



## *Community Profile*

NOTE: The most current and relevant data sources were used in the preparation of this Housing Element. At the time this document was prepared, only a small portion of the results of the 2000 Census were available. Therefore, this document contains data from both the 1990 and 2000 Census, as well as numerous other sources.

An accurate assessment of existing and future residents' demographic characteristics and housing needs forms the basis for establishing program priorities and quantified objectives in the Housing Element. This section presents statistical information and analysis of demographic and housing factors that influence housing demand, availability and cost<sup>1</sup>. The focus of this section is identifying the need for housing according to income level as well as by special needs groups.

## **DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS**

### **Regional Growth**



*By the year 2020, Riverside County's population is expected to nearly double to 2.8 million.*

Between 1994 and 1999, Riverside County has grown by over 96,000 people or approximately 7%. Within the County, the eastern area has grown at a slightly faster pace (11%) than the western area (6%). In comparison, the SCAG Region, which includes the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Imperial, and California have grown by about 6% during this time (Table H-6). Since the Housing Element addresses the unincorporated County, it is important to note that the unincorporated areas grew by just 1.1% – significantly slower than the region or the County as a whole.

<sup>1</sup> One of the key sources of data used in this analysis is the 1990 Census. Due to the nature of how Census data is collected and reported - specifically the statistical difference between STF-1 [100% Count] and STF-3 [Sample Count] Tables - some inconsistencies between tables may occur.