

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE RELEASES NEW POPULATION ESTIMATES

Each May the State Department of Finance releases new population estimates for California by city and county. According to the state data, San Joaquin County remains the 15<sup>th</sup> largest county in the state. The county also remains in the top ten as one of the fastest growing counties for both percentage of growth and growth in numbers. The new state population estimates are:

	January 1, 2001	January 1, 2002	dif. +/-
<b>SAN JOAQUIN</b>	<b>578,600</b>	<b>596,000</b>	<b>3.0</b>
ESCALON	6,125	6,350	3.7
LATHROP	10,800	11,600	7.4
LODI	58,200	59,400	2.1
MANTECA	51,500	55,000	6.8
RIPON	10,650	11,150	4.7
STOCKTON	248,400	253,800	2.2
TRACY	60,900	65,600	7.7
UNINCORPORATED	131,900	133,000	0.8

Of particular note for San Joaquin County, the state noted that:

Placer County had the fastest percent growth again this year, with a pace of 3.9 percent. The second fastest growing county was Riverside, at 3.8 percent. **Third place San Joaquin County grew by 3 percent.** This is the second year Placer and Riverside rank one-two among the top ten fastest growing counties.

Additionally, the state noted the following general information in their May 2002 news release:

California's population increased 652,000 in the year 2001, to total 35,037,000 on January 1, 2002, according to annual city and county population data released today by the Department of Finance. The new data reflect a 1.9 percent population increase for the year. Despite last year's economic events as well as those resulting from the September 11, 2001, tragedy, population growth continues to be fueled by high levels of both natural increase and net immigration, the familiar engines of state increase.

These data reflect a general continuation in the amount and pace in the state's growth compared to the prior calendar year, when California added an estimated 657,000 people, and grew at almost a 2 percent rate. Both natural

increase and net migration also approached their last-year levels. For a second year, net migration exceeded natural increase as a source of state growth, comprising 54 percent of the gain. In addition, though not all counties in the state's northern center gained migrants from other parts of the state, there was a pattern of movement by existing residents away from high-cost, high-density Bay Area counties to this inland area.

State charts that pertain to San Joaquin County:

**10 Fastest Growing Cities Under 300,000 Based on Numerical Population Change**

City	Population January 1, 2002	Numeric Change 2001-02
1. Temecula	72,700	11,200
2. Chula Vista	190,900	9,700
3. Irvine	157,500	9,300
4. Riverside	269,400	8,200
5. Bakersfield	257,900	7,800
6. Fontana	139,100	6,400
7. Rancho Cucamonga	137,100	6,300
8. Elk Grove	81,400	5,500
9. Stockton	253,800	5,400
10. Murrieta	51,600	5,350

**10 Fastest Growing Counties Based on Percentage Change**

County	Population January 1, 2002	Percentage Change 2001-02
1. Placer	264,900	3.9
2. Riverside	1,644,300	3.8
3. San Joaquin	596,000	3.0
4. Merced	218,900	2.8
5. San Benito	55,900	2.8
6. Yolo	176,300	2.6
7. Stanislaus	469,500	2.6
8. Sacramento	1,279,900	2.6
9. San Bernardino	1,783,700	2.4
10. Nevada	95,300	2.4

## **10 Fastest Growing Counties Based on Numerical Population Change**

County	Population January 1, 2002	Numeric Change 2001-02
1. Los Angeles	9,824,800	170,900
2. Riverside	1,644,300	60,700
3. Orange	2,939,500	59,300
4. San Diego	2,918,300	58,400
5. San Bernardino	1,783,700	42,600
6. Sacramento	1,279,900	32,100
7. Alameda	1,486,600	23,700
8. Santa Clara	1,719,600	21,800
9. San Joaquin	596,000	17,400
10. Contra Costa	981,600	16,500

Statistics are available on-line at [www.dof.ca.us](http://www.dof.ca.us), under demographics. County population statistics are also posted on the county web site.

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