

County Comparison

	Santa Clara, CA	Palm Beach, FL	Middlesex, MA	Oakland, MI	Nassau, NY	Fairfax, VA	King, WA
POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD DATA (2006)							
Square Miles	1,291	1,974	823	873	287	395	2,126
Pop. density per sq. mile	1,305	651	1,777	1,398	4,677	2,565	841
Population 1990	1,497,992	863,625	1,397,335	1,084,226	1,290,144	821,625	1,506,763
Population 2000	1,682,585	1,131,184	1,465,396	1,194,156	1,334,544	969,749	1,737,034
Population 2006	1,684,531	1,284,745	1,463,239	1,219,362	1,340,805	1,013,121	1,788,262
Population 2011	1,687,235	1,424,642	1,455,017	1,239,507	1,343,259	1,044,739	1,827,513
% Pop. growth 2000-2006	0.12	13.58	-0.15	2.11	0.47	4.47	2.95
% Pop. growth 2006-2011	0.16	10.89	-0.56	1.65	0.18	3.12	2.19
Households 1990	522,084	366,129	518,995	411,224	432,304	293,986	616,332
Households 2000	565,863	474,175	561,220	471,115	447,387	350,714	710,916
Households 2006	579,386	550,275	582,811	488,981	458,710	373,509	750,837
Households 2011	592,269	623,811	590,914	507,479	469,021	393,307	783,369
% Household growth 2000-2006	2.39	16.05	3.85	3.79	2.53	6.5	5.62
% Household growth 2006-2011	2.22	13.36	1.39	3.78	2.25	5.3	4.33
Average household size	2.85	2.3	2.41	2.46	2.87	2.68	2.33
Families	403,615	354,618	374,402	327,854	354,222	263,994	441,802
% Urban population	98.8	98.2	96.6	94.5	99.8	98.6	96.1
% Rural population	1.2	1.8	3.4	5.5	0.2	1.4	3.9
% Female population	49.2	51.5	51.4	50.8	51.7	50.2	50.0
% Male population	50.8	48.5	48.6	49.2	48.3	49.8	50.0
% White population	48.7	77.6	83.5	81.2	76.8	65.5	72.2

% Black population	2.9	13.8	3.6	10.1	10.3	9.1	5.6
% Asian population	28.2	1.9	7.4	5.0	5.6	15.2	12.9
% Hispanic origin population	30.1	13.6	5.8	3.0	12.6	13.7	6.9
Other population	20.2	6.7	5.5	3.7	7.2	10.2	9.3
% Pop. 0-5 years	8.4	6.8	7.7	8.3	7.9	8.5	7.5
% Pop. 6-11 years	8.1	7.2	7.5	8.5	8.3	8.3	7.5
% Pop. 12-17 years	7.7	7.3	7.3	8.5	8.2	8.3	7.6
% Pop. 18-24 years:	9.7	7.0	9.5	7.7	7.8	7.9	9.8
% Pop. 25-34 years:	17.8	11.2	15.5	14.1	11.7	15.4	16.5
% Pop. 35-44 years:	16.8	14.3	16.3	16.7	15.7	17.5	16.7
% Pop. 45-54 years:	13.5	13.1	14.4	15.8	15.3	16.8	15.4
% Pop. 55-64 years:	8.7	10.5	9.4	9.6	10.4	9.7	8.8
% Pop 65-74 years:	4.9	10.2	6.0	5.4	7.4	4.2	4.7
% Pop 75-84 years:	3.3	9.2	4.5	4.0	5.4	2.6	3.9
% Pop. 85 years and over	1.2	3.2	1.8	1.5	1.8	0.8	1.5
Median Age	34	42.3	36.5	36.7	38.8	35.9	35.7
CITIZENSHIP AND LANGUAGE (2006)							
% Speaks only English (Age 5+)	53.1	78.4	79.8	88.1	76.6	69.2	81.5
% Speaks Spanish	19.0	12.8	4.8	2.3	10.4	11.7	4.8
% Speaks Asian or Pac. Island language	21.2	1.1	5.0	3.0	3.3	10.4	9.4
% Speaks other language	1.1	1.0	0.9	2.8	1.1	2.7	1.1
Citizenship - % Native	62.9	80.9	83.0	88.8	80.0	72.9	82.8
Citizenship - % Foreign born (naturalized)	15.2	8.2	7.0	5.5	11.1	11.3	7.6

Citizenship - % Foreign born (noncitizen)	21.9	10.8	10.0	5.7	8.9	15.9	9.6
TRANSPORTATION TO WORK (2006)							
% Car, truck or van to work	89.9	91.8	81.0	95.1	78.9	86.9	81.6
% Public transport to work	3.3	1.2	9.7	0.4	14.9	6.8	9.0
% Other transport to work	3.4	2.5	5.4	1.4	3.1	1.8	4.7
% Work at home	3.3	4.5	3.9	3.1	3.2	4.4	4.8
% Travel time less than 15 minutes	19.1	22.3	21.0	19.8	19.2	13.5	19.1
% Travel time 15-29 minutes	38.6	36.9	31.3	35.2	26.6	30.0	36.1
% Travel time 30-59 minutes	31.5	29.2	35.2	35.5	28.3	41.2	32.9
% Travel time 60+ minutes	7.5	7.2	8.6	6.5	22.7	10.9	7.2
HOUSING (2006)							
Median age householder	45.2	53.1	47.3	47	51	46.1	45.1
Median household size	2.93	2.54	2.71	2.69	3.07	2.86	2.57
Housing units	591,640	629,133	596,321	508,070	467,997	381,400	779,821
% Occupied housing units	97.9	87.5	97.7	96.2	98.0	97.9	96.3
% Vacant housing units	2.1	12.5	2.3	3.8	2.0	2.1	3.7
% Vacant housing units for rent	0.7	1.6	0.8	1.3	0.3	0.6	1.5
% Vacant housing units for sale	0.4	1.2	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.7
% Occupied structure trailer	3.4	3.0	0.4	3.7	0.1	0.5	2.6
% Occupied structure other	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Median gross rent (\$US)	1,119	674	775	663	908	935	706
Median value owner households (\$US)	422,421	119,993	243,317	174,819	240,020	219,793	225,267

Median year moved in	1998	1998	1998	1998	1996	1998	1998
Median vehicles per unit	2.4	2	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.1
INCOME AND EDUCATION (2006)							
Total household income (\$US)	55,442,170,584	41,192,194,215	53,166,622,574	42,799,623,328	51,567,643,965	41,315,710,115	55,407,075,827
Median household income (\$US)	73,563	50,239	68,785	66,833	83,873	87,711	56,118
Per capita income (\$US)	32,913	32,063	36,335	35,100	38,460	40,781	30,984
High income average (\$US)	337,107	384,437	356,868	352,539	374,305	337,751	369,743
Education - % less than high school (Age 25+)	14.9	14.2	10.2	9.2	11.9	8.1	8.5
Education - % high school (Age 25+)	15.3	25.9	22.5	21.1	25.8	13.1	18.3
Education - % some college (Age 25+)	20.5	23.7	15.8	23.3	18.4	17.4	24.6
Education - % Bachelor's degree (Age 25+)	25.0	18.8	24.5	24.2	20.7	31.5	27.6
Education - % graduate degree (Age 25+)	16.9	10.8	20.7	15.6	16.3	24.9	13.6
EMPLOYMENT AND OCCUPATION (2006)							
Males employed (Age 16+)	485,297	300,259	407,913	346,050	342,890	293,960	519,908
Females employed (Age 16+)	369,333	253,795	370,469	285,420	294,740	258,014	443,276
Total employees (Age 16+)	854,630	554,054	778,382	631,470	637,630	551,974	963,184
% white collar occupations	71.8	64.4	74.4	72.1	71.7	79.1	70.4
% blue collar occupations	17.5	17.6	14.1	17.3	14.6	9.8	16.7
% Service occupations	10.5	17.4	11.4	10.5	13.6	11.1	12.8
Occupations - % Mgmt., bus. and financial	18.9	15.9	18.9	18.4	17.1	24.8	17.9
Occupations -							

% Prof. specialties	30.6	19.9	31.9	27.5	25.0	32.1	26.6
Occupations - % Sales and office	22.2	28.6	23.6	26.2	29.7	22.2	25.9
Occupations - % Farming, forestry, fishing	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
% Private for profit wage and salary workers	80.0	76.3	69.7	79.4	70.1	65.2	74.2
% Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	5.2	5.7	12.9	7.4	7.9	8.9	7.2
% Local govt. workers	5.7	7.3	6.0	5.2	11.4	5.9	5.1
% State govt. workers	1.8	2.5	3.1	1.9	3.0	1.4	5.3
% Federal govt. workers	1.3	1.5	2.0	1.1	1.9	13.2	1.9
% Self-employed workers	5.8	6.4	6.2	4.6	5.5	5.2	6.0
QUALITY OF LIFE (2006)							
Total crime index (US avg. = 100)	40	89	23	41	95	100	71
Earthquake movements	0.4	0	0.1	0.05	0.1	0.05	0.2
Annual max avg. temperature	71	83	59	58	61	69	60
Annual min. avg. temperature	50	67	44	39	47	47	46
Annual avg. temperature	60	74.7	51.3	48.6	53.6	57.7	52.8
Mean number of days clear	178	75	98	76	98	100	71
Mean number of days precipitation	53	133	127	136	118	113	150
Mean number of days snow	0	0	11	13	6	4	2
Average annual snowfall (inches)	0	0	41	41	23	14	7
EASI® Quality of life index	176	172	122	91	124	134	153
CONSUMER EXPENDITURES (2006)							

Annual expenditures per capita (\$US)	18,596.3	20,239.0	20,745.5	20,977.9	19,541.4	21,569.8	20,105.6
Food expenditures per capita (\$US)	2,182.6	1,869.8	2,131.3	1,798.6	1,798.9	1,491.7	2,586.9
Food away from home expenditures per capita (\$US)	984.8	807.3	952.3	799.7	818.7	686.4	1,128.1
Housing expenditures per capita (\$US)	5,506.3	4,626.1	5,345.2	4,512.9	4,556.9	3,813.4	6,408.6
Furniture expenditures per capita (\$US)	189.7	147.6	180.8	151.7	162.8	136.9	203.8
Apparel and services expenditures per capita (\$US)	747.5	601.0	719.4	602.1	620.2	521.9	846.6
Transportation expenditures per capita (\$US)	3,033.7	2,558.9	2,948.6	2,508.6	2,513.1	2,099.7	3,559.6
Health care expenditures per capita (\$US)	875.9	851.5	884.1	751.3	756.2	586.8	1,081.5
Health insurance expenditures per capita (\$US)	446.9	440.9	452.6	384.7	386.1	297.4	555.5
Entertainment expenditures per capita (\$US)	907.5	750.4	878.4	742.4	766.1	637.3	1,033.9
Education expenditures per capita (\$US)	421.6	311.4	399.8	327.2	358.9	304.8	444.8
COST OF LIVING (2006)							
Consumer price index (CPI)	188.7	186.6	210.3	186.6	206.4	188.7	195.4
Food and beverage (CPI)	187	196.5	197.2	177.7	193.6	187	195.9
Housing (CPI)	188.2	180.8	216.4	176.9	218.6	188.2	201.2
Apparel and upkeep (CPI)	121.7	135.4	130.6	124.8	112.9	121.7	127.3
Transportation (CPI)	163.7	170.2	161.2	179	173.7	163.7	175.7

Medical care (CPI)	313	297.1	420.2	307.9	320.5	313	296.3
Recreation (CPI)	107.6	110.1	108.3	119.4	112.8	107.6	92.2
Other goods and services (CPI)	307.6	248.7	322.9	325.1	321.6	307.6	311.8

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