

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2006-2008
 Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Merced city, California

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HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	23,600	633	23,600	(X)
Family households (families)	16,832	849	71.3%	3.1
With own children under 18 years	10,270	802	43.5%	2.9
Married-couple family	10,048	610	42.6%	2.5
With own children under 18 years	5,633	467	23.9%	1.8
Male householder, no wife present, family	2,014	417	8.5%	1.8
With own children under 18 years	1,184	380	5.0%	1.6
Female householder, no husband present, family	4,770	707	20.2%	2.9
With own children under 18 years	3,453	591	14.6%	2.4
Nonfamily households	6,768	748	28.7%	3.1
Householder living alone	5,132	568	21.7%	2.3
65 years and over	1,716	360	7.3%	1.5
Households with one or more people under 18 years	11,184	851	47.4%	3.1
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	4,297	416	18.2%	1.7
Average household size	3.07	0.09	(X)	(X)

Average family size	3.52	0.12	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	72,506	2,418	72,506	(X)
Householder	23,600	633	32.5%	0.9
Spouse	9,949	616	13.7%	0.8
Child	26,884	1,513	37.1%	1.5
Other relatives	5,596	1,058	7.7%	1.4
Nonrelatives	6,477	1,102	8.9%	1.4
Unmarried partner	2,208	497	3.0%	0.7
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	26,504	1,237	26,504	(X)
Never married	10,797	1,158	40.7%	3
Now married, except separated	11,857	679	44.7%	2.8
Separated	599	223	2.3%	0.8
Widowed	540	167	2.0%	0.6
Divorced	2,711	479	10.2%	1.8
Females 15 years and over				
Females 15 years and over	28,295	1,228	28,295	(X)
Never married	10,554	1,029	37.3%	2.6
Now married, except separated	11,143	684	39.4%	2.4
Separated	791	296	2.8%	1
Widowed	2,219	439	7.8%	1.6
Divorced	3,588	552	12.7%	2
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,665	479	1,665	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	854	360	51.3%	13.3
Per 1,000 unmarried women	72	29	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	84	23	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	54	53	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	154	46	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	9	8	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				

Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	1,828	559	1,828	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	540	248	29.5%	12.5
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	191	131	10.4%	6.9
1 or 2 years	15	26	0.8%	1.5
3 or 4 years	95	86	5.2%	4.8
5 or more years	239	180	13.1%	9.6
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	540	248	540	(X)
Who are female	299	144	55.4%	16.7
Who are married	434	220	80.4%	13.7
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	24,551	1,423	24,551	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	1,591	455	6.5%	1.9
Kindergarten	1,508	378	6.1%	1.5
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	9,814	937	40.0%	2.6
High school (grades 9-12)	5,191	747	21.1%	2.7
College or graduate school	6,447	813	26.3%	3.1
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	40,675	1,347	40,675	(X)
Less than 9th grade	7,303	1,014	18.0%	2.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	5,461	771	13.4%	1.9
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	8,560	1,074	21.0%	2.4
Some college, no degree	9,186	1,016	22.6%	2.5
Associate's degree	3,572	556	8.8%	1.3
Bachelor's degree	4,100	541	10.1%	1.3

Graduate or professional degree	2,493	475	6.1%	1.2
Percent high school graduate or higher	68.6%	2.6	(X)	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	16.2%	1.8	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	50,967	1,677	50,967	(X)
Civilian veterans	3,934	517	7.7%	1
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	72,611	2,297	72,611	(X)
Same house	52,609	2,882	72.5%	3.4
Different house in the U.S.	19,826	2,631	27.3%	3.4
Same county	14,590	2,379	20.1%	3.2
Different county	5,236	1,607	7.2%	2.2
Same state	4,039	1,378	5.6%	1.9
Different state	1,197	700	1.6%	1
Abroad	176	126	0.2%	0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	74,135	2,359	74,135	(X)
Native	57,094	2,365	77.0%	2.3
Born in United States	56,258	2,348	75.9%	2.3
State of residence	46,909	2,408	63.3%	2.5

Different state	9,349	923	12.6%	1.3
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	836	349	1.1%	0.5
Foreign born	17,041	1,844	23.0%	2.3
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	17,041	1,844	17,041	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	5,199	1,064	30.5%	6.4
Not a U.S. citizen	11,842	1,906	69.5%	6.4
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	17,877	1,881	17,877	(X)
Native	836	349	836	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	61	76	7.3%	9.4
Entered before 2000	775	341	92.7%	9.4
Foreign born	17,041	1,844	17,041	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	5,297	1,358	31.1%	6.5
Entered before 2000	11,744	1,476	68.9%	6.5
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	N	N	N	(X)
Europe	N	N	N	N
Asia	N	N	N	N
Africa	N	N	N	N
Oceania	N	N	N	N
Latin America	N	N	N	N
Northern America	N	N	N	N
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	67,131	2,192	67,131	(X)
English only	37,212	2,252	55.4%	3
Language other than English	29,919	2,263	44.6%	3

Speak English less than "very well"	12,784	1,431	19.0%	2
Spanish	22,858	2,265	34.0%	3.1
Speak English less than "very well"	9,397	1,458	14.0%	2.1
Other Indo-European languages	2,184	985	3.3%	1.5
Speak English less than "very well"	721	686	1.1%	1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	4,805	996	7.2%	1.5
Speak English less than "very well"	2,666	646	4.0%	0.9
Other languages	72	125	0.1%	0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	0	168	0.0%	0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	74,135	2,359	74,135	(X)
American	2,286	972	3.1%	1.3
Arab	229	230	0.3%	0.3
Czech	89	78	0.1%	0.1
Danish	244	194	0.3%	0.3
Dutch	462	190	0.6%	0.3
English	3,051	661	4.1%	0.9
French (except Basque)	1,045	363	1.4%	0.5
French Canadian	217	173	0.3%	0.2
German	5,839	963	7.9%	1.4
Greek	78	80	0.1%	0.1
Hungarian	91	100	0.1%	0.1
Irish	4,579	875	6.2%	1.2
Italian	1,722	489	2.3%	0.7
Lithuanian	90	102	0.1%	0.1
Norwegian	797	374	1.1%	0.5
Polish	202	113	0.3%	0.2
Portuguese	2,038	641	2.7%	0.9
Russian	97	78	0.1%	0.1
Scotch-Irish	469	193	0.6%	0.3
Scottish	930	464	1.3%	0.6
Slovak	17	28	0.0%	0.1
Subsaharan African	191	142	0.3%	0.2
Swedish	411	152	0.6%	0.2
Swiss	181	132	0.2%	0.2
Ukrainian	0	168	0.0%	0.1
Welsh	192	102	0.3%	0.1

West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	15	26	0.0%	0.1
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Notes:

- Ancestry listed in this table refers to the total number of people who responded with a particular ancestry; for example, the estimate given for Russian represents the number of people who listed Russian as either their first or second ancestry. This table lists only the largest ancestry groups; see the Detailed Tables for more categories. Race and Hispanic origin groups are not included in this table because they are included in the race and ethnicity tables.
- The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Because of this change, the 2008 ACS data on disability are not comparable to the 2006 ACS data.
- Data for year of entry of the native population reflect the year of entry into the U.S. by people who were born in a foreign country.
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EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	53,337	1,679	53,337	(X)
In labor force	32,286	1,694	60.5%	2.3
Civilian labor force	32,286	1,694	60.5%	2.3
Employed	28,720	1,708	53.8%	2.4
Unemployed	3,566	679	6.7%	1.3
Armed Forces	0	168	0.0%	0.1
Not in labor force	21,051	1,307	39.5%	2.3
Civilian labor force				
Civilian labor force	32,286	1,694	32,286	(X)
Percent Unemployed	11.0%	2.1	(X)	(X)
Females 16 years and over				
Females 16 years and over	27,355	1,171	27,355	(X)
In labor force	14,301	1,047	52.3%	3.4
Civilian labor force	14,301	1,047	52.3%	3.4
Employed	12,387	1,045	45.3%	3.7
Own children under 6 years				
Own children under 6 years	8,239	755	8,239	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	4,879	822	59.2%	8.1
Own children 6 to 17 years				
Own children 6 to 17 years	13,524	1,170	13,524	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	8,693	1,168	64.3%	6.2
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	27,445	1,745	27,445	(X)

Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	19,572	1,442	71.3%	4.2
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	3,760	789	13.7%	2.6
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	331	204	1.2%	0.7
Walked	1,181	424	4.3%	1.5
Other means	1,870	707	6.8%	2.5
Worked at home	731	268	2.7%	1
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20	1.8	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	28,720	1,708	28,720	(X)
Management, professional, and related occupations	7,817	838	27.2%	2.9
Service occupations	5,189	785	18.1%	2.4
Sales and office occupations	6,380	839	22.2%	2.5
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1,949	868	6.8%	2.9
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	2,698	674	9.4%	2.4
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	4,687	713	16.3%	2.2
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	28,720	1,708	28,720	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	2,297	952	8.0%	3.1
Construction	2,242	619	7.8%	2.2
Manufacturing	3,135	592	10.9%	2
Wholesale trade	690	289	2.4%	1
Retail trade	3,446	629	12.0%	2
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	1,035	358	3.6%	1.3
Information	702	319	2.4%	1.1

Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	1,306	367	4.5%	1.3
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	1,645	434	5.7%	1.5
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	7,892	1,001	27.5%	3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	1,750	508	6.1%	1.7
Other services, except public administration	1,172	344	4.1%	1.2
Public administration	1,408	380	4.9%	1.3
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	28,720	1,708	28,720	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	22,418	1,602	78.1%	2.7
Government workers	4,686	773	16.3%	2.6
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	1,616	381	5.6%	1.3
Unpaid family workers	0	168	0.0%	0.2
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	23,600	633	23,600	(X)
Less than \$10,000	2,690	529	11.4%	2.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2,302	486	9.8%	2.1
\$15,000 to \$24,999	3,697	554	15.7%	2.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	3,123	539	13.2%	2.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	3,042	569	12.9%	2.4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3,591	575	15.2%	2.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,234	403	9.5%	1.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,893	379	8.0%	1.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	632	212	2.7%	0.9
\$200,000 or more	396	174	1.7%	0.7
Median household income (dollars)	34,955	2,670	(X)	(X)

Mean household income (dollars)	51,349	2,794	(X)	(X)
With earnings	18,183	644	77.0%	1.8
Mean earnings (dollars)	53,600	3,253	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	5,369	502	22.8%	2.1
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	13,231	892	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	3,699	501	15.7%	2.2
Mean retirement income (dollars)	20,896	2,519	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	1,848	385	7.8%	1.6
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,425	2,170	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	2,463	527	10.4%	2.1
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	5,550	781	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months	4,055	679	17.2%	2.8
Families	16,832	849	16,832	(X)
Less than \$10,000	1,640	455	9.7%	2.5
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,279	339	7.6%	2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	2,963	609	17.6%	3.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	2,329	433	13.8%	2.5
\$35,000 to \$49,999	2,117	456	12.6%	2.6
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2,353	465	14.0%	2.8
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,692	363	10.1%	2.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,613	374	9.6%	2.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	578	210	3.4%	1.2
\$200,000 or more	268	139	1.6%	0.8
Median family income (dollars)	36,432	4,246	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	54,279	3,820	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	17,301	934	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	6,768	748	6,768	(X)

Median nonfamily income (dollars)	23,733	4,665	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	39,157	5,231	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	20,461	1,491	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	36,448	3,649	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	29,580	4,851	(X)	(X)
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	23.6%	3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	30.9%	4.3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	31.7%	11.3	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	12.7%	3.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	16.6%	4.6	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	18.3%	12.7	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	45.3%	7.4	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	54.2%	9	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	59.0%	20.7	(X)	(X)
All people	28.1%	2.9	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	35.3%	4.8	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	34.7%	4.8	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	41.5%	7.3	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	31.7%	5.2	(X)	(X)

18 years and over	24.8%	3	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	25.7%	3.1	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	18.2%	5.6	(X)	(X)
People in families	24.6%	3.4	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals				
15 years and over	43.9%	4.8	(X)	(X)

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·Workers include members of the Armed Forces and civilians who were at work last week.

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Occupied housing units	23,600	633	88.8%	2.2
Vacant housing units	2,970	581	11.2%	2.2
Homeowner vacancy rate	7.1	2.6	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	8.4	2.3	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	26,570	380	26,570	(X)
1-unit, detached	16,345	636	61.5%	2.2
1-unit, attached	1,045	295	3.9%	1.1
2 units	1,256	333	4.7%	1.2
3 or 4 units	2,829	528	10.6%	2
5 to 9 units	2,305	385	8.7%	1.4
10 to 19 units	935	329	3.5%	1.2
20 or more units	1,195	306	4.5%	1.1
Mobile home	660	197	2.5%	0.7
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	168	0.0%	0.2
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	26,570	380	26,570	(X)
Built 2005 or later	1,530	355	5.8%	1.3
Built 2000 to 2004	3,566	510	13.4%	1.9
Built 1990 to 1999	2,960	446	11.1%	1.7
Built 1980 to 1989	5,037	653	19.0%	2.4
Built 1970 to 1979	5,057	656	19.0%	2.5
Built 1960 to 1969	2,576	504	9.7%	1.9

Built 1950 to 1959	2,946	481	11.1%	1.8
Built 1940 to 1949	1,748	372	6.6%	1.4
Built 1939 or earlier	1,150	318	4.3%	1.2
ROOMS				
Total housing units	26,570	380	26,570	(X)
1 room	622	249	2.3%	0.9
2 rooms	657	324	2.5%	1.2
3 rooms	2,725	534	10.3%	2
4 rooms	5,675	600	21.4%	2.3
5 rooms	6,574	661	24.7%	2.4
6 rooms	4,593	575	17.3%	2.1
7 rooms	3,592	498	13.5%	1.9
8 rooms	1,552	359	5.8%	1.3
9 rooms or more	580	227	2.2%	0.9
Median rooms	5	0.2	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	26,570	380	26,570	(X)
No bedroom	991	330	3.7%	1.2
1 bedroom	3,187	562	12.0%	2.1
2 bedrooms	7,134	680	26.8%	2.5
3 bedrooms	10,296	690	38.8%	2.6
4 bedrooms	4,432	553	16.7%	2.1
5 or more bedrooms	530	222	2.0%	0.8
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	23,600	633	23,600	(X)
Owner-occupied	9,545	781	40.4%	3.2
Renter-occupied	14,055	846	59.6%	3.2
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	3.08	0.15	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	3.07	0.14	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	23,600	633	23,600	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	10,700	748	45.3%	2.7
Moved in 2000 to 2004	6,180	559	26.2%	2.3
Moved in 1990 to 1999	3,406	402	14.4%	1.7
Moved in 1980 to 1989	1,568	339	6.6%	1.4
Moved in 1970 to 1979	936	207	4.0%	0.9

Moved in 1969 or earlier	810	207	3.4%	0.9
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	23,600	633	23,600	(X)
No vehicles available	3,078	509	13.0%	2.1
1 vehicle available	8,631	744	36.6%	3
2 vehicles available	8,027	576	34.0%	2.4
3 or more vehicles available	3,864	582	16.4%	2.4
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	23,600	633	23,600	(X)
Utility gas	16,208	839	68.7%	3.3
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	190	118	0.8%	0.5
Electricity	6,715	829	28.5%	3.3
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	0	168	0.0%	0.3
Coal or coke	0	168	0.0%	0.3
Wood	328	204	1.4%	0.9
Solar energy	15	25	0.1%	0.1
Other fuel	11	19	0.0%	0.1
No fuel used	133	120	0.6%	0.5
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	23,600	633	23,600	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	141	135	0.6%	0.6
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	134	103	0.6%	0.4
No telephone service available	363	182	1.5%	0.8
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	23,600	633	23,600	(X)
1.00 or less	21,904	607	92.8%	1.4
1.01 to 1.50	1,307	311	5.5%	1.3
1.51 or more	389	204	1.6%	0.9
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	9,545	781	9,545	(X)

Less than \$50,000	530	169	5.6%	1.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	153	119	1.6%	1.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	365	153	3.8%	1.5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	866	209	9.1%	2.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,924	497	30.6%	4.5
\$300,000 to \$499,999	3,979	509	41.7%	4.2
\$500,000 to \$999,999	698	215	7.3%	2.1
\$1,000,000 or more	30	35	0.3%	0.4
Median (dollars)	297,200	15,593	(X)	(X)

MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	9,545	781	9,545	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	7,103	696	74.4%	3
Housing units without a mortgage	2,442	316	25.6%	3

SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	7,103	696	7,103	(X)
Less than \$300	18	30	0.3%	0.4
\$300 to \$499	46	43	0.6%	0.6
\$500 to \$699	229	107	3.2%	1.5
\$700 to \$999	524	211	7.4%	2.8
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,721	330	24.2%	4.1
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,886	403	26.6%	4.6
\$2,000 or more	2,679	437	37.7%	5.5
Median (dollars)	1,761	107	(X)	(X)

Housing units without a mortgage	2,442	316	2,442	(X)
Less than \$100	20	33	0.8%	1.3
\$100 to \$199	116	118	4.8%	4.6
\$200 to \$299	482	161	19.7%	6.3
\$300 to \$399	771	181	31.6%	6.8
\$400 or more	1,053	245	43.1%	7.8
Median (dollars)	383	18	(X)	(X)

SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)				
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Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	7,080	691	7,080	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	1,882	346	26.6%	4.4
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,005	264	14.2%	3.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	909	255	12.8%	3.5
30.0 to 34.9 percent	505	170	7.1%	2.2
35.0 percent or more	2,779	467	39.3%	4.7
Not computed	23	28	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	2,409	315	2,409	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	868	202	36.0%	7.8
10.0 to 14.9 percent	597	182	24.8%	6.8
15.0 to 19.9 percent	296	136	12.3%	5.3
20.0 to 24.9 percent	189	121	7.8%	4.7
25.0 to 29.9 percent	150	86	6.2%	3.5
30.0 to 34.9 percent	71	61	2.9%	2.5
35.0 percent or more	238	115	9.9%	4.4
Not computed	33	41	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	13,560	819	13,560	(X)
Less than \$200	208	177	1.5%	1.3
\$200 to \$299	517	226	3.8%	1.7
\$300 to \$499	1,813	419	13.4%	2.8
\$500 to \$749	4,160	618	30.7%	3.9
\$750 to \$999	3,424	525	25.3%	4
\$1,000 to \$1,499	2,944	540	21.7%	3.6
\$1,500 or more	494	202	3.6%	1.5
Median (dollars)	754	32	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	495	240	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				

Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	13,472	830	13,472	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	1,144	355	8.5%	2.6
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,373	364	10.2%	2.7
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,428	380	10.6%	2.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,157	361	8.6%	2.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,596	416	11.8%	2.9
35.0 percent or more	6,774	715	50.3%	4.6
Not computed	583	243	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

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Notes:

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ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates: 2006-2008
 Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
 Survey: American Community Survey
 Geographic Area: Merced city, California

NOTE. Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

ACS Demographic	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
SEX AND AGE				
Total population	74,135	2,359	74,135	(X)
Male	36,660	1,581	49.5%	1.5
Female	37,475	1,669	50.5%	1.5
Under 5 years	7,004	657	9.4%	0.8
5 to 9 years	6,479	970	8.7%	1.2
10 to 14 years	5,853	736	7.9%	0.9
15 to 19 years	6,894	832	9.3%	1.1
20 to 24 years	7,230	914	9.8%	1.1
25 to 34 years	11,677	1,063	15.8%	1.3
35 to 44 years	9,115	863	12.3%	1.1
45 to 54 years	7,688	679	10.4%	1
55 to 59 years	3,437	667	4.6%	0.9
60 to 64 years	2,353	412	3.2%	0.6
65 to 74 years	3,228	385	4.4%	0.5
75 to 84 years	2,294	384	3.1%	0.5
85 years and over	883	219	1.2%	0.3
Median age (years)	27.6	0.8	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	50,967	1,677	68.7%	1.4
21 years and over	46,199	1,725	62.3%	1.4
62 years and over	7,637	743	10.3%	0.9
65 years and over	6,405	654	8.6%	0.8
18 years and over	50,967	1,677	50,967	(X)
Male	24,798	1,185	48.7%	1.6
Female	26,169	1,140	51.3%	1.6
65 years and over	6,405	654	6,405	(X)
Male	2,601	398	40.6%	4.1
Female	3,804	435	59.4%	4.1
RACE				
Total population	74,135	2,359	74,135	(X)

One race	71,081	2,417	95.9%	1
Two or more races	3,054	769	4.1%	1
One race	71,081	2,417	95.9%	1
White	39,101	2,316	52.7%	2.9
Black or African American	4,663	731	6.3%	1
American Indian and Alaska Native	893	520	1.2%	0.7
Cherokee tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Chippewa tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Navajo tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Sioux tribal grouping	N	N	N	N
Asian	7,457	1,035	10.1%	1.4
Asian Indian	1,051	934	1.4%	1.3
Chinese	455	255	0.6%	0.3
Filipino	1,171	442	1.6%	0.6
Japanese	201	129	0.3%	0.2
Korean	133	124	0.2%	0.2
Vietnamese	150	137	0.2%	0.2
Other Asian	4,296	982	5.8%	1.3
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	221	250	0.3%	0.3
Native Hawaiian	N	N	N	N
Guamanian or Chamorro	N	N	N	N
Samoan	N	N	N	N
Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N
Some other race	18,746	2,252	25.3%	2.8
Two or more races	3,054	769	4.1%	1
White and Black or African American	960	494	1.3%	0.7
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	308	157	0.4%	0.2
White and Asian	368	223	0.5%	0.3
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native	139	151	0.2%	0.2
<i>Race alone or in combination with one or more other races</i>				

Total population	74,135	2,359	74,135	(X)
White	41,386	2,327	55.8%	2.9
Black or African American	5,913	865	8.0%	1.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,490	619	2.0%	0.8
Asian	8,217	1,064	11.1%	1.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	520	415	0.7%	0.6
Some other race	19,734	2,285	26.6%	2.8
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE				
Total population	74,135	2,359	74,135	(X)
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	35,980	2,403	48.5%	2.5
Mexican	32,723	2,457	44.1%	2.8
Puerto Rican	479	327	0.6%	0.4
Cuban	36	60	0.0%	0.1
Other Hispanic or Latino	2,742	909	3.7%	1.2
Not Hispanic or Latino	38,155	2,032	51.5%	2.5
White alone	24,007	1,692	32.4%	2.2
Black or African American alone	4,352	643	5.9%	0.9
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	261	253	0.4%	0.3
Asian alone	7,401	1,038	10.0%	1.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	201	249	0.3%	0.3
Some other race alone	305	304	0.4%	0.4
Two or more races	1,628	591	2.2%	0.8
Two races including Some other race	100	96	0.1%	0.1
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	1,528	576	2.1%	0.8
Total housing units	26,570	380	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

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Notes:

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