

2.0 POPULATION AND GROWTH

Population

The California Department of Finance estimates the 2005 population of the County of Riverside to be 1,877,000. In the 10 years between 1990 and 2000, the population of the entire County increased from 1,170,413 to 1,522,855, a total of 1.51 percent. During the same 10-year period, the housing stock increased from 483,847 to 582,419 units, or 1.02 percent.

Table 2.A shows past population and housing growth within the cities included within this MSR, all of the unincorporated areas within the County, and the County as a whole. As shown, there has been a wide range in growth among these cities. Based on the Department of Finance data, recent growth within Beaumont, Murrieta, and Temecula has been the highest, while recent growth within Calimesa and Hemet has been the lowest.

Table 2.A: Past Growth in Population and Housing Units (1990, 2000, 2005)

Year	Population	Annual Percent Change	Housing Units	Annual Percent Change
City of Banning				
1990	20,572	-	8,279	-
2000	25,999	2.64	9,852	1.90
2005	27,954	1.50	11,359	3.06
City of Beaumont				
1990	9,685	-	3,718	-
2000	11,007	1.36	4,051	0.90
2005	18,982	14.49	6,949	14.31
City of Calimesa				
1990	*	-	*	-
2000	7,748	-	3,258	-
2005	7,434	-0.81	3,294	0.22
City of Hemet				
1990	36,094	-	19,692	-
2000	62,751	7.39	30,802	5.64
2005	66,455	1.18	32,452	1.07
City of Moreno Valley				
1990	118,779	-	37,945	-
2000	141,274	1.89	42,493	1.20
2005	165,328	3.41	46,944	2.09

Year	Population	Annual Percent Change	Housing Units	Annual Percent Change
City of Murrieta				
1990	*	-	*	-
2000	43,989	-	14,528	-
2005	85,102	18.69	28,788	19.63
City of Perris				
1990	21,500	-	7,780	-
2000	32,369	5.06	10,444	3.42
2005	44,594	7.55	12,673	4.27
City of San Jacinto				
1990	16,210	-	6,845	-
2000	26,124	6.12	9,471	3.84
2005	28,437	1.77	11,045	3.32
City of Temecula				
1990	27,099	-	10,659	-
2000	53,791	9.85	18,534	7.39
2005	81,397	10.26	26,007	8.06
Unincorporated County Areas				
1990	385,384	-	161,357	-
2000	401,362	0.41	155,310	-0.37
2005	504,792	5.15	185,701	3.91
Total Riverside County				
1990	1,170,413	-	483,847	-
2000	1,522,855	3.01	582,419	2.04
2005	1,877,000	4.65	690,075	3.70

Source: State of California, Department of Finance, E-5 City/County Population and Housing Estimates, 2005, Revised 2001–2004, with 2000 DRU Benchmark. Sacramento, California, May 2005.
* City incorporated after 1990.

Average Household Size

The 2000 United States Census reports that there were 506,218 households within the County, with an average household size of 2.98. The County’s 2000 population per household is about average when compared to the following neighboring counties:

Kern County (3.03)	San Bernardino County (3.15)
Orange County (3.00)	San Diego County (2.73)
Los Angeles County (2.98)	Ventura County (3.04)

The Southern California Association of Governments’s (SCAG’s) most recently adopted growth projections show the County’s population per household being slightly less in 2030 at 2.79. Likewise, most of the cities within this MSR are expected to have a steady average of decline in persons per household through 2030, as shown in Table 2.B.

Table 2.B: SCAG's Projected Population Per Household (2000–2030)

Jurisdiction	2000	2010	2020	2030
Banning	2.64	2.62	2.48	2.38
Beaumont	2.93	3.06	3.12	3.09
Calimesa	2.40	2.37	2.06	1.93
Hemet	2.33	2.31	2.26	2.21
Moreno Valley	3.63	3.59	3.45	3.33
Murrieta	3.08	3.09	3.04	2.97
Perris	3.75	3.82	3.73	3.64
San Jacinto	2.85	2.83	2.75	2.67
Temecula	3.13	3.16	3.03	2.91
Unincorporated	3.07	3.04	2.84	2.65

Source: Southern California Association of Governments, Growth Projections, 2004.

Growth Projections

The most recent growth projections adopted by SCAG indicate that population growth in the County between 2010 and 2030 is expected to be 52,902 persons annually, or 2.54 percent, which is slightly less than what occurred in the 1990s (3.01 percent annually). Housing will have significantly more growth (22,100 households annually, or 3.22 percent) than in the recent past (9,870 households annually, or 2.04 percent).

The SCAG growth projections for each City within the MSR are shown in Table 2.C. The cities with the lowest projected growth rate include Temecula, San Jacinto, and Perris. The areas with the highest projected growth rate include Beaumont and Calimesa. Based on the cities' projections regarding growth, these regional projections may be inaccurate. Details regarding each cities' projections in comparison to the SCAG projections are provided within each city's section of this MSR.

Table 2.C: SCAG's Population and Housing Growth Projections, 2010, 2020, and 2030

Year	Population	Annual Percent Change	Housing	Annual Percent Change
City of Banning				
2010	29,213	-	11,140	-
2020	37,972	3.00	15,305	3.73
2030	46,140	2.15	19,418	2.68
City of Beaumont				
2010	27,305	-	8,914	-
2020	59,898	11.94	19,212	11.55
2030	90,290	5.07	29,333	5.27
City of Calimesa				
2010	9,879	-	4,174	-
2020	16,325	6.52	7,915	8.96
2030	22,336	3.68	11,596	4.64

Year	Population	Annual Percent Change	Housing	Annual Percent Change
City of Hemet				
2010	105,100	-	45,449	-
2020	138,496	3.17	61,237	3.47
2030	169,636	2.24	76,836	2.54
City of Moreno Valley*				
2010	169,895	-	47,295	-
2020	205,503	2.09	59,515	2.58
2030	238,703	1.61	71,619	2.03
City of Murrieta				
2010	83,811	-	27,110	-
2020	108,575	2.95	35,738	3.18
2030	131,666	2.12	44,263	2.38
City of Perris				
2010	63,440	-	16,605	-
2020	76,501	2.05	20,499	2.34
2030	88,683	1.59	24,362	1.88
City of San Jacinto				
2010	31,256	-	11,047	-
2020	37,197	1.90	13,541	2.25
2030	42,738	1.48	16,016	1.82
City of Temecula				
2010	83,510	-	26,431	-
2020	92,627	1.09	30,584	1.57
2030	101,128	0.09	34,722	1.35
Unincorporated County Areas				
2010	475,002	-	156,466	-
2020	667,930	4.07	235,183	5.03
2030	830,191	2.42	313,281	3.32
Total Riverside County				
2010	2,085,432	-	685,775	-
2020	2,644,278	2.67	907,932	3.23
2030	3,143,468	1.88	1,127,780	2.42

Source: Southern California Association of Governments, Projections, 2004.

* Moreno Valley's projections are discussed further in Section 8.3.

Jobs/Housing Balance

The jobs/housing balance is the relationship between the number of jobs provided by a community and the number of housing units needed to house the workers in those jobs. The measure of jobs/housing balance is the jobs/employed resident ratio; a ratio of 1.00 indicates that there is a numeric balance between the number of jobs and the number of employed residents in a community. A ratio of less than 1.00 indicates that a community is "job poor" and that its economic development has not kept pace with its housing growth. A jobs/housing balance indicates whether a community's housing

costs match worker incomes, that travel distances between homes and jobs are not excessive, and the environment and quality of life are maintained at an acceptable level. A jobs/housing imbalance can create both environmental problems (increased traffic congestion, decreased air quality) and fiscal problems (insufficient resources to provide services since housing cannot pay for all its service needs). Riverside County as a whole is projected to be relatively well balanced in the future (slightly “jobs rich”) in terms of employment and resident workers. However, there are differences among the cities discussed within this MSR. The balance between jobs and employed residents (from 2010 through 2030) is shown in Table 2.D. As shown, Temecula and Moreno Valley are projected to be jobs rich, indicating that employees will be commuting in from other areas; and Calimesa, Hemet, Murrieta, and San Jacinto are projected to be jobs poor, generally indicating that employees will be commuting out to other areas.

Table 2.D: SCAG’s Projected Employment to Households Balance

	2010			2020			2030		
	Employment	Households	Ratio	Employment	Households	Ratio	Employment	Households	Ratio
Banning	11,217	11,140	1.00	15,682	15,305	1.02	20,244	19,418	1.04
Beaumont	7,704	8,914	0.86	16,511	19,212	0.85	25,601	29,333	0.87
Calimesa	2,293	4,174	0.54	3,065	7,915	0.38	3,852	11,596	0.33
Hemet	31,656	45,449	0.69	42,384	61,237	0.69	53,629	76,836	0.69
Moreno Valley*	46,416	47,295	0.98	66,221	59,515	1.11	86,993	71,619	1.21
Murrieta	18,420	27,110	0.67	22,356	35,738	0.62	26,462	44,263	0.59
Perris	16,652	16,605	1.00	23,249	20,499	1.13	30,168	24,362	1.23
San Jacinto	8,587	11,047	0.77	10,066	13,541	0.74	11,620	16,016	0.72
Temecula	38,040	26,431	1.43	54,111	30,584	1.76	70,903	34,722	2.04
Total County	727,711	685,775	1.06	954,499	907,932	1.05	1,188,976	1,127,780	1.05

Source: Southern California Association of Governments, Projections, 2004.

* Moreno Valley’s projections are discussed further in Section 8.3.