

Year 2005: 158 respondents offering 263 responses.

 *What are the general areas of disability of the disabled people in your home?*

<b>Responses</b>	<b>2005</b>
Movement	53.9
Health	47.3
Vision	23.1
Thinking	13.9
Hearing	11.2
Learning	8.2
Socialization	6.3
Mental health	4.8

Year 2005: 156 respondents offering 268 responses.

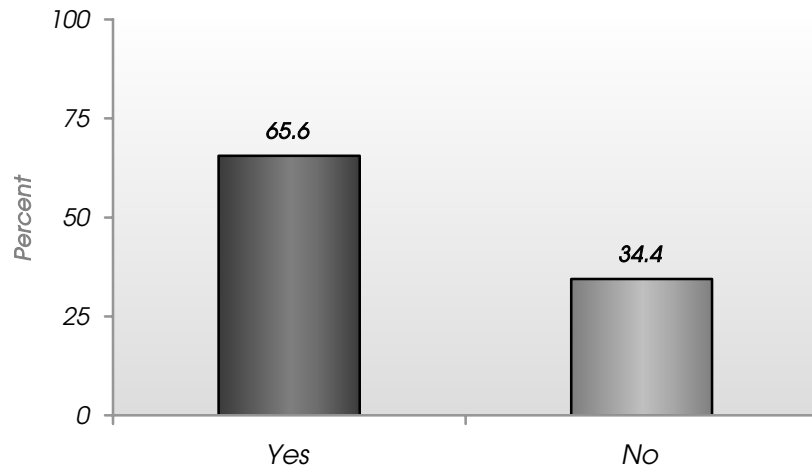
Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2005.




**New data not available**

## People with Disabilities - Survey Data

*Do these disabilities prevent full participation in the community?*



 *How have these disabilities prevented full participation in the community?*

Responses	2005
Developed health problems	57.0
Loss of job	35.1
Developed emotional / stress-related problems	30.8
Missed school	22.3
Developed financial problems	22.3
Transportation / unable to get around	16.2
Places not wheelchair accessible	1.7

Year 2005: 92 respondents offering 176 responses.

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2005.



**New data not available**

Total respondents	2005
Overall	155

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# People with Disabilities - Census Data

## Disability Status of the Civilian Non-Institutional Population

	2000	
	Santa Cruz	California
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>		
Number with a disability	37,895	5,923,361
Percent of the population with a disability	15.9%	19.2%
<b>Population 5 to 15 years</b>		
Number with a disability	1,897	277,503
Percent of the population with a disability	4.9%	4.8%
<b>Sensory</b>	456	51,855
<b>Physical</b>	309	54,991
<b>Mental</b>	1,441	205,676
<b>Self-care</b>	317	60,885
<b>Population 16 to 64 years</b>		
Number with a disability	26,566	4,180,265
Percent of the population with a disability	15.1%	19.4%
<b>Sensory</b>	3,247	430,965
<b>Physical</b>	8,605	1,183,313
<b>Mental</b>	6,499	777,304
<b>Self-care</b>	2,455	361,699
<b>Going outside the home</b>	7,736	1,718,472
<b>Employment disability</b>	16,689	2,770,128

	2000	
	Santa Cruz	California
<b>Population 65 years and over</b>		
Number with a disability	9,432	1,465,593
Percent of the population with a disability	39.2%	42.2%
<b>Sensory</b>	3,339	501,450
<b>Physical</b>	6,381	985,115
<b>Mental</b>	2,577	423,518
<b>Self-care</b>	2,086	345,113
<b>Going outside the home</b>	4,331	721,927
<b>Population 18 to 34 years</b>		
Number with a disability	8,324	1,348,498
Percent of the population enrolled in college or graduate school	27.9%	16.4%
Percent of the population not enrolled and with a bachelor's degree or higher	10.1%	7.5%
<b>Population 21 to 64 years</b>		
Number with a disability	24,161	3,848,497
Percent of the population employed	58.4%	54.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Census 2000 Summary File 3, Matrices P42, PCT26, PCT27, PCT28, PCT29, PCT30, PCT31, PCT32, and PCT33, 2000.*

## People with Disabilities - San Andreas Regional Center

*San Andreas Regional Center is a community-based, private nonprofit corporation that is funded by the State of California to serve people with developmental disabilities.*

### Developmental Disabilities by Age, Santa Cruz County, 2006

Age Group	In-Home	Placement	State Hospital	Other	Unknown	Total
0 - 36 Months	188	27	0	0	0	215
Age Group 3 – 17 Years	362	18	0	0	0	380
Age Group 18 – 22 Years	97	10	0	0	0	107
Age Groups 23 – 58 Years	315	118	0	0	1	434
Age Group 59+ Years	17	7	0	0	1	25

Source: San Andreas Regional Center, *Active Client Residence Summary Report*, 2006.

### Client Count by Residence Type, Santa Cruz County, 2006

Residence Type	Client Count	Percentage
Parent / Relative / Legal Guardian	841	72.8
Independent Living	58	5.0
Supported Living	73	6.3
Residential Care Homes	1	0.1
Residential Care Homes (1-3 Beds)	5	0.4
Residential Care Homes (4-6 Beds)	118	10.2
Residential Care Homes (7-15 Beds)	15	1.3
Residential Care Homes (16-49 Beds)	2	0.2
Intermediate Care Facility (4-6 Beds)	1	0.1
Skilled Nursing Facility	4	0.3
Foster Home-Children	35	3.0
Other	2	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: San Andreas Regional Center, *Active Client Residence Summary Report*, 2006

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## People with Disabilities - San Andreas Regional Center

### Client Count by Age, Santa Cruz County, 2006

Age	Client Count	Percentage
5 and under	281	25.4
School ages (6 – 18)	329	29.7
Supported Living (19 – 54)	497	44.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: San Andreas Regional Center, *Active Client Residence Summary Report*, 2006.

### Client Count by Ethnicity, Santa Cruz County, 2006

Ethnicity	Client Count	Percentage
African-American	13	1.1
Asian Indian	1	0.1
Chinese	1	0.1
Filipino	4	0.3
Korean	1	0.1
Mixed	22	1.9
Native American	2	0.2
Native Hawaiian	1	0.1
Other	19	1.6
Other Asian	11	1.0
Other Pacific Islander	1	0.1
Samoan	1	0.1
Spanish / Latin	422	36.5
White	656	56.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: San Andreas Regional Center, *Active Client Residence Summary Report*, 2006.

### Client Count by Gender, Santa Cruz County, 2006

Age	Client Count	Percentage
Male	724	62.7
Female	431	37.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: San Andreas Regional Center, *Active Client Residence Summary Report*, 2006.

### Summary Counts of Diagnostic Information, Santa Cruz County, 2006

Disability	Client Count	Percentage
Mental Retardation	679	55.2
Autism	150	12.2
Cerebral Palsy	127	10.3
Epilepsy	171	13.9
Other <sup>1</sup>	102	8.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: San Andreas Regional Center, *Active Client Residence Summary Report*, 2006.

<sup>1</sup>Other includes disabilities with similar needs as mental retardation.

## People with Disabilities - Mental Health Services

Unduplicated Client Services by Primary Diagnosis, by Age Group, Santa Cruz County, FY 2003/04

<b>Diagnosis / Age Group</b>	<b>0-5</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>13-18</b>	<b>19-24</b>	<b>25-44</b>	<b>45-64</b>	<b>65 +</b>	<b>Total</b>
Adjustment Disorders	30	210	197	73	144	65	2	<b>721</b>
Anxiety Disorders	5	76	149	70	162	89	6	<b>557</b>
Childhood and Adoles	8	126	328	137	6	7	0	<b>612</b>
Delirium, Dementia	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	<b>7</b>
Dissociative Disorder	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	<b>6</b>
Eating Disorder	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	<b>7</b>
Facitious Disorders	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Impulse Control Disorder	0	1	4	1	4	1	0	<b>11</b>
Mental Disorder, Med	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	<b>3</b>
Mood Disorders	0	18	110	113	475	441	75	<b>1,232</b>
Other Diagnosis	3	15	11	50	202	183	15	<b>479</b>
Personality Disorder	0	0	0	6	7	9	0	<b>22</b>
Schizophrenia, Psych	0	0	7	55	398	441	52	<b>953</b>
Sexual & Gender Disorder	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Sleep Disorders	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	<b>2</b>
Somatoform Disorders	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Substance-Related Disorders	0	0	6	37	100	39	4	<b>186</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>4,802</b>

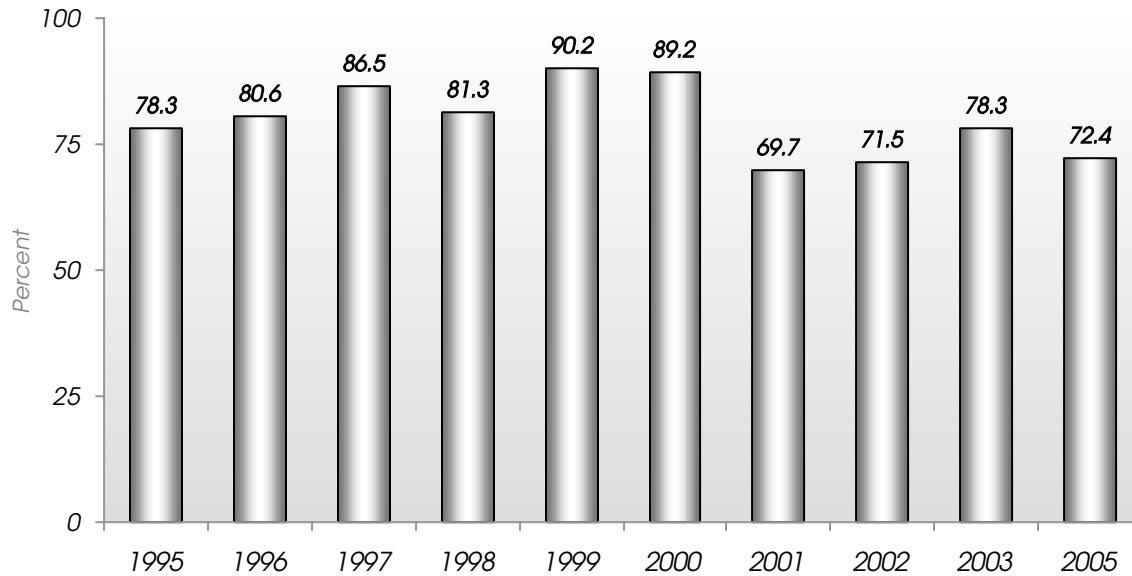
Source: Santa Cruz Mental Health Services Agency, 2006.

**QUALITY OF LIFE INDICATOR 100**

 **Youth Activities**

*After school activities provide a safe and positive environment for youth.*

*Does your child have enough activities after school and on weekends?  
(Respondents answering "Yes")*



Total respondents	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005
Overall	120	170	156	144	153	185	180	177	169	184

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2005.



**New data not available**

## Youth Activities

### Community Profile

Percent of respondents who said “Yes” to: “Does your child have enough activities after school and on weekends?”

By Ethnicity	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
Caucasian	84.8	94.0	96.2	82.5	87.2	78.8	85.9	77
Latino	71.4	81.4	78.1	52.1	53.3	79.3	62.2	94

By Region	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	*2005	2005 N
North County	79.6	97.1	94.4	65.3	81.8	83.2	66.3	92
South County	77.5	81.0	80.0	77.7	59.6	76.3	75.6	43
San Lorenzo Valley	95.8	94.4	100.0	90.5	85.6	72.9	91.9	51

By Age	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2005 N
18-24	NA	100.0	66.7	100.0	0.0	81.8	66.7	2
25-44	NA	89.3	89.6	67.8	68.1	81.4	65.0	113
45-64	NA	93.5	93.1	72.2	77.9	72.5	86.1	67
65 and older	NA	50.0	0.0	23.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	1

By Gender	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2005 N
Male	NA	98.1	94.7	68.3	66.6	77.2	76.1	74
Female	NA	86.3	86.7	70.9	75.6	79.5	70.0	110

By Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005	2005 N
\$34,999 per year or less	NA	78.3	78.7	58.9	52.7	83.8	67.8	68
\$35,000 - \$65,499	NA	89.7	89.1	58.7	71.9	75.4	79.0	32
\$65,500 and greater	NA	98.3	98.6	91.0	95.7	76.3	70.4	68

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2005.

\* Indicates statistically significant survey responses when reporting differences between sub-groups for the 2005 data. Absence of this symbol indicates no statistical significance difference between sub-groups for the 2005 data.



**New data not available**


### Significance Testing

**Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significant more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Latinos*.

**Region:** Residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than residents of the *North County*.


## QUALITY OF LIFE INDICATOR 101

 **Quality of Life**

 *Generally speaking, what contributes most to your quality of life in Santa Cruz County?*  
(Selected responses)

Response	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005
Scenery / Geography / Climate	53.1	47.2	60.9	72.7	65.7	67.8	59.3	61.6	70.8
Community / Low population / Slow pace	12.7	9.7	12.6	12.6	8.9	12.4	8.7	8.7	10.8
Family / Friends / Friendly people	16.1	11.0	16.3	17.6	25.7	10.2	14.3	12.8	10.8
Social climate	NA	NA	NA	3.1	3.2	9.7	8.5	10.2	7.0
Quiet / Peaceful	NA	NA	NA	5.4	7.5	4.2	3.1	7.7	5.0

Year 2005: 687 respondents offering 1,079 responses.

 *What do you think takes away from your quality of life in Santa Cruz County?*  
(Selected responses)

Response	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005
Traffic	9.5	14.5	18.1	32.0	30.4	34.0	30.7	23.3	32.3
Overcrowding / Unplanned growth	11.1	14.0	18.1	24.2	17.8	21.8	17.5	9.2	12.6
Cost of living / Housing	12.6	11.2	15.7	17.7	22.7	21.6	23.5	26.9	23.2
Nothing takes away	1.9	NA	2.3	5.9	2.5	8.0	3.0	6.8	2.6
Road conditions	2.7	24.0	6.0	6.6	6.8	2.3	1.7	2.4	4.2
Gangs / Crime	13.0	7.7	8.0	6.1	4.8	2.4	4.6	4.2	5.5


Year 2005: 608 respondents offering 820 responses.

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2005.



**New data not available**

## Quality of Life

 *Now thinking about all the issues we have talked about, if you could make one major change locally, what would it be?  
(Selected responses)*

<b>Response</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2005</b>
Affordable housing	6.6	9.8	13.2	12.7	25.8	18.0	22.7	17.2	13.9
Less traffic	6.2	31.9	15.6	25.3	21.3	15.0	9.2	6.7	12.0
Improve schools	16.0	9.6	11.6	9.5	6.9	8.8	8.2	14.6	12.8
Homeless issues	16.5	10.8	5.6	3.8	4.3	7.0	5.0	4.7	3.0
Improve local government / Government officials	NA	NA	2.4	3.2	3.1	6.4	8.1	6.7	9.1
Stop growth / Slow growth	5.5	3.9	4.0	4.7	10.4	4.8	5.2	2.6	5.5
Jobs / Job training	5.3	6.3	7.2	3.2	6.6	4.1	2.9	6.6	9.5
Crime	10.6	5.8	10.2	5.0	2.9	1.5	3.8	1.4	2.5
More bike trails / Pedestrian friendly	NA	NA	NA	16.1	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.9	1.2

Year 2005: 582 respondents offering 742 responses.

Source: Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, *Telephone Survey*, 2005.



**New data not available**

