

LATINO GROWTH

At 4.7 million, Los Angeles County had the largest Latino population in the country last year. But more rural, less populated regions such as the San Joaquin Valley are catching up. San Joaquin County, for example, had one of the largest Latino populations in 2007 and has the 23rd fastest growing Latino population in the country, according to a Pew Hispanic Center report released Thursday.

BY THE NUMBERS

Breakdown of state population

	Latino pop.	Total pop.
Median age:	26	34
Median income:	\$20,124	\$29,180
Poverty rate (17 and older):	26%	12.9%
Homeowner:	48%	58%
Share of students in grades K-12:	47%	100%

HOW COUNTIES COMPARE

County	U.S. Latino population rank	Latino population	Total population
Stanislaus	41	199,543	511,263
San Joaquin	33	244,129	670,990
Merced	63	128,742	245,514
Fresno	20	433,427	899,348
State total	No. 1 in nation	13.8 million	36.5 million
U.S. total		45.5 million	301.6 million

PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION

