

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

AT A GLANCE

Population: 3,923,000 (July 2007)

Size: 27,500 square miles

Counties and Cities: Includes 8 counties
San Joaquin
Stanislaus
Merced
Madera
Fresno
Kings
Tulare
Kern



Includes 62 incorporated cities, five with populations over 100,000 (Fresno, Bakersfield, Stockton, Modesto and Visalia)

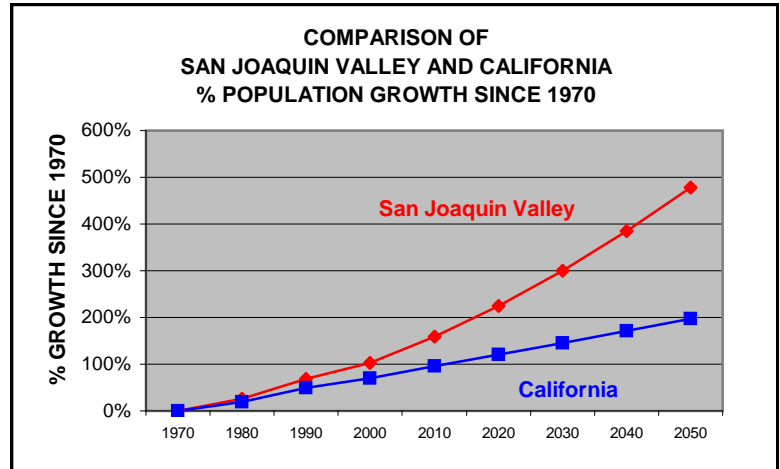
Facts: The San Joaquin Valley:

- is larger than 10 states.
- is more populous than 24 states.
- is 250 miles long and bordered on the west by the coastal mountain ranges, on the east by the Sierra Nevada range, on the north by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and on the south by the Tehachapi Mountains.
- is served by Interstate 5 and State Highway 99, the major north-south roads that run the entire length of the valley. Other main routes that serve the valley include State Highways 33, 41, 43, 65, 132, 140, 178, 180, and 198.
- is the nation's top agricultural-producing region and is known as "the nation's salad bowl." Four of the top five agricultural-producing counties in the nation are located in the San Joaquin Valley (Fresno, Tulare, Kern and Merced Counties).

- is plagued with some of the nation's worst air pollution because its weather and topography create an ideal setting for the formation and retention of pollutants.

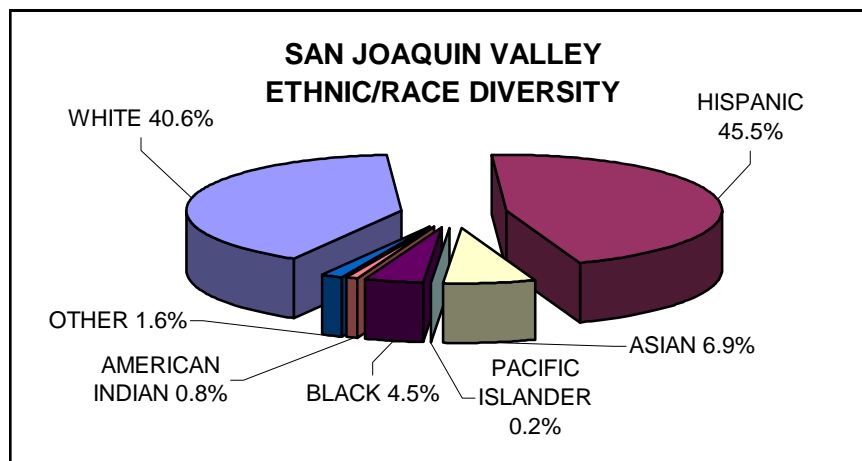
Population Growth:

YEAR	POPULATION
1970	1,635,600
1980	2,062,400
1990	2,756,600
2000	3,326,552
2010	4,223,808
2020	5,318,531
2030	6,551,792
2040	7,934,485
2050	9,455,181



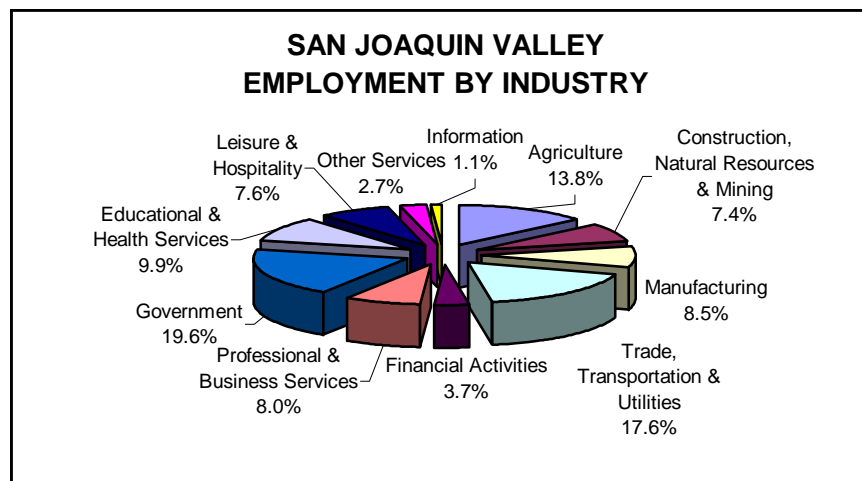
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and State of California Department of Finance

Ethnic/Race Diversity:



Source: State of California Department of Finance for 2008

Economy:



Source: State of California Employment Development Department for 2006