



The County recognizes that continued economic prosperity can be enhanced through the preservation of a diversified workforce which lives and works here.

These individuals are our workers, consumers and young adults wishing to remain in Riverside County. For this reason, the County supports modestly priced rental and first-time ownership housing opportunities. The County believes that these opportunities can be best provided in partnership with cities, the building industry, and private and non-profit housing groups.



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**Table H-13  
Jobs-Household Ratios  
1990-1997**

	Total County		Western County Unincorp.	Eastern County Unincorp.
	1990	1997	1997	1997
Employment	321700	410433	49635	6763
Households	402067	458021	105373	22744
Jobs/Household Ratio	0.8	0.9	0.47	0.3

Source: SCAG; Stanley R. Hoffman Associates.

## HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

Before current housing problems can be understood and future needs anticipated, housing occupancy characteristics need to be identified. The following is an analysis of household size and income characteristics. By definition a "household" consists of all the people occupying a dwelling unit, whether or not they are related. A single person living in an apartment is a household, just as a couple with two children living in the same dwelling unit is considered a household. By definition a "family" is two or more persons living together who are related by blood or marriage.

### Household Size

The distribution of household size for Riverside County is displayed in Table H-14. The data indicates that 64% of households in Riverside County contain 2-4 persons, 21% contain 1 person, and 15% contain 5 or more persons. This pattern of distribution is fairly consistent throughout the entire County, although the eastern county area tends to have slightly more 1-2-person households and fewer 3+ households. This is at least partially explained by the fact that a higher percentage of retirement-age persons live in the Coachella Valley than in the western portions of the county.

**Table H-14  
Household Size Distribution  
1990**

Household Size	Western County Area				Eastern County Area				Riverside County			
	Unincorp.	%	Total	%	Unincorp.	%	Total	%	Unincorp.	%	Total	%
1 Person	13885	17.7%	57775	18.8%	4815	24.7%	25171	26.5%	18699	19.1%	82946	20.6%
2 Persons	27135	34.5%	98305	32.0%	7175	36.7%	34365	36.2%	34310	35.0%	132670	33.0%
3-4 Persons	25333	32.2%	102083	33.2%	4606	23.6%	22474	23.7%	29939	30.5%	124557	31.0%
5+Persons	12277	15.6%	49012	16.0%	2931	15.0%	12882	13.6%	15207	15.5%	61894	15.4%
Total	78630	100.0%	307175	100.0%	19526	100.0%	94892	100.0%	98156	100.0%	402067	100.0%

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