



Age Composition

According to the 1990 Census, two-thirds of Riverside County’s population falls within the ages of 5 to 49. There is relatively little difference in age distribution between the western and eastern county areas, except to note that the western county area has a slightly higher percentage of population aged 5-49 and the eastern county area has a slightly higher percentage of population aged 55+. There is also little difference in age distribution between the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County. The age distribution for the western and eastern portions of the county is presented in Table H-9.

**Table H-9
Age Distribution
1990**

Age Group	Western County Area				Eastern County Area				Riverside County			
	Unincorp.	%	Total	%	Unincorp.	%	Total	%	Unincorp.	%	Total	%
Preschool (0-4)	20128	8.7%	84561	9.2%	4438	7.9%	20244	7.9%	24566	8.5%	104805	9.0%
School (5-17)	45630	19.7%	184276	20.1%	9893	17.5%	44180	17.3%	55523	19.2%	228456	19.5%
Young Adult (18-29)	38687	16.7%	171678	18.8%	10653	18.8%	46598	18.2%	49340	17.1%	218276	18.6%
Prime Working (30-54)	66579	28.7%	264028	28.9%	14405	25.5%	65270	25.6%	80985	28.1%	329298	28.1%
Mature (55-64)	28670	12.4%	99169	10.8%	8049	14.2%	35736	14.0%	36720	12.7%	134905	11.5%
Retirement (65+)	32396	14.0%	111295	12.2%	9077	16.1%	43378	17.0%	41473	14.4%	154673	13.2%
Total	232090	100.0%	915007	100.0%	56515	100.0%	255406	100.0%	288605	100.0%	1170413	100.0%

Sources: Stanley R. Hoffman Associates, Inc.; 1990 Census, STF 3.

Race and Ethnicity

A greater distinction between the western and eastern portions of the county is seen in racial and ethnic composition. Table H-10 shows that the eastern county area is comprised of 38.2% Hispanics while the western county area has only 23%. The western county area has a larger percentage of Black and American Indian/Indian/Eskimo/Aleutian population (6.1% and 4.0%, respectively) than the eastern county area (3.0% and 1.9%, respectively). Countywide, the cities have a slightly higher proportion of non-White and Hispanic populations than the unincorporated area.