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Demographics

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Merced is a medium sized city that experiences a rapid 3.4% annual growth rate. Approximately 45% of the Merced County population resides within Merced's urban area.

Demographic Overview	
Current Local Population	80,608 (City Limits) 119,338 (Urban Area)
Current Merced County Population	256,778
Average Household Size	3.1
Median Age	28
Owner Occupied Homes	10,637 (42.7%)
Total Housing Units	27,446
Source: U.S. Census Bureau; (www.census.gov) , Department of Finance; (www.dof.gov)	

Historic and Projected Population Estimates					
	2000	2010	2015	2020	2025
City of Merced	63,893	80,985	89,400	97,700	106,800
Merced County	210,554	258,495	307,300	340,800	377,400

Source: Merced County Association of Governments

Racial and Ethnic Composition of Population, City of Merced

Race/Ethnic Origin	Total
Asian	12.6%
Black or African American	6.6%
Hispanic or Latino	49.6%
Milti-race/ Other	1.2%
White	30%

Source: Brown University, (www.s4brown.edu)

Educational Attainment of Population over 25 Years of Age

Years of School Completed	Total
Less than High School	28.7%
High School	26.5%
Some College	19.9%
Associate's Degree	8.2%
Bachelor's Degree	10.2%
Graduate/ Professional	6.6%

Source: www.demographicreports.com

Commute Time in Merced County	Workers	Percentage
Less than 5 minutes	13,443	3.8%
5-9 minutes	13,135	14.6%
10-14 minutes	16,727	18.6%
15-19 minutes	13,689	15.2%
20-24 minutes	11,312	12.6%
25-29 minutes	2,296	2.6%
30-34 minutes	9,400	10.5%
35-39 minutes	827	0.9%

40-44 minutes	1,902	2.1%
45-59 minutes	5,629	6.3%
60-89 minutes	5,794	6.5%
90 or more minutes	5,653	6.8%
Total that did not work at home	89,807	100%
Source: Community Economic Development Hot Report (http://smpbff1.dsd.census.gov)		