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Sponsored jointly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the U.S. Census Bureau, the Current Population Survey (CPS) is the primary source of labor force data for the entire nation. Although information on the labor force and unemployment are central to the CPS, extensive data on the social, economic, and demographic characteristics of the population are also collected. This is accomplished through supplemental questions in the Annual Social and Economic Survey (ASEC), formerly known as the Annual Demographic Survey (March Supplement). The CPS targets a sample of 50,000 civilian non-institutional occupied households in the U.S., of which about 5,600 are in California.

DATA LIMITATIONS

The survey's estimation procedure uses independent samples for each state and inflates sample-weighted results to independent national estimates of the civilian non-institutional population by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin. Because of the unique sample design and weighting procedures used in the March Supplement of the CPS, the population estimate for the state is not consistent with current population estimates produced by either the U.S. Census Bureau or the California Department of Finance (DOF).¹ It is important to mention here that the sample design and methods of weighting CPS data are geared towards producing estimates for the entire nation so data for states are not as reliable as national data.

As the primary purpose of the CPS is to gather labor force data, the sampling procedure used to determine the size of the survey is based on the Coefficient of Variation (CV) of the level of unemployment. This procedure ensures the allocation of a sufficient sample required to maintain a certain level of CV on national monthly estimates of the unemployment level and unemployment rate. However, it definitely limits the reliability of demographic information such as age, sex, race/ethnicity, and other variables that are closely correlated with the labor force variables. (For details on sample method please go to "Technical Paper 63RV: Current Population Survey - Design & Methodology," issued March 2002 at <http://www.census.gov/prod/2002pubs/tp63rv.pdf>).

All estimates developed from the CPS are subject to sampling error. The magnitude of the error is inversely related to the size of the population being estimated. Estimates for the nation are better than estimates for the state. Estimates for a large segment of the state (e.g., total employed) are better than for a smaller segment (e.g., employment in retail trade). Differences in an estimate over time may be due to sampling error rather than actual change. Data items with broad confidence intervals indicate large sampling errors. Estimates of 100,000 or less have large standard errors and are denoted with *italic type*.

Estimates for a given year, particularly 1994 and 1995, may differ from earlier years by more than can be attributed to real changes in population characteristics. Beginning in 2002, CPS estimates are based on the 2000 census-based population controls. From 1994 to 2001, population controls were based on 1990 census data, making comparability to 2002 and subsequent years difficult. According to the Census Bureau, differences could be disproportionately greater for certain subpopulation groups than for the

¹The CPS and DOF estimates should not be expected to be the same. The CPS estimate is for the civilian non-institutional population including military personnel living off-base or in civilian housing on-base, while the DOF estimate is for the entire resident population of the state.

total populations. The use of summary measures—such as means, medians, and percentages—is recommended.

USER'S NOTE

Effective with the name change from Annual Demographic to Annual Social and Economic Survey, a few modifications to existing CPS variables were made and new variables were also introduced. In 2003, persons were able to report more than one race. As a result, the data on race in 2003 are not directly comparable to those collected in previous years. Beginning this year, the CPS began using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) based on the Census 2000 industry and occupation codes. The new classification system affected almost all industry and occupation variables. For more detailed differences between the 2002 and 2003 CPS, please go to: <http://www.bls.census.gov/cps/asec/2003/sfiledif.htm>.

Race/ethnicity tables were constructed using mutually exclusive categories. The response to the Spanish, Hispanic or Latino origin question took priority when determining race/ethnicity resulting in Hispanic and non-Hispanic categories. The non-Hispanic categories are: White, Black, Asian, American Indian & Alaskan Native, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and Two or More Races. The Hispanic category includes persons of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin who may be of any race.

Numbers of persons, families, and households are rounded to the nearest thousand. Dollar amounts are rounded to the nearest hundred. All percentages are calculated on the unrounded numbers.

Individual components may not sum up to totals because of independent rounding.

To assist in determining the size of the sampling error for an estimate, 90 percent confidence intervals were calculated for selected data items and included in Appendix A.

More information on the Annual Social and Economic Survey (March Supplement) of the Current Population Survey can be obtained from <http://www.census.gov/apsd/techdoc/cps/cpsmar03.pdf>.

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I. General Population Characteristics

In March 2003 the population of California was estimated as 35.2 million, an increase of more than half a million over 2002. During 2003, the proportion of Californians who identified themselves as White was 46.8 percent; as Hispanic 33.2 percent; as Asian 11.1 percent; as Black 6.2 percent; as American Indian & Alaskan Native 0.4 percent; as Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 0.7 percent; and as Two or More Races 1.7 percent.

Children under age 18 accounted for 27.4 percent of the population and the working age group (18-64) accounted for 62.9 percent. The overall sex distribution of the State's population was 49.6 percent male and 50.4 percent female. Except for the oldest age group (65 years and over), the proportions of males and females were comparable. However, the age/sex distribution of the population differed considerably by race. The male-female sex ratio was highest for Hispanics (105 males for every 100 females) and lowest for Asians (89 males for every 100 females). The median age ranged from 26 years for Hispanics to 40 years for Whites.

As of March 2003, close to one-third (32.3 percent) of all adults were never married; more than half (51.3 percent) were married; 2.6 percent were separated; 5 percent were widowed; and 8.9 percent were divorced. While men accounted for the larger share of persons never married (55.6 percent), women accounted for the larger share of persons separated (61.4 percent), widowed (78.4 percent), and divorced (61.6 percent). Asians had the highest proportion (57.4 percent) of married adults whereas Blacks had the highest proportion (40.8 percent) of never married persons. Among adults under 45 years old, the chance of remaining single is higher for males than for females. For people 65 years and over, the proportion widowed was 12.5 percent for men and 41.9 percent for women.

Hispanics were much more likely than others to live in households with six or more persons. The average household size was highest for Hispanic households (3.8 persons per household) and lowest for Whites (2.3 persons per household). More than one out of five (21 percent) persons age 65 and over lived in households with 3 or more persons.

In 2003, there were 12.7 million households in California—58.7 percent in owner-occupied units and 41.3 percent in renter-occupied units. The average household size for owner- and renter-occupied households was 2.9 and 2.7 persons, respectively. Of the total households reported to the state, family households with two or more related persons accounted for 68.2 percent, single-person households accounted for 24.8 percent, and non-family households with two or more unrelated persons accounted for 7 percent. Three-fourths (74.7 percent) of family households were married couple families, 18.0 percent were female householders with no husband present, and only 7.3 percent were male householders with no wife present.

More than two-thirds (70 percent) of children under 18 years were living with both parents; over a quarter (25.6 percent) were living with a single parent; and 4.3 percent were living with neither parent. The majority (80.1 percent) of children who lived with a single parent lived with their mothers.

Table 1. Persons by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity:	Number	Percent
White	16,438,000	46.8%
Hispanic	11,658,000	33.2%
Asian	3,913,000	11.1%
Black	2,184,000	6.2%
American Indian & Alaskan Native	131,000	0.4%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	246,000	0.7%
Two or More Races	589,000	1.7%
Total*	35,159,000	100.0%

* Total civilian non-institutional population. Includes members of armed forces living off military bases or living in civilian housing on base.

Figure 1. Population Shares by Race/Ethnicity

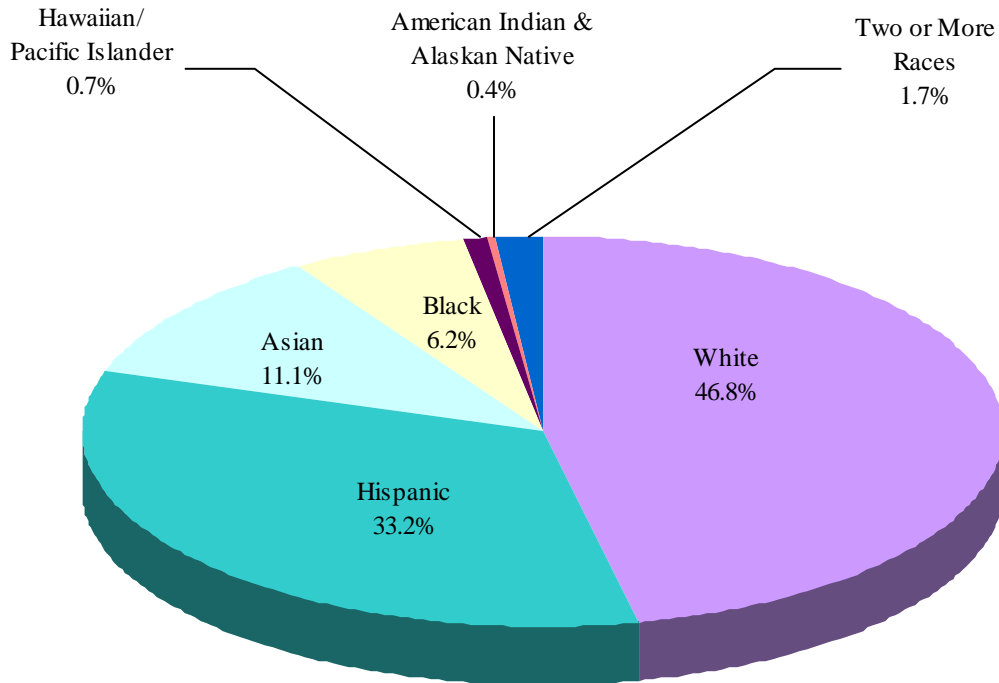


Table 56. Families by Poverty Status, Presence of Children* and Family Type

Poverty Status:		Total Families		Married Couple Families		Other Families: Male Householder, No Wife Present		Female Householder, No Husband Present	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Below Poverty	With Children	699,000	8.1%	335,000	5.2%	64,000	10.1%	300,000	19.3%
	W/O Children	197,000	2.3%	130,000	2.0%	20,000	3.2%	47,000	3.0%
	Total	896,000	10.4%	465,000	7.2%	84,000	13.3%	347,000	22.3%
Between 100 and 150% of Poverty	With Children	583,000	6.8%	360,000	5.6%	43,000	6.8%	180,000	11.6%
	W/O Children	225,000	2.6%	161,000	2.5%	18,000	2.9%	46,000	3.0%
Above 150% of Poverty	With Children	3,596,000	41.7%	2,790,000	43.3%	212,000	33.5%	594,000	38.2%
	W/O Children	3,332,000	38.6%	2,668,000	41.4%	277,000	43.6%	388,000	24.9%
Total Families		8,633,000	100.0%	6,444,000	100.0%	634,000	100.0%	1,555,000	100.0%

* Includes children related to the householder.

Figure 23. Distribution of Family Types with Children by Poverty Status

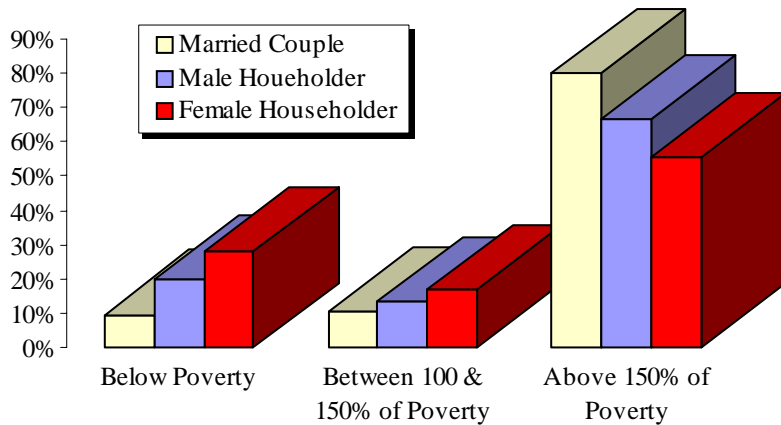
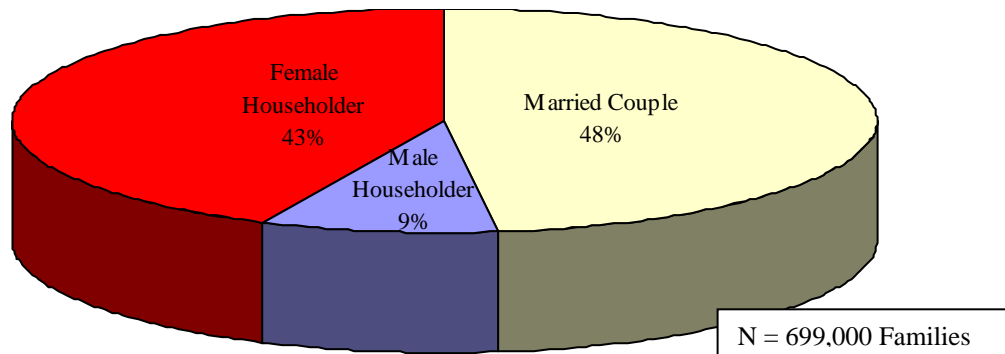


Figure 24. Distribution of Families with Children Living Below Poverty by Family Type



**Appendix A. Standard Errors (SE) and Confidence Intervals (CI) for Selected Characteristics
for which 'a' and 'b' Parameters are Provided**

I. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS	Estimate (X)	a	b	SE	CI at 90%		SE*90%CL (SE*1.645)	Error (%)
					Lower	Upper		
Race/Ethnicity (All persons)								
Total Persons	35,158,905	-0.000011	3,222	404,132	34,494,107	35,823,703	664,798	1.89%
White	16,437,531	-0.000011	3,222	286,187	15,966,753	16,908,309	470,778	2.86%
Hispanic	11,658,004	-0.00015	5,617	271,820	11,210,859	12,105,149	447,145	3.84%
Asian	3,912,816	-0.000099	5,617	183,101	3,611,615	4,214,017	301,201	7.70%
Black	2,184,433	-0.000156	5,617	137,417	1,958,382	2,410,484	226,051	10.35%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	246,477	-0.000099	5,617	47,523	168,301	324,653	78,176	31.72%
American Indian & Alaskan Native	131,068	-0.000099	5,617	34,690	74,002	188,134	57,066	43.54%
Two or More Races	588,576	-0.000124	5,617	73,118	468,297	708,855	120,279	20.44%
Marital Status (Persons 15 years and over)								
Total	27,150,606	-0.000011	3,222	360,612	26,557,400	27,743,812	593,206	2.18%
Never Married	8,773,719	-0.000011	3,222	211,963	8,425,039	9,122,399	348,680	3.97%
Married	13,918,172	-0.000011	3,222	264,541	13,483,003	14,353,341	435,169	3.13%
Separated	694,254	-0.000011	3,222	60,467	594,786	793,722	99,468	14.33%
Widowed	1,357,452	-0.000011	3,222	84,455	1,218,523	1,496,381	138,929	10.23%
Divorced	2,407,009	-0.000011	3,222	112,259	2,222,344	2,591,674	184,665	7.67%
Children in Family (Persons less than 18 years old)								
Living with both parents	6,743,437	-0.000009	2,652	169,204	6,465,097	7,021,777	278,340	4.13%
Living with father only	490,150	-0.000009	2,652	46,110	414,298	566,002	75,852	15.48%
Living with mother only	1,978,545	-0.000009	2,652	92,407	1,826,535	2,130,555	152,010	7.68%
Neither/Unknown	417,053	-0.000009	2,652	42,539	347,077	487,029	69,976	16.78%

Housing Tenure (All households)	Estimate (X)	a	b	SE	CI at 90%		SE*90%CL (SE*1.645)	Error (%)
					Lower	Upper		
Total								
Owner-Occupied	7,436,985	-0.000005	1,052	111,199	7,254,062	7,619,908	182,923	2.46%
Renter-Occupied	5,227,708	-0.000005	1,052	93,737	5,073,511	5,381,905	154,197	2.95%
Household Type (All households)								
One person household – Male	1,440,285	-0.000005	1,052	49,654	1,358,605	1,521,965	81,680	5.67%
Female	1,704,066	-0.000005	1,052	53,975	1,615,277	1,792,855	88,789	5.21%
2+ Persons Related	8,632,746	-0.000005	1,052	119,452	8,436,247	8,829,245	196,499	2.28%
Married Couple – w/Children	3,484,682	-0.000005	1,052	76,855	3,358,255	3,611,109	126,427	3.63%
w/o Children	2,959,168	-0.000005	1,052	70,913	2,842,516	3,075,820	116,652	3.94%
Female Headed – w/Children	1,074,343	-0.000005	1,052	42,922	1,003,737	1,144,949	70,606	6.57%
w/o Children	480,338	-0.000005	1,052	28,741	433,060	527,616	47,278	9.84%
Male Headed – w/Children	319,341	-0.000005	1,052	23,443	280,777	357,905	38,564	12.08%
w/o Children	314,874	-0.000005	1,052	23,279	276,580	353,168	38,294	12.16%
2+ Persons Unrelated	887,595	-0.000005	1,052	39,031	823,389	951,801	64,206	7.23%
II. HEALTH AND INSURANCE (All persons)								
Covered	28,761,130	-0.000004	1,115	217,072	28,404,047	29,118,213	357,083	1.24%
Not covered	6,397,776	-0.000004	1,115	106,861	6,221,989	6,573,563	175,787	2.75%
III. MOBILITY (Persons 1 year and over)								
Abroad (to U.S.)	202,694	-0.000014	3,965	36,274	143,023	262,365	59,671	29.44%
Different State	609,437	-0.000014	3,965	62,853	506,043	712,831	103,394	16.97%
Same State, Different County	1,231,500	-0.000014	3,965	89,249	1,084,686	1,378,314	146,814	11.92%
Same County	3,373,226	-0.000014	3,965	147,147	3,131,169	3,615,283	242,057	7.18%

IV. FOREIGN-BORN* (All persons)	Estimate (X)	a	b	SE	CI at 90%		SE*90%CL (SE*1.645)	Error (%)
					Lower	Upper		
Total	9,344,124	-0.0000143	4,189	249,157	8,934,260	9,753,988	409,864	4.39%
Naturalized	3,619,098	-0.0000143	4,189	156,619	3,361,459	3,876,737	257,639	7.12%
Non-citizen	5,725,025	-0.0000143	4,189	196,267	5,402,166	6,047,884	322,859	5.64%
V. EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (Persons 25 years and over)								
Educational Attainment by Race								
Total**	21,990,084	-0.000005	1,206	198,719	21,663,192	22,316,976	326,892	1.49%
White	11,500,492	-0.000005	1,206	147,107	11,258,501	11,742,483	241,991	2.10%
Hispanic	6,054,523	-0.000035	922	83,928	5,916,461	6,192,585	138,062	2.28%
Asian	2,658,978	-0.000029	1,364	74,875	2,535,808	2,782,148	123,170	4.63%
Black	1,303,181	-0.000052	1,364	52,608	1,216,640	1,389,722	86,541	6.64%
Educational Attainment by Nativity								
Foreign-Born (Total)**	7,717,299	-0.0000065	1,568	138,525	7,489,426	7,945,172	227,873	2.95%
Not a High School Graduate	2,928,720	-0.0000065	1,568	86,207	2,786,910	3,070,530	141,810	4.84%
High School Graduate	1,597,059	-0.0000065	1,568	63,837	1,492,047	1,702,071	105,012	6.58%
Some College or AA	1,289,846	-0.0000065	1,568	57,406	1,195,413	1,384,279	94,433	7.32%
B A/BS	1,295,311	-0.0000065	1,568	57,527	1,200,679	1,389,943	94,632	7.31%
M aster's or Higher	606,363	-0.0000065	1,568	39,416	541,523	671,203	64,840	10.69%
Native (Total)	14,272,786	-0.000005	1,206	162,889	14,004,833	14,540,739	267,953	1.88%
Not a High School Graduate	1,220,581	-0.000005	1,206	48,985	1,140,000	1,301,162	80,581	6.60%
High School Graduate	3,445,611	-0.000005	1,206	81,920	3,310,852	3,580,370	134,759	3.91%
Some College or AA	4,951,000	-0.000005	1,206	97,887	4,789,975	5,112,025	161,025	3.25%
B A/BS	3,167,998	-0.000005	1,206	78,597	3,038,706	3,297,290	129,292	4.08%
M aster's or Higher	1,487,597	-0.000005	1,206	54,048	1,398,687	1,576,507	88,910	5.98%

* For foreign-born and non-citizen 'a' and 'b' parameters are multiplied by 1.3.

** Total includes all races/ethnic groups

VI. LABOR FORCE	Estimate (X)	a	b	SE	CI at 90%		SE*90%CL (SE*1.645)	Error (%)
					Lower	Upper		
Persons in Labor Force (Civilian 16 years and over)								
Total	17,405,929	-0.000008	1,586	203,121	17,071,794	17,740,064	334,135	1.92%
Male	9,528,490	-0.000035	2,927	201,217	9,197,487	9,859,493	331,003	3.47%
Female	7,877,439	-0.000033	2,693	177,206	7,585,936	8,168,942	291,503	3.70%
Persons Employed (Employed civilians 16 years and over)								
Total*	16,147,250	-0.000008	1,586	196,319	15,824,305	16,470,195	322,945	2.00%
White	8,198,197	-0.000008	1,586	142,906	7,963,117	8,433,277	235,080	2.87%
Hispanic	4,897,932	-0.000187	3,296	138,201	4,670,591	5,125,273	227,341	4.64%
Asian	1,826,169	-0.000272	2,749	82,090	1,691,130	1,961,208	135,039	7.39%
Black	874,132	-0.000154	3,296	67,288	763,443	984,821	110,689	12.66%
VII. INCOME								
Personal Income (Persons 15 and over)								
	27,150,607	-0.000006	1,249	219,803	26,789,031	27,512,183	361,576	1.33%
Family Income (All families)								
Total*	8,632,747	-0.000005	1,140	124,553	8,427,857	8,837,637	204,890	2.37%
White	4,373,217	-0.000005	1,140	89,507	4,225,978	4,520,456	147,239	3.37%
Hispanic	2,591,515	-0.000047	1,245	69,058	2,477,914	2,705,116	113,601	4.38%
Asian	978,464	-0.000027	1,245	44,199	905,757	1,051,171	72,707	7.43%
Black	509,752	-0.000048	1,245	31,927	457,231	562,273	52,521	10.30%
Household Income (All households)								
	12,664,692	-0.000005	1,140	149,469	12,418,817	12,910,568	245,876	1.94%

* Total includes all races/ethnic groups

VIII. POVERTY STATUS	Estimate (X)	a	b	SE	CI at 90%		SE*90%CL (SE*1.645)	Error (%)
					Lower	Upper		
Persons								
(Persons 15 years and over)								
Below Poverty*	4,695,328	-0.000019	5,282	199,868	4,366,545	5,024,111	328,783	7.00%
White	1,379,557	-0.000019	5,282	108,993	1,200,263	1,558,851	179,294	13.00%
Hispanic	2,424,698	-0.000141	5,282	140,090	2,194,250	2,655,146	230,448	9.50%
Asian	381,135	-0.000093	5,282	57,238	286,978	475,292	94,157	24.70%
Black	405,267	-0.000147	5,282	58,887	308,398	502,136	96,869	23.90%
Families								
(All families)								
Total Families	8,632,747	0.000052	1,243	154,694	8,378,276	8,887,218	254,471	2.95%
Below Poverty	895,832	0.000052	1,243	43,506	824,265	967,399	71,567	7.99%
Families with Children	698,890	0.000052	1,243	38,274	635,929	761,851	62,961	9.01%
Families without Children	196,942	0.000052	1,243	20,109	163,862	230,022	33,080	16.80%
Between 100 to 150% of Poverty	808,375	0.000052	1,243	41,255	740,511	876,239	67,864	8.40%
Families with Children	583,154	0.000052	1,243	34,880	525,777	640,531	57,377	9.84%
Families without Children	225,221	0.000052	1,243	21,517	189,825	260,617	35,396	15.72%
Above 150% of Poverty	6,928,540	0.000052	1,243	134,907	6,706,617	7,150,463	221,923	3.20%
Families with Children	3,596,322	0.000052	1,243	91,793	3,445,323	3,747,321	150,999	4.20%
Families without Children	3,332,218	0.000052	1,243	87,933	3,187,569	3,476,867	144,649	4.34%

* Total includes all races/ethnic groups

STANDARD ERROR OF RATES	Estimates (X)	Rate	b	SE	CI at 90%		SE*90%CL (SE*1.645)	Error (%)
					Lower	Upper		
Unemployment Rate (percentages)								
White	8,697,876	5.7	3,005	0.55	4.8	6.6	0.91	15.92%
Hispanic	5,350,831	8.5	3,296	0.89	7.0	10.0	1.46	17.15%
Asian	1,973,453	7.5	2,749	1.26	5.4	9.6	2.07	27.60%
Black	997,325	12.4	3,296	2.43	8.4	16.4	3.99	32.17%
Educational Attainment Rate								
Reporting a High School Diploma or Higher	21,990,084	81.1	1,206	0.37	80.5	81.7	0.61	0.75%
Reporting a BA/BS Degree or Higher	21,990,084	29.8	1,206	0.43	29.1	30.5	0.71	2.39%
Poverty Rate								
Total Below Poverty	35,159,905	13.4	5,282	0.42	12.5	14.3	0.88	6.56%
Men	17,448,822	12.7	5,282	0.58	11.5	13.9	1.22	9.60%
Women	17,710,084	14.0	5,282	0.60	12.7	15.3	1.26	9.01%

Appendix B: Major Changes in the Current Population Survey Since 1985

2003: In addition to the name change from Annual Demographic to Annual Social and Economic Supplement, modifications to existing CPS variables were made and new variables introduced. In 2003, persons were able to report more than one race. As a result, the old race variables were replaced with the new ones. Again beginning this year, CPS began using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) based on the Census 2000 industry and occupation codes. The new classification system affected all industry and occupation variables.

2002: The 2002 CPS Annual Demographic File (ADF) contains the expanded sample of state estimates of children's health insurance coverage that was implemented in 2001. The expanded sample accounts for the addition of about 34,500 households nationwide and 1,231 households for California in 2002. The 2002 ADF also used weights based on Census 2000 population controls, instead of 1990 population controls used in previous years. Using 2000 based weights affects weighted frequencies, which are noticeable when comparing 2002 to earlier years.

2001: The Census Bureau expanded the sample size to improve state estimates of children's health insurance coverage in the winter of 2001-02. This data was released in autumn of 2002. The original September 2001 sample file was revised due to a weight adjustment.* This report contains only data from the original revised sample file released December 2001.

1996: The sample size taken in Los Angeles County was significantly reduced. The March survey for the first time contained a question on self-reported health status of the respondents.

1994: The independent national population controls used for age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin were prepared by projecting forward the population as enumerated in the 1990 decennial census adjusted for the 1990 census undercount. Most estimates in the profile were affected by these changes.

1990: The sample reduction from 1989 was restored.

1989: The sample size for California was reduced by approximately 38 percent.

1985: Controls for the Hispanic population were introduced for the first time. These controls included an estimate of illegal immigrants.

*More information on the source and accuracy of the 2002 survey file can be obtained at http://www.bls.census.gov/cps/ads/data_dissem_letterng.htm

**Appendix C: Sample Size of California Portion of the March Supplement
to the Current Population Survey, 1987-2003**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Households</i>	<i>Persons</i>
1987	4,739	13,349
1988	4,790	13,540
1989	2,949	7,997
1990	4,945	14,437
1991	5,011	14,894
1992	5,018	14,846
1993	4,923	14,732
1994	4,639	14,018
1995	4,590	13,579
1996	4,377	12,904
1997	4,496	13,113
1998	4,465	13,188
1999	4,525	13,214
2000	4,453	13,325
2001	4,338	12,966
2002	5,569	16,857
2003	5,600	16,779