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## COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project (CAP) is one of the oldest projects of its kind, as 2014 marks the $20^{\text {th }}$ anniversary of the CAP. The CAP project began in 1994 and was spearheaded by the United Way of Santa Cruz County and Dominican Hospital, with Applied Survey Research (ASR) as their research partner. The CAP evaluates quality of life in six subject areas: the economy, education, health, public safety, the social environment, and the natural environment. As of 2014, there were over 100 indicators in the CAP including primary data from a telephone survey of a representative sample of Santa Cruz County residents, and secondary data from a variety of national, state, and local sources. The CAP is accomplished through a five step plan designed by ASR (see below), together with community stakeholders. One of the five steps of the community improvement cycle involves collaboration, while another
 step focuses on community action to achieve the goals.


The CAP was chosen as an example of one of the best community indicator projects in the United States; the project won first place in the 2007 Community Indicators Consortium Innovation Awards sponsored by the Brookings Institution in Washington D.C.

The CAP is profiled in Community Quality of Life Indicators, Best Practices III, a book about best practices in community indicator projects throughout the world ${ }^{1}$ and in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Statistics, Knowledge and Policy 2007: Measuring and Fostering the Progress of Societies. ${ }^{2}$ The United States General Accounting Office (GAO) determined that the CAP project was a best practice methodology for indicator reports. In 2010, the CAP project was featured in an article entitled "Connecting Data to Action: How the Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project Contributes to Better Outcomes for Youth" in the Applied Research in Quality of Life Journal (ARIQ) focused on community indicators that are used as tools for social change. In 2011, the CAP was featured in a book entitled Diversity and Community Development: An Intercultural Approach.

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## Goals and Heroes

The CAP has nurtured and encouraged the community's focus by establishing Community Goals for improvement. There are several goals for each of the six topical areas. The Community Goals for the year 2015 were created with more than 1,000 community members, stakeholder groups, and organizations. Groups and organizations are asked to become champions to help achieve the Community Goals. The following groups led the community goal-setting process: Santa Cruz Community Credit Union, Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Ecology Action, The Health Improvement Partnership of Santa Cruz County, the Santa Cruz County Probation Department, and COPA (Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action). At the beginning of each of the subject chapters in this report is a list of community goals and community heroes who are helping to achieve those goals.

| Legend | DEM |
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| ITEM | DESCRIPTION | | Sorth County | Bonny Doon, Capitola, Davenport, <br> Live Oak, Santa Cruz, Scotts <br> Valley, and Soquel. |
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| County | Aptos, Corralitos, Freedom, La <br> Selva Beach, Pajaro, and <br> Watsonville. |
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| \% Change | Describes a change in value <br> between the current and first year's <br> data. This only applies when the <br> data are not percentages or rates. |


| ITEM | DESCRIPTION |
| :---: | :---: |
| Net Change | Describes the net change between the current and first year's data. |
| 苗 | Denotes a telephone survey question. |
| $\wedge$ | Indicates sample size is too small to calculate, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted. |
| NA | Indicates not applicable or data unavailable. |
| - (dash) | Indicates that it would not be correct to calculate this value. |
| 个 | Indicates data increasing (Upward) trend |
| $\checkmark$ | Indicates data declining (Downward) trend |
| $\leftrightarrow$ | Indicates data inconclusive; variable; no clear trend |
| GREEN | Green colored arrow indicates positive trend |
| RED | Red colored arrow indicates negative trend |

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The following two pages provide: 1. a snapshot of overall quality of life in the six domains for residents across Santa Cruz County, and 2. a snapshot by ethnicity highlighting some disparities, including inequities in health and economic outcomes.

## SNAPSHOT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

| INDICATOR | MEASUREMENT | CALIFORNIA | SANTA CRUZ COUNTY | COUNTY TREND |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ECONOMY |  |  |  |  |
| Unemployment Rate | Unemployment rate | 8．9\％ | 9．5\％ | $\checkmark$ |
| Affordable Housing | Median sale price，all home types | NA | \＄535，000 | ， |
| Foreclosures | Number of notices of default | 82，749 | 346 | $\checkmark$ |
| EDUCATION |  |  |  |  |
| Test Scores－CAHSEE （California High School Exit Exam） | Percentage of $10^{\text {th }}$ grade students passing the math portion of the exam | 86\％ | 83\％ | 人 |
| High School Dropout Rates | Dropout rate | 11．6\％ | 10．5\％ | $\triangle$ |
| HEALTH |  |  |  |  |
| Health Insurance－Children | Percentage of children ages $0-17$ with health insurance | 95．8\％ | 93．7\％ | $\xrightarrow{-1}$ |
| Obesity－Children | Percentage of children （ages birth to 11）who are overweight for their age | 12．6\％ | 13．8\％ | 人 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY |  |  |  |  |
| Crime | Crime rate（per 1，000 residents） | 31.0 | 34.3 | $\checkmark$ |
| Juvenile Arrests | Rate of juvenile felony and misdemeanor arrests（per 1，000 youth ages 10－17） | NA | 27.4 | $\checkmark$ |
| SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT |  |  |  |  |
| Homelessness | The number of homeless individuals counted on one day | NA | 3，536 |  |
| Food Insecurity | Number of people served by the Second Harvest Food Bank | NA | 56，139 | ， |
| NATURAL ENVIRONMENT |  |  |  |  |
| Concern for Natural Environment | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who said water pollution most concerned them about the natural environment | NA | 27．0\％ | 人 |
| Organic Farming | Number of certified organic producers with more than $\$ 5,000$ in sales | NA | 87 | － |

See the Legend on page 6 for an explanation of the Trend icons．
Note：Data presented in table are the most recent data available．

## ETHNICITY SNAPSHOT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

| INDICATOR | MEASUREMENT | WHITES | LATINOS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ECONOMY |  |  |  |
| Affordable Housing | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who spent over $30 \%$ of household take-home pay on housing costs | 41.4\%* | 67.2\%* |
| Unemployment Rate | Percentage unemployed according to CAP telephone survey | 6.2\%* | 15.7\%* |
| Self-Sufficiency Income Standards | Percentage of households below the SelfSufficiency Income Standards | 26.1\% | 63.0\% |
| EDUCATION |  |  |  |
| High School Dropout Rates | Percentage of Santa Cruz County dropouts | 6.8\% | 13.4\% |
| Higher Education | Percentage of Cabrillo College degrees and certificates awarded | 52.8\% | 34.7\% |
| HEALTH |  |  |  |
| Health Insurance | Percentage of CAP survey respondents with health insurance | 92.1\%* | 58.6\%* |
| Teen Births | Number of teen births by ethnicity of mother (19 and under) | 13 | 164 |
| Obesity | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who are overweight or obese | 57.7\% | 72.0\% |
| PUBLIC SAFETY |  |  |  |
| Jail Population | Percentage of total inmates for Santa Cruz County | 51.7\% | 41.1\% |
| Juvenile Arrests | Percentage of juvenile arrests (felony and misdemeanor offenses ages 10-17) | 32.9\% | 61.4\% |
| Child Abuse | Rate of substantiated cases of child abuse (per 1,000 children ages 0-17) | 6.7 | 8.1 |
| SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT |  |  |  |
| Quality of Life | Percentage of CAP survey respondents reporting they were "very satisfied" with their quality of life | 72.2\% | 50.6\% |
| Basic Needs | Percentage of CAP survey respondents going without food in the past 12 months | 4.6\%* | 9.0\%* |
| Homelessness | Percentage of homeless population by ethnicity | 43.1\% | 35.1\% |
| NATURAL ENVIRONMENT |  |  |  |
| Water Pollution | Percentage of CAP survey respondents taking steps to reduce water pollution at work or at home | 94.3\% | 93.9\% |
| Alternative Transportation | Percentage of CAP survey respondents reporting never using alternative transportation (bus, car pool, bicycle) | 42.5\% | 36.3\% |

[^1]
## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

## our population

- Santa Cruz County's population was 269,419 individuals as of 2013.
- $58 \%$ of residents were White, $33 \%$ were Hispanic, $4 \%$ were Asian, $3 \%$ were multi-racial, and $1 \%$ were Black in 2013.
- $68 \%$ of the population 5 years and older spoke only English at home, and over one-fourth (26\%) spoke Spanish at home in 2013.


## our economy

## Jobs and Earnings

- The unemployment rate has been going down over the last three years and was $6.8 \%$ in Santa Cruz County during the month of June 2014, lower than the state overall (7.4\%).
- Median family income is rising in the county and was $\$ 82,904$ in 2013.
- The occupations with the most projected job growth over the next ten years are for personal care aides and home health aides.


## Housing

- The median sale price of a home in the Santa Cruz and Watsonville areas increased from $\$ 365,000$ in 2012 to $\$ 535,000$ in 2014.
- Rents continue to increase in the county. Average rent for two bedrooms was $\$ 1,750$ a month in 2014.
- There were 346 notices of default (the first step in the foreclosure process) in 2013, down from 1,150 in 2011.


## our education

## Early Education/Child Care

- Approximately $30 \%$ of children with working parents in Santa Cruz County had the option of licensed child care available to them in 2012.


## School Enrollment

- There were 40,295 students enrolled in public schools in Santa Cruz County in 2013/14.
- The majority (56\%) of the students enrolled in 2013/14 identified as Latino/Hispanic, followed by 37\% White, and less than 2\% Asian.


## Test Scores

- $83 \%$ of Santa Cruz County $10^{\text {th }}$ grade students passed the math portion of the California High School Exit Exam in 2013/14, and 81\% passed the English Language Arts portion.


## High School Dropout Rates

- The dropout rate for Santa Cruz County was 11\% in 2012/13.


## Satisfaction with Schools

- $87 \%$ of CAP survey respondents were satisfied with the local system of education in 2013 , the highest rating over the last decade.


## College and University Attendance

- There were 13,918 students enrolled at Cabrillo College, and 17,203 at UC Santa Cruz in fall 2013, both similar to the previous year.


## our health

## Regular Source of Care

- There was a statistically significant difference between the percentage of White (92\%) and Latino (77\%) CAP survey respondents who had a regular source of health care in 2013.


## Health Insurance

- There was a statistically significant difference between the percentage of White (92\%) and Latino (59\%) CAP survey respondents who had health insurance in 2013.
- The percentage of county children 0-17 with health insurance coverage was $94 \%$ in 2011/12.
- $58 \%$ of CAP survey respondents had dental coverage in 2013.


## Immunizations

- Children in Santa Cruz County have consistently lower rates of immunizations than children in California overall. $84 \%$ of county kindergarteners and $90 \%$ of California kindergarteners had all of their required immunizations in 2013/14.


## Teens

- The teen birth rate decreased to 16.6 births per 1,000 teens ages 15-19 in 2013, down from 40.1 in 2007.
- Alcohol use by teens has been going down for $7^{\text {th }}-11^{\text {th }}$ graders since 2004/05. Thirty-four percent of county $11^{\text {th }}$ graders had used alcohol in the 30 days prior to the survey completed in 2012/14 compared to $41 \%$ in 2008/09.


## Obesity

- $72 \%$ of Latino CAP survey respondents were overweight or obese, compared to $58 \%$ of White respondents in 2013.


## Mental Health

- $15 \%$ of Latino CAP survey respondents reported feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities, compared to $10 \%$ of White respondents in 2013.


## our public safety

## Crime

- Total crime is decreasing from a rate of 39.7 per 1,000 residents in 2007 to 34.3 in 2013.
- The juvenile arrest rate has been decreasing since 2008 when there were 72.4 arrests per 1,000 youth ages 10-17, to 27.4 per 1,000 youth in 2013.


## Child Abuse

- The rate of substantiated cases of child abuse ${ }^{3}$ has been decreasing since 2008 when there were 12.2 substantiated cases per 1,000 children ages $0-17$, to 7.4 per 1,000 children in 2013.


## Elder Abuse

- There were 555 referrals to adult protective services in 2013 , and 548 cases were investigated, representing a 10\% increase in investigated cases since 2007.


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## Basic Needs and Food Insecurity

- Latino CAP respondents were significantly more likely to go without basic needs in the past year (including food: $9 \%$; rent/housing: 18\%; and utilities: $21 \%$ ), as compared to White respondents (food: 5\%; rent/housing: 2\%; utilities: $2 \%$ ).
- 56,139 people were served by Second Harvest Food Bank in 2013, up from 45,754 in 2007.


## Homelessness

- There was a $28 \%$ increase in the number of homeless persons counted in the biennial point-in-time count from 2,771 individuals in 2011 to 3,536 in 2013.


## People with Disabilities

- $22 \%$ of 2013 CAP survey respondents reported having a member of their household diagnosed with a disability. Of those, only half (52\%) participated in life at the level he or she desired.


## Quality of Life

- Two-thirds (67\%) of CAP survey respondents reported being "very satisfied" with their quality of life in 2013.
- The number one factor contributing to quality of life in the county was scenery, geography, and climate.

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## Water

- Water pollution was the \#1 environmental concern according to 2013 CAP survey respondents.
- There were 192 swim advisories but no beach closures in 2013.


## Protected Land

- Of all the acreage in Santa Cruz County, about one-third of it (31\%) is protected land (including such things as parks, open space, and land trusts).


## Farmer's Markets

- Almost half ( $43 \%$ ) of 2013 CAP respondents reported shopping at least once a week at a farmer's market or produce stand.


## Waste

- Over the past 6 years, Santa Cruz County decreased their annual waste diversion rate. This resulted in less garbage being diverted to recycling, reuse, and composting programs.


## 2014 Community Heroes 4 Goals

The CAP has annually honored community heroes, special individuals whose efforts help move Santa Cruz County toward the achievement of the community goals. These true-life heroes can be found throughout the community and are wonderful examples of making Santa Cruz County a better place to live.

A special thank you goes to the Santa Cruz Sentinel Newspaper for sponsoring the annual selection of our Community Heroes. Each year the Santa Cruz Sentinel, in association with the United Way, seeks nominations from the public of people who have worked toward meeting a CAP community goal in the past year.


Front Row (left to right): Charles Kieffer, Clotilde Sanchez, Nereida Robles, Kate Hinnenkamp, Mary Masters, Rosalba Contreras Second Row: Alan Schlenger, Lawrence P. Drury, Laura Marcus, Guillermina Porraz, Peter Connery Third Row: John Frigon, Silvia Austerlic, Gary McNeil, Maggie McKay, Brent Haddad Not Pictured: Carol Polhamus, Maria Virgen

The following community goals were selected by a broad cross-section of Santa Cruz County residents to guide decision-making, planning, and social action in the years to come. The purpose of these community goals is to focus attention and energy to improve the quality of life for the people of the county. As such, these community goals are generally broad in nature. Detailed action plans involving people from all sectors of the community must be developed to realize the community goals. These community goals are not intended to endorse or oppose any particular project or initiative. They do, however, chart the course for collective action to create a better future for the people of Santa Cruz County.

## Economy

- Goal 1: By the year 2015, Santa Cruz County will leverage educational opportunities and academic institutions as engines to fuel economic growth and technology transfer.
" Community Hero:Brent Haddad, Center for Entrepreneurship, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Goal 2: By the year 2015, increase the number of jobs within Santa Cruz County by 1,000 and "relocalize" 10\% of our commuting workforce.
- Goal 3: By the year 2015, Santa Cruz County will slow or stop the contraction of municipal budgets through economic development of the underlying economy.


## Education

- Goal 1: By the year 2015, all students will graduate with the skills and knowledge required to compete in a $21^{\text {st }}$ century global economy.
" Community Hero:Carol Polhamus, Alternative Education, Santa Cruz County Office of Education
- Goal 2: By the year 2015, more kindergarteners will be better prepared for school through participation in high quality preschools.
" Community Hero:Lawrence P. Drury, GOKIDS


## Health

- Santa Cruz County Affordable Care Act Outreach and Enrollment Champions:
" Representing public sector: Gary McNeil, County of Santa Cruz Human Services Department
" Representing private sector: John Frigon, John Frigon Insurance Services
" Representing health sector: Rosalba Contreras, Salud Para La Gente
» Representing community-based organizations: Kate Hinnenkamp, Live Oak Family Resource Center, Community Bridges
- Goal 1: By the year 2015, access to primary care will improve as measured by:
- $95 \%$ of Santa Cruz County residents will report having a regular source of health care;
- Less than $10 \%$ will report the emergency department as one of their regular sources of health care; and
- No significant difference between the percentage of White and Latino residents reporting a regular source of health care.
" Community Hero:Silvia Austerlic, Hospice of Santa Cruz County
- Goal 2: By the year 2015, $98 \%$ of Santa Cruz County children 0 to 17 will have comprehensive health care coverage as measured by the CAP Survey.
» Community Hero:Laura Marcus, Dientes Community Dental Care
- Goal 3: By the year 2015, the prevalence of childhood obesity in Santa Cruz County will decrease as measured by:
- The percentage of children under 5 years who are overweight or obese will decrease from $15 \%$ to $12 \%$, and
- The percentage of children 5 to 19 years who are overweight or obese will decrease from $26 \%$ to $21 \%$.
" Community Hero: Guillermina Porraz, Salud Para La Gente


## Public Safety

- Goal 1: By the year 2015, more youth will be involved in prevention and positive social activities and fewer youth will enter the juvenile delinquency system.
" Community Hero: Nereida Robles and Fe Silva, Centeotl Grupo de Danza y Baile
- Goal 2: By the year 2015, adult and juvenile violence, including family violence and gang violence, will decrease, as will the impact of violence in the community.
" Community Hero: Clotilde Sanchez, Volunteer, Neighborhood Accountability Board, City of Watsonville

Social Environment

- Goal 1: By the year 2015, more Santa Cruz County residents will have access to housing, both rental and home ownership, that they can afford.
" Community Hero:Peter Connery and Maggie McKay, representing Project Homeless Connect Steering Committee
- Goal 2: By the year 2015, more Santa Cruz County residents will be actively engaged in improving their community through public participation.
" Community Hero: Maria Virgen, Volunteer, Second Harvest Food Bank
- Goal 3: By the year 2015, county residents with disabilities will be able to obtain services needed to support increasing options, pursue goals and participate in community life at levels consistent with their ability.
" Community Hero: Mary Masters, Bridge of Hope Foundation


## Natural Environment

- Natural Environment Hero:
" Charles Kieffer, Santa Cruz State Parks
- Goal 1: By the year 2015, reduce water pollution: health of rivers and ocean is improved by reducing erosion, chemical and biological pollution and improving riparian corridors.
- Goal 2: By the year 2015, develop a local sustainable food system: all community members have access to affordable locally grown food produced in a sustainable manner that preserves farmland fertility.
" Community Hero: Alan Schlenger, Board of Directors, Ecology Action and Santa Community Farmers Markets
- Goal 3: By the year 2015, support clean/alternative energy: use of clean alternative energy and sustainable fuels are increased through financial incentives and reduced policy barriers.

See the Appendices for a list of CAP Community Heroes from previous years.


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## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

There were nearly 267,000 people in Santa Cruz County in 2013, up nearly $7 \%$ since 2007. Over half ( $58 \%$ ) of residents in the county were White, one-third ( $33 \%$ ) were Latino, $4 \%$ were Asian, and $1 \%$ were African-American in 2013. The percentage of older residents ( 60 and older) is slowly increasing, from $17 \%$ in 2007 to $19 \%$ in 2013. Sixty-eight percent of residents ages 5 and older spoke only English in the home, and $32 \%$ spoke a language other than English, mostly Spanish (26\%) in 2013. Five percent of residents ages 18 and older were veterans in 2013.

## Total Population

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |
| Santa Cruz County | $\mathbf{2 5 1 , 7 4 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 3 , 1 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 6 , 2 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 3 , 0 5 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 4 , 2 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 6 , 7 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 9 , 4 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 0 \%}$ |
| California | $36,553,215$ | $36,756,666$ | $36,961,664$ | $37,349,363$ | $37,691,912$ | $38,041,430$ | $38,332,521$ | $\mathbf{4 . 9 \%}$ |

Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). Demographic and Housing Estimates, Table DP-05. American Community Survey 2007-2013 1-year estimates.

Gender Distribution, Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | O7-13 NET |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |
| Female | $50.1 \%$ | $49.9 \%$ | $50.0 \%$ | $50.1 \%$ | $50.1 \%$ | $50.3 \%$ | $50.5 \%$ | 0.4 |
| Male | $49.9 \%$ | $50.1 \%$ | $50.0 \%$ | $49.9 \%$ | $49.9 \%$ | $49.7 \%$ | $49.5 \%$ | -0.4 |

Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). Demographic and Housing Estimates, Table DP-05. American Community Survey 2007-2013 1-year estimates.

Ethnic Distribution, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-13 NET CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Asian | 3.8\% | 3.5\% | 3.5\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.0\% | 4.4\% | 0.6 |
| Black | 0.7\% | 0.9\% | 1.1\% | 0.8\% | 1.0\% | 1.0\% | 0.8\% | 0.1 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 28.8\% | 29.3\% | 30.2\% | 32.2\% | 32.7\% | 32.7\% | 32.9\% | 4.1 |
| White | 62.5\% | 62.7\% | 61.9\% | 59.7\% | 58.8\% | 58.7\% | 58.3\% | -4.2 |
| Other | 0.5\% | 0.4\% | 0.3\% | 0.6\% | 0.5\% | 0.7\% | 0.1\% | -0.4 |
| Multi-Race | 3.0\% | 3.1\% | 3.0\% | 2.3\% | 2.6\% | 2.9\% | 3.4\% | 0.4 |

Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). Demographic and Housing Estimates, Table DP-05. American Community Survey 2007-2013 1-year estimates.

## Age Distribution, Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | 2013 | O7-I3 NET |
| CHANGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). Demographic and Housing Estimates, Table DP-05. American Community Survey 2007-2013 1-year estimates.

Households' by Type, Santa Cruz County
$\left.\begin{array}{l|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c} & & & & & & & 2012 & 2013\end{array}\right)$

Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). Selected Social Characteristics in the United States, Table DP02. American Community Survey 2007-2013 1-year estimates.
${ }^{1}$ Please see Appendix II for definitions of "Householder" and "Family."

## Language Spoken at Home (Ages 5 Years and Older), Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | OH-13 NET |

Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). Selected Social Characteristics in the United States, Table DP02. American Community Survey 2007-2013 1-year estimates.

Veteran Status, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{gathered} \text { OT-I3 NET } \\ \text { CHANGE } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Civilian Veterans (Ages 18 and Older) | 7.6\% | 7.5\% | 5.8\% | 6.7\% | 6.1\% | 6.2\% | 5.3\% | -2.3 |
| Total Civilian <br> Population (Ages 18 <br> Years and Older) | 197,516 | 198,541 | 200,672 | 207,535 | 209,323 | 211,393 | 213,233 | - |

Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). Selected Social Characteristics in the United States, Table DP02. American Community Survey 2007-2013 1-year estimates.

Jurisdictional Distribution, Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | CHANGE |
| Capitola | 10,073 | 10,073 | 9,918 | 9,923 | 9,957 | 9,988 | 10,136 | $0.6 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz | 58,125 | 58,982 | 59,946 | 61,245 | 61,825 | 62,372 | 63,440 | $9.1 \%$ |
| Scotts Valley | 11,697 | 11,764 | 11,580 | 11,581 | 11,613 | 11,678 | 11,954 | $2.2 \%$ |
| Watsonville | 51,703 | 51,882 | 51,199 | 51,226 | 51,484 | 51,612 | 52,508 | $1.6 \%$ |
| Unincorporated | 134,979 | 135,936 | 129,739 | 129,979 | 130,471 | 131,012 | 133,557 | $-1.1 \%$ |

Source: California Department of Finance. (2014). Table 2: E-4. 2008-2014 January Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State.

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## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

| INDICATOR | MEASUREMENT | CALIFORNIA | SANTA CRUZ COUNTY | COUNTY <br> TREND |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Financial Well-Being | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who felt financially better off this year than last year | NA | 33.0\% |  |
| Unemployment Rate | Unemployment rate | 7.4\% | 6.8\% |  |
| Household Income | Median family income | \$68,222 | \$82,904 |  |
| Poverty Level | Percentage of children under 18 living below the Federal Poverty Level | 23.5\% | 18.4\% |  |
| Affordable Housing | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who spent more than 30\% of their total take-home pay on rent or housing costs | NA | 47.4\% |  |

## ECONOMY COMMUNITY GOALS

GOAL: By the year 2015, Santa Cruz County will leverage educational opportunities and academic institutions as engines to fuel economic growth and technology transfer better than similarly situated counties in California.
" Community Hero: Brent Haddad, Center for Entrepreneurship, University of California, Santa Cruz

GOAL: By the year 2015, increase the number of jobs within Santa Cruz County by 1,000 and "relocalize" $10 \%$ of our commuting workforce.

GOAL:By the year 2015, Santa Cruz County will slow or stop the contraction of municipal budgets through economic development of the underlying economy.

## FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

One-third (33\%) of 2013 CAP survey respondents felt better off financially this year as compared to last year. A higher percentage of Whites felt better off financially (36\%) as compared to Latinos ( $25 \%$ ). When asked their top reason for why they did not feel economically better off, Latinos said it was due to "less income" and Whites said it was due to "the cost of living."


Overall 2013 n: 706; White 2013 n: 492; Latino 2013 n: 159.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: Prior to 2009, the survey question stated "Do you feel you are better off economically this year than last year?
*Significance testing: White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to respond "Yes" to feeling better off financially this year than last year in 2013.

## If you DO feel you are better off financially this year than last year, why do you feel this way? (Top 2 Responses) By Ethnicity - 2013

| OVERALL | WHITE | LATINO |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Worked more/employed (32.1\%) | 1. Worked more/employed (30.6\%) | 1. Worked more/employed (36.8\%) |
| 2. More income (17.3\%) | 2. More income (17.1\%) | 2. More income (20.9\%) |

Overall: 220 respondents offering 226 responses. White: 167 respondents offering 170 responses. Latino: 39 respondents offering 38 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
Note: This was an open-ended survey question which allowed the respondent to provide any answer. Due to variance in coding, data should be compared by top responses rather than tracking individual responses over time.
Note: This question was added in 2013.

If you feel the SAME financially this year compared to last year, why do you feel this way? (Top 3 Responses) By Ethnicity - 2013

| OVERALL | WHITE | LATINO |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. The same, doing ok (55.9\%) | 1. The same, doing ok (51.5\%) | 1. The same, doing ok (66.0\%) |
| 2. On a fixed income/retired (16.4\%) | 2. On a fixed income/retired (24.1\%) | 2. Cost of living increasing (8.5\%) |
| 3. Wages stagnant (6.7\%) | 3. Wages stagnant (7.7\%) | 3. Working less than last year/ <br> underemployed (5.8\%) |

Overall: 242 respondents offering 264 responses. White: 159 respondents offering 172 responses. Latino: 69 respondents offering 76 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
Note: This was an open-ended survey question which allowed the respondent to provide any answer. Due to variance in coding, data should be compared by top responses rather than tracking individual responses over time.
Note: This question was added in 2013.
If you do NOT feel you are better off financially this year than last year, why do you feel this way? (Top 3 Responses)

| 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | $20 \\|$ | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Cost of living <br> increasing <br> $(20.5 \%)$ | 1. Cost of living <br> increasing <br> $(35.2 \%)$ | 1. Cost of living <br> increasing <br> $(41.3 \%)$ | 1. Loss on <br> financial <br> investments <br> $(16.8 \%)$ | 1. Cost of living <br> increasing <br> $(23.7 \%)$ | 1. Cost of living <br> increasing <br> $(26.7 \%)$ |
| 2. Less income <br> $(20.4 \%)$ | 2. On a fixed <br> income <br> $(15.1 \%)$ | 2. Gas prices <br> $(18.5 \%)$ | 2. Lost job or <br> family member <br> lost job <br> $(15.8 \%)$ | 2. Less income <br> $(19.8 \%)$ | 2. Less income <br> $(21.4 \%)$ |
| 3. Overall <br> economic <br> recession/ <br> slowdown <br> $(18.0 \%)$ | 3. The same, <br> doing ok <br> $(15.1 \%)$ | 3. Wages <br> stagnant <br> $(16.7 \%)$ | 3. Cost of living <br> increasing <br> $(14.0 \%)$ | 3. Unemployed <br> $(16.7 \%)$ | 3. Unemployed <br> $(15.9 \%)$ |

[^3]
## If you do NOT feel you are better off financially this year than last year, why do

 you feel this way? (Top 3 Responses) By Ethnicity| 2009 | WHITE | LATINO | 20I3 | 2009 | 20\\|I |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Loss of <br> financial <br> investments <br> $(23.4 \%)$ | 1. Cost of living <br> increasing <br> $(23.6 \%)$ | 1. Cost of living <br> increasing <br> $(25.0 \%)$ | 1. Less <br> employment <br> opportunities <br> $(28.7 \%)$ | 1. Less income <br> $(28.7 \%)$ | 1. Less income* <br> $(29.0 \%)$ |
| 2. Lost job or <br> family member <br> lost job (13.6\%) | 2. Less income <br> $(17.2 \%)$ | 2. Less income* <br> $(19.4 \%)$ | 2. Working less <br> than last <br> year/under- <br> employed <br> $(18.9 \%)$ | 2. Unemployed <br> $(26.0 \%)$ | 2. Cost of living <br> increasing <br> $(27.5 \%)$ |
| 3. Overall <br> economic <br> recession/ <br> slowdown <br> $(12.5 \%)$ | 3. On a fixed <br> income/retired <br> $(15.4 \%)$ | 3. Increasing <br> taxes (13.3\%) | 3. Cost of living <br> increasing <br> $(18.7 \%)$ | 3. Cost of living <br> increasing <br> $(24.5 \%)$ | 3. Unemployed* <br> $(27.2 \%)$ |

White 2013:147 respondents; Latino 2013: 48 respondents.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2009-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: This was an open-ended survey question which allowed the respondent to provide any answer. Due to variance in coding, data should be compared by top responses rather than tracking individual responses over time.
${ }^{1}$ Prior to 2013, respondents that answered "the same" were added to the "not better off financially" category. In 2013, these respondents were given their own category.
*Significance testing: Significantly more Latino respondents felt they were not better off financially this year due to "unemployment" and "less income" in 2013 compared to White respondents.

## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

Overall crop production value increased by $22 \%$, from $\$ 492$ million in 2007 to $\$ 599$ million in 2013. Berries continue to be the highest grossing crop produced in the county, valued at more than $\$ 390$ million in 2013. Nursery and ornamental crops have decreased slightly (down 8\%) in value recently, and tree and vine products have had the largest increase in value since 2007.

## Annual Crop Production Value (in Millions of Dollars), Santa Cruz County

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-I3 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Berries | \$282.0 | \$287.2 | \$306.2 | \$324.6 | \$363.2 | \$367.9 | \$390.1 | 38.3\% |
| Nursery/Ornamental Crops | \$117.8 | \$107.8 | \$118.5 | \$118.8 | \$122.6 | \$113.5 | \$107.9 | -8.4\% |
| Vegetables | \$67.4 | \$60.7 | \$ 47.0 | \$61.8 | \$55.8 | \$57.8 | \$74.2 | 10.1\% |
| Tree and Vine Products | \$11.4 | \$13.4 | \$10.7 | \$16.7 | \$14.7 | \$18.1 | \$16.8 | 47.4\% |
| Livestock and Animal Products | \$6.3 | \$8.2 | \$5.6 | \$5.8 | \$6.6 | \$6.5 | \$6.9 | 9.5\% |
| Field Crops | \$0.1 | \$0.1 | \$0.1 | \$0.1 | \$0.1 | \$0 | \$0 | - |
| Total Crops Value | \$485.1 | \$477.4 | \$488.1 | \$527.8 | \$562.9 | \$563.9 | \$595.9 | 22.8\% |
| Timber Farming | \$6.4 | \$7.9 | \$3.5 | \$4.8 | \$2.8 | \$2.3 | \$3.4 | -46.9\% |
| Total Production Value | \$491.5 | \$485.3 | \$491.6 | \$532.5 | \$565.7 | \$566.2 | \$599.3 | 21.9\% |

Source: County Agricultural Commissioner. (2014). 2007-2013 Santa Cruz County Crop Report.

## Million Dollar Crops by Production Value (in Millions of Dollars), Santa Cruz County

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OT-I3 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strawberries | \$196.9 | \$160.4 | \$172.6 | \$197.2 | \$198.3 | \$191.1 | \$201.8 | 2.5\% |
| Raspberries | \$71.1 | \$105.8 | \$104.3 | \$91.7 | \$132.4 | \$142.4 | \$152.2 | 114.1\% |
| Indoor Cut Flowers | \$35.0 | \$36.2 | \$39.0 | \$37.4 | \$34.4 | \$24.6 | NA* | - |
| Field Grown Flowers | \$20.6 | \$16.8 | \$21.0 | \$34.9 | \$33.0 | \$24.0 | NA* | - |
| Apples | \$8.1 | \$10.1 | \$7.2 | \$13.3 | \$12.7 | \$12.5 | \$11.9 | 46.9\% |
| Livestock and Animal Products | \$6.3 | \$8.2 | \$5.6 | \$5.8 | \$6.6 | \$6.5 | \$6.9 | 9.5\% |
| Timber Farming | \$6.4 | \$7.9 | \$3.5 | \$4.8 | \$2.8 | \$2.4 | \$3.4 | -46.9\% |
| Brussels Sprouts | \$8.8 | \$6.3 | \$8.8 | \$7.5 | \$9.9 | \$9.4 | \$14.6 | 65.9\% |
| Lettuce, Leaf | \$5.5 | \$6.2 | \$6.9 | \$8.9 | \$6.7 | \$6.8 | \$10.4 | 89.1\% |
| Lettuce, Head | \$6.9 | \$5.9 | \$8.1 | \$7.0 | \$6.4 | \$6.2 | \$7.4 | 7.2\% |
| Wine Grapes | \$3.0 | \$2.9 | \$3.2 | \$3.1 | \$1.6 | \$5.4 | \$4.6 | 53.3\% |

Source: County Agricultural Commissioner. (2014). 2007-2013 Santa Cruz County Crop Report.

## TOURISM

The tourism industry plays a significant role in the economic well-being of a county in terms of revenue earned by businesses, local taxes earned by the county, and the growth of employment opportunities. In Santa Cruz County, there were 8,200 jobs generated by tourism in 2012, nearly identical to the number of jobs created in 2006.

Tourism Revenue (in Millions of Dollars), Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | O6-12 \% |

[^4]Note: Data presented are the most recent available.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Sixty-three percent of CAP survey respondents felt they had job opportunities in Santa Cruz County in 2013. Of the respondents who indicated they earned less than $\$ 35,000$ per year, $60 \%$ felt they had opportunities to work in the area, an increase from 2011, when only $51 \%$ of similar respondents felt they had opportunities to work.

Fo you feel you have opportunities to work in the Santa Cruz area? (Respondents answering "Yes") By Income


Overall 2013 n: 638; \$34,999 or less 2013 n: 234; \$35,000 - \$65,499 per year 2013 n: 140; Over \$65,500 per year 2013 n: 269 Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: In 2009, the question changed from "Do you feel you have opportunities to work in this area?"

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

The unemployment rate was $6.8 \%$ in Santa Cruz County in June 2014, higher than the state overall (7.4\%). The unemployment rate in Santa Cruz County fell from a high of $12.7 \%$ in 2010, to $6.8 \%$ in June 2014. The jurisdiction with the highest unemployment rate was Watsonville at 14.9\% for June 2014.

When asked about employment status, CAP survey respondents reported that they were employed full-time (37\%), retired (28\%), employed part-time (12\%), selfemployed (10\%), and unemployed (9\%) in 2013.

## Unemployment Rate



## Unemployment Rate by Jurisdiction

|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { JUNE } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ | 08-14 NET <br> CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aptos | 2.6\% | 4.4\% | 5.0\% | 4.8\% | 4.4\% | 3.7\% | 2.6\% | 0.0 |
| Ben Lomond | 2.3\% | 4.6\% | 5.4\% | 5.0\% | 4.6\% | 3.9\% | 2.7\% | 0.4 |
| Capitola | 3.6\% | 6.4\% | 7.3\% | 6.9\% | 6.3\% | 5.3\% | 3.8\% | 0.2 |
| Live Oak | 5.5\% | 9.3\% | 10.6\% | 10.0\% | 9.2\% | 7.8\% | 5.6\% | 0.1 |
| Rio Del Mar | 3.9\% | 6.8\% | 7.8\% | 7.4\% | 6.8\% | 5.7\% | 4.1\% | 0.2 |
| Santa Cruz | 6.1\% | 9.4\% | 10.7\% | 10.1\% | 9.3\% | 7.9\% | 5.6\% | -0.5 |
| Scotts Valley | 3.2\% | 5.4\% | 6.2\% | 5.9\% | 5.4\% | 4.5\% | 3.2\% | 0.0 |
| Soquel | 5.0\% | 8.5\% | 9.7\% | 9.2\% | 8.5\% | 7.2\% | 5.1\% | 0.1 |
| Watsonville | 16.0\% | 23.4\% | 26.0\% | 24.9\% | 23.2\% | 20.1\% | 14.9\% | -1.1 |
| Santa Cruz County | 7.3\% | 11.3\% | 12.7\% | 12.1\% | 11.2\% | 9.5\% | 6.8\% | -0.5 |
| California | 7.2\% | 11.4\% | 12.4\% | 11.7\% | 10.5\% | 8.9\% | 7.4\% | 0.2 |
| United States | 5.8\% | 9.3\% | 9.6\% | 8.9\% | 8.1\% | 7.4\% | 6.1\% | 0.3 |

[^5]What is your employment status? By Ethnicity

|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 | 03-13 NET <br> CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Employed full-time | 44.5\% | 38.1\% | 33.5\% | 33.0\% | 32.3\% | 37.4\% | -7.1 |
| White | 41.8\% | 38.0\% | 29.6\% | 30.3\% | 27.5\% | 34.2\%* | -7.6 |
| Latino | 50.7\% | 40.5\% | 47.6\% | 40.9\% | 43.9\% | 47.9\%* | -2.8 |
| Retired | 16.2\% | 22.5\% | 33.9\% | 25.6\% | 29.0\% | 27.6\% | 11.4 |
| White | 20.8\% | 28.9\% | 38.5\% | 32.9\% | 35.7\% | 33.9\%* | 13.1 |
| Latino | 2.6\% | 2.0\% | 19.5\% | 6.7\% | 8.2\% | 8.4\%* | 5.8 |
| Self-employed | 6.8\% | 8.1\% | 8.4\% | 11.7\% | 11.9\% | 9.5\% | 2.7 |
| White | 8.4\% | 10.1\% | 10.7\% | 13.4\% | 13.3\% | 11.3\%* | 2.9 |
| Latino | 3.4\% | 1.8\% | 0.8\% | 5.1\% | 8.4\% | 4.5\%* | 1.1 |
| Unemployed | 6.8\% | 9.5\% | 5.8\% | 10.6\% | 10.5\% | 9.1\% | 2.3 |
| White | 8.4\% | 5.3\% | 4.1\% | 8.2\% | 9.5\% | 6.2\%* | -2.2 |
| Latino | 2.0\% | 21.2\% | 11.8\% | 16.2\% | 14.9\% | 15.7\%* | 13.7 |
| Employed part-time | 15.3\% | 11.7\% | 9.9\% | 10.4\% | 10.4\% | 11.9\% | -3.4 |
| White | 14.1\% | 11.5\% | 11.0\% | 10.7\% | 8.6\% | 10.7\% | -3.4 |
| Latino | 17.3\% | 12.1\% | 5.1\% | 9.1\% | 16.5\% | 16.0\% | -1.3 |
| Homemaker, parent, or caregiver | 5.3\% | 5.0\% | 5.7\% | 6.5\% | 3.6\% | 3.2\% | -2.1 |
| White | 3.2\% | 4.2\% | 3.8\% | 3.4\% | 2.6\% | 2.4\%* | -0.8 |
| Latino | 13.4\% | 8.7\% | 11.6\% | 17.1\% | 7.4\% | 5.6\%* | -7.8 |
| Student | 5.2\% | 5.0\% | 2.8\% | 2.1\% | 2.4\% | 1.0\% | -4.2 |
| White | 3.3\% | 2.1\% | 2.4\% | 1.1\% | 2.8\% | 0.9\% | -2.4 |
| Latino | 10.8\% | 13.7\% | 3.6\% | 4.8\% | 0.8\% | 1.8\% | -9.0 |
| Volunteer ${ }^{1}$ | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 0.3\% | NA |
| White | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 0.5\% | - |
| Latino | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 0.0\% | - |
| Total Respondents | 700 | 705 | 702 | 846 | 713 | 706 | - |
| White | 489 | 494 | 497 | 595 | 500 | 495 | - |
| Latino | 158 | 159 | 158 | 190 | 161 | 159 | - |

Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
${ }^{1}$ The option of "volunteer" was added in 2013.
*Significance testing: Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to have their employment status be employed full-time, unemployed, or a homemaker, parent or caregiver. White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to have their employment status be self-employed or retired in 2013.

## YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Research has long showed that youth employment can be a strong protective factor against violence and related behaviors. A lack of employment opportunities can create a sense of hopelessness about the future, lead to unnecessary idle time and can lead to increased criminal activity. This subsequently leads to less employment opportunities, creating a cycle that is challenging to move beyond. ${ }^{4}$ Having access to employment and job training is critical for youth to not only successfully plan for their futures, but also to believe a positive future can be achieved.

Thirty-seven percent of youth ages 16-19 were employed in Santa Cruz County in 2007, dropping to $25 \%$ in 2013.


Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). 2007-2013 American Community Survey.

## NET JOB GROWTH

Total employment in Santa Cruz County in 2013 increased for the third consecutive year since 2007, rising from 94,800 jobs in 2010 to 101,500 in 2013. Most of the job gains came from education and health services, as well as leisure and hospitality services. The occupation with the greatest projected gain between 2010 and 2020 is personal care aides ( $84 \%$ ), followed by home health aides ( $55 \%$ ).

Total Employment All Industries, Santa Cruz County


Source: State of California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division. (2014). 2007-2013 Industry Employment \& Labor Force.

[^6]Net Job Growth by Industry, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-13 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Government | 23,100 | 22,300 | 20,800 | 19,400 | 20,400 | 20,500 | 20,800 | -10.0\% |
| Education \& Health Services | 12,400 | 12,500 | 13,000 | 13,300 | 14,000 | 13,900 | 16,300 | 31.5\% |
| Retail Trade | 13,200 | 12,300 | 11,600 | 11,400 | 11,400 | 11,500 | 11,600 | -12.1\% |
| Leisure \& Hospitality | 11,500 | 11,300 | 11,100 | 11,000 | 11,400 | 11,600 | 12,200 | 6.1\% |
| Professional \& Business Services | 10,200 | 10,000 | 9,300 | 8,900 | 9,600 | 9,700 | 10,200 | 0.0\% |
| Manufacturing | 6,300 | 5,900 | 5,200 | 5,300 | 5,100 | 5,600 | 5,900 | -6.3\% |
| Mining, Logging, \& Construction | 5,400 | 4,600 | 3,200 | 3,000 | 2,800 | 3,000 | 3,200 | -40.7\% |
| Wholesale Trade | 4,400 | 4,100 | 3,800 | 3,600 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 | -20.5\% |
| Financial Activities | 3,600 | 3,500 | 3,400 | 3,300 | 3,100 | 3,200 | 3,400 | -5.6\% |
| Transportation, Warehousing, \& Utilities | 1,600 | 1,500 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,700 | 1,500 | 1,400 | -12.5\% |
| Information | 1,300 | 1,100 | 1,000 | 900 | 900 | 800 | 800 | -38.5\% |
| Other Services | 3,900 | 4,000 | 3,700 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,700 | 4,000 | 2.6\% |
| Total Employment, Nonfarm Industries | 96,700 | 93,000 | 87,400 | 85,200 | 87,300 | 88,400 | 93,100 | -3.7\% |
| Total Employment, Farm Industries | 8,000 | 8,600 | 9,500 | 9,600 | 8,700 | 8,500 | 8,400 | 5.0\% |
| Total Employment ${ }^{1}$, All Industries | 104,700 | 101,600 | 96,800 | 94,800 | 96,000 | 96,900 | 101,500 | -3.1\% |
| Comparison: Labor Force ${ }^{2}$ | 148,400 | 146,200 | 147,600 | 147,800 | 150,700 | 154,900 | 151,700 | 2.2\% |

Source: State of California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division. (2014). 2007-2013 Industry Employment \& Labor Force.
Note: Industry employment figures are rounded so totals may not sum exactly.
1"Total Employment" refers to jobs located in Santa Cruz County.
${ }^{2}$ "Labor Force" refers to people who reside in Santa Cruz County, employed or unemployed, but who may work outside of the County.

Selected Occupations with the Greatest Projected Growth, Santa Cruz County

|  | ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT |  |  | 2012 - IST QUARTER WAGES |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $2010$ | $2020$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { IO-20 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ | MEDIAN HOURLY | MEDIAN ANNUAL |
| Personal Care Aides | 1,680 | 3,090 | 83.9\% | \$10.91 | \$22,696 |
| Home Health Aides | 640 | 990 | 54.7\% | \$11.24 | \$23,373 |
| Insurance Sales Agents | 210 | 310 | 47.6\% | \$19.88 | \$41,348 |
| Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists | 230 | 330 | 43.5\% | \$25.81 | \$53,694 |
| Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors | 140 | 200 | 42.9\% | \$13.38 | \$27,831 |
| Coaches and Scouts | 310 | 440 | 41.9\% | * | \$27,157 |
| Healthcare Social Workers | 130 | 180 | 38.5\% | \$21.71 | \$45,164 |
| Self-Enrichment Education Teachers | 330 | 440 | 33.3\% | \$27.09 | \$56,346 |
| Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria | 340 | 450 | 32.4\% | \$11.63 | \$24,190 |
| Medical Secretaries | 620 | 820 | 32.3\% | \$17.22 | \$35,803 |

Source: California Employment Development Department. (2013). 2012 Labor Market Information, Occupational Employment Statistics (OES).
*In occupations where workers do not work full-time all year-round, it is not possible to calculate an hourly wage.

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME

After 2008, per capita personal income fell in the county from $\$ 51,140$ to $\$ 48,883$ in 2011 but has eclipsed that number in 2012 ( $\$ 52,442$ ). Median family income ${ }^{5}$ in Santa Cruz County was $\$ 82,904$ in 2013, close to its previous high in 2008 of $\$ 83,997$.

## Per Capita Personal Income'

|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 06-12 \% CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Santa Cruz County | \$45,194 | \$48,337 | \$51,140 | \$49,145 | \$47,409 | \$48,883 | \$52,442 | 16.0\% |
| California | \$39,626 | \$41,805 | \$43,852 | \$42,395 | \$42,514 | \$44,666 | \$46,477 | 17.3\% |
| United States | \$36,714 | \$38,615 | \$40,166 | \$39,635 | \$39,937 | \$42,298 | \$43,735 | 19.1\% |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. (2014). 2006-2012 Regional Economic Information System. Note: Data presented are the most recent available.
${ }^{1}$ Per capita personal income (PCPI) is calculated by dividing the total personal income by the total population for a given county. Total personal income (TPI) includes the earnings (wages and salaries, other labor income, proprietors' income); dividends, interest, and rent; and transfer payments received by the residents of Santa Cruz County.

[^7]
## Median Family Income



Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). 2007-2013 American Community Survey.
Which income range best describes your family income for the year?

|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | $20 \\|$ | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than $\$ 15,000$ | $18.7 \%$ | $16.8 \%$ | $9.3 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ | $12.3 \%$ |
| $\$ 15,000-\$ 24,999$ | $14.6 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | $9.5 \%$ | $9.5 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ | $12.2 \%$ |
| $\$ 25,000-\$ 34,999$ | $13.2 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ | $11.8 \%$ |
| $\$ 35,000-\$ 49,999$ | $12.8 \%$ | $9.7 \%$ | $13.2 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ | $10.8 \%$ | $9.3 \%$ |
| $\$ 50,000-\$ 65,499$ | $11.7 \%$ | $10.8 \%$ | $11.1 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ | $9.9 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ |
| $\$ 65,500-\$ 99,999$ | $12.2 \%$ | $20.1 \%$ | $23.7 \%$ | $19.5 \%$ | $18.2 \%$ | $17.1 \%$ |
| $\$ 100,000-\$ 149,999$ | $9.9 \%$ | $10.5 \%$ | $16.4 \%$ | $12.9 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ | $11.1 \%$ |
| $\$ 150,000$ or more | $4.3 \%$ | $7.2 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $9.5 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ |
| Total Respondents | $\mathbf{6 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{7 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{6 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 4 3}$ |

Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
Note: Totals may not add up to $100 \%$ due to respondents answering "Don't know" and rounding.

## POVERTY LEVEL

The U.S. government uses two distinct measures regarding poverty:

1. The federal poverty guidelines, which are the levels used to determine if an individual or family is eligible for government benefits, and
2. The federal poverty threshold (commonly known as the federal poverty level), which is largely used by the U.S. Census Bureau to determine the percentage of Americans living in poverty.

The federal poverty guidelines are used by federal and state governments to determine eligibility for government assistance. There are several programs that use these guidelines or percentages of the guidelines (such as 125\% or 185\% of the federal poverty guidelines), such as Head Start, food stamps, the school lunch program, low-income energy assistance, the children's health insurance program, and Medicare. In general, cash assistance such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI), Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and Section 8 housing do not use the federal poverty guidelines. The federal poverty guideline for 2014 was $\$ 23,850$ for a family of four.

The federal poverty threshold (also known as the federal poverty level) was developed in the 1960s and was based on three times the cost of a nutritionally adequate monthly food plan, as determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Since then, annual adjustments for inflation have occurred, based on changes in the Consumer Price Index. But the federal poverty level presupposes that the average family spends one-third of their income on food and does not consider other factors such as child care, transportation, medical, and housing costs.

In Santa Cruz County, 18\% of children under the age of 18 were living in poverty in 2013, up from 14\% in 2012. Poverty among seniors however, decreased from 9\% in 2010 to 7\% in 2013.

## Federal Poverty Guidelines by Family Size, United States

|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\$ 10,400$ | $\$ 10,830$ | $\$ 10,830$ | $\$ 10,890$ | $\$ 11,170$ | $\$ 11,490$ | $\$ 11,670$ |
| 2 | $\$ 14,000$ | $\$ 14,570$ | $\$ 14,570$ | $\$ 14,710$ | $\$ 15,130$ | $\$ 15,510$ | $\$ 15,730$ |
| 3 | $\$ 17,600$ | $\$ 18,310$ | $\$ 18,310$ | $\$ 18,530$ | $\$ 19,090$ | $\$ 19,530$ | $\$ 19,790$ |
| 4 | $\$ 21,200$ | $\$ 22,050$ | $\$ 22,050$ | $\$ 22,350$ | $\$ 23,050$ | $\$ 23,550$ | $\$ 23,850$ |
| 5 | $\$ 24,800$ | $\$ 25,790$ | $\$ 25,790$ | $\$ 26,170$ | $\$ 27,010$ | $\$ 27,570$ | $\$ 27,910$ |
| 6 | $\$ 28,400$ | $\$ 29,530$ | $\$ 29,530$ | $\$ 29,990$ | $\$ 30,970$ | $\$ 31,590$ | $\$ 31,970$ |
| 7 | $\$ 32,000$ | $\$ 33,270$ | $\$ 33,270$ | $\$ 33,810$ | $\$ 34,930$ | $\$ 35,610$ | $\$ 36,030$ |
| 8 | $\$ 35,600$ | $\$ 37,010$ | $\$ 37,010$ | $\$ 37,630$ | $\$ 38,890$ | $\$ 39,630$ | $\$ 40,090$ |

[^8]Percentage of Population Living Below the Poverty Level, By Age Group

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{gathered} \text { O7-I3 NET } \\ \text { CHANGE } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Santa Cruz County |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 18 Years | 12.4\% | 17.8\% | 14.9\% | 17.3\% | 15.5\% | 14.0\% | 18.4\% | 6.0 |
| 18 to 64 Years | 10.0\% | 13.4\% | 14.7\% | 14.8\% | 16.0\% | 14.3\% | 15.4\% | 5.4 |
| 65 Years and Over | 6.2\% | 6.7\% | 6.8\% | 8.5\% | 7.2\% | 7.5\% | 6.6\% | 0.4 |
| California |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 18 Years | 17.3\% | 18.5\% | 19.9\% | 22.0\% | 22.8\% | 23.8\% | 23.5\% | 6.2 |
| 18 to 64 Years | 11.1\% | 12.0\% | 12.8\% | 14.5\% | 15.3\% | 15.6\% | 15.6\% | 4.5 |
| 65 Years and Over | 8.2\% | 8.7\% | 8.7\% | 9.7\% | 10.0\% | 10.4\% | 10.4\% | 2.2 |
| United States |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 18 Years | 18.0\% | 18.2\% | 20.0\% | 21.6\% | 22.5\% | 22.6\% | 22.2\% | 4.2 |
| 18 to 64 Years | 11.6\% | 11.9\% | 13.1\% | 14.2\% | 14.8\% | 14.8\% | 14.8\% | 3.2 |
| 65 Years and Over | 9.5\% | 9.9\% | 9.5\% | 9.0\% | 9.3\% | 9.5\% | 9.6\% | 0.1 |

Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). 2007-2013 American Community Survey.

## SELF-SUFFICIENCY INCOME STANDARDS

The Self-Sufficiency Income Standards (SSIS) for California provides information on how much income is needed in different counties in order for families of different sizes to meet their basic needs without public or private assistance. The SSIS provides a more comprehensive measure of income adequacy than Federal Poverty Thresholds (levels) by taking into account housing, child care, health care, transportation, food, taxes and miscellaneous costs, as well as economic differences between counties. It also accounts for changing costs over time, and at various rates. For example, food costs, on which the official poverty thresholds are based, have not increased as fast as housing costs. This failure to account for different inflation rates among other non-food basic needs is one reason that the official poverty thresholds are no longer an adequate measure of the money required to meet real needs. ${ }^{6}$

A single adult in Santa Cruz County would need to earn $\$ 14.16$ per hour in 2014 in order to be self-sufficient. A single adult with a teenager and a school-age child would have to earn $\$ 25.01$ per hour to be self-sufficient. In 2012, $63 \%$ of Latinos were living below the SSIS compared to $26 \%$ of Whites.

[^9]Self-Sufficiency Income Standards, Santa Cruz County

|  | SINGLE ADULT |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2003 | 2008 | 2011 | 2014 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O3-14\% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| Housing | \$1,004 | \$1,145 | \$1,327 | \$1,180 | 17.5\% |
| Child Care | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - |
| Food | \$182 | \$241 | \$236 | \$244 | 34.1\% |
| Transportation | \$245 | \$255 | \$262 | \$279 | 13.9\% |
| Health Care | \$67 | \$104 | \$140 | \$149 | 122.4\% |
| Miscellaneous | \$150 | \$175 | \$197 | \$185 | 23.3\% |
| Taxes | \$375 | \$447 | \$527 | \$454 | 21.1\% |
| Earned Income Tax credit (-) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - |
| Child Care Tax Credit (-) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - |
| Child Tax Credit (-) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - |
| Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage | \$11.49 | \$13.45 | \$15.28 | \$14.16 | 23.2\% |
| Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage | \$2,023 | \$2,367 | \$2,689 | \$2,492 | 23.2\% |
| Annual Self-Sufficiency Wage | \$24,276 | \$28,408 | \$32,273 | \$29,903 | 23.2\% |
|  | SINGLE ADULT + I SCHOOL-AGE CHILD AND I TEENAGER |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2003 | 2008 | 2011 | 2014 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O3-14\% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| Housing | \$1,341 | \$1,493 | \$1,730 | \$1,597 | 19.1\% |
| Child Care | \$440 | \$426 | \$473 | \$531 | 20.7\% |
| Food | \$473 | \$633 | \$623 | \$646 | 36.6\% |
| Transportation | \$251 | \$262 | \$270 | \$288 | 14.7\% |
| Health Care | \$232 | \$297 | \$423 | \$504 | 117.2\% |
| Miscellaneous | \$274 | \$311 | \$352 | \$357 | 30.3\% |
| Taxes | \$484 | \$589 | \$776 | \$695 | 43.6\% |
| Earned Income Tax credit (-) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - |
| Child Care Tax Credit (-) | (\$55) | (\$50) | (\$50) | (\$50) | -9.1\% |
| Child Tax Credit (-) | NA | NA | (\$167) | (\$167) | - |
| Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage | \$18.59 | \$21.55 | \$25.17 | \$25.01 | 34.5\% |
| Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage | \$3,273 | \$3,793 | \$4,430 | \$4,401 | 34.5\% |
| Annual Self-Sufficiency Wage | \$39,270 | \$45,522 | \$53,164 | \$52,817 | 34.5\% |

[^10]Self-Sufficiency Income Standards, Santa Cruz County (Continued)

|  | TWO ADULTS + I PRE-SCHOOLER AND I SCHOOL-AGE CHILD |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2003 | 2008 | 2011 | 2014 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O3-14\% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| Housing | \$1,341 | \$1,493 | \$1,730 | \$1,597 | 19.1\% |
| Child Care | \$1,205 | \$1,283 | \$1,624 | \$1,648 | 36.8\% |
| Food | \$565 | \$752 | \$739 | \$765 | 35.4\% |
| Transportation | \$481 | \$500 | \$512 | \$545 | 13.3\% |
| Health Care | \$250 | \$333 | \$452 | \$534 | 113.6\% |
| Miscellaneous | \$384 | \$436 | \$506 | \$509 | 32.6\% |
| Taxes | \$783 | \$946 | \$1,274 | \$1,165 | 48.8\% |
| Earned Income Tax credit (-) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | - |
| Child Care Tax Credit (-) | (\$100) | (\$100) | (\$100) | (\$100) | 0.0\% |
| Child Tax Credit (-) | NA | NA | (\$167) | (\$167) | - |
| Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage | \$13.47 ${ }^{1}$ | \$15.56 ${ }^{1}$ | \$18.67 ${ }^{1}$ | \$18.46 ${ }^{1}$ | 37.0\% |
| Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage | \$4,743 | \$5,477 | \$6,571 | \$6,496 | 37.0\% |
| Annual Self-Sufficiency <br> Wage | \$56,918 | \$65,726 | \$78,858 | \$77,954 | 37.0\% |

Source: Insight Center for Community Economic Development. (2014). 2003-2014 The Self-Sufficiency Standard for California.
${ }^{1}$ Hourly wages for two-adult households are per adult (e.g., $\$ 18.67$ per adult in 2011, $\$ 18.46$ per adult in 2014).

## Percentage of Households Below Self-Sufficiency Income Standards, Santa Cruz County - 2012



[^11]
## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The median sale price of homes in the Santa Cruz-Watsonville Metro Areas was $\$ 535,000$ in the $1^{\text {st }}$ quarter of 2014 , up considerably from $\$ 365,000$ in 2012. The percentage of homes in the Santa Cruz-Watsonville Metro Area that were affordable to median income families was $21 \%$ in the $1^{\text {st }}$ quarter of 2014. Average rents for two bedrooms was $\$ 1,750$ a month in 2014.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recommends that families not spend more than $30 \%$ of their income on housing, otherwise, they won't be able to afford other basic needs. Forty-one percent of White CAP survey respondents reported spending more than $30 \%$ of their take-home pay on housing costs in 2013, compared to $67 \%$ of Latino respondents, a statistically significant difference.

Median Sale Price, All Home Types'


Source: National Association of Home Builders. (2014). 2008-2014 NAHB - Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI), 1st Quarter.
${ }^{1}$ Includes new and existing condominiums and other types of homes.

## Median Sale Price, All Home Types by Metro Area

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $08-14$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | CHANGE |
| Salinas | $\$ 393,000$ | $\$ 209,000$ | $\$ 232,000$ | $\$ 235,000$ | $\$ 254,000$ | $\$ 340,000$ | $\$ 385,000$ | $-2.0 \%$ |
| San Francisco-San Mateo | $\$ 680,000$ | $\$ 525,000$ | $\$ 585,000$ | $\$ 550,000$ | $\$ 549,000$ | $\$ 675,000$ | $\$ 815,000$ | $19.9 \%$ |
| San Jose-Santa Clara | $\$ 544,000$ | $\$ 373,000$ | $\$ 431,000$ | $\$ 425,000$ | $\$ 420,000$ | $\$ 550,000$ | $\$ 631,000$ | $16.0 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz-Watsonville | $\$ 508,000$ | $\$ 347,000$ | $\$ 430,000$ | $\$ 376,000$ | $\$ 365,000$ | $\$ 426,000$ | $\$ 535,000$ | $5.3 \%$ |
| United States | $\$ 219,000$ | $\$ 176,000$ | $\$ 175,000$ | $\$ 165,000$ | $\$ 162,000$ | $\$ 183,300$ | $\$ 195,000$ | $-11.0 \%$ |

[^12]
## Percentage of Homes Affordable for Median Income Families



Source: National Association of Home Builders. (2014). 2008-2014 NAHB - Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI), 1st Quarter.

Percentage of Homes Affordable for Median Income Families by Metro Area

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 08-I4 NET |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: National Association of Home Builders. (2014). 2008-2014 NAHB - Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI), 1st Quarter.

## Percentage of Households Able to Afford an Entry-Level Home in California Based on the First-Time Buyer' Housing Affordability Index

|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O8-14 NET } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| County |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marin | 24\% | 41\% | 41\% | 50\% | 47\% | 37\% | 36\% | 12.0 |
| San Francisco | 23\% | 39\% | 37\% | 46\% | 43\% | 34\% | 34\% | 11.0 |
| San Mateo | 22\% | 51\% | 42\% | 53\% | 46\% | 36\% | 31\% | 9.0 |
| Santa Clara | 31\% | 62\% | 55\% | 62\% | 56\% | 45\% | 45\% | 14.0 |
| Santa Cruz | 28\% | 53\% | 45\% | 58\% | 56\% | 41\% | 41\% | 13.0 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U.S.: Single Family | 69\% | 76\% | 79\% | NA | 81\% | 75\% | 77\% | 8.0 |
| CA: Single Family | 44\% | 69\% | 66\% | NA | 69\% | 56\% | 56\% | 12.0 |
| S.F. Bay Area | 30\% | 62\% | 53\% | NA | NA | 45\% | 46\% | 16.0 |
| Monterey Region | 29\% | 71\% | 67\% | NA | NA | 57\% | 49\% | 20.0 |

Source: California Association of Realtors. (2014). 2008-2014 First-Time Buyer Housing Affordability Index.
Note: Data are from the $1^{\text {st }}$ quarter of each year, except for 2012 and 2013, when data is from Q2.
${ }^{1}$ A first-time buyer is assumed to purchase a home at a price equal to 85 percent of the prevailing median price for existing homes.

## Estimate of Average (50th Percentile) Rents', Santa Cruz County

|  | FY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 | FY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2009 | FY | FY | FY | FY | FY | O8-I4 O |  |  |
|  | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | CHANGE |  |  |  |
| 0 bedrooms | $\$ 1,045$ | $\$ 1,113$ | $\$ 1,160$ | $\$ 1,212$ | $\$ 1,058$ | $\$ 1,039$ | $\$ 1,051$ | $0.6 \%$ |
| 1 bedroom | $\$ 1,229$ | $\$ 1,309$ | $\$ 1,363$ | $\$ 1,424$ | $\$ 1,248$ | $\$ 1,257$ | $\$ 1,271$ | $3.4 \%$ |
| 2 bedrooms | $\$ 1,608$ | $\$ 1,713$ | $\$ 1,784$ | $\$ 1,864$ | $\$ 1,627$ | $\$ 1,700$ | $\$ 1,750$ | $8.8 \%$ |
| 3 bedrooms | $\$ 2,341$ | $\$ 2,494$ | $\$ 2,598$ | $\$ 2,714$ | $\$ 2,341$ | $\$ 2,191$ | $\$ 2,217$ | $-5.3 \%$ |
| 4 bedrooms | $\$ 2,505$ | $\$ 2,669$ | $\$ 2,779$ | $\$ 2,904$ | $\$ 2,413$ | $\$ 2,444$ | $\$ 2,473$ | $-1.3 \%$ |

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (2014). 2008-2014 HUD USER Data Sets.
How much of your total household take-home pay (income after taxes) goes to rent or housing costs'?


Overall 2013 n: 624.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2007-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
${ }^{1}$ Housing costs are considered any type of payment having to do with housing, such as rent or mortgage payments.
TP Percentage of Respondents Who Spent Over 30\% of Their Household Take-Home Pay on Rent or Housing Costs, By Ethnicity


Overall 2013 n: 624; White 2013 n: 439; Latino 2013 n: 139.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2007-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
*Significance testing: Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to spend over 30\% of their household take-home pay on rent or housing costs in 2013.

In the past 12 months, due to the cost of housing, have you or anyone living with you needed to do any of the following? (Selected Responses) By Ethnicity - 2013

|  | OVERALL | WHITE | LATINO |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Share Housing With Other <br> Families | $16.2 \%$ | $13.2 \%^{*}$ | $27.5 \%^{*}$ |
| Live Temporarily With <br> Family/Friends | $15.0 \%$ | $11.4 \%^{*}$ | $25.1 \%^{*}$ |
| Rent Out Rooms In Your <br> House | $9.1 \%$ | $8.0 \%$ | $12.2 \%$ |
| Move When You Didn't <br> Want To | $4.9 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ |
| Live In An Overcrowded <br> Unit | $4.9 \%$ | $2.7 \% *$ | $10.8 \%$ * |
| None of the above | $70.0 \%$ | $76.1 \%$ | $52.7 \%$ |

Overall: 695 respondents offering 880 responses; White: 487 respondents offering 583 responses; Latino: 153 respondents offering 228 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
*Significance testing: Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to share housing with other families, live temporarily with family/friends, or live in an overcrowded unit due to the cost of housing in 2013.

## FORECLOSURES

There were 346 notices of default (the first step in the foreclosure process) in Santa Cruz County in 2013, continuing a downward trend from a high of 1,643 in 2009. There was a $62 \%$ decrease in notices of default between 2007 and 2013 in the county.

## Notices of Default (First Step in Foreclosure Process), Santa Cruz County



Source: DataQuick News. (2014). 2006-2013 Foreclosure Press Releases.
Notices of Default (First Step in Foreclosure Process) by County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | OHANGE |
| Monterey County | 2,740 | 5,222 | 4,606 | 2,831 | 2,243 | 1,713 | 599 | $-78.1 \%$ |
| San Francisco County | 1,059 | 1,493 | 2,230 | 1,885 | 1,749 | 1,128 | 444 | $-58.1 \%$ |
| Santa Clara County | 6,150 | 11,740 | 15,040 | 9,538 | 8,069 | 5,073 | 1,948 | $-68.3 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County | 905 | $\mathbf{1 , 5 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 6 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 2 6 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 1 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{8 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{- 6 1 . 8 \%}$ |
| California | 254,824 | 404,620 | 377,355 | 304,165 | 257,664 | 220,360 | 82,749 | $65.6 \%$ |

[^13]
## ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

CaIFresh, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, serves as the first line of defense against hunger. CalFresh benefits provide critical basic support to low income families and individuals enabling them to purchase nutritious food with an Electronic Benefit Transfer card.

The average number of people served monthly by CalFresh increased from 12,748 people in FY 2007-08 to nearly 23,000 in FY 2012-13. In 2012-13, CalFresh issued nearly $\$ 42$ million in benefits in the county.

CalWORKs offers employment services and cash assistance to needy families who have children under 19 years of age. The program helps meet basic needs for shelter, food, and clothing, while increasing job readiness skills. Cash aid benefits for the adults have a lifetime limit of 60 months and most adult recipients must meet work participation requirements as a condition of receiving cash assistance.

The average monthly caseload for CalWORKs in Santa Cruz County was just under 2,000 in FY 2013-14, a slight decrease from the previous year. Nearly 68,000 people in Santa Cruz County received aid from one or more forms of public assistance in FY 2013-14.

## Average Number of People Served Monthly by CalFresh, Santa Cruz County



Source: County of Santa Cruz Human Services Department Annual Report. (2014) 2007-2014.
Average Monthly Caseload, Santa Cruz County

|  | FY 2009-IO | FY 2010-II | FY 20II-I2 | FY 2012-13 | FY 2013-14 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| General Assistance | 138 | 162 | 196 | 174 | 171 |
| CalWORKs | 2,389 | 2,366 | 2,226 | 2,059 | 1,974 |

[^14]
## Number of People Receiving Aid from One or More Public Assistance Programs, Santa Cruz County



Source: County of Santa Cruz Human Services Department Annual Report. (2014) 2007-2014.
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## EDUCATION SNAPSHOT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

| INDICATOR | MEASUREMENT | CALIFORNIA | SANTA CRUZ COUNTY | COUNTY TREND |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Test Scores - CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam) | Percentage of $10^{\text {th }}$ grade students passing the math portion of the exam | 86\% | 83\% |  |
| High School Dropout Rate | Dropout rate | 11.6\% | 10.5\% | 41 |
| High School Graduation Rate | Graduation rate | 80.4\% | 84.9\% |  |
| Satisfaction with Local Educational System | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who felt "very" or "somewhat satisfied" with our local system of education | NA | 86.9\% |  |
| Child Care | Percentage of children with parents in the labor force with licensed child care spaces available | NA | 30.4\% | 41 | data unavailable. Green colored arrow indicates positive trend; Red colored arrow indicates negative trend.

Note: Data presented in table are the most recent data available.

## EDUCATION COMMUNITY GOALS

GOAL:By the year 2015, all students will graduate with the skills and knowledge required to compete in a $21^{\text {st }}$ century global economy.
" Community Hero: Carol Polhamus, Alternative Education, Santa Cruz County Office of Education

GOAL: By the year 2015, more kindergarteners will be better prepared for school through participation in a high quality preschool.
" Community Hero: Lawrence P. Drury, GOKIDS

## STUDENT ENROLLMENT

The total number of students enrolled in public K-12 schools in Santa Cruz County was 40,295 in 2013/14, an increase of $6 \%$ from 38,099 in 2007/08. The majority ( $56 \%$ ) of the students enrolled in 2013/14 identified as Latino/Hispanic, followed by $37 \%$ White, and less than 2\% Asian.

## Student Enrollment, Santa Cruz County



Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2007-2014 Educational Demographics Office.
Note: Enrollment data indicate the number of students enrolled each year in public K-12 schools. Enrollment totals are active fall enrollments.

Student Enrollment by School District

|  | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $20101$ | $\begin{gathered} 20111 \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20131 \\ 14 \end{gathered}$ | $07-14 \%$ CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| County Office of Education | 1,121 | 1,219 | 1,397 | 1,389 | 1,106 | 1,393 | 1,349 | 20.3\% |
| Bonny Doon Union Elementary | 131 | 125 | 117 | 114 | 129 | 132 | 127 | -3.1\% |
| Happy Valley Elementary | 141 | 129 | 128 | 135 | 133 | 127 | 129 | -8.5\% |
| Live Oak Elementary | 2,194 | 2,162 | 2,089 | 2,108 | 2,061 | 2,118 | 2,081 | -5.2\% |
| Mountain Elementary | 165 | 159 | 133 | 120 | 123 | 132 | 131 | -20.6\% |
| Pacific Elementary | 106 | 106 | 104 | 110 | 110 | 104 | 106 | 0.0\% |
| Pajaro Valley Unified | 19,387 | 19,477 | 19,381 | 19,542 | 19,914 | 20,001 | 20,362 | 5.0\% |
| San Lorenzo Valley Unified | 3,546 | 3,610 | 3,771 | 4,025 | 4,264 | 4,444 | 4,514 | 27.3\% |
| Santa Cruz City Elementary | 2,136 | 2,165 | 2,193 | 2,257 | 2,336 | 2,360 | 2,351 | 10.1\% |
| Santa Cruz City High | 4,847 | 4,759 | 4,779 | 4,718 | 4,691 | 4,716 | 4,666 | -3.7\% |
| Scotts Valley Unified | 2,645 | 2,595 | 2,566 | 2,574 | 2,506 | 2,479 | 2,474 | -6.5\% |
| Soquel Union Elementary | 1,680 | 1,773 | 1,844 | 1,879 | 1,895 | 1,954 | 2,005 | 19.3\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total | 38,099 | 38,279 | 38,502 | 38,971 | 39,268 | 39,960 | 40,295 | 5.8\% |
| California Total | 6,258,007 | 6,252,031 | 6,189,908 | 6,217,113 | 6,214,204 | 6,214,199 | 6,236,672 | -0.3\% |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2007-2014 Educational Demographics Office.

Student Enrollment by Ethnicity, Santa Cruz County

|  | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $20101$ <br> II | $\begin{gathered} 20111 \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20131 \\ 14 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-14 NET } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| African American | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.1\% | 1.0\% | 0.9\% | 0.9\% | -0.3 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 0.4\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% | 0.3\% | -0.1 |
| Asian | 2.0\% | 2.0\% | 2.0\% | 2.0\% | 1.8\% | 1.8\% | 1.8\% | -0.2 |
| Filipino | 1.0\% | 0.9\% | 0.9\% | 0.9\% | 0.9\% | 0.8\% | 0.8\% | -0.2 |
| Hispanic/ Latino | 51.3\% | 52.0\% | 53.0\% | 53.6\% | 54.3\% | 54.8\% | 55.6\% | 4.3 |
| Pacific Islander | 0.3\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | -0.1 |
| White (Not Hispanic) | 40.7\% | 40.0\% | 40.8\% | 39.4\% | 38.0\% | 37.3\% | 36.5\% | -4.2 |
| Multiple or No Response | 3.1\% | 3.3\% | 1.6\% | 2.4\% | 3.4\% | 3.7\% | 3.9\% | 0.8 |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2007-2014 Educational Demographics Office.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance in elementary school plays a major role in academic success, including reading at grade level and graduation rates. Chronic absenteeism is when a student misses $10 \%$ or more of school for any reason, excused or unexcused. Chronic absenteeism is a good indicator that students are headed towards academic trouble and are at an increased risk of dropping out of high school.

Fourteen percent of kindergarten students were chronically absent in 2014, while all other grade levels had less than $10 \%$ of students who were chronically absent. When comparing the ethnic breakdown of chronically absent students with all students, there are no noted differences.

Percentage of Santa Cruz County' Students that are that are Chronically Absent, 2014


Source: Santa Cruz County, Keeping Kids in School (KKIS) Collaborative. (2014).
${ }^{1}$ Santa Cruz County data is represented by the following school districts: Santa Cruz City, Pajaro Valley, Live Oak, and San Lorenzo Valley.

Percentage of Santa Cruz County' Students that are that are Chronically Absent Compared to All Students, 2014


Source: Santa Cruz County, Keeping Kids in School (KKIS) Collaborative. (2014).
${ }^{1}$ Santa Cruz County data is represented by the following school districts: Santa Cruz City, Pajaro Valley, Live Oak, and San Lorenzo Valley.

## TEST SCORES - CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM (CAHSEE)

In California, all high school students must pass a test to earn a high school diploma. The test is called the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). The test helps to ensure that students graduate from high school with grade level skills in reading, writing, and math. Students first take this test in $10^{\text {th }}$ grade. If they do not pass the test in $10^{\text {th }}$ grade, they have two more chances to take the test in $11^{\text {th }}$ grade and up to five times in $12^{\text {th }}$ grade.

Since 2007/08 the percentage of Santa Cruz County $10^{\text {th }}$ grade students who passed the California High School Exit Exam ${ }^{7}$ increased in both math (77\% in 2007/08 to 83\% in 2013/14) and English-language arts ( $78 \%$ in 2007/08 to 81\% in 2013/14).

[^15]
## Math: IOth Grade

|  | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\\|}{20101}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2011 / \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20131 \\ 14 \end{gathered}$ | 07-14 NET CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aptos High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 342 | 305 | 337 | 326 | 369 | 325 | 320 | - |
| Passing | 91\% | 88\% | 88\% | 89\% | 88\% | 94\% | 92\% | 1.0 |
| Harbor High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 277 | 264 | 268 | 257 | 240 | 262 | 297 | - |
| Passing | 86\% | 83\% | 88\% | 88\% | 86\% | 85\% | 86\% | 0.0 |
| Pajaro Valley High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 419 | 322 | 396 | 324 | 384 | 379 | 356 | - |
| Passing | 62\% | 59\% | 70\% | 78\% | 69\% | 69\% | 76\% | 14.0 |
| San Lorenzo Valley High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 211 | 190 | 170 | 345 | 362 | 189 | 173 | - |
| Passing | 90\% | 89\% | 92\% | 70\% | 76\% | 94\% | 90\% | 0.0 |
| Santa Cruz High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 244 | 264 | 267 | 289 | 263 | 279 | 241 | - |
| Passing | 91\% | 91\% | 92\% | 96\% | 93\% | 93\% | 93\% | 2.0 |
| Scotts Valley High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 224 | 201 | 193 | 212 | 193 | 186 | 199 | - |
| Passing | 94\% | 96\% | 95\% | 93\% | 96\% | 96\% | 97\% | 3.0 |
| Soquel High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 300 | 280 | 231 | 244 | 271 | 259 | 257 | - |
| Passing | 82\% | 89\% | 88\% | 82\% | 86\% | 85\% | 89\% | 7.0 |
| Watsonville High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 515 | 534 | 467 | 526 | 491 | 502 | 467 | - |
| Passing | 63\% | 73\% | 71\% | 75\% | 76\% | 71\% | 75\% | 12.0 |
| Santa Cruz County |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 2,974 | 2,805 | 2,733 | 2,851 | 2,884 | 2,952 | 2,886 | - |
| Passing | 77\% | 79\% | 81\% | 83\% | 81\% | 81\% | 83\% | 6.0 |
| California |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 474,830 | 474,221 | 475,464 | 473,439 | 465,414 | 459,159 | 450,169 | - |
| Passing | 78\% | 80\% | 81\% | 83\% | 84\% | 84\% | 86\% | 8.0 |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2007-2014 High School Exit Exam Office.

## English Language Arts: $10^{\text {th }}$ Grade

|  | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\\|}{20101}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20111 \\ 12 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2012 \\ 113 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2013 \\ 114 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-14 NET } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aptos High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 347 | 305 | 336 | 327 | 367 | 324 | 320 | - |
| Passing | 92\% | 90\% | 90\% | 89\% | 92\% | 89\% | 89\% | -3.0 |
| Harbor High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 277 | 264 | 268 | 255 | 240 | 262 | 302 | - |
| Passing | 87\% | 87\% | 88\% | 87\% | 85\% | 77\% | 80\% | -7.0 |
| Pajaro Valley High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 416 | 316 | 397 | 328 | 388 | 378 | 350 | - |
| Passing | 67\% | 63\% | 69\% | 73\% | 70\% | 65\% | 71\% | 4.0 |
| San Lorenzo Valley High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 211 | 192 | 173 | 351 | 382 | 188 | 173 | - |
| Passing | 91\% | 92\% | 92\% | 72\% | 77\% | 89\% | 88\% | -3.0 |
| Santa Cruz High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 245 | 266 | 265 | 290 | 262 | 278 | 238 | - |
| Passing | 91\% | 87\% | 93\% | 92\% | 94\% | 91\% | 92\% | 1.0 |
| Scotts Valley High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 223 | 201 | 191 | 212 | 194 | 186 | 199 | - |
| Passing | 96\% | 96\% | 96\% | 95\% | 97\% | 98\% | 97\% | 1.0 |
| Soquel High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 299 | 276 | 225 | 243 | 270 | 261 | 251 | - |
| Passing | 85\% | 88\% | 92\% | 89\% | 87\% | 88\% | 89\% | 4.0 |
| Watsonville High |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 518 | 540 | 467 | 539 | 490 | 506 | 465 | - |
| Passing | 62\% | 68\% | 67\% | 69\% | 71\% | 70\% | 67\% | 5.0 |
| Santa Cruz County |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 2,992 | 2,813 | 2737 | 2,869 | 2,885 | 2,953 | 2,902 | - |
| Passing | 78\% | 79\% | 82\% | 82\% | 82\% | 79\% | 81\% | 3.0 |
| California |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number Tested | 476,711 | 476,768 | 478,113 | 475,842 | 467,654 | 461,150 | 451,687 | - |
| Passing | 79\% | 79\% | 81\% | 82\% | 83\% | 83\% | 84\% | 5.0 |

[^16]
## TEST SCORES - SAT

The total average SAT ${ }^{8}$ score of Santa Cruz County high school students was 1568 in 2012/13, higher than the state at an average of 1489. Depending upon the high school, there was a wide range of scores, with a low of 1241 at Pajaro Valley High School and a high of 1732 at Santa Cruz High School in 2012/13. The percentage of Santa Cruz County $12^{\text {th }}$ grade students who took the SAT increased slightly from $36 \%$ in 2006/07 to $37 \%$ in 2012/13. However, the percentage of Santa Cruz County $12^{\text {th }}$ graders taking the SAT has been consistently lower than in California overall since 2006/07.

## Total Average SAT Score



Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2006-2013 SAT Report.
Note: Scores are out of 2400 possible points on a nonlinear curve. Visit the College Board's website for information on how the tests are scored at https://www.collegeboard.org/.

## Percentage of $12^{\text {th }}$ Grade Students Who Took the SAT

|  | $\begin{gathered} 2006 / \\ 07 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20101 \\ \\| \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20111 \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O6-I3 NET } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aptos High | 47.2\% | 59.7\% | 53.0\% | 47.8\% | 44.3\% | 52.3\% | 51.2\% | 4.0 |
| Harbor High | 42.2\% | 34.8\% | 32.9\% | 32.6\% | 31.5\% | 47.1\% | 47.3\% | 5.1 |
| Pajaro Valley High | 31.5\% | 32.7\% | 38.3\% | 44.4\% | 36.3\% | 42.9\% | 35.7\% | 4.2 |
| San Lorenzo Valley High | 47.3\% | 39.0\% | 37.8\% | 39.7\% | 45.7\% | 54.1\% | 54.7\% | 7.4 |
| Santa Cruz High | 61.1\% | 57.5\% | 53.2\% | 45.0\% | 53.9\% | 63.2\% | 60.4\% | -0.7 |
| Scotts Valley High | 58.1\% | 67.9\% | 68.9\% | 59.0\% | 58.3\% | 68.0\% | 72.7\% | 14.6 |
| Soquel High | 45.6\% | 41.0\% | 44.1\% | 38.3\% | 40.4\% | 47.0\% | 44.8\% | -0.8 |
| Watsonville High | 34.7\% | 36.5\% | 27.5\% | 28.1\% | 35.7\% | 33.9\% | 36.6\% | 1.9 |
| Santa Cruz County | 35.6\% | 35.3\% | 32.4\% | 31.8\% | 32.3\% | 37.8\% | 36.9\% | 1.3 |
| California | 36.9\% | 35.9\% | 34.7\% | 33.4\% | 38.0\% | 39.3\% | 40.4\% | 3.5 |

[^17][^18]
## Average Total SAT Score, by High School

|  | $2006 /$ | $2007 /$ | $2008 /$ | $2009 /$ | $2010 /$ | $201 / /$ | 2012 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | $\\|$ | 12 | II3 | $06-13 \%$ <br> CHANGE |
| Aptos High | 1555 | 1597 | 1622 | 1571 | 1598 | 1574 | 1584 | $1.9 \%$ |
| Harbor High | 1663 | 1690 | 1657 | 1656 | 1686 | 1618 | 1607 | $-3.4 \%$ |
| Pajaro Valley High | 1423 | 1160 | 1237 | 1233 | 1173 | 1223 | 1241 | $-12.8 \%$ |
| San Lorenzo Valley High | 1579 | 1603 | 1652 | 1657 | 1655 | 1589 | 1634 | $3.5 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz High | 1645 | 1652 | 1683 | 1655 | 1691 | 1687 | 1732 | $5.3 \%$ |
| Scotts Valley High | 1618 | 1614 | 1664 | 1636 | 1682 | 1621 | 1653 | $2.2 \%$ |
| Soquel High | 1620 | 1608 | 1654 | 1666 | 1626 | 1653 | 1568 | $-3.2 \%$ |
| Watsonville High | 1312 | 1266 | 1313 | 1255 | 1322 | 1305 | 1270 | $-3.2 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County | $\mathbf{1 5 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 3 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 6 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 1 \%}$ |
| California | 1497 | 1500 | 1502 | 1512 | 1502 | 1492 | 1489 | $-0.5 \%$ |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2006-2013 SAT Report.
Note: Scores are out of 2400 possible points on a nonlinear curve. Visit the College Board's website for information on how the tests are scored at https://www.collegeboard.org/.

## ENGLISH LEARNER STUDENTS

Allocating additional resources for teaching English Learner ${ }^{9}$ students is increasingly important as schools adapt to changing demographics. In the 2013/14 school year, $29 \%$ of all Santa Cruz County students were English Learners, slightly higher than in California overall at $23 \%$.

## Percentage of English Learner Students



Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2005-2014 Educational Demographics Office.

[^19]Percentage of English Learner Students by School District

|  | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\\|}{20101}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20111 \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20131 \\ 14 \end{gathered}$ | 07-14 NET CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| County Office of Education | 12.9\% | 13.4\% | 10.8\% | 26.1\% | 15.8\% | 18.4\% | 17.4\% | 4.5 |
| Bonny Doon Union Elementary | 0.0\% | 0.8\% | 2.6\% | 0.9\% | 1.6\% | 0.8\% | 0.0\% | 0.0 |
| Happy Valley Elementary | 0.7\% | 0.8\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.8\% | 1.6\% | 1.6\% | 0.9 |
| Live Oak Elementary | 28.8\% | 31.2\% | 30.9\% | 31.6\% | 32.3\% | 32.6\% | 32.7\% | 3.9 |
| Mountain Elementary | 1.8\% | 2.5\% | 2.3\% | 2.5\% | 3.3\% | 0.8\% | 0.0\% | -1.8 |
| Pacific Elementary | 8.5\% | 9.4\% | 10.6\% | 10.9\% | 9.1\% | 10.6\% | 12.3\% | 3.8 |
| Pajaro Valley Unified | 43.8\% | 44.9\% | 46.7\% | 45.9\% | 45.4\% | 44.0\% | 46.5\% | 2.7 |
| San Lorenzo Valley Unified | 1.2\% | 1.1\% | 0.8\% | 1.1\% | 1.3\% | 1.8\% | 1.7\% | 0.5 |
| Santa Cruz City Elementary | 27.5\% | 28.6\% | 27.9\% | 27.2\% | 25.7\% | 24.4\% | 25.7\% | -1.8 |
| Santa Cruz City High | 9.4\% | 8.1\% | 8.8\% | 7.9\% | 7.7\% | 6.7\% | 7.2\% | -2.2 |
| Scotts Valley Unified | 2.4\% | 2.5\% | 2.5\% | 1.7\% | 2.1\% | 1.7\% | 2.3\% | -0.1 |
| Soquel Union Elementary | 12.4\% | 13.4\% | 13.1\% | 14.0\% | 12.1\% | 13.2\% | 11.8\% | -0.6 |
| Santa Cruz County | 27.9\% | 28.6\% | 29.2\% | 29.1\% | 28.5\% | 27.6\% | 29.0\% | 1.1 |
| California | 24.7\% | 24.2\% | 23.7\% | 23.2\% | 22.3\% | 21.6\% | 22.7\% | -2.0 |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2007-2014 Educational Demographics Office.

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES

High school graduates earn higher salaries, have better self-esteem, more personal life satisfaction, fewer health problems and less involvement in criminal activity as compared to high school dropouts. ${ }^{10}$ The cohort graduation rate is the rate at which students enter 9th grade and graduate within four years (including GED or special education certificate of completion). The cohort outcome graduation rate in Santa Cruz County has increased from $81 \%$ in 2009-10 to $85 \%$ in 2012-13, and has consistently been higher than the state overall.

Cohort' Outcome Graduation Rates by School District

|  | $2009 / I 0$ | $2010 / I I$ | $201 / / 12$ | $2012 / 13$ | O9-I3 NET <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pajaro Valley Unified | $84.8 \%$ | $81.6 \%$ | $85.9 \%$ | $88.6 \%$ | 3.8 |
| San Lorenzo Valley Unified | $86.9 \%$ | $90.1 \%$ | $96.3 \%$ | $94.4 \%$ | 7.5 |
| Santa Cruz City High | $91.4 \%$ | $90.2 \%$ | $90.5 \%$ | $89.8 \%$ | -1.6 |
| Scotts Valley Unified | $97.1 \%$ | $96.7 \%$ | $96.7 \%$ | $97.9 \%$ | 0.8 |
| Santa Cruz County | $80.6 \%$ | $\mathbf{8 0 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 1 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 4 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 . 3}$ |
| California | $74.7 \%$ | $77.1 \%$ | $78.9 \%$ | $80.4 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ |

[^20][^21]|  |  |  |  | O9-I3NET |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $2009 / 10$ | $2010 / 11$ | $20 \\| / 12$ | $2012 / 13$ | CHANGE |
| Hispanic/Latino | $72.7 \%$ | $73.1 \%$ | $74.7 \%$ | $80.4 \%$ | 7.7 |
| White | $87.7 \%$ | $86.7 \%$ | $88.7 \%$ | $90.6 \%$ | 2.9 |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2009-2013 Educational Demographics Office.
Note: Cohort outcome graduation rates are not available prior to the 2009/10 school year.
${ }^{1}$ Please see Appendix II for definition of "Cohort."

## HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES

The cohort dropout rate is the rate at which students enter $9^{\text {th }}$ grade and leave within four years, without a high school diploma, GED, or special education certificate of completion. In Santa Cruz County, the cohort outcome dropout rate decreased slightly from $12 \%$ in $2010 / 11$ to $11 \%$ in 2012/13. Hispanic/Latino students had higher dropout rates (13\%) than White students at $7 \%$ in 2012/13.

## Cohort' Outcome Dropout Rates by School District

|  |  |  |  |  | O9-I3 NET |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $2009 / 10$ | $2010 / 20 \\|$ | $20 \\| / 2012$ | $2012 / 13$ | CHANGE |
| Pajaro Valley Unified | $7.8 \%$ | $10.7 \%$ | $7.5 \%$ | $10.4 \%$ | 2.6 |
| San Lorenzo Valley Unified | $3.7 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $3.0 \%$ | -0.7 |
| Santa Cruz City High | $3.3 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ | $4.7 \%$ | 1.4 |
| Scotts Valley Unified | $1.0 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | 0.1 |
| Santa Cruz County | $\mathbf{1 1 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 . 3} \%$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{- 0 . 7}$ |
| California | $16.6 \%$ | $14.7 \%$ | $13.1 \%$ | $11.6 \%$ | -5.0 |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2009-2013 Educational Demographics Office.
Note: Cohort outcome dropout rates are not available prior to the 2009/10 school year.
${ }^{1}$ Please see Appendix II for definition of "Cohort."
Cohort' Outcome Dropout Rates by Ethnicity, Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  | O-I3 NET |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $2009 / 10$ | $2010 / 20 \\|$ | $20 \\| / 2012$ | $2012 / 13$ | CHANGE |
| Hispanic/Latino | $15.4 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ | $13.4 \%$ | -2.0 |
| White | $7.4 \%$ | $8.3 \%$ | $7.3 \%$ | $6.8 \%$ | -0.6 |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2009-2013 Educational Demographics Office.
Note: Cohort outcome dropout rates are not available prior to the 2009/10 school year.
Note: Ethnicities with less than 10 dropouts were not shown.
${ }^{1}$ Please see Appendix II for definition of "Cohort."

## SATISFACTION WITH LOCAL EDUCATION SYSTEM

Satisfaction with local public schools is thought to be related to support for school programs, educational funding, and student performance. The percentage of all CAP survey respondents (with or without children in school) who reported being "very" or "somewhat" satisfied with the local education system increased from $66 \%$ in 2003 to $87 \%$ in 2013. When only parents were asked about their satisfaction with their child's education, $91 \%-97 \%$ were "very" or "somewhat" satisfied in 2013.

| 100\% |  |  |  |  | 14.4\% | 13.1\% | - Not at all satisfied <br> - Somewhat satisfied - Very satisfied |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 80\% | 33.8\% | 32.9\% | 22.6\% | 26.2\% | 14.4\% | 13.1\% |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 60 \% \\ & 40 \% \end{aligned}$ | 45.7\% | 44.2\% | 56.4\% | 49.7\% | 57.4\% | 52.4\% |  |
| 20\% | 20.5\% | 22.9\% | 21.0\% | 24.1\% | 28.2\% | 34.5\% |  |
|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 |  |

Overall 2013 n: 604.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: This question was asked of all survey respondents regardless of whether or not they had children attending local schools.

## Overall, how satisfied are you with our local system of education? - North County

| $100 \%$ <br> $80 \%$ <br> $60 \%$ <br> $40 \%$ <br> $20 \%$ <br> $0 \%$ |
| ---: |
| $40.6 \%$ |

North County 2013 n: 216.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: This question was asked of all survey respondents regardless of whether or not they had children attending local schools. *Significance testing: North County respondents were significantly more likely than San Lorenzo Valley respondents to be not at all satisfied with their local system of education in 2013.

Overall, how satisfied are you with our local system of education? - South County


South County 2013 n: 212.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: This question was asked of all survey respondents regardless of whether or not they had children attending local schools. *Significance testing: South County respondents were significantly more likely than San Lorenzo Valley respondents to be not at all satisfied with their local system of education in 2013.

Perall, how satisfied are you with our local system of education? - San Lorenzo Valley


San Lorenzo Valley 2013 n: 172.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: This question was asked of all survey respondents regardless of whether or not they had children attending local schools. *Significance testing: San Lorenzo Valley respondents were significantly more likely than North County and South County respondents to be very satisfied with their local system of education in 2013.

How satisfied are you with your child's education? (Respondents answering "Very" or "Somewhat Satisfied")


[^22]
## YOUTH ASSETS

National research shows that children who have more external and internal assets are far more likely to be engaged in thriving behaviors, such as maintaining good health, helping others, resisting danger, overcoming adversity, and are less likely to participate in risky behaviors. ${ }^{11}$ External assets include engaging in activities in the community, having connections with adult role models, and feeling connected at school. Internal assets include such things as self-esteem, sense of purpose, and a positive view of one's future. School assets include having a teacher or adult at school that cares about the youth, doing interesting things at school, helping to decide class activities and rules, and doing things that make a difference. Community assets include having an adult mentor outside of home and school, and engaging in group activities such as music, art, sports or a hobby.

Between $26 \%$ and $33 \%$ of $7^{\text {th }}, 9^{\text {th }}$, and $11^{\text {th }}$ graders reported having high levels of school environment assets in Santa Cruz County in 2012/14. Between 58\% and 65\% of $7^{\text {th }}, 9^{\text {th }}$ and $11^{\text {th }}$ graders reported having high levels of community environment assets in 2012/14.

Percentage of Students with a "High" Level of School Environment Assets' by Grade, Santa Cruz County


Source: West Ed. (2013). 2004-2014 California Healthy Kids Survey.
Note: Students who scored "high" on external assets are those who answered "pretty" or "very much true" to each of the related questions.
${ }^{1}$ School Environment Assets include the following survey questions: "At my school, there is a teacher or some other adult who...really cares about me... tells me when I do a good job... notices when I am not there... always wants me to do my best... listens to me when I have something to say....believes that I will be a success. At school...I do interesting activities... I help decide things like class activities or rules...I do things that make a difference."
Note: Data from the 2012/14 years was collected over two schools years to ensure all school districts were included.

[^23]Percentage of Students with a "High" Level of Community Environment Assets' by Grade, Santa Cruz County


Source: West Ed. (2014). 2004-2014 California Healthy Kids Survey.
Note: Students who scored "high" on external assets are those who answered "pretty" or "very much true" to each of the related questions.
${ }^{1}$ Community Environment Assets include the following survey questions: "Outside of my home and school, there is an adult who...really cares about me, tells me when I do a good job... notices when I am upset about something...believes that I will be a success...always wants me to do my best...whom I trust. Outside of my home and school...I am part of clubs, sports teams, church/temple or other group activities...I am involved in music, art, literature, sports, or a hobby...I help other people." Note: Data from the 2012/14 years was collected over two schools years to ensure all school districts were included.

## CHILD CARE

Quality child care is one of the building blocks to Santa Cruz County's long term success because it allows parents to work, to contribute to the tax base, and to be less dependent on public assistance while preparing children for success in school. The child care industry is crucial to the economic development of communities, yet only $30 \%$ of children with working parents in Santa Cruz County have the option of licensed child care. Over 40 years of research has shown that children begin learning at birth and they need quality learning environments that support optimal growth and development.

For children living in poverty the data is even more troubling. To qualify for Head Start, a family of four needs to earn less than $\$ 23,850$. Approximately only 775 families were served with Head Start funding and over 500 were on the wait list in 2013/14.

The data shows that while there are several ways to get help to pay for child care throughout Santa Cruz County, the demand for a space in a licensed early care program continually exceeds the supply. The number of children who are eligible for subsidized full day child care has doubled from 8,574 in 2000 to 17,778 in 2014. Santa Cruz County lost $\$ 5$ million dollars in budget cuts in the last 5 years. The 2014-15 California budget agreement is a step in the right direction towards investing in the state's child care and development system. The budget agreement restores some funding; however, the total state funding is still 31\% lower than in 2007-08. An early learning investment needs to be a bigger priority for California lawmakers if we want Santa Cruz County to be economically secure and for our youngest to have a brighter future.

Child Care Need and Availability

|  | 2004 | 2006 | 2008 | 2010 | 2012 | O4-12\% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parents in the Labor Force | 25,905 | 25,189 | 22,892 | 26,632 | 27,857 | $7.5 \%$ |
| Number of Licensed Child <br> Care Spaces | 8,380 | 7,669 | 7,879 | 8,149 | 8,456 | $0.9 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County: <br> Percentage of Children <br> with Parents in the Labor <br> Force with Licensed Child <br> Care Available | $\mathbf{3 2 . 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 4 \%}$ | - |

Source: California Child Care Resource \& Referral Network. (2014). 2004-2012. The California Child Care Portfolio.
${ }^{1}$ The term children refers to children 0-13 from 2004-2008. In 2010, the definition changed to children ages 0-12.
Average Monthly Cost of Full-Time Child Care, Santa Cruz County, 2014

|  | $0-24$ MONTHS OLD | $2-5$ YEARS OLD | $6-13$ YEARS OLD |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Centers | $\$ 1,271.47$ | $\$ 884.36$ | $\$ 775.50$ |
| Family Child Care Homes | $\$ 940.00$ | $\$ 913.00$ | $\$ 931.00$ |

Source: Child Development Resource Center, Resource \& Referral Agency (2014).
Subsidized Child Care, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | O9-14 \% <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Children (0-13) <br> Receiving Subsidized Child <br> Care | 3,901 | NA | 3,901 | NA | 3,438 | 3,574 | $-8.4 \%$ |

Source: Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council Priorities Report, (2014).

## Subsidized Child Care, Santa Cruz County by Zip Code, 2014

|  | SUBSIDIZED HALF DAY PRE-SCHOOL (3-4 YEARS) |  |  | SUBSIDIZED FULL DAY CHILD CARE (0-12 YEARS) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ELIGIBLE | ENROLLED | \% UNSERVED | ELIGIBLE | ENROLLED | \% UN- <br> SERVED |
| 95003 | 252 | 55 | 78\% | 950 | 76 | 94\% |
| 95005 | 136 | 7 | 95\% | 457 | 18 | 96\% |
| 95006 | 195 | 5 | 97\% | 653 | 16 | 98\% |
| 95007 | 16 | 3 | 81\% | 53 | 2 | 96\% |
| 95010 | 70 | 31 | 56\% | 286 | 34 | 88\% |
| 95017 | 19 | 11 | 42\% | 63 | 0 | 100\% |
| 95018 | 170 | 7 | 96\% | 571 | 19 | 97\% |
| 95019 | 167 | 114 | 32\% | 560 | 142 | 75\% |
| 95033 | 70 | 0 | 100\% | 247 | 0 | 100\% |
| 95060 | 477 | 172 | 64\% | 1,809 | 153 | 92\% |
| 95062 | 278 | 180 | 35\% | 1,130 | 161 | 86\% |
| 95064 | 57 | 11 | 81\% | 229 | 25 | 89\% |
| 95065 | 118 | 22 | 81\% | 417 | 11 | 97\% |
| 95066 | 323 | 8 | 98\% | 1,088 | 28 | 97\% |
| 95073 | 182 | 14 | 92\% | 626 | 30 | 95\% |
| 95076 | 1368 | 885 | 35\% | 4,742 | 1,334 | 72\% |
| Santa Cruz County | 3,898 | 1,525 | 61\% | 13,880 | 2,049 | 85\% |

Source: Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council Priorities Report, 2014.
Head Start' Program Enrollment, Santa Cruz County

|  | $2007 /$ | $2008 /$ | $2009 /$ | $2010 /$ | $2011 /$ | $2012 /$ | $2013 /$ | 07-14\% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | CHANGE |
| Enrollment | 571 | 621 | 795 | 795 | 722 | 751 | 775 | $35.7 \%$ |
| Waiting List | 496 | 426 | 261 | 452 | 434 | 511 | 558 | $12.5 \%$ |

Source: Santa Cruz County Head Start. (2014). Personal Correspondence.
Note: Waiting list does not specify that children are income eligible.
${ }^{1}$ Includes Head Start and Early Head Start (0 - 5).

## Migrant \& Seasonal Head Start Program Enrollment, Pajaro Valley Unified School District

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | O8-14 \% |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | CHANGE |
| Enrollment | 732 | 722 | 735 | 728 | 761 | 753 | $742^{*}$ | $1.4 \%$ |
| Waiting List | 132 | 205 | 221 | 71 | 68 | 103 | $126^{*}$ | $-4.5 \%$ |

Source: Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (2014). Personal Correspondence.
Note: Waiting list does not specify that children are income eligible.
Note: The yearly data reflects Spring counts.
*Because the 2014 calendar year was not over prior to publication, these numbers are as of $7 / 23$, the migrant and seasonal contract for 2014 is for 752 children.

## COLLEGE PREPARATION COURSES

High school students should have access to the appropriate challenging courses (College Preparation Courses ${ }^{12}$ ) to prepare for college acceptance and success. Less than half of county high school graduates (49\%) completed all UC/CSU required courses in 2012/13, higher than the state overall (39\%). Girls completed the requirements ( $55 \%$ ) at a much higher rate than boys ( $41 \%$ ). Similarly, more than half of Whites ( $57 \%$ ) completed them, as compared to over one-third ( $40 \%$ ) of Latinos.

Percentage of High School Graduates Completing All UCICSU Required Courses by School District

|  | $2006 /$ | $2007 /$ | $2008 /$ | $2009 /$ | $2010 /$ | $2011 /$ | $2012 /$ <br> 0 <br> 0 | 06-I3 NET <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pajaro Valley Unified | $51.1 \%$ | NA | $39.7 \%$ | $42.8 \%$ | $43.3 \%$ | $43.4 \%$ | $57.7 \%$ | 6.6 |
| San Lorenzo Valley Unified | NA | $37.7 \%$ | $36.7 \%$ | $38.5 \%$ | $40.1 \%$ | $49.3 \%$ | $46.3 \%$ | - |
| Santa Cruz City High | $45.0 \%$ | $40.3 \%$ | $40.5 \%$ | $37.8 \%$ | $40.0 \%$ | $44.2 \%$ | $44.3 \%$ | -0.7 |
| Scotts Valley Unified | $81.9 \%$ | $93.1 \%$ | $83.8 \%$ | $88.3 \%$ | $51.1 \%$ | $65.5 \%$ | $62.0 \%$ | -19.9 |
| Santa Cruz County | $\mathbf{4 8 . 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 0 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 2 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 2 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 5 . 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 . 5 \%}$ | $-\mathbf{0 . 3}$ |
| California | $35.0 \%$ | $33.9 \%$ | $35.3 \%$ | $35.6 \%$ | $40.3 \%$ | $38.3 \%$ | $39.4 \%$ | 4.4 |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2006-2013 Educational Demographics Office.
Percentage of High School Graduates Completing All UC/CSU Required Courses by
Gender, Santa Cruz County

|  | $2006 /$ | $2007 /$ | $2008 /$ | $2009 /$ | $2010 /$ | $2011 /$ | 20121 <br> 0 <br> 07 | O6-13 NET <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Female | $49.0 \%$ | $53.6 \%$ | $44.4 \%$ | $46.1 \%$ | $45.5 \%$ | $51.7 \%$ | $55.3 \%$ | 6.3 |
| Male | $48.6 \%$ | $46.4 \%$ | $40.6 \%$ | $38.7 \%$ | $34.6 \%$ | $39.0 \%$ | $41.4 \%$ | -7.2 |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2006-2013 Educational Demographics Office.
Percentage of High School Graduates Completing All UC/CSU Required Courses by Ethnicity, Santa Cruz County

|  | $2006 /$ | $2007 /$ | $2008 /$ | $2009 /$ | $2010 /$ | $2011 /$ | 20121 <br> 12 | O6-I3 NET <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hispanic/Latino | $35.1 \%$ | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | $10.8 \%$ |
| $29.1 \%$ | $29.1 \%$ | $27.8 \%$ | $32.5 \%$ | $40.1 \%$ | 5.0 |  |  |  |
| White | $58.3 \%$ | $53.0 \%$ | $52.6 \%$ | $52.3 \%$ | $50.6 \%$ | $57.1 \%$ | $57.4 \%$ | -0.9 |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2006-2013 Educational Demographics Office.

[^24]
## CABRILLO COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

Cabrillo College's headcount steadily decreased from 16,924 students in Fall of 2008 to 13,825 in Fall 2012, but then increased slightly to 13,918 in 2013. There were 1,585 degrees or certificates awarded in 2012/13, an increase from 1,025 in 2006/07. The percentage of Cabrillo College graduates who were Hispanic/Latino increased from $28 \%$ in $2006 / 07$ to $35 \%$ in $2012 / 13$, while the number of graduates who were White decreased from $60 \%$ in 2006/07 to $53 \%$ in 2012/13.

## Cabrillo College Headcount



Source: Cabrillo College. (2014). 2007-2013 Planning \& Research Office. Personal Correspondence.

## Cabrillo College Enrollment by Age Group

|  | FALL | FALL | FALL | FALL | FALL | FALL | FALL | O7-I3 NET |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | $20 I O$ | $20 I I$ | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |
| Under 18 Years | $7.2 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ | $6.0 \%$ | $4.4 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | -3.5 |
| Age 18-20 Years | $26.3 \%$ | $27.3 \%$ | $29.4 \%$ | $30.3 \%$ | $31.2 \%$ | $31.8 \%$ | $30.7 \%$ | 4.4 |
| Age 21-24 Years | $18.2 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ | $18.5 \%$ | $19.2 \%$ | $19.9 \%$ | $22.0 \%$ | $22.2 \%$ | 4.0 |
| Age 25-30 Years | $12.8 \%$ | $13.2 \%$ | $13.8 \%$ | $14.5 \%$ | $14.5 \%$ | $14.5 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ | 2.0 |
| Age 31-40 Years | $12.1 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | $10.6 \%$ | $11.1 \%$ | -1.0 |
| Age 41-50 Years | $11.1 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ | $9.5 \%$ | $9.3 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ | $7.7 \%$ | $7.3 \%$ | -3.8 |
| Age 51-60 Years | $8.2 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ | $7.7 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ | $6.2 \%$ | -2.0 |
| Age 61 Years \& Older | $4.0 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | 0.0 |
| Total Headcount | $\mathbf{1 6 , 0 7 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 , 9 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 , 4 6 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 , 7 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 , 8 4 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 8 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 9 1 8}$ | - |
| Average Age | 30.8 | 30.7 | 30.0 | 29.9 | 29.7 | 29.0 | 29.2 | - |
| Median Age | 24.5 | 24.2 | 24.0 | 23.9 | 23.7 | 23.2 | 23.4 | - |

[^25]Number of Cabrillo College Degrees and Certificates Awarded

|  | $\begin{gathered} 2006 / \\ 07 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20081 \\ 09 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / 10 \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\\|}{20101}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20111 \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O6-13 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Associate of Arts | 485 | 542 | 464 | 554 | 558 | 635 | 794 | 63.7\% |
| Associate of Science | 277 | 320 | 322 | 351 | 352 | 380 | 399 | 44.0\% |
| Certificates of Achievement (18+ Units) | 98 | 84 | 364 | 545 | 520 | 305 | 168 | 71.4\% |
| Skills Certificate (<18 Units) | 165 | 153 | 190 | 146 | 202 | 236 | 224 | 35.8\% |
| Total Awards | 1,025 | 1,099 | 1,340 | 1,596 | 1,632 | 1,556 | 1,585 | 54.6\% |

Source: Cabrillo College. (2014). 2006-2013 Planning \& Research Office. Personal Correspondence.
Percentage of Cabrillo College Degrees and Certificates Awarded by Ethnicity

|  | $\begin{gathered} 2006 / \\ 07 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / 10 \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20101 \\ \\| \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20111 \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | O6-I3 NET CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| African American | 0.8\% | 0.9\% | 1.4\% | 0.9\% | 1.1\% | 1.4\% | 1.0\% | 0.2 |
| Asian | 3.1\% | 3.8\% | 3.2\% | 2.7\% | 2.8\% | 2.2\% | 1.7\% | -1.4 |
| Filipino | 1.3\% | 1.4\% | 1.2\% | 0.9\% | 1.5\% | 0.9\% | 1.1\% | -0.2 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 28.1\% | 25.6\% | 27.2\% | 28.9\% | 27.9\% | 31.1\% | 34.7\% | 6.6 |
| Native American | 1.1\% | 1.8\% | 1.3\% | 0.4\% | 0.8\% | 0.8\% | 0.4\% | -0.7 |
| Pacific Islander | 0.6\% | 0.3\% | 0.3\% | 0.3\% | 0.9\% | 0.5\% | 0.8\% | 0.2 |
| White | 60.0\% | 59.8\% | 58.9\% | 59.1\% | 56.7\% | 55.2\% | 52.8\% | -7.2 |
| Multiple/Other | 1.6\% | 2.0\% | 0.7\% | 0.7\% | 1.0\% | 0.8\% | 2.3\% | 0.7 |
| Unknown | 3.5\% | 4.5\% | 5.8\% | 6.1\% | 7.5\% | 7.1\% | 5.1\% | 1.6 |
| Total Awards | 1,025 | 1,099 | 1,340 | 1,596 | 1,632 | 1,556 | 1,585 | - |

Source: Cabrillo College. (2014). 2006-2013 Planning \& Research Office. Personal Correspondence.

## UC SANTA CRUZ ATTENDANCE

Student enrollment at the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) increased 9\% from 15,820 undergraduate and graduate students in Fall 2007 to 17,203 students in Fall 2013. The number of degrees awarded at UCSC increased 16\% since 2006/07 (from 3,856 in 2006/07 to 4,478 in 2012/13).

UC Santa Cruz Enrollment


[^26]
## UC Santa Cruz Degrees by Type of Degree

|  | $\begin{gathered} 2006 / \\ 07 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20101 \\ \\| \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20111 \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O6-13 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bachelors Awarded | 3,426 | 3,468 | 3,276 | 3,488 | 3,701 | 4,301 | 4,038 | 17.9\% |
| Masters and Certificates Awarded | 298 | 302 | 283 | 287 | 330 | 310 | 280 | -6.0\% |
| Doctorates Awarded | 132 | 135 | 146 | 152 | 148 | 172 | 160 | 21.2\% |
| Total Degrees Awarded | 3,856 | 3,905 | 3,705 | 3,927 | 4,179 | 4,783 | 4,478 | 16.1\% |

Source: University of California - Santa Cruz. (2014). 2006-2013 Office of Institutional Research and Policy Studies.
Note: Includes undergraduates and graduates.

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The percentage of Santa Cruz County adults ages 25 years and older with a high school degree or higher remained relatively constant since 2007 (ranging from 83\% to $87 \%$ ), while the percentage of adults with a Bachelor's degree or higher decreased slightly from $40 \%$ in 2007 to $39 \%$ in 2013.

## Adult (Ages 25 Years and Older) Educational Attainment



Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). 2007-2013. American Community Survey.

Educational Attainment (Population Ages 25 Years and Older), Santa Cruz County

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-I3 NET <br> CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than 9th Grade | 10.4\% | 7.8\% | 8.7\% | 10.1\% | 9.2\% | 8.9\% | 8.1\% | -2.3 |
| 9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma | 6.6\% | 6.5\% | 6.7\% | 5.7\% | 6.4\% | 5.1\% | 5.1\% | -1.5 |
| High School Graduate (Includes Equivalency) | 17.0\% | 17.4\% | 16.9\% | 16.5\% | 15.7\% | 16.1\% | 14.1\% | -2.9 |
| Some College, No Degree | 19.3\% | 21.0\% | 20.8\% | 26.3\% | 23.3\% | 22.7\% | 24.1\% | 4.8 |
| Associate's Degree | 6.8\% | 7.5\% | 8.6\% | 7.6\% | 8.1\% | 8.9\% | 9.8\% | 3.0 |
| Bachelor's Degree | 25.4\% | 21.7\% | 24.0\% | 21.3\% | 23.1\% | 23.1\% | 23.5\% | -1.9 |
| Graduate or Professional Degree | 14.5\% | 18.2\% | 14.4\% | 12.4\% | 14.3\% | 15.2\% | 15.4\% | 0.9 |
| Percentage with a High School Degree or Higher | 82.9\% | 85.7\% | 84.7\% | 84.1\% | 84.5\% | 86.0\% | 86.8\% | 3.9 |
| Percentage with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher | 39.9\% | 39.8\% | 38.4\% | 33.7\% | 37.4\% | 38.3\% | 38.9\% | -1.0 |

Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). 2007-2013 American Community Survey.
Educational Attainment (Population Ages 25 Years and Older), 2008-20I2 5-Year Estimate

|  | PERCENTAGE <br> WITH A HIGH <br> SCHOOL DEGREE <br> OR HIGHER | PERCENTAGE <br> WITH A <br> BACHELOR'S <br> DEGREE OR <br> HIGHER |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Aptos | $97.9 \%$ | $47.0 \%$ |
| Capitola | $95.4 \%$ | $41.3 \%$ |
| Live Oak | $85.0 \%$ | $35.0 \%$ |
| Pajaro | $28.0 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ |
| San Lorenzo Valley | $81.2 \%$ | $19.3 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz | $92.5 \%$ | $50.8 \%$ |
| Scotts Valley | $96.3 \%$ | $45.5 \%$ |
| Soquel | $95.5 \%$ | $41.3 \%$ |
| Watsonville | $53.6 \%$ | $10.5 \%$ |

Source: United States Census Bureau. (2014). 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

## HEALTH SNAPSHOT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

| INDICATORS | MEASUREMENT | CALIFORNIA | SANTA CRUZ COUNTY | COUNTY TREND |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Health Insurance | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who reported having health insurance | NA | 83.8\% |  |
| Immunization Levels | Percentage of kindergarten entrants with all required immunizations | 90.2\% | 84.4\% |  |
| Physical Health | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who indicated that their general health was "good," "very good," or "excellent" | NA | 82.5\% |  |
| Obesity | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who are overweight or obese | NA | 61.1\% |  |
| Alcohol Use | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who engaged in binge drinking in the past 30 days | NA | 14.8\% |  |

## HEALTH COMMUNITY GOALS

- Santa Cruz County Affordable Care Act Outreach and Enrollment Champions:
" Representing public sector: Gary McNeil, County of Santa Cruz Human Services Department
" Representing private sector: John Frigon, John Frigon Insurance Services
" Representing health sector: Rosalba Contreras, Salud Para La Gente
" Representing community-based organizations: Kate Hinnenkamp, Live Oak Family Resource Center, Community Bridges

GOAL: By the year 2015, access to primary care will improve as measured by:

- $95 \%$ of Santa Cruz County residents will report having a regular source of health care;
- Less than $10 \%$ will report the emergency department as one of their regular sources of health care; and
- No significant difference between the percentage of White and Latino residents reporting a regular source of health care.
" Community Hero: Silvia Austerlic, Hospice of Santa Cruz County
GOAL: By the year 2015, $98 \%$ of Santa Cruz County children ages birth to 17 will have comprehensive health care coverage as measured by the CAP survey.
" Community Hero: Laura Marcus, Dientes Community Dental Care

GOAL: By the year 2015, the prevalence of childhood obesity in Santa Cruz County will decrease as measured by:

- The percentage of children under 5 years who are overweight or obese will decrease from $15 \%$ to $12 \%$, and
- The percentage of children 5 to 19 years who are overweight or obese will decrease from $26 \%$ to $21 \%$.
" Community Hero: Guillermina Porraz, Salud Para La Gente


## cOUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS

The County Health Rankings is a tool designed to highlight a county's strengths, draw attention to areas with opportunity for improvement, and to support other communitylevel health data. These rankings are averages calculated using data provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention using multiple years of data that are collected by the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). Rankings are based on $56-57$ counties of the 58 counties in California, where a lower ranking is better than a higher ranking.

Between 2013 and 2014, Santa Cruz County has improved in the areas of health outcomes, quality of life, clinical care, and social \& economic factors. Among the various indicators, Santa Cruz County's best scores were in health behaviors and clinical care, scoring sixth best out of 57 in 2014. However, the county's health outcomes, length of life, quality of life, health factors, health behaviors, and social \& economic factors have worsened between 2010 and 2014.

## Health Rankings, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Health Outcomes | 8 | 7 | 10 | 13 | 11 |
| Length of Life | 6 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Quality of Life | 7 | 7 | 13 | 20 | 12 |
| Health Factors | 8 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| Health Behaviors | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| Clinical Care | 19 | 24 | 13 | 12 | 6 |
| Social \& Economic | 14 | 17 | 23 | 21 | 16 |
| Factors | 37 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 23 |

Source: University of Wisconsin, Population Health Institute. (2014). County health rankings. Madison, WI.
Note: 2010 through 2012 county health rankings are out of 56 counties. 2013 and 2014 county health rankings are based on 57 counties.

## ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Individuals without a dependable source of health care have more difficulties obtaining needed care, receive fewer preventive health services, are more likely to wait to get treatment until their conditions worsen, and are more likely to require hospitalization compared to those who have a dependable source of health care. ${ }^{13,14}$

Ninety-two percent of White CAP survey respondents reported having a regular source of health care in 2013, as compared to only $77 \%$ of Latinos, a statistically significant difference. White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to go to a private practice for their regular source of health care, while Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to go to a community clinic for their regular source of health care. Latinos were significantly more likely to use the emergency room (ER) as their main source of health care (20\%), compared to Whites (6\%) in 2013.


Overall 2013 n: 711; White 2013 n: 497; Latino 2013 n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Watsonville, CA.
*Significance testing: White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to have a regular source of health care in 2013.

[^27]- If you have a regular source of health care, where do you go? By Ethnicity

|  | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Private Practice | $\mathbf{7 5 . 5 \%}$ |
| White | $83.9 \%^{*}$ |
| Latino | $46.7 \%^{*}$ |
| Urgent Care Clinics | $\mathbf{2 . 1 \%}$ |
| White | $1.7 \%$ |
| Latino | $1.4 \%$ |
| Emergency Room | $\mathbf{0 . 7 \%}$ |
| White | $0.0 \%$ |
| Latino | $3.3 \%$ |
| Alternative Care Practices | $\mathbf{0 . 2 \%}$ |
| White | $0.1 \%$ |
| Latino | $0.5 \%$ |


|  | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Community and County | $15.5 \%$ |
| Clinics | $8.5 \%^{*}$ |
| White | $43.9 \%^{*}$ |
| Latino | $4.7 \%$ |
| Out of County | $4.5 \%$ |
| White | $4.2 \%$ |
| Latino | $\mathbf{1 . 4 \%}$ |
| Other | $1.4 \%$ |
| White | $0.0 \%$ |
| Latino |  |

Overall n 2013=615; White n=448; Latino n=123.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Watsonville, CA.
Note: Prior to 2013, this question allowed multiple responses; data are, therefore, not comparable.
*Significance testing: White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to go to a private practice for their regular source of health care; Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to go to community and county clinics for their regular source of health care in 2013.

If you DON'T have a regular source of health care, where do you go? By Ethnicity

|  | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Private Practice | $\mathbf{3 1 . 5 \%}$ |
| White | $40.0 \%$ |
| Latino | $19.5 \%$ |
| Urgent Care Clinics | $\mathbf{1 6 . 0 \%}$ |
| White | $27.6 \%$ |
| Latino | $4.7 \%$ |
| Emergency Room | $\mathbf{1 7 . 6 \%}$ |
| White | $14.2 \%$ |
| Latino | $26.3 \%$ |
| Alternative Care Practices | $\mathbf{4 . 7 \%}$ |
| White | $3.1 \%$ |
| Latino | $2.4 \%$ |


|  | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Community and County | $\mathbf{2 4 . 0} \%$ |
| Clinics | $12.4 \%$ |
| White | $34.2 \%$ |
| Latino | $\mathbf{5 . 2 \%}$ |
| Out of County | $0.9 \%$ |
| White | $12.9 \%$ |
| Latino | $\mathbf{1 . 0 \%}$ |
| Other | $1.9 \%$ |
| White | $0.0 \%$ |
| Latino |  |

Overall n 2013=73; White n=38; Latino $n=27$.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2013. Watsonville, CA.
Note: Prior to 2013, this question allowed multiple responses; data are, therefore, not comparable.

## Do you use the emergency room (ER) for your main source of health care?

(Respondents answering "Yes") - 2013


Overall n 2013=709, White $n=498$, Latino $n=157$.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Watsonville, CA.
*Significance testing: Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents in the past year to have used the emergency room as their main source of health care in 2013.

## Have you needed health care in the past year? Were you able to receive the health

 care you needed? (Respondents answering "Yes") By Ethnicity - 2013

Needed Health Care: Overall $n=712$; White $n=497$; Latino $n=160$. Able to Receive: Overall $n=486$; White $n=365$; Latino $n=89$.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Watsonville, CA.
Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
*Significance testing: White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to have needed health care in the past year in 2013.

If you needed health care and were unable to receive it, why couldn't you receive it? - 2013

|  | OVERALL |
| :--- | :---: |
| Too Expensive | $50.1 \%$ |
| Couldn't Afford Co-Pay | $20.0 \%$ |
| Medi-Cal/ MediCruz | $7.9 \%$ |
| Problems | $\mathbf{7 . 9 \%}$ |
| Insurance Wouldn't Cover It | $4.1 \%$ |
| Couldn't Afford The | $4.1 \%$ |
| Premium | $6.0 \%$ |
| No Insurance | $\mathbf{1 6}$ |
| Other |  |
| Total Respondents |  |

Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2013.
Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
Note: Caution should be used when interpreting data with n's less than 20.

## LOW-INCOME HEALTH CARE

Central California Alliance for Health (CCAH) is a locally-governed, non-profit health plan that serves over 200,000 members in Santa Cruz, Monterey and Merced counties. Their programs include Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families Program (a federally and state-funded insurance program for low-income children).

Over the past seven years, the number of CCAH Medi-Cal members in Santa Cruz County increased by $57 \%$, from 29,987 in 2008 to 47,196 in 2014. More than half ( $56 \%$ ) of CCAH members were Latino/Hispanic and living in South County (54\%). Beginning in January 2013, a transition from the Healthy Families program to MediCal shifted the number of enrollees; however, the change did not have an impact on the number of children covered by both programs.

## CCAH Members Enrolled in Medi-Cal, By Primary Care Provider Type, Santa Cruz

 County|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | $08-14 \%$ CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Clinic | 11,956 | 12,717 | 14,582 | 13,160 | 12,190 | 13,303 | 16,290 | 36.2\% |
| Private Practice | 14,356 | 14,929 | 15,178 | 10,798 | 13,289 | 17,125 | 19,411 | 35.2\% |
| Administrative Members $\left(\right.$ Not Linked) ${ }^{1}$ | 3,675 | 3,769 | 3,801 | 9,785 | 10,224 | 9,529 | 11,495 | 212.8\% |
| Total CCAH Medi-Cal Members | 29,987 | 31,415 | 33,561 | 33,743 | 35,703 | 39,957 | 47,196 | 57.4\% |

Source: Central California Alliance for Health. (2014). [Membership enrollment report]. Unpublished data. Scotts Valley, CA.
1Central California Alliance for Health changed their patient designation in 2011. The number of administrative members increased due to this change.
Note: Reported enrollment data are as of April 30 of each year.
Percentage of CCAH Members Enrolled in Medi-Cal, Santa Cruz County, By Ethnicity

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 08-I4 NET |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | CHANGE |
| White | $33 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $29 \%$ | -4.0 |
| Hispanic | $59 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $56 \%$ | -3.0 |
| Other | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ | 7.0 |
| Total CCAH Medi-Cal | $\mathbf{2 9 , 9 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 , 4 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 , 5 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 , 7 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 , 7 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 , 9 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 7 , 1 9 6}$ | - |
| Members |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: Central California Alliance for Health. (2014). [Membership enrollment report]. Unpublished data. Scotts Valley, CA.
Note: Reported enrollment data are as of April 30 of each year.

Percentage of CCAH Members Enrolled in Medi-Cal, Santa Cruz County, By Region

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 08-I4 NET <br> CHANGE |
| South County $^{1}$ | $56 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $54 \%$ | -2.0 |
| North County $^{2}$ | $43 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $43 \%$ | 0.0 |
| Out of County | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | 3.0 |
| Total CCAH Medi-Cal <br> Members | $\mathbf{2 9 , 9 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 , 4 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 , 5 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 , 7 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 , 7 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 , 9 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 7 , 1 9 6}$ | - |

Source: Central California Alliance for Health. (2014). [Membership enrollment report]. Unpublished data. Scotts Valley, CA. Note: Reported enrollment data are as of April 30 of each year.
${ }^{1}$ CCAH defines South County as including the areas of Freedom and Watsonville.
${ }^{2}$ CCAH defines North County as including the areas of Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, Davenport, Felton, Ben Lomond, Boulder Creek, Brookdale, Aptos, Capitola, and Soquel.

## Number of Healthy Families and Medi-Cal Enrollees (All Ages), Santa Cruz County



Source: Central California Alliance for Health. (2014). [Membership enrollment report]. Unpublished data. Scotts Valley, CA. Note: Beginning January 1, 2013, Healthy Families enrollees began transitioning to Medi-Cal.

## Number of Healthy Families and Medi-Cal Enrollees (All Ages), Santa Cruz County

|  | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2014 | 2014 | $20 \mid 4$ | 2014 |
| Medi-Cal $^{1}$ | 41,738 | 41,764 | 41,486 | 42,501 | 43,685 | 44,889 | 47,196 |
| Healthy Families $^{1}$ | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Both Programs | $\mathbf{4 1 , 7 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 1 , 7 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 1 , 4 8 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 2 , 5 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 3 , 6 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 4 , 8 8 9}$ | $\mathbf{4 7 , 1 9 6}$ |

[^28]
## HEALTH INSURANCE

After reaching a 10 -year low with $51 \%$ percent of Latino CAP survey respondents who indicated they had health insurance in 2011, the percentage increased to nearly $59 \%$ in 2013. However, this was still far below the percentage of Whites ( $92 \%$ ) who had health insurance in 2013, which was also a record high in more than 10 years. Ninety-four percent of children under 18 had health insurance in 2011-2012.

Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace for the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. ${ }^{15}$ Coverage began in 2014 and includes unsubsidized coverage and subsidized coverage. Subsidized coverage varies from premium assistance, where health services are available on a sliding-scale basis, to nocost Medi-Cal. Through subsidized care, individuals and families receive federal assistance to reduce the cost of premiums and out-of-pocket expenses for health coverage. ${ }^{16}$ During the period October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, there were a total of 15,071 individuals enrolled in Covered California in Santa Cruz County. Among those, $86 \%(12,997)$ were eligible for subsidized care.

ت Do you currently have health insurance? (Respondents answering "Yes") By Ethnicity


Overall 2013 n: 705; White 2013 n: 493; Latino 2013 n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. *Significance testing: White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to currently have health insurance in 2013.

Does your health insurance cover...? (Respondents answering "Yes")

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | O3-I3NET |  |
|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 | CHANGE |
| Prescriptions | $83.3 \%$ | $80.4 \%$ | $89.3 \%$ | $90.0 \%$ | $88.6 \%$ | $92.8 \%$ | 9.5 |
| Mental Health $^{1}$ | NA | $82.0 \%$ | $81.8 \%$ | $61.1 \%$ | $82.3 \%$ | $84.2 \%$ | - |
| Drug and Alcohol Services $^{2}$ | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | $69.5 \%$ | - |

Prescriptions 2013 n: 576; Mental Health 2013 n: 421; Drug and Alcohol Services 2013 n: 321.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2003-2013.
${ }^{1}$ The question regarding mental health insurance coverage was added in 2005.
${ }^{2}$ The question regarding drug and alcohol services insurance coverage was added in 2013.

[^29]
## How many of your children have health insurance?

|  | 2011 | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Children 0-5 Years Old |  |  |
| None | $5.8 \%$ | $6.3 \%$ |
| At Least One | $94.2 \%$ | $93.7 \%$ |
| Children 6-17 Years Old |  |  |
| None | $6.0 \%$ | $6.8 \%$ |
| At Least One | $94.0 \%$ | $93.1 \%$ |

Children 0-5 2013 n: 87; Children 6-17 2013 n: 173.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2011-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
Individuals Enrolled in Covered California, by County, October I, 2013 - March 31, 2014

|  | SUBSIDY-ELIBILE | UNSUBSIDIZED | TOTAL |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Monterey County | 14,970 | 1,553 | 16,523 |
| San Benito County | 1,967 | 154 | 2,121 |
| Santa Clara County | 54,543 | 10,381 | 64,924 |
| Santa Cruz County | 12,997 | 2,074 | 15,071 |
| California | $\mathbf{1 , 2 2 2 , 3 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 3 , 6 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 3 9 5 , 9 2 9}$ |

Source: California Department of Health Care Services. (2014). Health Insurance Companies for 2014. Sacramento, CA.
Note: Data include individuals who finished their applications and selected plans through April 15, 2014. Subsidized coverage includes premium assistance (sliding-scale fee), low-cost coverage, and no-cost Medi-Cal.

Percentage of Children Currently Insured (Ages Birth through I7)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2001 | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 20II-I2 | OI-I2 NET <br> CHANGE |
| Santa Cruz County | $\mathbf{9 3 . 3} \%$ | $\mathbf{9 6 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 7 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 7 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 2 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 3 . 7 \%}{ }^{1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4}$ |
| Children Birth-4 Years | $93.0 \%$ | $100.0 \%$ | $95.6 \%$ | $100.0 \%$ | $92.1 \%$ | $99.1 \%^{1}$ | 6.1 |
| Children 5-11 Years | $89.7 \%$ | $93.2 \%$ | $98.1 \%$ | $97.4 \%$ | $99.1 \%$ | $94.8 \%^{1}$ | 5.1 |
| Children 12-14 Years | $98.3 \%$ | $97.3 \%$ | $100.0 \%$ | $100.0 \%$ | $89.9 \%$ | $74.2 \%^{1}$ | -24.1 |
| Children 15-17 Years | $96.7 \%$ | $97.6 \%$ | $95.2 \%$ | $93.3 \%$ | NA | $97.1 \%^{1}$ | 0.4 |
| California | $\mathbf{9 0 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 2 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 3 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 4 . 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 5 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 5 . 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 . 2}$ |
| Children Birth-4 Years | $93.4 \%$ | $95.7 \%$ | $94.4 \%$ | $96.0 \%$ | $96.4 \%$ | $96.5 \%$ | 3.1 |
| Children 5-11 Years | $90.5 \%$ | $93.1 \%$ | $94.0 \%$ | $94.2 \%$ | $95.4 \%$ | $96.4 \%$ | 5.9 |
| Children 12-14 Years | $88.7 \%$ | $91.4 \%$ | $92.9 \%$ | $92.8 \%$ | $93.4 \%$ | $94.3 \%$ | 5.6 |
| Children 15-17 Years | $88.5 \%$ | $89.8 \%$ | $92.1 \%$ | $93.7 \%$ | $94.0 \%$ | $95.0 \%$ | 6.5 |

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. (2013). California Health Interview Survey, 2001-2011/2012.
Note: 2001 to 2009 CHIS data were collected over a 9-month period. Beginning June 15, 2011, CHIS data will be collected continuously over a two-year period. 2011-2012 CHIS data were collected from June 15, 2011 through January 14, 2013.
Note: Data presented are the most recent available.
${ }^{1}$ Statistically unstable due to a low number of respondents.

## BIRTHS

The number of births to Santa Cruz County residents has decreased by 6\% over the past 7 years, from 3,570 births in 2007 to 3,349 in 2013. The number of preterm births to Santa Cruz County residents increased by $2 \%$ over the last 7 years, from 289 in 2007 to 294 in 2013. Fifty-two percent of county births were paid by Medi-Cal in 2013. Eighty-five percent of all births at Watsonville Community Hospital were funded by Medi-Cal in 2013, compared to $28 \%$ at Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center and 40\% at Dominican Hospital.

Number of Births - Santa Cruz County Residents (All Ages)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | OHANG <br> CHANE |
| Dominican Hospital | 1,112 | 1,017 | 932 | 861 | 846 | 855 | 845 | $-24.0 \%$ |
| Sutter Maternity \& Surgery <br> Center | 853 | 829 | 871 | 845 | 892 | 853 | 922 | $8.1 \%$ |
| Watsonville Community <br> Hospital | 1,326 | 1,435 | 1,236 | 1,213 | 1,232 | 1,098 | 1,299 | $-2.0 \%$ |
| Out of County | 209 | 192 | 193 | 195 | 185 | 195 | 210 | $0.5 \%$ |
| Non-Hospital | 70 | 53 | 58 | 56 | 67 | 74 | 73 | $4.3 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total | $\mathbf{3 , 5 7 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 5 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 2 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 1 7 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 2 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 0 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 3 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{- 6 . 2 \%}$ |

Source: County of Santa Cruz, Public Health Department. (2014). Births, Santa Cruz County, 2013. Santa Cruz County, CA.
Number of Preterm Births - Santa Cruz County Residents (All Ages)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 07-13 \% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |
| Dominican Hospital | 156 | 125 | 126 | 125 | 96 | 111 | 119 | $-23.7 \%$ |
| Sutter Maternity \& Surgery <br> Center | 21 | 9 | 13 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 19 | $\wedge$ |
| Watsonville Community <br> Hospital | 57 | 106 | 69 | 69 | 68 | 51 | 95 | $66.7 \%$ |
| Out of County | 53 | 44 | 49 | 46 | 43 | 31 | 60 | $13.2 \%$ |
| Non-Hospital | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | $\wedge$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total | $\mathbf{2 8 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 7 \%}$ |
| Preterm Births as a <br> Percentage of All Births | $\mathbf{8 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 8 \%}$ | - |

Source: County of Santa Cruz, Public Health Department. (2014). Births, Santa Cruz County, 2014. Santa Cruz County, CA.
Statistically unstable due to a low number of respondents.

Percentage of Deliveries Funded by Medi-Cal - Santa Cruz Residents (All Ages)

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-I3 NET } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dominican Hospital | 40.8\% | 40.3\% | 43.0\% | 45.3\% | 42.8\% | 45.4\% | 40.5\% | -0.3 |
| Sutter Maternity \& Surgery Center | 24.6\% | 30.7\% | 30.1\% | 31.3\% | 30.5\% | 26.4\% | 28.1\% | 3.5 |
| Watsonville Community Hospital | 79.1\% | 77.4\% | 79.5\% | 85.4\% | 84.2\% | 85.4\% | 85.0\% | 5.9 |
| Santa Cruz County Total | 49.6\% | 51.4\% | 51.4\% | 54.5\% | 53.4\% | 52.0\% | 52.4\% | 2.8 |

Source: County of Santa Cruz, Public Health Department. (2014). Births, Santa Cruz County, 2013. Santa Cruz County, CA.

## TEEN BIRTHS

Teen parents and their children are often at greater risk of experiencing short and long-term health, economic, social, and academic challenges, as compared to parents who have children later in life. ${ }^{17}$ The birth rate among teens ages 15-19 years old in Santa Cruz County continued a downward trend from 40.1 births per 1,000 teens in 2007 to 16.6 in 2013. The number of teen births to Latina mothers (164) was much higher than the number of teen births to White mothers (13), making up $92 \%$ of all teen births to residents of Santa Cruz County in 2013.

Birth Rate per I,000 Teens (Ages I5-I9)


Source: County of Santa Cruz, Public Health Department. (2013). Births, Santa Cruz County, 2012. Santa Cruz County, CA.
California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health. (2013). Number of births and
U.S. Department of Health \& Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2013). National Vital Statistics Reports.
Note: Birth rates per 1,000 teens ages 15-19 include only births to mothers who were residents of Santa Cruz County. Note: 2013 California data were not available while this report was being made.

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## Births to Teens (Ages I5-I9), Santa Cruz County Residents

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-I3 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Births to Teens | 297 | 302 | 314 | 257 | 251 | 222 | 179 | -39.7\% |
| Number of Births, All Ages | 3,570 | 3,526 | 3,290 | 3,170 | 3,222 | 3,075 | 3,349 | -6.2\% |
| Percentage of Births to Teens, Santa Cruz County | 8.3\% | 8.6\% | 9.5\% | 8.1\% | 7.8\% | 7.2\% | 5.3\% | - |
| Percentage of Births to Teens, California | 9.5\% | 9.5\% | 9.2\% | 8.5\% | 7.7\% | NA | NA | - |

Source: County of Santa Cruz, Public Health Department. (2014). Births, Santa Cruz County, 2013 Santa Cruz County, CA. California Data Source: U.S. Department of Health \& Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2013). National Vital Statistics Reports.

## Number of Births to Teens (Ages I9 and Under) by Delivery Location

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013* | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-I3 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dominican Hospital | 60 | 51 | 61 | 57 | 45 | 42 | 41 | -31.7\% |
| Sutter Maternity \& Surgery Center | 32 | 36 | 51 | 26 | 38 | 29 | 13 | $\wedge$ |
| Watsonville Community Hospital | 198 | 207 | 195 | 166 | 164 | 143 | 153 | -22.7\% |
| Out of County | 11 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 6 | $\wedge$ |
| Non-Hospital | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\wedge$ |
| Total Number of Births to Teens | 301 | 304 | 319 | 258 | 256 | 224 | 213 | -29.2\% |

Source: County of Santa Cruz, Public Health Department. (2014). Births, Santa Cruz County, 2013 Santa Cruz County, CA. ^Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted. Note: In 2013, Births to Teens includes births to Teens that were not Santa Cruz Residents.

## Number of Births to Teens (Ages I9 and Under), by Age of Mother, Santa Cruz County Residents

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-13 \% <br> CHANGE |
| Under 15 Years | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | $\wedge$ |
| 15-17 Years | 103 | 99 | 114 | 88 | 83 | 71 | 56 | $-45.6 \%$ |
| $18-19$ Years | 194 | 203 | 200 | 169 | 168 | 151 | 122 | $-37.1 \%$ |
| Total Number of Births to <br> Teens | $\mathbf{3 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 9}$ | $\mathbf{- 4 0 . 5 \%}$ |

Source: County of Santa Cruz, Public Health Department. (2014). Births, Santa Cruz County, 2013. Santa Cruz County, CA.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

Number of Births to Teens (Ages I9 and Under) by Ethnicity of Mother, Santa Cruz County Residents

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-13 \% <br> CHANGE |
| African American | 1 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | $\wedge$ |
| Asian and Pacific Islander | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | $\wedge$ |
| White | 33 | 28 | 32 | 27 | 22 | 19 | 13 | $\wedge$ |
| Latina | 264 | 267 | 273 | 225 | 229 | 195 | 164 | $-37.9 \%$ |
| Other/Unknown | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 1 | $\wedge$ |
| Total Number of Births to <br> Teens | $\mathbf{3 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 9}$ | $\mathbf{- 4 0 . 5 \%}$ |

Source: County of Santa Cruz, Public Health Department. (2014). Births, Santa Cruz County, 2013. Santa Cruz County, CA.
$\wedge$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

## PRENATAL CARE

Access to and utilization of prenatal care services during the first trimester can be crucial in protecting the health of the mother and unborn child. Seventeen percent of all births and $34 \%$ of teen births in Santa Cruz County did not have prenatal care in the first trimester.

## Percentage of Births Without Prenatal Care during the First Trimester, Santa Cruz County Residents



Source: County of Santa Cruz, Public Health Department. (2013). Births, Santa Cruz County, 2012. Santa Cruz County, CA.
Note: Data presented are the most recent data available.

## Percentage of Births Without Prenatal Care During the First Trimester, by Delivery Location, Santa Cruz County Residents

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | O7-I2 NET <br> CHANGE |
| Dominican Hospital | $8.2 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ | $9.2 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ | $9.2 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ | 2.7 |
| Sutter Maternity \& Surgery <br> Center | $11.6 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ | $13.3 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ | $10.1 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ | -2.6 |
| Watsonville Community <br> Hospital | $35.0 \%$ | $33.6 \%$ | $30.7 \%$ | $28.7 \%$ | $28.5 \%$ | $27.1 \%$ | -7.9 |
| Out of County | $12.0 \%$ | $11.0 \%$ | $13.1 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $16.8 \%$ | $17.1 \%$ | 5.1 |
| Non-Hospital | $14.9 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ | $19.0 \%$ | $17.9 \%$ | $25.4 \%$ | $27.0 \%$ | 12.1 |
| Santa Cruz County | $\mathbf{1 9 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{- 2 . 6}$ |

Source: County of Santa Cruz, Public Health Department. (2013). Births, Santa Cruz County, 2012. Santa Cruz County, CA. Note: Data presented are the most recent data available.

## Percentage of Births to Teens (Ages I9 and Younger) Without Prenatal Care During

 the First Trimester, by Delivery Location, Santa Cruz County Residents|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | O7-I2 NET |
| CHANGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: County of Santa Cruz, Public Health Department. (2013). Births, Santa Cruz County, 2012. Santa Cruz County, CA. Note: Data presented are the most recent data available.

## BIRTH WEIGHT

When babies are born at low birth weight in a community, it may indicate a need for improving the health of pregnant mothers through prenatal care services and reducing environmental stressors. ${ }^{18}$ In Santa Cruz County, 7\% of all babies were born at low birth weight in 2013, the largest percentage in the last 7 years.

Percentage of Births with Babies Born at Low Birth Weight', Santa Cruz County Residents


Percentage of Low Birth Weight Deliveries, by Delivery Location

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{gathered} \text { O7-I3 NET } \\ \text { CHANGE } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dominican Hospital | 8.9\% | 9.3\% | 9.5\% | 9.1\% | 8.3\% | 10.1\% | 10.3\% | 1.4 |
| Sutter Maternity \& Surgery Center | 1.5\% | 1.4\% | 1.4\% | 0.9\% | 1.5\% | 3.0\% | 1.8\% | 0.3 |
| Watsonville Community Hospital | 3.7\% | 5.6\% | 4.1\% | 4.3\% | 4.1\% | 3.6\% | 3.8\% | 0.1 |
| Out of County | 21.5\% | 17.7\% | 25.4\% | 22.6\% | 22.7\% | 13.3\% | 28.1\% | 6.6 |
| Non-Hospital | 1.4\% | 3.8\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | -1.4 |
| Santa Cruz County | 5.8\% | 6.3\% | 6.1\% | 5.7\% | 5.4\% | 5.8\% | 6.3\% | 0.5 |
| California | 6.9\% | 6.8\% | 6.8\% | 6.6\% | 6.7\% | 6.7\% | NA | - |

Source: County of Santa Cruz, Public Health Department. (2013). Births, Santa Cruz County, 2012. Santa Cruz County, CA. California Data Source: U.S. Department of Health \& Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2013). National Vital Statistics Reports.

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## BREASTFEEDING

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), breastfeeding has been shown to have a number of health advantages for infants, mothers, families, and society. There is strong evidence that shows children who are breastfed experience a decreased incidence of infectious disease, a decreased rate of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and enhanced cognitive development. Greater social benefits include decreased annual health care costs, decreased parental absenteeism from work, and a decreased environmental burden. Because of such benefits, the AAP recommends that infants be exclusively breastfed for at least six months after birth. ${ }^{19}$

In 2013, 86\% of Santa Cruz County mothers engaged in exclusive in-hospital breastfeeding, higher than California overall ( $65 \%$ ). The percentage of Latina mothers who exclusively breast-fed in-hospital increased by $16 \%$ over the past three years, from $65 \%$ in 2010 to $81 \%$ in 2013. However, Latina mothers continue to have a much lower percentage of exclusive in-hospital breastfeeding (81\%) when compared with White mothers (94\%).

Any In-Hospital Breastfeeding


Source: California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, \& Adolescent Health Division. (2014). California in-hospital breastfeeding statistics as indicated on the newborn screening test form. Sacramento, CA.

Exclusive In-Hospital Breastfeeding


Source: California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, \& Adolescent Health Division. (2014). California in-hospital breastfeeding statistics as indicated on the newborn screening test form. Sacramento, CA.

[^32]Percentage of In-Hospital Breastfeeding, by Hospital, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dominican Hospital |  |  |  |  |
| Any Breastfeeding | 98.6\% | 98.8\% | 99.0\% | 98.7\% |
| Exclusive Breastfeeding | 91.0\% | 91.0\% | 94.8\% | 94.7\% |
| Sutter Maternity \& Surgery Center |  |  |  |  |
| Any Breastfeeding | 98.8\% | 98.7\% | 98.5\% | 99.2\% |
| Exclusive Breastfeeding | 92.6\% | 91.7\% | 94.3\% | 93.1\% |
| Watsonville Community Hospital |  |  |  |  |
| Any Breastfeeding | 97.5\% | 97.2\% | 97.2\% | 96.4\% |
| Exclusive Breastfeeding | 53.4\% | 52.9\% | 71.4\% | 74.8\% |
| Santa Cruz County |  |  |  |  |
| Any Breastfeeding | 98.1\% | 98.1\% | 98.1\% | 98.1\% |
| Exclusive Breastfeeding | 74.0\% | 74.5\% | 84.8\% | 86.0\% |
| California |  |  |  |  |
| Any Breastfeeding | 90.8\% | 91.7\% | 92.2\% | 92.9\% |
| Exclusive Breastfeeding | 56.6\% | 60.6\% | 62.4\% | 64.8\% |

Source: California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, \& Adolescent Health Division (2014). California in-hospital breastfeeding statistics as indicated on the newborn screening test form. Sacramento, CA.

Percentage of In-Hospital Breastfeeding by Ethnicity, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Asian |  |  |  |  |
| Any Breastfeeding | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 98.2\% |
| Exclusive Breastfeeding | 80.8\% | 90.9\% | 90.7\% | 82.1\% |
| White |  |  |  |  |
| Any Breastfeeding | 98.7\% | 97.9\% | 98.5\% | 98.6\% |
| Exclusive Breastfeeding | 92.3\% | 90.6\% | 95.7\% | 94.3\% |
| Hispanic/Latina |  |  |  |  |
| Any Breastfeeding | 97.8\% | 97.9\% | 97.7\% | 97.9\% |
| Exclusive Breastfeeding | 65.3\% | 65.0\% | 78.0\% | 80.5\% |
| Multiple Race |  |  |  |  |
| Any Breastfeeding | 98.7\% | 97.5\% | 98.9\% | 100.0\% |
| Exclusive Breastfeeding | 90.7\% | 82.7\% | 92.5\% | 95.8\% |

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## IMMUNIZATION LEVELS

The percentage of children in child care centers that had all required immunizations ${ }^{20}$ decreased from $88 \%$ in 2012/13 to nearly $75 \%$ in 2013/14, while the percentage of kindergarten entrants who had all required immunizations increased slightly, from $82 \%$ to $84 \%$, during the same period. For child care center entrants, this figure is the lowest rate in the last 7 years.

## Percentage of Child Care Centers and Kindergarten Entrants with All Required Immunizations, Santa Cruz County



Source: California Department of Health Services, Immunization Branch. (2014). Kindergarten assessment results. Sacramento, CA. California Department of Health Services, Immunization Branch. (2013). Child care assessment results. Sacramento, CA.

## Immunization Levels of Child Care Center Entrants

|  | $2007 /$ <br> 08 | $2008 /$ <br> 09 | $2009 /$ <br> 10 | $2010 /$ <br> 11 | $2011 /$ <br> 12 | $2012 /$ <br> 13 | $2013 /$ <br> 14 | $07-14$ NET <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Children | 3,582 | 3,516 | 4,576 | 3,348 | 3,347 | 2,998 | 3,297 | - |
| Number of Child Care <br> Centers | 84 | 79 | 85 | 89 | 99 | 88 | 95 | - |
| Percentage with Permanent <br> Medical Exemptions | $0.1 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ | 0.3 |
| Percentage with Personal <br> Belief Exemptions | $4.0 \%$ | $5.4 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ | 3.0 |
| Percentage Needing One or <br> More Immunizations <br> (Conditional Entrants) | $7.3 \%$ | $9.3 \%$ | $9.2 \%$ | $11.3 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ | $11.9 \%$ | $18.2 \%$ | 10.9 |
| Santa Cruz County - <br> Percentage with All <br> Required Immunizations <br> California - Percentage with <br> All Required Immunizations | $\mathbf{8 8 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 5 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 5 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 1 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 7 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 8 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 4 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{- 1 4 . 0}$ |

Source: California Department of Health Services, Immunization Branch. (2014). Child care assessment results. Sacramento, CA Note: Includes children ages 2 years to 4 years, 11 months.

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## Immunization Levels of Kindergarten Entrants

|  | $2007 /$ <br> 08 | $2008 /$ <br> 09 | $2009 /$ <br> 10 | $2010 /$ <br> $\\|$ | $2011 /$ <br> 12 | $2012 /$ <br> 13 | $2013 /$ <br> 14 | $07-14$ NET <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Students | 3,281 | 2,941 | 3,371 | 3,452 | 3,637 | 3,580 | 3,637 | - |
| Number of Schools | 66 | 58 | 63 | 64 | 63 | 65 | 60 | - |
| Percentage with Permanent <br> Medical Exemptions | $0.7 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | -0.4 |
| Percentage with Personal <br> Belief Exemptions | $6.3 \%$ | $7.3 \%$ | $6.5 \%$ | $9.8 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ | $9.5 \%$ | 3.2 |
| Percentage Needing One or <br> More Immunizations <br> (Conditional Entrants) | $8.9 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ | $10.2 \%$ | $7.6 \%$ | $7.3 \%$ | $8.0 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ | -3.1 |
| Santa Cruz County - <br> Percentage with All <br> Required Immunizations <br> Californa - Percentage with <br> All Required Immunizations | $\mathbf{8 4 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 5 . 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 3 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 2 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 3 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 2 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 4 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4}$ |

Source: California Department of Health Services, Immunization Branch. (2014). Kindergarten assessment results. Sacramento, CA.
Note: Includes children ages 4 years to 6 years, 11 months.
Vaccinated for Flu in the Past I2 Months (Ages 6 months to II years old)


Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. (2013). California Health Interview Survey, 2009 and 2011/2012.
Note: Data presented are the most recent data available.
Note: 2001 to 2009 CHIS data were collected over a 9-month period. Beginning June 15, 2011, CHIS data will be collected continuously over a two-year period. 2011-2012 CHIS data were collected from June 15, 2011 through January 14, 2013.

## DENTAL CARE

The percentage of CAP survey respondents with dental insurance decreased from $72 \%$ in 2003 to $58 \%$ in 2013. Although the majority of CAP survey respondents ( $86 \%$ ) reported being able to get the dental care they needed in the past year, White respondents $(88 \%)$ reported getting the dental care they needed at a higher percentage compared to Latino respondents (83\%) in 2013.


2013 n: Overall=573.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2003-2013. Note: Percentages may not add up to 100\% due to respondents answering "Don't Know."
Note: Question reworded in 2007 from "Do you also have additional health insurance coverage for dental care?"
Have you needed dental care in the past year? Were you able to receive the dental care you needed? (Respondents answering "Yes") By Ethnicity - 2013


Needed Health Care n: Overall=713; White=498; Latino=160. Able to Receive n: Overall=522; White=399; Latino=89. Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
*Significance testing: White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to have need dental care in the past year in 2013.

## F If you needed dental care and were unable to receive it, why couldn't you receive

 it?|  | OVERALL | WHITE | LATINO |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Too Expensive | $52.8 \%$ | $57.6 \%$ | $32.1 \%$ |
| No Insurance | $17.3 \%$ | $7.3 \%$ | $55.2 \%$ |
| Insurance Wouldn't Cover It | $11.7 \%$ | $12.6 \%$ | $8.4 \%$ |
| Couldn't Afford The | $9.2 \%$ | $12.7 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ |
| Premium | $1.9 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Couldn't Afford Co-Pay | $7.2 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Other | $\mathbf{7 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 5}$ |
| Total Respondents |  |  |  |

Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2013.
Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
MENTAL HEALTH
When asked about their mental health, Latino CAP survey respondents (15\%) were more likely than White respondents (10\%) to feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row during the past 12 months that they stopped doing some usual activities. There were 6,539 clients of Santa Cruz County Mental Health Services in 2013/14. The top diagnoses for these clients were depression and mood disorders, psychosis, and adjustment disorders.

## P During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities? (Respondents answering "Yes") By Ethnicity



Overall 2013 n: 710; White 2013 n: 496; Latino 2013 n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2011-2013.

Have you needed mental health treatment in the last 12 months? Did you receive the mental health treatment you needed? (Respondents answering "Yes") By Ethnicity - 2013


Needed Mental Care n: Overall=710; White=496; Latino=160. Able to Receive n: Overall=82; White=61; Latino=12.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2013.
Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
Why didn't you receive the mental health treatment you needed? - 2013

|  | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: |
| Insurance wouldn't cover it | $29.3 \%$ |
| Lack of services or services | $27.9 \%$ |
| unavailable | $21.5 \%$ |
| Couldn't afford it | $10.9 \%$ |
| Didn't want people to find | $9.8 \%$ |
| out | $22.9 \%$ |
| There were waiting lists | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |
| Other | $\mathbf{1 3}$ |
| Total respondents |  |
| Total responses |  |

Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

## Percentage of Adult Respondents (Ages I8 and Older) Who Indicated That, in the Past I2 Months, They...

|  | 2007 | 2009 | 2011-12 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Needed to See a Professional for Problems with Their Emotional/Mental Health or Alcohol/Drug Use |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 19.7\% | 13.1\% | 22.7\% |
| California | 16.5\% | 14.3\% | 15.8\% |
| Had Seen a Health Care Provider for Problems with Their Emotional or Mental Health or Alcohol/Drug Use |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 16.3\% | 11.2\% | 16.7\% |
| California | 12.4\% | 10.9\% | 12.1\% |
| Taken Prescription Medication for Their Mental Health or Emotional Problems Almost Daily for Two Weeks or More |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 9.2\% | 10.0\% | 16.2\% |
| California | 10.0\% | 9.7\% | 10.1\% |

[^35]Number of People Seen for Mental Health Services by Primary Diagnosis, Santa Cruz County

|  | $\begin{gathered} F Y \\ 2007 / 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} F Y \\ 2008 / 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY } \\ 2009 / 10 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY } \\ 2010 / I I \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY } \\ 20 \\| / / 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} F Y \\ 2012 / 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY } \\ 2013 / 14 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Depression \& Mood Disorders | 1,513 | 1,616 | 1,725 | 1,678 | 1,661 | 1,625 | 1,961 |
| Psychosis | 981 | 997 | 991 | 999 | 990 | 1,004 | 1,045 |
| Adjustment Disorders | 942 | 934 | 749 | 712 | 802 | 1,087 | 1,092 |
| Anxiety Disorders | 725 | 694 | 662 | 662 | 662 | 394 | 477 |
| Childhood \& Adolescence | 638 | 677 | 701 | 701 | 762 | 704 | 719 |
| Substance-Related Disorders | 147 | 131 | 156 | 94 | 132 | 144 | 158 |
| Delirium, Dementia | 13 | 56 | 80 | 93 | 82 | 72 | 0 |
| Impulse Control Disorders | 15 | 22 | 24 | 18 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Personality Disorder | 14 | 13 | 18 | 20 | 18 | 24 | 18 |
| Eating Disorders | 8 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Somatoform Disorders | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Dissociative Disorders | 0 | 1 | NA | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mental Disorders | 4 | 1 | NA | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Sexual \& Gender Disorders | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Sleep Disorders | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Disorders | 757 | 781 | 707 | 806 | 793 | 657 | 972 |
| Santa Cruz County Total Mental Health Services Clients | 5,764 | 5,933 | 5,823 | 5,797 | 5,927 | 5,718 | 6,539 |

Source: Santa Cruz County Mental Health Services Agency. (2014). Personal correspondence with program representative.
Note: Data are unduplicated counts.

## PHYSICAL HEALTH

Overall, $83 \%$ of 2013 CAP survey respondents reported that their general health status was "good," "very good," or "excellent." Nearly one in three (31\%) Latino CAP survey respondents indicated that their overall health was "fair" or "poor" compared to $13 \%$ of White respondents in 2013, a statistically significant difference.

How would you describe, in general, your overall health?


Overall 2013 n: 712; White 2013 n: 497; Latino 2013 n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2013.
*Significance testing: Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to describe their health as "fair" or "poor" in 2013.

## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Physical activity is an important factor in achieving and maintaining good health. For adults 18 to 64 years old, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends at least 2 hours and 30 minutes of mixed moderate-intensity, vigorousintensity, and muscle strengthening activities each week. ${ }^{21}$ For children 6 to 17 years old, the CDC recommends at least 60 minutes of aerobic activity each day. The 60 minutes should include muscle and bone strengthening activities on at least three days during the week.

The percentage of CAP survey respondents engaging in 30 minutes or more of physical activity five or more times per week increased from $41 \%$ in 2011 to $48 \%$ in 2013. Half (50\%) of $5^{\text {th }}$ graders met at least 5 out of 6 physical fitness goals in the 2012/13 academic year in Santa Cruz County, while $57 \%$ of $7^{\text {th }}$ and $9^{\text {th }}$ graders met at least 5 out of the 6 physical fitness goals.

7 How many days per week do you engage in physical activity, such as brisk walking or gardening, for a combined total of 30 minutes or more? (Respondents answering "5 or more times a week")


Overall 2013 n: 711.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2005-2013.

## Percentage of Students Achieving Physical Fitness Goals in At Least 5 Out of

 6 Fitness Areas by Grade|  | $\begin{gathered} 2006 / \\ 07 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\\|}{2010 /}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20111 \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O6-I3 NET } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Santa Cruz County |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 55.0\% | 54.6\% | 53.0\% | 54.0\% | 48.9\% | 47.9\% | 50.1\% | -4.9 |
| $7{ }^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 60.7\% | 64.2\% | 63.4\% | 57.2\% | 55.9\% | 55.8\% | 57.1\% | -3.6 |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 62.6\% | 66.7\% | 67.6\% | 63.1\% | 61.4\% | 60.9\% | 57.1\% | -5.5 |
| California |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 53.3\% | 55.1\% | 55.9\% | 55.4\% | 48.4\% | 48.6\% | 48.6\% | -4.7 |
| $7{ }^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 57.1\% | 59.3\% | 60.7\% | 61.8\% | 54.9\% | 55.0\% | 55.3\% | -1.8 |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 56.6\% | 62.7\% | 64.8\% | 66.1\% | 59.4\% | 59.4\% | 59.5\% | 2.9 |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). Physical fitness test report. Sacramento, CA.
Note: The Fitness Areas include aerobic capacity, body composition, abdominal strength, trunk extensor strength, upper body strength, and flexibility.

[^36]Diets rich in fruits and vegetables help to reduce the risk of obesity, diabetes, chronic disease, and cancer. Over half (57\%) of CAP survey respondents reported eating 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day in 2013. Sixty percent of White respondents and $50 \%$ of Latino respondents reported eating 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day in 2013.

## How many days in the past 7 days did you eat 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day? (Respondents answering five or more days) - 2013


n: Overall=706; White=493; Latino=160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2013.
Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.

## How many times in the past 7 days did you eat fast food? (Respondents

 answering at least once)

Overall 2013 n: 709; White 2013 n: 498; Latino 2013 n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2011-2013.

Obesity is directly linked to chronic diseases and serious medical conditions such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, respiratory problems, depression, and stroke. Obesity is also linked to higher rates of nearly all types of cancer, including cancer of the colon, rectum, prostate, gallbladder, breast, uterus, cervix, and ovaries.

For adults, overweight is defined as a BMI of 25.0 to 29.9. Obesity is defined as a BMI of 30.0 or greater. The formula for calculating the BMI of adults is:

$$
\mathrm{BMI}=((\text { Height in inches }) \times \text { (Height in inches }) ~) \times 703
$$

Based on the Body Mass Index (BMI), the percentage of CAP survey respondents who were overweight and obese increased from $50 \%$ in 2007 to $61 \%$ in 2013. Latinos had a higher percentage of overweight or obese respondents (72\%), as compared to Whites (58\%) in 2013. Childhood weight statistics are unstable due to the low number of respondents to the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS).

## POverweight and Obese Adult Respondents in Santa Cruz County (Based on BMI) By Ethnicity



Overall 2013 n: 685; White 2013 n: 487; Latino 2013 n: 145.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2007-2013.
Percentage of Children Who Are Overweight or Obese, Santa Cruz County


Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. (2013). California Health Interview Survey, 2003-2011/2012.
Note: This measure does not factor height.
Note: Data are statistically unstable due to a low number of respondents.
Note: Data presented are the most recent data available.

Percentage of Children (Ages Birth to II Years) Who Are Overweight for Their Age

|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011-12 | $\begin{gathered} \text { O3-12 } \\ \text { NET CHANGE } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overweight for Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 10.9\% ${ }^{\wedge}$ | 6.3\% ${ }^{\wedge}$ | 5.9\% ${ }^{\wedge}$ | 14.0\% ${ }^{\wedge}$ | 13.8\% ${ }^{\wedge}$ | 2.9 |
| California | 13.4\% | 13.4\% | 11.2\% | 11.5\% | 12.6\% | -0.8 |
| Not Overweight for Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 89.1\% | 93.7\% | 94.1\% | 86.0\% | 86.2\% | -2.9 |
| California | 86.6\% | 86.6\% | 88.8\% | 88.5\% | 87.4\% | 0.8 |

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. (2013). California Health Interview Survey, 2003-2011/2012.
Note: This measure does not factor height.
^Statistically unstable due to a low number of respondents.
Note: 2001 to 2009 CHIS data were collected over a 9-month period. Beginning June 15, 2011, CHIS data will be collected continuously over a two-year period. 2011-2012 CHIS data were collected from June 15, 2011 through January $14,2013$.
Note: Data presented are the most recent data available.
Body Mass Index - 4 Level, Teens (Ages I2-I7 Years Old)

|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011-12 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Underweight (Within Lowest $5^{\text {th }}$ Percentile) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County California | $3.4 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $\begin{gathered} 10.2 \%{ }^{\wedge} \\ 4.0 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4.2 \%^{\wedge} \\ 3.0 \% \end{gathered}$ | $3.0 \%$ |
| Normal Weight (5th up to 85th Percentile) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County California | $\begin{gathered} \hline 80.0 \%^{\wedge} \\ 67.8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 65.7 \% \\ & 66.7 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 71.8 \%^{\wedge} \\ 68.4 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 74.0 \%^{\wedge} \\ 68.4 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56.3 \% \\ & 64.7 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| At Risk of Overweight (85 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ up to $95{ }^{\text {th }}$ Percentile) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County California | $\begin{gathered} 10.4 \%^{\wedge} \\ 16.4 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 19.9\% } \\ 15.6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 13.3 \%^{\wedge} \\ 14.3 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.9 \%^{\wedge} \\ & 16.7 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6.2 \%^{\wedge} \\ & 16.6 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Overweight/Obese (Highest 5th Percentile) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County California | $\begin{aligned} & 9.6 \%^{\wedge} \\ & 12.4 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.1 \%^{\wedge} \\ 14.3 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.7 \%^{\wedge} \\ & 13.3 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12.9 \%^{\wedge} \\ 11.9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 37.5 \%^{\wedge} \\ 15.8 \% \end{gathered}$ |

[^37]
## DIABETES

As of 2012, 29.1 million people, or $9.3 \%$ of the total population, were affected by diabetes in the United States. This condition is a major cause of heart disease and stroke and is the seventh leading cause of death in the nation. ${ }^{22}$ Overall, in Santa Cruz County, $16 \%$ of CAP survey respondents reported that a doctor had told them that they had diabetes or pre-diabetes in 2013. Among those told by a doctor that they had diabetes or pre-diabetes, $70 \%$ of Latinos were told it was Type 2 diabetes, as compared to $43 \%$ of Whites in 2013.

THas a doctor ever told you that you have diabetes or pre-diabetes? (Respondents answering "Yes") - 2013


Overall n: 711; White n: 496; Latino n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2013. Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.

If a doctor has told you that you have diabetes or pre-diabetes, were you told it was: - 2013


Overall n: 103; White n: 70; Latino n: 28.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2013.
Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.

[^38]
## Percentage of Adult Respondents (Ages I8 and Older) Who Have Ever Been Diagnosed with Diabetes

|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011-12 | O3-12 NET CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Santa Cruz County | 4.1\% | 3.5\% | 7.3\% ${ }^{\wedge}$ | 4.3\% | 5.7\% | 1.6 |
| California | 6.6\% | 7.0\% | 7.8\% | 8.5\% | 8.4\% | 1.8 |

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. (2013). California Health Interview Survey, 2003-2011/2012.
Note: 2001 to 2009 CHIS data were collected over a 9-month period. Beginning June 15, 2011, CHIS data will be collected continuously over a two-year period. 2011-2012 CHIS data were collected from June 15, 2011 through January 14, 2013. Note: Data presented are the most recent available.
'Statistically unstable due to a low number of respondents.
Adult Respondents with Diabetes (Ages I8 and Older), Ву Type

|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011-12 | O3-I2 NET CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County <br> California | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathbf{1 3 . 2 \% \wedge} \\ 15.7 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 30.8 \%{ }^{\wedge} \\ 17.4 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.9 \%^{\wedge} \\ & 12.9 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 14.7 \%{ }^{\wedge} \\ 14.9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 9.6 \%{ }^{\wedge} \\ & 13.6 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -3.6 \\ & -2.1 \end{aligned}$ |
| Type 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County California | $\begin{aligned} & 86.8 \% \\ & 84.3 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 69.2\% } \\ & \text { 82.6\% } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 90.1\% } \\ & 87.1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 82.3\% } \\ & \text { 82.8\% } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 89.0 \%{ }^{\wedge} \\ 82.3 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2.2 \\ -2.0 \end{gathered}$ |

[^39]
## ALCOHOL USE

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, binge drinking is "a pattern of drinking that brings a person's blood alcohol concentration to 0.08 grams percent or above." ${ }^{23}$ This level of intoxication typically involves 5 or more drinks for males and 4 or more drinks for females in about a 2 hour period. Binge drinking greatly increases the chances of getting hurt or hurting others due to car crashes, violence, and suicide. Fifteen percent of CAP survey respondents engaged in binge drinking "one or more times" in the past 30 days in 2013 down from 17\% in 2005.

## Considering all types of alcoholic beverages, during the past 30 days about how many times did you have 5 or more drinks on an occasion? An occasion is considered about $\mathbf{2}$ hours. (Respondents answering "One or more times")



Overall 2013 n: 705.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2005-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

[^40]
## AVAILABILITY OF ALCOHOL

Greater access to retail alcohol outlets, such as liquor stores and bars, is correlated with higher levels of alcohol consumption. For example, when there are more retail alcohol outlets near a university, there is more drinking among their students. ${ }^{24}$ High outlet density is also associated with higher levels of violent crime, assault, child maltreatment and abuse, and homicide. ${ }^{25}$ People who live in areas with high access to liquor stores tend to have higher levels of hospital admissions for anxiety, stress, and depression as compared to people with low access. ${ }^{26}$ Several factors contribute to this relationship, including alcohol marketing, income, consumer spending habits, and public policy related to geographic placement of alcohol outlets. For example, there tend to be more alcohol and tobacco outlets in lower income neighborhoods compared to higher income neighborhoods.

Over the past seven years, the number and rate of retail alcohol outlets per 1,000 residents in Santa Cruz County has gradually increased. Santa Cruz County consistently had a higher rate of retail alcohols outlets per 1,000 people than California ( 2.7 versus 2.2 , respectively) in 2014. With its beaches, small population, restaurants, and entertainment venues, Santa Cruz County has become a tourist destination, which may contribute to the higher than average per capita rates of retail alcohol outlets.

## Number of Retail Alcohol Outlets'

|  | JUNE | JUNE | JUNE | JUNE | JUNE | JUNE | JUNE | O8-I4 \% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 I I$ | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | CHANGE |
| Retail Alcohol Outlets - <br> Santa Cruz County | $\mathbf{6 3 8}$ | $\mathbf{6 4 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 8 9}$ | $\mathbf{7 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{7 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{7 3 0}$ | $\mathbf{7 3 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 . 8 \%}$ |
| Retail Alcohol Outlets - <br> California | 70,813 | 71,087 | $\mathbf{7 1 , 5 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{7 9 , 2 9 8}$ | 80,450 | 81,590 | 82,738 | $16.8 \%$ |
| Outlets per 1,000 People - <br> Santa Cruz County | $\mathbf{2 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 7}$ | - |
| Outlets per 1,000 People - <br> California | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | - |

Source: State of California, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. (2014). Alcoholic beverage licenses report. California Department of Finance (2014). E-1: City/county population estimates with annual percent change.
${ }^{1}$ Includes both on-sale and off-sale outlets.

[^41]Retail Alcohol Outlets, by City

|  | JUNE 2010 | JUNE 2011 | JUNE 2012 | JUNE 2013 | JUNE 2014 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unincorporated |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Retail Outlets | 240 | 243 | 238 | 243 | 246 |
| Outlets per 1,000 People | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| Percentage of County Retail Outlets | 34.8\% | 34.4\% | 33.2\% | 33.3\% | 33.3\% |
| Capitola |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Retail Outlets | 59 | 59 | 64 | 66 | 67 |
| Outlets per 1,000 People | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.6 |
| Percentage of County Retail Outlets | 8.6\% | 8.4\% | 8.9\% | 9.0\% | 9.1\% |
| Santa Cruz |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Retail Outlets | 245 | 256 | 259 | 271 | 274 |
| Outlets per 1,000 People | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Percentage of County Retail Outlets | 35.6\% | 36.3\% | 36.1\% | 37.1\% | 37.1\% |
| Watsonville |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Retail Outlets | 104 | 107 | 107 | 102 | 104 |
| Outlets per 1,000 People | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Percentage of County Retail Outlets | 15.1\% | 15.2\% | 14.9\% | 14.0\% | 14.1\% |
| Scotts Valley |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Retail Outlets | 40 | 41 | 43 | 48 | 48 |
| Outlets per 1,000 People | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| Percentage of County Retail Outlets | 5.8\% | 5.8\% | 6.0\% | 6.6\% | 6.5\% |

Source: California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. (2014). Alcoholic beverage licenses report. http://www.abc.ca.gov/ California Department of Finance. (2014). E-1: City/County population estimates with annual percent change.

## How concerned are you about drug and alcohol abuse in your neighborhood?

(Respondents answering "Very concerned" and "Somewhat concerned") By Region 2013


[^42]
## ACCEPTANCE OF ADULT ALCOHOL PROVISION

Sixteen percent of CAP survey respondents reported feeling that it was "very" or "somewhat" acceptable for adults to provide alcohol to underage youth in their home in 2013. One in five (20\%) White survey respondents felt it was "very" or "somewhat" acceptable for adults to provide alcohol to underage youth in their home compared to less than 6\% of Latino respondents, a statistically significant difference.


Overall 2013 n: 702; White 2013 n: 487; Latino 2013 n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2009-2013. *Significance testing: White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to think that it is somewhat acceptable or very acceptable for adults to provide alcohol to underage youth in their home in 2013.

## COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE OF MARIJUANA USE

Overall, the percentage of CAP survey respondents who reported feeling that marijuana use for recreational or non-medicinal purposes was "somewhat acceptable" or "very acceptable" decreased from $55 \%$ in 2003 to $51 \%$ in 2013. Significantly more White respondents ( $60 \%$ ) found it "very acceptable" or "somewhat acceptable" to use marijuana compared to Latino respondents ( $21 \%$ ), while significantly more San Lorenzo Valley respondents (31\%) found it "very acceptable" or "somewhat acceptable" to use marijuana compared to South County respondents (14\%) in 2013.

THow acceptable do you find the use of marijuana for recreational or nonmedicinal use?


## Overall 2013 n: 679.

Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2003-2013. Note: "Very" was added to the response option "Very acceptable" in 2011.

How acceptable do you find the use of marijuana for recreational or nonmedicinal use? (Respondents answering "Very Acceptable" or "Somewhat Acceptable") by Ethnicity


Overall 2013 n: 679; White 2013 n: 477 Latino 2013 n: 152.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2009-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: "Very" was added to the response option "Very acceptable" in 2011.
*Significance testing: White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to think that it is very or somewhat acceptable for recreational or non-medicinal use of marijuana in 2013.

How acceptable do you find the use of marijuana for recreational or nonmedicinal use? (Respondents answering "Very Acceptable") by Region

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 | O3-I3 NET |
| CHANGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

North County 2013 n: 247; South County 2013 n: 230; SLV 2013 n: 199
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2003-2013. Note: "Very" was added to the response option "Very acceptable" in 2011.
*Significance testing: San Lorenzo Valley respondents were significantly more likely than North and South County respondents to find the use of marijuana for recreational or non-medicinal use very acceptable in 2013.

## TOBACCO USE

Overall, the percentage of Santa Cruz County $11^{\text {th }}$ grade students who smoked cigarettes in the last 30 days decreased from $18 \%$ in 2004/05 to $8 \%$ in 2012/14. The percentage of Santa Cruz County $9^{\text {th }}$ grade students using smokeless tobacco in the last 30 days decreased from $2 \%$ in 2004/05 to $1 \%$ in 2012/14.

Percentage of Students Who Reported Using Cigarettes in the Last 30 Days, By Grade

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $2004 / 05$ | $2006 /$ <br> 07 | $2008 /$ <br> 09 | $2010 /$ <br> 11 | $2012 /$ <br> 14 | $04-14$ NET <br> CHANGE |
| Santa Cruz County |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{7}^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{- 3 . 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{9}^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{- 6 . 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{1 1}^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{- 1 0 . 0}$ |


|  | $2004 /$ <br> 06 | $2005 /$ <br> 07 | $2006 /$ <br> 08 | $2007 /$ <br> 09 | $2008 /$ <br> 10 | $2009 /$ <br> $\\|$ | O4-II NET <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| California |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | 1.0 |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $11^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ |

Source: West Ed for the California Department of Education. (2014). California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), Santa Cruz County and California. San Francisco, CA.
Note: There is a two-year cycle for all districts in the state to complete their biennial surveys. State-level reports consist of two-year compilations. However, new reports are generated each year, weighted to more accurately reflect the data from large districts that survey only a sample of their enrollment.

## Percentage of Students Who Reported Using Smokeless Tobacco in the Last 30

 Days, By Grade|  | $\begin{gathered} 2004 / \\ 05 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20061 \\ 07 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20101 \\ \\| \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 14 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O4-14 NET } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Santa Cruz County |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | -1.0 |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 4\% | 4\% | 6\% | 4\% | 1\% | -3.0 |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% | 8\% | 3\% | -1.0 |


|  | $\begin{gathered} 20041 \\ 06 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2005 / \\ 07 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2006 / \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / \\ \text { II } \end{gathered}$ | 04-IINET <br> CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| California |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $7{ }^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1.0 |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 2.0 |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 2.0 |

Source: West Ed for California Department of Education. (2014). 2000-2014 California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), Santa Cruz County and California.
Note: There is a two-year cycle for all districts in the state to complete their biennial surveys, state-level reports consist of two-year compilations. However, new reports are generated each year, weighted to more accurately reflect the data from large districts that survey only a sample of their enrollment.

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG USE

In 2013, 3\% of CAP survey respondents reported using a prescription medication without a prescription.

## P During the past 30 days, on how many days have you taken prescription

 medication without a prescription?

Overall 2013 n: 710.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey, 2011-2013.

## SUBSTANCE USE BY STUDENTS

Self-reported alcohol use among Santa Cruz County $11^{\text {th }}$ grade students decreased over the past 13 years from $51 \%$ in 2000/01 to $34 \%$ in 2012/14. Among $9^{\text {th }}$ grade students in Santa Cruz County, self-reported use of alcohol decreased from $31 \%$ in 2002/03 to $23 \%$ in 2012/14.

Percentage of IIth Grade Students Who Reported Using Alcohol' or Marijuana in the Past 30 Days, Santa Cruz County


Source: West Ed for California Department of Education. (2014). 2000-2011 California Healthy Kids Survey, Santa Cruz County. ${ }^{1}$ Alcohol use refers to at least one drink.

## Self-Reported Drug and Alcohol Use Among Youth in the Past 30 Days, Santa Cruz County



[^43]Self-Reported Drug and Alcohol Use Among Youth in the Past 30 Days, California

|  | 2005/07 | 2007/09 | 2009/II | 05-II NET CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alcohol ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 13\% | 15\% | 13\% | 0.0 |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 27\% | 27\% | 24\% | -3.0 |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 37\% | 36\% | 33\% | -4.0 |
| Marijuana |  |  |  |  |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 4\% | 6\% | 6\% | 2.0 |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 12\% | 13\% | 15\% | 3.0 |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 16\% | 19\% | 21\% | 5.0 |
| Cocaine |  |  |  |  |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1.0 |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 1.0 |
| Methamphetamines/Amphetamines |  |  |  |  |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1.0 |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1.0 |
| Inhalants |  |  |  |  |
| $7{ }^{\text {ln }}$ Grade | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 0.0 |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% | 1.0 |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 2.0 |
| Psychedelics (Includes Ecstasy, LSD, or other psychedelics) |  |  |  |  |
| $9^{\text {li }}$ Grade | 2\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3.0 |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 2\% | 5\% | 6\% | 4.0 |

Source: West Ed for California Department of Education (2012). California Healthy Kids Survey, Santa Cruz County. Note: Data are most recent available.
Note: There is a two-year cycle for all districts in the state to complete their biennial surveys, state-level reports consist of two-year compilations. However, new reports are generated each year, weighted to more accurately reflect the data from large districts that survey only a sample of their enrollment.
Note: Questions regarding use of Methamphetamines, Cocaine, and Psychedelics were not asked of $7^{\text {th }}$ middle school students.
${ }^{1}$ Alcohol use refers to at least one drink.

## HOSPITALIZATIONS

From July $1^{\text {st }} 2013$ to December $31^{\text {st }}$ 2013, there were 5,588 admissions to Dominican Hospital, 2,719 admissions to Watsonville Community Hospital and 1,156 admissions to Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center. The top two reasons for admission to Dominican Hospital were circulatory problems and digestive problems. For Watsonville Community Hospital and Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center, the top two reasons were pregnancies and births. While Dominican Hospital and Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center experienced fairly consistent admission rates from 2010 to 2013, Dominican Hospital saw a drop from 26.4 admissions per 1,000 residents to 20.7 per 1,000 residents.

## Number of Hospital Admissions, by Reason, Dominican Hospital



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$7 / 1 / 11-$ \& $1 / 1 / 12-$ <br>
1213111 \& $0 / 30 / 12$

 

\hline $7 / 112-$ <br>
1213112

 

\& \& $7 / 1 / 10-$ <br>
$1 / 1 / 13-$ \& $7 / 1 / 13-$ \& $12 / 31 / 13$ NET <br>
$6 / 30 / 13$ \& $12 / 31 / 13$ \& CHANGE
\end{tabular}

| All Pregnancies | 8.2\% | 7.5\% | 7.8\% | 8.0\% | 7.7\% | 7.4\% | 8.4\% | 0.2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Anemia and Other Blood Disorders | 0.6\% | 1.0\% | 1.0\% | 1.0\% | 1.0\% | 1.0\% | 0.8\% | 0.2 |
| Birth Defects | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.2\% | 0.3\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.1 |
| Births | 7.3\% | 6.7\% | 7.0\% | 7.3\% | 6.9\% | 6.7\% | 7.8\% | 0.5 |
| Cancer (Includes NonCancerous Growths) | 4.4\% | 4.3\% | 4.4\% | 4.7\% | 3.9\% | 3.9\% | 4.0\% | -0.4 |
| Circulatory System | 13.4\% | 13.2\% | 13.6\% | 13.4\% | 14.1\% | 15.3\% | 15.8\% | 2.4 |
| Digestive System | 11.2\% | 9.7\% | 10.2\% | 9.7\% | 10.0\% | 9.9\% | 11.0\% | 0.2 |
| Endocrine System | 2.4\% | 2.5\% | 2.4\% | 2.5\% | 2.9\% | 2.9\% | 2.5\% | 0.1 |
| Genitourinary System | 3.6\% | 4.5\% | 4.3\% | 3.8\% | 4.2\% | 4.0\% | 3.6\% | 0.0 |
| Infections | 4.0\% | 4.2\% | 3.5\% | 3.3\% | 4.1\% | 4.8\% | 5.4\% | 1.4 |
| Injuries / Poisonings / Complications | 8.3\% | 8.3\% | 7.9\% | 7.8\% | 7.7\% | 8.2\% | 8.8\% | 0.5 |
| Mental Disorders | 8.4\% | 8.5\% | 8.6\% | 8.3\% | 8.3\% | 8.3\% | 8.9\% | 0.5 |
| Musculoskeletal System | 5.9\% | 5.3\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.7\% | 6.0\% | 5.7\% | -0.2 |
| Nervous System | 1.9\% | 1.9\% | 1.6\% | 2.1\% | 1.6\% | 1.7\% | 1.5\% | -0.4 |
| Other Reasons | 8.6\% | 8.6\% | 9.3\% | 9.4\% | 8.6\% | 7.0\% | 4.8\% | 3.8 |
| Perinatal Disorders | 0.6\% | 0.6\% | 0.5\% | 0.7\% | 0.6\% | 0.8\% | 0.6\% | 0.0 |
| Respiratory System | 5.3\% | 7.2\% | 5.6\% | 6.2\% | 5.6\% | 6.8\% | 5.5\% | 0.2 |
| Skin Disorders | 2.2\% | 2.1\% | 2.3\% | 2.1\% | 1.9\% | 1.6\% | 1.9\% | -0.3 |
| Symptoms | 3.6\% | 3.8\% | 3.8\% | 3.6\% | 3.9\% | 3.5\% | 3.1\% | -0.5 |
| Santa Cruz County Total Rate per 1,000 - Santa Cruz County | $\begin{gathered} \hline 6,739 \\ 28.5 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 6,624 \\ 25.1 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 6,641 \\ 25.1 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 6,660 \\ 25.0 \end{gathered}$ | 6,671 25.0 | 6,300 26.4 | $\begin{gathered} \hline 5,588 \\ 20.7 \end{gathered}$ | - -7.8 |

[^44] Sacramento, CA.
United States Census Bureau. (2014). Table DP05 - Demographic and housing estimates, 2010-2014 1-year estimates. American Community Survey.

Number of Hospital Admissions, by Reason, Watsonville Community Hospital, 7/I/IO - |2/31/13

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / \mid 10- \\ & \|2 / 3\| / 10 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 1 / /\| \|- \\ & 6 / 30 / 1 \mid \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7\|\|/\| \|- \\ & \|2 / 31 /\| \| \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 1 / 12- \\ & 6 / 30 / 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / 12- \\ & 12 / 31 / 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 1 / 13- \\ & 6 / 30 / 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / 13- \\ & 12 / 31 / 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 7/\|\|\|0- } \\ \text { I2/3\|/I3 NET } \\ \text { CHANGE } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All Pregnancies | 24.4\% | 24.1\% | 26.6\% | 24.4\% | 25.5\% | 25.4\% | 25.2\% | 0.8 |
| Anemia and Other Blood Disorders | 0.9\% | 1.2\% | 0.4\% | 0.9\% | 0.9\% | 0.5\% | 0.6\% | -0.3 |
| Birth Defects | 0.2\% | 0.0\% | 0.2\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.0\% | -0.2 |
| Births | 23.0\% | 23.0\% | 24.9\% | 22.6\% | 22.9\% | 23.0\% | 23.0\% | 0.0 |
| Cancer (Includes NonCancerous Growths) | 2.1\% | 1.2\% | 1.4\% | 2.1\% | 2.0\% | 1.2\% | 1.5\% | -0.6 |
| Circulatory System | 9.8\% | 8.1\% | 8.6\% | 8.9\% | 7.6\% | 8.0\% | 8.1\% | -1.7 |
| Digestive System | 9.9\% | 9.6\% | 8.2\% | 8.3\% | 9.5\% | 9.2\% | 9.4\% | -0.5 |
| Endocrine System | 2.3\% | 2.8\% | 2.3\% | 3.0\% | 3.3\% | 2.2\% | 2.7\% | 0.4 |
| Genitourinary System | 3.7\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 3.9\% | 3.8\% | 3.3\% | 3.2\% | -0.5 |
| Infections | 1.9\% | 2.3\% | 2.2\% | 3.5\% | 3.8\% | 3.5\% | 4.8\% | 2.9 |
| Injuries / Poisonings / Complications | 4.7\% | 3.9\% | 4.9\% | 4.9\% | 5.1\% | 4.2\% | 4.4\% | -0.3 |
| Mental Disorders | 0.4\% | 0.6\% | 0.5\% | 0.7\% | 0.8\% | 0.7\% | 1.0\% | 0.6 |
| Musculoskeletal System | 4.3\% | 4.1\% | 3.9\% | 4.8\% | 4.4\% | 4.8\% | 4.5\% | 0.2 |
| Nervous System | 0.6\% | 0.7\% | 0.8\% | 0.7\% | 0.9\% | 0.8\% | 0.8\% | 0.2 |
| Other Reasons | 0.7\% | 0.3\% | 0.3\% | 0.5\% | 0.2\% | 0.3\% | 0.2\% | -0.5 |
| Perinatal Disorders | 0.3\% | 0.5\% | 0.4\% | 0.5\% | 0.3\% | 0.4\% | 0.6\% | 0.3 |
| Respiratory System | 7.1\% | 9.2\% | 6.8\% | 7.4\% | 6.0\% | 9.4\% | 6.3\% | -0.8 |
| Skin Disorders | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.5\% | 0.8\% | 1.1\% | 0.9\% | 1.9\% | 0.7 |
| Symptoms | 2.5\% | 3.3\% | 2.1\% | 1.9\% | 1.8\% | 2.1\% | 2.0\% | -0.5 |
| Santa Cruz County Total | 3,288 | 3,208 | 3,066 | 2,948 | 2,913 | 2,851 | 2,719 | - |
| Rate per 1,000 - Santa Cruz County | 12.5 | 12.1 | 11.6 | 11.1 | 10.9 | 10.6 | 10.1 | -2.4 |

Source: California Office of Statewide Health Planning \& Development. (2014). Hospital inpatient discharge summary report. Sacramento, CA.
United States Census Bureau. (2014). Table DP05-Demographic and housing estimates, 2010-2014 1-year estimates. American Community Survey.

## Number of Hospital Admissions, by Reason, Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center,

 7/I/IO- 12/31/13|  | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / 10- \\ & 12 / 31 / 10 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 /\|/\| \|- \\ & 6 / 30 / 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 /\|/\|\| \|- \\ & \|2 / 3\| /\| \| \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 1 / 12- \\ & 6 / 30 / 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / 12- \\ & \mid 2 / 31 / 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 1 / 13- \\ & 6 / 30 / 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 \mid 13- \\ & \|2 / 3\| / 3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 7/1/110- } \\ & \text { 12/31/13 NET } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All Pregnancies | 37.8\% | 38.6\% | 36.4\% | 38.7\% | 40.4\% | 40.1\% | 41.1\% | 3.3 |
| Birth Defects | 0.0\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.3\% | 0.0\% | 0.0 |
| Births | 37.7\% | 38.6\% | 36.0\% | 38.5\% | 39.6\% | 39.8\% | 40.7\% | 3.0 |
| Cancer (Includes NonCancerous Growths) | 5.9\% | 4.8\% | 5.3\% | 4.1\% | 5.0\% | 3.1\% | 3.9\% | -2.0 |
| Circulatory System | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.1\% | 0.0\% | 0.0 |
| Digestive System | 3.4\% | 2.5\% | 4.0\% | 3.1\% | 1.7\% | 1.9\% | 1.9\% | -1.5 |
| Endocrine System | 0.6\% | 0.8\% | 1.8\% | 0.6\% | 0.5\% | 0.2\% | 0.1\% | -0.5 |
| Genitourinary System | 5.2\% | 3.6\% | 5.2\% | 2.7\% | 2.1\% | 1.0\% | 0.9\% | -4.3 |
| Infections | 0.0\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.1\% | 0.1 |
| Injuries / Poisonings / Complications | 1.9\% | 1.7\% | 2.3\% | 1.2\% | 1.0\% | 1.4\% | 0.6\% | -1.3 |
| Musculoskeletal System | 5.5\% | 7.0\% | 6.6\% | 8.2\% | 7.5\% | 9.6\% | 8.5\% | 3.0 |
| Nervous System | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.0\% | 0.2\% | 0.0\% | 0.2\% | 0.0\% | -0.2 |
| Other Reasons | 0.4\% | 0.2\% | 0.9\% | 1.0\% | 0.6\% | 0.8\% | 0.4\% | 0.0 |
| Perinatal Disorders | 0.2\% | 0.4\% | 0.6\% | 1.1\% | 1.0\% | 0.9\% | 1.0\% | 0.8 |
| Respiratory System | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.1\% | 0.0\% | 0.1\% | 0.0\% | 0.1\% | -0.1 |
| Skin Disorders | 0.7\% | 1.2\% | 0.5\% | 0.6\% | 0.5\% | 0.6\% | 0.9\% | 0.2 |
| Symptoms | 0.4\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | -0.4 |
| Santa Cruz County Total | 1,312 | 1,322 | 1,279 | 1,245 | 1,254 | 1,122 | 1,156 | - |
| Rate per 1,000 - Santa Cruz County | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.3 | -0.7 |

Source: California Office of Statewide Health Planning \& Development. (2014). Hospital inpatient discharge summary report. Sacramento, CA.
United States Census Bureau. (2014). Table DP05 - Demographic and housing estimates, 2010-2013 1-year estimates. American Community Survey.

## Number and Length of Hospital Stays, Dominican Hospital, 7/I/IO - I2/3|/I3

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / 10- \\ & \mid 2 / 31 / 10 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 1 / 1 / 1- \\ & 6 / 30 / 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 /\|/\|\| \|- \\ & \|2 / 3\| /\| \| \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / / 1 / 2- \\ & 6 / 30 / 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / 12- \\ & \mid 2 / 31 / 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 1 / 13- \\ & 6 / 30 / 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / 13- \\ & \|2 / 3\| / 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / \mid 10- \\ & \text { I2/31/\|3 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Discharges | 6,739 | 6,624 | 6,641 | 6,660 | 6,671 | 6,300 | 5,588 | -17.1\% |
| Number of Discharge Days | 32,016 | 31,965 | 30,912 | 31,257 | 31,538 | 30,554 | 25,207 | -21.3\% |
| Average Stay (Days) | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.5 | - |
| Hospital Discharge Rate per 1,000 - Santa Cruz County | 25.6 | 25.1 | 25.1 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 23.4 | 20.7 | - |

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## Number and Length of Hospital Stays, Watsonville Community Hospital, 7/I/IO -

 12/31/13|  | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / 10- \\ & 12 / 31 / 10 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { I/I/II- } \\ & \text { 6/30/II } \end{aligned}$ | 7/I/II- <br> $12 / 31 / / 1$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 1 / 1 / 2- \\ & 6 / 30 / 12 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / 12- \\ & 12 / 31 / 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 1 / 13- \\ & 6 / 30 / 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / 13- \\ & 12 / 31 / 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 7/1/IIO- } \\ & \text { I2/31/13 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Discharges | 3,288 | 3,208 | 3,066 | 2,948 | 2,913 | 2,851 | 2,719 | -17.3\% |
| Number of Discharge Days | 11,715 | 11,056 | 10,259 | 10,144 | 9,951 | 10,091 | 9,756 | -16.7\% |
| Average Length of Stay | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | - |
| Rate per 1,000 - Santa Cruz County | 12.5 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 11.0 | 10.9 | 10.6 | 10.1 | - |

Source: California Office of Statewide Health Planning \& Development. (2014). Hospital inpatient discharge summary report. Sacramento, CA.
United States Census Bureau. (2014). Table DP05 - Demographic and housing estimates, 2010-2014 1-year estimates. American Community Survey.

Number and Length of Hospital Stays, Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center, 7/I/IO |2/31/13

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / 10- \\ & 12 / 31 / 10 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 1 / / 1 \mid- \\ & 6 / 30 / 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 /\|\| \|- \\ & \|2 / 31 /\| \| \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 1 / 12- \\ & 6 / 30 / 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1\| \| 2- \\ & \|2 / 3\|\|\mid 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 1 / 13- \\ & 6 / 30 / 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 1 / 13- \\ & 12 / 31 / 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7 / 1\| \| 10- \\ \text { \|2/3\|\|\|3\% } \\ \text { CHANGE } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Discharges | 1,312 | 1,322 | 1,279 | 1,245 | 1,254 | 1,122 | 1,156 | -11.9\% |
| Number of Discharge Days | 3,319 | 3,540 | 3,213 | 3,304 | 3,294 | 2,938 | 3,074 | -7.4\% |
| Average Length of Stay | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | - |
| Rate per 1,000 - Santa Cruz County | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.3 | - |

Source: California Office of Statewide Health Planning \& Development. (2014). Hospital inpatient discharge summary report. Sacramento, CA.
United States Census Bureau. (2014). Table DP05 - Demographic and housing estimates, 2010-2014 1-year estimates. American Community Survey.

## UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES

Unintentional non-fatal injuries include accidents that are the result of falls, poisoning, being struck by an object, firearm, or motor vehicle. There were 99 unintentional nonfatal injuries for children, youth, and young adults ages 0-20 in 2012, down $36 \%$ from 154 in 2006. Both the number and rate of injuries fell for this age group over the last 7 years. The top cause of unintentional non-fatal injuries in the county was falls.

Unintentional Non-Fatal Injuries (Birth-20) by Age Group

|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 06-12 \% CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 1 Year | 9 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 3 | $\wedge$ |
| 1-4 Years | 28 | 27 | 30 | 33 | 33 | 13 | 15 | $\wedge$ |
| 5-12 Years | 31 | 32 | 35 | 22 | 30 | 25 | 24 | -22.6\% |
| 13-15 Years | 19 | 26 | 20 | 15 | 18 | 20 | 18 | $\wedge$ |
| 16-20 Years | 67 | 66 | 55 | 65 | 51 | 36 | 39 | -41.8\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total Ages 0-20 | 154 | 159 | 145 | 145 | 139 | 100 | 99 | -35.7\% |
| Rate per 1,000 - Santa Cruz County | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | - |
| Rate per 1,000-California | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | - |

Source: California Department of Public Health. (2014). EpiCenter: Overall injury surveillance. Sacramento, CA.
State of California, Department of Finance (2013). Report P-3: Populations Projections by Race/ Ethnicity, Detailed Age, and Gender, 2010-2060. Sacramento, CA.
$\wedge$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.
Unintentional Non-Fatal Injuries (Birth-20), by Selected Cause, Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | O6-12 $\%$ <br> CHANGE |
| Falls | 42 | 52 | 38 | 37 | 40 | 36 | 31 | $-26.2 \%$ |
| Motor Vehicle Traffic | 41 | 37 | 31 | 34 | 22 | 18 | 17 | $\wedge$ |
| Poisoning | 10 | 10 | 11 | 19 | 25 | 12 | 12 | $\wedge$ |
| Struck by Object | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 7 | 4 | $\wedge$ |
| Firearms | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\wedge$ |

Source: California Department of Public Health. (2014). EpiCenter: Overall injury surveillance. Sacramento, CA.
^Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

## INTENTIONAL INJURIES

Intentional injuries include self-inflected injuries such as cutting/piercing, poisoning, hanging, as well as assaults with weapons or objects. There were 33 intentional nonfatal injuries reported among children, youth, and young adults ages birth through 20 years old in 2012. The most common intentional non-fatal injuries since 2006 were for self-inflicted poisonings.

## Number of Intentional Non-Fatal Injuries (Birth-20) by Age Group

|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O6-12 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | $\wedge$ |
| 1 to 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | $\wedge$ |
| 5 to 12 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $\wedge$ |
| 13 to 15 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 8 | $\wedge$ |
| 16 to 20 | 27 | 37 | 35 | 28 | 33 | 25 | 23 | -14.8\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total (Ages 0-20) | 36 | 45 | 41 | 35 | 44 | 33 | 33 | 8.3\% |
| Rate per 1,000 - Santa Cruz County | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | - |
| Rate per 1,000-California | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | - |

Source: California Department of Public Health. (2014). EpiCenter: Overall injury surveillance. Sacramento, CA.
State of California, Department of Finance (2013). Report P-3: Populations Projections by Race/ Ethnicity, Detailed Age, and Gender, 2010-2060. Sacramento, CA.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

## Number of Intentional Non-Fatal Injuries for Persons (Birth-20), by Cause

|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Self-Inflicted | $\mathbf{1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 9}$ |
| Cut/Pierce | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| Poisoning | 18 | 19 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 9 |
| Other $^{1}$ | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Hanging/Suffocation | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Assault | $\mathbf{1 8}$ | 19 | $\mathbf{2 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ |
| Blunt Object | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Cut/Pierce | 9 | 13 | 16 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 6 |
| Fight, Unarmed | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Firearm | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Other ${ }^{2}$ | 3 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 3}$ |

[^46]
## REPORTED COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Communicable diseases are an indicator of a community's overall health and are largely preventable and/or treatable. The most commonly reported communicable disease over the past decade in Santa Cruz County has been Chlamydia, which increased from 661 cases in 2008 to 995 cases in 2013. Reported cases of gonorrhea increased by $123 \%$ between 2008 and 2013. Syphilis infections have steadily increased over the last six years, from 4 cases reported in 2008 to 32 cases in 2013.

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious yet preventable respiratory disease. ${ }^{27}$ The uncontrollable cough most commonly affects babies and young children, although it is important to note that there are a growing number of teenagers who are experiencing this disease. For children under the age of one, the disease can be fatal. There were 48,277 cases of pertussis reported to CDC in 2012; the highest number of reported cases in the U.S. since $1955 .{ }^{28}$ In Santa Cruz County, reported cases more than quadrupled between 2012 and 2013. While cases of pertussis declined in some states across the U.S., as of September 2, 2014, California continued to experience a pertussis epidemic.

Reported Cases of Selected Communicable Diseases, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O8-13\% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chlamydia | 661 | 647 | 765 | 747 | 867 | 995 | 50.5\% |
| Gonorrhea | 60 | 55 | 46 | 81 | 99 | 134 | 123.3\% |
| Hepatitis ${ }^{1}$ | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 7 | $\wedge$ |
| Hepatitis B (Chronic) ${ }^{1}$ | 19 | 10 | 19 | 21 | 43 | 20 | $\wedge$ |
| Lyme Disease | 1 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 7 | $\wedge$ |
| Measles ${ }^{1}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | $\wedge$ |
| Pertussis (Whooping Cough) ${ }^{1}$ | 16 | 33 | 87 | 22 | 12 | 54 | $\wedge$ |
| Salmonellosis | 60 | 56 | 31 | 36 | 28 | 33 | -45.0\% |
| Shigellosis | 10 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 10 | $\wedge$ |
| Syphilis (Infectious) | 4 | 10 | 13 | 25 | 28 | 32 | $\wedge$ |
| Tuberculosis (Active) | 10 | 5 | 11 | 10 | 7 | 5 | $\wedge$ |

Source: Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency. (2014). Provisional counts of selected reportable conditions by quarter and year of episode date, Santa Cruz County residents. Santa Cruz, CA.
${ }^{1}$ Vaccine-preventable.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20 , as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

[^47]Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is the final stage of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection. People at this stage of the HIV disease have severely compromised immune systems which puts them at risk for opportunistic infections. AIDS requires medical intervention and treatment to prevent death.

Newly diagnosed cases of AIDS, which are attributed retroactively, have fluctuated in Santa Cruz County over the past seven years between 8 cases in 2010 and 19 cases each in 2011. The majority of Santa Cruz County residents presumed to be living with HIV/AIDS are male; White; and the largest number are currently between the ages of 45 and 64. Almost half of the residents live in North County.

## Diagnosed Cases of AIDS by Ethnicity'

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| African American | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| White | 11 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 5 |
| Latino | 6 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| Native American/Alaska | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Native | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Multi-Race/Other/Unknown | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: Santa Cruz County Public Health Department, Communicable Disease, Family Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Units. (July 2013). Personal correspondence with program representative.
Note: AIDS cases are attributed to the year in which the criteria for case definition were met, rather than to the year in which the disease was reported. Cases may thus be attributed retroactively, for example, to 2001 even if not reported until 2011. Updates are continual.
${ }^{1}$ Data updated July 2013.
Characteristics of People Presumed to be Living with HIV/AIDS, Santa Cruz County'

|  | NUMBER | PERCENT |  | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HIV Stage |  |  | Ethnicity |  |  |
| HIV only | 132 | 35\% | Latino | 118 | 31\% |
| AIDS | 250 | 65\% | White | 235 | 62\% |
| Sex |  |  | Black | 13 | 3\% |
| Male | 332 | 87\% | Asian and Pacific Islander | 12 | 3\% |
| Female | 50 | 13\% | Other | 5 | 1\% |
| Current Age |  |  | Current Area of Residence ${ }^{\text {² }}$ |  |  |
| 17-24 years | 6 | 2\% | North County | 184 | 48\% |
| 25-44 years | 109 | 29\% | Mid-County | 63 | 16\% |
| 45-64 years | 233 | 61\% | South County | 86 | 23\% |
| 65-81 years | 34 | 9\% | Santa Cruz Mountains | 35 | 9\% |
|  |  |  | Scotts Valley | 14 | 4\% |
|  |  |  | Santa Cruz County Total | 382 | 100\% |

[^48]
## SUICIDES

Deaths from suicide in the United States are now higher than deaths from motor vehicle accidents, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ${ }^{29}$ There were 33,687 deaths from motor vehicle crashes and 38,364 suicides in the United States in 2010. The greatest increases in suicide rates nation-wide between 1999 and 2010 were among people ages 50 to 59 years old ( $48 \%$ to $49 \%$ ). Among ethnic groups, the greatest increases were among Whites (40\%) and Native Americans and Alaska Natives (65\%). ${ }^{30}$

In Santa Cruz County, the suicide rate increased from 12.7 per 100,000 residents in 2003/2005 to 13.4 suicides per 100,000 in 2010/12. The county rate (13.4) was higher than the state at 10.1 in 2010/12. There were 38 suicides in Santa Cruz County in 2013, with $26 \%$ of suicides occurring in the 60 and older age group. For the first time in 3 years, suicides amongst those 60 years and older were not the leading age group.

Suicide Age-Adjusted Death Rate per I00,000 Population, Three-Year Averages

|  | $\begin{gathered} 2003- \\ 05 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2005- \\ 07 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2007- \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2009- } \\ \text { II } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2010 \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 NATIONAL OBJECTIVE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Santa Cruz County | 12.7 | 10.4 | 12.4 | 13.6 | 13.4 | 02 | 0.7 |
| California | 9.2 | 9.0 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 10.1 | 0.2 | 0.9 |

Source: California Department of Public Health. (2014). County health status profiles, Deaths due to suicide. Sacramento, CA. Note: Data presented are the most recent available.

## Number of Suicides

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 18 Years | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $18-29$ Years | 5 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| $30-39$ Years | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| $40-49$ Years | 8 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 7 |
| $50-59$ Years | 14 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 11 |
| 60 Years \& Older | 6 | 6 | 5 | 16 | 9 | 12 | 10 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Santa Cruz County Total | $\mathbf{4 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 8}$ |

Source: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. (2014). Personal correspondence with program representative, September 2014. Note: The most recent year of data includes confirmed cases as of September, 2013.
Note: Percentage change calculations are not included as calculations based on small number of cases are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

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## LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

Monitoring the causes of death is important for planning prevention programs and to help inform both the public and health practitioners about health risks. The top four leading causes of death were cancer, especially lung cancer and breast cancer; coronary heart disease; stroke; and unintentional injuries in 2010-12. The drug-related death rate in the county continued to be higher than the state and did not meet Healthy People 2020 objectives. Breast cancer in the county was also higher than the state, did not meet Healthy People 2020 objectives, and, according to the community health guide, was an area for concern with respect to the U.S. and similar demographic (peer) counties' rates.

Disparities were seen between the Latino and White population, with higher death rates for Latino residents in diseases of the liver, type 2 diabetes, and homicide. Whites had higher death rates for unintentional injuries and suicide. For Santa Cruz County youth ages 15-24, the leading cause of death over the last seven years was unintentional injuries.

Age-Adjusted Death Rate per I00,000 Population by Cause of Death, Three-Year Averages

|  | $\begin{gathered} 2004- \\ 06 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2005- \\ 07 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2006- \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2007- \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008- \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2009- } \\ \text { \|\| } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2010- \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 NATIONAL OBJECTIVE | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O4-12 } \\ & \text { NET } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coronary Heart Disease |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 119.9 | 113.2 | 112.5 | 114.5 | 111.8 | 97.2 | 83.9 | 100.8 | -36.0 |
| California | 154.0 | 145.2 | 137.1 | 128.0 | 121.6 | 122.4 | 106.2 | 100.8 | -47.8 |
| All Cancers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 166.8 | 166.7 | 164.6 | 168.5 | 160.3 | 145.3 | 144.3 | 160.6 | -22.5 |
| California | 161.3 | 159.3 | 155.9 | 154.0 | 151.7 | 156.4 | 153.3 | 160.6 | -8.0 |
| Lung Cancer |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 41.3 | 37.9 | 36.1 | 39.3 | 35.1 | 28.1 | 26.3 | 55 | -15.0 |
| California | 40.2 | 39.2 | 38.1 | 37.2 | 36.1 | 36.5 | 34.8 | 45.5 | -5.4 |
| Breast Cancer (Female) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 26.5 | 26.9 | 28.0 | 25.8 | 25.7 | 23.4 | 24.1 | 20.6 | -2.4 |
| California | 22.1 | 21.7 | 21.2 | 21.2 | 20.7 | 21.3 | 20.9 | 20.6 | -1.2 |
| Stroke |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 42.1 | 38.1 | 35.9 | 38.9 | 39.2 | 34.8 | 32.7 | 338 | -9.4 |
| California | 47.8 | 43.5 | 40.8 | 38.4 | 37.4 | 38.1 | 36.6 | 33.8 | -11.2 |
| Drug-Related |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 10.9 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 11.6 | 12.4 | 15.9 | 18.8 | 11.3 | 7.9 |
| California | 10.3 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 11.3 | 0.5 |
| Unintentional Injuries |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 31.2 | 32.6 | 34.2 | 32.5 | 31.6 | 32.7 | 32.6 | 36.0 | 1.4 |
| California | 30.2 | 30.4 | 29.7 | 28.7 | 27.1 | 27.6 | 27.3 | 36.0 | -2.9 |
| Suicide |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 10.5 | 10.4 | 10.8 | 12.4 | 12.7 | 13.6 | 13.4 | 10.2 | 2.9 |
| California | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 10.1 | 10.2 | 1.1 |
| Firearm-related |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 5.3^ | 5.3^ | 5.4^ | 5.9^ | $6.5{ }^{\wedge}$ | 7.2^ | 8.1 | 9.2 | $\wedge$ |
| California | 9.2 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 7.8^ | 7.8 | 7.7 | 9.2 | -1.5 |
| Homicide |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | $3.0{ }^{\wedge}$ | $2.6{ }^{\wedge}$ | 2.8^ | $2.2^{\wedge}$ | $3.2{ }^{\wedge}$ | 3.8^ | $4.5 \wedge$ | 5.5 | $\wedge$ |
| California | 6.8 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.5 | -1.6 |
| Motor Vehicle Crashes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 9.7 | 9.9 | 10.4 | 9.5 | 7.8 | 5.2^ | 4.8^ | 12.4 | $\wedge$ |
| California | 11.9 | 11.1 | 10.3 | 9.2 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 12.4 | -4.6 |
| Deaths Due to All Causes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 670.5 | 671.7 | 669.8 | 686.8 | 676.7 | 630.2 | 614.7 | None | -55.8 |
| California | 697.5 | 683.5 | 666.4 | 647.2 | 632.7 | 654.9 | 641.5 | Set | -56.0 |

[^50]|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 06-12 NET CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cancer |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 174.9 | 194.9 | 176.4 | 195.2 | 166.0 | 186.7 | 171.2 | -3.7 |
| Hispanic | 98.0 | 104.9 | 140.4 | 128.6 | 110.8 | 101.6 | 99.9 | 1.9 |
| Diseases of the Heart \& Circulatory System |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 230.6 | 251.9 | 237.7 | 248.2 | 245.5 | 235.3 | 199.0 | -31.6 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 208.8 | 192.0 | 208.4 | 189.6 | 204.7 | 143.1 | 174.9 | -33.9 |
| Diseases of the Liver |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 16.7 | 10.0 | 17.9 | 14.9 | 12.7 | 15.0 | 12.2 | -4.5 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 17.6 | 22.4 | 24.8 | 21.2 | $26.0^{\wedge}$ | 18.4^ | $13 .{ }^{\wedge}$ | $\wedge$ |
| Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 13.8 | 15.9 | 19.3 | 17.8 | 16.0 | $9.3^{\wedge}$ | 14.2 | 0.4 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 25.7 | 13.2 | 32.1 | 32.5 | $24.2^{\wedge}$ | 20.7^ | 24.7^ | $\wedge$ |
| Pneumonia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 14.2 | 16.0 | 9.1 | 15.6 | 12.9 | 18.0 | 12.5 | -1.7 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 10.6 | 16.1 | 24.3 | 14.0 | $10.8{ }^{\wedge}$ | $16.8{ }^{\wedge}$ | 18.9^ | $\wedge$ |
| Emphysema |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 8.2 | 5.1 | 7.6 | 7.5 | $3.4{ }^{\wedge}$ | $5.5^{\wedge}$ | $3.3{ }^{\wedge}$ | $\wedge$ |
| Hispanic/Latino | 9.2 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -9.2 |
| HIV |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 2.2 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0.0 | $1.1^{\wedge}$ | $0.6 \wedge$ | $\wedge$ |
| Hispanic/Latino | 0.0 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 3.5 | $1.3^{\wedge}$ | $2.5^{\wedge}$ | $1.3^{\wedge}$ | $\wedge$ |
| Accidents |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 41.5 | 37.6 | 34.7 | 33.4 | 35.3 | 47.6 | 40.0 | -1.5 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 36.8 | 36.1 | 32.2 | 25.2 | $16.4{ }^{\wedge}$ | $33.0^{\wedge}$ | 20.5^ | $\wedge$ |
| Suicide |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 10.2 | 16.7 | 16.4 | 19.8 | 16.1 | 18.1 | 18.2 | 8.0 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 3.7 | 9.1 | 3.1 | 3.6 | $6.6^{\wedge}$ | $2.7^{\wedge}$ | $6.7^{\wedge}$ | $\wedge$ |
| Homicide |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 0.7 | $3.8{ }^{\wedge}$ | $2.3^{\wedge}$ | $4.0^{\wedge}$ | $\wedge$ |
| Hispanic/Latino | 9.6 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 5.8 | $5.4 \wedge$ | $6.3^{\wedge}$ | $5.5^{\wedge}$ | $\wedge$ |
| Deaths Due to All Causes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 703.7 | 746.9 | 717.0 | 773.0 | 709.2 | 787.7 | 660.3 | -43.4 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 554.8 | 476.1 | 614.8 | 578.0 | 485.1 | 466.6 | 489.0 | -65.8 |

[^51]
## Number of Deaths by Age Group (Ages Birth-24), Santa Cruz County

|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Children Under Age 1 Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period | 8 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 11 |
| Congenital Malformations \& Chromosomal Abnormalities | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Cancer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Diseases of the Heart \& Circulatory System | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Accidents | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |
| All Causes | 15 | 19 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 16 |
| Children Ages 1-4 Years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Congenital Malformations \& Chromosomal Abnormalities | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cancer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Diseases of the Heart \& Circulatory System | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accidents | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| All Causes | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Children Ages 5-14 Years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Congenital Malformations \& Chromosomal Abnormalities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cancer | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Diseases of the Heart \& Circulatory System | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accidents | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Other | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| All Causes | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| Youth and Young Adults Ages 15-24 Years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Congenital Malformations \& Chromosomal Abnormalities | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cancer | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Diseases of the Heart \& Circulatory System | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Accidents | 7 | 15 | 17 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 12 |
| Homicide | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| Other | 2 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 0 |
| All Causes | 10 | 28 | 27 | 21 | 22 | 19 | 21 |

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## PUBLIC SAFETY SNAPSHOT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

|  |  |  | SANTA |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INDICATOR |  | CRUZ |  | COUNTY

$\boldsymbol{\text { 个 }}$ Increasing (Upward) trend; $\boldsymbol{\square}$ Declining (Downward) trend; $\rightarrow$ Inconclusive; variable; no clear trend; NA Not applicable or data unavailable. Green colored arrow indicates positive trend; Red colored arrow indicates negative trend.
Note: Data presented in table are the most recent data available.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY GOALS

GOAL: By the year 2015, more youth will be involved in prevention and positive social activities and fewer youth will enter the juvenile delinquency system.
» Community Hero: Nereida Robles and Fe Silva, Centeotl Grupo de Danza y Baile

GOAL: By the year 2015, adult and juvenile violence, including family violence and gang violence, will decrease, as will the impact of violence in the community.
" Community Hero: Clotilde Sanchez, Volunteer, Neighborhood Accountability Board, City of Watsonville

## CRIME RATE

Crime contributes to poorer physical and mental health for victims, perpetrators, and community members. In addition to direct physical injury, victims of violence are at increased risk of depression, substance abuse, anxiety, reproductive health problems, and suicidal behavior. ${ }^{31}$

Total crime decreased from 39.7 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2007 to 34.3 crimes in 2013 in the county overall. However, motor vehicle theft in Santa Cruz County has increased by $43 \%$ since 2007. Property crime decreased within the county from 8,866 in 2007 to 8,140 in 2013. There were 11 homicides in the county in 2013, up from 6 in 2007. From 2007 to 2013 the number of crimes in Santa Cruz County decreased by $10 \%$, with Watsonville ( $-42 \%$ ) experiencing the biggest decrease.

## Crime Rate per l,000 Residents



Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile. California Department of Finance (2014). 2000-2020 E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State, 2000-2010, with 2000 and 2010 Census Counts.

[^53]Crime Rate per l,000 Residents by Jurisdiction

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-I3 NET CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Violent Crime Rate ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| City of Capitola | NA ${ }^{4}$ | $N A^{4}$ | $N A^{4}$ | NA ${ }^{4}$ | 2.8 | 4.7 | 3.8 | - |
| City of Santa Cruz | 8.4 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 9.2 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 6.5 | -1.9 |
| City of Scotts Valley | $\wedge$ | $\wedge$ | $\wedge$ | $\wedge$ | $\wedge$ | $\wedge$ | $\wedge$ | $\wedge$ |
| City of Watsonville | 7.9 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 4.6 | -3.3 |
| Unincorporated | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0.2 |
| Santa Cruz County ${ }^{3}$ | $4.7{ }^{4}$ | $4.7{ }^{4}$ | $4.5{ }^{4}$ | $5.0{ }^{4}$ | 4.4 | 3.9 | 3.7 | -1.0 |
| Property Crime Rate ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| City of Capitola | 83.3 | 62.2 | 63.2 | 71.3 | 60.3 | 54.3 | 59.7 | -23.6 |
| City of Santa Cruz | 42.3 | 35.9 | 52.5 | 49.0 | 54.8 | 58.0 | 50.5 | 8.2 |
| City of Scotts Valley | 23.7 | 23.8 | 24.8 | 21.3 | 24.1 | 28.0 | 24.4 | 0.7 |
| City of Watsonville | 45.4 | 37.0 | 35.9 | 30.0 | 31.3 | 30.8 | 25.2 | -20.2 |
| Unincorporated | 18.8 | 17.9 | 19.2 | 17.2 | 17.7 | 14.6 | 14.2 | -4.6 |
| Santa Cruz County ${ }^{3}$ | 34.6 | 30.5 | 34.7 | 31.5 | 33.1 | 32.8 | 30.4 | -4.2 |
| Total Crime Rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| City of Capitola | $N A^{4}$ | NA ${ }^{4}$ | NA ${ }^{4}$ | NA ${ }^{4}$ | 100.4 | 59.3 | 63.7 | - |
| City of Santa Cruz | 51.2 | 44.0 | 60.5 | 58.6 | 91.6 | 65.3 | 57.3 | 6.1 |
| City of Scotts Valley | 24.9 | 24.9 | 25.6 | 22.8 | 25.3 | 29.4 | 25.6 | 0.7 |
| City of Watsonville | 53.5 | 44.2 | 43.0 | 36.7 | 37.0 | 35.9 | 29.9 | -23.6 |
| Unincorporated | 21.0 | 20.7 | 21.6 | 19.6 | 26.7 | 16.9 | 16.6 | -4.4 |
| Santa Cruz County ${ }^{3}$ | $39.7{ }^{4}$ | $35.6{ }^{4}$ | $39.6{ }^{4}$ | $36.7{ }^{4}$ | 37.7 | 36.9 | 34.3 | -5.4 |
| California | 36.1 | 34.8 | 32.2 | 31.0 | 30.4 | 32.3 | 31.0 | -5.1 |

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile. California Department of Finance (2014). 2000-2020 E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State, 2000-2010, with 2000 and 2010 Census Counts. $\wedge R a t e$ is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.
${ }^{1}$ Violent crime rate includes: homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Please see Appendix II for definitions.
${ }^{2}$ Property crime rate includes: burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny-theft over $\$ 400$. Please see Appendix II for definitions.
${ }^{3}$ Santa Cruz County totals include the California Highway Patrol, U.C. Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Mountains Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Union Pacific Railroad.
${ }^{4}$ In 2012, a reporting error was discovered in the City of Capitola Uniformed Crime Report data for 2011. The Records Manager found when officers were entering information in their assault reports; they were inadvertently coding information incorrectly causing aggravated assault data to be over inflated. This occurred for at least the past five years and probably longer. Upon discovering this error, the City of Capitola corrected the problem moving forward; however, they are unable to correct data that has already been submitted.

## Number of Crimes, Santa Cruz County'

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 07-13 \% CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Violent Crime | 1,239 ${ }^{2}$ | 1,247 ${ }^{2}$ | 1,215 ${ }^{2}$ | 1,313 ${ }^{2}$ | 1,169 | 1,041 | 1,002 | -19.1\% |
| Aggravated Assault | $878{ }^{2}$ | $886^{2}$ | $904{ }^{2}$ | $962^{2}$ | 832 | 735 | 714 | -18.7\% |
| Robbery | 275 | 276 | 222 | 269 | 252 | 220 | 199 | -27.6\% |
| Forcible Rape | 80 | 77 | 79 | 68 | 75 | 76 | 78 | -2.5\% |
| Homicide | 6 | 8 | 10 | 14 | 10 | 10 | 11 | $\wedge$ |
| Property Crime | 8,866 | 7,882 | 9,059 | 8,267 | 8,744 | 8,709 | 8,140 | -8.2\% |
| Larceny-Theft | 6,547 | 5,601 | 6,480 | 5,874 | 5,964 | 6,104 | 5,477 | -16.3\% |
| Burglary | 1,602 | 1,585 | 1,732 | 1,737 | 1,958 | 1,633 | 1,640 | 2.4\% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 717 | 696 | 847 | 656 | 822 | 972 | 1,023 | 42.7\% |
| Arson | 89 | 72 | 67 | 62 | 39 | 43 | 60 | -32.6\% |
| Total Crime | 10,194 ${ }^{2}$ | 9,201 ${ }^{2}$ | 10,341 ${ }^{2}$ | 9,642 ${ }^{2}$ | 9,952 | 9,793 | 9,202 | -9.7\% |

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.
${ }^{1}$ Santa Cruz County totals include the California Highway Patrol, U.C. Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Mountains Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Union Pacific Railroad.
${ }^{2}$ In 2012, a reporting error was discovered in the City of Capitola Uniformed Crime Report data for 2011. The Records Manager found when officers were entering information in their assault reports; they were inadvertently coding information incorrectly causing aggravated assault data to be over inflated. This occurred for at least the past five years and probably longer. Upon discovering this error, the City of Capitola corrected the problem moving forward; however, they are unable to correct data that has already been submitted.

## Number of Crimes, City of Capitola'

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile.
${ }_{1}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.
${ }^{1}$ In 2012, a reporting error was discovered in the City of Capitola Uniformed Crime Report data for 2011. The Records Manager found when officers were entering information for their assault reports; they were inadvertently coding information incorrectly causing aggravated assault data to be overly inflated. This occurred for at least the past five years and probably longer. Upon discovering this error, the City of Capitola corrected the problem moving forward; however, they are unable to correct data that has already been submitted.

## Number of Crimes, City of Santa Cruz

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.
Number of Crimes, City of Scotts Valley

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

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## Number of Crimes, City of Watsonville

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-13 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Violent Crime | 397 | 353 | 350 | 327 | 281 | 252 | 237 | -40.3\% |
| Aggravated Assault | 269 | 255 | 243 | 215 | 170 | 148 | 143 | -46.8\% |
| Robbery | 110 | 81 | 86 | 98 | 92 | 87 | 71 | -35.5\% |
| Forcible Rape | 17 | 14 | 17 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 20 | $\wedge$ |
| Homicide | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | $\wedge$ |
| Property Crime | 2,276 | 1,872 | 1,825 | 1,539 | 1,605 | 1,585 | 1,308 | -42.5\% |
| Larceny-Theft | 1,770 | 1,358 | 1,259 | 1,091 | 967 | 1,024 | 824 | -53.4\% |
| Burglary | 284 | 290 | 285 | 271 | 328 | 265 | 218 | -23.2\% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 222 | 224 | 281 | 177 | 310 | 296 | 266 | 19.8\% |
| Arson | 11 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 9 | 9 | $\wedge$ |
| Total Crime | 2,684 | 2,239 | 2,190 | 1,880 | 1,897 | 1,846 | 1,554 | -42.1\% |

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

## Number of Crimes, Unincorporated Areas (Sheriff's Office)

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-13 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Violent Crime | 256 | 332 | 291 | 301 | 362 | 285 | 296 | 15.6\% |
| Aggravated Assault | 198 | 236 | 231 | 240 | 289 | 228 | 238 | 20.2\% |
| Robbery | 33 | 61 | 40 | 36 | 36 | 32 | 35 | 6.1\% |
| Forcible Rape | 21 | 32 | 18 | 18 | 34 | 20 | 20 | -4.8\% |
| Homicide | 4 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 3 | $\wedge$ |
| Property Crime | 2,396 | 2,298 | 2,479 | 2,232 | 2,301 | 1,910 | 1,874 | -21.8\% |
| Larceny-Theft | 1,674 | 1,595 | 1,663 | 1,419 | 1,382 | 1,182 | 1,118 | -33.2\% |
| Burglary | 710 | 692 | 804 | 812 | 913 | 721 | 740 | 4.2\% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 12 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 16 | $\wedge$ |
| Arson | 29 | 27 | 21 | 20 | 10 | 7 | 15 | $\wedge$ |
| Total Crime | 2,681 | 2,657 | 2,791 | 2,553 | 2,673 | 2,202 | 2,185 | -18.5\% |

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile.
^Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

## GANG RELATED CASES AND ARRESTS

Gangs operate in cities of all sizes throughout California and are responsible for much of the crime in our state. ${ }^{32}$ Research suggests that a comprehensive approach to gangs involving prevention, intervention, and suppression efforts works better than suppression efforts alone. ${ }^{33}$

Overall, there was a decrease between the first half of 2013 and the first half of 2014. Gang related cases dropped from 315 to 265, a $16 \%$ decrease, and arrests dropped from 349 to 280 or a $20 \%$ decrease. Gang related cases and arrests saw a decrease throughout the county. Juvenile arrests (17yrs and under) and 18 to 25 year old arrests were both down while there was a slight increase in arrests of individuals aged 26 and over.

## Number of Gang Related Cases and Arrests



Source: Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team. (2014). Personal Correspondence.
Note: These numbers are the first half of the year, January through June, and do not reflect the entire year.
Gang Related Cases by Jurisdiction


Source: Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team. (2014). Personal Correspondence.
Note: These numbers are the first half of the year, January through June, and do not reflect the entire year.

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Note: These numbers are the first half of the year, January through June, and do not reflect the entire year.
Incident Location of Gang Related Cases


Source: Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team. (2014). Personal Correspondence.
Note: These numbers are the first half of the year, January through June, and do not reflect the entire year.

## JAIL POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

The average daily jail population has decreased by eight percent from 528 in 2007 to 486 in 2013. Seventy-four percent of Santa Cruz County inmates in 2013 were repeat offenders. Alcohol-related bookings accounted for 46\% of total bookings in 2013, up from 42\% in 2007.

## Average Daily Jail Population, Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | O7-I3 \% |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |
| Water Street Facility | 346 | 315 | 336 | 350 | 355 | 356 | 369 | $6.6 \%$ |
| Roundtree Lane Facilities | 157 | 158 | 128 | 93 | 103 | 104 | 99 | $-36.9 \%$ |
| Blaine Street Facility | 25 | 23 | 20 | 19 | 17 | 21 | 18 | $\wedge$ |
| Total Average Daily Jail <br> Population | $\mathbf{5 2 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 6}$ | $\mathbf{- 8 . 0 \%}$ |

Source: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. (2014). Personal Correspondence.
Note: The Water Street Facility figure includes pre-trial sentenced men and women; Blaine Street Facility figure includes sentenced men and women; Roundtree Lane Facility figure includes sentenced men in medium and minimum security.

Number and Percentage of Inmates Who Are Repeat Offenders, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-I3 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Inmates | 8,192 | 7,922 | 7,695 | 8,273 | 7,674 | 7,345 | 7,264 | -11.3\% |
| Repeat Offenders | 5,643 | 5,579 | 5,350 | 5,486 | 5,568 | 5,360 | 5,339 | -5.4\% |
| Percentage of Repeat Offenders | 68.9\% | 70.4\% | 69.5\% | 66.3\% | 72.6\% | 73.0\% | 73.5\% | - |

Source: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. (2014). Personal Correspondence.
Prison Population by Ethnicity, Santa Cruz

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-I3 NET CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| African American | 4.6\% | 4.7\% | 4.9\% | 4.7\% | 4.5\% | 6.0\% | 5.5\% | 0.9 |
| Asian | 0.9\% | 0.7\% | 0.8\% | 0.8\% | 0.9\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | -0.9 |
| White | 57.8\% | 56.6\% | 56.4\% | 59.1\% | 56.9\% | 49.2\% | 51.7\% | -6.1 |
| Hispanic | 35.2\% | 36.7\% | 36.7\% | 35.8\% | 35.4\% | 43.2\% | 41.1\% | 5.9 |
| Other | 1.5\% | 1.2\% | 1.3\% | 1.6\% | 2.3\% | 1.6\% | 1.7\% | 0.2 |
| Santa Cruz County Total Inmates | 8,192 | 7,922 | 7,695 | 8,273 | 7,674 | 7,345 | 7,264 | - |

Source: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. (2014). Personal Correspondence.
Number and Percentage of All Bookings That Are Alcohol Related, Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | O7-I3 \% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |
| Total Bookings | 12,957 | 13,170 | 12,476 | 11,153 | 12,488 | 12,704 | 12,238 | $-5.5 \%$ |
| Alcohol Related Bookings | 5,465 | 5,920 | 5,314 | 5,627 | 5,810 | 5,811 | 5,671 | $3.8 \%$ |
| Percentage of Alcohol <br> Related Bookings | $\mathbf{4 2 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 5 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 2 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 0 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 6 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 5 . 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 6 . 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{-}$ |

Source: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. (2014). Personal Correspondence.

## JUVENILE ARRESTS

The juvenile misdemeanor and felony arrest rate in Santa Cruz County decreased from a high of 72.4 per 1,000 youth ages 10-17 in 2008 to 27.4 per 1,000 youth in 2013. Juvenile misdemeanor arrests fell by $61 \%$ between 2007 and 2013. Juvenile felony arrests fell by $59 \%$ during that same time. The number of Juvenile Hall bookings fell from 858 in 2007 to 456 in 2013. Men and boys made up $76 \%$ of the juvenile hall bookings in 2013.

Juvenile Arrest Rate per I,000 Youth (Ages IO-I7), Santa Cruz County


Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2000-2020 E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State, 20002010, with 2000 and 2010 Census Counts.

Juvenile Arrests by Jurisdiction, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-13 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capitola Police Department | 131 | 113 | 107 | 117 | 60 | 45 | 56 | -57.3\% |
| Santa Cruz Police Department | 247 | 248 | 245 | 178 | 180 | 128 | 96 | -61.1\% |
| Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office | 320 | 323 | 269 | 142 | 121 | 106 | 104 | -67.5\% |
| Scotts Valley Police Department | 77 | 87 | 63 | 62 | 45 | 41 | 25 | -67.5\% |
| Watsonville Police Department | 359 | 446 | 407 | 272 | 227 | 218 | 168 | -53.2\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests ${ }^{1}$ | 1,216 | 1,326 | 1,188 | 834 | 671 | 586 | 477 | -60.8\% |
| Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrest Rate per 1,000 | 47.2 | 53.2 | 49.1 | 35.2 | 28.3 | 23.2 | 19.1 | - |
| Juvenile Felony Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capitola Police Department | 33 | 45 | 21 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 7 | $\wedge$ |
| Santa Cruz Police Department | 89 | 88 | 85 | 67 | 81 | 78 | 39 | -56.2\% |
| Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office | 123 | 117 | 89 | 74 | 65 | 42 | 46 | -62.6\% |
| Scotts Valley Police Department | 24 | 15 | 23 | 22 | 11 | 9 | 7 | $\wedge$ |
| Watsonville Police Department | 228 | 203 | 261 | 167 | 155 | 135 | 105 | -53.9\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total Juvenile Felony Arrests ${ }^{1}$ | 506 | 478 | 486 | 351 | 340 | 290 | 209 | -58.7\% |
| Juvenile Felony Arrest Rate per 1,000 | 19.7 | 19.2 | 20.1 | 14.8 | 14.3 | 11.5 | 8.4 | - |
| Total Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County Total Juvenile Arrests ${ }^{1}$ | 1,722 | 1,804 | 1,674 | 1,185 | 1,011 | 876 | 686 | -60.2\% |
| Total Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 | 66.9 | 72.4 | 69.2 | 46.7 | 39.7 | 34.6 | 27.4 | - |

[^56]|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |
| Black | $4.1 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ | -1.3 |
| Hispanic | $49.1 \%$ | $55.6 \%$ | $57.6 \%$ | $55.9 \%$ | $59.4 \%$ | $60.6 \%$ | $61.4 \%$ | 12.3 |
| White (Not Hispanic) | $44.1 \%$ | $38.9 \%$ | $37.0 \%$ | $38.3 \%$ | $34.1 \%$ | $34.0 \%$ | $32.9 \%$ | -11.2 |
| Other | $2.8 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | 0.1 |
| Total Juvenile Arrests | $\mathbf{1 , 7 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 8 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 6 7 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 1 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 1 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{8 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{6 8 6}$ | $\mathbf{-}$ |

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile.
Juvenile Felony Arrests/Adjudications, Santa Cruz County


Source: Santa Cruz County Probation Department. (2014). 2007-2013 California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail.
Note: Only a portion of youth who are arrested for a felony are referred to juvenile court for adjudication (formal handling by the court).
Juvenile Hall Bookings, Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | O7-13 \% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |

Source: Santa Cruz County Probation Department. (2014). 2007-2013California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail.

Juvenile Hall Bookings by Gender, Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE 13 NET |
| Male | $81.6 \%$ | $84.1 \%$ | $83.2 \%$ | $81.5 \%$ | $81.8 \%$ | $81.7 \%$ | $76.3 \%$ | -5.3 |
| Female | $18.4 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ | $16.8 \%$ | $18.5 \%$ | $18.2 \%$ | $18.3 \%$ | $23.7 \%$ | 5.3 |

Source: Santa Cruz County Probation Department. (2014). Personal Correspondence.

## DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

The adult DUI arrest rate in Santa Cruz County dropped from 100.1 per 10,000 residents ages 18-69 in 2007 to 77.2 per 10,000 residents in 2013. The juvenile misdemeanor DUI arrest rate per 10,000 youth ages $16-17$ was 36.4 per 10,000 in 2012 up from 31.6 per 10,000 in 2006.

## Adult DUI Arrest Rate per I0,000 (Ages I8-69)



Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile.

## Adult DUI Arrests by Ethnicity (Ages I8-69)

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 06-13 \% CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adult Misdemeanor DUI Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black | 38 | 27 | 23 | 32 | 22 | 32 | 34 | -10.5\% |
| Hispanic | 630 | 574 | 554 | 632 | 467 | 506 | 516 | -18.1\% |
| White (Not Hispanic) | 1,118 | 783 | 789 | 853 | 717 | 876 | 803 | -28.2\% |
| Other | 74 | 39 | 58 | 66 | 50 | 88 | 82 | 10.8\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total Adult Misdemeanor DUI Arrests | 1,860 | 1,423 | 1,424 | 1,583 | 1,256 | 1,502 | 1,435 | -22.8\% |
| Santa Cruz County Rate per 10,000 | 98.3 | 74.6 | 74.1 | 81.9 | 64.5 | 78.5 | 74.7 | - |
| California Rate per 10,000 | 79.6 | 82.9 | 79.3 | 73.6 | 66.8 | 66.3 | 60.7 | - |
| Adult Felony DUI Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\wedge$ |
| Hispanic | 11 | 17 | 17 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 15 | $\wedge$ |
| White (Not Hispanic) | 20 | 25 | 25 | 19 | 16 | 16 | 29 | 45.0\% |
| Other | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | $\wedge$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total Adult Felony DUI Arrests | 34 | 44 | 43 | 32 | 27 | 27 | 47 | 38.2\% |
| Santa Cruz County Rate per 10,000 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2.4 | - |
| California Rate per 10,000 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.9 | - |
| Total Adult DUI Arrests (Misdemeanor \& Felony) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black | 40 | 28 | 24 | 32 | 22 | 32 | 35 | -12.5\% |
| Hispanic | 641 | 591 | 571 | 644 | 477 | 517 | 531 | -17.2\% |
| White (Not Hispanic) | 1,138 | 808 | 814 | 872 | 733 | 892 | 832 | -26.9\% |
| Other | 75 | 40 | 58 | 67 | 51 | 88 | 84 | 12.0\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total Adult DUI Arrests | 1,894 | 1,467 | 1,467 | 1,615 | 1,283 | 1,529 | 1,482 | -21.8\% |
| Santa Cruz County Rate per 10,000 | 100.1 | 76.9 | 76.3 | 83.5 | 65.9 | 79.9 | 77.2 | - |
| California Rate per 10,000 | 82.1 | 82.6 | 81.5 | 75.5 | 68.6 | 68.2 | 62.6 | - |

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

## Juvenile Misdemeanor DUI Arrests by Ethnicity

| Juvenile Misdemeanor DUI Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Black | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 5 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| White (Not Hispanic) | 19 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 17 | 5 |
| Other | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Santa Cruz County Total <br> Juvenile Misdemeanor | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |
| DUI Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County Rate <br> per 10,000 | $\mathbf{3 4 . 0}$ | $\wedge$ | $\mathbf{3 1 . 0}$ | $\wedge$ | $\wedge$ | $\mathbf{3 6 . 4}$ | $\wedge$ |
| California Rate per 10,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile. California Department of Finance (2013). 2006-2012 Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail.
${ }^{1}$ Juvenile DUI arrest rate is calculated using the population ages 16-17.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Rate is not calculated for numbers less than 20 , as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

## DRUG ARRESTS

Over the past year, the total adult drug arrest rate (misdemeanors and felonies) per 10,000 people decreased from 121.1 in 2012 to 107.9 in 2013. Drug arrest rates for juveniles ages 10-17 decreased over the past year with 34.4 drug arrests per 10,000 in 2012 and 23.2 drug arrests in 2013.

## Drug Arrest Rate per I0,000 Adults (Ages I8-69) and Youth (Ages IO-I7), Santa Cruz

 County

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile. California Department of Finance (2013). 2007-2013 Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail.

## Adult Drug Arrests (Ages I8-69)

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-13 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adult Misdemeanor Drug Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marijuana | 359 | 452 | 429 | 340 | $28^{1}$ | 32 | 42 | -88.3\% |
| Dangerous Drugs | 1,136 | 160 | 149 | 128 | 93 | 211 | 294 | -74.1\% |
| Other Drug Violations | 1,055 | 1,048 | 1,192 | 1,066 | 918 | 964 | 771 | -26.9\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total Adult Misdemeanor Drug Arrests | 2,550 | 1,660 | 1,770 | 1,534 | 1,039 ${ }^{1}$ | 1,207 | 1,107 | -56.6\% |
| Santa Cruz County Rate per 10,000 | 134.8 | 87.0 | 92.1 | 79.3 | $53.4{ }^{1}$ | 63.1 | 57.6 | - |
| Adult Felony Drug Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Narcotics | 428 | 392 | 439 | 393 | 357 | 508 | 375 | -12.4\% |
| Marijuana | 84 | 95 | 104 | 107 | $79^{1}$ | 63 | 24 | -71.4\% |
| Dangerous Drugs | 316 | 229 | 273 | 379 | 431 | 530 | 556 | 75.9\% |
| Other Drug Violations | 15 | 16 | 16 | 21 | 3 | 9 | 10 | $\wedge$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total Adult Felony Drug Arrests | 843 | 732 | 832 | 900 | $870^{1}$ | 1,110 | 965 | 14.5\% |
| Santa Cruz County Rate per 10,000 | 44.6 | 38.4 | 43.3 | 46.5 | $44.7^{1}$ | 58.0 | 50.3 | - |
| Adult Total Drug Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Narcotics | 428 | 392 | 439 | 393 | 357 | 508 | 375 | -12.4\% |
| Marijuana | 443 | 547 | 533 | 447 | $107{ }^{1}$ | 95 | 66 | -85.1\% |
| Dangerous Drugs | 1,452 | 389 | 422 | 507 | 524 | 741 | 850 | -41.5\% |
| Other Drug Violations | 1,070 | 1,064 | 1,208 | 1,087 | 921 | 973 | 781 | -27.0\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total Adult Drug Arrests | 3,393 | 2,392 | 2,602 | 2,434 | 1,881 ${ }^{1}$ | 2,317 | 2,072 | -38.9\% |
| Santa Cruz County Rate per 10,000 | 179.4 | 125.4 | 135.4 | 125.9 | $98.1^{1}$ | 121.1 | 107.9 | - |

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile. California Department of Finance (2002). 2006-2012 Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail.
${ }^{1}$ In October 2010, Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed legislation, Senate Bill 1449, into law reclassifying the adult possession of up to 28.5 grams of marijuana from a criminal misdemeanor to an infraction, punishable by a $\$ 100$ fine - no court appearance, no court costs, and no criminal record. Possession offenses involving quantities greater than 28.5 grams remain classified as misdemeanors. The law took effect on January 1, 2011.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

Number of Juvenile Drug Arrests (Ages IO-I7)

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-I3\% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Juvenile Misdemeanor Drug Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marijuana | 172 | 190 | 192 | 151 | $50^{1}$ | 33 | 31 | -82.0\% |
| Dangerous Drugs | 37 | 23 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 3 | $\wedge$ |
| Other Drug Violations | 23 | 22 | 26 | 9 | 11 | 14 | 8 | $\wedge$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total Juvenile Misdemeanor Drug Arrests | 232 | 235 | 226 | 171 | $65^{1}$ | 54 | 42 | -81.9\% |
| Santa Cruz County Rate per 10,000 | 90.1 | 94.3 | 93.5 | 72.3 | $27.4{ }^{1}$ | 21.4 | 16.8 | - |
| Juvenile Felony Drug Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Narcotics | 9 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 6 | $\wedge$ |
| Marijuana | 20 | 21 | 20 | 35 | $17^{1}$ | 12 | 5 | $\wedge$ |
| Dangerous Drugs | 8 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 5 | $\wedge$ |
| Other Drug Violations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\wedge$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total Juvenile Felony Drug Arrests | 37 | 42 | 40 | 49 | $40^{1}$ | 33 | 16 | $\wedge$ |
| Santa Cruz County Rate per 10,000 | 14.4 | 16.9 | 16.5 | 20.7 | $16.8{ }^{1}$ | 13.0 | $\wedge$ | - |
| Juvenile Total Drug Arrests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Narcotics | 9 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 6 | $\wedge$ |
| Marijuana | 192 | 211 | 212 | 186 | $67^{1}$ | 45 | 36 | -81.2\% |
| Dangerous Drugs | 45 | 33 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 16 | 8 | $\wedge$ |
| Other Drug Violations | 23 | 22 | 26 | 9 | 11 | 14 | 8 | $\wedge$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total Juvenile Drug Arrests | 269 | 277 | 266 | 220 | $105^{1}$ | 87 | 58 | -78.4\% |
| Santa Cruz County Rate per 10,000 | 104.5 | 111.2 | 110.0 | 93.0 | $44.2^{1}$ | 34.4 | 23.2 | - |

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile. California Department of Finance (2013). 2007-2013 Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail.

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${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

## CONCERN ABOUT CRIME/NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Overall, the percentage of CAP survey respondents who reported being "very concerned" about crime in the county increased from 34\% in 2003 to $47 \%$ in 2013. Regional breakdowns showed that South County (54\%) had a significantly higher percentage of respondents who felt "very concerned" compared to SLV (36\%). South County CAP respondents reported the most impact from gangs in their neighborhood ( $59 \%$ compared to $48 \%$ in North County and $16 \%$ in San Lorenzo Valley). Eighty-one percent of 2013 CAP respondents felt that children had a safe place to play in their neighborhood.

THow concerned are you about crime in Santa Cruz County? How safe would you say you feel in your neighborhood?


Concerned about Crime Overall 2013 n: 712; Safe in neighborhood Overall 2013 n: 710.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
EHow concerned are you about crime in Santa Cruz County? (Respondents
answering "Very Concerned") By Region

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | $20 \\|$ | 2013 | O3-I3NET <br> CHANGE |
| North County | $31.1 \%$ | $38.8 \%$ | $47.5 \%$ | $35.7 \%$ | $33.1 \%$ | $44.7 \%$ | 13.6 |
| South County | $42.1 \%$ | $45.4 \%$ | $43.3 \%$ | $52.0 \%$ | $46.5 \%$ | $53.5 \%^{*}$ | 11.4 |
| SLV | $23.5 \%$ | $24.9 \%$ | $25.1 \%$ | $23.1 \%$ | $21.6 \%$ | $35.8 \%^{*}$ | 12.3 |

North County 2013 n: $259 ;$ South County 2013 n: 239 ; SLV 2013 n: 214 .
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. *Significance testing: South County respondents were significantly more likely than San Lorenzo Valley respondents to be "Very Concerned" about crime in Santa Cruz County in 2013.

## How safe would you say you feel in your neighborhood? (Respondents answering "Very Safe") By Region

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 | O3-I3 NET <br> CHANGE |
| North County | $77.3 \%$ | $63.0 \%$ | $66.9 \%$ | $68.1 \%$ | $65.5 \%$ | $59.5 \%^{*}$ | -17.8 |
| South County | $69.9 \%$ | $67.8 \%$ | $54.4 \%$ | $51.0 \%$ | $58.9 \%$ | $55.0 \%^{*}$ | -14.9 |
| SLV | $88.6 \%$ | $83.0 \%$ | $85.4 \%$ | $83.4 \%$ | $86.1 \%$ | $74.2 \%^{*}$ | -14.4 |

[^57]How concerned are you about GANGS in your neighborhood? By Region - 2013


Overall 2013 n: 704; North County 2013 n: 255; South County 2013 n: 239; SLV 2013 n: 209.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
*Significance testing: North County respondents were significantly more likely than San Lorenzo Valley respondents to say they felt "Very Concerned" or "Somewhat Concerned" about gangs in their neighborhood in 2013; North County respondents were significantly more likely than South County respondents to say they felt "Not at All Concerned" about gangs in their neighborhood in 2013; South County respondents were significantly more likely than North County and San Lorenzo Valley respondents to say they felt "Very Concerned" about gangs in their neighborhood in 2013; San Lorenzo Valley respondents were significantly more likely than North County and South County respondents to say they felt "Not at All Concerned" about gangs in their neighborhood in 2013.

How concerned are you about VIOLENCE in your neighborhood? By Region - 2013


Overall 2013 n: 706; North County 2013 n: 257; South County 2013 n: 236; SLV 2013 n: 214.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
*Significance testing: South County respondents were significantly more likely than North County and San Lorenzo Valley respondents to say they felt "Very Concerned" about violence in their neighborhood in 2013; San Lorenzo Valley respondents were significantly more likely than North County and South County respondents to say they felt "Not at All Concerned" about violence in their neighborhood in 2013.

Do you feel children have a safe place to play in your neighborhood? (Respondents answering "Yes")


Overall 2013 n: 666.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
? Do you feel your children have a safe place to play in your neighborhood? (Respondents answering "Yes") By Region

|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 | O3-I3NET <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| North County | $75.1 \%$ | $65.9 \%$ | $70.2 \%$ | $78.6 \%$ | $73.7 \%$ | $82.9 \%$ | 7.8 |
| South County | $68.3 \%$ | $70.0 \%$ | $60.6 \%$ | $65.9 \%$ | $72.5 \%$ | $76.0 \%$ | 7.7 |
| SLV | $78.5 \%$ | $77.9 \%$ | $72.9 \%$ | $80.8 \%$ | $80.1 \%$ | $84.4 \%$ | 5.9 |

North County 2013 n: 258; South County 2013 n: 238; SLV 2013 n: 214.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

## POLICE OFFICERS

In Santa Cruz County, the number of sworn police officers decreased from 360 in 2007 to 341 in 2013. Capitola had the highest rate of officers per capita ( 1 per 478) as compared to the Sheriff's Department (1 per 915) and Watsonville (1 per 837) in 2013.

## Number of Sworn Officers

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-13 \% <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capitola Police Department | 22 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 21 | $-4.5 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz Police <br> Department | 95 | 93 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 | $-1.1 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County Sheriff's <br> Office (Unincorporated <br> Areas) | 163 | 177 | 169 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 144 | $-11.7 \%$ |
| Scotts Valley Police <br> Department | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 20 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Watsonville Police <br> Department | 60 | 64 | 64 | 66 | 64 | 67 | 62 | $3.3 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total | $\mathbf{3 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 1}$ | $\mathbf{- 5 . 3 \%}$ |

Source: All Santa Cruz County Law Enforcement Jurisdictions. (2014).
Note: Officer Count is typically performed during the month of October.

Officers per Capita, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capitola Police Department | 1 per 442 | 1 per 476 | 1 per 456 | 1 per 486 | 1 per 451 | 1 per 474 | 1 per 478 |
| Santa Cruz Police Department | 1 per 604 | 1 per 623 | 1 per 638 | 1 per 635 | 1 per 652 | 1 per 658 | 1 per 667 |
| Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office (Unincorporated Areas) | 1 per 819 | 1 per 760 | 1 per 805 | 1 per 959 | 1 per 928 | 1 per 932 | 1 per 915 |
| Scotts Valley Police Department | 1 per 497 | 1 per 583 | 1 per 589 | 1 per 595 | 1 per 579 | 1 per 645 | 1 per 587 |
| Watsonville Police Department | 1 per 852 | 1 per 806 | 1 per 811 | 1 per 796 | 1 per 800 | 1 per 768 | 1 per 837 |
| Santa Cruz County Average | 1 per 713 | 1 per 650 | 1 per 581 | 1 per 798 | 1 per 776 | 1 per 780 | 1 per 786 |

Source: All Santa Cruz County Law Enforcement Jurisdictions. (2014). California Department of Finance, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State, 2007-2013.
Note: The officer per capita figure is calculated by dividing the total population in a given jurisdiction by the number of sworn officers in that jurisdiction. Officer count is typically performed during the month of October.

## POLICE RESPONSE

On average, police responded more quickly (by 20 seconds) to Priority 1 calls in Scotts Valley in 2013, as compared to 2007. During that same period, the average response times for the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office increased by 1 minute and 59 seconds (to 10:13) and the Watsonville Police Department increased by 22 seconds (to 4:14) in 2013.

## Average Response Time, Priority I (In Minutes: Seconds)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-I3 NET <br> CHANGE |
| Capitola Police Department | $3: 34$ | $3: 47$ | $3: 51$ | $3: 48$ | $3: 54$ | $3: 47$ | $3: 42$ | $0: 08$ |
| Santa Cruz Police <br> Department | $4: 26$ | $4: 38$ | $4: 38$ | $4: 33$ | $4: 40$ | $5: 00$ | $5: 00$ | $0: 34$ |
| Santa Cruz County Sheriff's <br> Office (Unincorporated <br> Areas) | $8: 14$ | $8: 27$ | $8: 39$ | $8: 52$ | $9: 16$ | $9: 42$ | $10: 13$ | $1: 59$ |
| Scotts Valley Police <br> Department <br> Watsonville Police <br> Department | $2: 53$ | $2: 57$ | $2: 41$ | $2: 56$ | $2: 48$ | $2: 36$ | $2: 33$ | $-0: 20$ |

Source: Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center and Scotts Valley Police Department. (2014).
Note: Priority 1 is defined as a call for assistance that involves a person or an accident.

## FIRE RESPONSE

The number of fire related calls to the fire department increased slightly (3\%) between 2007 and 2013. However, there was a large increase (24\%) in the number of medical related calls to firefighters in Santa Cruz County between 2007 and 2013.

## Number of Fire Related Calls by Fire District

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |
| Aptos/La Selva | 742 | 772 | 762 | 678 | 743 | 671 | 620 | $-16.4 \%$ |
| Ben Lomond | 162 | 148 | 137 | 133 | 141 | 122 | 119 | $-26.5 \%$ |
| Boulder Creek | 259 | 291 | 268 | 269 | 269 | 268 | 233 | $-10.0 \%$ |
| Branciforte | 88 | 114 | 95 | 89 | 79 | 69 | 58 | $-34.1 \%$ |
| Central | 1,163 | 1,337 | 1,283 | 1,163 | 1,205 | 1,103 | 1,192 | $2.5 \%$ |
| Felton | 206 | 251 | 227 | 228 | 217 | 178 | 233 | $13.1 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz | 1,519 | 1,717 | 1,467 | 1,503 | 1,580 | 1,702 | 1,873 | $23.3 \%$ |
| Scotts Valley | 479 | 462 | 479 | 464 | 519 | 455 | 465 | $-2.9 \%$ |
| Watsonville | 1,250 | 1,306 | 1,272 | 1,171 | 1,251 | 1,302 | 1,271 | $1.7 \%$ |
| Zayante | 100 | 131 | 115 | 69 | 90 | 73 | 72 | $-28.0 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total | $\mathbf{5 , 9 6 8}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 5 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 1 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 7 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 0 9 4}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 9 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 1 3 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 8 \%}$ |

Source: Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center. (2014). Personal Correspondence.
Number of Medical Related Calls by Fire District

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-13 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aptos/La Selva | 1,156 | 1,275 | 1293 | 1,262 | 1,344 | 1,479 | 1,290 | 11.6\% |
| Ben Lomond | 201 | 184 | 195 | 195 | 223 | 215 | 212 | 5.5\% |
| Boulder Creek | 317 | 375 | 420 | 401 | 473 | 486 | 521 | 64.4\% |
| Branciforte | 64 | 43 | 69 | 46 | 39 | 52 | 66 | 3.1\% |
| Central | 3,088 | 3,539 | 3,489 | 3,402 | 3,415 | 3,620 | 3,556 | 15.2\% |
| Felton | 319 | 308 | 345 | 291 | 333 | 392 | 387 | 21.3\% |
| Santa Cruz | 4,596 | 5,142 | 5,354 | 5,551 | 5,387 | 6,067 | 6,329 | 37.7\% |
| Scotts Valley | 983 | 1,063 | 1,100 | 1,149 | 1,194 | 1,182 | 1,182 | 20.2\% |
| Watsonville | 3,007 | 3,249 | 3,307 | 3,422 | 3,311 | 3,457 | 3,517 | 17.0\% |
| Zayante | 89 | 95 | 98 | 91 | 105 | 84 | 81 | -9.0\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total | 13,820 | 15,273 | 15,670 | 15,810 | 15,824 | 17,034 | 17,141 | 24.0\% |

Source: Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center. (2014). Personal Correspondence.

Code 3 Average Response Time for Emergency Calls by Fire District (In Minutes: Seconds)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |

Source: Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center. (2014). Personal Correspondence.
Note: Code 3 is red lights and siren emergencies.

## FAMILY VIOLENCE

The rate of domestic violence calls has decreased in both Santa Cruz County and California since 2007. However, it should be noted that family violence is typically underreported so these numbers are likely an underrepresentation. The rate of domestic violence calls decreased in Santa Cruz County from 3.1 per 1,000 Santa Cruz residents in 2007 to 2.9 per 1,000 Santa Cruz residents in 2013. More San Lorenzo Valley CAP survey respondents (14\%) reported having friends or family members who have experienced domestic violence in the last year than South County (7\%) or North County survey respondents (5\%).

## Rate of Domestic Violence Calls per I,000 Population



[^58]
## Domestic Violence Calls

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-13 \% <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capitola Police Department | 32 | 33 | 47 | 62 | 55 | 28 | 44 | $37.5 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz Police <br> Department | 300 | 297 | 265 | 291 | 281 | 280 | 289 | $-3.7 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County Sheriff's <br> Office (Unincorporated <br> Areas) | 213 | 275 | 283 | 282 | 249 | 251 | 241 | $13.1 \%$ |
| Scotts Valley Police <br> Department | 33 | 26 | 41 | 29 | 36 | 29 | 32 | $-3.0 \%$ |
| Watsonville Police <br> Department | 241 | 206 | 214 | 226 | 210 | 187 | 164 | $-32.0 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total <br> Number of Calls |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County Rate <br> per 1,000 | $\mathbf{8 2 3}$ | $\mathbf{8 4 7}$ | $\mathbf{8 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{8 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{8 4 1}$ | $\mathbf{7 8 3}$ | $\mathbf{7 8 5}$ | $-4.6 \%$ |
| California Rate per 1,000 | $\mathbf{3 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 9}$ | - |

Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2007-2013 California Criminal Justice Profile. California Department of Finance (2014). E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State, 2000-2020, with 2000 and 2010 Census Counts.

1 The total of all jurisdictions may not equal Santa Cruz County total. The County total also includes the California Highway Patrol,
U.C. Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Mountains Department of Parks and Recreation and the Union Pacific Railroad.

Domestic Violence Cases with Weapons

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-13 \% <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capitola Police Department | 29 | 32 | 34 | 32 | 23 | 27 | 43 | $48.3 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz Police <br> Department | 35 | 23 | 26 | 32 | 31 | 21 | 60 | $71.4 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County Sheriff's <br> Office (Unincorporated <br> Areas) | 51 | 65 | 69 | 58 | 68 | 65 | 63 | $23.5 \%$ |
| Scotts Valley Police <br> Department | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | $\wedge$ |
| Watsonville Police <br> Department | 26 | 20 | 38 | 32 | 29 | 32 | 21 | $-19.2 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total <br> Number of Cases | $\mathbf{1 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 8 . 2 \%}$ |
| Santa Cruz County Rate <br> per 1,000 <br> California Rate per 1,000 | $\mathbf{0 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 6}$ | 0.7 | - |

[^59]
## Have any of your family members or friends in Santa Cruz County experienced

 domestic violence or intimate partner violence in the last year? (Respondents answering "Yes") By Region

Overall 2013 n: 695; North County 2013 n: 251; South County 2013 n: 237; SLV 2013 n: 207.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014). 2011-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. *Significance testing: San Lorenzo Valley respondents were significantly more likely than North County and South County respondents to have had any of their family members or friends in Santa Cruz County experience violence or intimate partner violence in the last year in 2013.

## ELDER ABUSE

Adult Protective Services provides intervention services to protect elderly and dependent adults from abuse, neglect, or exploitation. In 2013, they received 555 referrals, 548 of which were deemed appropriate for investigation. The rate of reported cases of elder abuse in Santa Cruz County decreased from 18.9 in 2007 to 16.2 in 2013.

Reported Cases and Referrals of Elder Abuse

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY } \\ 2009 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY } \\ 20 I I \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} F Y \\ 2012 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} F Y \\ 2013 \end{gathered}$ | $07-13 \%$ <br> CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Referrals to Adult Protective Services | 607 | 606 | 564 | 552 | 496 | 716 | 555 | -8.6\% |
| Number of Elder Cases that are Investigated | 373 | 364 | 354 | 338 | 317 | 424 | 422 | 13.1\% |
| Number of Dependent Adult Cases that are Investigated | 125 | 143 | 124 | 124 | 104 | 176 | 126 | 0.8\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total Number of Cases Investigated | 498 | 507 | 478 | 462 | 421 | 600 | 548 | 10.0\% |
| Santa Cruz County Rate per 1,000 ${ }^{1}$ | 18.9 | 18.3 | 17.0 | 15.7 | 13.7 | 18.6 | 16.2 | - |

Source: Santa Cruz County Human Resources Agency, Adult and Long Term Care Division. (2014). 2007-2013 Health and
Welfare Agency Annual Statistical Report.
California Department of Finance. (2013). 2000-2010 Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail.
${ }^{1}$ Elder abuse rate is calculated using the population ages 65 and older. elder abuse or neglect in the last year? (Respondents answering "Yes") By Region


Overall 2013 n: 702; North County 2013 n: 255; South County 2013 n: 237; SLV 2013 n: 209.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014).2011-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

## CHILD ABUSE

Child abuse and neglect are found in families across the social and economic spectrum. Social isolation, financial stress, poverty, substance abuse, and domestic violence are all factors that can lead to adults abusing children. ${ }^{34}$ The rate of substantiated cases of child abuse in Santa Cruz County decreased from 14.7 per 1,000 children in 2007 to 7.4 per 1,000 children in 2013. In 2013, the most common type of substantiated child abuse was general neglect, followed by physical and emotional abuse.

## Rate of Substantiated Cases of Child Abuse per I,000 Children (Ages 0-I7)



Source: Needell, B. et al. (2014). 2007-2013 Child Welfare Services Reports for California, University of California at Berkeley Center for Social Services Research.

[^60]Substantiated Child Abuse Cases by Type of Abuse'

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-13 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| General Neglect | 363 | 290 | 244 | 259 | 381 | 307 | 240 | -33.9\% |
| Substantial Risk ${ }^{2}$ | 226 | 146 | 82 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\wedge$ |
| Emotional Abuse | 98 | 128 | 68 | 41 | 61 | 34 | 47 | -52.0\% |
| Physical Abuse | 52 | 58 | 44 | 32 | 52 | 38 | 50 | -3.8\% |
| Severe Neglect | 41 | 47 | 52 | 72 | 51 | 48 | 35 | -14.6\% |
| Sexual Abuse | 33 | 25 | 26 | 21 | 35 | 15 | 35 | 6.1\% |
| At Risk, Sibling Abused | 8 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 4 | $\wedge$ |
| Caretaker Absence or Incapacity | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\wedge$ |
| Exploitation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\wedge$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total | 825 | 700 | 527 | 435 | 584 | 448 | 412 | -50.1\% |
| California Total | 107,483 | 96,575 | 90,472 | 87,311 | 87,263 | 84,590 | 83,602 | -22.2\% |

Source: Needell, B. et al. (2014). 2007-2013 Child Welfare Services Reports for California, University of California at Berkeley Center for Social Services Research.
Note: A child is counted only once per year, in category of highest severity.
${ }^{1}$ Please see Appendix II for definitions of the different types of abuse.
${ }^{2}$ In 2010, Substantial Risk was no longer an active code an individual could choose when entering data into the data system.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.
Rate of Substantiated Cases of Child Abuse per I,000 Children (Ages 0-I7) by Ethnicity

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | OT-I3 NET <br> CHANGE |
| Hispanic | 16.1 | 12.2 | 9.4 | 7.6 | 11.7 | 8.1 | 8.1 | -8.0 |
| White | 14.1 | 12.5 | 9.9 | 8.5 | 9.8 | 8.6 | 6.7 | -7.4 |
| Santa Cruz County Total | $\mathbf{1 4 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{- 7 . 3}$ |
| California Total | 10.7 | 9.7 | $\mathbf{9 . 1}$ | 8.7 | 9.4 | $\mathbf{9 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 1}$ | -1.6 |

Source: Needell, B. et al. (2014). 2007-2013 Child Welfare Services Reports for California, University of California at Berkeley Center for Social Services Research.

## Have any of your family members or friends in Santa Cruz County experienced child abuse or neglect in the last year? (Respondents Answering "Yes") By Region



Overall 2013 n: 699; North County 2013 n: 255; South County 2013 n: 236; SLV 2013 n: 207.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2011-13 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

## FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS

Children who are victims of child abuse or neglect may be placed in foster care by the court. Foster care is care for children ages birth through 17 who are removed from their parents' or guardians' home and placed in a different setting such as a family foster care home, relatives' home, group residential home, or an institutional care facility. It is generally held that the child's best interests are served by being with their parents, and there is often an effort to address the issues at home so as to reunite the family.

The rate of first entries into foster care among Santa Cruz Country children ages 0-17 years decreased from a rate of 3.1 per 1,000 in 2007 to 2.1 per 1,000 in 2013. The percentage of children who exited foster care and were reunified with their parents decreased between 2007 and 2013, from $56 \%$ to $33 \%$, while those who were adopted increased from $23 \%$ to $46 \%$ during that same time period.

Rate of First Entries into Foster Care per I,000 Children Ages 0-17 by Ethnicity

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-I3 NET <br> CHANGE |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 0.0 | -1.1 |
| Black | 5.5 | 28.6 | 7.0 | 5.1 | 15.6 | 7.1 | 14.2 | 8.7 |
| Hispanic | 3.0 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 | -1.0 |
| Native American | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| White | 3.7 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 2.3 | -1.4 |
| Total Foster Care First | $\mathbf{1 7 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{-}$ |
| Entries |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County Rate <br> per 1,000 | $\mathbf{3 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{- 1 . 0}$ |
| California Rate per 1,000 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.9 | $\mathbf{0 . 0}$ |

Source: Needell, B. et al. (2014). 2007-2013 Child Welfare Services Reports for California, University of California at Berkeley Center for Social Services Research.

Exit Status After I2 Months in Foster Care

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | OT-I3 NET <br> CHANGE |
| Reunified | $55.9 \%$ | $58.0 \%$ | $62.2 \%$ | $58.1 \%$ | $53.5 \%$ | $47.8 \%$ | $32.9 \%$ | -23.0 |
| Adopted | $22.9 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ | $20.5 \%$ | $29.5 \%$ | $29.9 \%$ | $32.4 \%$ | $45.7 \%$ | 22.8 |
| Kin-GAP | $1.6 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ | $10.3 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ | 7.5 |
| Other Guardianship | $3.3 \%$ | $8.0 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ | $3.0 \%$ | -0.3 |
| Emancipated | $12.2 \%$ | $11.4 \%$ | $10.8 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ | $4.9 \%$ | -7.3 |
| Other | $4.1 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | 0.2 |

Source: Needell, B. et al. (2014). 2007-2013 Child Welfare Services Reports for California, University of California at Berkeley Center for Social Services Research.
Note: This indicator is based on children who entered foster care for the first time during the period, and who remained in care for eight days or longer. The data are collected between January and June of each year.

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## SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT SNAPSHOT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

| INDICATOR | MEASUREMENT | CALIFORNIA | SANTA CRUZ COUNTY | COUNTY TREND |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basic Needs | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who went without food in the past twelve months | NA | 5.8\% | NA |
| Homelessness | Number of homeless persons counted on a single day | NA | 3,536 |  |
| People with Disabilities | Percentage of CAP survey households with at least one disabled person who felt that they participated in life at the level he or she desired | NA | 51.5\% | $\sqrt{ }$ |
| Social Activism | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who reported that in the past twelve months they had met with, e-mailed, called or a sent a letter to any local politician | NA | 37.8\% |  |

## SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY GOALS

GOAL: By the year 2015, more Santa Cruz County residents will have access to housing, both rental and home ownership, that they can afford.
" Community Hero: Peter Connery and Maggie McKay, representing Project Homeless Connect Steering Committee

GOAL: By the year 2015, more Santa Cruz County residents will be actively engaged in improving their community through public participation.
" Community Hero: Maria Virgen, Volunteer, Second Harvest Food Bank
GOAL:By the year 2015, county residents with disabilities will be able to obtain services needed to support increasing options, pursue goals, and participate in community life at levels consistent with their ability.
" Community Hero: Mary Masters, Bridge of Hope Foundation

## BASIC NEEDS

Low-income individuals and families often have to make tough choices each month, sometimes foregoing certain basic needs such as food, housing, or utilities. Six percent of CAP survey respondents reported going without food, $6 \%$ reported going without rent or housing, and another 6\% reported going without utilities in 2013. Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to go without each of these basic needs in the past year (food: 9\%; rent/housing: 18\%; utilities: $21 \%$ ). Of those who went with basic needs, $40 \%$ reported applying for public or government assistance in 2013.


Overall 2013 n: 713; White 2013 n: 498; Latino 2013 n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
*Significance testing: Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to go without food in any given month in the last 12 months in 2013.

## In any given month in the last I2 months, did you find yourself having to go

 without rent or housing? (Respondents answering "Yes") - 2013

Overall 2013 n: 713; White 2013 n: 498; Latino 2013 n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
*Significance testing: Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to go without rent or housing in any given month in the last 12 months in 2013.

In any given month in the last I2 months, did you find yourself having to go without utilities? (Respondents answering "Yes") - 2013


Overall 2013 n: 712; White 2013 n: 497; Latino 2013 n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
*Significance testing: Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to go without utilities in any given month in the last 12 months in 2013.

If you went without basic needs in the past 12 months, did you apply for public or government assistance? (Respondents answering "Yes") - 2013


Overall 2013 n: 138; White 2013 n: 71; Latino 2013 n: 52.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
*Significance testing: Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to have applied for public or government assistance in the past 12 months in 2013.

## Why did you not get help from any social service program? - 2013



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## HOMELESSNESS

Every two years, all jurisdictions receiving federal funding to provide housing and services for homeless individuals and families are required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to conduct a Point-in-Time Count of homeless persons. This count provides a snapshot of the local homeless population. It offers an estimate of the number of persons homeless on any given night during the year.

There was a $28 \%$ increase in the number of homeless persons counted in the biennial point-in-time count, from 2,771 in 2011 to 3,536 in 2013. Eighty-two percent of those counted were unsheltered; half had been homeless for one year or more. The primary cause of their homelessness was job loss.

In 2013, 2\% of overall CAP survey respondents reported that they had been homeless in the past year, an increase from less than $1 \%$ in 2011. Over $9 \%$ of CAP survey respondents also reported that they had someone living at their address on a temporary basis who might otherwise be considered homeless.

Data about homeless children showed that $8 \%$ (or nearly 3,300 students) were homeless and receiving services under the McKinney-Vento Act in 2013/14 a decrease from 11\% (or 4,005 students) in 2012/13.

## POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) HOMELESS CENSUS AND SURVEY

Key Findings about Homelessness in Santa Cruz County

|  | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Point-in-Time Homeless Enumeration | 2,789 | 2,265 | 2,771 | 3,536 |
| Unsheltered \& Sheltered Homeless Persons | 82.6\% Unsheltered 17.4\% Sheltered | 67.8\% Unsheltered 32.2\% Sheltered | 76.7\% Unsheltered 23.3\% Sheltered | 81.9\% Unsheltered 18.1\% Sheltered |
| Persons in Homeless Families with Children | 381 | 450 | 498 | 544 |
| Homeless Subpopulations | 1,151 Chronically Homeless ${ }^{1}$ <br> 1,062 Mentally III 161 Substance Abuse 424 Veterans 83 HIV/AIDS 407 Domestic Violence 10 Children (Unaccompanied) | 842 Chronically Homeless ${ }^{1}$ 663 Mentally III 627 Substance Abuse 272 Veterans 18 HIV/AIDS 119 Domestic Violence 17 Children (Unaccompanied) | 1,004 Chronically Homeless ${ }^{1}$ 696 Mentally III 983 Substance Abuse 274 Veterans 36 HIV/AIDS 221 Domestic Violence 88 Children (Unaccompanied) | 957 Chronically Homeless ${ }^{1}$ <br> 1,709 Mentally III 864 Substance Abuse 395 Veterans 36 HIV/AIDS 129 Domestic Violence 133 Children (Unaccompanied) |
| Homeless One Year or More | 61.5\% | 53.9\% | 59.7\% | 51.1\% |
| Age 41 Years \& Older | 63.5\% | 50.7\% | 46.2\% | 51.9\% |
| Gender | 69.8\% Male 30.2\% Female | 73.1\% Male 26.2\% Female 0.7\% Other | 66.5\% Male 32.1\% Female 1.4\% Other | 65.7\% Male 32.1\% Female 2.2\% Other |
| Race/Ethnicity | 64.3\% White 23.4\% Hispanic <br> 5.1\% African American 3.5\% Multi-Race 2.1\% Native American 1.7\% Asian/Pacific Islander | 50.1\% White 30.2\% Hispanic <br> 7.7\% African American 5.0\% Multi-Race 4.7\% Native American 2.2\% Asian/Pacific Islander | 63.4\% White 22.5\% Hispanic <br> $5.8 \%$ African American <br> 4.0\% Multi-Race 2.8\% Native American <br> 1.4\% Asian/Pacific Islander | 43.1\% White 35.1\% Hispanic 4.9\% African American 5.7\% Multi-Race <br> 4.1\% Native American 4.6\% Asian/Pacific Islander |
| Santa Cruz County Resident Before Becoming Homeless | 66.9\% | 62.3\% | 67.3\% | 72.2\% |
| Employment | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12.8\% Employed } \\ & 87.1 \% \\ & \text { Unemployed } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 15.0\% Employed } \\ & 85.0 \% \\ & \text { Unemployed } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 23.9\% Employed } \\ 76.1 \% \\ \text { Unemployed } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 27.9\% Employed } \\ 72.1 \% \\ \text { Unemployed } \end{gathered}$ |

[^63]Primary Causes of Current Episode of Homelessness (Top 5 Responses in 2013)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2009 | $20 \\|$ | 2013 | O7-I3 NET <br> CHANGE |
| Lost Job | $30.2 \%$ | $29.9 \%$ | $25.2 \%$ | $33.4 \%$ | 3.2 |
| Could Not Afford Rent | $\mathrm{NA}^{1}$ | $\mathrm{NA}^{1}$ | $\mathrm{NA}^{1}$ | $17.8 \%$ | NA |
| Alcohol/Drug Use | $10.8 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ | 5.4 |
| Evicted | $\mathrm{NA} \mathrm{A}^{1}$ | $\mathrm{NA}{ }^{1}$ | $\mathrm{NA}^{1}$ | $11.7 \%$ | - |
| Mental Health Issues | $2.1 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ | $3.0 \%$ | $10.3 \%$ | 8.2 |
| Total Respondents | 427 | 398 | 493 | 359 | - |

Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2007-2013 Santa Cruz County Homeless Census and Survey.
${ }^{1}$ Not a response option in the survey for that year.

## COMMUNITY SURVEY

F Have you been without housing in Santa Cruz County during the past year (homeless, in a shelter, on the street, or living in your vehicle)? (Respondents answering "Yes")


Overall 2013 n: 712.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
? Is anyone staying at your address on a temporary basis that otherwise might be considered homeless? (Respondents answering "Yes") By Ethnicity


Overall 2013 n: 712; White 2013 n: 497; Latino 2013 n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2009-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

## HOMELESS CHILDREN, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

## Number of Children Who Are Homeless and Receiving Services under the McKinneyVento Act ${ }^{36}$, Santa Cruz County

|  | $2007 /$ <br> 08 | $2008 /$ <br> 09 | $2009 /$ <br> 10 | $2010 /$ <br> 11 | $2011 /$ <br> 12 | $2012 /$ <br> 13 | $2013 /$ <br> 14 | O7-14 NET <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of Students <br>  <br> Receiving Services under <br> the McKinney-Vento Act | $\mathbf{4 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 3}$ |
| Total Student Enrollment in <br> Santa Cruz County | 38,132 | 38,279 | 38,502 | 38,971 | 39,334 | 37,219 | 40,295 | - |

Source: Santa Cruz County Office of Education. (2014). 2007-2014 Homeless Education Outreach.

## Homeless Children Receiving Services under the McKinney-Vento Act by Housing

 Situation, Santa Cruz County|  | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2010 / \\ \\| \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20111 \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20131 \\ 14 \end{gathered}$ | O7-14 NET <br> CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Doubled-up Homeless ${ }^{1}$ | 81.3\% | 83.6\% | 66.7\% | 79.0\% | 78.0\% | 81.0\% | 80.2\% | -1.1 |
| Shelters ${ }^{2}$ | 9.8\% | 7.1\% | 18.3\% | 13.5\% | 12.1\% | 15.4\% | 8.9\% | -0.9 |
| Unsheltered ${ }^{3}$ | 4.1\% | 7.0\% | 12.8\% | 6.1\% | 8.2\% | 2.6\% | 6.9\% | 2.8 |
| Motels/Hotels | 2.3\% | 2.4\% | 2.2\% | 1.4\% | 1.7\% | 1.0\% | 4.0\% | 1.7 |
| Unknown | 2.5\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | -2.5 |
| Total Number of Homeless Children Receiving Services | 1,880 | 3,139 | 3,112 | 3,357 | 4,637 | 4,005 | 3,286 | - |

Source: Santa Cruz County Office of Education. (2014). 2007-2014 Homeless Education Outreach.
${ }^{1}$ The term "Doubled-up Homeless" refers to two to three families housed in a single housing unit due to an inability to find permanent housing.
${ }^{2}$ The "Shelter" count includes youth living in "Transitional Housing."
${ }^{3}$ The "Unsheltered" numbers do not include migrant youth living in a homeless situation.

[^64]Homeless Children Receiving Services under the McKinney-Vento Act by Age Group, Santa Cruz County

|  | $2007 /$ <br> 08 | $2008 /$ <br> 09 | $2009 /$ <br> 10 | $2010 /$ <br> 11 | $2011 /$ <br> 12 | $2012 /$ <br> 13 | $2013 /$ <br> 14 | 07-I4 NET <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pre-school | $7.0 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ | $5.5 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ | 8.6 |
| Primary (Grades K-3) | $28.2 \%$ | $29.8 \%$ | $23.2 \%$ | $36.3 \%$ | $29.0 \%$ | $29.3 \%$ | $30.5 \%$ | 2.3 |
| Intermediate (Grades 4-6) | $21.5 \%$ | $18.7 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ | $19.3 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ | $23.1 \%$ | $21.7 \%$ | 0.2 |
| Middle School (Grades 7-8) | $13.8 \%$ | $13.4 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ | $14.9 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | -1.3 |
| High School (Grades 9-12) | $29.5 \%$ | $29.0 \%$ | $31.5 \%$ | $24.3 \%$ | $25.0 \%$ | $27.2 \%$ | $19.6 \%$ | -9.9 |
| Total Number of <br> Homeless Children <br> Receiving Services | $\mathbf{1 , 8 8 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 1 3 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 1 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 3 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 6 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 2 8 6}$ | - |

Source: Santa Cruz County Office of Education. (2014). 2007-2014 Homeless Education Outreach.
Note: 2013/14 Pre-school includes infant homeless children as well. Numbers will not equal $100 \%$, due to a small number of children not assigned to a grade.

## CALWORKS REQUESTS FOR HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

The number of CALWORKs Requests for Homeless Assistance has steadily decreased since 2007. Both the state ( $-5 \%$ ) and the county ( $-23 \%$ ) saw a decrease in the number of requests in 2013 compared to those in 2007.

## Number of Requests Received for Homeless Assistance'

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |
| Santa Cruz County | $\mathbf{1 6 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 0}$ | $\mathbf{- 2 2 . 6 \%}$ |
| California | 51,622 | $57,183^{2}$ | 57,447 | 54,604 | 54,849 | 51,770 | $\mathbf{4 8 , 9 7 0}$ | $\mathbf{- 5 . 1 \%}$ |

[^65]
## PEOPLE SERVED BY FOOD BANK

While services are not a good proxy for need, this indicator helps identify the scope of efforts to fight poverty and hunger. Data indicate that the number of people served by the Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz County increased considerably from 45,754 in 2007 to 56,139 in 2013.

Number of People Served by the Second Harvest Food Bank, Santa Cruz County


Source: Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz County. (2014). 2007-2013 Personal Correspondence.
Number of People Served by the Second Harvest Food Bank by Jurisdiction

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | 2013 | CHANGE |
| Capitola | 916 | 1,516 | 1,344 | 1,540 | 1,000 | 1,474 | 1,740 | $90.0 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz | 19,010 | 15,165 | 11,848 | 12,582 | 10,169 | 15,670 | 18,863 | $-0.8 \%$ |
| Scotts Valley | 1,197 | 1,363 | 2,137 | 1,675 | 1,445 | 1,310 | 1,291 | $7.9 \%$ |
| Watsonville | 15,294 | 18,285 | 17,955 | 23,585 | 29,341 | 17,527 | 20,098 | $31.4 \%$ |
| Unincorporated | 9,337 | 11,832 | 15,328 | 13,018 | 13,615 | 18,619 | 14,147 | $51.5 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total | $\mathbf{4 5 , 7 5 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 , 1 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 , 6 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 2 , 4 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 5 , 5 7 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 4 , 6 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 6 , 1 3 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 . 7 \%}$ |

Source: Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz County. (2014). 2007-2013 Personal Correspondence.

## Percentage of People Served by the Second Harvest Food Bank by Ethnicity, Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | 2013 | O7-I3 NET <br> CHANGE |
| Latino | $57.0 \%$ | $63.0 \%$ | $67.8 \%$ | $65.9 \%$ | $64.1 \%$ | $60.6 \%$ | $58.5 \%$ | 1.5 |
| White | $34.7 \%$ | $29.2 \%$ | $25.9 \%$ | $27.8 \%$ | $30.3 \%$ | $33.3 \%$ | $34.4 \%$ | -0.3 |
| African American | $2.4 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | -0.6 |
| Asian | $2.3 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ | -0.7 |
| Native American | $0.9 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | -0.4 |
| Pacific Islander | $0.4 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | -0.1 |
| Other | $2.2 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | $2.7 \%$ | 0.5 |
| Santa Cruz County Total | $\mathbf{4 5 , 7 5 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 , 1 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 , 6 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 2 , 4 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 5 , 5 7 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 4 , 6 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 6 , 1 3 9}$ | - |

Source: Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz County. (2014). 2007-2013 Personal Correspondence.

## STUDENTS RECEIVING FREE OR REDUCED COST MEALS

Children from low-income families are eligible to receive free or reduced costs meals at schools. Therefore, receipt of those meals acts as a proxy for poverty in a school district. The percentage of students receiving free or reduced cost meals in Santa Cruz County increased from 45\% in 2007/08 to 55\% in 2013/14. The Pajaro Valley Unified School District (77\%) and Live Oak Elementary School District (60\%) had the highest percentage of students receiving free or reduced cost meals in 2013/14.

Percentage of Students Receiving Free or Reduced Cost Meals


Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2007-2014 Educational Demographics Unit.
Percentage of Students Receiving Free or Reduced Cost Meals by School District

|  | $2007 /$ <br> 08 | $2008 /$ <br> 09 | $2009 /$ <br> 10 | $2010 /$ <br> $I I$ | $20 I I I$ <br> 12 | $2012 /$ <br> 13 | $2013 /$ <br> 14 | O7-I4 NET <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bonny Doon Elementary | $2.3 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ | $10.4 \%$ | $9.8 \%$ | $15.7 \%$ | 13.4 |
| Happy Valley Elementary | $8.5 \%$ | $7.8 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ | $12.9 \%$ | $8.7 \%$ | $11.6 \%$ | 3.1 |
| Live Oak Elementary | $42.0 \%$ | $45.3 \%$ | $55.2 \%$ | $60.5 \%$ | $62.8 \%$ | $58.5 \%$ | $59.8 \%$ | 17.8 |
| Mountain Elementary | $7.3 \%$ | $7.5 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $4.5 \%$ | $5.3 \%$ | -2.0 |
| Pacific Elementary | $37.7 \%$ | $34.9 \%$ | $42.9 \%$ | $34.9 \%$ | $45.0 \%$ | $21.2 \%$ | $38.7 \%$ | 1.0 |
| Pajaro Valley Unified | $63.3 \%$ | $67.3 \%$ | $71.3 \%$ | $70.1 \%$ | $72.9 \%$ | $75.5 \%$ | $76.6 \%$ | 13.3 |
| San Lorenzo Valley Unified | $15.2 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ | $18.8 \%$ | $21.6 \%$ | $23.3 \%$ | $24.9 \%$ | $23.3 \%$ | 8.1 |
| Santa Cruz City Elementary | $40.3 \%$ | $41.4 \%$ | $43.4 \%$ | $47.6 \%$ | $44.6 \%$ | $44.2 \%$ | $42.4 \%$ | 2.1 |
| Santa Cruz City High | $26.2 \%$ | $25.8 \%$ | $29.2 \%$ | $35.6 \%$ | $33.5 \%$ | $32.5 \%$ | $36.5 \%$ | 10.3 |
| Santa Cruz County Office of | $37.6 \%$ | $32.8 \%$ | $31.2 \%$ | $20.1 \%$ | $25.3 \%$ | $22.7 \%$ | $28.3 \%$ | -9.3 |
| Education | $7.3 \%$ | $7.7 \%$ | $12.7 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ | $14.6 \%$ | $11.4 \%$ | 4.1 |
| Scotts Valley Unified | $24.0 \%$ | $29.7 \%$ | $36.5 \%$ | $35.9 \%$ | $37.6 \%$ | $36.9 \%$ | $36.1 \%$ | 12.1 |
| Soquel Union Elementary | 24.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | $\mathbf{4 4 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 7 . 1 \%}$ | $50.9 \%$ | $51.3 \%$ | $53.1 \%$ | $53.7 \%$ | $54.8 \%$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 2}$ |
| California | $51.2 \%$ | $53.7 \%$ | $55.9 \%$ | $56.7 \%$ | $57.5 \%$ | $58.0 \%$ | $59.4 \%$ | 8.2 |

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## RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

Social indicators like racism and discrimination are important to measure because they adversely affect mental and physical health. ${ }^{37}$ In 2013, approximately $12 \%$ of overall CAP survey respondents were "very concerned" about racism in Santa Cruz County. Twelve percent of CAP survey respondents felt discriminated against or treated unfairly in the last 12 months, most often due to race/ethnicity. There were 23 hate crimes in the county in 2012, down from 40 in 2011.

## How concerned are you about racism in Santa Cruz County? - 2013



Overall 2013 n: 690; White 2013 n: 480; Latino 2013 n: 157.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.

## Have you felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the last I2 months?

 (Respondents answering "Yes") By Ethnicity

Overall 2013 n: 708; White 2013 n: 495; Latino 2013 n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2005-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

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## If If you have felt discriminated against or treated unfairly, for what reason?

 (Selected Responses)|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | $20 \\|$ | 2013 | O5-I3 NET <br> CHANGE |
| Ethnicity/Race | $51.8 \%$ | $48.7 \%$ | $46.7 \%$ | $51.1 \%$ | $52.8 \%$ | 1.0 |
| Sexual Orientation | NA | $1.5 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ | $4.9 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ | - |
| Language | $2.1 \%$ | $22.9 \%$ | $13.3 \%$ | $10.7 \%$ | $4.9 \%$ | 2.8 |
| Age | $6.4 \%$ | $12.2 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ | $14.7 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | 6.1 |
| Socio-economic Status | $16.7 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | $13.4 \%$ | $8.6 \%$ | -8.1 |
| Appearance | $16.0 \%$ | $6.8 \%$ | $7.5 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ | -12.6 |
| Gender | $6.4 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ | $9.5 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ | -1.4 |

Overall 2013 n: 84 respondents offering 97 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2005-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

## Number of Hate Crime ${ }^{38}$ Events, Santa Cruz County



Source: California Department of Justice. (2014). 2006-2012 Hate Crimes Report.

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## QUALITY OF LIFE

CAP survey respondents were asked about their overall quality of life. Two-thirds ( $67 \%$ ) of them reported being "very satisfied" with their overall quality of life in 2013, a slight decrease from $72 \%$ in 2009. According to CAP survey respondents, the number one factor that contributed to quality of life in Santa Cruz County since 2003 is the scenery, geography, and climate of the region. In 2013, the number one factor that took away from quality of life in Santa Cruz County was gangs/crime.

How satisfied are you with your overall quality of life?


Overall 2013 n: 712.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2009-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

## F How satisfied are you with your overall quality of life? (Respondents Answering "Very Satisfied") By Income


\$34,999 or Less 2013 n: 234; \$35,000 to \$65,499 2013 n: 139; \$65,500 or More 2013 n: 269.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2011-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

## Generally speaking, what contributes most to your quality of life in Santa Cruz

 County? (Top 5 Responses)| 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Scenery/ geography/ climate (61.6\%) | 1. Scenery/ geography/ climate (70.8\%) | 1. Scenery/ geography/ climate (73.0\%) | 1. Scenery/ geography/ climate (76.2\%) | 1. Scenery/ geography/ climate (75.2\%) | 1. Scenery/ geography/ climate (76.3\%) |
| 2. Family/ friends/ friendly people (12.8\%) | 2. Outdoor recreation (12.1\%) | 2. Family/ friends/ friendly people (15.2\%) | 2. Family/ friends/ friendly people (17.0\%) | 2. Family/ friends/ friendly people (20.9\%) | 2. Family/ friends/ friendly people (24.9\%) |
| 3. Social climate (10.2\%) | 3. Community/ low population/ slow pace (10.8\%) | 3. Diversity of people (12.3\%) | 3. Community/ low population/ slow pace (15.5\%) | 3. Community/ low population/ slow pace (18.0\%) | 3. Social climate (16.0\%) |
| 4. Community/ low population/ slow pace (8.7\%) | 4. Family/ friends/ friendly people (10.8\%) | 4. Clean air (8.6\%) | 4. Social climate (14.9\%) | 4. Social climate (14.4\%) | 4. Community/ low population/ slow pace (11.0\%) |
| 5. Quiet/ peaceful (7.7\%) | 5. Diversity of people (8.7\%) | 5. Quiet/ peaceful (8.4\%) | 5. Quiet/ peaceful (7.5\%) | 5. Quiet/ peaceful (6.8\%) | 5. Quiet/ peaceful (10.7\%) |

2013 n: 685 respondents offering 1,029 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: This was an open-ended survey question which allowed the respondent to provide any answer. Due to variance in coding, data should be compared by top responses rather than tracking individual responses over time.

## F What do you think takes away from your quality of life in Santa Cruz County? (Top 5 Responses)

| 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 20II | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Cost of living/ housing (26.9\%) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1. Traffic } \\ & (32.3 \%) \end{aligned}$ | 1. Traffic (31.1\%) | 1. Nothing takes away (18.6\%) | 1. Nothing takes away (19.3\%) | 1. Gangs/Crime (23.2\%) |
| 2. Traffic (23.3\%) | 2. Cost of living/ housing (23.2\%) | 2. Cost of living/ housing (20.1\%) | 2. Traffic (13.8\%) | 2. Traffic (15.7\%) | 2. Nothing takes away (16.7\%) |
| 3. Overcrowding (9.2\%) | 3. Overcrowding (12.6\%) | 3. Overcrowding (10.7\%) | 3. Cost of living/ housing (13.5\%) | 3. Gangs/ crime (15.2\%) | 3. Traffic (16.3\%) |
| 4. Nothing takes away (6.8\%) | 4. Government (6.7\%) | 4. Gangs/ crime (9.7\%) | 4. Gangs/ crime (11.3\%) | 4. Cost of living/ housing (14.4\%) | 4. Homelessness (13.3\%) |
| 5. Low wage/ poor economic opportunities (6.4\%) | 5. Gangs/crime (5.5\%) | 5. Homeless (9.4\%) | 5. Overcrowding /unplanned growth (9.5\%) | 5. Overcrowding/ unplanned growth (9.0\%) | 5. Cost of living / housing (13.0\%) |

[^69]What do you think takes away from your quality of life in Santa Cruz County? (Top 5 responses) By Ethnicity

| 2011 |  | 2013 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WHITE | LATINO | WHITE | LATINO |
| 1. Traffic (18.2\%) | 1. Nothing Takes Away $(35.7 \%)^{*}$ | 1. Gangs/Crime (23.7\%) | 1. Nothing Takes Away (40.6\%*) |
| 2. Nothing Takes Away (14.7\%) | 2. Gangs/Crime (22.9\%) | 2. Traffic (18.6\%*) | 2. Gangs/Crime (25.0\%) |
| 3. Cost of Living (13.8\%) | 3. Cost of Living (17.4\%) | 3. Homelessness (15.7\%*) | 3. Cost of Living/Housing (15.1\%) |
| 4. Gangs/Crime (13.7\%) | 4. Traffic (6.7\%) | 4. Cost of Living/Housing (12.0\%) | 4. Traffic (9.9\%*) |
| 5. <br> Overcrowding/Unplanned Growth (9.5\%) | 5. <br> Overcrowding/Unplanned Growth (6.2\%) | 5. <br> Overcrowding/Unplanned Growth (10.9\%) | 5. Homelessness (6.4\%*) |

2013 n White: 464 respondents offering 614 responses; Latino: 148 respondents offering 173 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2011-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
Note: This was an open-ended survey question which allowed the respondent to provide any answer. Due to variance in coding, data should be compared by top responses rather than tracking individual responses over time.
*Significance testing: Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to say that nothing takes away from their quality of life in 2013; White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to say that traffic and homelessness takes away from their quality of life in 2013.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Studies have shown that the after school hours can be dangerous ones for youth. The Department of Justice reports that $29 \%$ of all juvenile offenses occur on school days between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and that the number of violent crimes committed doubles in the hour immediately after school is let out. ${ }^{39}$

After school activities provide a safe and positive environment for youth. Overall, 37\% of CAP survey respondents had middle school age children who always participated in after school activities, higher than the percentage of respondents who had high school age children who always participated in after school activities (32\%). Middle school children in San Lorenzo Valley and high school students in South County had the highest rates of "never" participating in after school activities.

## How often does (do) your MIDDLE SCHOOL age child (children) participate in activities after school? By Region - 2013



Overall 2013 n: 64; North County 2013 n: 18; South County 2013 n: 30; SLV 2013 n: 12.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
How often does (do) your HIGH SCHOOL age child (children) participate in activities after school? By Region - 2013


Overall 2013 n: 66; North County 2013 n: 22; South County 2013 n: 26; SLV 2013 n: 16.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

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## PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

It is important for every society to provide the resources necessary to allow all individuals to participate fully in their community, regardless of their physical, mental, or developmental disability. CAP survey respondents who have a disability, or whose family member has a disability, said that persons with a disability needed additional services to increase their involvement in community life including social/recreational services or supports (41\%) and job development/employment training/coaching (31\%) in 2013.

There were 127.9 per 1,000 students who were enrolled in special education in Santa Cruz County in December 2013, higher than the state rate of 113.1 per 1,000. The most common disability for those students was a learning disability, followed by a speech or language impairment.

## F Have you or a member of your household been diagnosed by a physician with a disability that significantly limits one or more major life activities? (Respondents answering "Yes")



Overall 2013 n: 709.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2007-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: In 2011, respondents were allowed to provide a response for each member of their family.

## What is/are the age(s) of the person(s) diagnosed as having a disability?

|  | 2007 | 2009 | $20 \\|$ | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 to 5 Years | $0.4 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ |
| 6 to 18 Years | $2.4 \%$ | $5.1 \%$ | $4.5 \%$ | $5.1 \%$ |
| 19 to 24 Years | $14.4 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ |
| 25 to 34 Years | $3.8 \%$ | $2.6 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ |
| 35 to 44 Years | $12.7 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ |
| 45 to 54 Years | $12.7 \%$ | $14.4 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ |
| 55 to 64 Years | $18.7 \%$ | $22.3 \%$ | $32.6 \%$ | $26.5 \%$ |
| 65 to 74 Years | $10.3 \%$ | $19.8 \%$ | $16.9 \%$ | $22.1 \%$ |
| 75 to 84 Years | $28.3 \%$ | $21.1 \%$ | $14.7 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ |
| 85 Years \& Older | $7.9 \%$ | $9.9 \%$ | $10.5 \%$ | $7.2 \%$ |

[^71]FIs the person with a disability participating in community life at the level he or she desires? (Respondents answering "Yes")


Overall 2013 n: 151.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2007-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
If the person with a disability is not participating in community life at the level he or she desires, in what areas would you/they like to increase their involvement?

|  | 2007 | 2009 | $20 \\|$ | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Social Events/Activities | $34.4 \%$ | $23.8 \%$ | $26.4 \%$ | $42.5 \%$ |
| Limited Mobility to Get | $28.2 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ | $23.0 \%$ | $29.6 \%$ |
| Around/Get Out More | $15.3 \%$ | $22.4 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ | $17.5 \%$ |
| Work/Donating Time | $5.4 \%$ | $13.3 \%$ | $9.7 \%$ | $13.4 \%$ |
| All Aspects of Life | $5.5 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $11.8 \%$ |
| Continued Education | $11.2 \%$ | $29.5 \%$ | $23.0 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ |
| Other |  |  |  |  |

2013 n: 57 respondents offering 78 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2007-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: This was a multiple response question so percentages do not add up to $100 \%$.

## What types of additional services are needed to allow you/them to increase involvement?

|  | 2007 | 2009 | $20 \\|$ | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Social/Recreational <br> Services or Supports | $36.3 \%$ | $44.4 \%$ | $34.1 \%$ | $41.1 \%$ |
| Job Development/ <br> Employment Training/ <br> Coaching | $34.8 \%$ | $23.9 \%$ | $33.6 \%$ | $30.9 \%$ |
| Personal Attendants | $33.9 \%$ | $35.2 \%$ | $26.6 \%$ | $24.0 \%$ |
| Academic <br> Counseling/Tutoring | $27.8 \%$ | $18.0 \%$ | $22.2 \%$ | $20.7 \%$ |
| Specialized <br> Transportation/Mobility <br> Device | $36.6 \%$ | $31.0 \%$ | $38.3 \%$ | $19.4 \%$ |
| Financial <br> Planning/Management | $30.4 \%$ | $30.4 \%$ | $30.3 \%$ | $17.2 \%$ |
| Don't Know | $15.4 \%$ | $17.7 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $4.4 \%$ |

2013 n: 56 respondents offering 113 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2007-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
Note: This was a multiple response question so percentages do not add up to $100 \%$.

People with Any Disability by Age Group and Gender, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{gathered} \text { O8-I3 NET } \\ \text { CHANGE } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 5 | 0.5\% | 0.4\% | 0.5\% | 0.1\% | 1.2\% | 0.0\% | -0.5 |
| Male | 0.2\% | 0.4\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.4\% | 0.0\% | -0.2 |
| Female | 0.3\% | 0.0\% | 0.5\% | 0.1\% | 0.8\% | 0.0\% | -0.3 |
| 5-17 | 7.0\% | 9.4\% | 8.2\% | 4.7\% | 8.2\% | 7.0\% | 0.0 |
| Male | 3.5\% | 6.5\% | 6.0\% | 2.8\% | 4.6\% | 5.4\% | 1.9 |
| Female | 2.5\% | 2.9\% | 2.2\% | 1.8\% | 3.6\% | 1.7\% | -0.8 |
| 18-34 | 9.6\% | 13.5\% | 13.0\% | 12.0\% | 7.5\% | 10.5\% | 0.9 |
| Male | 5.2\% | 6.5\% | 7.5\% | 8.5\% | 3.5\% | 4.4\% | -0.8 |
| Female | 4.4\% | 6.9\% | 5.5\% | 3.5\% | 4.1\% | 6.1\% | 1.7 |
| 35-64 | 40.0\% | 39.4\% | 40.8\% | 41.2\% | 39.8\% | 42.0\% | 2.0 |
| Male | 19.2\% | 18.6\% | 20.5\% | 20.3\% | 18.7\% | 21.8\% | 2.6 |
| Female | 20.8\% | 20.8\% | 20.3\% | 20.9\% | 21.1\% | 20.3\% | -0.5 |
| 65-74 | 13.6\% | 9.0\% | 12.6\% | 13.7\% | 15.9\% | 14.7\% | 1.1 |
| Male | 7.6\% | 3.6\% | 7.2\% | 6.2\% | 10.0\% | 8.0\% | 0.4 |
| Female | 6.0\% | 5.4\% | 5.4\% | 7.5\% | 5.9\% | 6.7\% | 0.7 |
| 75 \& Older | 30.4\% | 28.5\% | 25.1\% | 28.3\% | 27.5\% | 25.7\% | -4.7 |
| Male | 10.0\% | 9.1\% | 9.9\% | 9.9\% | 9.8\% | 9.3\% | -0.7 |
| Female | 20.4\% | 19.4\% | 15.2\% | 18.3\% | 17.7\% | 16.4\% | -4.0 |
| Santa Cruz County Population With Any Disability | 23,078 | 20,875 | 24,009 | 23,242 | 23,706 | 24,558 | - |
| Percentage of Santa Cruz County Total Population with Disability | 9.2\% | 8.2\% | 9.3\% | 8.8\% | 8.9\% | 9.2\% | 0.0 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2014). 2008-2013 American Community Survey, Disability Characteristics.

Adult Population (Ages I6-64) Employed by Disability Status, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O8-I3\% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| With a Disability | 11,677 | 11,349 | 13,719 | 12,793 | 11,920 | 13,774 | 18.0\% |
| Worked in the past 12 months | 5,450 | 5,125 | 4,815 | 5,801 | 5,304 | 5,905 | 8.3\% |
| Did not work in the past 12 months | 6,227 | 6,224 | 8,904 | 6,992 | 6,616 | 7,869 | 26.4\% |
| Percentage of Disabled Workers Who Worked in the Past 12 Months | 46.7\% | 45.2\% | 35.1\% | 45.3\% | 44.5\% | 42.9\% | - |
| Without a Disability | 165,877 | 166,961 | 171,511 | 172,904 | 173,724 | 171,666 | 3.5\% |
| Worked in the past 12 months | 139,008 | 133,180 | 130,846 | 129,216 | 135,188 | 133,826 | -3.7\% |
| Did not work in the past 12 months | 26,869 | 33,781 | 40,665 | 43,688 | 38,536 | 37,840 | 40.8\% |
| Percentage of Able Workers Who Worked in the Past 12 Months | 83.8\% | 79.8\% | 76.3\% | 74.7\% | 77.8\% | 78.0\% | - |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2014). 2008-2013 American Community Survey, Disability Characteristics.
Special Education Enrollment Rate per I,000 Students


Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2007-2013 Special Education Division and Educational Demographics Office.

Special Education Enrollment Rate per I,000 Students by Disability Type'

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DEC. } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { DEC. } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DEC. } \\ & 2009 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DEC. } \\ & 2010 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DEC. } \\ & 20 \\| \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DEC. } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DEC. } \\ & 2013 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-I3 NET } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Autism |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 6.5 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 2.2 |
| California | 7.4 | 8.5 | 9.6 | 10.6 | 11.6 | 12.6 | 13.6 | 6.2 |
| Emotional Disturbance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 0.3 |
| California | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.9 | -0.4 |
| Hard of Hearing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 0.6 |
| California | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 0.3 |
| Mental Retardation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.7 | -0.8 |
| California | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 0.1 |
| Orthopedic Impairment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 1.8 | -1.2 |
| California | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | -0.3 |
| Specific Learning Disability |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 55.4 | 54.3 | 54.0 | 55.7 | 55.4 | 55.9 | 55.4 | 0.0 |
| California | 47.5 | 46.6 | 46.5 | 44.9 | 44.8 | 44.9 | 45.2 | -2.3 |
| Speech or Language Impairment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 40.4 | 39.6 | 39.8 | 38.2 | 36.6 | 36.3 | 36.5 | -3.9 |
| California | 28.1 | 27.6 | 27.1 | 26.8 | 26.5 | 26.1 | 25.8 | -2.3 |
| Visual Impairment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.7 | -0.4 |
| California | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | -0.1 |
| Other Health Impairment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 6.8 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 2.1 |
| California | 7.5 | 8.1 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 10.0 | 10.7 | 11.4 | 3.9 |
| Multiple Disabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz County | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 0.0 |
| California | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 |
| Santa Cruz County <br> Total Special <br> Education Enrollment | 4,818 | 4,830 | 4,882 | 4,944 | 4,963 | 5,046 | 5,154 | - |
| Santa Cruz County Rate per 1,000 | 126.4 | 126.2 | 126.8 | 126.9 | 126.4 | 126.3 | 127.9 | 1.5 |
| California Rate per 1,000 | 108.0 | 108.5 | 109.9 | 109.2 | 110.4 | 111.6 | 113.1 | 5.1 |

Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2006-2013 Special Education Division and Educational Demographics Office.
${ }^{1}$ Please see Appendix II for definitions of disability types.

Cabrillo College's Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) Enrollment by Type of Disability

|  | $\begin{gathered} 2006 / \\ 07 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2010 / \\ 11 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20111 \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { O6-13 \% NET } \\ \text { CHANGE } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Learning Disabilities (LD) | 37.7\% | 35.7\% | 35.7\% | 37.0\% | 34.2\% | 33.0\% | 30.8\% | -6.9 |
| Psychological Disabilities | 13.0\% | 14.9\% | 14.9\% | 14.0\% | 15.0\% | 12.9\% | 12.7\% | -0.3 |
| Mobility Impaired | 13.0\% | 13.4\% | 13.4\% | 12.1\% | 11.8\% | 10.0\% | 9.3\% | -3.7 |
| Acquired Brain Injuries (ABI) | 12.7\% | 11.8\% | 11.8\% | 12.0\% | 11.7\% | 11.2\% | 10.8\% | -1.9 |
| Developmentally Delayed Learners (DDL) | 10.1\% | 9.3\% | 9.3\% | 8.4\% | 7.6\% | 8.9\% | 9.1\% | -1.0 |
| Deafness or Other Hearing Impairments | 3.4\% | 3.7\% | 3.7\% | 3.3\% | 1.7\% | 2.3\% | 2.3\% | -1.1 |
| Blindness or Other Significant Visual Impairments | 1.4\% | 1.5\% | 1.5\% | 1.4\% | 1.5\% | 1.1\% | 1.1\% | -0.3 |
| Speech \& Language Programs | 0.4\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% | 0.3\% | 0.6\% | 0.5\% | 0.4\% | 0.0 |
| Other Health Impairments | 8.2\% | 9.4\% | 9.4\% | 11.5\% | 16.0\% | 20.3\% | 23.6\% | 15.4 |
| Total Number of Students Enrolled in DSPS | 1,651 | 1,698 | 1,698 | 1,855 | 1,784 | 1,648 | 1,592 | - |

Source: Cabrillo College. (2014). 2006-2013 Personal Correspondence.

## UC Santa Cruz Disability Resource Center (DRC) Enrollment

|  | $\begin{gathered} 20071 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 / \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20101 \\ \\| \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2011 / \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20121 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20131 \\ 14 \end{gathered}$ | 07-14 NET CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Learning Disabilities (LD) | 26.3\% | 28.3\% | 24.1\% | 24.2\% | 20.6\% | 18.1\% | 17.6\% | -8.7 |
| Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) | 26.9\% | 25.0\% | 26.8\% | 23.1\% | 25.9\% | 25.4\% | 22.0\% | -4.9 |
| Psychological Disability | 18.9\% | 18.6\% | 22.6\% | 23.8\% | 25.8\% | 27.2\% | 30.9\% | 12.0 |
| Acquired Brain Injuries (ABI) | 2.7\% | 2.2\% | 0.8\% | 0.6\% | 1.3\% | 1.1\% | 1.8\% | -0.9 |
| Chronic System Condition | 4.4\% | 7.2\% | 7.2\% | 9.6\% | 10.4\% | 11.7\% | 10.8\% | 6.4 |
| Asperger's Syndrome or Disorder, Autism Spectrum | 46.7\% | 2.8\% | 2.8\% | 3.1\% | 2.7\% | 3.8\% | 3.7\% | -42.9 |
| Mobility or Orthopedic Impairment | 11.4\% | 9.6\% | 11.3\% | 11.5\% | 9.7\% | 8.7\% | 7.1\% | -4.3 |
| Blind or Low Vision | 0.8\% | 2.4\% | 1.7\% | 2.3\% | 1.6\% | 1.7\% | 0.8\% | 0.0 |
| Hearing Impairment, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf | 1.3\% | 2.0\% | 1.7\% | 1.6\% | 1.8\% | 1.6\% | 1.8\% | 0.5 |
| Other Functional Disability | 5.7\% | 2.0\% | 1.4\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.7\% | 3.4\% | -2.3 |
| Total Number of Students Enrolled in DRC | 475 | 544 | 725 | 685 | 790 | 878 | 967 | - |

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## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

More than half ( $51 \%$ ) of overall CAP survey respondents reported feeling that people in their neighborhood "often" helped each other in 2013. Respondents with an annual income of $\$ 65,500$ or more were significantly more likely than respondents with an income of $\$ 34,999$ or less to feel that people in their neighborhood "often" helped each other ( $55 \%$ and $43 \%$, respectively).

## How often do you feel that people in your neighborhood help each other? (Respondents answering "Often") By Ethnicity



Overall 2013 n: 699; White 2013 n: 492; Latino 2013 n: 157.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2011). 2011 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
*Significance testing: White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to answer that they "Often" feel that people in their neighborhood helped each other in 2013.

## How often do you feel that people in your neighborhood help each other?

 (Respondents answering "Often") By Income Level
\$34,999 or Less 2013 n: 227; \$35,000 to \$65,499 2013 n: 139; \$65,000 or More 2013 n: 265.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2009-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. *Significance testing: Respondents with an income of $\$ 65,500$ or more were significantly more likely than respondents with an income of $\$ 34,999$ or less to answer that they "Often" feel that people in their neighborhood helped each other in 2013.

How often do you feel that you have someone you can turn to when you need help? - 2013


Overall 2013 n: 710; White 2013 n: 496; Latino 2013 n: 160.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
*Significance testing: Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to answer that they "Sometimes" or "Never" felt they had someone they could turn to when they needed help in 2013; White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to answer that they "Often" felt they had someone they could turn to when they needed help in 2013.

## VOLUNTEERISM/CHARITABLE GIVING

Volunteerism and charitable giving are measures of people's sense of ownership and responsibility for their community. The percentage of CAP survey respondents who indicated that they regularly did volunteer work in the community has increased from $36 \%$ in 2003 to $47 \%$ in 2013. The percentage of respondents who reported regularly contributing money to charitable organizations also increased from $66 \%$ in 2003 to $74 \%$ in 2013. Overall, charitable giving was highest in those aged 65 or older ( $85 \%$ ), and volunteering was highest in adults 25-44 years old (50\%) in 2013.


Contribute Money Overall 2013 n: 710; Volunteer Overall 2013 n: 711.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

Do you regularly contribute money to charitable organizations? (Respondents answering "Yes") By Age Group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 | O3-I3NET |
|  | CHANGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $18-24$ years | $35.5 \%$ | $18.0 \%$ | $45.6 \%$ | $28.6 \%$ | $30.6 \%$ | $41.9 \% *$ | 6.4 |
| $25-44$ years | $57.9 \%$ | $66.5 \%$ | $73.1 \%$ | $56.7 \%$ | $49.7 \%$ | $65.5 \% *$ | 7.6 |
| $45-64$ years | $77.2 \%$ | $81.7 \%$ | $73.0 \%$ | $75.2 \%$ | $72.7 \%$ | $75.1 \% *$ | -2.1 |
| 65 or older | $84.2 \%$ | $87.0 \%$ | $80.7 \%$ | $82.6 \%$ | $78.3 \%$ | $84.6 \% *$ | 0.4 |

18-24 Years 2013 n: 29; 25-44 Years 2013 n: 177; 45-64 Years 2013 n: 294; 65 or Older 2013 n: 204.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
*Significance testing: Respondents ages 45-64 years were significantly more likely than respondents ages 18-24 to answer that they regularly contribute money to charitable organizations in 2013. Respondents ages 65 years and older were significantly more likely than respondents ages 18-24 and respondents ages 25-44 years to answer that they regularly contribute money to charitable organizations in 2013.

## Do you regularly do volunteer work in the community? (Respondents answering "Yes") By Age Group

|  | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 | O3-I3NET <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $18-24$ years | $27.7 \%$ | $18.2 \%$ | $26.9 \%$ | $63.8 \%$ | $22.4 \%$ | $45.6 \%$ | 17.9 |
| $25-44$ years | $35.3 \%$ | $35.1 \%$ | $27.4 \%$ | $36.0 \%$ | $28.7 \%$ | $50.0 \%$ | 14.7 |
| $45-64$ years | $37.9 \%$ | $39.1 \%$ | $39.9 \%$ | $53.9 \%$ | $51.4 \%$ | $46.0 \%$ | 8.1 |
| 65 or older | $37.9 \%$ | $36.7 \%$ | $51.6 \%$ | $41.1 \%$ | $42.8 \%$ | $45.8 \%$ | 7.9 |

18-24 Years 2013 n: 29; 25-44 Years 2013 n: 177; 45-64 Years 2013 n: 294; 65 or Older 2013 n: 205.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

## SATISFACTION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Most 2013 CAP survey respondents ( $83 \%$ ) indicated they were "very" or "somewhat" satisfied with the local government. However, there was a statistically significant difference between North County respondents (21\%) and San Lorenzo Valley respondents (9\%).

군 How satisfied are you with local government? - 2013


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## VOTING

Registered voter turnout during primary elections and general elections has been consistently higher in the county than the state. A similar percentage of registered voters turned out during the November 2012 general election in both the county and the state ( $77 \%$ ).

## Percentage of Registered Voters Who Voted in General Elections



Source: California Secretary of State, Elections Division. (2013). 2000-2012.

## Voter Registration and Registered Voter Turnout, General Elections, Santa Cruz County

|  | NOV. | NOV. | NOV. | NOV. | NOV. | NOV. | O2-12 \% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2002 | 2004 | 2006 | 2008 | 2010 | 2012 | CHANGE |
| Registered | 135,554 | 146,157 | 142,415 | 148,364 | 148,501 | 158,641 | $9.2 \%$ |
| Turnout | 80,023 | 123,275 | 92,236 | 128,555 | 98,037 | 121,323 | $53.8 \%$ |
| \% Santa Cruz County | $59.0 \%$ | $84.3 \%$ | $\mathbf{6 4 . 8 \%}$ | $86.7 \%$ | $\mathbf{6 6 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 6 . 5 \%}$ | - |
| Turnout | $50.6 \%$ | $76.0 \%$ | $56.2 \%$ | $79.4 \%$ | $59.6 \%$ | $76.7 \%$ | - |
| \% California Turnout |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: California Secretary of State, Elections Division. (2013). 2000-2012.

## Voter Registration and Registered Voter Turnout, Primary Elections, Santa Cruz

 County|  | MAR. | JUNE | FEB. | JUNE | JUNE | $J$ UNE | $J U N E$ | O4-I4 \% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2006 | 2008 | 2008 | 2010 | 2012 | 2014 | CHANGE |
| Registered | 132,307 | 141,370 | 136,415 | 139,834 | 146,974 | 146,980 | 141,105 | $6.6 \%$ |
| Turnout | 74,671 | 45,762 | 91,133 | 54,848 | 55,084 | 58,526 | 49,143 | $-34.2 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County | $56.4 \%$ | $32.3 \%$ | $66.8 \%$ | $39.2 \%$ | $37.5 \%$ | $39.8 \%$ | $\mathbf{3 4 . 8 \%}$ | - |
| Turnout <br> California Turnout | $44.3 \%$ | $31.5 \%$ | $57.7 \%$ | $28.2 \%$ | $33.3 \%$ | $31.1 \%$ | $25.2 \%$ | - |

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## SOCIAL ACTIVISM

More than half ( $53 \%$ ) of 2013 CAP survey respondents overall reported that in the past twelve months they had signed a petition and $38 \%$ met with, e-mailed, called, or a sent a letter to any local politician. In 2013, over $90 \%$ of respondents reported that they had voted.

## F In the last I2 months, have you done any of the following? By Ethnicity

|  | OVERALL |  | WHITE |  | LATINO |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2011 | 2013 | 2011 | 2013 | 2011 | 2013 |
| Vote ${ }^{1}$ | NA | 91.1\% | NA | 93.0\% | NA | 76.3\% |
| Signed a petition | 71.2\% | 53.0\% | 73.6\% | 55.2\% | 53.0\% | 38.4\% |
| Met with, e-mailed, called or sent a letter to any local politician | 54.4\% | 37.8\% | 55.8\% | 39.8\% | 33.3\% | 25.2\% |
| Attended a town meeting, public hearing or public affair | 46.0\% | 36.6\% | 44.8\% | 36.7\% | 58.7\% | 38.6\% |
| Joined an on-line political advocacy group | 29.4\% | 20.7\% | 31.8\% | 22.1\% | 4.3\% | 12.5\% |
| Joined a protest or demonstration | 18.1\% | 12.4\% | 17.7\% | 11.0\% | 15.4\% | 15.7\% |
| Other political action | 11.2\% | 6.5\% | 10.7\% | 7.7\% | 7.0\% | 2.7\% |

Overall 2013 n: 594; White 2013 n: 462; Latino 2013 n: 86.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2011-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: Multiple response question totals may not add up to $100 \%$.
${ }^{1}$ "Vote" was added as an option in 2013.

## F How would you rate your level of agreement with the statement, 'I know how to make a positive change in my community.'? (Respondents answering "Strongly Agree" and "Agree") - 2013



Overall 2013 n: 682; White 2013 n: 480; Latino 2013 n: 152.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SNAPSHOT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

| INDICATOR | MEASUREMENT | CALIFORNIA | SANTA <br> CRUZ <br> COUNTY | COUNTY TREND |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Concern for the Environment | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who said water pollution most concerned them about the natural environment | NA | 27.0\% |  |
| Organic Farming | Number of organic certified producers with more than \$5,000 in sales | NA | 87 |  |
| Water Pollution Reduction | Percentage of CAP survey respondents who said that they are taking steps to reduce water pollution at home or work by keeping paints and chemicals out of storm drains | NA | 78.5\% | NA |
| Roadway Congestion | Number of daily vehicle miles traveled | NA | 5,249,110 |  |

## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY GOALS

Natural Environment Hero:
" Charles Kieffer, Santa Cruz State Parks

GOAL:By the year 2015, reduce water pollution: health of rivers and ocean is improved by reducing erosion, chemical, and biological pollution and improving riparian corridors.

GOAL: By the year 2015, develop a local sustainable food system: all community members have access to affordable, locally grown food produced in a sustainable manner that preserves farmland fertility.
" Community Hero: Alan Schlenger, Board of Directors, Ecology Action and Santa Community Farmers Markets

GOAL:By the year 2015, support clean/alternative energy: use of clean alternative energy and sustainable fuels are increased through financial incentives and reduced policy barriers.

## CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Community concerns can empower advocacy and grassroots organizations to create change around public health and safety issues. Therefore, it is important to identify which issues are most relevant to residents so that progressive planning for change can be implemented. ${ }^{40}$ Water pollution, litter, and water availability were the top community concerns about the natural environment reported by CAP survey respondents in 2013. South County and North County residents also identified traffic as a problem, while San Lorenzo Valley residents reported homeless encampments/panhandling as one of their top concerns.

What one thing concerns you the most about the natural environment in Santa Cruz County? (Top 5 Responses)

| 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} 1 . \\ \text { Pollution (16.1\%) } \end{gathered}$ | 1. <br> Water pollution (23.7\%) | 1. Water pollution (22.8\%) | 1. Water availability (18.1\%) | 1. Water pollution (22.3\%) | 1. Water pollution (27.0\%) |
| 2. Water pollution (14.7\%) | $\stackrel{2 .}{\text { Traffic (17.6\%) }}$ | 2. <br> Air pollution (13.8\%) | 2. Water pollution (15.3\%) | $\stackrel{2 .}{\text { Litter (10.4\%) }}$ | $\stackrel{2 .}{\text { Litter (16.1\%) }}$ |
| 3. <br> Air pollution (13.0\%) | 3. <br> Development of open space/ agricultural land (12.5\%) | $\begin{gathered} 3 . \\ \text { Traffic (13.4\%) } \end{gathered}$ | 3. <br> Water quality (10.1\%) | 3. <br> Water availability (10.0\%) | 3. Water availability (11.1\%) |
| 4. <br> No preservation of natural environment (10.2\%) | 4. Air pollution (12.1\%) | 4. <br> Development of open space/ agricultural land (13.0\%) | $\begin{gathered} 4 . \\ \text { Traffic (9.2\%) } \end{gathered}$ | 4. <br> No preservation of natural environment (8.1\%) | $\stackrel{4 .}{\text { Traffic (10.9\%) }}$ |
| 5. <br> Development of |  |  | 5. |  | 5. <br> Air pollution (6.8\%) |
| agricultural land (9.3\%) | (11.6\%) | (10.0\%) | Litter (8.6\%) | (7.9\%) | 5. Overpopulation (6.8\%) |

2013: 577 respondents offering 744 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: This was an open-ended survey question which allows the respondent to provide any answer. Due to variance in coding, data should be compared by top responses rather than tracking individual responses over time.

[^75]What one thing concerns you the most about the natural environment in Santa Cruz County? (Top 4 Responses) By Region

| 2011 |  |  | 2013 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NORTH COUNTY | SOUTH COUNTY | SAN LORENZO VALLEY | NORTH COUNTY | SOUTH COUNTY | SAN LORENZO VALLEY |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { 1. Water } \\ \text { pollution (17.8\%) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1. Water } \\ \text { pollution (26.3\%) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1. Water } \\ \text { pollution (27.8\%) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1. Water } \\ \text { pollution (29.1\%) } \end{gathered}$ | 1. Litter (24.4\%*) | 1. Water pollution (27.3\%) |
| 2. Water availability (11.7\%) | 2. Litter (14.0\%) | 2. Water availability (9.8\%) | 2. Traffic (13.1\%) | 2. Water pollution (23.9\%) | 2. Water availability (15.6\%) |
| 3. Other (13.9\%) | 3. General pollution (10.8\%) | 3. Other (10.9\%) | 3. Litter (12.2\%*) | 3. Traffic (8.8\%) | 3. Homeless encampments/ panhandling (10.8\%) |
| 4. Litter (8.6\%) | 4. No preservation of natural environment (10.7\%) | 4. Drinking water Quality (8.3\%) | 4. Water availability (12.0\%) | 4. Water availability (8.0\%) | 4. Litter (9.2\%*) |

North County n: 213 survey respondents offering 277 responses; South County n: 186 survey respondents offering 191 responses; SLV n: 183 survey respondents offering 235 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2011-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
*Significance testing: South County respondents were significantly more likely than North County and San Lorenzo Valley respondents be most concerned about litter in the natural environment in 2013.

## PROTECTED LAND

Santa Cruz County contains a variety of open spaces, and nearly one-third of county land is estimated to be protected ( 88,082 acres in 2014). The use of protected land can vary from habitat conservation efforts to spaces created for recreational activities, such as camping.

Protected Acres by Agency Type, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2013 | 2014 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Federal | 269 | 269 |
| State | 54,459 | 54,459 |
| County | 1,253 | 1,253 |
| City | 6,865 | 6,865 |
| Seecial District | 3,748 | 3,748 |
| Non Profit | 17,132 | 18,332 |
| Private | NA | 79 |
| Easement | $\mathbf{8 3 , 8 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{8 8 , 0 7 7}$ |
| Santa Cruz Total | $\mathbf{8 8 4 , 9 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 4 , 9 0 9}$ |
| Protected Acres |  |  |
| Total Acres in Santa Cruz |  |  |
| County <br> Percentage of Protected <br> Acres <br> California Total | $\mathbf{2 9 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 9 \%}$ |

Source: California Protected Areas Database. (2014). 2013-2014 CPAD Project Working Paper.
Note: These figures do not include holdings for CA Dept. of Fish \& Wildlife, CA Rangeland Trust, Permanent Protection Land (Tribal/Military, etc.) or Parks with > 50\% hardscape (Tennis Courts/Basketball Courts, etc.)

Protected Acres by Access Type, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2013 | 2014 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Open Access | 61,719 | 61,718 |
| Restricted | 5,663 | 6,246 |
| No Public Access | 16,015 | 16,631 |
| Unknown Access | 409 | 409 |
| Santa Cruz Total | $\mathbf{8 3 , 8 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{8 5 , 0 0 4}$ |

[^76]Summary of Protected Santa Cruz County Land - Acreage

|  | FY 2008/09 | FY 2009/IO | FY 2010/II | FY $2011 / 12$ | FY 2012/13 | FY 2013/14 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bureau of Land Management ${ }^{2}$ | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 5,855.6 |
| Department of Fish \& Game | 1,789.0 | 1,857.0 | 1,857.0 | 1,865.0 | 1,865.0 | 1,865 |
| Land Trust of Santa Cruz County | 2,163.3 | 3,100.7 | 3,193.9 | 3,354.0 | 12,993.3 | 13,019.78 |
| Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District | 1,502.2 | 1,511.2 | 1,511.2 | 1,511.2 | 1,511.2 | 1,511.2 |
| Open Space Easement ${ }^{1}$ | 3,020.3 | 3,001.2 | 3,009.0 | 2,909.1 | 2,971.5 | 3,113.1 |
| Sempervirens Fund | 1,244.0 | 1,575.0 | 1,733.0 | 8,802.0 | 9,457.0 | 9,457.0 |
| Santa Cruz City Parks | 2,458.0 | 2,458.0 | 1,782.9 | 1,782.9 | 1,704.5 | 1,672 |
| Santa Cruz County Parks | 1,808.5 | 1,808.5 | 1,805.5 | 1,400.0 | 1,400.0 | 1,400.0 |
| California State Parks | 47,848.0 | 47,848.0 | 48,887.0 | 47,658.0 | 47,658.0 | 47,658.0 ${ }^{3}$ |
| Williamson Act | 19,737.5 | 19,751.6 | 18,804.5 | 17,986.8 | 18,722.1 | 19,434.3 |
| The Trust for Public Land ${ }^{2}$ | 7,289.0 | 7,289.0 | 7,289.0 | 7,289.02 | 7,289.02 | 1,446.0 ${ }^{4}$ |

Source: California Department of Fish and Game, Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, SC Tax Assessor's Office, Sempervirens Fund, City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation, County of Santa Cruz: Parks, Open Space, \& Cultural Services, and California State Parks. (2013). Personal correspondence with program representative.
Note: Although Land Trust of Santa Cruz County isn't the sole owner of San Vicente, the acreage is listed above under the Land Trust.
${ }^{1}$ Please see Appendix II for definition of "Open Space Easement," and "Land Trust."
${ }^{2}$ Total is estimate based on the same acres of land protected in 2011 as previous years for the Bureau of Land Management and The Trust for Public Land.
${ }^{3}$ No California State Parks data was made available to us so we assumed there was no change.
${ }^{4}$ Coast Dairies was transferred from the Trust for Public Land to the Bureau of land Management.

## FARMERS MARKET AND LOCAL PRODUCE

Almost half ( $43 \%$ ) of 2013 CAP survey respondents reported shopping at least once a week at a farmer's market or local produce stand. When asked what prevents residents from using farmer's markets or produce stands, the top responses were: "nothing prevents me," "times are not convenient," "location," "cost," and "don't want to shop at more than one store."

THow often do you shop at farmers' markets or local produce stands?

|  | $20 \\|$ | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Daily | $1.8 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ |
| More than once a week, but | $10.1 \%$ | $15.1 \%$ |
| not daily | $25.6 \%$ | $27.0 \%$ |
| Once a week | $13.4 \%$ | $10.5 \%$ |
| More than once a month, | $17.3 \%$ | $12.9 \%$ |
| but not every week | $15.5 \%$ | $12.6 \%$ |
| Once a month | $16.4 \%$ | $20.8 \%$ |
| Less than once a month |  |  |

Overall 2013 n: 708.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2011-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

## What prevents you from shopping at farmers' market or local produce stands?

 (Top 5 Responses)| 2011 | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1. Times are not convenient (27.5\%) | 1. Nothing prevents me (32.2\%) |
| 2. Nothing prevents me (27.1\%) | 2. Times are not convenient (24.3\%) |
| 3. Cost (14.2\%) | 3. Location (16.9\%) |
| 4. Location (13.3\%) | 4. Cost (9.6\%) |
| 5. Don't want to shop at more than one store (7.3\%) | 5. Don't want to shop at more than one store (6.3\%) |

Overall 2013 n: 700 respondents offering 748 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2011-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: This was an open-ended survey question which allows the respondent to provide any answer. Due to variance in coding, data should be compared by top responses rather than tracking individual responses over time.

## FARMLAND ACREAGE

Farmland acreage in Santa Cruz County increased for apple, wine, and miscellaneous fruit, vegetables, and nursery crops between 2012 and 2013. However, the berry industry has been the only crop in Santa Cruz County that has experienced consistent growth over the last 7 years, increasing $22 \%$ between 2007 and 2013. Overall, farmland acreage declined by $23 \%$ between 2007 and 2013.

Farmland Acreage by Type of Production, Santa Cruz County

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-I3 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Berries | 5,591 | 6,613 | 5,893 | 6,202 | 7,398 | 7,315 | 6,831 | 22.2\% |
| Apple, Wine, \& Misc. Fruit | 3,194 | 3,238 | 3,181 | 3,116 | 3,119 | 2,997 | 3,076 | -3.7\% |
| Vegetables | 8,061 | 7,198 | 7,431 | 7,942 | 7,256 | 6,904 | 7,161 | -11.2\% |
| Nursery Crops | 1,147 | 1,116 | 1,246 | 1,123 | 1,306 | 1,159 | 1,176 | 2.5\% |
| Wild Hay | 60 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 50 | NA | NA | - |
| Pasture Land | 5,586 | 5,191 | 5,191 | 5,191 | 5,195 | NA | NA | - |
| Timber (million board feet) ${ }^{1}$ | 9,414 | 12,715 | 8,404 | 13,359 | 7,731 | 6,559 | 7,828 | -16.8\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total Farmland Acres | 23,639 | 23,410 | 22,996 | 23,628 | 24,324 | 18,375 | 18,244 | -22.8\% |

Source: Santa Cruz County Office of the Agricultural Commissioner. (2014). Santa Cruz County Crop Report. Watsonville, CA.
${ }^{1}$ Timber is not included in total farmland acres because timber is measured in million board feet, which is not comparable.

## ORGANIC FARMING

There were 87 certified organic producers with sales exceeding \$5,000 in Santa Cruz County in 2012, an increase of $61 \%$ from 54 organic producers in 2006. There were 29 certified organic producers with sales less than $\$ 5,000$ in 2011. Land dedicated to organic farming has fluctuated over the last years with 2012 experiencing a growth of 46\% since 2006.

Number of Certified Organic Producers (Annual Sales More Than \$5,000), By County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | O6-I2 $\%$ <br> CHANGE |
| Monterey | 66 | 69 | 76 | 74 | 80 | 79 | 80 | $21.2 \%$ |
| San Benito | 29 | 41 | 43 | 40 | 45 | 54 | 56 | $93.1 \%$ |
| San Luis Obispo | 44 | 49 | 53 | 50 | 52 | 59 | 70 | $59.1 \%$ |
| Santa Clara | 15 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 17 | 19 | $\wedge$ |
| Santa Cruz | $\mathbf{5 4}$ | $\mathbf{6 2}$ | $\mathbf{6 3}$ | $\mathbf{6 4}$ | $\mathbf{7 3}$ | $\mathbf{7 5}$ | $\mathbf{8 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 1 . 1 \%}$ |

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, State Organic Program, Inspection Compliance Branch. (2013).Personal correspondence with program representative.
Note: Every person engaged in the production or handling of raw agricultural products sold as organic, retailers that are engaged in the production of products sold as organic, and retailers that are engaged in the processing (as defined by the NOP) of products sold as organic, shall register with the California State Organic Program. If the expected organic gross sales exceed $\$ 5,000$, certification is required.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

## Number of Certified Organic Producers (Annual Sales Less Than \$5,000), By County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | O6-II\% <br> CHANGE |
| Monterey | 14 | 23 | 23 | 14 | 13 | 22 | $\wedge$ |
| San Benito | 18 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 10 | 10 | $\wedge$ |
| San Luis Obispo | 29 | 32 | 33 | 32 | 37 | 37 | $27.6 \%$ |
| Santa Clara | 5 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 7 | $\wedge$ |
| Santa Cruz | $\mathbf{3 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 9}$ | $\mathbf{- 2 3 . 7 \%}$ |

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, State Organic Program, Inspection Compliance Branch. (2013). Personal correspondence with program representative.
Note: Every person engaged in the production or handling of raw agricultural products sold as organic, retailers that are engaged in the production of products sold as organic, and retailers that are engaged in the processing (as defined by the NOP) of products sold as organic, shall register with the California State Organic Program. If the expected organic gross sales exceed $\$ 5,000$, certification is required.
Note: Data presented in table are the most recent data available.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

Organic Farmland in Acres, Santa Cruz County


Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, State Organic Program, Inspection Compliance Branch. (2013). Personal correspondence with program representative.

## Total Organic Farm Gross Sales (In Millions), By County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\| I$ | 2012 | CHANGE |
| Monterey | $\$ 111,676.0$ | $\$ 99,120.4$ | $\$ 129,058.4$ | $\$ 127,602.2$ | $\$ 157,699.0$ | $\$ 150,280.5$ | $\$ 190,840.5$ | $70.9 \%$ |
| San Benito | $\$ 36,457.9$ | $\$ 37,118.4$ | $\$ 41,517.2$ | $\$ 26,044.3$ | $\$ 39,276.6$ | $\$ 50,939.1$ | $\$ 92,414.9$ | $153.5 \%$ |
| San Luis Obispo | $\$ 4,735.6$ | $\$ 10,877.6$ | $\$ 25,804.3$ | $\$ 20,898.2$ | $\$ 14,964.5$ | $\$ 15,914.2$ | $\$ 12,927.0$ | $173.0 \%$ |
| Santa Clara | $\$ 4,710.9$ | $\$ 3,822.5$ | $\$ 3,704.4$ | $\$ 9,321.4$ | $\$ 10,298.3$ | $\$ 18,049.7$ | $\$ 11,438.2$ | $142.8 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz | $\$ 25,613.6$ | $\$ 25,988.1$ | $\$ 43,694.8$ | $\$ 44,512.5$ | $\$ 54,065.2$ | $\$ 65,152.8$ | $\$ 99,836.7$ | $\mathbf{2 8 9 . 8} \%$ |

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, State Organic Program, Inspection Compliance Branch. (2014). Personal correspondence with program representative.

## PESTICIDE USE

Pesticide use and applications may be attributed to a variety of factors, including changes in planted acreage, crop plantings, pest pressures, and weather conditions. In addition, attempts at replacing toxic pesticides used at one pound per one acre with less hazardous pest management methods require the use of several pounds per acre. This can change the number of applications or amount of pounds used without indicating an increased reliance on pesticides.

Over the past 7 years, there was an overall $2 \%$ decrease in the use of pesticides in Santa Cruz County. There were 6.3 pounds of pesticides used per county resident in 2012.

## Pesticide Use, Pounds Applied, By County

|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O6-12 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Monterey | 8,209,012 | 8,680,918 | 7,893,327 | 7,788,548 | 8,727,883 | 8,592,403 | 9,214,278 | 12.2\% |
| San Mateo | 365,491 | 288,151 | 306,063 | 242,279 | 276,462 | 284,574 | 212,415 | -41.9\% |
| Santa Clara | 1,388,327 | 931,916 | 1,173,078 | 679,712 | 1,132,356 | 892,257 | 899,928 | -35.2\% |
| Santa Cruz | 1,722,369 | 1,843,886 | 1,653,785 | 1,585,810 | 1,030,787 | 1,682,416 | 1,693,000 | -1.7\% |
| California | 189,576,939 | 172,163,465 | 161,531,155 | 158,168,838 | 174,998,605 | 191,721,767 | 185,941,355 | -1.9\% |

Source: Department of Pesticide Regulation. (2014). Annual Pesticide Use Report. Sacramento, CA.
Note: These data do not include over-the-counter pesticide sales for home and business use.
Pesticide Use Per Acre (In Pounds), Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | O6-I2 NET <br> CHANGE |
| Pounds Per Resident | 6.0 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 3.8 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 0.3 |
| Pounds Per Acre | $\mathbf{6 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{- 0 . 1}$ |

Source: Department of Pesticide Regulation. (2013). 2006-2012 Annual pesticide use report.
California Department of Finance. (2013). Race/ethnic population with age and sex detail, Santa Cruz County, 2006-2012. U.S. Department of Commerce. (2013). U.S. Census Bureau, State and County QuickFacts.

Pesticide Use, Number of Applications, by County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | O6-12 \% |
|  | CHANGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## HEALTH OF COUNTY WATERWAYS

For more than 30 years, Santa Cruz County has been working to protect the region's water sources and has been collecting water samples from lagoons and creeks.

In determining the safety of creeks and lagoons in Santa Cruz County, tests are routinely performed across Santa Cruz County to measure E. coli and total coliform levels. The results are processed and then separated into three categories "acceptable", "caution," and "avoid body contact with water." Of the approximately 44 testing locations throughout the county, eight locations fell within the "avoid body contact with water" category due to high E. coli levels, while 11 fell within the same category due to high numbers of total coliforms.

## Santa Cruz County Creeks and Lagoons that Exceeded State and County Body Contact Standards for E. coli' Levels

| LOCATION | SAMPLE DATE |
| :---: | :---: |
| Schwan Lagoon @ Mouth | $9 / 29 / 14$ |
| Soquel Creek @ Flume Outlet | $9 / 29 / 14$ |
| Neary Lagoon @ Bay | $9 / 15 / 14$ |
| Two Bar Creek @ San Lorenzo | $9 / 4 / 14$ |
| Porter Gulch @ New Brighton | $9 / 29 / 14$ |
| San Lorenzo River @ Two Bar Creek | $9 / 4 / 14$ |
| Carbonera Creek @ Branciforte Creek | $9 / 8 / 14$ |
| San Lorenzo River @ Trestle | $9 / 30 / 14$ |

Source: Santa Cruz County Water Quality Reports. (October, 2014). http://gis.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/publicWaterQuality/.
${ }^{1}$ Please see Appendix II for definition of "E.coli."

## Santa Cruz County Creeks and Lagoons that Exceeded State and County Body

 Contact Standards for Total Coliform' Levels| LOCATION | SAMPLE DATE |
| :---: | :---: |
| San Lorenzo River @ Laurel St. | $9 / 30 / 14$ |
| Branciforte Creek @ San Lorenzo River | $9 / 8 / 14$ |
| Pajaro River @ Mouth | $9 / 9 / 14$ |
| Schwan Lagoon @ Mouth | $9 / 29 / 14$ |
| San Lorenzo River @ Trestle | $9 / 30 / 14$ |
| Corcoran Lake @ Mouth | $9 / 15 / 14$ |
| Woodrow Creek @ Mouth | $9 / 15 / 14$ |
| Scott Creek @ Mouth | $9 / 23 / 14$ |
| Waddell Creek @ Mouth | $9 / 23 / 14$ |
| Two Bar Creek @ San Lorenzo River | $9 / 4 / 14$ |
| Soquel Creek @ Flume | $9 / 29 / 14$ |

[^78] ${ }^{1}$ Please see Appendix II for definition of "Total Coliform."

## BEACH WARNINGS AND CLOSURES

A swim advisory is issued when there are elevated bacterial levels in the water and it is recommended that individuals not have contact with the water. Overall, Santa Cruz County has experienced an increase in the number of swim advisories from 2007 to 2013, for a total of 192 advisories in 2013. Santa Cruz County's most popular beaches, Capitola and Cowell Beach received the highest number of swim advisories in 2013. Santa Cruz County did not have any beach closures in 2013, marking the sixth consecutive year without closures.

Swim Advisories', Number of Days, Santa Cruz County


Source: Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Services, Water Resources Division. (2013). Personal correspondence with program representative.
Note: Advisories to not make contact with beach water are due to elevated bacterial levels.
Swim Advisories and Beach Closures, Number of Days, by Location

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 2007 \\ \text { ADVISORIES } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 \\ \text { ADVISORIES } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2009 \\ \text { ADVISORIES } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2010 \\ \text { ADVISORIES } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20 \\| \\ \text { ADVISORIES } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2012 \\ \text { ADVISORRES } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2013 \\ \text { ADVISORIES } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capitola Beach | 12 | 10 | 33 | 9 | 2 | 12 | 12 |
| Corcoran Beach | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cowell Beach | 31 | 67 | 172 | 132 | 117 | 120 | 180 |
| Davenport | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mitchell's Cove | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moran Lake Beach | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Natural Bridges | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Brighton Beach | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Rio del Mar Beach | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Santa Cruz Main | 22 | 44 | 15 | 1 | 31 | 1 | 0 |
| Seabright Beach | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Seacliff Beach | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Twin Lakes Beach | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Santa Cruz County Total Advisories | 76 | 131 | 220 | 142 | 154 | 134 | 192 |
| Santa Cruz County Total Closures | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Source: Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Services, Water Resources Division. (2013). Personal correspondence with program representative.
Note: Four waterflow deltas (San Lorenzo Rivermouth, Schwan Lagoon, Soquel Creek, and Aptos Creek) have permanent postings, and Neary Lagoon has a seasonal posting during winter.
Note: Closures are water contact prohibitions due to sewage spills.

## WATER POLLUTION REDUCTION

Over three-quarters (79\%) of 2013 CAP respondents said that they were taking steps to reduce water pollution at home or work by keeping paints and chemicals out of the storm drains, followed by $61 \%$ who washed their cars at car washes rather than on the street, and $55 \%$ who used less toxic fertilizers and pesticides.


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## WATER USE REDUCTION

Nearly three-quarters of 2013 CAP survey respondents reported taking steps to reduce household water consumption by installing a low-flow toilet (73\%) and 72\% reported installing a low-flow showerhead.

## Are you taking any of the following steps to reduce your household water

 consumption? - 2013

Overall n: 697 respondents offering 2,406 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.

F Are you taking any of the following steps to reduce your household water consumption? By Region - 2013


North County 2013 n: 253 offering 864 responses; South County 2013 n: 234 respondents offering 823 responses; SLV 2013 n: 212 respondents offering 722 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
*Significance testing: South County respondents were significantly more likely than North County and San Lorenzo Valley respondents to have installed a low-flow showerhead in order to reduce household water consumption in 2013.

## NON-AGRICULTURAL WATER USE

Securing an adequate supply of water in the state of California, which often faces seasonal droughts, is important.

When looking at average daily water usage by water district, Central (rural Aptos) used the most water at an average of 474 gallons per service connection in 2013, and San Lorenzo Valley used the least at 227 gallons per connection. Over the last seven years, Scotts Valley reported the greatest decrease in water usage (34\%), followed by Soquel Creek (20\%).

When looking at the number of residential service connections in the county by water district, there was an increase from 65,212 in 2007 to 66,316 connections in 2013. San Lorenzo Valley experienced the largest increase (23\%) in the number of service connections between 2007 and 2013, while Watsonville saw a decrease of $5 \%$ in connections.

Daily Water Usage per Connection in Gallons, by Water District

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-I3 \% <br> CHANGE |
| Central (Rural Aptos) $^{1}$ | 466 | 500 | 441 | 450 | 436 | 494 | 474 | $1.7 \%$ |
| San Lorenzo Valley | 225 | 252 | 233 | 218 | 213 | 227 | 227 | $0.9 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz $^{2}$ | 368 | 371 | 324 | 323 | 308 | 328 | 341 | $-7.3 \%$ |
| Scotts Valley | 369 | 355 | 321 | 297 | 333 | 276 | 243 | $-34.1 \%$ |
| Soquel Creek | 276 | 266 | 235 | 218 | 225 | 235 | 221 | $-19.9 \%$ |
| Watsonville | 422 | 414 | 388 | 368 | 414 | 378 | 431 | $2.1 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz County Total | 2,126 | 2,158 | 1,942 | 1,874 | 1,929 | 1,938 | 1,937 | $-8.9 \%$ |

Source: Santa Cruz County Planning Department. (2013). Central, San Lorenzo Valley, Soquel Creek, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville Water Districts, 2006-2012.
Note: Data for unincorporated areas are not available. SLV did not provide data for 2013 so we applied the previous year's total.
${ }^{1}$ The number of connections only includes residential service connections.
${ }^{2}$ The daily use figure for Santa Cruz includes all commercial, industrial, governmental and residential water usage. It includes the entire University of California, which is one metered account.

Number of Service Connections, by Water District

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OT-I3 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Central (Rural Aptos) ${ }^{1}$ | 726 | 785 | 784 | 787 | 812 | 812 | 814 | 12.1\% |
| San Lorenzo Valley | 5,998 | 7,322 ${ }^{2}$ | 7,305 | 7,308 | 7,315 | 7,345 | 7,345 | 22.5\% |
| Santa Cruz | 24,305 | 24,228 ${ }^{3}$ | 24,310 | 24,351 | 24,347 | 24,425 | 24,429 | 0.5\% |
| Scotts Valley | 3,580 | 3,582 | 3,582 | 3,592 | 3,565 | 3,903 | 3,335 ${ }^{5}$ | -6.8\% |
| Soquel Creek | 15,115 | 15,302 | 15,363 | 15,417 | 15,483 | 15,562 | 15,674 | 3.7\% |
| Watsonville | 15,488 | 15,795 | 15,979 | 15,595 | 14,564 | 14,617 | 14,719 | -5.0\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total ${ }^{4}$ | 65,212 | 67,014 | 67,323 | 67,050 | 66,116 | 66,664 | 66,316 | 1.7\% |

Source: Santa Cruz County Planning Department. (2014). Central, San Lorenzo Valley, Soquel Creek, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville Water Districts. Santa Cruz County, CA.
Note: Data for unincorporated areas are not available. SLV did not provide data for 2013 so we applied the previous year's total.
The number of connections only includes residential service connections.
${ }^{2}$ The large increase in service connections is due to the addition of Felton to the San Lorenzo Valley Water District.
${ }^{3}$ The slight decrease is due to a new billing system as of 2008 that counts temporary accounts in a different way.
${ }^{4}$ Total does not include unincorporated areas or Lompico Water District.
${ }^{5}$ For Scotts Valley Water District, prior years included the total of service connections, which included non-residential connections.

## AIR QUALITY

The Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD) is responsible for ensuring the air quality in Santa Cruz County as well as in neighboring Monterey and San Benito Counties. Residents may report a formal complaint to MBUAPCD if they have a concern about air contaminants in their neighborhood. In 2013, there were 126 air quality related neighborhood complaints in Santa Cruz County, up from 116 in 2007. Over the last seven years, the City of Santa Cruz had the highest number of air quality-related neighborhood complaints, and for the fourth consecutive year, the Ben Lomond/Felton/Boulder Creek area had the second highest number of complaints.

## Air Quality Related Neighborhood Complaints by Area

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aptos | 4 | 6 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 12 |
| Ben Lomond/ Felton/ | 13 | 3 | 9 | 14 | 33 | 32 | 29 |
| Boulder Creek | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Bonny Doon | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Capitola | 9 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Davenport | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Freedom/Corralitos | 66 | 54 | 63 | 61 | 52 | 25 | 40 |
| Santa Cruz | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 14 |
| Scotts Valley | 5 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 13 |
| Soquel | 9 | 12 | 8 | 11 | 20 | 6 | 11 |
| Watsonville | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{7 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 6}$ |  |
| Santa Cruz County Total | $\mathbf{1 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{9 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 9}$ |  |  |  |  |

Source: Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District. (2014). Unpublished data. Monterey, CA.
Note: An air-quality neighborhood complaint is a formal complaint concerning emissions of air contaminants such as smoke, dust, or odor.

## ROADWAY CONGESTION

Long commutes and increasing traffic can increase stress and affect the health of community members. ${ }^{41}$ More than half of all workers in Santa Cruz County (60\%) traveled less than 25 minutes to get to work in 2013. However, nearly 9\% spent one hour or more commuting.

There were 5.2 million daily vehicle miles traveled in the county in 2012. There were 105 million gallons of gas sold in the county in 2012, as compared to 147 million gallons in Monterey and 697 million gallons in Santa Clara County.

Commute Time to Work', Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | 2013 | OT-I3NET <br> CHANGE |
| $0-14$ minutes | $29.2 \%$ | $27.7 \%$ | $32.6 \%$ | $30.3 \%$ | $32.0 \%$ | $27.9 \%$ | $27.8 \%$ | -1.4 |
| $15-24$ minutes | $29.0 \%$ | $29.7 \%$ | $27.0 \%$ | $29.8 \%$ | $28.1 \%$ | $33.3 \%$ | $31.9 \%$ | 2.9 |
| $25-34$ minutes | $15.5 \%$ | $17.4 \%$ | $17.4 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ | $13.4 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ | -0.1 |
| $35-59$ minutes | $16.1 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ | $16.5 \%$ | $14.2 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ | $16.4 \%$ | 0.3 |
| 60 minutes or more | $10.3 \%$ | $10.5 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ | $8.6 \%$ | $9.8 \%$ | $9.7 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ | -1.8 |
| Total Respondents | $\mathbf{1 1 5 , 8 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 9 , 3 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 9 , 0 9 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 7 , 5 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 7 , 3 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 1 , 1 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 7 , 7 8 3}$ | - |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2014). 2007-2013 American Community Survey, Travel Time to Work.
${ }^{1}$ Of workers 16 and older who do not work at home.
Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled', Santa Cruz County


Source: California Department of Transportation. (2013). California Public Road Data. Sacramento, CA.
${ }^{1}$ Of workers 16 and older who do not work at home.
Note: Cal Trans calculates Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by multiplying the length of each given road segment by its traffic volume in a day.

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## Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled'

|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O6-12 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capitola | 146,170 | 146,170 | 146,170 | 146,170 | 146,170 | 146,160 | 135,500 | -7.3\% |
| Santa Cruz | 588,450 | 566,070 | 566,070 | 566,070 | 566,070 | 566,060 | 589,210 | 0.1\% |
| Scotts Valley | 124,610 | 124,610 | 124,610 | 136,140 | 136,140 | 136,140 | 133,890 | 7.4\% |
| Watsonville | 361,010 | 360,500 | 360,500 | 368,170 | 368,170 | 369,910 | 357,090 | -1.1\% |
| County- Unincorporated | 1,396,210 | 1,396,220 | 1,393,830 | 1,394,100 | 1,394,100 | 1,394,100 | 1,322,530 | -5.3\% |
| State Highways | 2,882,050 | 2,790,240 | 2,719,320 | 2,648,750 | 3,788,310 | 2,305,710 | 2,667,510 | -7.4\% |
| State Parks \& Recreation | 10,930 | 10,930 | 10,930 | 10,930 | 10,930 | 10,930 | 10,930 | 0.0\% |
| University of California | 33,860 | 33,880 | 32,640 | 32,450 | 32,450 | 32,450 | 32,450 | -4.2\% |
| Santa Cruz County Total ${ }^{2}$ | 5,543,290 | 5,428,620 | 5,354,070 | 5,302,780 | 6,442,350 | 4,961,460 | 5,249,110 | -5.3\% |

Source: California Department of Transportation. (2013). California Public Road Data. Sacramento, CA.
${ }^{1}$ Of workers 16 and older who do not work at home.
Note: Total includes U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

## Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled, Local County Comparison

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $06-12 \%$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | CHANGE |
| Monterey | $9,913,340$ | $10,008,840$ | $9,778,090$ | $9,984,640$ | $10,241,360$ | $10,199,300$ | $10,156,280$ | $2.5 \%$ |
| San Benito | $1,483,230$ | $1,394,030$ | $1,387,040$ | $1,375,760$ | $1,839,140$ | $1,346,150$ | $1,404,770$ | $-5.3 \%$ |
| San Mateo | $18,269,140$ | $18,343,970$ | $17,820,530$ | $17,632,700$ | $17,400,430$ | $19,342,190$ | $19,342,190$ | $5.9 \%$ |
| Santa Clara | $42,180,970$ | $41,859,820$ | $41,160,710$ | $40,695,560$ | $39,402,370$ | $41,250,490$ | $41,478,310$ | $\mathbf{- 1 . 7 \%}$ |
| Santa Cruz | $\mathbf{5 , 5 4 3 , 4 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 4 2 8 , 7 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 3 5 4 , 0 8 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 3 0 2 , 7 8 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 4 4 2 , 3 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 9 6 1 , 4 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 2 4 9 , 1 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{- 5 . 3} \%$ |
| Per Capita Miles Travelled <br> Santa Cruz County | $\mathbf{4 5 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 3 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 2 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 5 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{5 6 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 1 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{- 9 . 0 \%}$ |

Source: California Department of Transportation. (2013). California Public Road Data. Sacramento, CA.
U.S. Census Bureau. (2014). Table B08303: Travel time to work. American Community Survey, 2006-2012 1-year estimates.

## Retail Fuel Stations, Santa Cruz County



Source: California Energy Commission. (2014). Retail fuel stations: Survey responses and estimated totals by county. Sacramento, CA.
Note: 2012 data are not directly comparable to other years since an improved methodology is used, but is within $5 \%$ compared to the previous methodology.

Retail Gasoline Sales (Millions of Gallons), Local County Comparison

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | O8-12 \% |
| CHANGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: California Energy Commission. (2014). Retail fuel stations: Survey responses and estimated totals by county. Sacramento, CA.
Note: 2012 data are not directly comparable to other years since an improved methodology is used, but is within $5 \%$ compared to the previous methodology.
$\wedge$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20 , as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.
Retail Diesel Sales (Millions of Gallons), Local County Comparison

|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | O8-12 \% <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Monterey | 26 | 25 | 23 | 26 | 30 | $15.4 \%$ |
| San Mateo | 12 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 10 | $\wedge$ |
| Santa Clara | 31 | 27 | 26 | 28 | 32 | $3.2 \%$ |
| Santa Cruz | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\wedge$ |

Source: California Energy Commission. (2013). 2008-2011 Retail Diesel Sales by County.
Note: Data for San Benito County are not presented as they are included within "Other Counties." The total for "Other Counties" is equal to or less than 3 million gallons between the five counties included in that group.
Note: Non-retail diesel sales, which comprise approximately $56 \%$ of all diesel sales, are not reported in this table.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

## ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

The number of trips taken by bus in the county has decreased by $4 \%$ from 5.7 million trips in 2007 to around 5.5 million trips in 2013. The biggest increase in bus trips occurred with the Highway 17 Express Bus, while Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District saw a decrease of over 6\% over that same period. The number of trips taken using the Highway 17 Express Bus increased by 42\%, from 249,844 trips in 2007 to 354,058 trips in 2013.

The number of bikeway miles in the county has increased by $9 \%$ from 199 bikeway miles in 2007 to 217 bikeway miles in 2013.

When looking at how people 16 years and older commuted to work between 2007 and 2013, there were increases in the number of people who drove alone (5\%), who worked at home (13\%), and walked (1\%), but decreases in the number of people who took public transportation (53\%), and people that carpooled (27\%).

When 2013 CAP survey respondents were asked about their use of alternative transportation, differences emerged especially between Latino and White respondents. Fifty-one percent of Latino respondents reported walking, as compared to $40 \%$ of White respondents in 2013. Similarly, 32\% of Latino respondents reported taking buses, as compared to $23 \%$ of Whites.

## Annual Transit Ridership

|  | $\begin{gathered} F Y \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} F Y \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} F Y \\ 2009 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY } \\ & 20 I I \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} F Y \\ 2012 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY } \\ 2013 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-13 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) | 5,360,699 | 5,522,943 | 5,708,338 | 5,449,056 | 5,446,104 | 5,034,169 | 5,015,612 | -6.4\% |
| Hwy 17 Express Bus | 249,844 | 270,044 | 318,582 | 301,104 | 330,340 | 339,048 | 354,058 | 41.7\% |
| Paracruz (Paratransit) | 84,610 | 87,713 | 93,279 | 94,074 | 94,510 | 92,325 | 90,492 | 7.0\% |
| Total Ridership ${ }^{1}$ | 5,695,153 | 5,880,700 | 6,120,199 | 5,844,234 | 5,870,954 | 5,465,542 | 5,460,162 | -4.1\% |

Source: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District. (2014). Personal correspondence with program representative.
Note: Ridership refers to the number of trips taken in a specified time frame. There are currently no data available on the number of people who commute to work using carpool services or bicycles.

Bikeway Miles

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 | 2013 | O7-13 \% |
| CHANGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission. (2014). Personal correspondence with program representative. Note: Totals are for bike paths (Class I bikeway) and bike lanes (Class II bikeway). Bike paths are counted as centerline miles and include one-way paths. Bike lanes are counted as directional miles.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.
Commuting to Work, by Mode of Transportation, Santa Cruz County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | O7-13 \% <br> CHANGE |
| Car, Truck, or Van - Drove <br> Alone | 85,336 | 90,870 | 84,900 | 80,999 | 90,388 | 91,660 | 89,608 | $5.0 \%$ |
| Car, Truck, or Van - <br> Carpooled | 16,120 | 13,368 | 11,670 | 11,659 | 12,235 | 12,299 | 11,747 | $-27.1 \%$ |
| Public Transportation <br> (Excluding Taxicab) | 5,272 | 3,174 | 3,532 | 3,245 | 3,739 | 3,535 | 2,488 | $-52.8 \%$ |
| Walked | 5,025 | 5,956 | 4,993 | 5,658 | 4,625 | 5,991 | 5,070 | $0.9 \%$ |
| Worked at Home | 8,045 | 7,501 | 6,964 | 6,783 | 8,499 | 9,664 | 9,080 | $12.9 \%$ |
| Other Means ${ }^{1}$ | 4,137 | 5,941 | 4,002 | 6,029 | 6,369 | 7,625 | 8,870 | $114.4 \%$ |
| Workers 16 Years \& Over | 123,935 | 126,810 | 116,061 | 114,373 | 125,855 | 130,774 | 126,863 | $2.4 \%$ |
| Mean Travel Time to Work <br> (in Minutes) | 26.9 | 26.6 | 25.2 | 25.3 | 25.4 | 25.7 | 25.7 | - |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2014). American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates, Selected Economic Characteristics, Table DP03, 2007-2013.
${ }^{1}$ Other means includes: taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle, or other means not listed.

How often do you use alternative forms of transportation - carpooling, bus, bicycle, etc. - rather than driving alone?

|  | $20 \\|$ | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Never | $\mathbf{3 7 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 1 . 6 \%}$ |
| White | $41.5 \%$ | $42.5 \%$ |
| Latino | $25.7 \%$ | $36.3 \%$ |
| Every day | $\mathbf{1 3 . 3} \%$ | $13.6 \%$ |
| White | $11.6 \%$ | $13.0 \%$ |
| Latino | $17.4 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ |
| At least once a week, but | $\mathbf{2 3 . 0} \%$ | $22.0 \%$ |
| not every day | $20.4 \%$ | $20.9 \%^{*}$ |
| White | $33.0 \%$ | $28.6 \% *$ |
| Latino | $\mathbf{1 6 . 3} \%$ | $\mathbf{1 4 . 1 \%}$ |
| A couple times a month | $15.0 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ |
| White | $20.3 \%$ | $14.9 \%$ |
| Latino | $\mathbf{9 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 7 \%}$ |
| A couple times a year | $10.7 \%$ | $10.0 \%{ }^{*}$ |
| White | $3.6 \%$ | $4.6 \%{ }^{*}$ |
| Latino |  |  |

2013 n: Overall n: 706; White n: 496; Latino n: 157.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2011). 2011-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. *Significance testing: White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to use alternative forms of transportation a couple times a year in 2013. Latino respondents were significantly more likely than White respondents to use alternative forms of transportation at least once a week, but not every day in 2013.

What types of alternative forms of transportation do you use? - 2013


2013 Overall n: 404 respondents offering 603 responses; White $n$ : 281 respondents offering 418 responses; Latino n: 100 respondents offering 154 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

How does your child (children) usually get to school? - 2013


Overall n: 189 respondents offering 227 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
How does your child (children) usually get to school? - 2013


North County n: 63 offering 78 responses; South County n: 76 respondents offering 93 responses; SLV n: 44 respondents offering 46 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

Thich of the following would encourage your child (children) to walk or bike to school more frequently? - 2013

|  | PERCENT |
| :---: | :---: |
| Living closer to school | 63.6\% |
| North County | 54.9\% |
| South County | 73.0\% |
| SLV | 64.4\% |
| Increased feeling of safety from crime | 28.5\% |
| North County | 27.1\% |
| South County | 34.2\% |
| SLV | 9.8\% |
| Sidewalk or street improvements for safety | 25.3\% |
| North County | 20.5\% |
| South County | 27.0\% |
| SLV | 40.8\% |
| Traffic crossing guards on duty | 19.0\% |
| North County | 14.2\% |
| South County | 27.3\% |
| SLV | 4.7\% |
| Slower traffic speeds on streets | 18.1\% |
| North County | 8.8\% |
| South County | 29.6\% |
| SLV | 11.7\% |
| Change in attitude, so that it's a cool thing to do | 10.3\% |
| North County | 7.7\% |
| South County | 14.8\% |
| SLV | 3.1\% |
| Other | 4.3\% |
| North County | 4.5\% |
| South County | 3.6\% |
| SLV | 5.9\% |

Overall n: 155 respondents offering 263 responses; North County n: 54 offering 75 responses; South County n: 60 respondents offering 127 responses; SLV n: 34 respondents offering 48 responses.
Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.

## WASTE REDUCTION

Waste diversion directs garbage away from landfills and incinerators through recycle, reuse, and composting programs. Over the past 6 years, all regions in Santa Cruz County had lower waste diversion rates resulting in less garbage being diverted to recycling, reuse, and composting programs. The City of Santa Cruz saw the biggest decrease in their waste diversion rate from 5.3 pounds per person per day in 2007 to 4.1 in 2012.

Total Annual Tons of Waste Disposal

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O7-13 \% } \\ & \text { CHANGE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capitola | 8,397 | 7,900 | 7,701 | 8,083 | 8,049 | 7,881 | 7,790 | -7.2 |
| Santa Cruz | 55,926 | 53,538 | 54,325 | 47,129 | 49,702 | 46,379 | 49,671 | -11.2 |
| Scotts Valley | 8,003 | 5,138 | 6,980 | 7,966 | 8,127 | 7,846 | 8,435 | 5.4 |
| Watsonville | 40,114 | 32,754 | 33,566 | 37,287 | 35,720 | 33,623 | 34,490 | -14.0 |
| Unincorporated Areas | 94,531 | 86,974 | 65,769 | 69,076 | 63,286 | 67,850 | 61,428 | -35.0 |
| Santa Cruz County Total | 206,972 | 186,304 | 168,342 | 169,540 | 164,883 | 163,579 | 161,814 | -21.8 |

Source: California Integrated Waste Management Board. (2014). Jurisdiction diversion/disposal rate detail.
Note: Annual tons of waste disposal by jurisdiction are rounded to the nearest ton.
Estimated Pounds of Waste Generated per Resident, per Day (Per Capita Disposal)

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | $20 \\|$ | 2012 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capitola | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Santa Cruz | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.1 |
| Scotts Valley | 3.8 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 2.8 |
| Watsonville | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| Unincorporated Areas | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.6 |

Source: California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). (2014). Jurisdiction diversion/disposal rate summary, 20072012, by jurisdiction.

Residential Waste Diversion Rate (Pounds Per Person Per Day), by Region

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capitola | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Santa Cruz | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.1 |
| Scotts Valley | 3.8 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| Watsonville | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| Unincorporated Areas | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.8 |

Source: California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). (2014). Countywide, Regionwide and Statewide Jurisdiction Diversion/ Disposal Progress Report. Sacramento, CA.


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## APPENDIX I: METHODOLOGY

## Quality of Life Indicators

The CAP community assessment model relies on clearly defined indicators in order to understand concepts or systems within the community which may be too large or complex to understand and discuss. As an example, we might ask ourselves, "Do people have adequate access to health care?" Increasing use of the emergency room for non-emergency purposes could be an indicator that they do not.

For the purposes of this project, special groups known as Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) developed the original list of quality-of-life indicators. These committees were represented by a rich mixture of professionals, advocates, and community volunteers, all of whom were experts in the respective areas under review. The TACs used special criteria to develop the quality of life indicators used for this project. These criteria stipulated that indicators need to be understandable to the general user and the public, responsive to change, relevant for policy decisions, and updated regularly.

Each year the CAP Steering Committee reviews the list of indicators to keep up with changes within our community.

## Primary Data

## Indicator Selection

Measures of community progress depend upon consistent, reliable, and scientifically accurate sources of data. One of the types of data gathered for this project is primary data. The only primary data are from a telephone survey of a sample of Santa Cruz County residents. There is much to be learned from people's perceptions of their community, especially when those perceptions contradict the empirical evidence about its conditions.

In order to capture and understand the diverse perspectives of community members, Applied Survey Research conducts a telephone survey, in both English and Spanish, with over 700 randomly selected county residents. The intent of the survey is to measure the opinions, attitudes, desires, and needs of a demographically representative sample of the county's residents. Respondents are asked questions with confined options in addition to open-ended questions. The survey was conducted annually between 1995 and 2005, and biennially since 2005.

## Sample Selection and Data Weighting

In 2013, 713 surveys were completed with county residents. Telephone contacts were attempted with a random sample of residents 18 years or older in Santa Cruz County. Potential respondents were selected based on phone number prefixes, and quota sampling was employed to obtain the desired geographic distribution of respondents across North County, South County, and the San Lorenzo Valley. In 2013, quotas were also set for Latino respondents in order to increase the number of Latino survey respondents. In order to address the increasing number of households without landline telephone service, the sample included wireless-only and wireless/land-line random digit dial prefixes in Santa Cruz County. All cell phone numbers were dialed manually (by hand) to comply with Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) rules. Respondents were screened for geography, as cell phones are not necessarily located where the number came from originally.

As previously mentioned, quotas were used with respect to respondents' location of residence. The quotas were designed to obtain sufficient samples to allow generalization to the overall population within each of the three designated geographic areas (North County, South County, and the San Lorenzo Valley). This method of sampling necessitated an over-sample of the San Lorenzo Valley due to its small size in relation to the rest of the county. The over-sampling of San Lorenzo Valley allowed for reliable comparisons with
the other two regions (North County and South County). In total 713 surveys were completed, 260 in North County, 239 in South County, and 214 in San Lorenzo Valley.

Data from the 2013 survey were "weighted" along several demographic dimensions prior to data analysis. Data weighting is a procedure that adjusts for discrepancies between demographic proportions within a sample and the population from which the sample was drawn. For example, within the 2013 survey, the sample was $64 \%$ female and $36 \%$ male, whereas the population in Santa Cruz County is very near to evenly split between the two genders. When the data are weighted to adjust for the over-sampling of females, answers given by each female respondent are weighted slightly downward, and answers given by each male respondent are weighted slightly upward, thus compensating for the disproportionate sampling.

The survey data for 2013 were simultaneously weighted along the following demographic characteristics: gender, ethnicity, and geographic location. Weighting for both ethnicity and gender was performed to be region-specific, based on 2000 Census data, in order to account for differences across the three regions of Santa Cruz County. The weighted data were used in the generation of the overall frequency tables, and all of the cross-tabulations, with the exception of the regional cross-tabulations. For the regional crosstabulations, the regional weights were dropped so that the San Lorenzo Valley oversample could be utilized.

There are important characteristics of weighted data that need to be mentioned. Within a weighted data set, the weights of each person's responses are determined by that individual's characteristics along the weighted dimensions (gender, ethnicity, geographic location). Thus, different respondents will have different weights attributed to their responses, based on each person's intersection along the three weighted demographic dimensions.

## Sample Representativeness

A sample size of 713 residents provides $95 \%$ confidence that the opinions of survey respondents do not differ from those of the general population of Santa Cruz County by more than +/- 3.7\%. This "margin of error" is useful in assessing how likely it is that the responses observed in the sample would be found in the population of all residents in Santa Cruz County if every resident were to be polled. For example, within the 2013 sample, $80.3 \%$ of survey respondents indicated that they had health insurance. Therefore, we are $95 \%$ confident that across all residents of Santa Cruz County the percentage of people who have health insurance is between $76.6 \%$ and $84.0 \%$ ( $80.3 \%+/-3.7 \%$ ).

It is important to note that the margin of error is increased as the sample size is reduced. This becomes relevant when focusing on particular breakdowns or subpopulations in which the overall sample is broken down into smaller groups. In these instances, the margin of error will be larger than the initially stated interval of $3.7 \%$.

It should be understood that all surveys have subtle and inherent biases. ASR has worked diligently with the CAP Steering Committee to reduce risks of bias and to eliminate identifiable biases. One remaining bias in this study appears in the area of respondent self-selection; the capturing of opinions only of those willing to contribute approximately 20 minutes of their time to participate in this community survey.

## Data Analysis

Significance testing on the overall 2013 data was performed using proportion $Z$ testing to determine whether differences observed within the 2013 data would be likely to be expected across the population of the entire county. In charts illustrating survey results, an asterisk indicates when statistically significant differences were found between survey subpopulations.

## Data Presentation

Demographic breakdowns of survey results are presented on the web, as downloadable PDFs, rather than in the report. The overall results remain in the report, and demographic comparisons on key indicators appear throughout the document. Question-by-question cross-tabulations for ethnicity, region, age, gender and income are available on the Applied Survey Research Website at: www.appliedsurveyresearch.org.

## Secondary Data

Secondary (pre-existing) data were collected from a variety of sources, including but not limited to, the U.S. Census Bureau; federal, state, and local government agencies; health care institutions; and computerized sources through online databases and the Internet. Whenever possible, multiple years of data were collected to present trends. State level data were also collected for comparison to local data.

## California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)

The CHIS is the largest health survey of its kind in the nation as well as the largest telephone survey in California. The survey is conducted every other year starting in 2003. The data are released two years after the surveys are completed. The major areas covered in the survey include health-related behaviors, health insurance coverage, health status and conditions, and access to health care services. To ensure diverse populations were included in the survey, telephone interviews were conducted in six languages: English, Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese dialects), Vietnamese, Korean, and Khmer (Cambodian).

## California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)

The CHKS is a comprehensive youth self-reported data collection system that provides essential and reliable health risk assessment and resilience information to schools, school districts, and communities. It is developed and conducted by a multidisciplinary team of expert researchers, evaluators, and health and prevention practitioners. The Santa Cruz County CHKS is conducted bi-annually at all public schools throughout the county.

## American Community Survey (ACS)

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing survey that provides data every year giving communities the current information they need to plan investments and services. It uses a series of monthly samples to produce annually updated data for small areas (census tracts and block groups) formerly surveyed via the decennial census long-form sample. For more information: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/methodology/methodology_main/.

## Data Proofing

Data in the report underwent extensive proofing to ensure accuracy. The data proofing protocol is a multistep process that thoroughly checks text, numbers, and formatting in the narrative, tables, and charts. The process requires each piece of data to be proofed at least three times using an adapted Responsibility Assignment Matrix.

## APPENDIX II: DEFINITIONS

## Demographics

Family: refers to a group of two people or more (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such people (including related subfamily members) are considered as members of one family. Beginning with the 1980 Current Population Survey, unrelated subfamilies (referred to in the past as secondary families) are no longer included in the count of families, nor are the members of unrelated subfamilies included in the count of family members. The number of families is equal to the number of family households; however, the count of family members differs from the count of family household members because family household members include any non-relatives living in the household.

Householder: refers to the person (or one of the people) in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented (maintained) or, if there is no such person, any adult member, excluding roomers, boarders, or paid employees. If the house is owned or rented jointly by a married couple, the householder may be either spouse. The person designated as the householder is the "reference person" to whom the relationship of all other household members, if any, is recorded. The number of householders is equal to the number of households and includes those households with one single individual. The number of family householders is equal to the number of families.

## Economy

Median Family Income: divides the income distribution into two equal groups, with half of local families having incomes greater than the median and half having incomes less than the median. The median family income is the sum of monetary income received in the previous calendar year by all household members 15 years old and over, including household members not related to the householder. HUD estimates of median family income are based on 2009 ACS data. ACS data estimates are updated with national consumer price index data and trended at 3\% per year from December of the base year (2009). Separate median family income estimates (MFIs) are calculated for all Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas (PMSAs) and nonmetropolitan counties (including Santa Cruz County).

Median household income: similar to the median family income, the median household income divides the population into two equal groups with half of household incomes above and half below. However, the median household income includes all households, including family households, non-family households and households of single individuals.

## Education

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE): an exam that helps identify students who are not developing skills that are essential for life after high school and encourages districts to give these students the attention and resources needed to help them achieve these skills during their high schools years. Beginning with the class of 2006, all public high school students are required to pass the exam to earn a high school diploma.

COHORT: is the group of students that could potentially graduate during a four-year time period (grade 9 through grade 12). This cohort is then "adjusted" by adding students who transfer in to the cohort and subtracting the students who transferred to another school that offers a high school diploma, emigrated to another county, or died during the years covered by the cohort rate. Students who drop out during the fouryear period remain in the adjusted cohort, as well as students who complete 12th grade and exit the educational system without graduating. Students who take longer than four years to graduate or remain enrolled after four years are also included as part of the cohort.

College Preparation Courses: high school courses in which the student has received a minimum grade of "C" or better that are accepted by the University of California and the California State University system as meeting their minimum admission standards. This includes 2 years of History/Social Science, 4 years of English, 3 years of mathematics, 2 years of laboratory science, 2 years of a foreign language, and 2 years of college preparatory elective courses.

English Learner (EL): students, formerly known as Limited-English-Proficient (LEP) students, are those students for whom there is a report of a primary language other than English on the state-approved Home Language Survey and who, on the basis of the state approved oral language (grades K-12) assessment procedures and including literacy (grades 3-12 only), have been determined to lack the clearly defined English language skills of listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing necessary to succeed in the school's regular instructional programs.

SAT: a national college admissions test. It tests students' knowledge of subjects that are necessary for college success: reading, writing, and mathematics. It is typically taken by high school juniors and seniors. In 2005 a writing section was added to the existing verbal and mathematics section, raising the total possible score to 2400 . Each section of the SAT is scored on a scale of 200-800, with two writing subscores for multiple-choice questions and the essay.

## Health

Healthy People 2020 Objectives: a set of health objectives for the nation to achieve over the second decade of the new century. They can be used by many different people, states, communities, professional organizations and others to help develop programs to improve health. Healthy People 2020 identifies nearly 600 objectives with 1,200 measures to improve the health of all Americans. To determine the success of Healthy People, it is important to track and measure progress over time. Healthy People relies on data sources derived from: a national census of events (like the National Vital Statistics System) and nationally representative sample surveys (like the National Health Interview Survey).

Required Immunizations: the immunizations required for entry into California child care centers are: at least four doses of the Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTP) vaccine; at least three doses of the Polio vaccine; at least one dose of the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine; at least one dose of the Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib) vaccine; at least three doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine; and at least one dose of the Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine or physician documentation of having had chickenpox. Entry into California kindergartens requires these immunizations: at least four doses of the Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTP) vaccine; at least three doses of the Polio vaccine; at least one dose of the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine; at least three doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine; and at least one dose of the Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine or physician documentation of having had the chickenpox. Exceptions to these requirements include permanent medical exemptions and personal belief exemptions.

## Public Safety

Aggravated Assault: an unlawful attack or attempted attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

ARSON: any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

BURGLARY: the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.
Caretaker Absence or Incapacity: [With regard to child abuse] the absence of a child's caretaker due to hospitalization, incarceration or death; incapacity of the caretaker to provide adequate care for the child due to physical or emotional illness, disabling condition, or compulsive use of alcohol or narcotics.

Emotional Abuse: [With regard to child abuse] non-physical mistreatment, the results of which may be characterized by disturbed behavior on the part of the child such as severe withdrawal, bizarre behavior, hyperactivity, or dangerous behavior. Such behavior, in and of itself, is not deemed to be evidence of emotional abuse. Emotional abuse includes, but is not limited to: willfully causing or permitting any child to suffer, inflicting mental suffering, or endangering a child's emotional well-being.

Exploitation: [With regard to child abuse] the act of forcing or coercing a child into performing activities for the benefit of the caretaker which are beyond the child's capabilities or which are illegal or degrading. This term also includes sexual exploitation.

General Neglect: [With regard to child abuse] the negligent failure of a child's caretaker to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or supervision where no physical injury to the child has occurred.

Homicide: the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Murder and non-negligent manslaughter are included in this definition.

LARCENY: the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession of another (except embezzlement, fraud, forgery, and worthless checks).

Motor Vehicle Theft: the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.
Physical Abuse: [With regard to child abuse] a bodily injury which has been or is being inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by the child's caretaker. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to: willful cruelty, unjustifiable punishment, or corporal punishment/injury to a child.

RAPE: the carnal knowledge of a male or female forcibly and against his/her will.
Robbery: the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the custody, care, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by creating fear in the victim.

Severe Neglect: [With regard to child abuse] the negligent failure of a caretaker to protect a child from severe malnutrition, or medically diagnosed non-organic failure to thrive. Severe neglect also includes situations where a caretaker willingly causes or allows the child to be placed in a situation where his/her health is endangered. This includes, but is not limited to: intentional failure to provide necessary medical care, adequate food, clothing, or shelter.

Sexual Abuse: [With regard to child abuse] the victimization of a child through sexual activities. These activities include, but are not limited to: molestation, indecent exposure, fondling, rape, and incest.

## Social Environment

AUTISM: [With regard to students with disabilities] a developmental disability significantly affecting verbal and non-verbal communication and social interaction, generally evident before age three, that adversely affects educational performance.

Chronically Homeless: defined by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an unaccompanied homeless person with a disabling condition who has been homeless for at least one year or 4 times within the past 3 years.

Emotional Disturbance: [With regard to students with disabilities] a condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree, which adversely affects educational performance: a) an inability to learn which cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory, or health factors; b) an inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships with peers and teachers; c) inappropriate types of behavior or feeling under normal circumstances; d) a general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression; or e) a tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated
with personal or school problems. The term includes children who are schizophrenic. The term does not include children who are socially maladjusted, unless it is determined that they exhibit one or more of the characteristics listed above.

Hard of Hearing: [With regard to students with disabilities] a hearing impairment, whether permanent or fluctuating, which adversely affects a child's educational performance but which is not included under the definition of "deafness" in this section.

Hate Crime: any crime motivated by the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability.

Homeless Assistance: assistance available to CalWORKs eligible families to meet the reasonable costs of securing permanent housing, and for temporary shelter while seeking permanent housing. Families must meet the definition of homelessness, and assistance is restricted to once in a lifetime with few exceptions.

The McKinney-Vento Act: was the first significant federal response to homelessness and provides federal monies for homeless programming and shelter services. The McKinney-Vento act defines homelessness as:

1) An individual who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, and
2) An individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is:
a) a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill);
b) an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
c) a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
Mental Disability: a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more that made it difficult to learn, remember, or concentrate.

Mental Retardation: [With regard to students with disabilities] significantly sub-average general intellectual function existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior, and manifested during the developmental period, which adversely affects a child's educational performance.

Orthopedic Impairment: [With regard to students with disabilities] a severe orthopedic impairment, which adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term includes impairments caused by congenital anomaly (e.g., clubfoot, absence of some member, etc.), impairments caused by disease (e.g., poliomyelitis, bone tuberculosis, etc.), and impairments from other causes (e.g., cerebral palsy, amputations, and fractures or burns which cause contractures).

Other Heath Impairment: [With regard to students with disabilities] having limited strength, vitality or alertness, due to chronic or acute health problems such as a heart condition, tuberculosis, rheumatic fever, nephritis, asthma, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia, epilepsy, lead poisoning, leukemia, or diabetes, which adversely affects a child's educational performance.

Specific Learning Disability: [With regard to students with disabilities] a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which may manifest itself in an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations. The term includes such conditions as perceptual handicaps, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. The term does not include children who have leaning
problems that are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor handicaps, of mental retardation, of emotional disturbance or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage.

Speech or Language Impairment: [With regard to students with disabilities] a communication disorder such as stuttering, impaired articulation, language impairment, or a voice impairment, which adversely affects a child's educational performance.

Visual Impairment: [With regard to students with disabilities] a visual impairment that, even with correction, adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term includes both partially seeing and blind children.

## Natural Environment

E. Coll: is found in animal feces and makes its way into our lakes and ponds through rainwater runoff. People who ingest E. coli or related bacteria by swallowing water can experience stomach cramps and diarrhea. Many public swimming areas are monitored for E . coli, and beaches are closed if the number of E. coli colonies is too high.

Total Coliform: are a commonly used bacterial indicator of sanitary quality of water. Coliforms are easy to culture and their presence is atypically indicative that other pathogenic organisms may be present.

Land Trust: local organization working with private parties and public agencies to permanently protect land through purchase and/or donation.

Open Space Easement: restrict the use of privately owned property to a particular use (generally, undeveloped) under the Open Space Easement Act of 1974. Property owners receive a property tax reduction as an incentive to preserve their property in an undeveloped condition. The Williamson Act of 1965 offered property tax reductions to private landowners contracting to preserve farmland. Each year, the county is reimbursed by the state for a portion of the tax revenue lost through Williamson Act and Open Space Easement contracts.

## APPENDIX III: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY TELEPHONE SURVEY RESULTS, 2013

1. Which of the following areas do you live in or live closest to?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| City of Santa Cruz | 152 | $21.3 \%$ |
| City of Watsonville | 104 | $14.6 \%$ |
| Aptos | 86 | $12.1 \%$ |
| San Lorenzo | 79 | $11.0 \%$ |
| Valley | 70 | $9.8 \%$ |
| Capitola | 47 | $6.6 \%$ |
| Live Oak | 47 | $6.6 \%$ |
| Scotts Valley | 35 | $5.0 \%$ |
| Corralitos | 30 | $4.2 \%$ |
| Freedom | 23 | $3.3 \%$ |
| Soquel | 13 | $1.8 \%$ |
| Davenport/Bonny | 8 | $1.1 \%$ |
| Doon | 6 | $0.8 \%$ |
| La Selva | 5 | $0.7 \%$ |
| Felton | 5 | $0.7 \%$ |
| Boulder Creek | 2 | $0.3 \%$ |
| Ben Lomond | 1 | $0.1 \%$ |
| Pajaro | 713 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Brookdale |  |  |
| Total |  |  |

2. What is your zip code?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 95076 | 161 | $22.6 \%$ |
| 95060 | 105 | $14.7 \%$ |
| 95003 | 86 | $12.1 \%$ |
| 95062 | 84 | $11.8 \%$ |
| 95010 | 70 | $9.8 \%$ |
| 95066 | 45 | $6.3 \%$ |
| 95018 | 35 | $5.0 \%$ |
| 95006 | 34 | $4.7 \%$ |
| 95005 | 24 | $3.4 \%$ |
| 95073 | 22 | $3.1 \%$ |
| 95019 | 16 | $2.2 \%$ |
| 95017 | 13 | $1.8 \%$ |
| 95065 | 12 | $1.7 \%$ |
| 95077 | 2 | $0.3 \%$ |
| 95007 | 1 | $0.1 \%$ |
| 95041 | 1 | $0.2 \%$ |
| Total | 712 | $100.0 \%$ |

3. Are you a parent or guardian of a child (or children) under the age of 18 ?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 204 | $28.7 \%$ |
| No | 507 | $71.3 \%$ |
| Total | 711 | $100.0 \%$ |

4a. How many children do you have in the following age groups: Birth to 5 years old

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 64 | $73.1 \%$ |
| 2 | 18 | $20.7 \%$ |
| 3 | 4 | $4.8 \%$ |
| 5 | 1 | $1.4 \%$ |
| Total | 87 | $100.0 \%$ |

4b. How many children do you have in the following age groups: 6-17 years old

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 88 | $51.0 \%$ |
| 2 | 65 | $37.3 \%$ |
| 3 | 18 | $10.4 \%$ |
| 4 | 1 | $0.6 \%$ |
| 5 | 1 | $0.7 \%$ |
| Total | 173 | $100.0 \%$ |

5a. Are they in elementary school?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 117 | $57.5 \%$ |
| No | 86 | $42.5 \%$ |
| Total | 203 | $100.0 \%$ |

5b. Are they in middle school?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 64 | $31.8 \%$ |
| No | 138 | $68.2 \%$ |
| Total | 202 | $100.0 \%$ |

5c. Are they in high school?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 67 | $32.9 \%$ |
| No | 136 | $67.1 \%$ |
| Total | 203 | $100.0 \%$ |

6a. How satisfied are you with your child (children)'s elementary school education?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very satisfied | 73 | $63.2 \%$ |
| Somewhat | 39 | $33.7 \%$ |
| satisfied | 4 | $3.1 \%$ |
| Not at all satisfied | 116 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |

6b. How satisfied are you with your child (children)'s middle school education?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very satisfied | 44 | $71.9 \%$ |
| Somewhat | 16 | $25.4 \%$ |
| satisfied | 2 | $2.7 \%$ |
| Not at all satisfied | 62 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |

6c. How satisfied are you with your child (children)'s high school education?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very satisfied | 40 | $60.9 \%$ |
| Somewhat | 19 | $29.7 \%$ |
| satisfied | 6 | $9.4 \%$ |
| Not at all satisfied | 65 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |

7. How often does (do) your MIDDLE SCHOOL age child (children) participate in activities after school?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Always | 23 | $36.8 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 30 | $47.7 \%$ |
| Never | 10 | $15.5 \%$ |
| Total | 64 | $100.0 \%$ |

8. How often does (do) your HIGH SCHOOL age child (children) participate in activities after school?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Always | 21 | $32.4 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 29 | $43.8 \%$ |
| Never | 16 | $23.8 \%$ |
| Total | 66 | $100.0 \%$ |

9. How does (do) your child (children) usually get to school?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Driven to School | 106 | $56.2 \%$ |
| Walk | 49 | $26.0 \%$ |
| School Bus | 26 | $13.8 \%$ |
| Ride Bike | 18 | $9.8 \%$ |
| Drive themselves | 15 | $7.7 \%$ |
| to school | 6 | $3.2 \%$ |
| Carpool | 6 | $3.2 \%$ |
| Public Bus | 1 | $0.6 \%$ |
| Other |  |  |

Multiple response question with 189 respondents offering 227 responses.

9a. Which of the following would encourage your child (children) to walk or bike to school more frequently?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Living closer to <br> school | 99 | $63.6 \%$ |
| Slower traffic <br> speeds on streets | 28 | $18.1 \%$ |
| Traffic crossing <br> guards on duty | 29 | $19.0 \%$ |
| Increased feeling <br> of safety from <br> crime | 44 | $28.5 \%$ |
| Sidewalk or street <br> improvements for <br> safety | 39 | $25.3 \%$ |
| Change in <br> attitude, so that it's <br> a cool thing to do | 16 | $10.3 \%$ |
| Other |  |  |

Multiple response question with 155 respondents offering 263 responses.
10. Overall, how satisfied are you with our local system of education?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very satisfied | 208 | $34.5 \%$ |
| Somewhat | 316 | $52.4 \%$ |
| satisfied | 79 | $13.1 \%$ |
| Not at all satisfied | 604 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |

11. Do you feel you are better off financially this year than last year?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 233 | $33.0 \%$ |
| The Same | 255 | $36.1 \%$ |
| No | 218 | $30.9 \%$ |
| Total | 706 | $100.0 \%$ |

11a. Why do you feel this way? (BETTER)

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Worked more/ employed | 71 | 32.1\% |
| More income | 38 | 17.3\% |
| Stock market/ investments | 14 | 6.3\% |
| Economy rising | 10 | 4.5\% |
| The same, doing ok | 9 | 4.2\% |
| Wages stagnant | 9 | 4.3\% |
| On a fixed income/retired | 8 | 3.4\% |
| Stock market/ investment up/ housing prices up | 7 | 3.3\% |
| Increased taxes | 6 | 2.8\% |
| Cost of living increased | 5 | 2.3\% |
| Reduced expenses/debt | 5 | 2.1\% |
| Better \$ management/ saved more | 5 | 2.3\% |
| Overall economy has dropped/ recession | 4 | 1.9\% |
| Additional expenses/debt | 2 | 0.7\% |
| Unemployed | 1 | 0.5\% |
| General economy | 1 | 0.5\% |
| Other | 30 | 13.7\% |

Multiple response question with 220 respondents offering 226 responses.

11a. Why do you feel this way? (THE SAME)

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| The same, doing <br> ok | 136 | $55.9 \%$ |
| On a fixed <br> income/retired | 40 | $16.4 \%$ |
| Wages stagnant | 16 | $6.7 \%$ |
| Cost of living <br> increased | 11 | $4.5 \%$ |
| Overall economy <br> has dropped/ <br> recession | 10 | $4.2 \%$ |
| Unemployed | 7 | $2.9 \%$ |
| Gas Prices | 5 | $2.0 \%$ |
| Less employment <br> opportunities | 5 | $2.2 \%$ |
| Working less than <br> last year// <br> underemployed | 5 | $1.9 \%$ |
| Worked more/ <br> employed | 5 | $2.2 \%$ |
| Less income | 4 | $1.7 \%$ |
| Increased taxes <br> Additional <br> expenses/debt | 3 | $1.7 \%$ |
| Reduced <br> expenses/debt | 2 | $1.3 \%$ |
| Part-time work/ <br> temp work/self- <br> employed | 2 | $0.8 \%$ |
| Stock market/ <br> investments | 1 | $0.9 \%$ |
| General economy | 1 | $0.6 \%$ |
| Better $\$$ <br> management/ <br> saved more | 1 | $0.2 \%$ |
| Other | $0.5 \%$ |  |

Multiple response question with 242 respondents offering 264
responses.

11a. Why do you feel this way? (NOT BETTER)

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Cost of living <br> increased | 58 | $26.7 \%$ |
| Less income | 47 | $21.4 \%$ |
| Unemployed | 35 | $15.9 \%$ |
| On a fixed <br> income/retired | 21 | $9.4 \%$ |
| Increased taxes | 21 | $9.6 \%$ |
| Working less than <br> last year/ | 17 | $7.7 \%$ |
| underemployed | 13 | $6.1 \%$ |
| Wages stagnant | 12 | $5.7 \%$ |
| Gas prices | 10 | $4.4 \%$ |
| exditional <br> Lessenses/debt employment <br> opportunities | 10 | $4.5 \%$ |
| Overall economy <br> has dropped/ <br> recession | 8 | $3.8 \%$ |
| The same, doing <br> ok | 7 | $3.2 \%$ |
| General economy | 3 | $1.3 \%$ |
| Stock market/ <br> investments | 2 | $1.1 \%$ |
| Part-time work/ <br> temp work/ self- <br> employed | 2 | $1.1 \%$ |
| Other | 17 | $7.9 \%$ |

Multiple response question with 218 respondents offering 283 responses.
12. Do you feel you have opportunities to work in the Santa Cruz area?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 401 | $62.8 \%$ |
| No | 237 | $37.2 \%$ |
| Total | 638 | $100.0 \%$ |

13. In any given month in the last 12 months, did you find yourself having to go without food?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 41 | $5.8 \%$ |
| No | 672 | $94.2 \%$ |
| Total | 713 | $100.0 \%$ |

14. In any given month in the last 12 months, did you find yourself having to go without rent or housing?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 42 | $5.8 \%$ |
| No | 671 | $94.2 \%$ |
| Total | 713 | $100.0 \%$ |

15. In any given month in the last 12 months, did you find yourself having to go without utilities?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 45 | $6.3 \%$ |
| No | 667 | $93.7 \%$ |
| Total | 712 | $100.0 \%$ |

16. In the past 12 months, did you apply for public or government assistance?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 55 | $40.2 \%$ |
| No | 82 | $59.8 \%$ |
| Total | 138 | $100.0 \%$ |

16a. If you went without basic needs, why did you not get help from any social service program?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| I didn't know <br> where to get help | 4 | $5.5 \%$ |
| I applied for public <br> assistance, but <br> did not qualify | 9 | $11.6 \%$ |
| I didn't want to <br> Other | 36 | $46.7 \%$ |

Multiple response question with 77 respondents offering 78 responses.
17. How much of your total household take-home pay (income after taxes) goes to rent or housing costs?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $30 \%$ or less | 328 | $52.6 \%$ |
| Between $31 \%-$ <br> $49 \%$ | 121 | $19.4 \%$ |
| Between $50 \%-$ <br> $74 \%$ | 127 | $20.4 \%$ |
| $75 \%$ or more | 48 | $7.6 \%$ |
| Total | 624 | $100.0 \%$ |

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18. In the past 12 months, due to the cost of housing, have you or anyone living with you needed to do any of the following?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Share housing <br> with other families | 113 | $16.2 \%$ |
| Live temporarily <br> with family/friends | 104 | $15.0 \%$ |
| Rent out rooms in <br> your house | 63 | $9.1 \%$ |
| Live in an <br> overcrowded unit | 34 | $4.9 \%$ |
| Move out when <br> you didn't want to <br> Live in a housing <br> unit without <br> adequate <br> plumbing or heat | 34 | $4.9 \%$ |
| Experience <br> foreclosure | 18 | $2.6 \%$ |
| None of the above | 487 | $70.0 \%$ |
| Something else/ <br> other | 9 | $1.2 \%$ |

Multiple response question with 695 respondents offering 880 responses.
19. Have you been without housing in Santa Cruz County during the past year?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 10 | $1.5 \%$ |
| No | 702 | $98.5 \%$ |
| Total | 712 | $100.0 \%$ |

20. Is anyone staying at your address on a temporary basis who otherwise might be considered homeless?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 65 | $9.1 \%$ |
| No | 647 | $90.9 \%$ |
| Total | 712 | $100.0 \%$ |

21. How would you describe, in general, your overall health?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Excellent | 152 | $21.3 \%$ |
| Very good | 220 | $30.8 \%$ |
| Good | 216 | $30.4 \%$ |
| Fair | 83 | $11.6 \%$ |
| Poor | 42 | $5.8 \%$ |
| Total | 712 | $100.0 \%$ |


| 22. Do you have a regular source of health care? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| Yes | 622 | $87.6 \%$ |
| No | 88 | $12.4 \%$ |
| Total | 711 | $100.0 \%$ |

22a. If you have a regular source of health care, where do you go?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Private practice | 465 | $75.5 \%$ |
| Urgent care clinics | 13 | $2.1 \%$ |
| Emergency room | 4 | $0.7 \%$ |
| Community and | 95 | $15.5 \%$ |
| County clinics |  | $0.2 \%$ |
| Alternative care <br> practices | 1 | $4.7 \%$ |
| Out of county | 29 | $1.4 \%$ |
| Other | 9 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Total | 615 |  |

22b. If no, where do you go?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Private practice | 23 | $31.5 \%$ |
| Urgent care clinics | 12 | $16.0 \%$ |
| Emergency room | 13 | $17.6 \%$ |
| Community and <br> County clinics | 18 | $24.0 \%$ |
| Alternative care | 3 | $4.7 \%$ |
| practices | 4 | $5.2 \%$ |
| Out of county | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Other | 1 | $1.0 \%$ |
| I don't go to | 73 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |

23. Do you use the emergency room (ER) for your main source of health care?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 66 | $9.3 \%$ |
| No | 643 | $90.7 \%$ |
| Total | 709 | $100.0 \%$ |

24. Have you needed health care in the past year?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 487 | $68.5 \%$ |
| No | 224 | $31.5 \%$ |
| Total | 712 | $100.0 \%$ |

24a. Were you able to receive the health care you needed?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 469 | $96.6 \%$ |
| No | 17 | $3.4 \%$ |
| Total | 486 | $100.0 \%$ |

24b. If you needed health care and were unable to receive it, why couldn't you receive it?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| No insurance | 1 | $4.1 \%$ |
| Insurance wouldn't <br> cover it | 1 | $7.9 \%$ |
| Couldn't afford <br> Co-pay | 3 | $20.0 \%$ |
| Couldn't afford the <br> premium | 1 | $4.1 \%$ |
| Too expensive | 8 | $50.1 \%$ |
| Medi- <br> Cal/MediCruz <br> problems | 1 | $7.9 \%$ |
| Other | 1 | $6.0 \%$ |
| Total | 16 | $100.0 \%$ |

25. Do you currently have health insurance?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 591 | $83.8 \%$ |
| No | 114 | $16.2 \%$ |
| Total | 705 | $100.0 \%$ |

26a. Does your health insurance cover prescriptions?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 535 | $92.8 \%$ |
| No | 41 | $7.2 \%$ |
| Total | 576 | $100.0 \%$ |

26b. Does your health insurance cover mental health?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 354 | $84.2 \%$ |
| No | 67 | $15.8 \%$ |
| Total | 421 | $100.0 \%$ |

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26c. Does your health insurance cover dental care?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 333 | $58.1 \%$ |
| No | 240 | $41.9 \%$ |
| Total | 573 | $100.0 \%$ |

26d. Does your health insurance cover drug and alcohol services?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 223 | $69.5 \%$ |
| No | 98 | $30.5 \%$ |
| Total | 321 | $100.0 \%$ |

27.01 How many of your children aged birth to 5 years old have health insurance?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 5 | $6.3 \%$ |
| 1 | 60 | $69.0 \%$ |
| 2 | 17 | $19.9 \%$ |
| 3 | 4 | $4.8 \%$ |
| Total | 87 | $100.0 \%$ |

27.02 How many of your children aged 6 to 17 years old have health insurance?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 12 | $6.8 \%$ |
| 1 | 81 | $46.9 \%$ |
| 2 | 64 | $36.8 \%$ |
| 3 | 15 | $8.8 \%$ |
| 4 | 1 | $0.6 \%$ |
| Total | 173 | $100.0 \%$ |

28. Have you needed dental care in the past year?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 523 | $73.4 \%$ |
| No | 190 | $26.6 \%$ |
| Total | 713 | $100.0 \%$ |

28a. Were you able to receive the dental care you needed?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 448 | $85.8 \%$ |
| No | 74 | $14.2 \%$ |
| Total | 522 | $100.0 \%$ |

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28b. If you needed dental care and were unable to receive it, why couldn't you receive it?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Couldn't afford <br> premiums | 7 | $9.2 \%$ |
| Couldn't afford co- <br> pay | 1 | $1.9 \%$ |
| Insurance wouldn't <br> cover it | 9 | $11.7 \%$ |
| No insurance | 13 | $17.3 \%$ |
| Too expensive | 39 | $52.8 \%$ |
| Other | 5 | $7.2 \%$ |
| Total | 74 | $100.0 \%$ |

29. Has a doctor ever told you that you have diabetes or pre-diabetes?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 113 | $15.9 \%$ |
| No | 598 | $84.1 \%$ |
| Total | 711 | $100.0 \%$ |

29a. If a doctor has told you that you have diabetes or pre-diabetes, were you told it was:

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Type 1 diabetes | 7 | $6.4 \%$ |
| Type 2 diabetes | 54 | $52.2 \%$ |
| Gestational <br> diabetes | 1 | $0.6 \%$ |
| Pre-diabetes | 42 | $40.8 \%$ |
| Total | 103 | $100.0 \%$ |

30. During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 88 | $12.4 \%$ |
| No | 622 | $87.6 \%$ |
| Total | 710 | $100.0 \%$ |

31. Have you needed mental health treatment (counseling or other help) in the last 12 months?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 82 | $11.6 \%$ |
| No | 628 | $88.4 \%$ |
| Total | 710 | $100.0 \%$ |

31a. Did you receive the mental health treatment you needed? Counseling or other help?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 72 | $87.2 \%$ |
| No | 11 | $12.8 \%$ |
| Total | 82 | $100.0 \%$ |

31b. Why didn't you receive the mental health treatment you needed?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Insurance <br> wouldn't cover it | 3 | $29.3 \%$ |
| Lack of services <br> or services <br> unavailable | 3 | $27.9 \%$ |
| Couldn't afford it | 2 | $21.5 \%$ |
| There were <br> waiting lists | 1 | $9.8 \%$ |
| Didn't want people <br> to find out | 1 | $10.9 \%$ |
| Other | 2 | $22.9 \%$ |

Multiple response question with 11 respondents offering 13 responses.
32. How many days per week do you engage in physical activity for a combined total of 30 minutes or more?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| None | 60 | $8.5 \%$ |
| 1 - 2 Days | 106 | $14.9 \%$ |
| 3 - 4 Days | 203 | $28.5 \%$ |
| 5 or more days | 343 | $48.2 \%$ |
| Total | 711 | $100.0 \%$ |
| 33. How many times in the past 7 days did you |  |  |
| eat fast food? |  |  |
|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| 0 | 432 | $60.9 \%$ |
| 1 | 159 | $22.4 \%$ |
| 2 | 59 | $8.4 \%$ |
| 3 | 27 | $3.8 \%$ |
| 4 | 18 | $2.6 \%$ |
| 5 | 5 | $0.8 \%$ |
| 6 | 3 | $0.4 \%$ |
| 7 | 6 | $0.8 \%$ |
| Total | 709 | $100.0 \%$ |

34. How many days in the past 7 days did you eat 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 81 | $11.5 \%$ |
| 1 | 27 | $3.8 \%$ |
| 2 | 48 | $6.8 \%$ |
| 3 | 53 | $7.5 \%$ |
| 4 | 92 | $13.0 \%$ |
| 5 | 77 | $10.9 \%$ |
| 6 | 24 | $3.4 \%$ |
| 7 | 305 | $43.1 \%$ |
| Total | 706 | $100.0 \%$ |
| $35-36$. Body Mass Index in adults |  |  |


|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Low BMI <br> (Less than 18.5) | 9 | $1.4 \%$ |
| Normal BMI <br> $(18.5-24.9)$ | 257 | $37.5 \%$ |
| Overweight <br> (BMI 25.0 -29.9) | 255 | $37.2 \%$ |
| Obese <br> (BMI 30.0 or <br> more) | 164 | $23.9 \%$ |
| Total | 685 | $100.0 \%$ |

37. Considering all types of alcoholic beverages, during the past 30 days about how many times did you have 5 or more drinks on an occasion?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 601 | $85.2 \%$ |
| 1 | 42 | $6.0 \%$ |
| 2 | 13 | $1.8 \%$ |
| 3 | 12 | $1.7 \%$ |
| 4 | 9 | $1.3 \%$ |
| 5 | 11 | $1.5 \%$ |
| 6 | 4 | $0.6 \%$ |
| 7 | 1 | $0.1 \%$ |
| 8 | 3 | $0.5 \%$ |
| 10 | 3 | $0.4 \%$ |
| 15 | 0 | $0.1 \%$ |
| 16 | 1 | $0.1 \%$ |
| 20 | 2 | $0.3 \%$ |
| 30 | 3 | $0.4 \%$ |
| 60 | 1 | $0.1 \%$ |
| Total | 705 | $100.0 \%$ |

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38. During the past 30 days, on how many days have you taken a prescription drug without a doctor's prescription?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 690 | $97.2 \%$ |
| 1 | 2 | $0.4 \%$ |
| 2 | 3 | $0.4 \%$ |
| 3 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| 4 | 2 | $0.3 \%$ |
| 7 | 1 | $0.1 \%$ |
| 10 | 1 | $0.1 \%$ |
| 15 | 1 | $0.1 \%$ |
| 30 | 10 | $1.4 \%$ |
| Total | 710 | $100.0 \%$ |

39. How acceptable do you think it is for adults to provide alcohol to underage youth in their home?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very acceptable | 12 | $1.7 \%$ |
| Somewhat | 103 | $14.6 \%$ |
| acceptable | 587 | $83.7 \%$ |
| Not at all <br> acceptable | 702 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |

40. How acceptable do you find the use of marijuana for recreational or non-medicinal use?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very acceptable <br> Somewhat <br> acceptable <br> Not at all <br> acceptable 232 | $19.4 \%$ |  |
| Total | 336 | $31.1 \%$ |

41. How concerned are you about crime in Santa Cruz County?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very concerned <br> Somewhat <br> concerned <br> Not at all <br> concerned | 333 | $46.8 \%$ |
| Total | 71 | $43.2 \%$ |

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42. How safe would you say you feel in your neighborhood?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very safe | 425 | $59.8 \%$ |
| Somewhat safe | 262 | $37.0 \%$ |
| Not at all safe | 23 | $3.2 \%$ |
| Total | 710 | $100.0 \%$ |

43. Do you feel children have a safe place to play in your neighborhood?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 537 | $80.6 \%$ |
| No | 129 | $19.4 \%$ |
| Total | 666 | $100.0 \%$ |

44. Have any family members or friends in Santa Cruz County experienced any of the following types of abuse in the last year?

## FREQUENCY PERCENT

a. Domestic Violence or intimate partner violence

| Yes | 47 | $6.8 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| No | 648 | $93.2 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |
| b. Child abuse or neglect |  |  |
| Yes | 695 | $100.0 \%$ |
| No | 671 | $4.0 \%$ |
| Total | 699 | $100.0 \%$ |
|  |  |  |
| c. Elder abuse or neglect |  |  |
| Yes | 21 | $2.9 \%$ |
| No | 682 | $97.1 \%$ |
| Total | 702 | $100.0 \%$ |

45a. How concerned are you about drug and alcohol abuse in your neighborhood?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very concerned | 137 | $19.9 \%$ |
| Somewhat <br> concerned | 233 | $33.7 \%$ |
| Not at all <br> concerned | 321 | $46.4 \%$ |
| Total | 690 | $100.0 \%$ |

45b. How concerned are you about gangs in your neighborhood?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very concerned <br> Somewhat <br> concerned <br> Not at all <br> concerned 147 | $20.8 \%$ |  |
| Total | 369 | $26.9 \%$ |

45c. How concerned are you about violence in your neighborhood?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very concerned 117 $16.6 \%$ <br> Somewhat <br> concerned 218 $30.9 \%$ <br> Not at all <br> concerned 370 $52.5 \%$ <br> Total 706 $100.0 \%$$.$ |  |  |

46. What one thing concerns you the MOST about the natural environment in Santa Cruz County?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Water pollution | 156 | $27.0 \%$ |
| Litter | 93 | $16.1 \%$ |
| Water availability/ <br> salt water <br> intrusion | 64 | $11.1 \%$ |
| Traffic/too many <br> cars | 63 | $10.9 \%$ |
| Air pollution - car <br> emissions | 39 | $6.8 \%$ |
| Overpopulation | 39 | $6.8 \%$ |
| General pollution | 36 | $6.3 \%$ |
| Homeless <br> encampments/ <br> panhandling | 36 | $6.3 \%$ |
| No preservation of <br> natural <br> environment/ <br> wildlife | 29 | $5.0 \%$ |
| Drug and alcohol <br> use (needles) | 23 | $3.9 \%$ |
| Drinking water <br> quality | 21 | $3.7 \%$ |
| Development of <br> open space/ <br> agricultural land | 21 | $3.7 \%$ |
| Global warming/ <br> climate change | 18 | $3.2 \%$ |
| Cutting down <br> trees/commercial <br> logging | 14 | $2.5 \%$ |
| Lack of recycling | 11 | $1.9 \%$ |
| Violence | 10 | $1.7 \%$ |
| Fire protection/ <br> prevention | 9 | $1.5 \%$ |
| Pesticides | $1.4 \%$ |  |
| Closure of state <br> parks | $1.2 \%$ |  |
| Other | $8.0 \%$ |  |
|  | 76 |  |

Multiple response question with 577 respondents offering 744 responses.
47. How often do you shop at farmers markets or local produce stands?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Daily | 8 | $1.2 \%$ |
| More than once a <br> week but not daily | 107 | $15.1 \%$ |
| Once a week | 191 | $27.0 \%$ |
| More than once a <br> month but not <br> every week | 74 | $10.5 \%$ |
| Once a month | 91 | $12.9 \%$ |
| Less than once a <br> month | 89 | $12.6 \%$ |
| Never | 147 | $20.8 \%$ |
| Total | 708 | $100.0 \%$ |

48. What prevents you from shopping at farmers markets or local produce stands?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Nothing prevents <br> me | 226 | $32.3 \%$ |
| Times are not <br> convenient | 170 | $24.3 \%$ |
| Location | 118 | $16.9 \%$ |
| Cost | 67 | $9.6 \%$ |
| Don't want to shop <br> at more than one <br> store | 44 | $6.3 \%$ |
| Transportation | 18 | $2.5 \%$ |
| Variety | 17 | $2.4 \%$ |
| Parking | 7 | $0.9 \%$ |
| Someone else <br> does the shopping | 5 | $0.7 \%$ |
| Grows own food | 5 | $0.7 \%$ |
| Other |  |  |

Multiple response question with 700 respondents offering 748
responses.

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49. Are taking any of the following steps to reduce your household water consumption?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Installed a low- <br> flow toilet | 511 | $73.3 \%$ |
| Installed a low- <br> flow showerhead | 500 | $71.8 \%$ |
| Installed a high <br> efficiency washing <br> machine | 382 | $54.8 \%$ |
| Made <br> improvements to <br> your landscape to <br> reduce irrigation | 363 | $52.1 \%$ |
| Installed a high <br> efficiency <br> dishwasher | 269 | $38.7 \%$ |
| Used rainwater for <br> landscape <br> irrigation | 166 | $23.8 \%$ |
| Used greywater <br> for landscape | 129 | $18.5 \%$ |
| Low water use or <br> conscious of use <br> (i.e., taking short <br> showers, <br> dishwashing) | 22 | $3.2 \%$ |
| Other | 18 | $2.5 \%$ |
| None of the above | 45 | $6.5 \%$ |

Multiple response question with 697 respondents offering 2,406 responses.
50. Are you taking steps to reduce water pollution at your home or work?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Kept paints and <br> chemicals out of <br> storm drains | 556 | $78.5 \%$ |
| Washed cars at <br> car washes rather <br> than on the street | 432 | $61.0 \%$ |
| Used less toxic <br> fertilizers and <br> pesticides | 392 | $55.4 \%$ |
| Used appropriate <br> amounts of <br> fertilizers and <br> outdoor pesticides | 375 | $53.0 \%$ |
| Reduced runoff <br> from irrigation of <br> landscaping <br> Collected pet | 291 | $41.1 \%$ |
| waste | 58 | $40.3 \%$ |
| Recycle | 12 | $0.7 \%$ |
| Other | 44 | $6.3 \%$ |
| None of the above | 708 |  |

Multiple response question with 708 respondents offering 2,392 responses.
51. How often do you use alternative forms of transportation - carpooling, bus, bicycle, etc. rather than driving alone?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Every Day 96 $13.6 \%$ <br> At least once a <br> week, but not <br> every day 155 $22.0 \%$ <br> A couple times a <br> month 99 $14.1 \%$ <br> A couple times a <br> year 61 $8.7 \%$ <br> Never 294 $41.6 \%$ <br> Other 0 $0.0 \%$ <br> Total 706 $100.0 \%$ |  |  |

51a. What type of alternative forms of transportation do you use?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Carpooling | 193 | $47.6 \%$ |
| Walking | 172 | $42.6 \%$ |
| Riding a bike | 123 | $30.4 \%$ |
| Public buses | 101 | $24.9 \%$ |
| Other | 15 | $3.7 \%$ |

Multiple response question with 404 respondents offering 603 responses.
52. How satisfied are you with your overall quality of life?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very satisfied | 478 | $67.2 \%$ |
| Somewhat | 216 | $30.4 \%$ |
| satisfied | 17 | $2.4 \%$ |
| Not at all satisfied | 712 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |

53. How often do you feel the people in your neighborhood help each other?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Often | 356 | $51.0 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 272 | $38.8 \%$ |
| Never | 71 | $10.2 \%$ |
| Total | 699 | $100.0 \%$ |

54. How often do you feel that you have someone you can turn to when you need help?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Often | 532 | $75.0 \%$ |
| Sometimes | 161 | $22.6 \%$ |
| Never | 17 | $2.4 \%$ |
| Total | 710 | $100.0 \%$ |

55. Do you regularly do volunteer work in the community?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 332 | $46.8 \%$ |
| No | 378 | $53.2 \%$ |
| Total | 711 | $100.0 \%$ |

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56. Do you regularly contribute money to charitable organizations?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 526 | $74.1 \%$ |
| No | 184 | $25.9 \%$ |
| Total | 710 | $100.0 \%$ |

57. Have you felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the last 12 months?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 85 | $12.1 \%$ |
| No | 622 | $87.9 \%$ |
| Total | 708 | $100.0 \%$ |

57a. If you felt discriminated against or treated unfairly, for what reason?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Ethnicity/race | 44 | $52.8 \%$ |
| Age | 11 | $12.5 \%$ |
| Socioeconomic | 7 | $8.6 \%$ |
| status | 6 | $7.4 \%$ |
| Sexual orientation | 4 | $5.0 \%$ |
| Gender | 4 | $4.9 \%$ |
| Language | 3 | $3.4 \%$ |
| Appearance | 3 | $3.3 \%$ |
| Religion | 2 | $2.1 \%$ |
| A disability | 1 | $1.4 \%$ |
| Gender identity | 12 | $14.2 \%$ |
| Other | 84 |  |

Multiple response question with 84 respondents offering 97 responses.
58. How concerned are you about racism in Santa Cruz County?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very concerned <br> Somewhat <br> concerned | 79 | $11.5 \%$ |
| Not at all <br> concerned | 216 | $45.8 \%$ |
| Total | 690 | $42.7 \%$ |

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59. Have you or a member of your household, been diagnosed by a physician with a disability that significantly limits one or more major life activities?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 152 | $21.5 \%$ |
| No | 556 | $78.5 \%$ |
| Total | 709 | $100.0 \%$ |

59a. What is/are the age/ages of the person(s) diagnosed as having a disability?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 5 years or less | 5 | $3.4 \%$ |
| 6 to 18 years | 8 | $5.1 \%$ |
| 19 to 24 years | 4 | $2.4 \%$ |
| 25 to 34 years | 3 | $1.7 \%$ |
| 35 to 44 years | 12 | $7.9 \%$ |
| 45 to 54 years | 20 | $13.5 \%$ |
| 55 to 64 years | 40 | $26.5 \%$ |
| 65 to 74 years | 33 | $22.1 \%$ |
| 75 to 84 years | 21 | $14.0 \%$ |
| 85 years and over | 11 | $7.2 \%$ |

Multiple response question with 151 respondents offering 157 responses.

59b. Is the person(s) with a disability participating in community life at the levels he or she desires?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 78 | $51.5 \%$ |
| No | 66 | $43.6 \%$ |
| Don't know | 7 | $4.9 \%$ |
| Total | 151 | $100.0 \%$ |

59b1. If the person(s) with a disability is not participating in community life at the levels he or she desires, in what areas would you /they like to increase their involvement?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Social events/ <br> activities | 24 | $42.5 \%$ |
| Would like to get <br> out more but have <br> limited mobility | 17 | $29.6 \%$ |
| Work/donating <br> time | 10 | $17.5 \%$ |
| All aspects of life | 8 | $13.4 \%$ |
| Continued <br> education | 7 | $11.8 \%$ |
| Other | 2 | $4.2 \%$ |
| Don't know | 10 | $16.7 \%$ |

Multiple response question with 57 respondents offering 78 responses.

59b2. What types of additional services are needed to allow you/them to increase involvement?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Social or <br> recreational <br> services or <br> supports | 23 | $41.1 \%$ |
| Job development, <br> employment <br> training, or <br> coaching | 17 | $30.9 \%$ |
| Personal <br> attendants | 13 | $24.0 \%$ |
| Academic <br> counseling or <br> tutoring | 12 | $20.7 \%$ |
| Specialized <br> transportation or <br> mobility device | 11 | $19.4 \%$ |
| Financial planning <br> or management | 10 | $17.2 \%$ |
| Remove barriers <br> to access safe <br> travel on <br> sidewalks and in <br> crosswalks | 9 | $15.7 \%$ |
| None of the above | 17 | $30.2 \%$ |
| Don't know |  |  |

Multiple response question with 56 respondents offering 113 responses.
60. How satisfied are you with local government?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very satisfied | 123 | $17.8 \%$ |
| Somewhat | 452 | $65.4 \%$ |
| satisfied | 116 | $16.8 \%$ |
| Not at all satisfied | 690 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |

61. How would you rate your level of agreement with the statement, "I know how to make a positive change in my community"

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | 161 | $23.6 \%$ |
| Agree | 303 | $44.4 \%$ |
| Neutral | 180 | $26.4 \%$ |
| Disagree | 31 | $4.5 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | 8 | $1.1 \%$ |
| Total | 682 | $100.0 \%$ |

62. In the last 12 months have you done any of the following?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vote | 541 | 91.1\% |
| Signed a petition | 315 | 53.0\% |
| Met with, emailed, called or sent a letter to any local | 225 | 37.8\% |
| Attended a town meeting, public hearing or public affair | 217 | 36.6\% |
| Joined an on-line political advocacy group | 123 | 20.7\% |
| Joined a protest or demonstration | 74 | 12.4\% |
| Donated \$ to political campaigns or parties | 8 | 1.3\% |
| Campaigned | 4 | 0.6\% |
| Other political Action | 38 | 6.5\% |

Multiple response question with 594 respondents offering 1,544 responses.
63. Generally speaking, what contributes most to your quality of life in Santa Cruz County?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Scenery/ <br> geography/climate | 523 | $76.3 \%$ |
| Family/friends/ <br> friendly people | 170 | $24.9 \%$ |
| Social climate | 110 | $16.0 \%$ |
| Community/low <br> population/slow <br> pace | 75 | $11.0 \%$ |
| Quiet/peaceful | 73 | $10.7 \%$ |
| Variety of physical <br> activity options | 29 | $4.2 \%$ |
| Job/work <br> opportunities | 5 | $0.8 \%$ |
| Safety | 2 | $0.3 \%$ |
| Other | 41 | $6.0 \%$ |

Multiple response question with 685 respondents offering 1,029 responses.
64. What do you think takes away from your quality of life? What don't you like about Santa Cruz County?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Gangs/crime <br> Nothing takes <br> away from quality <br> of life | 153 | $23.2 \%$ |
| Traffic | 110 | $16.7 \%$ |
| Homelessness | 88 | $16.3 \%$ |
| Cost of living/ <br> housing | 86 | $13.3 \%$ |
| Overcrowding/ <br> unplanned growth | 61 | $13.0 \%$ |
| Local politics | 35 | $5.3 \%$ |
| Lack of jobs/ <br> employment <br> opportunities | 29 | $4.2 \%$ |
| Government rules/ <br> regulations | 21 | $3.2 \%$ |
| Too liberal | 20 | $3.0 \%$ |
| Drugs/alcohol | 14 | $2.0 \%$ |
| Road conditions <br> Weather | 12 | $1.8 \%$ |
| Lack of public <br> transportation | 9 | $1.3 \%$ |
| Racism or <br> segregation | 8 | $1.4 \%$ |
| Not enough <br> activities/ <br> programs | 7 | $1.3 \%$ |
| Other |  |  |

Multiple response question with 661 respondents offering 854 responses.
65. Which of the following age groups are you in?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 18 years or less | 6 | $0.9 \%$ |
| 19 to 24 years | 24 | $3.3 \%$ |
| 25 to 34 years | 67 | $9.4 \%$ |
| 35 to 44 years | 110 | $15.6 \%$ |
| 45 to 54 years | 123 | $17.4 \%$ |
| 55 to 64 years | 171 | $24.2 \%$ |
| 65 to 74 years | 127 | $18.0 \%$ |
| 75 to 84 years | 64 | $9.0 \%$ |
| 85 years and over | 15 | $2.1 \%$ |
| Total | 707 | $100.0 \%$ |

66. Which of the following racial/ethnic groups do you identify as?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Caucasian | 498 | $71.1 \%$ |
| Latino/Hispanic | 160 | $22.9 \%$ |
| Native American | 2 | $0.3 \%$ |
| African American | 3 | $0.4 \%$ |
| Filipino | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Asian | 5 | $0.7 \%$ |
| Multi-racial/multi- | 31 | $4.4 \%$ |
| ethnic | 2 | $0.2 \%$ |
| Other | 701 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |

67. Which income range best describes your family income for the year?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than $\$ 10,000$ per year | 31 | 4.8\% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 10,000-\$ 14,999 \\ & \text { per year } \end{aligned}$ | 48 | 7.5\% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 15,000-\$ 24,999 \\ & \text { per year } \end{aligned}$ | 79 | 12.2\% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 25,000 \text { - } \$ 34,999 \\ & \text { per year } \end{aligned}$ | 76 | 11.8\% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 35,000 \text { - } \$ 49,999 \\ & \text { per year } \end{aligned}$ | 60 | 9.3\% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 50,000-\$ 65,499 \\ & \text { per year } \end{aligned}$ | 80 | 12.5\% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 65,500-\$ 74,999 \\ & \text { per year } \end{aligned}$ | 47 | 7.3\% |
| \$75,000-\$99,999 | 63 | 9.8\% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100,000- \\ & \$ 149,999 \end{aligned}$ | 71 | 11.1\% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 150,000- \\ & \$ 199,999 \end{aligned}$ | 48 | 7.5\% |
| \$200,000 or more | 39 | 6.0\% |
| Total | 643 | 100.0\% |

68. What is your employment status?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Employed full-time | 264 | 37.4\% |
| Employed parttime | 84 | 11.9\% |
| Self-employed | 67 | 9.5\% |
| Unemployed | 64 | 9.1\% |
| Retired | 195 | 27.6\% |
| Student | 7 | 1.0\% |
| Homemaker, parent or caregiver | 22 | 3.2\% |
| Volunteer | 2 | 0.3\% |
| Total | 706 | 100.0\% |

69. What gender do you identify as?

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Male | 352 | $49.4 \%$ |
| Female | 360 | $50.6 \%$ |
| Total | 713 | $100.0 \%$ |

Region

|  | FREQUENCY | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| North County | 352 | $49.4 \%$ |
| South County | 265 | $37.2 \%$ |
| SLV | 96 | $13.4 \%$ |
| Total | 713 | $100.0 \%$ |

## APPENDIX IV: PAST COMMUNITY HEROES

 1996-20I3Year I9, 2013

Faris Sabbah, MD, Pajaro Valley Unified School District Region XI Migrant Education Program

Tom Helman, Community Action Board
Ryan Coonerty, NextSpace
Jeremy Neuner, NextSpace
Mark Donnelly, Starlight Elementary School
Jim Marshall, Children's Alley Preschool

Elisa Breton, MD, Santa Cruz Women's Health Center
Maria Mead, MD, Santa Cruz Women's Health Center

Kristina Muten, MD, Santa Cruz Women's Health Center

Wendy Sickles, MD, Santa Cruz Women's Health Center

Sandra Wallace, For Kids Monterey Bay

## Year I8, 2012

Ron Slack, Good Times
Maura Noel, Amgen Tour
Mathilde Rand, Community Volunteer

Michael Paynter, Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Sandy Davie, Santa Cruz Toddler Care Center

Curt Simmons, Plaza Lane Optometry
Alicia Fernandez, Baby Gateway
Angie Gileta, Baby Gateway

Casey Schirmer, MD, Palo Alto Medical Foundation Pediatric Weight Management Program
Fernando Giraldo, County of Santa Cruz Probation Department
Lori Butterworth, Santa Cruz and Watsonville Youth City Councils
Jonathan Fry, Santa Cruz and Watsonville Youth City Councils

Will O'Sullivan, Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center Recovery Services
John Dietz, 180/180 Campaign
Jane Schwickerath, Diversity Center 60+ Senior Program
Saskia Lucas, Santa Cruz Open Streets
Tracey Marquart, Community Life Services

Xochitl Zaragoza, Baby Gateway
Lili Beggs, Sutter Maternity Lactation Department
Francisco Alfaro, Santa Cruz County Football Club Revolution

Chris Wentzien, Santa Cruz County Football Club Revolution

Joe Hernandez, City of Santa Cruz Police Department

Nancy Macy, The Valley Women's Club of the San Lorenzo Valley
Lynn McKibbin, The Valley Women's Club of the San Lorenzo Valley
Talitha Stills, The Valley Women's Club of the San Lorenzo Valley
Nesh Dhillon, Santa Cruz Community Farmers’ Markets
Ross Clark, The Greenwharf Project
Michael Issacson, The Greenwharf Project
John Vesecky, The Greenwharf Project
Tiffany Wise-West, The Greenwharf Project
Chris Johnson-Lyons, Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

Josephine Salgado, Women's Crisis Support/Defensa de Mujeres
Jean Graham, Santa Cruz County Homeless Persons Health Project
Doug Keegan, Santa Cruz County Immigration Project, Community Action Board
Elizabeth Walch, Friends of the Library Scotts Valley
Susie Christensen, Friends of the Library Scotts Valley

Peter McLean, Friends of the Library Scotts Valley
Bob Geyer, City of Watsonville Public Works and Utilities

## Year I7, 201I

Irene Freiberg, First 5 SEEDS of Early Literacy Master Coach
Araceli Castillo, Salud Para La Gente
Leslie Conner, Santa Cruz Women's Health Center
Danny Keith, Second Harvest Food Bank
Monica DaCosta, Unity Temple of Santa Cruz
Garrett Neier, The Museum of Art \& History @ the McPherson

## Year I6, 2010

Michael Paul, Santa Cruz Goodwill Industries

Cynthia Wells, Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center
Cork Cherk, WPENS Teacher
Jeanne Carrier, WPENS Teacher
Kim Woodland, Soquel PENS Teacher
Nancy Samsel, Soquel PENS Teacher
Dara Thronton, Santa Cruz PENS Teacher
Wendy Wyckoff, Santa Cruz PENS Teacher
Maggie Klepp, Santa Cruz PENS Teacher

Ana Rasmussen, Mesa Verde Gardens
Bruce Daniels, UCSC Ph.D. Student, Hydroclimatology

Sergeant Michael Harms, Santa Cruz City Police Department
Vicki Assegued, Santa Cruz
County Probation Department
Carmen Arriaga-Kumasaka, Catholic Charities
Elizabeth Schilling, Live Oak
Family Resource Center
Adrian Lemke, Community Volunteer
Michelle Whiting, Santa Cruz Bible Church

Triple P Practitioners (Andrew Castro, Chris O'Halloran,

Patty McFarland, Central California Alliance for Health

Dave McNutt
Paul Bellerjeau, Second Harvest Food Bank
Willy Elliot-McCrea, Second Harvest Food Bank
Deborah Elston, Santa Cruz Neighbors
Nancy Sherrod, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
Javier G. Diaz, Community Restoration Project
Bob Katz, Katz \& Lapides Law Office
Leola Lapides, Katz \& Lapides Law Office

Fr. Andrew Beck and Terry Beck, Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

Donica Ericsson, Celia Organista), First 5 Positive Parenting Program
Betsy Clark, Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center - Community Support Services

Steve Pleich, Save Our Shores
John Ricker, County of Santa Cruz Health Agency
Lloyd Williams, Land Trust of Santa Cruz County
Kathy Howard, Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

Leticia Mendoza, YWCA Watsonville
Dr. Satish Chandra, Dominican Medical Foundation

Richard Crowe, St. Francis Soup Kitchen
Maria Rodriguez Castillo
Carol McMillen
Kris Beall, Watsonville Wetlands Watch
Julie Barrett Heffington, Seymour Center at Long Marine Lab
Berri Michel, Bicycle Trip
Dick Wilson, Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

## Year I5, 2009

Bay Federal Credit Union
Preston "Boom" Boomer, Chemistry \& Physics Teacher, San Lorenzo Valley High School
Sherry Lee Bryan, Ecology Action
Terry Corwin, Santa Cruz County Land Trust
Carolyn Coleman, Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center
Jody Cramer, Assisted Living Project
Caroline Currie, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Volunteer
Crystal Dunniway, Assisted Living Project

Year I4, 2008
Veronica Camberos
Henry Carter
Dana Cox, RN
Peggy Downes Baskin
First 5 SEEDS Quality Coaches
Curt Gabrielson, Watsonville Community Science Workshop
Dr. Gary Griggs, Ph.D.
Lyn Hood, Animal Evacuation Team, SCC Equine Evacuation Unit
Hospice of Santa Cruz County

## Year I3, 2007

Mary Boyd<br>David Brown, Coastal<br>Community Preschool<br>Meg Campbell, COPA Leader<br>Michael Chavez

Dr. Larry deGhetaldi, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Santa Cruz Division
Pola Espinoza, Children's Education Community Leader
Kathy Fahl, Make Your Wishes Known Community Education Initiative
Families Together Staff Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, Author \& Public Speaker (Lifetime Achievement Award Winner)
Roberta McPherson, San Lorenzo Valley Equity Committee
Dr. Nanette Mickiewicz, Dominican Hospital

Bernie Klum, MD, Watsonville Community Hospital Emergency Department
Kristi Locatelli, Animal Evacuation Team, SCC Horsemen's Association
Sandy Lydon
Salem Magariam, MD, Dominican Pediatric Clinic
Larry Markey
Anthony Musielewicz, MD, Dominican Emergency Department
Carmen Perez
Micah Posner, People Power

Ginny Clark, Hospice Caring
Project/ Friends of Hospice
Kim Clary, The Core
Cleaner Beaches Coalition
Yvette Cook, Amesti Elementary School

Maggie Muir, Sutter Maternity \& Surgery Center
Michelle LaBerge, Volunteer
Attorney Coach, Mock Trial
School Competition
Steve LaBerge, Volunteer
Attorney Coach, Mock Trial School Competition
Linda Proudfoot, Make Your Wishes Known Community Education Initiative
Raquel Ramirez Ruiz, Diabetes Health Center
Surfrider, Santa Cruz Chapter

Pablo Reguerin, Educational Partnership Center
Ginny Solari Mazry, Hospice of Santa Cruz County Volunteer
Rachel Spencer
Todd Stosuy, Animal
Evacuation Team, SCC Animal Services Authority
Mary Sullivan-White, Animal Evacuation Team, SCC Horsemen's Association
Michele Violich, MD, Watsonville Health Center

Christina Cuevas, Program Officer, Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County
Bob Culbertson, Watsonville Wetlands Watch

Doriz Downs, Healthy Start Program of PVUSD
Georgette Dufresne, Women's Crisis Support- Defensa de Mujeres
Jennifer Hastings, Medical Director, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte/ Westside Health
Maria Carmen Hernandez, Healthy Start Program of PVUSD
Rama Khalsa, Ph.D., Director of the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency

## Year I2, 2006

Sybil Anderson-Adams, Santa
Cruz Family \& Children's Services

Carmelita Austin-Schreher, ABC Health Group
Deborah Blumberg, Community Volunteer

Roberta Bristol, Community Volunteer

Maria Callejas, Coastal Community Preschool
Karina Cervantez, Community Action Board

Linda Clevenger
Jimmy Cook, Santa Cruz Family \& Children's Services
Gail Cosby, Coastal Community Preschool
Roberta DePiana, Coastal Community Preschool
Patrick J. Fitz, Community Volunteer

Year II, 2005
Foster Anderson, Shared Adventures
Austin Armstrong, Community Volunteer

Katie LeBaron, Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency
Ruth Leon, Healthy Start Program of PVUSD
Robert Montague, Loaves and Fishes
Manuel Osorio, Cabrillo College
Rock Pfotenhauer, Dean of Career Education and Economic Development at Cabrillo College
Cece Pinheiro, Special Parents Information Network

Veronica Foos, Santa Cruz Family \& Children's Services
Nancy Gimmons, Watsonville Farmer's Market
Jim Howes, Santa Cruz Police Department Public Services Department
Suzanne Koebler
Jennifer Laskin, Teacher at Renaissance High School
Judy Leguillon, Coastal Community Preschool
Paul McGrath
Lee Mercer, Second Harvest Food Bank
Rob Mullens, Coastal Community Preschool
Jim Naragon, Families in Transition
Nell Newman, Newman's Organics

Brenda Armstrong, Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency

Stuart Rosenstein, Queer Youth Task Force of Santa Cruz County
Santa Cruz Neighbors
Jorge Savala, Healthy Start Program of PVUSD
David True, Community Action Board
UC Santa Cruz Transportation and Parking Services Department (TAPS)

Terri Noto, Santa Cruz Family \& Children's Services
Charles Paulden, Community Volunteer
Elise Perlin, Santa Cruz Family \& Children's Services
Bob Rittenhouse, Community Volunteer
Eddie Rittenhouse, Community Volunteer
Linda Robinson, Ombudsman Program
Francisco Rodriguez, Pajaro Valley Unified School District
Robert Rodriquez
Marcia Soler, Coastal Community Preschool
Chris Tracy, Santa Cruz Family \& Children's Services
Victoria Williams, Santa Cruz Family \& Children's Services
Mardi Wormhoudt

Dave Bartlett, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
Kay Bartlett, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Catherine Cooper, UCSC Department of Psychology
Tamara Doan, Coastal
Watershed Council
Lisa Dobbins, Action Pajaro Valley
Elizabeth Dominguez, Cabrillo College
Juan Gomez, Reclaiming Futures and Friday Night Live
Clay Kempf, Regional Diabetes Collaborative

## Year IO, 2004

Luis Alejo, CRLA/Watsonville Schools
Piet Canin, Bike to Work Program
Cathy Cavanaugh, Community Bridges WIC Program
Karen Christensen, Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District
Jinny Corneliussen, Jack Farr, and Theresa Kramer, Alzheimer's Association of Santa Cruz Volunteers

Year 9, 2003
Dan Cope, Special Education Local Planning Area
Don Eggleston, New School
Jill Gallo, Community Volunteer
Mary Hammer, Community Volunteer
Mas Hashimoto, Japanese American Citizens League
Roland and Violetta Law, Community Volunteers

## Year 8, 2002

Mary Balzer, SPIN
Ruth Barker, We Care Program

Lynda Lewit, Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency
Scott MacDonald, Santa Cruz County Probation Department
Leslyn McCallum, Train of Consciousness
Ryan McNamara, Team Member with Quest4aCure
Maria Cristina Negrete, Community Volunteer
Matt O'Brien, Team Member with Quest4aCure

Melissa Cowles, Community Volunteer

Selby Drake, Suicide Prevention Center Volunteers
Ecology Action
Marcia "Duffy" Grant, Community Volunteer
Anita Ibarra, Community Action Board
Gail Levine, Branciforte Elementary
Elnora Lewis, Community Volunteer

Dean Lundholm, Pleasant Acres Tenant Association
Marcia Meyer, Childcare Ventures
Omega Nu
Yolanda Perez-Logan, Probation Department
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R.E.A.L.

David Beaudry, Community Builder

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Judy Webster, Community Volunteer
Tom Webster, Community Volunteer
Carol Whitehill, Watsonville Wetlands Watch
Danielle Winkler, Team Member with Quest4aCure
Joya Winwood, Mothersong

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Ride a Wave and Balance 4 Kids
Jerri Ross, Santa Cruz County Health Care Outreach Coalition

Patricia Schroeder, Student Health Services
Judy Williams, Community Volunteer

Randy Repass, West Marine Joseph Rivers, Dragonslayers
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Angie Christmann, Land Trust of
Santa Cruz County
Jena Collier, Health Families
Daniel Dodge, Community Activist
Heather Hite
Year 7, 200I
Jane Barr, Mid-Peninsula
Housing
Jess Brown, Santa Cruz County
Farm Bureau
Virginia Butz
Alie Carey, Y.E.S. School
Destiny Castillo, Y.E.S. School
Amy Christey, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department
Aurelie Clivas, San Lorenzo Valley Healthy Start

## Year 6, 2000

Jay Balzar, Dientes
Steve Beedle, Santa Cruz Tech
Alliance
Kathy Bernard, Pajaro Valley
Housing Corporation
Janet Boss, Boys and Girls Club
of Santa Cruz County
Noah Brown, Youth Services
Judy Cox, Santa Cruz County
Probation Department
Pam Elders, Head Start

Deutron Kebebew, UCSC
Marq Lipton, Seaside Company
Ellen Moir, New Teacher Center Jorge Sanchez, Si Se Puede
Paul Tutwiler, Volunteer

Diane Cooley, Community Volunteer
Jonathan Cornejo, Head Start
Blanca Corrales
LaRue Foster, Ombudsman
Scott Kennedy, Santa Cruz City Council
Ken Meshke
Carrol Moran, UCSC Education Partner CTR
Chrissie Morrison, Y.E.S. School

Aranda Guillermo, c/o Don Eggleston
Francisco Jimenez, Student/Magic Apple
Janice Jimenez, Student/Magic Apple
Rama Khalsa, Health Services Agency
Bryan Loehr, Redwood Elementary
Vickie Morales, Santa Cruz County Probation Department
Bob Munsey, Crow's Nest

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John Janzen, Silicon Systems
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Irvin Lindsey, Outdoor Science Experience
Mary Jo May

Jim Van Houten, Community Volunteer
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Martina Zamilpa, Catholic Charities

Theresa Ontiveros, Planned Parenthood
Sally Smith, Surfrider Foundation
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Jonas Stanley, San Lorenzo Valley Healthy Start
Lillian Westerman, Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Mike Wilker, CCIC Lutheran Church

Dee O'Brian, Walnut Avenue Women's Center
Dennis Osmer, Energy Services
Laura Segura-Gallardo, Watsonville Parks and Recreation
Larry Tierney, Park Maintenance
Siri Vaeth, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Jack O'Neill, O'Neill Sea Odyssey
Jane Scherich
Michael Schmidt, Santa Cruz Chamber
Tim Siemsen
Erica Terence Junior High

Arcadio Viveros, Salud Para La Gente

## Year 4, I998

Patricia Arana, ALTO
Edison Jensen, Attorney
Susan Olsen, El Pajaro Community Development

## Year 3, I997

Ciel Benedetto, Santa Cruz
Women's Health Center
Dana Blumrosen, Street Youth Program
Kimberly Carter, Above the Line
Sharon Kinsey, Volunteer
Erik Larsen, Resource Center for Nonviolence
Norm Lezin, Delta School

Elisabeth Vogel, Mercy Charities Housing

Linda Perez, Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance<br>Maria Roman, Community for Violence Reduction

Mark Ligon, Every Fifteen Minutes
Paula Mahoney, Every Fifteen Minutes
Maria Martinez, Head Start Volunteer
Bob McKinley, Every Fifteen Minutes
Michael Pruger, Every Fifteen Minutes

## Year 2, 1996

Paul Brindel, Community Action Board

Judy Darnell, Volunteer
Linda Fawcett, League of Women Voters
Andrea Garcia, EI Comite/Esperanza
Fred Keeley, SCCHO
Nancy Macy, Volunteer

| Alan McCay, SCCHO | Juana Ortiz-Gomez, El |
| :--- | :---: |
| Terry Medina, Watsonville Police | Comite/Esperanza |
| $\quad$ Chief | Leonard Smith, Pros for Youth |
| Michael Molesky, El | Marion Taylor, League of |
| Comite/Esperanza | Women Voters |
| Mónica Morales, Brown Berets | Marisa Villalon-Chapman, El |
| Harvey Nickelson, Coast | Comite/Esperanz |
| Commercial Bank |  |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Sirgy, J., Phillips, R., Rahtz, D. (2007). Community Quality of Life Indicators, Best Practices III. The International Society for Quality of Life Studies, (ISQOLS).
    ${ }^{2}$ Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. (2008). Statistics, Knowledge and Policy 2007: Measuring and Fostering the Progress of Societies, (OECD).

[^1]:    Note: Data presented in table are the most recent data available.
    *Statistically significant difference between White and Latino survey respondents.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ Please see Appendix II for definitions types of child abuse: "Caretaker Absence or Incapacity," "Emotional Abuse," "Exploitation," "General Neglect," "Physical Abuse," "Severe Neglect," and "Sexual Abuse."

[^3]:    2013: 218 respondents offering 283 responses.
    Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: This was an open-ended survey question which allowed the respondent to provide any answer. Due to variance in coding, data should be compared by top responses rather than tracking individual responses over time.
    ${ }^{1}$ Prior to 2013, respondents that answered "the same" were added to the "not better off financially" category. In 2013, these respondents were given their own category.

[^4]:    Source: Dean Runyan Associates. (2014). 2006-2012 California Travel Impacts by County.

[^5]:    Source: State of California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division. (2014). 2008-2014 Industry Employment \& Labor Force. U.S. Department of Labor (2014).2008-2014 Bureau of Labor Statistics.
    Note: Data from 2014 only represent the month of June. Data prior to June 2014 represent an average for the year.

[^6]:    ${ }^{4}$ National Alliance to End Homelessness: Facilitating Workplace Success for disconnected and disadvantaged youth; August 21, 2013.

[^7]:    ${ }^{5}$ Please see Appendix II for definition of "Median Family Income" and "Median Household Income."

[^8]:    Source: Department of Health and Human Services. (2014). 2008-2014 Federal Register.
    Note: For families larger than 8, an additional \$4,020 is added for each additional person in 2013.
    Note: Federal Poverty Guidelines do not include Alaska or Hawaii.

[^9]:    ${ }^{6}$ Insight Center for Community Economic Development CA Family Economic Self-Sufficiency by County. (2010). Retrieved from January 5, 2011. http://www.insight.org/index.php?page=ca-sss.

[^10]:    Source: Insight Center for Community Economic Development. (2014). 2003-2014 The Self-Sufficiency Standard for California.
    ${ }^{1}$ Hourly wages for two-adult households are per adult (e.g., $\$ 18.67$ per adult in 2011, $\$ 18.46$ per adult in 2014).

[^11]:    Source: Insight Center for Community Economic Development. (2014). 2012 The Self-Sufficiency Standard for California. Note: Data presented are the most recent available.

[^12]:    Source: National Association of Home Builders. (2014). 2008-2014 NAHB - Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI), 1st Quarter.

[^13]:    Source: DataQuick News. (2013). 2007-2013 Foreclosure Press Releases.

[^14]:    Source: County of Santa Cruz Human Services Department Annual Report. (2014) 2007-2014.

[^15]:    ${ }^{7}$ Please see Appendix II for definition of "California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)."

[^16]:    Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2007-2014 High School Exit Exam Office.

[^17]:    Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2006-2013 SAT Report.

[^18]:    ${ }^{8}$ Please see Appendix II for definition of "SAT."

[^19]:    ${ }^{9}$ Please see Appendix II for definition of "English Learner."

[^20]:    Source: California Department of Education. (2014). 2009-2013 Educational Demographics Office.
    Note: Cohort outcome graduation rates are not available prior to the 2009/10 school year.
    ${ }^{1}$ Please see Appendix II for definition of "Cohort."

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    Note: Percentages were not calculated for ethnicities with fewer than 20 events.

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    Note: 2001 to 2009 CHIS data were collected over a 9-month period. Beginning June 15, 2011, CHIS data will be collected continuously over a two-year period. 2011-2012 CHIS data were collected from June 15, 2011 through January 14, 2013.

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    Note: This measure does not factor height.
    ^Statistically unstable due to a low number of respondents.
    Note: 2001 to 2009 CHIS data were collected over a 9-month period. Beginning June 15, 2011, CHIS data will be collected continuously over a two-year period. 2011-2012 CHIS data were collected from June 15, 2011 through January $14,2013$.
    Note: Data presented are the most recent data available.

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    Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.

[^43]:    Source: West Ed for California Department of Education. (2014). California Healthy Kids Survey, Santa Cruz County.
    Note: Questions regarding use of Methamphetamines, Cocaine, and Psychedelics were not asked of $7^{\text {th }}$ middle school students.
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    ${ }^{1}$ Other types of Non-fatal Self-Inflicted Injuries includes Suicide Attempt by Jumping.
    ${ }^{2}$ Other types of Non-fatal Assault Injuries includes Abuse and Neglect.

[^47]:    ${ }^{27}$ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2014). Pertussis outbreak trends. Atlanta, GA. Retrieved from http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/outbreaks/trends.html
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[^50]:    Source: California Department of Public Health. (2014). Death Statistical Master Files. Sacramento, CA.
    ${ }^{\wedge}$ Death rate unreliable, relative standard of error is greater than or equal to $23 \%$.

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    Note: Age-adjusted death rates were calculated using the 2000 U.S. Standard Population.
    ${ }^{\wedge}$ Death rate unreliable, relative standard of error is greater than or equal to $23 \%$.

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    $\wedge$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

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    ${ }^{1}$ The total of all jurisdictions will not equal Santa Cruz County total. The County total includes the California Highway Patrol, U.C. Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Mountains Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Union Pacific Railroad.
    ${ }^{\wedge}$ Percent change is not calculated for numbers less than 20, as small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

[^57]:    North County 2013 n: 258; South County 2013 n: 238; SLV 2013 n: 214.
    Source: Applied Survey Research. (2014). 2003-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. *Significance testing: San Lorenzo Valley respondents were significantly more likely than North County and South County respondents to say they felt "Very Safe" in their neighborhood in 2013.

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    Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.

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    ${ }^{2}$ Data exclude requests made in the month of April in Santa Cruz County due to Santa Cruz County not reporting.

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    Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2007-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey.
    Note: This was a multiple response question so percentages do not add up to $100 \%$.

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    Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2009-2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. *Significance testing: North County respondents were significantly more likely than San Lorenzo Valley respondents to be "Very Satisfied" with local government in 2013.

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    Source: Applied Survey Research. (2013). 2013 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project, Telephone Survey. Note: Survey question was modified in 2013 and is therefore not comparable to previous years.
    *Significance testing: White respondents were significantly more likely than Latino respondents to have kept paints and chemicals out of storm drains, used appropriate amounts of fertilizers and outdoor pesticides, and used less toxic fertilizers and pesticides in 2013.

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