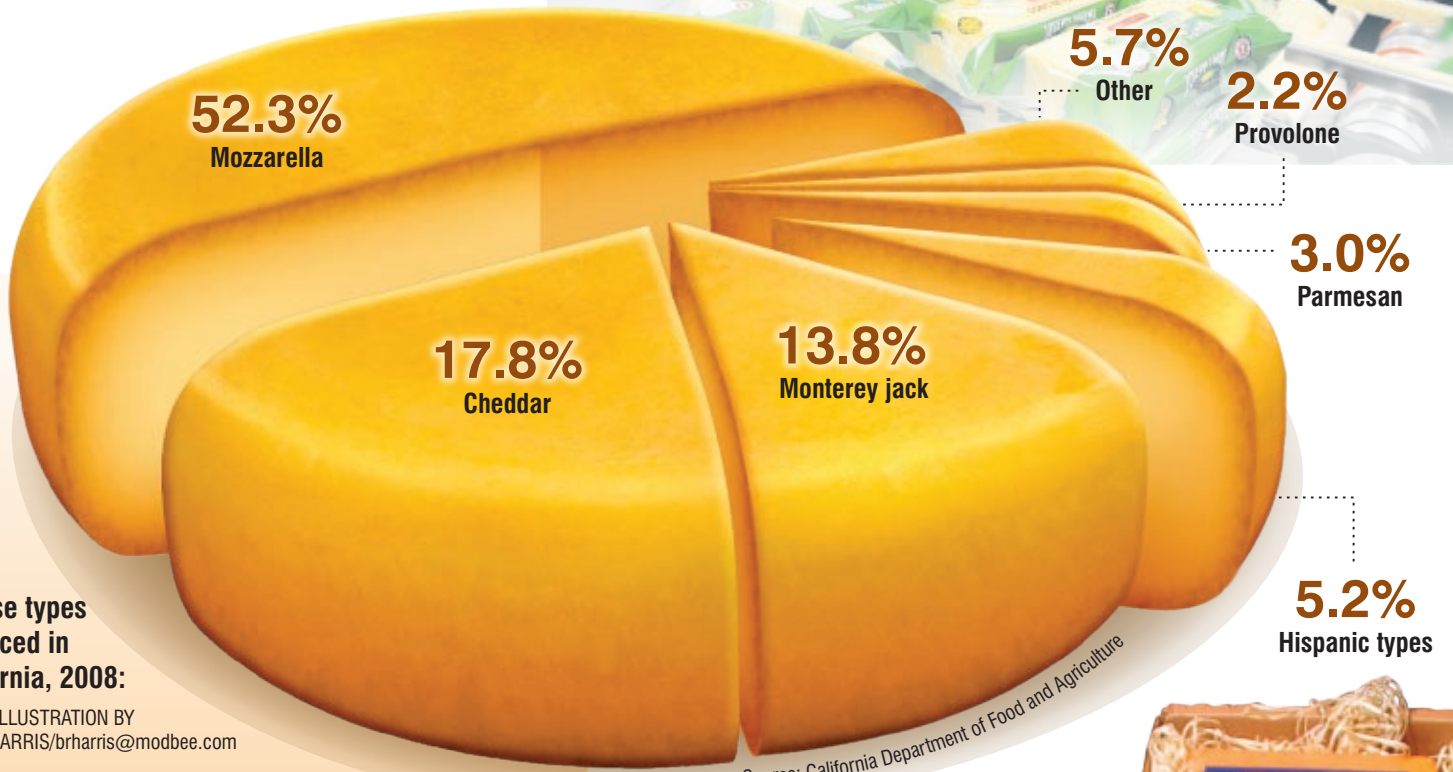


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Cheese types produced in California, 2008:

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Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture



JUST THE FACTS

- An ounce of cheddar contains about 20 percent of the recommended daily amount of calcium and 9 percent of the recommended cholesterol.
 - The average American ate 4.27 pounds of cheese in 1910. This rose to 11.37 pounds in 1970, 24.65 in 1990 and 32.67 in 2007.
 - An average of 10 pounds of milk, a little more than a gallon, goes into a pound of cheese. The milk volume is much less for cheese types, such as mozzarella, that retain a lot of moisture.
 - Wisconsin remains the nation's top producer of cheese by volume, despite recent gains by second-place California. The upper Midwest state produced 2.52 billion pounds in 2008 to the Golden State's 2.11 billion. California knocked Wisconsin from the top spot in milk production in 1993.
- Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Dairy Council of California



California cheese production (pounds)

1997	1,174,171,000
1998	1,243,062,000
1999	1,387,582,000
2000	1,496,653,000
2001	1,643,334,000
2002	1,722,211,000
2003	1,830,927,000
2004	1,992,820,000
2005	2,136,699,000
2006	2,206,598,000
2007	2,287,248,000
2008	2,113,236,000

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

