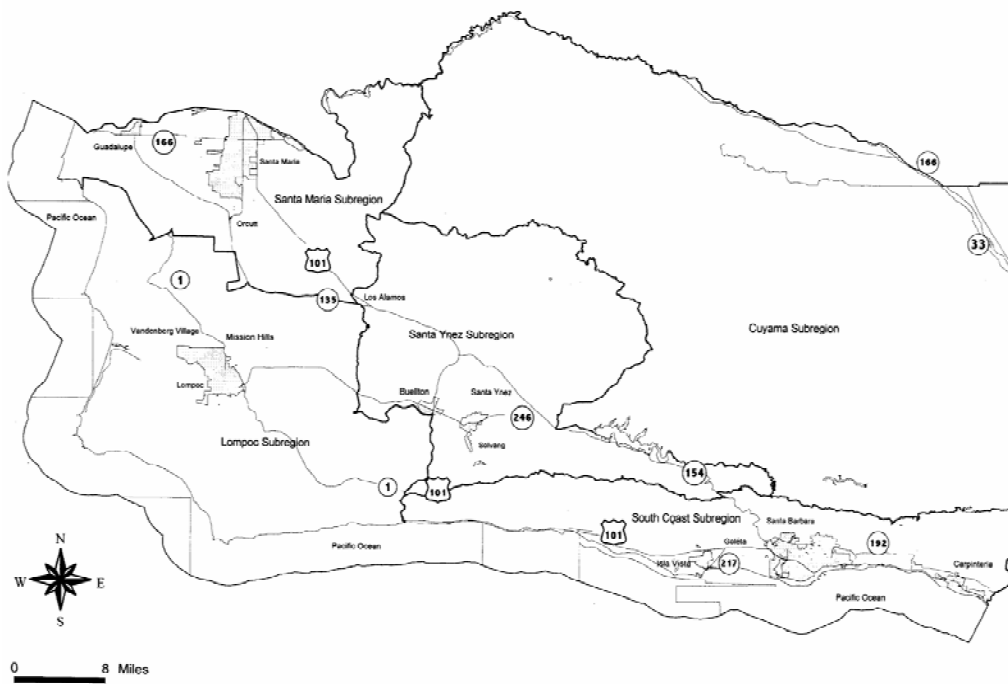


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## Profile of Older Adults in Santa Barbara County



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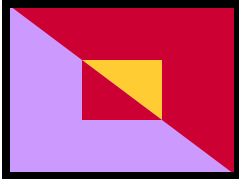
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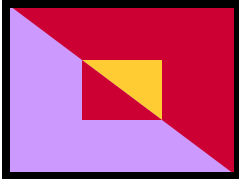


# Summary of Older Adults

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- The City of Santa Barbara has the largest number of persons over 60 with 14,467 or 22 percent of the 64,921 countywide total, followed by the City of Santa Maria with 10,325 or 16 percent. (Page 7)
- The number of persons over 60 in Santa Barbara County increased 9 percent from 59,379 in 1990 to 64,921 in 2000. (Page 8)
- The South Coast has slightly more persons over 60, 33,109 or 51 percent compared to the North County with 31,811 or 49 percent. (Page 8)
- The unincorporated Santa Maria Valley and the City of Solvang have the highest concentration of persons over 60 with approximately 25 percent each of their total populations over 60. (Page 9)
- The number of persons over 60 is forecast to increase by 68,000 over the 2000 to 2030 time period from 64,921 to 132,921. (Page 11)
- The proportion of females over 60, compared to males, is higher with many more females in the older age categories. (Page 17)
- Santa Barbara County median family income with householder over 60 is \$52,000, somewhat lower than Ventura County but higher relative to other counties and the state. (Page 20)
- The Cities of Santa Barbara and Solvang and the Goleta Valley have the highest median family incomes with householder over 60. (Page 20)
- White and American Indian racial groups have the highest median family incomes with householder over 60. (Page 22)
- The City of Lompoc has a high percentage of female householders over 60 with relatively low incomes. (Page 23)
- The City of Guadalupe has the highest poverty rate (14 percent) for families with a householder over 60. (Page 24)
- The City of Carpinteria, has 60 percent, and Guadalupe, has 70 percent, of their over 85 females living alone. (Page 27)
- Persons of the White race over 60 have a greater tendency to live alone compared to Hispanic persons which often live in an extended family. (Page 28)
- Countywide, Householders over 60 living alone comprise a higher percentage of renters with 35 percent, compared to married couples over 60 with 10 percent. (Page 29)
- Countywide, Hispanic householders over 60 comprise a significantly higher percentage of renters, 35 percent, compared to 20 percent of White households. (Page 30)
- For households with a person over 60, the single family housing type is the most common, 70 percent, compared to condos and apartments with 25 percent. (Page 31)
- In the Cities of Carpinteria, Solvang, and Buellton more than 30 percent of persons over 60 live in mobile homes. (Page 31)
- In the Cities of Solvang and Buellton, the highest proportion of householders over 60 moved into their units most recently, from 1995 to 2000, while householders over 60 in the Cities of Lompoc and Guadalupe and the Goleta Valley have been in their houses much longer, moving in 1969 or earlier. (Page 32)
- The City of Solvang has the highest proportion of institutionalized persons over 60, and, for females over 85 in the City of Solvang, half (70 females out of 140) are institutionalized in residential care facilities. (Page 34)
- Approximately 18 percent of persons over 60 in Santa Barbara County are foreign born. (Page 35)
- The majority of households with a householder over 60 have a vehicle. (Page 38)
- Approximately 35 percent of persons over 60 in Santa Barbara County have some type of disability. (Page 39)



# Introduction to Older Adult Profile

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## INTRODUCTION:

Issues related to the growth of the elderly population in Santa Barbara County were brought to light in the development of the Regional Growth Forecast 2000 adopted by the SBCAG board in March 2002. This forecast provided an insight into the increasing numbers of elderly due to the aging of the existing population and retirees moving into various parts of the county. This increase in the elderly population has implications for demands on health care, housing, recreation, and transportation services, etc. As this segment of the population increases they will require more services over time.

Various county agencies now providing services to the elderly lack a comprehensive database that describes this segment of the population. The following data is provided to help fill the information gap that exists for the elderly population so they can be better and more efficiently served by these agencies. SBCAG has been designated by the State of California as a Census Affiliate Center with the responsibility to disseminate census data. As a result, this report is devoted to a recently released Special Census Tabulation on Aging sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging.

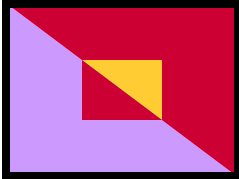
Other useful reports of note are the Senior Resource Directory published by the Area Agency on Aging that provides an extensive inventory of senior services, and the Community Report on the Status of Older Adults in Santa Barbara County published by the Adult and Aging Network. This later report provides health and care data for the older adult population.

Information on the elderly may help their communities obtain federal funds for needed services. In addition, this report documents information for planning hospitals, roads, and housing assistance. Many government agencies use data on the older population to implement and evaluate programs and policies. For example, the Department of Veterans Affairs must plan for nursing homes, hospitals, and veterans' benefits; the Department of Health and Human Services monitors compliance with the Older Americans Act, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission uses data on age in order to enforce the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The data are also used to forecast the use of Social Security and Medicare benefits. Private organizations and communities also value data on age for the purposes of planning and assessment. Knowledge about the characteristics of the older population helps businesses select an appropriate mix of merchandise and plan advertising campaigns. Communities also use this information in order to design needed health, transportation services, and, living facilities for the older population. The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments uses the information to assist in planning for the transportation needs of the elderly.

The report begins by describing the geographic location of older adults, how the elderly population change over time, and their age distribution. Income characteristics are then described followed by household types. Housing as well as other demographic factors are considered and the report concludes with transportation information.

For the purpose of this report the elderly population is considered to be those over 60 years of age. Several programs use this age group for eligibility requirements and others use a 55 or 65 age cutoff. Some of the major programs available for elderly adults and their age requirements are the following: Older Americans Act - 60+, Older Americans Act network of State and Area Agencies on Aging - 60+, Medicare - 65+, and Senior Employment Program - 55+. The 2000 Census Special Tabulation on Aging tabulates data for both the 60 and over population as well as disaggregating the data into increasing 5 year age groups. Other reference materials and existing literature also use the over age 65 age division for their elderly age group.

On a statewide level the increasing number of elderly persons resulted in passage of the Older Californians Act which reflects the State's commitment to its older population. Among some of the legislative provisions is the recognition that services to older individuals are administered by many different agencies and departments at both the state and local level, and that the planning and delivery of these services needs to be carried out with a large degree of coordination among those agencies. Some of the legislative directives are to; initiate programs through volunteer groups, create partnerships with local government agencies, coordinate with state and federal programs, and integrate participation of older individuals in the planning and operation of all programs and services. It is hoped that the data presented here will further the objectives of the Older Californians Act by opening up more communication channels for those serving the elderly population and provide a consistent source of information for use in special studies, and grant applications, etc.



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On January 9, 2003 Josephina G. Carbonell, Assistant Secretary for Aging, and Jennifer Dorn, Federal Transit Administrator, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote the coordination of transportation services for America's seniors. Assistant Secretary Carbonell noted that the overall goal of the Memorandum activities is to make it easier for local transportation providers to serve older people and help them remain independent and in their communities. Administrator Dorn agreed that common sense transportation solutions are the key to promoting independence and opportunity for older adults.

## **NATIONAL AND STATE TRENDS OF THE ELDERLY POPULATION:**

In 2000, 46.0 million people over 60 were counted in the United States Census. This represents a 10.0-percent increase since 1990, when 41.8 million older people were counted. Although the number of people over 60 increased between 1990 and 2000, their proportion of the total population dropped from 16.8 percent in 1990 to 16.3 percent in 2000.

During the 1990s, the most rapid growth of the older population occurred in the oldest age groups. The population 85 years and over increased by 38 percent, from 3.1 million to 4.2 million. In contrast, the population 75 to 84 years old increased by 23 percent, and the population 65 to 74 years old increased by less than 2 percent, from 18.1 million to 18.4 million. The changes in the 65-to-74 age group reflect the relatively low number of births in the late 1920s and early 1930s, which in turn led to a relatively small number of people reaching age 65 during the decade of 1990 to 2000. This trend is expected to reverse as baby boomers (born from 1946 through 1964) reach age 65, starting in 2011.

Every state's older population grew between 1990 and 2000, ranging from a 3 percent increase in Rhode Island to a 68-percent increase in Nevada. After Nevada, the next highest increases in the older population were found in Alaska (50 percent), Arizona (38 percent), and New Mexico (30 percent). California had an increase of 12 percent.

California, the most populous state, was also the state with the largest number of people over 60 (4.7 million people). Following California were Florida and New York, with 3.5 million and 3.2 million older people, respectively. Alaska had the fewest number of people over 60, with 53,000.

The broad nationwide patterns include a high proportion of people over 60 in counties extending through the Great Plains and south into central Texas. Many of these counties had a proportion of people over 60 that equaled or exceeded the proportion of the older population in the state of Florida (22 percent). The presence of this band in the Midwest suggests that the trends of outmigration of the young and aging-in-place have continued in this region. A similar band of counties with high proportions of older people is found in the Northeast region, stretching along Appalachia.

By contrast, much of the West region consists of counties with fewer elderly persons compared to the U.S. proportion of 16 percent, in part a result of higher net immigration and fertility. The older population represented 20 percent or more of the total population in 381 counties of the United States, and 30 percent or more of the total population in 10 counties, half of which were in Florida.



# Communities of Santa Barbara County

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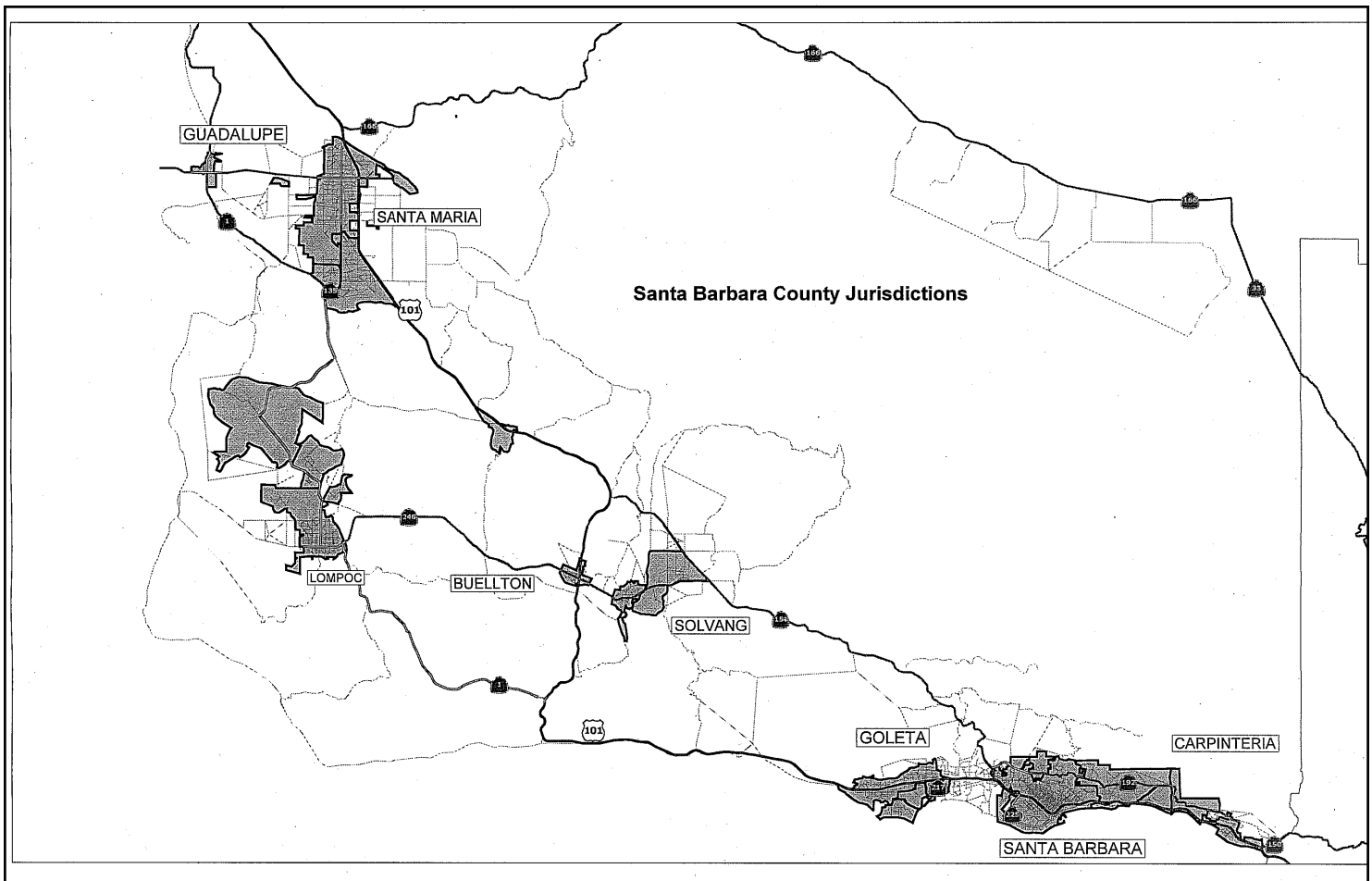
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## GEOGRAPHIC AREAS DISCUSSED IN THIS REPORT:

For comparison purposes the information described in this profile is displayed for a variety of areas, including statewide, Ventura County to the south, San Luis Obispo County to the north, Santa Barbara County and its communities.

Santa Barbara County currently has eight cities as shown on the map below and include the following: In the South Coast of Santa Barbara County are the Cities of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara and Goleta. In North County, are the Cities of Buellton, Solvang, Lompoc, Guadalupe, and Santa Maria. There are also some references to unincorporated areas adjacent to the cities. The Goleta Valley unincorporated includes the student community of Isla Vista that has the tendency to reduce the proportion of older adults.

Because the City of Goleta incorporated after the Census 2000, data for the City is not available, but, instead an area resembling the larger boundaries of Goleta Valley was tabulated by the Census Bureau. This area is referred to as the Goleta Census Place and has roughly twice the population of the recently incorporated City of Goleta. The Goleta Census Place, or, Goleta Valley, is used in this report to approximate the City of Goleta. This results in overestimation of various data sets. However, the basic population counts accurately reflect the City of Goleta boundaries since they were tabulated from a Geographic Information System.





# Location of Older Adults

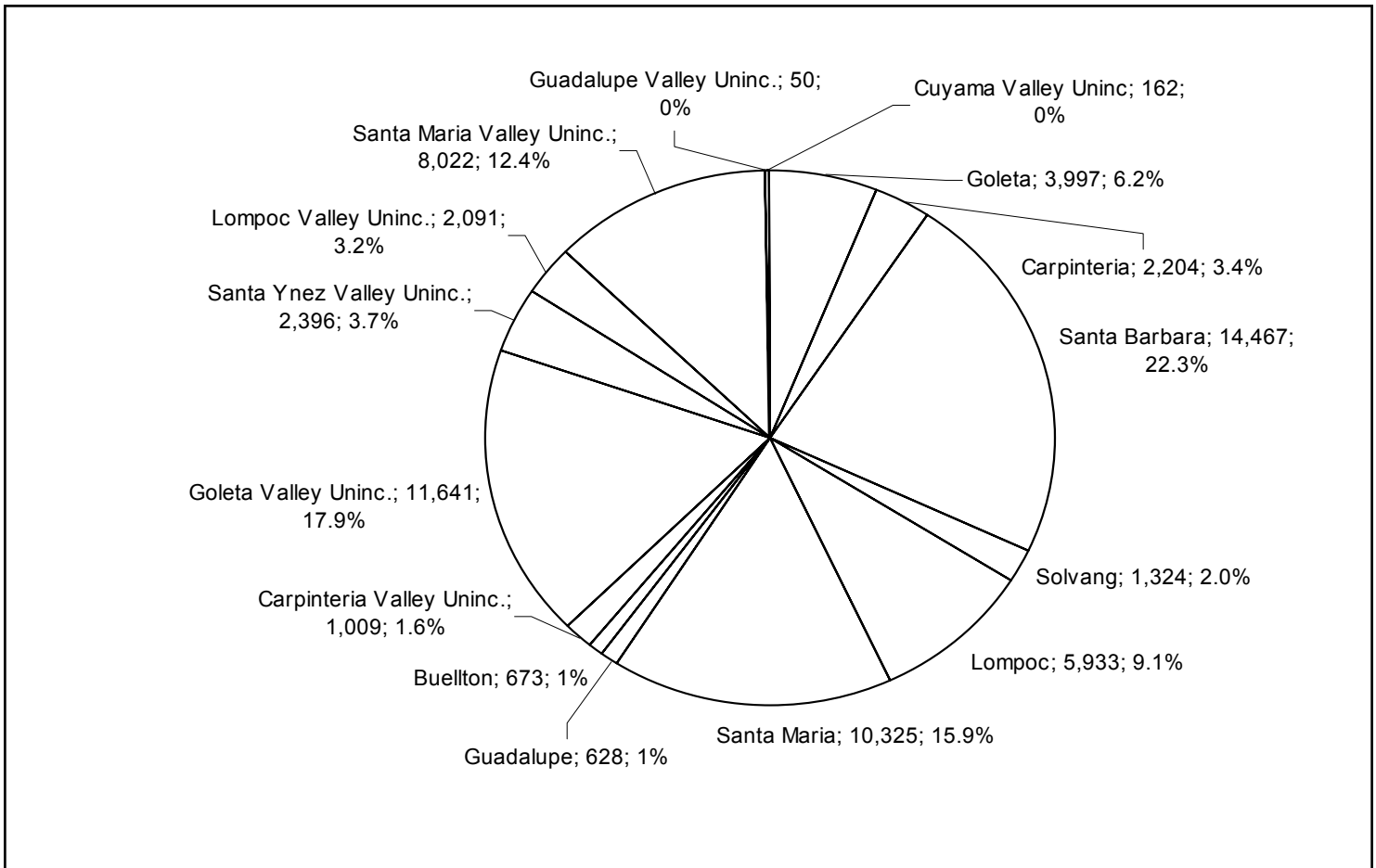
## PROPORTION OF PERSONS OVER 60:

The distribution of those persons over 60 varies by geographic area. The following figure shows the total countywide distribution for the cities and unincorporated areas in 2000.

- Within the South Coast, the City of Santa Barbara, has the largest number of persons over 60 years of age with approximately 22 percent of the 64,922 total persons over 60 live in Santa Barbara compared 16 percent in the City of Santa Maria. The unincorporated Santa Maria and Goleta Valley has 12 percent and 18 respectively.

### 2000 Census Persons Over 60

64,922 Total





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## CHANGE IN PERSONS OVER 60, 1990 to 2000:

The distribution of those persons over 60 has changed over time. The following table shows the total countywide distribution for the cities and unincorporated areas in 1990 and 2000.

- The number of persons over 60 countywide increased 9 percent from 59,379 in 1990 to 64,921 in 2000.
- South Coast Cities declined in the number of persons over 60 and North County Cities, with the exception of Solvang, increased in the number of persons over 60.
- The unincorporated Carpinteria and Santa Maria Valley areas both increase in the number of persons over 60.
- Note that the new Cities of Goleta and Buellton had incorporated after 1990 and so are included only for 2000. This decreased the unincorporated Goleta and Santa Ynez Valley areas population of persons over 60 for 2000.

1990 and 2000 Census Persons Over 60

| Jurisdiction                      | 1990          | 2000          | Change<br>1990-2000 | Percent<br>Change |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| City of Carpinteria               | 2,264         | 2,204         | (60)                | -2.7%             |
| City of Santa Barbara             | 17,117        | 14,467        | (2,650)             | -15.5%            |
| City of Goleta                    | N/A           | 3,997         | 3,997               | N/A               |
| City of Solvang                   | 1,365         | 1,324         | (41)                | -3.0%             |
| City of Buellton                  | N/A           | 673           | 673                 | N/A               |
| City of Lompoc                    | 4,456         | 5,933         | 1,477               | 33.1%             |
| City of Santa Maria               | 9,686         | 10,325        | 639                 | 6.6%              |
| City of Guadalupe                 | 587           | 628           | 41                  | 7.0%              |
| Carpinteria Valley Unincorporated | 616           | 1,009         | 393                 | 63.8%             |
| Goleta Valley Unincorporated      | 12,417        | 11,641        | (776)               | -6.2%             |
| Santa Ynez Valley Unincorporated  | 2,855         | 2,396         | (459)               | -16.1%            |
| Lompoc Valley Unincorporated      | 2,122         | 2,091         | (31)                | -1.5%             |
| Santa Maria Valley Unincorporated | 5,677         | 8,022         | 2,345               | 41.3%             |
| Guadalupe Valley Unincorporated   | 99            | 50            | (49)                | -49.5%            |
| Cuyama Valley Unincorporated      | 118           | 161           | 43                  | 36.4%             |
| <b>Countywide Total</b>           | <b>59,379</b> | <b>64,921</b> | <b>5,542</b>        | <b>9.3%</b>       |



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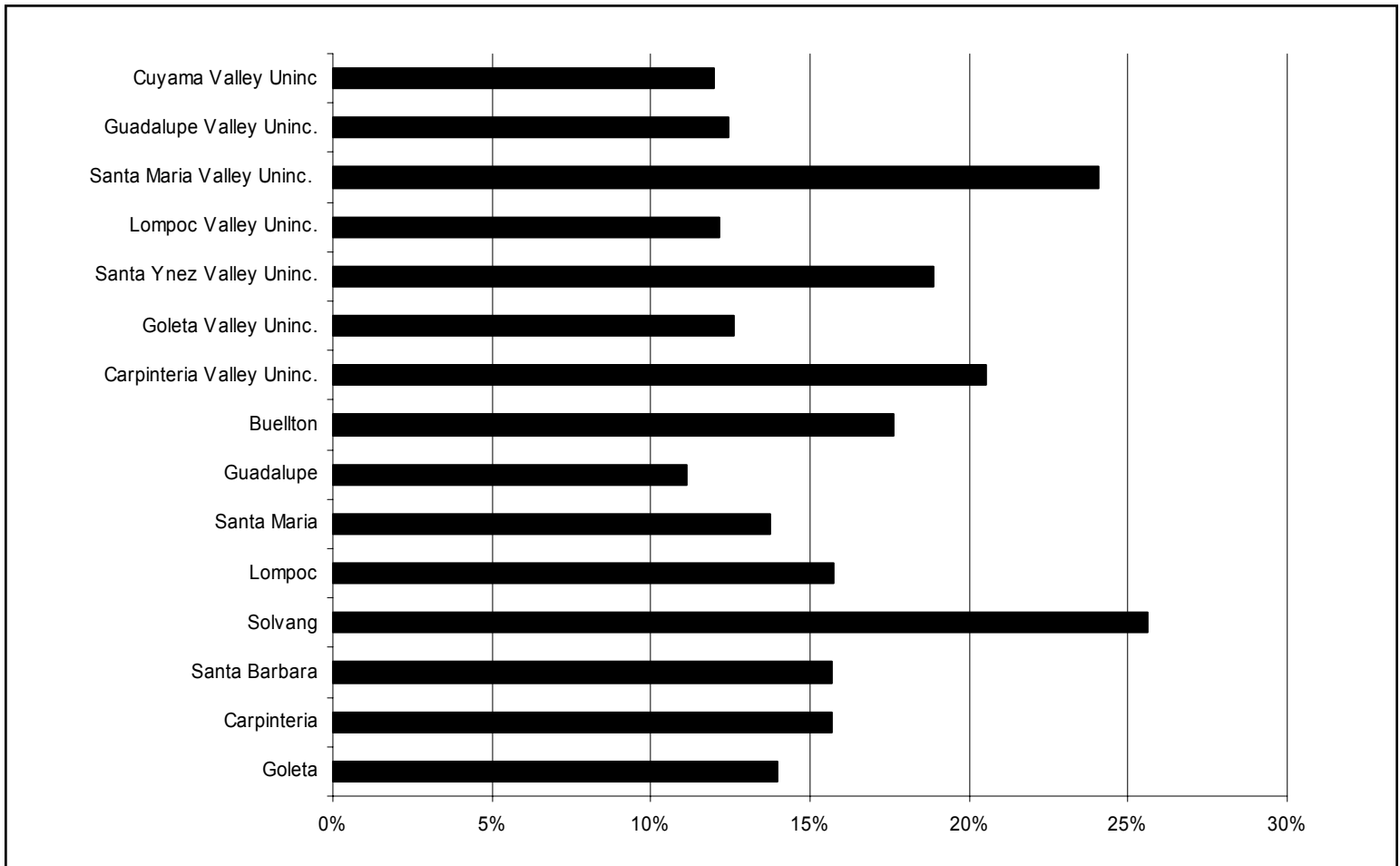
## PROPORTION OF PERSONS OVER 60:

The following figure compares the concentration of persons over 60 relative to the total population in all age groups for each of the cities and unincorporated areas for 2000.

- The unincorporated Santa Maria Valley and the City of Solvang have the highest concentration of adults over 60 with approximately 25 percent each of their total populations over 60.

### 2000 Census Proportion of Persons Over 60

64,922 Total





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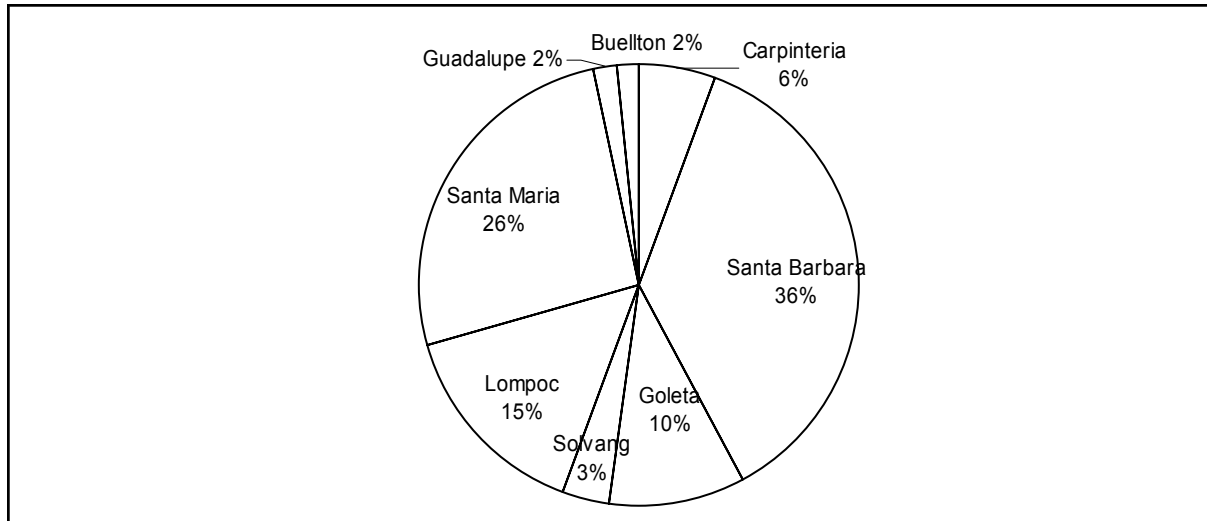
## PROPORTION OF PERSONS OVER 60:

The distribution of those persons over 60 varies by incorporated and unincorporated areas. The following figures show the percentage distribution for these areas in 2000.

- The largest proportion of persons in a city over 60 is in the City of Santa Barbara with 36 percent of the total 39,550 persons in incorporated areas.
- The largest proportion of persons over 60 in the unincorporated area is in the Santa Barbara region with 46 percent of the total 25,371 unincorporated.

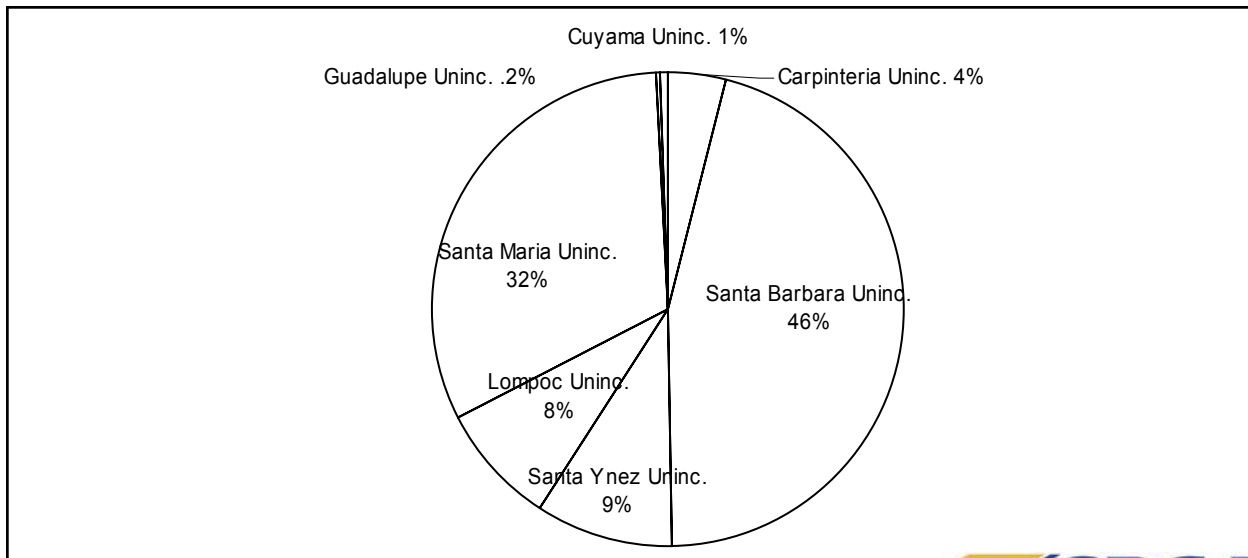
### 2000 Census Persons Over 60 for Cities

39,550 Total



### 2000 Census Persons Over 60 Unincorporated

25,371 Total





# Forecast of Older Adults

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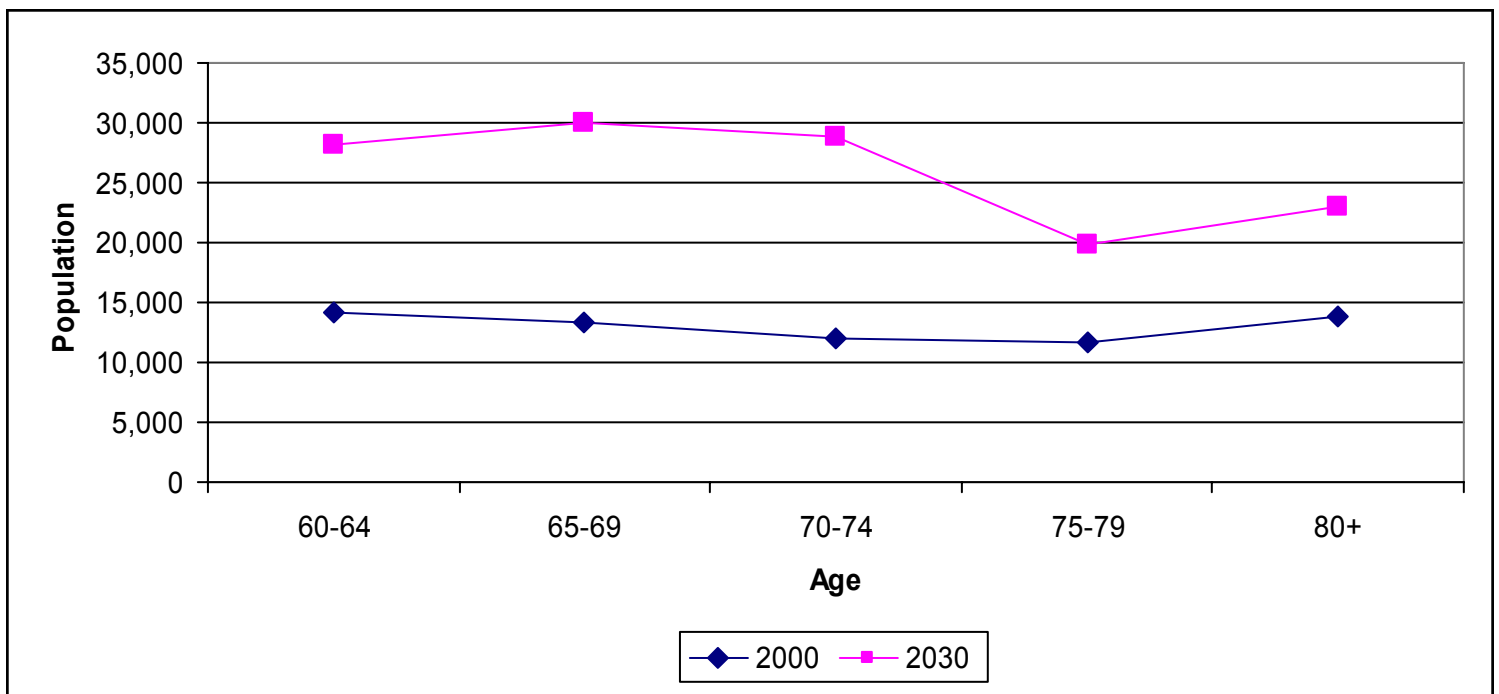
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## FORECAST OF PERSONS OVER 60:

The following figure shows a countywide forecast of persons over 60.

- It is anticipated the proportion of elderly population will increase as the “baby boomers” age and more retirees move into the county.
- The over 60 population is forecast by SBCAG to increase by 68,000 persons from 2000 to 2030.
- The proportion of the total population over 60 will increase from 16 percent or 64,900 of the 399,000 total population in 2000, to, 25 percent or 129,000 of the 521,000 total population, by 2030.

Countywide Forecast of Persons Over 60





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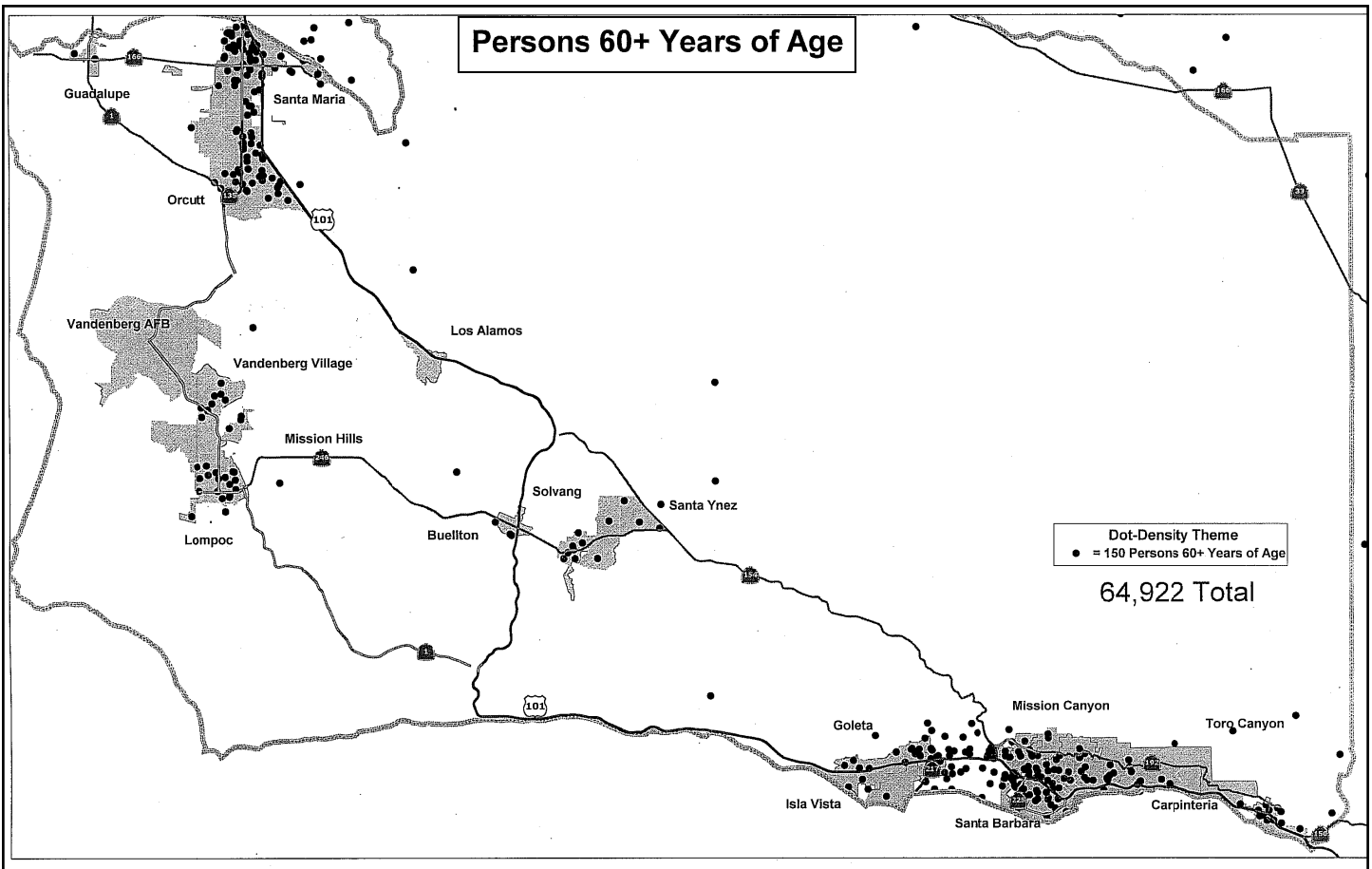
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## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF PERSONS OVER 60:

The following map shows a more detailed geographic location of persons over 60.

- Areas with the greatest number of persons over 60 are located primarily in the City of Santa Maria, Orcutt and in the South Coast, Goleta, Santa Barbara City downtown and the Westside.





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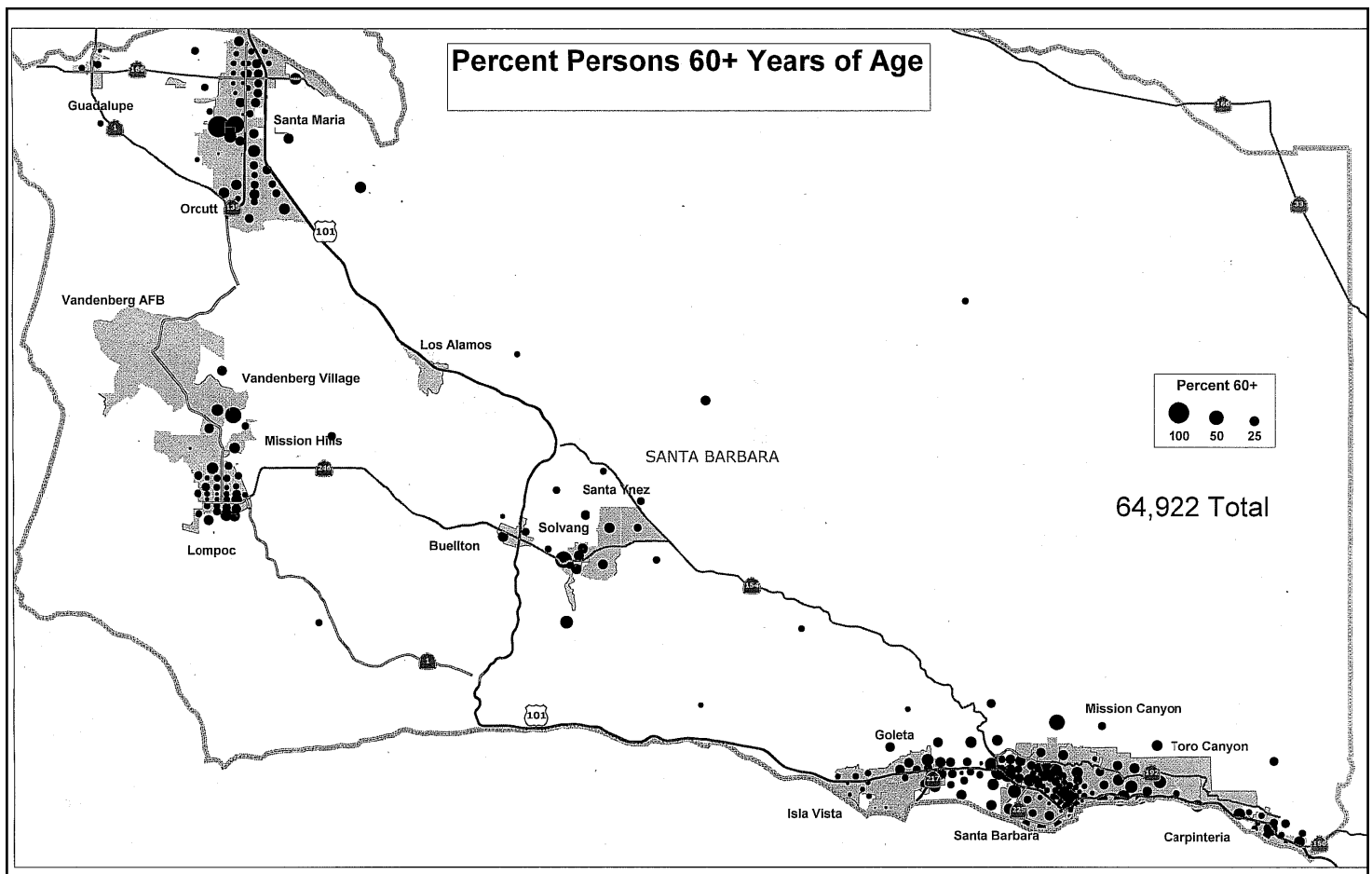
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## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION FOR PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS OVER 60:

The following map compares the **percentage** of persons over 60.

- The highest density of persons over 60 is in central Santa Maria, Solvang, downtown Goleta, and, areas in downtown City of Santa Barbara.
- Older adults have the tendency to locate in urban areas that provide necessary medical and recreational and other services in close proximity to where they live.





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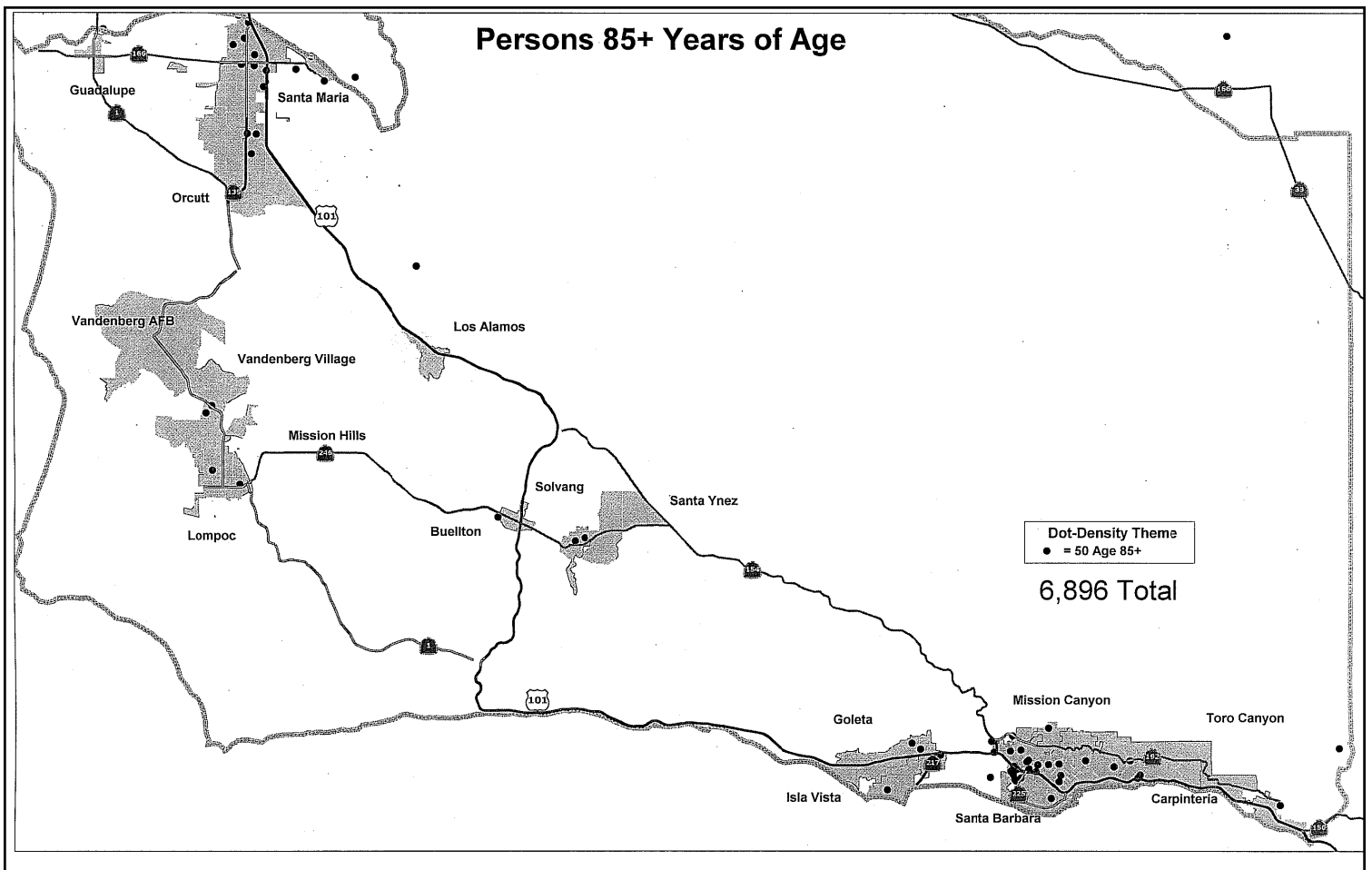
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## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF PERSONS OVER 85:

The following map compares the geographic location of persons over 85.

- The highest density of persons over 85 is in downtown City of Santa Barbara.
- Downtown Santa Barbara has a concentration of assisted living facilities contributing to the number of persons over 85 living in the city.





# Age Distribution of Older Adults

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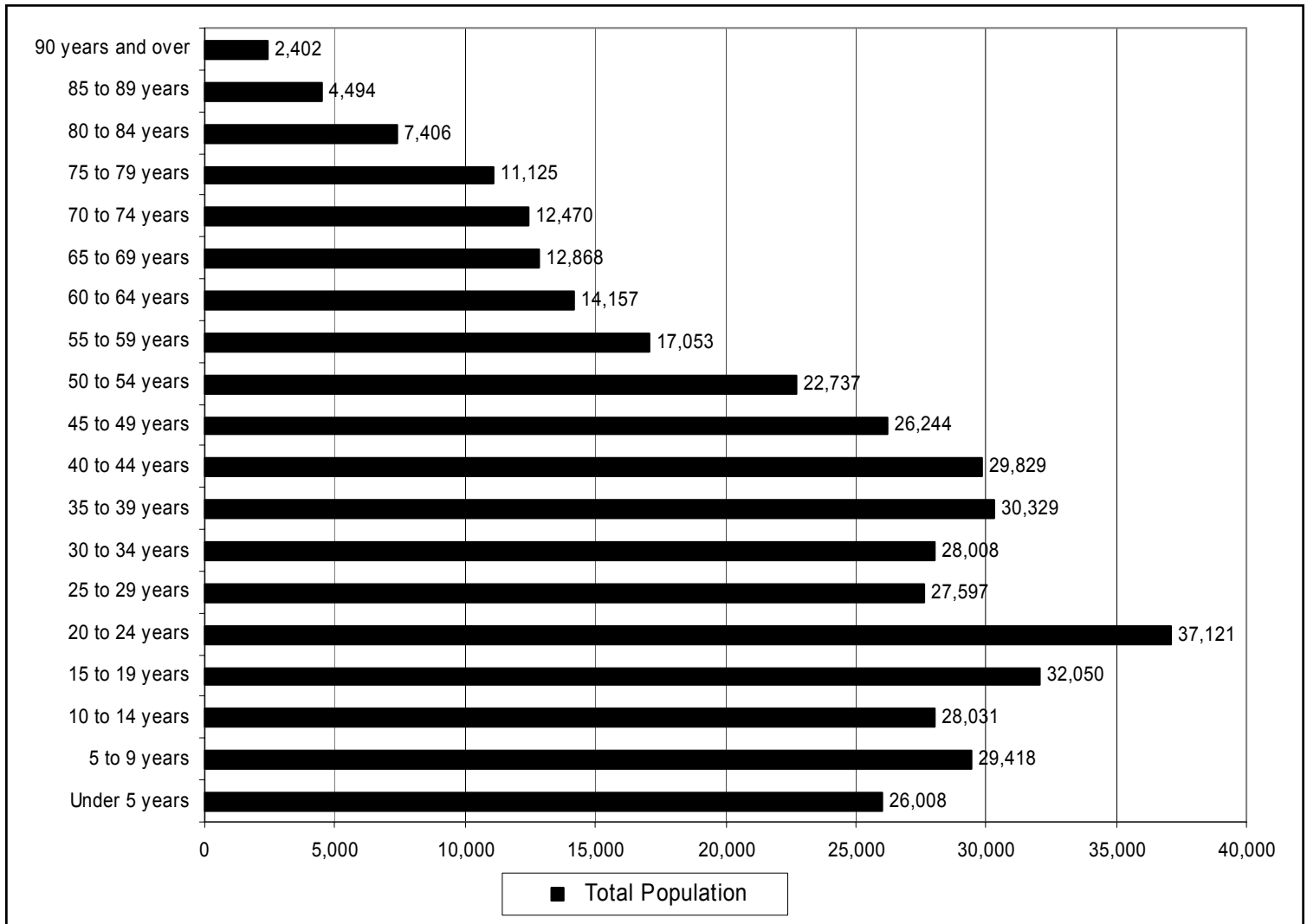
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## AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COUNTYWIDE POPULATION:

The following figure compares the age distribution for the total countywide population.

- The proportion of persons over 50 drops off significantly.
- The 20 to 24 age group spike is due to the large proportion of young college students in the South Coast, however, these students are not anticipated to stay after they graduate as they would likely find employment and lower cost housing opportunities elsewhere after they graduate.

Age Distribution of Countywide Population





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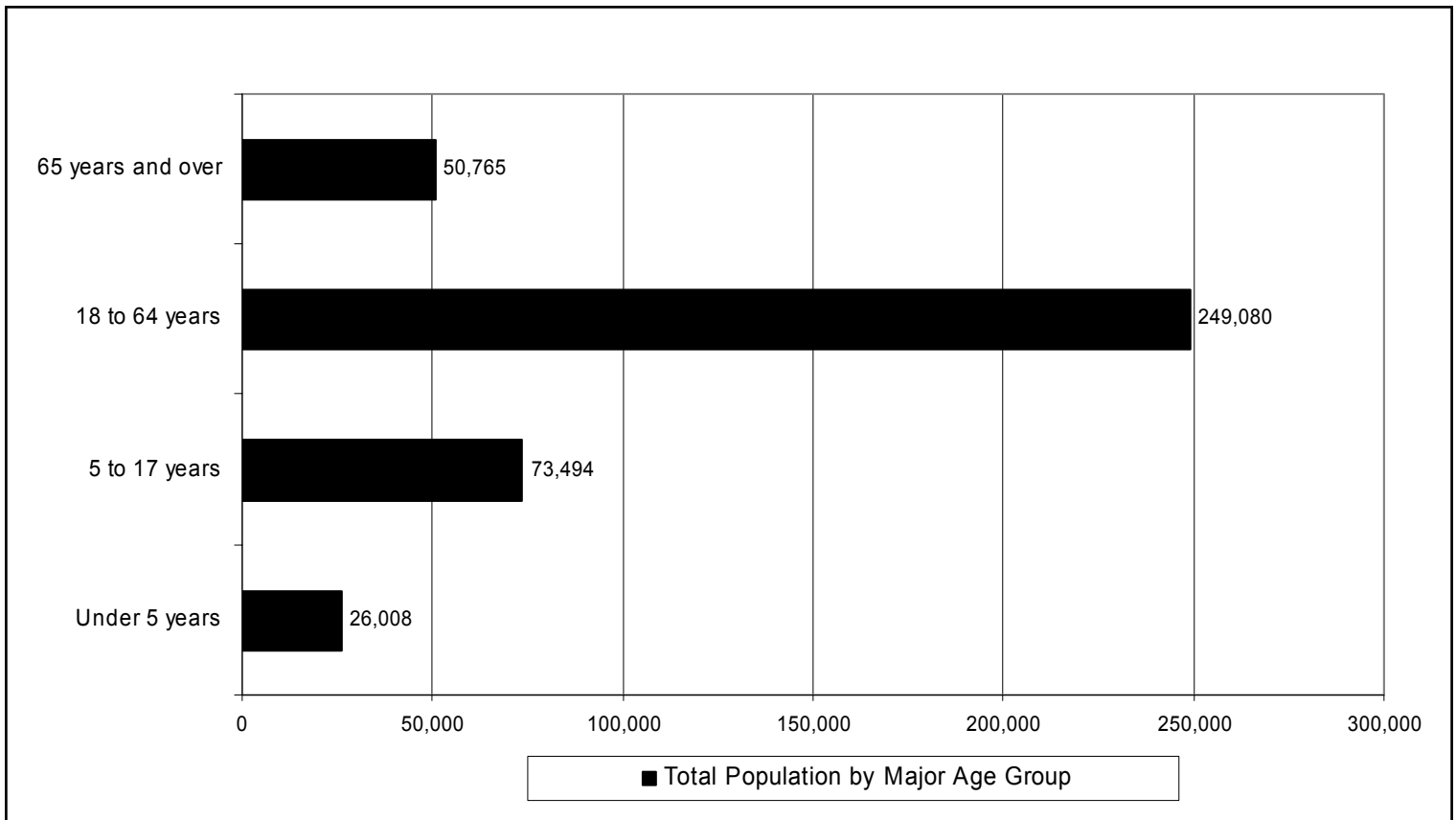
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## AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COUNTYWIDE POPULATION:

The following figure compares the age distribution for significant segments of the 399,347 total countywide population such as preschool, elementary and high school, working age and retired.

- The workforce age group from 18 to 64 years totals 249,080 persons or 62 percent of the 399,347 total population compared to the over 65, retired age group, with 50,765 or 12.6 percent of the total population.
- The younger school age segment of the population from 5 to 17 years equals 73,494 or 18 percent of the total population.
- The Santa Barbara County age distributions are close to the statewide proportions of 7% under 5 years of age, 20% 5-17 years of age, 62% 18-64 years of age, and 11% 65+ years of age.
- The Dependency Ratio, the ratio of dependants (0 - 17, 65+ years of age) to the working age population (18 - 64 years of age) is .6 for Santa Barbara County compared to .61 statewide. In other words, for every worker there are .6 dependants.

Age Distribution of Countywide Population





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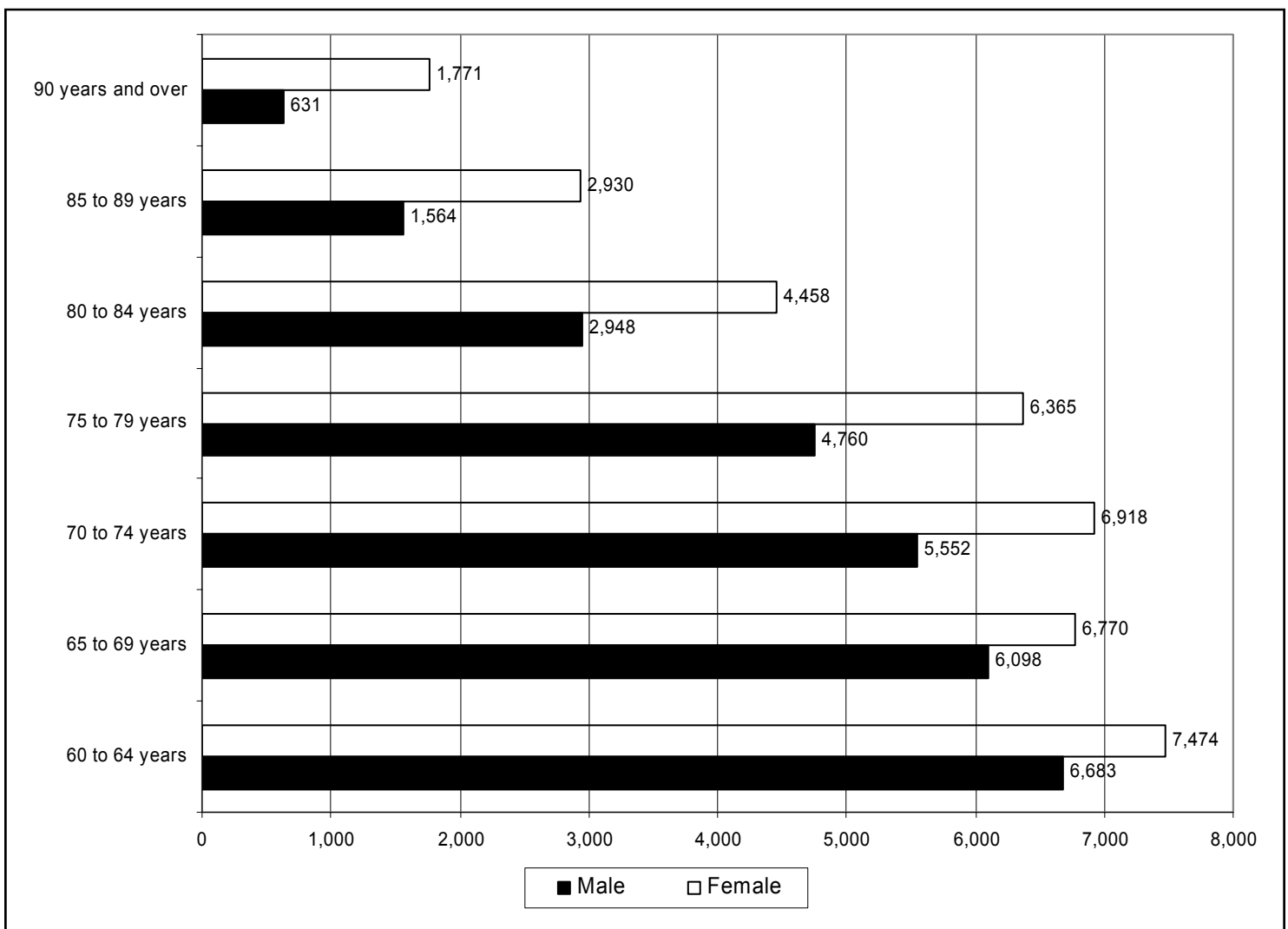
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## AGE DISTRIBUTION BY GENDER OF THE POPULATION OVER 60 :

The following figure compares the countywide age distribution by gender for the total 64,922 persons over 60.

- The proportion of females is greater for those over 60 increasing significantly for the oldest age groups that have twice as many females as males.

Age Distribution by Gender of Countywide Population Over 60





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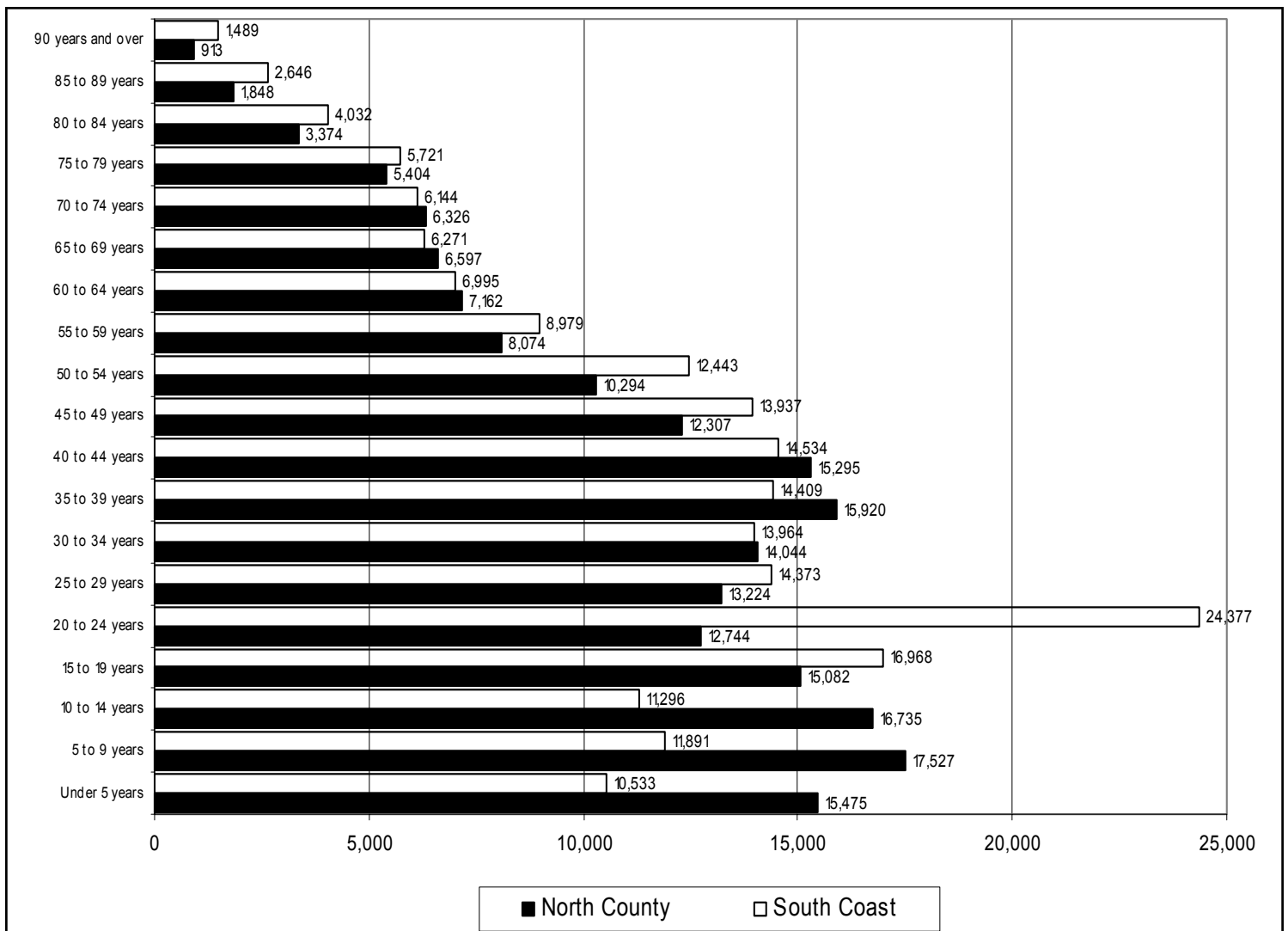
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## AGE DISTRIBUTION OF NORTH VS. SOUTH COUNTY POPULATION:

The following figure compares the North County vs. South Coast age distribution.

- The South Coast has 51 percent, or 33,297, of the total 64,922 persons over 60, compared to the North County with 49 percent, or, 31,921 persons over 60.
- The South Coast has a higher proportion than the North County of the 50 to 59 age group, approximately equal proportions of the 60 to 74 age group, and a higher proportion of those over 75 years old.
- Note that North County has the majority of children under 14 due to higher overall birth rates, the South Coast more college age, 20 to 24 years, and more persons over 80.

Age Distribution For North County and South Coast





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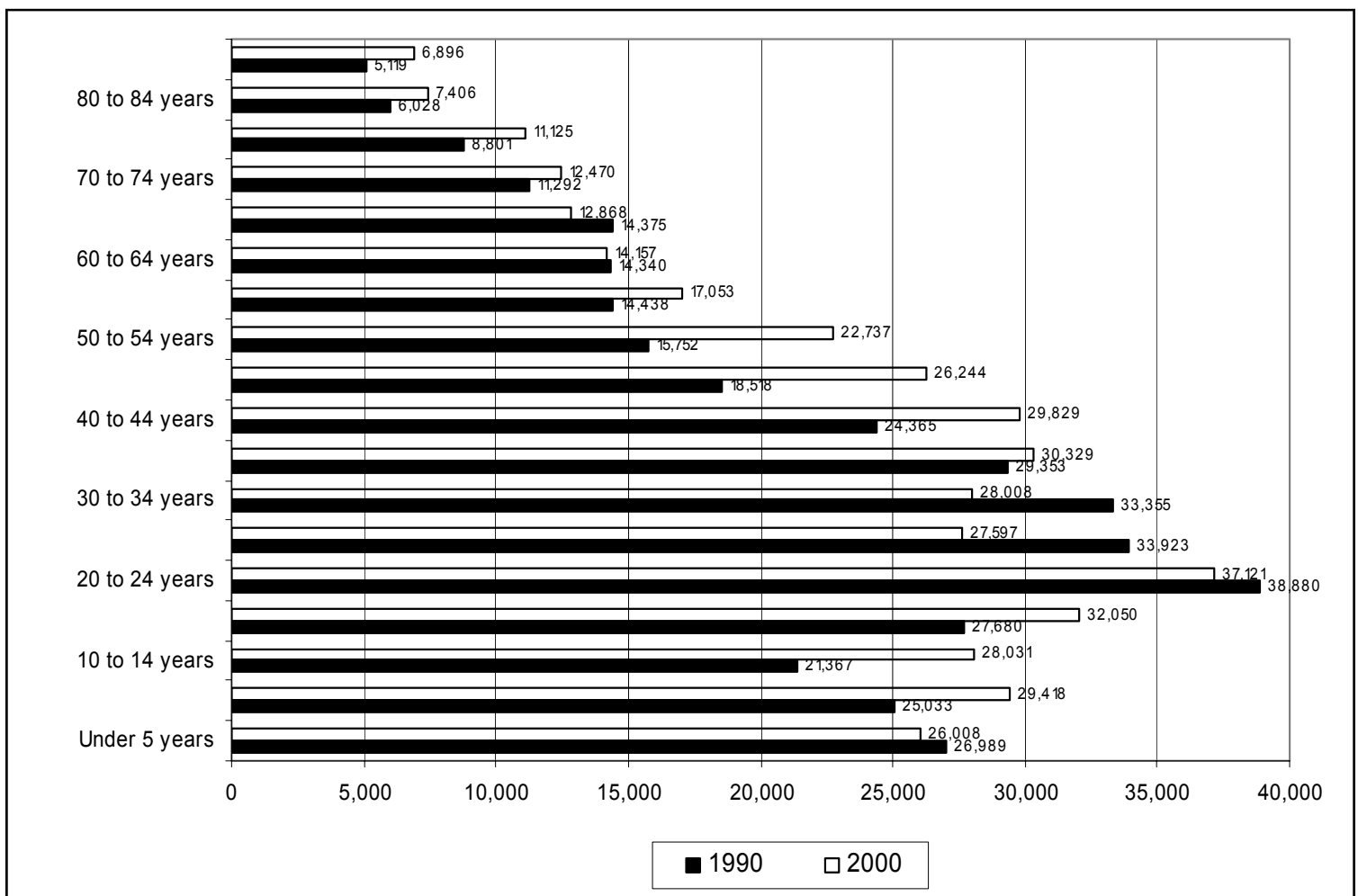
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## AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COUNTYWIDE POPULATION:

The following figure compares the 1990 vs. 2000 county age distribution.

- The 2000 population overall is greater (399,000 in 2000 vs. 369,000 in 1990) however, in some cases, as in the 20 to 34 age group, there are fewer persons in 2000 than in 1990.
- The age groups over 70 show a 21 percent increase in the 10 year period since 1990 from 31,240 to 37,897 persons.

Change in Countywide Age Distribution Between 1990 and 2000





# Income of Older Adults

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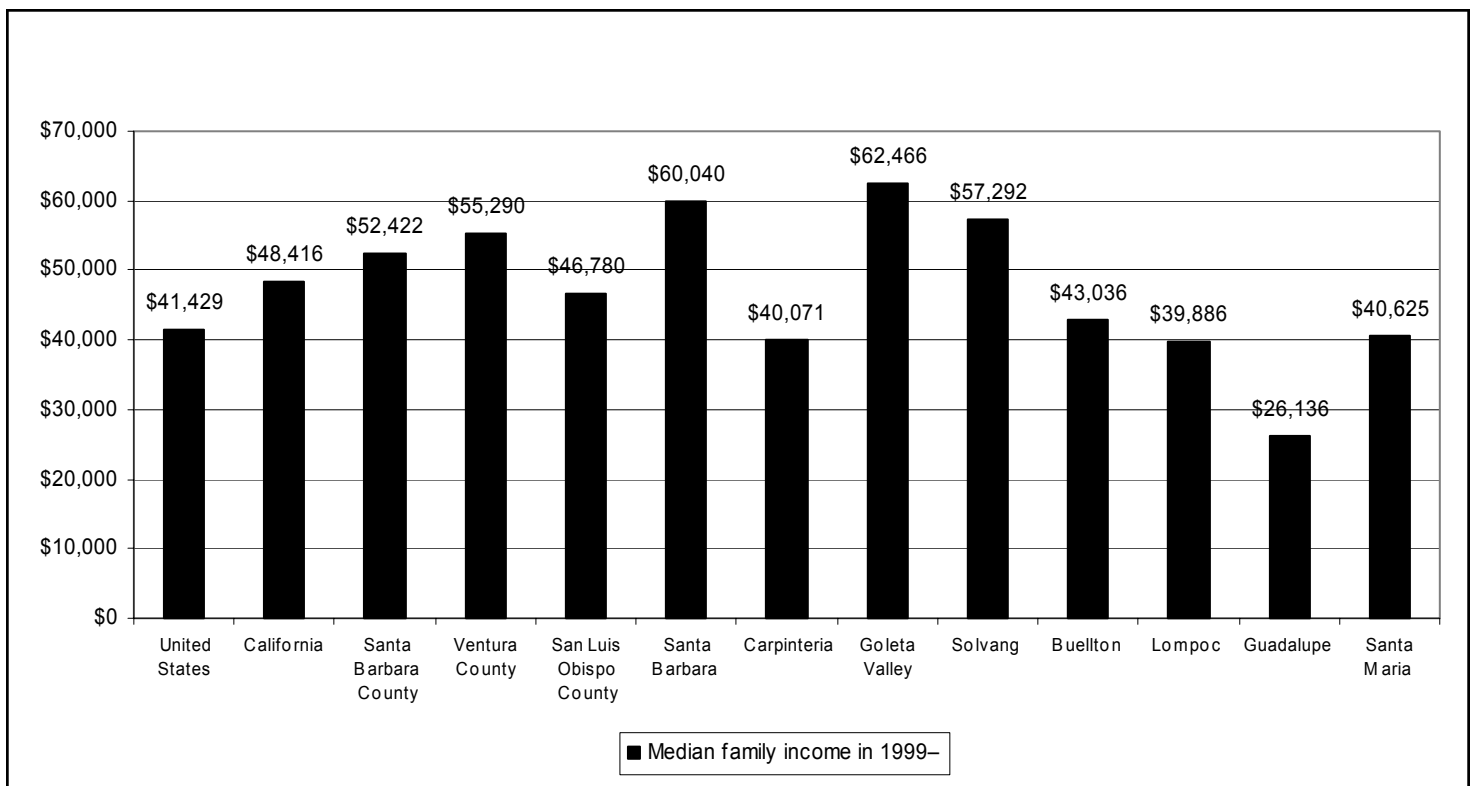
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## MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME WITH A HOUSEHOLDER OVER 60:

The following figure compares the median family income for householders over 60.

- Santa Barbara County median family income of \$52,000 is greater than California and the nation but Ventura County is somewhat higher at \$55,000.
- The Cities of Santa Barbara and Solvang and the Goleta Valley have the highest median family incomes at approximately \$60,000.
- Jurisdictions with median family incomes of \$40,000 or less include the Cities of Lompoc, Guadalupe, Santa Maria and Carpinteria.

Median Family Income with Householder Over 60



The median divides the income distribution into two equal parts one half falling below and one half above the median.

Family income includes income from all related members over 15 years old and over.

A householder is the person, or one of the people in whose name the home is being owned or rented. In this case the householder is over 60.



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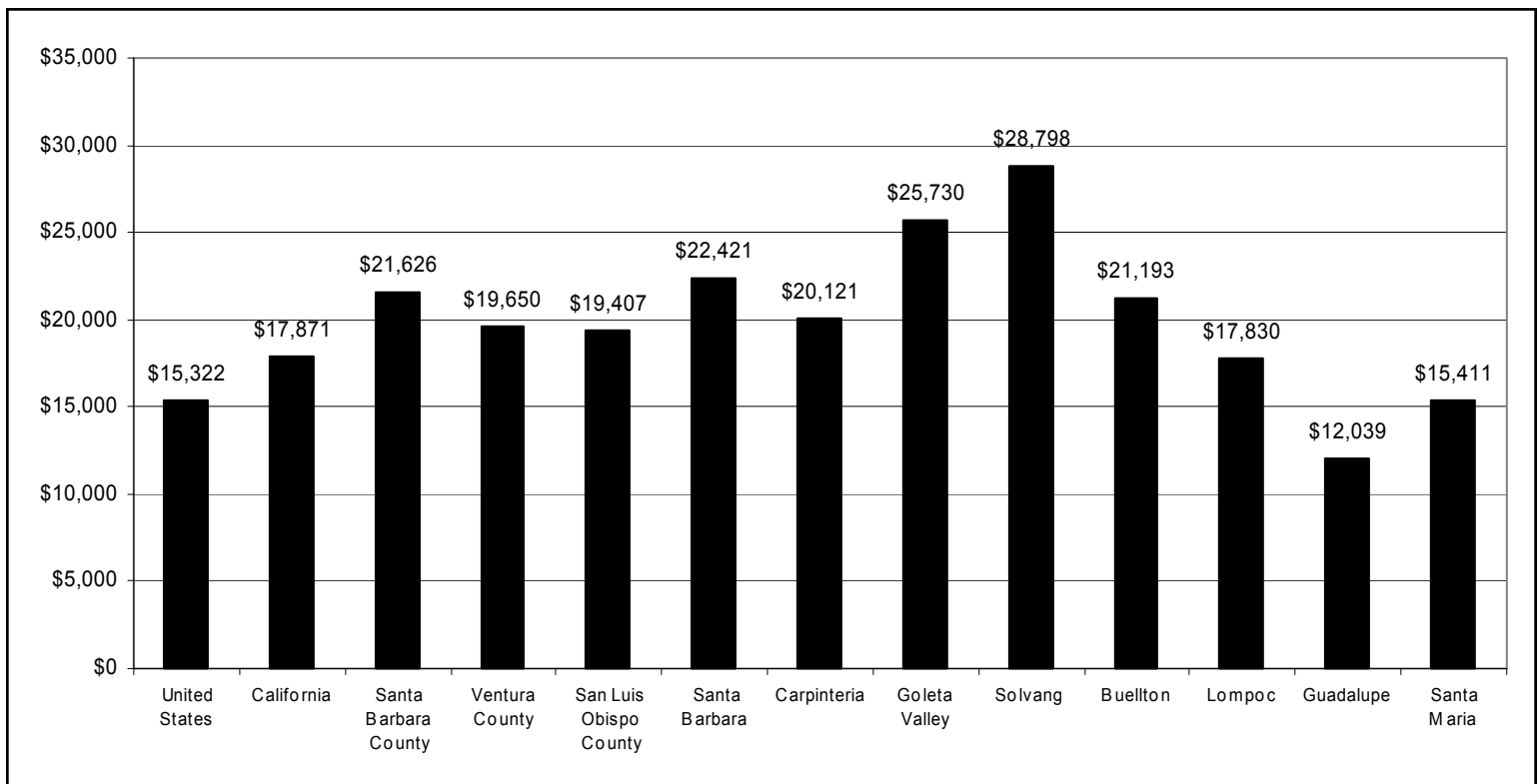
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## MEDIAN INCOME FOR PERSONS OVER 60 LIVING ALONE:

The following figure compares the median income for individual persons over 60 living alone.

- The median income for individuals over 60 living alone is in excess of \$20,000 for Santa Barbara County higher than the state and surrounding counties
- Within Santa Barbara County, the Cities Solvang and Santa Barbara and the Goleta Valley show the highest median income while Guadalupe shows the lowest median income.
- Persons over 60 living alone have a significantly lower income than if living in a family environment.

Median Income For Persons Over 60 Living Alone



Median income is defined as the middle value of incomes with half the values below and half above the median.



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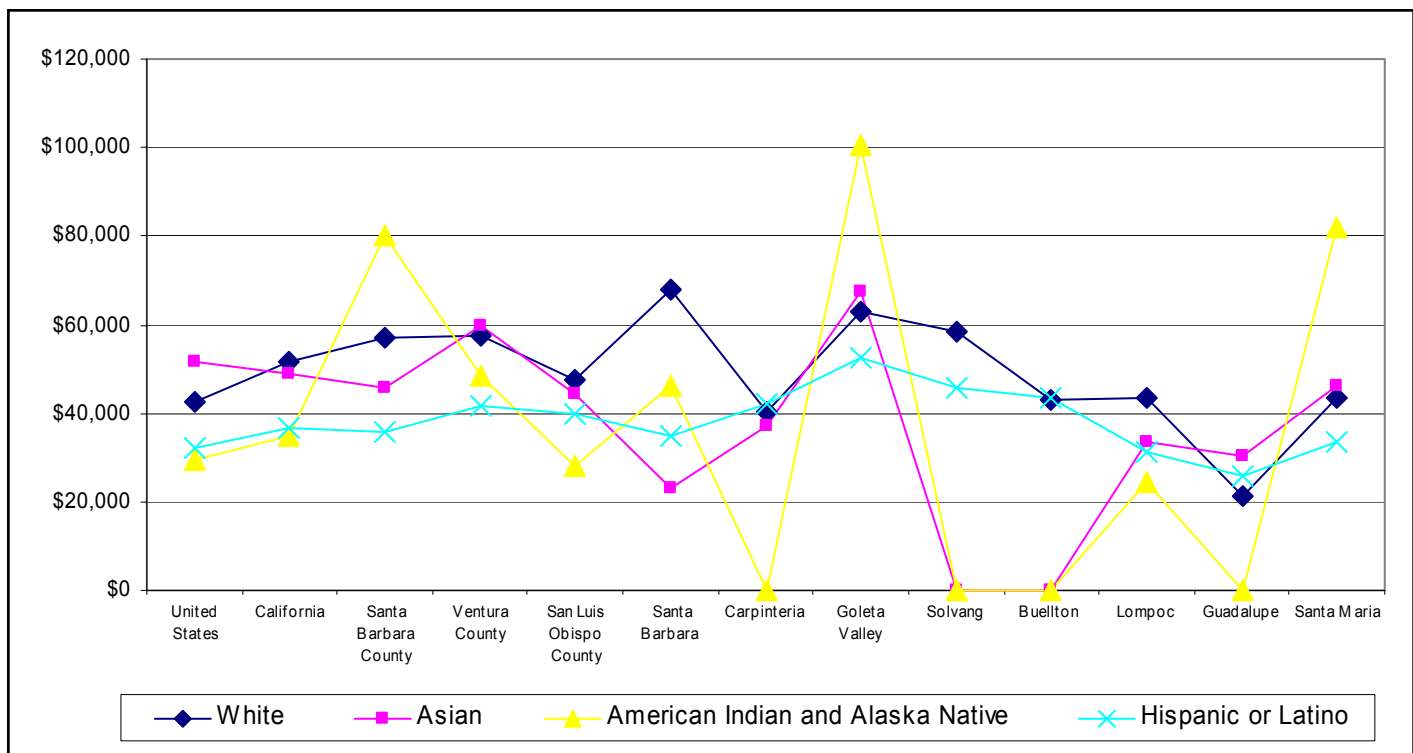
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## MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME FOR RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN WITH HOUSEHOLDER OVER 60:

The following figure compares the median family income for the major racial groups as well as for those persons of Hispanic Origin.

- The median family income for the American Indian and White racial groups are highest in Santa Barbara County as compared to the U.S., State and surrounding counties.
- The Hispanic population in Santa Barbara County has a lower median income than surrounding counties but is similar to the U.S. and statewide medians.
- The White racial group has the highest overall median family income for all areas with only the American Indian racial group exceeding all categories for the county as a whole, in the City of Santa Maria and the Goleta Valley.
- Householders of the American Indian race may have benefited from gaming activities at the Santa Ynez Indian Reservation that could account for the significantly higher median income.

Median Family Income For Race and Hispanic Origin  
With Householder Over 60



Race is defined as the self identification by people according to the race or races they most closely identify.

Hispanic persons are also self identified and can be of any race as well. As a result, adding the Hispanic population to a racial group would result in double counting.



# Income of Older Adults

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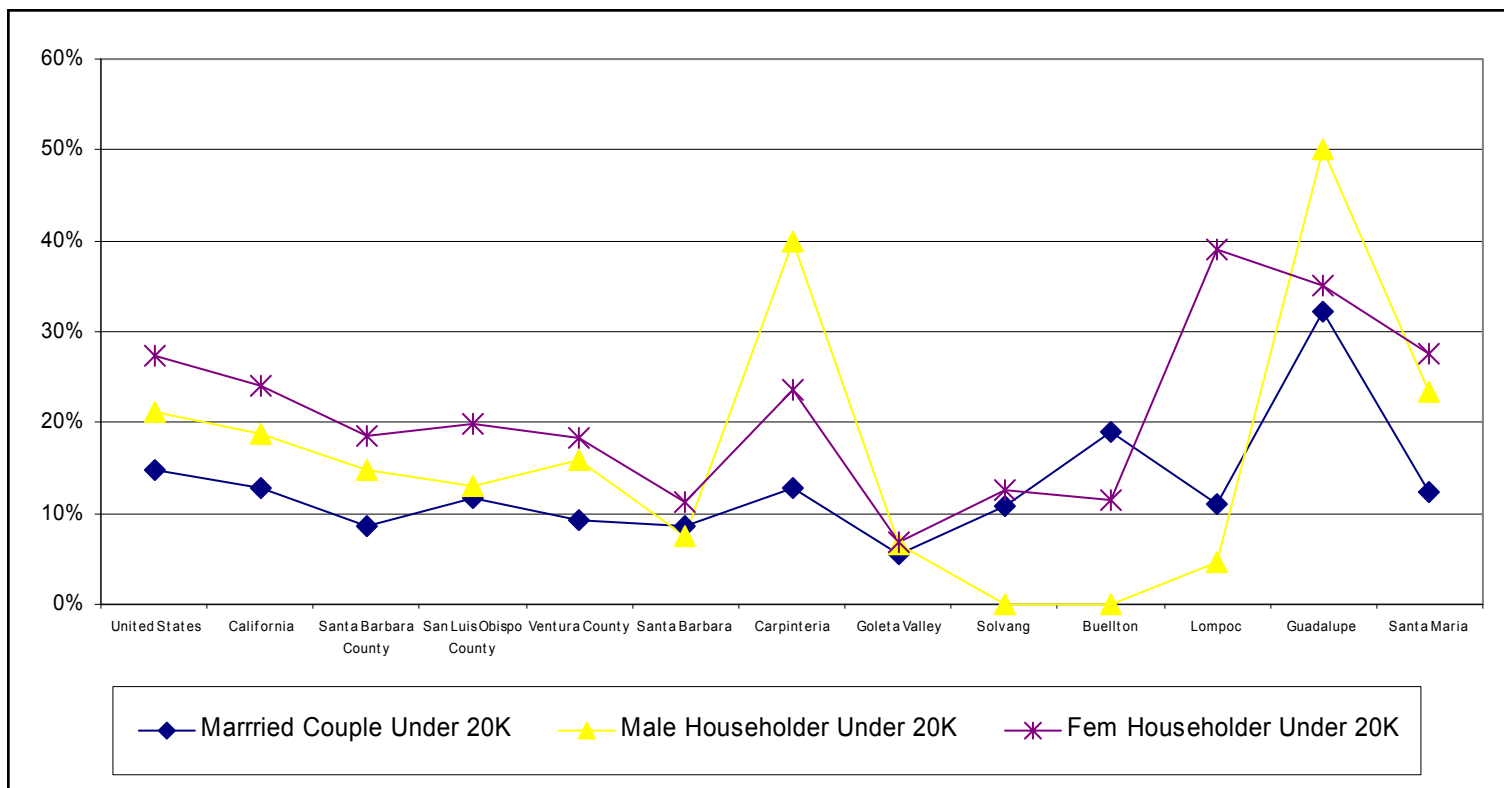
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## INCOME LEVEL FOR FAMILY TYPE WITH HOUSEHOLDER OVER 60:

The following figure compares various family types and their percentage of incomes under 20,000 dollars.

- A high percentage of male householders over 60 (with no wife present) in the Cities of Carpinteria and Guadalupe have an income of less than \$20,000.
- The City of Lompoc has 40 percent of female householders over 60 (with no husband present) with incomes less than \$20,000.
- The Goleta Valley has the highest percentage (32 percent) of married couple households with incomes less than \$20,000.
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- The relative low cost of housing in the Lompoc Valley has attracted older female households with lower incomes in search of more affordable housing choices while in the South Coast householders may have bought their homes earlier when they were affordable but may now live on a lower fixed income.

Income Level For Family Type, With Householder Over 60



A married couple family includes a family in which the householder and a spouse are counted as members of the same household.  
 A male householder, no wife present includes a family with a male maintaining a household with no wife.  
 A female householder, no husband present includes a family with a female maintaining a household with no husband.



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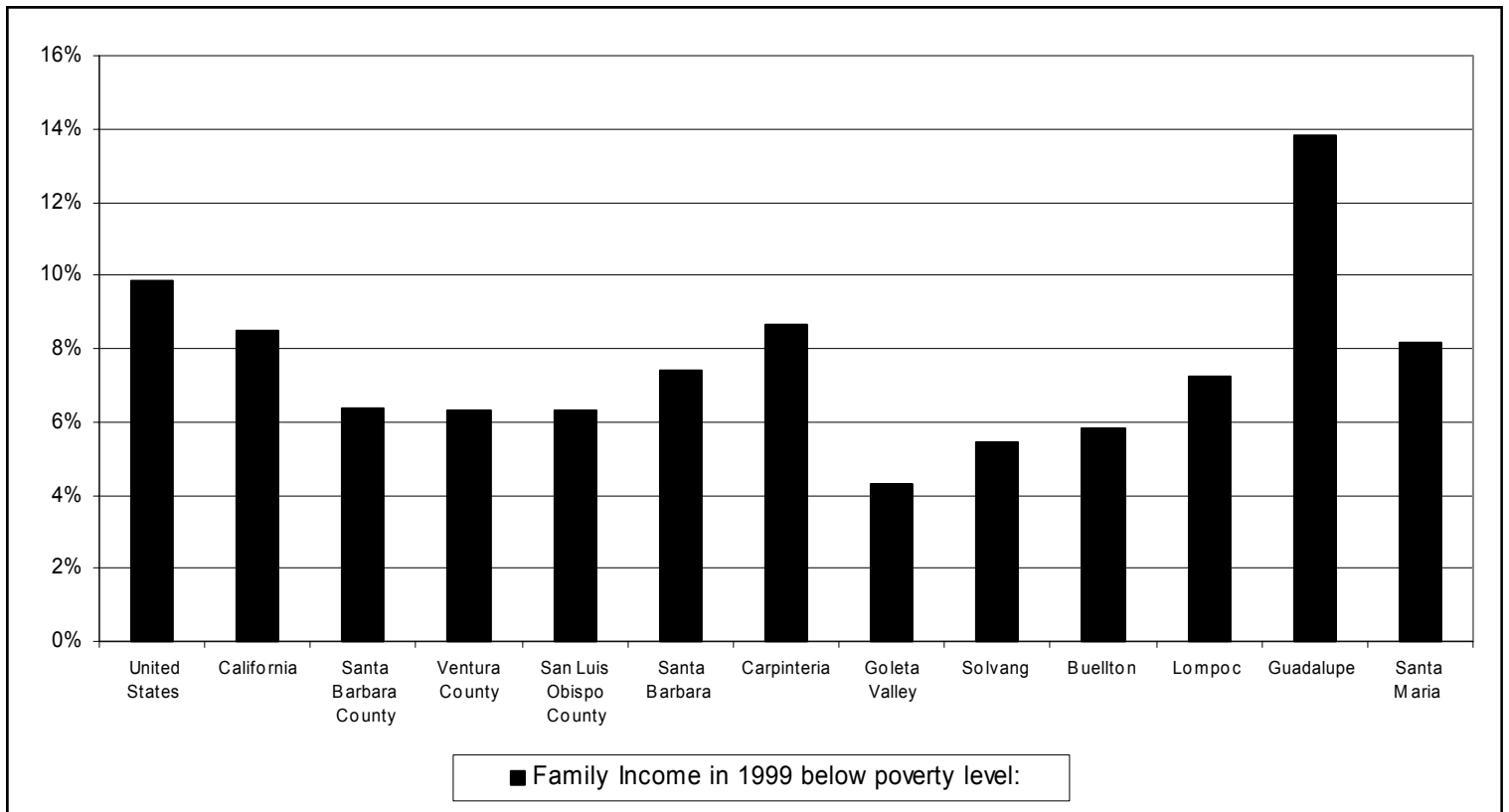
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## POVERTY STATUS FOR FAMILY WITH HOUSEHOLDER OVER 60:

The following figure compares family incomes below poverty status for householders over 60.

- Compared to national and statewide poverty levels, Santa Barbara County has a lower poverty rate at 6 percent that is also similar to the surrounding counties.
- Within Santa Barbara County, the Cities of Guadalupe and Carpinteria have poverty rates exceeding 14 percent and 8 percent respectively while both the Cities of Solvang and Buellton and the Goleta Valley have the lowest poverty rates at less than 6 percent.
- There are a significant number of households with low paying agricultural jobs in some communities that could contribute to higher poverty rates.

Poverty Status, Family With Householder Over 60



Poverty status is determined using a combination of family size, type and total family income compared to a threshold of income for that particular family composition.



# Income of Older Adults

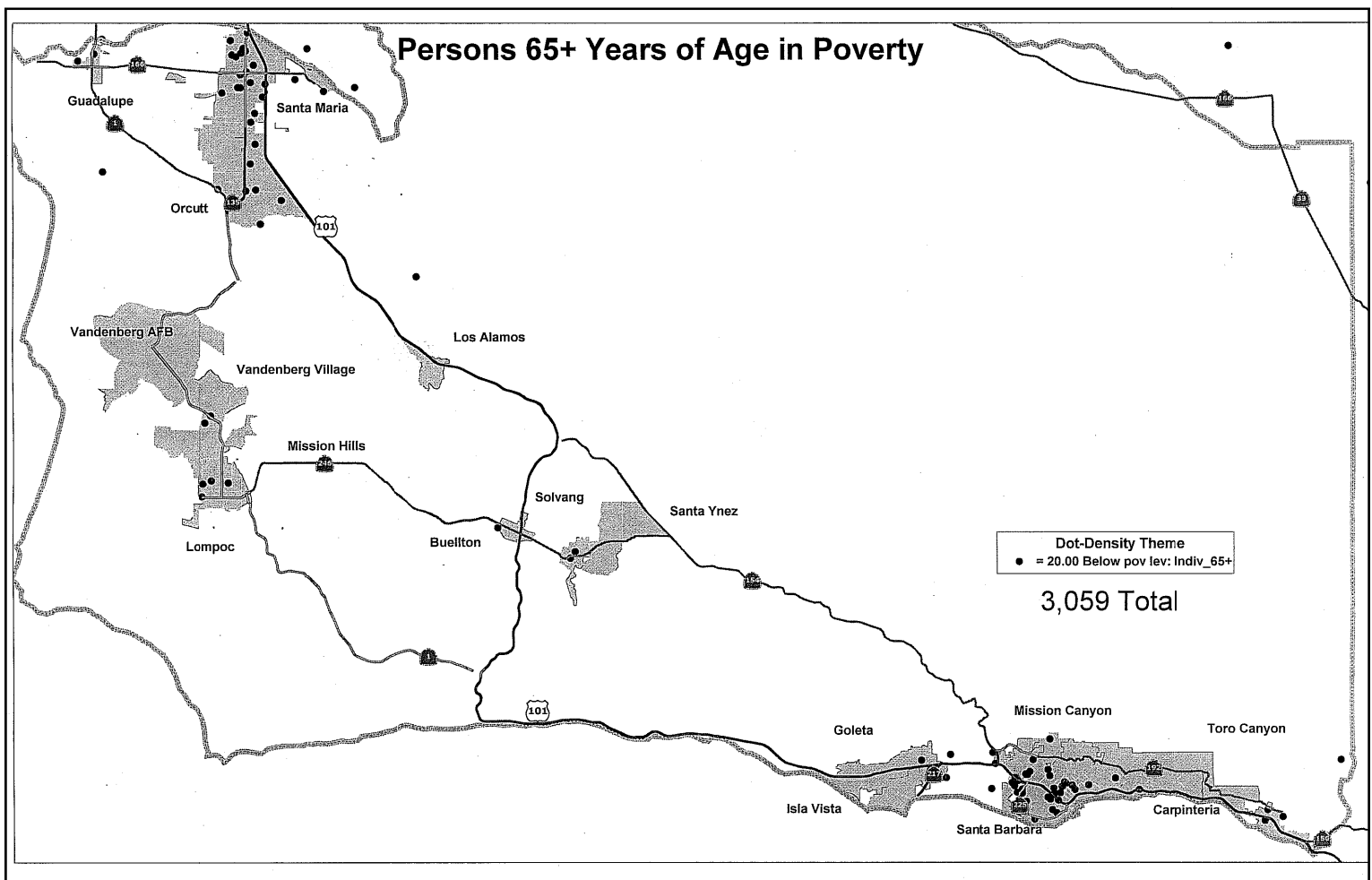
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## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF PERSONS OVER 65 IN POVERTY:

The following map shows the geographic location of persons over 65 living in poverty. This data was not available for those over 60 at this level of detail.

- There are concentrations of persons over 65 in poverty in downtown Lompoc and Old Town Goleta.
- The City of Santa Maria has a fairly even distribution while the City of Santa Barbara distribution is more prevalent on the west and eastside of the city.



Poverty status is determined using a combination of family size, type and total family income compared to a threshold of income for that particular family composition.



# Households of Older Adults

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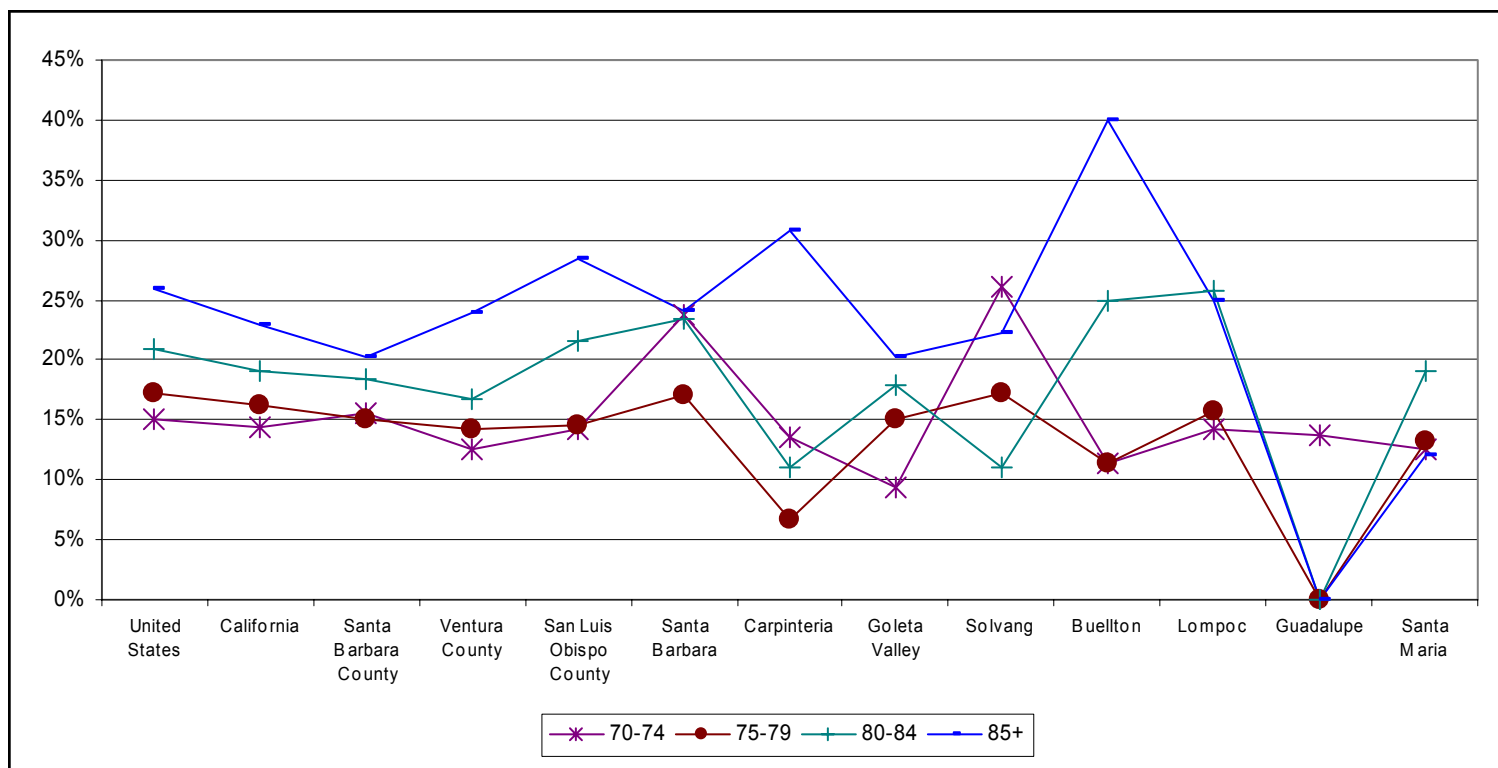
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## MALE POPULATION OVER 70 LIVING ALONE:

The following figure compares the proportion of males in various age groups over 70 living alone.

- The percentage of those males living alone in the various age groups is fairly consistent among the U.S., the State and surrounding counties ranging from 12 to 25 percent in the various age groups.
- The Cities of Carpinteria and Buellton have the highest percentage of those over 85 living alone at 30 percent and 40 percent respectively.
- The City of Guadalupe has the lowest percentage over 70 living alone than all other areas. This is due in part to the tendency for extended families living in shared housing more common in that city.
- Older adults living alone may have a greater need for services than other younger married couple households.

Male Population Over 70 Living Alone





# Households of Older Adults

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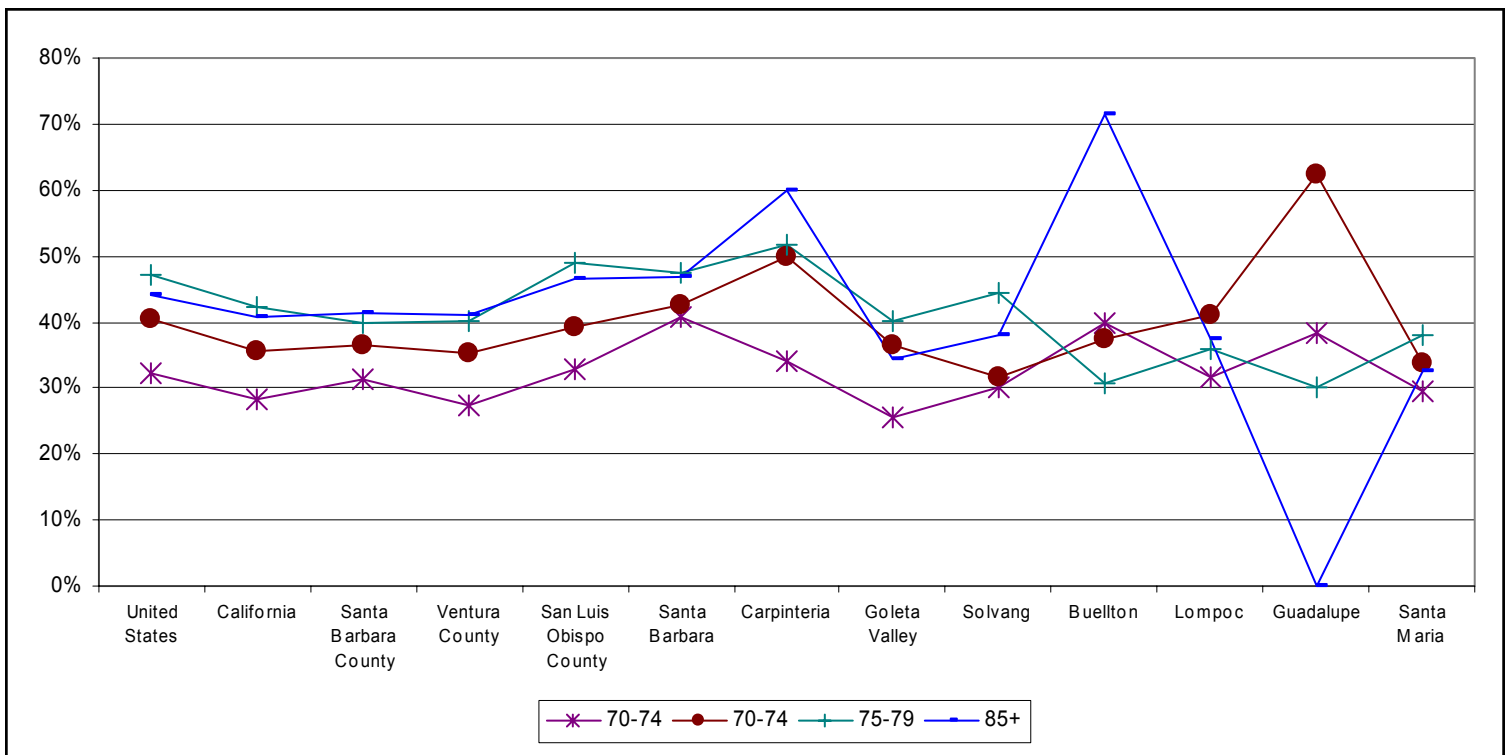
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## FEMALE POPULATION OVER 70 LIVING ALONE:

The following figure compares the proportion of females in various age groups over 70 living alone.

- The percentage of those females living alone in the various age groups is fairly consistent among the U.S., State, and surrounding counties.
- The Cities of Carpinteria and Buellton have the highest percentage of those over 85 living alone at 60 percent and 70 percent respectively.
- The City of Guadalupe has the highest percentage of those 70 to 74 living alone but the lowest percentage of almost all other age groups.
- Note the much higher percentage of females living alone in all age groups as compared to the males in the previous figure. This is due to the fact that females have a longer lifespan than males.

Female Population Over 70 Living Alone





# Households of Older Adults

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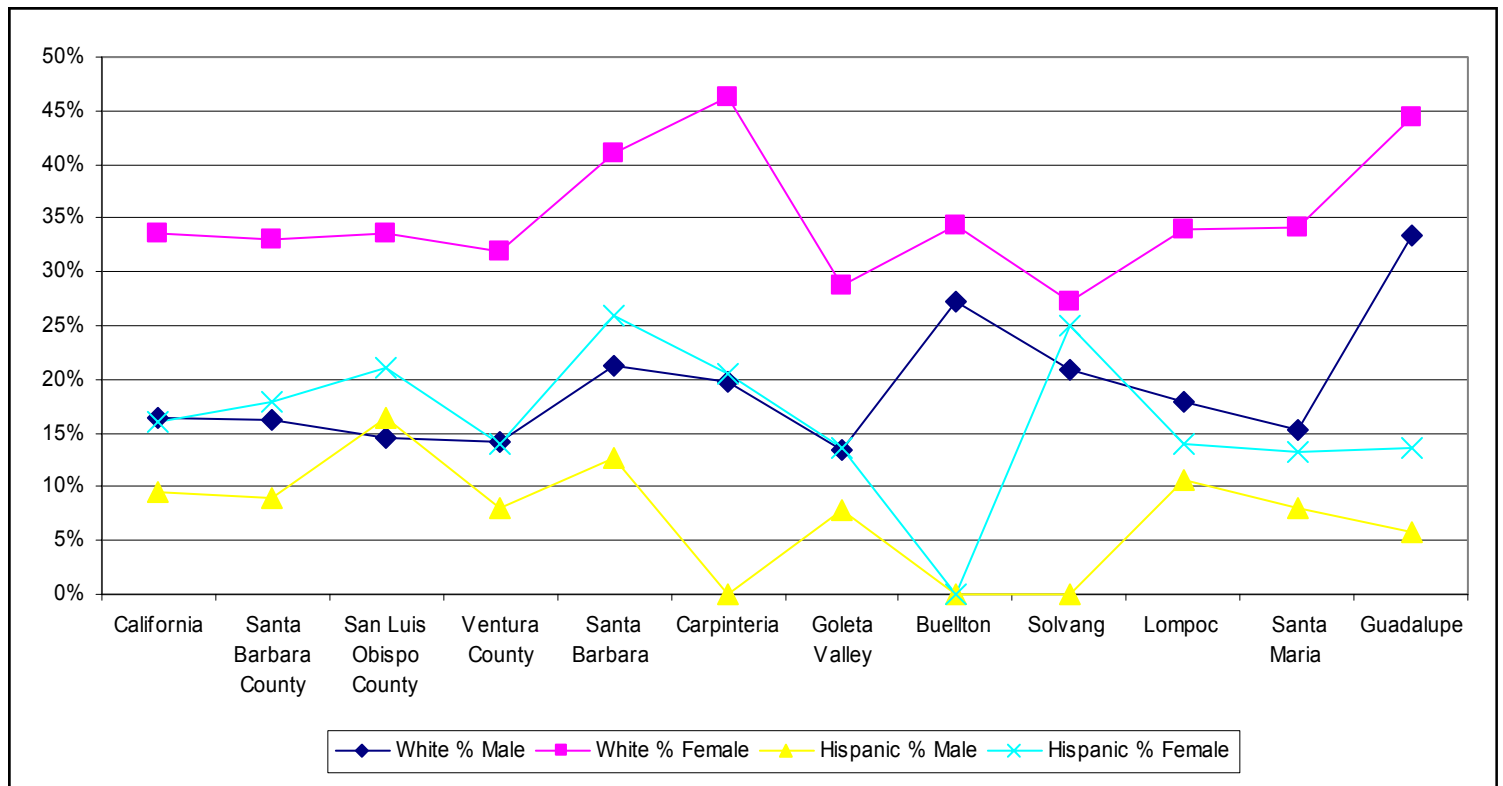
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## HISPANIC AND WHITE PERSONS OVER 60 LIVING ALONE:

The following figure compares the proportion of Hispanic and White males and females over 60 living alone.

- On a national, state, and county level the percentage of those over 60 living alone is fairly consistent.
- Santa Barbara County jurisdictions vary with the Cities of Santa Barbara and Carpinteria having the highest percentage of White females living alone, while the Cities of Buellton and Guadalupe have the highest percentage of White males living alone.
- Hispanic Males have the lowest percentage overall of those living alone while there is a greater percentage of Hispanic females living alone in the Cities of Santa Barbara and Solvang.
- The Hispanic population has a tendency to live with extended families, however, there are many Hispanic workers staying in the area temporarily for employment opportunities with their families living elsewhere.

Hispanic and White Persons Over 60 Living Alone





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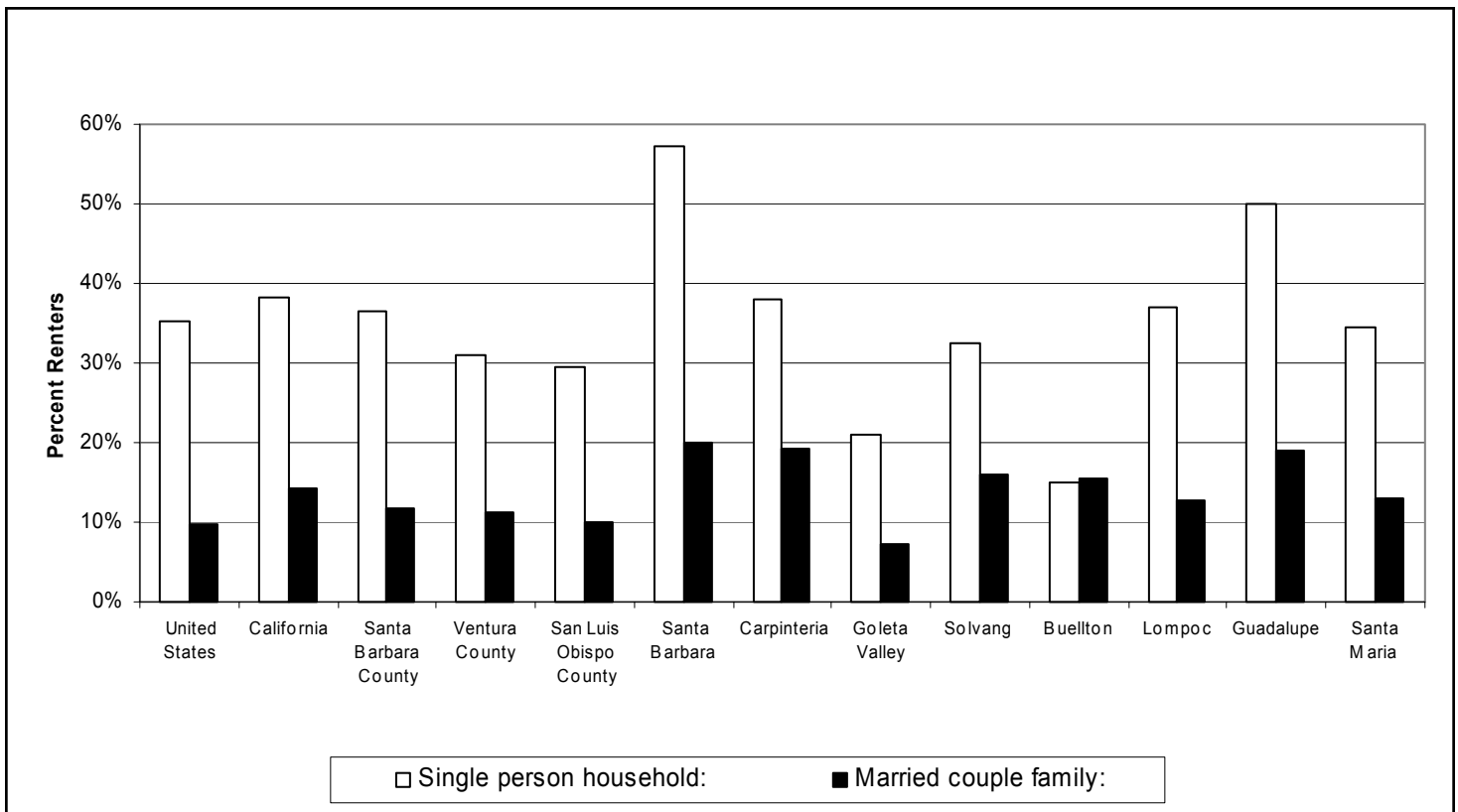
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## RENTER STATUS FOR SINGLE VS. MARRIED HOUSEHOLDS WITH HOUSEHOLDER OVER 60:

The following figure compares the renter status for single vs. married couple households over 60.

- The percentage of single and married couple over 60 households that rent is fairly consistent for the U.S., State and counties. Of all the single households approximately 30 percent are renters and of all the married couple households approximately 10 percent renters.
- For the total population of all age groups, 52 percent of single householders rent and 31 percent of married couples rent. This is significantly higher than for those over 60.
- In Santa Barbara County, the Cities of Santa Barbara has close to 60 percent renters for all single householders, Carpinteria with close to 40 percent, and Guadalupe with 50 percent, are the highest.
- Due to the high cost of housing in the South Coast the percentage of renters that cannot afford to buy is high. In the City of Guadalupe, however, there is a large number of agricultural workers that rent while employed in the area.

Renter Status for Household Type, Households Over 60



A married couple family is defined as a married couple with both spouses present.

A single person household is defined as a single person living alone.



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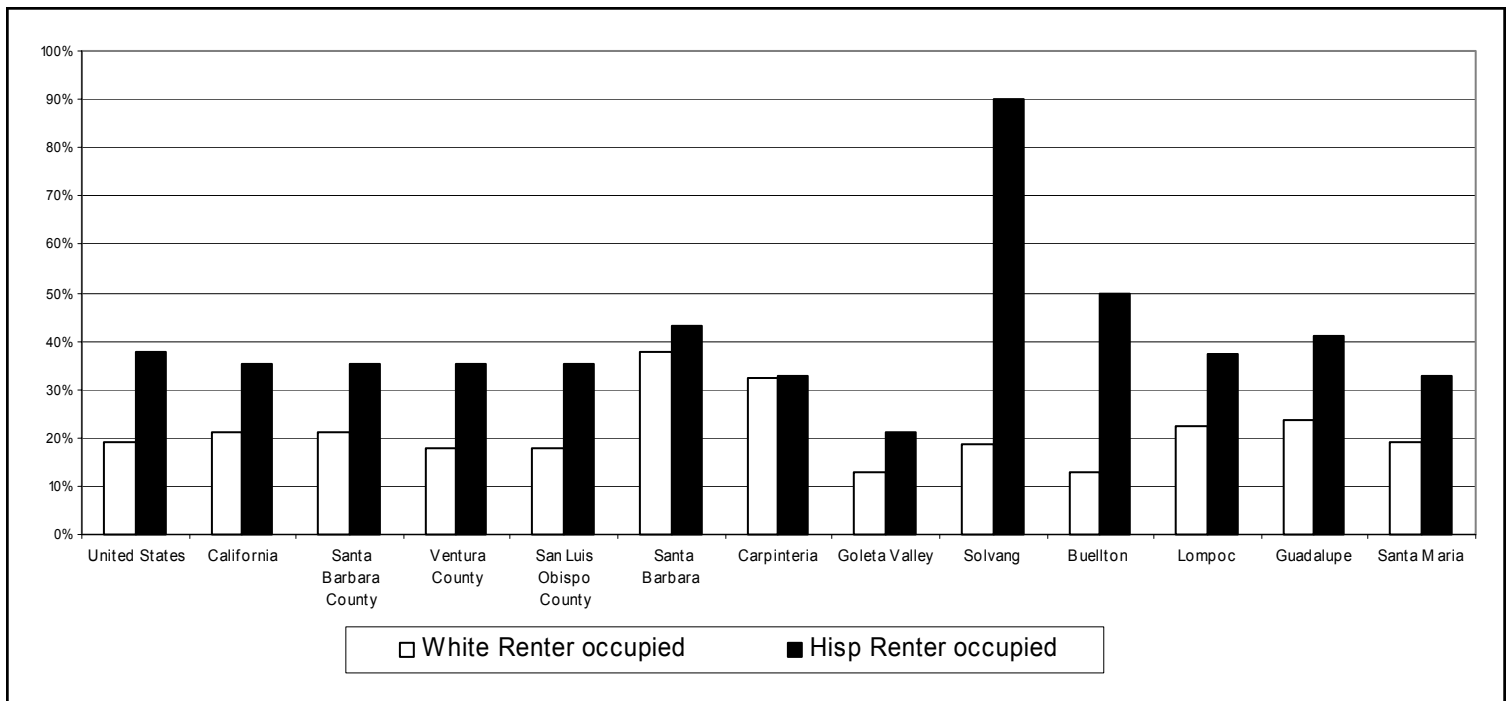
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## RENTER STATUS FOR WHITE AND HISPANIC HOUSEHOLDERS OVER 60:

The following figure compares the renter status for White and Hispanic householders over 60.

- The proportion of renter occupied households is fairly consistent for the U.S., State, and counties at approximately 20 percent for the White population and approximately 35 percent for the Hispanic population.
- The Cities of Santa Barbara and Carpinteria, have a higher proportion of White renters than other jurisdictions with both over 30 percent.
- The Santa Barbara County Cities of Solvang and Buellton have a higher proportion of Hispanic renters with Solvang reaching over 80 percent renter occupied, however, the numerical value of renters is less than 45 in each case.
- The Hispanic rental proportion is significantly higher than the White Race for all jurisdictions.

**Renter Status for White and Hispanic Householders Over 60**





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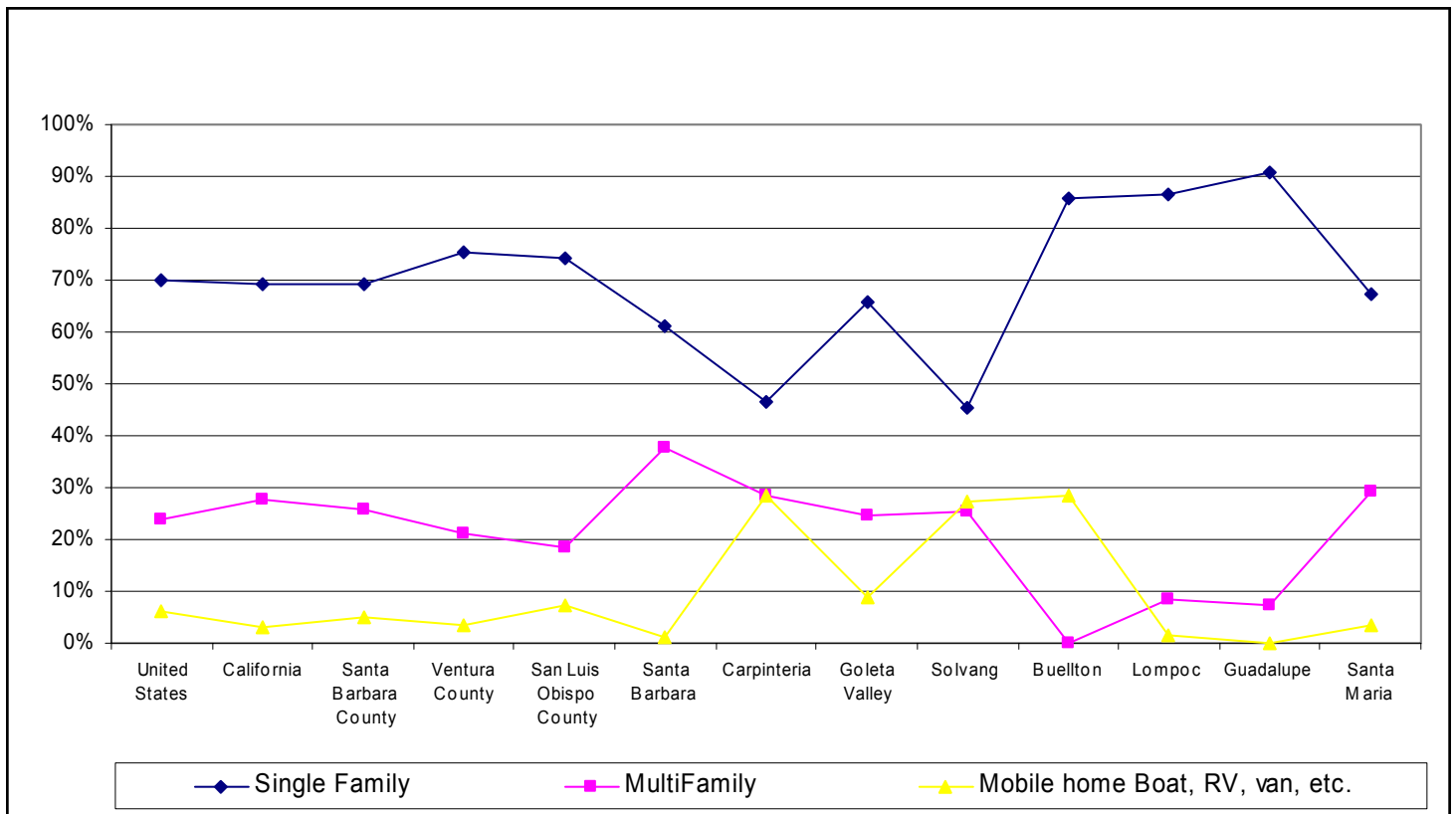
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## HOUSING TYPE FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH PERSONS OVER 60:

The following figure compares the housing types such as single and multifamily as well as mobile homes for households with a person over 60.

- The housing types for households with persons over 60 is fairly consistent for the U.S., the state and surrounding counties.
- The majority of housing is detached single family units (approximately 70 percent), followed by condominiums and apartments or multifamily (approximately 25 percent), and mobile homes at 5 percent.
- The Santa Barbara County jurisdictions, however, fluctuate in the distribution of housing types. Single family housing occurs in a higher proportion of North County Cities of Buellton, Lompoc, Guadalupe, and Santa Maria and lower proportion of total housing in the South Coast cities.
- Note the concentration of mobile homes in the Cities of Carpinteria, Solvang, and Buellton and the lack of multifamily units for the Cities of Buellton, Lompoc and Guadalupe.

Housing Types, Persons Over 60



Multifamily units include duplex's, condo's, or part of an apartment building.



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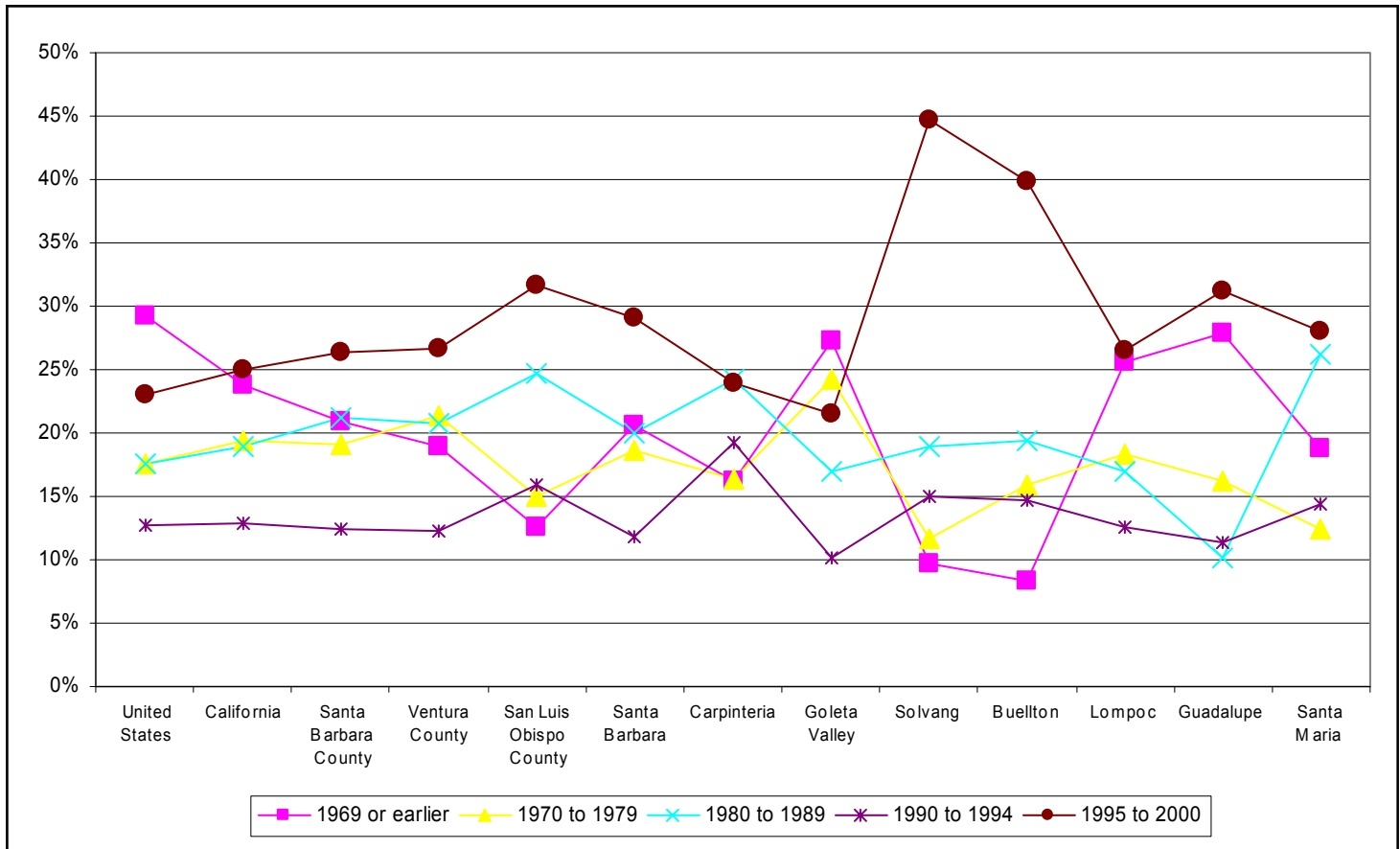
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## YEAR HOUSEHOLDER OVER 60 MOVED INTO UNIT:

The following figure compares various years a householder over 60 moved into a housing unit.

- The year householders over 60 moved into their unit varies considerably for all geographic areas.
- Note the large percentage of recent movers from 1980 to 1989 in the Cities of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, and from 1995 to 2000 in the Cities of Solvang, Buellton, and Guadalupe.
- Movers from 1969 and earlier are in the Cities of Lompoc and Guadalupe and in the Goleta Valley .
- For the total householders of all age groups in Santa Barbara County, 7.3% moved into their units in 1969 or earlier (20% for over 60), 9.3% moved into their units from 1970 to 1979 (19% for over 60), 16.4% from 1980 to 1989 (25% for over 60), 14.9% from 1990-1994 (12% for over 60), and 52% from 1995 to 2000 (25% for over 60).

Year Householder Moved into Unit, Householder Over 60





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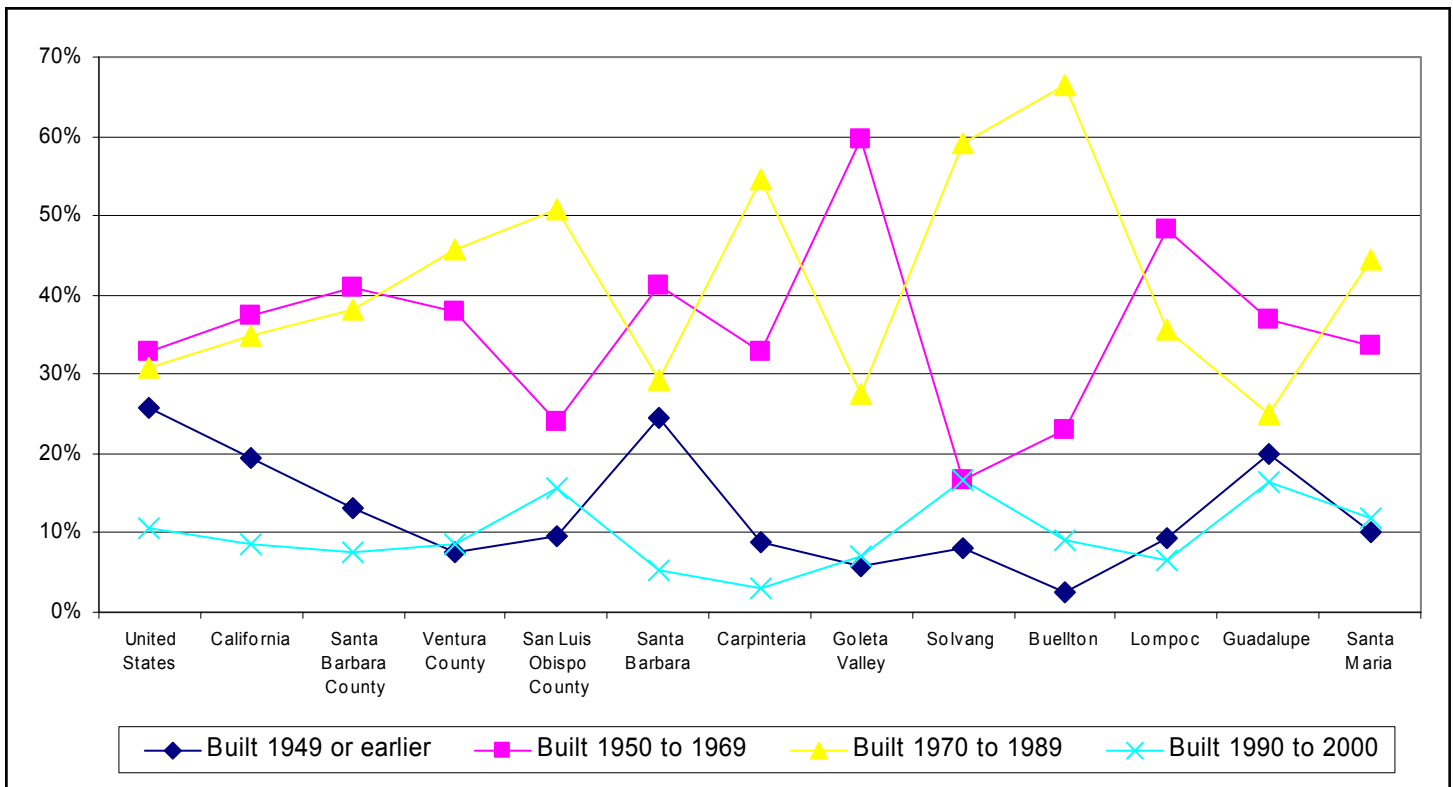
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## YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH HOUSEHOLDER OVER 60:

The following figure compares, for several time periods, when a housing unit was constructed for householders over 60.

- The U.S., State, County of Santa Barbara, Cities of Santa Barbara and Guadalupe have the highest proportion, (approximately 20 percent), of the oldest housing built before 1949.
- Over 50 percent of the housing units in each of the Cities of Carpinteria, Solvang, Buellton and Lompoc and the Goleta Valley were built between 1950 to 1970.
- The majority of those householders over 60 live in housing built between 1950 and 1970.
- During this time there was increasing employment opportunities in the developing defense industry as well as UCSB that brought workers into the area.

Year Structure Built, Householder Over 60





# Housing of Older Adults

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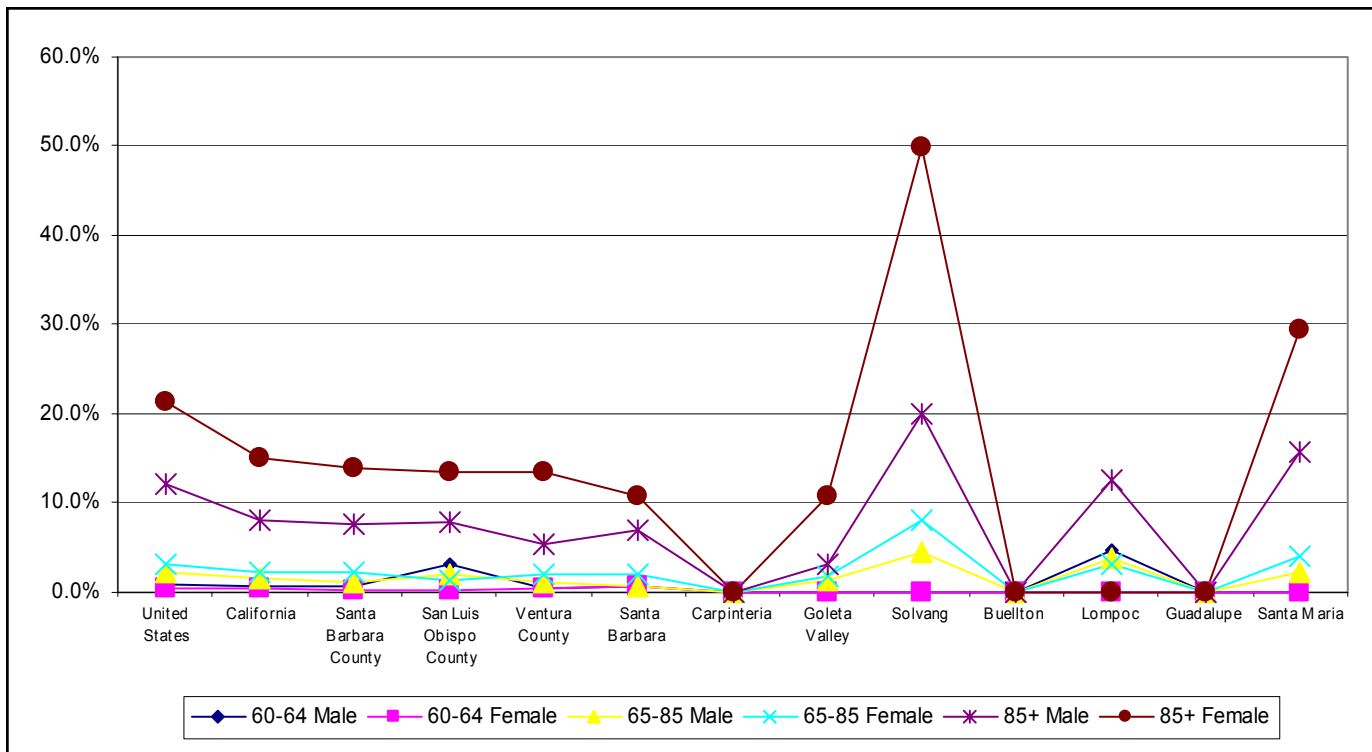
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## INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS OVER 60:

The following figure compares the proportion of males and females, by specific age groups over 60, that are institutionalized.

- A proportion of the over 60 population resided in facilities offering varying degrees of medical and personal care. The U.S. has a higher percentage of institutionalized population than the state and counties.
- The Cities of Buellton, Lompoc and Santa Maria have the lowest percentage of institutionalized persons and the City of Solvang has the highest.
- Note the City of Solvang with its 50 percent rate (70 out of 140 females) of institutionalization for those females over 85.
- Facilities that care for the older population may not provide adequate transportation for the residents and so may need additional transit services.

Institutionalized Persons Over 60



The institutionalized population includes people under formally authorized, supervised, care or custody in institutions. This includes nursing homes.





# Origin of Older Adults

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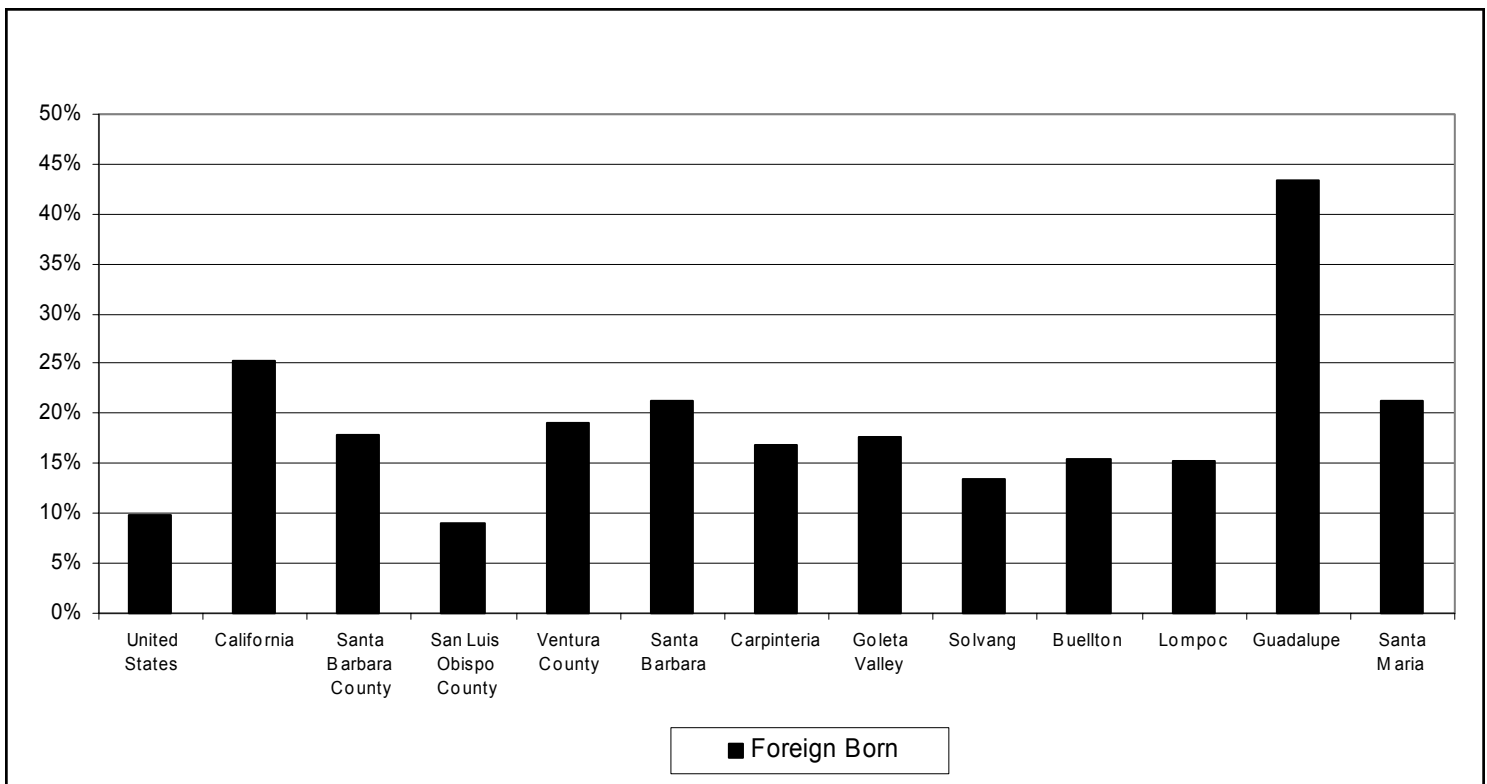
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## FOREIGN BORN PERSONS OVER 60:

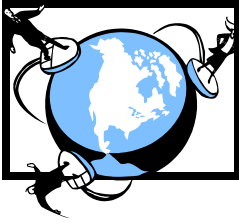
The following figure compares the proportion of persons over 60 that are foreign born.

- The percentage of foreign born in the U.S. is 10 percent, in comparison to the state with 25 percent, and Santa Barbara County with 18 percent of persons over 60 who are foreign born.
- Local Santa Barbara County jurisdictions fall within the 15 to 20 percent range with the exception of Guadalupe with over 40 percent foreign born.

Foreign Born Persons Over 60



The foreign born population includes all people who were not U.S. citizens at birth.



# Citizenship of Older Adults

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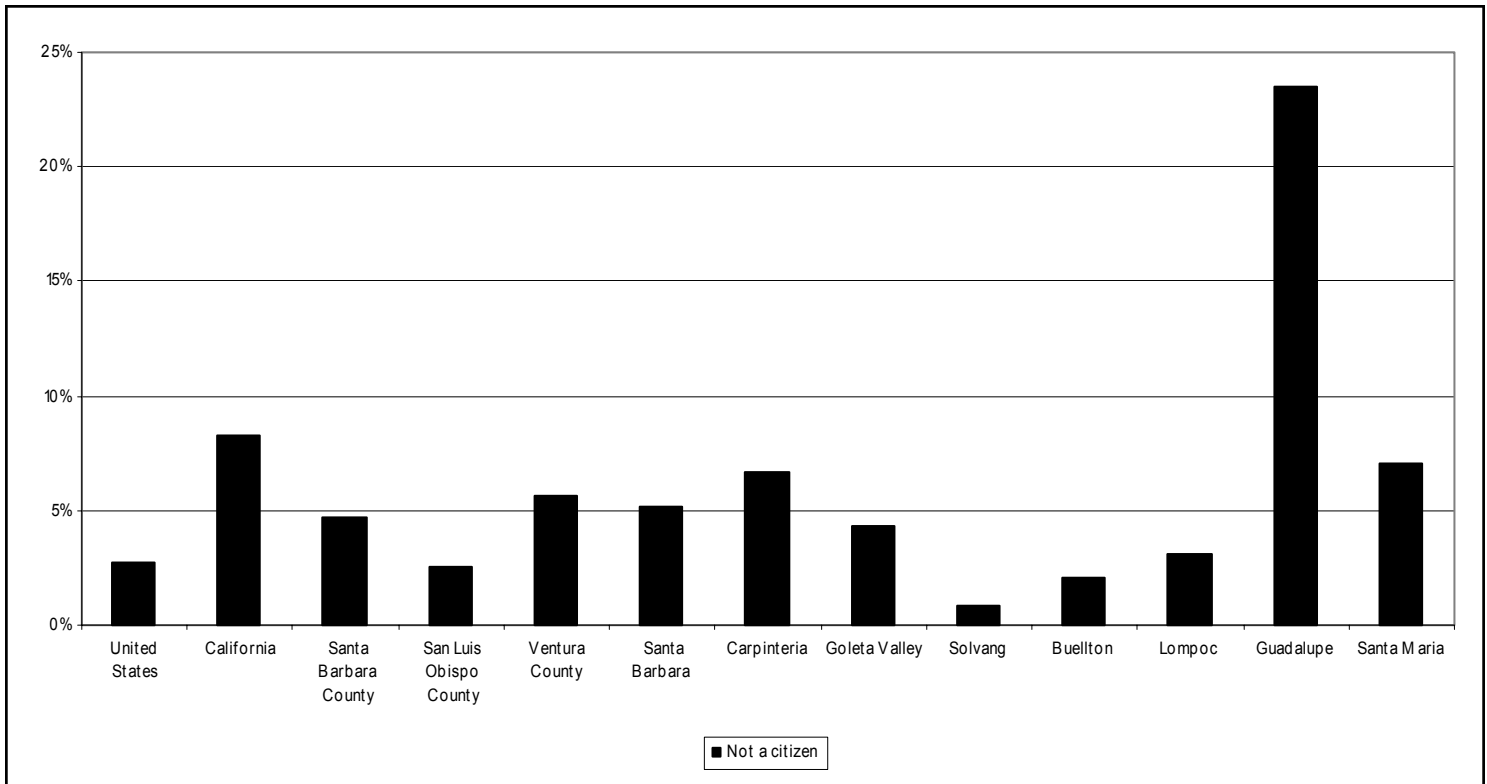
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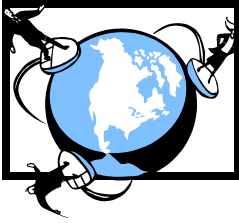
## CITIZENSHIP STATUS FOR PERSONS OVER 60:

The following figure shows the citizenship status for persons over 60.

- Santa Barbara County has a lower percentage of non citizens (5 percent) than statewide (8 percent).
- The north Santa Barbara County Cities of Solvang, Buellton, and Lompoc have less than 3 percent over 60 persons non citizens compared to the City of Guadalupe with a high of 24 percent.

Citizenship Status For Persons Over 60





# Language Ability of Older Adults

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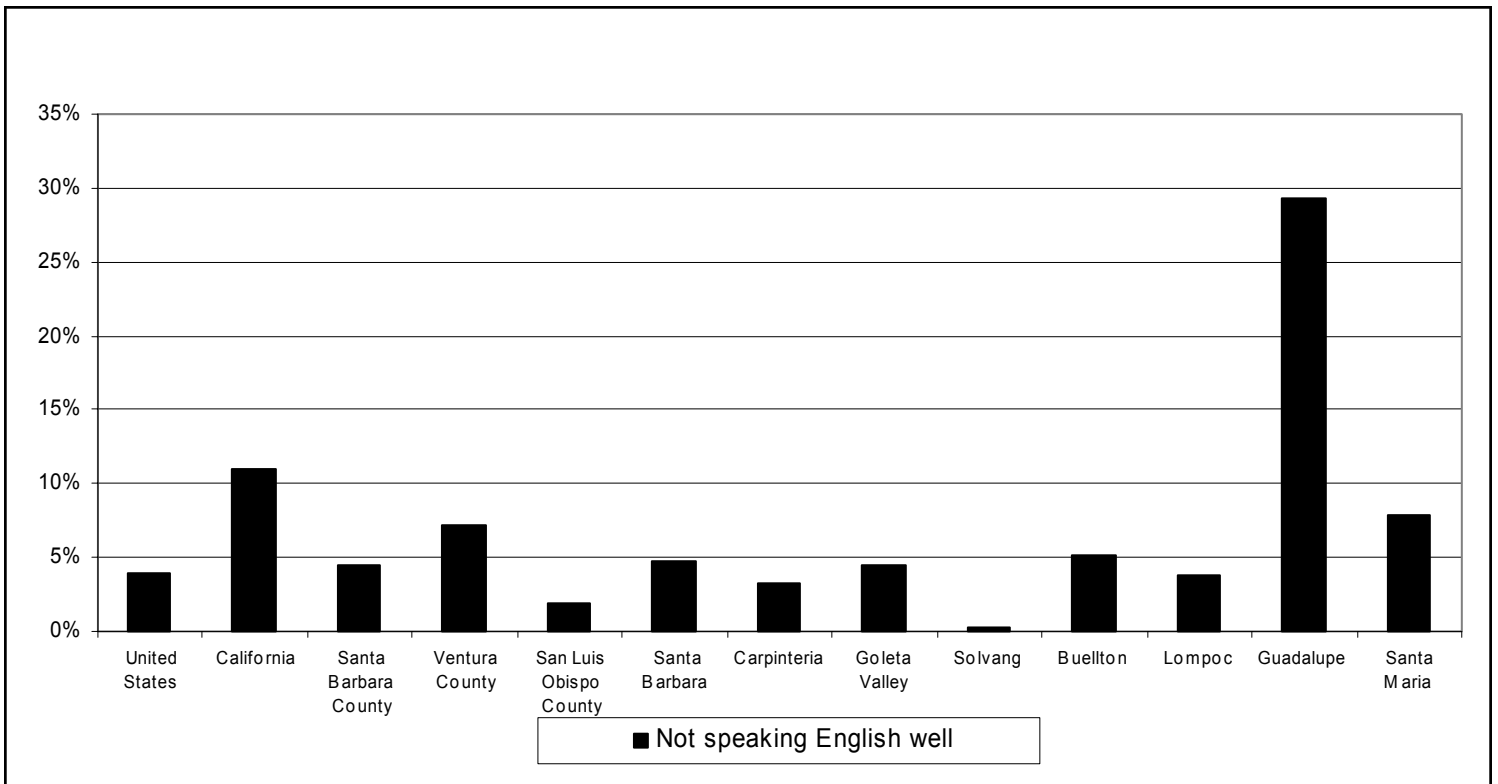
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## ENGLISH SPEAKING ABILITY FOR PERSONS OVER 60:

The following figure shows the percentage of persons not speaking English well.

- The State of California has 11 percent of persons that don't speak English well compared to Santa Barbara County with 5 percent .
- The City of Guadalupe is significantly higher than all other areas with 30 percent of its population not speaking English well.
- Persons without adequate language skills may have difficulty interpreting transit information and navigating the transportation system.

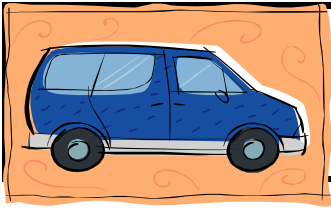
English Speaking Ability, Persons Over 60



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| 65 years and over not speaking English well | 1,922 |
| Speak Spanish:                              | 1,154 |
| Speak other Indo-European languages:        | 364   |
| Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:   | 399   |
| Speak other languages:                      | 5     |





# Transportation Needs of Older Adults

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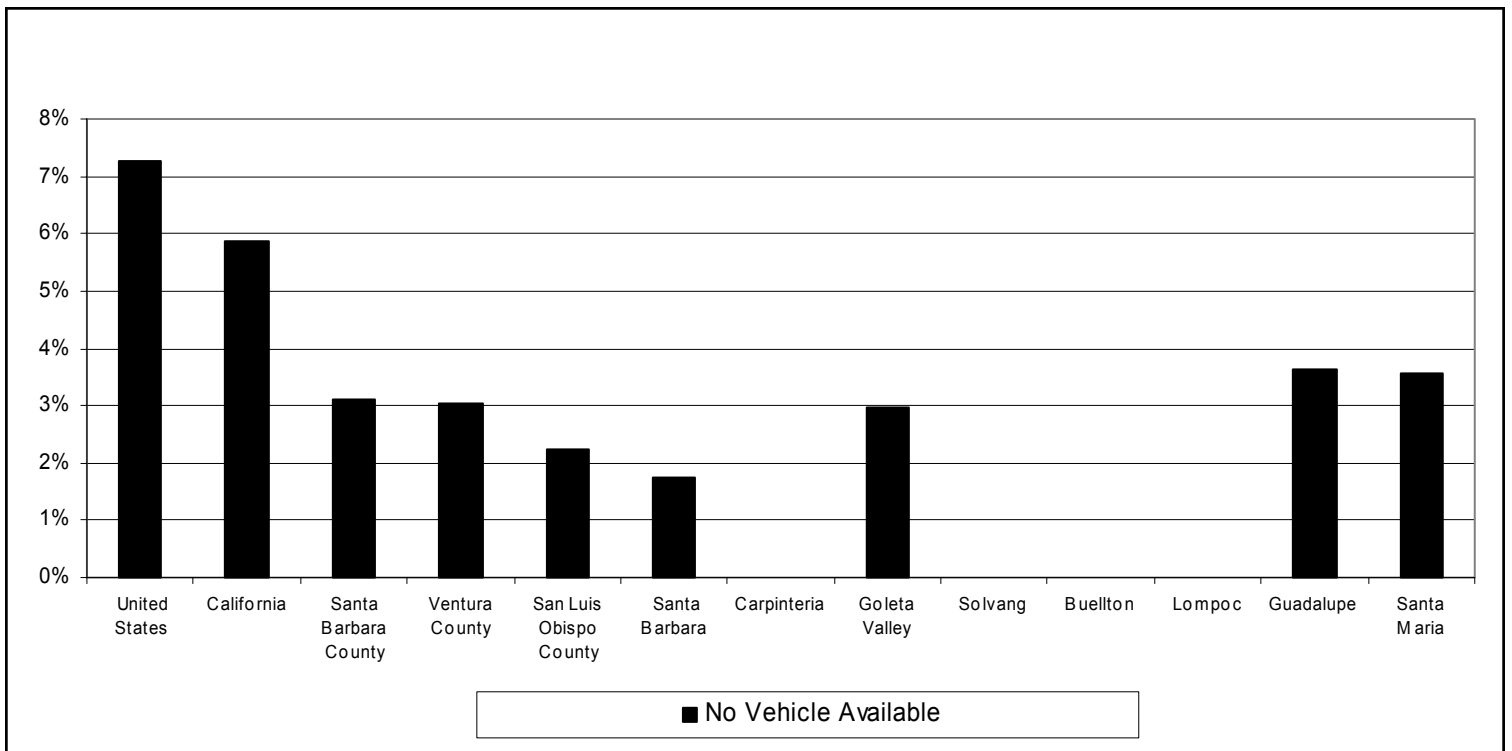
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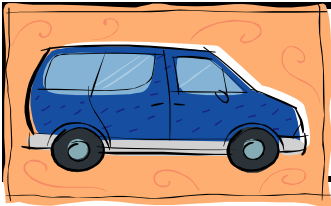
## VEHICLE AVAILABILITY FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH PERSON OVER 60:

The following figure shows the availability of vehicles for households with persons over 60.

- The U.S. and the State have approximately 6 percent of the households with a person over 60 without a vehicle. Santa Barbara and the surrounding counties have approximately 3 percent of households without a vehicle.
- Surprisingly, according to the 2000 Census, all households with persons over 60 in the Cities of Carpinteria, Solvang, Buellton and Lompoc have a vehicle.
- Households lacking a vehicle often rely on public transit for their transportation needs.

Vehicle Availability, Households With Person Over 60





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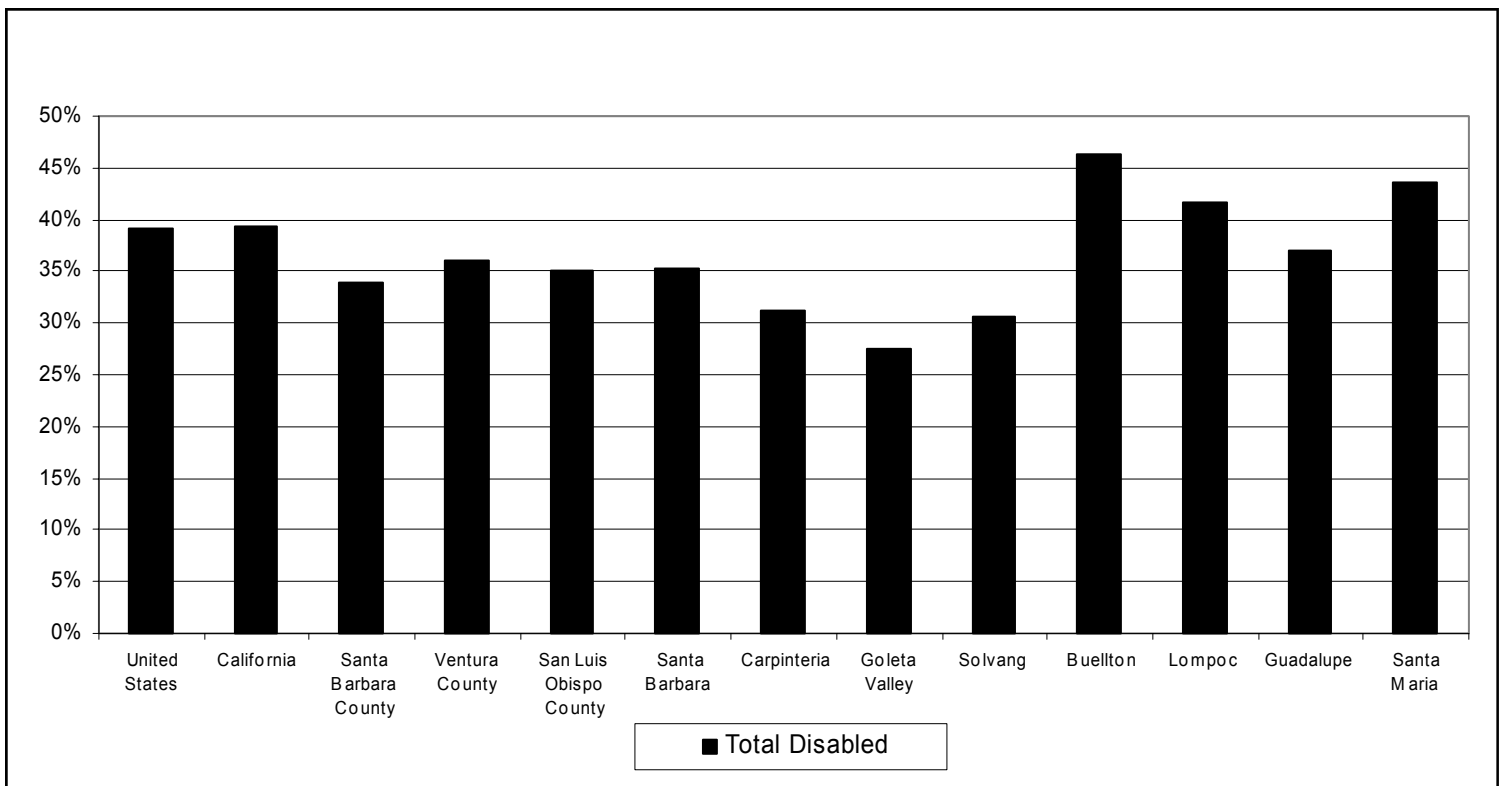
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## DISABILITY STATUS FOR PERSONS OVER 60:

The following figure shows the proportion of persons over 60 that have some type of disability.

- The percentage of those in Santa Barbara County over 60 and disabled is approximately 35 percent, slightly less than the U.S. and statewide proportions of 40 percent.
- The proportion of disabled is highest in the Cities of Buellton, Lompoc, and Santa Maria and lowest in the Cities of Solvang and Carpinteria and in the Goleta Valley
- The proportion of the population that is disabled could require specialized transit and transportation facilities to provide them with access to needed services. Note that the disability status does not necessarily suggest that the person cannot drive.

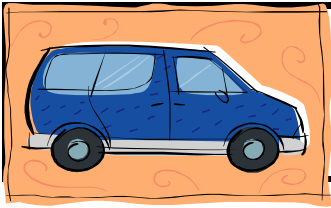
Disability Status, Persons Over 60



### Santa Barbara County



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| Total disabilities tallied for people 65 years and over: | 36,047 |
| Sensory disability                                       | 6,642  |
| Physical disability                                      | 12,295 |
| Mental disability  | 4,634  |
| Self-care disability                                     | 4,088  |
| Go-outside-home disability                               | 8,388  |



# Transportation Needs of Older Adults

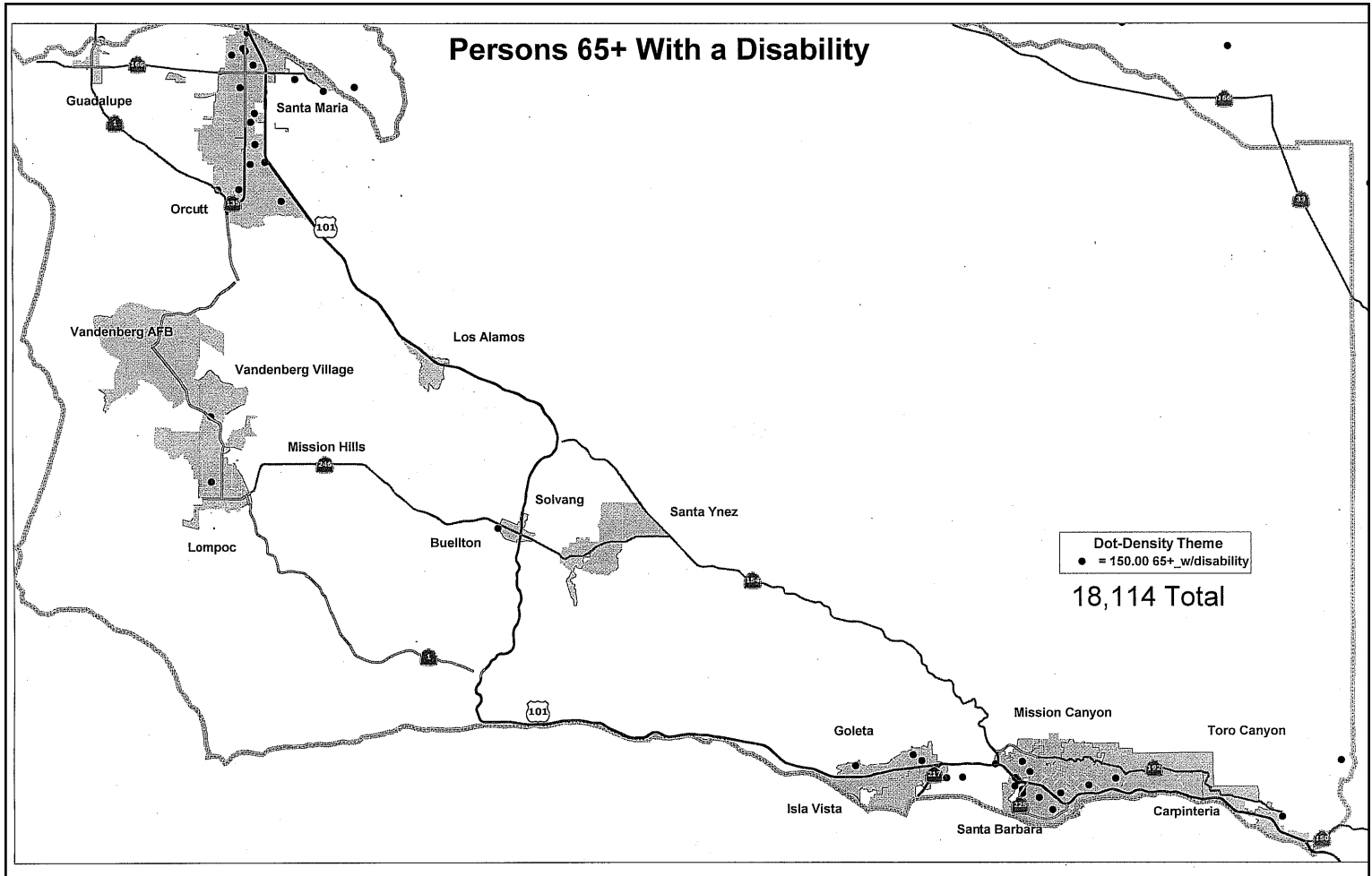
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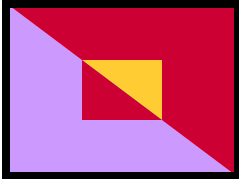
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## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF PERSONS OVER 65 WITH A DISABILITY:

The following map shows the geographic location of persons over 65 with a disability.

- There was no data available for those over 60 at this level of detail.
- The City of Santa Maria has this segment of the population evenly distributed along the Highway 101 and 135 corridors.
- The South Coast areas of Old Town Goleta and adjacent to the Highway 101 corridor in the City of Santa Barbara have the highest density of those with a disability.
- Locating the disabled population in specific geographic areas helps to provide services in the most cost effective and efficient manner.





# SBCAG Organization and Data Sources for Older Adults

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## What is SBCAG?

The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, or SBCAG for short, was established in 1966 as a voluntary council of governments. SBCAG is an independent entity governed by a thirteen-member Board of Directors consisting of a city council representative from each of the cities within the county and the five members of the county Board of Supervisors.

SBCAG currently serves in the following capacities for Santa Barbara County:

**Affiliate Census Center**—SBCAG has been designated by the State Department of Finance to serve as the affiliate census center for Santa Barbara County. As such, SBCAG serves as the conduit for government and public access to census data.

**Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**—SBCAG has been designated by the Governor as the agency responsible for all transportation planning and programming activities required under federal law.

**Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA)**—Designated by the Secretary of the California Business, Housing and Transportation Agency, SBCAG is responsible for the multi-modal transportation planning, programming, and fund allocation required by state statutes.

**Local Transportation Authority (LTA)**—As the Local Transportation Authority (LTA), SBCAG is responsible for administering the 1/2 cent county-wide sales tax authorized by voter approval of Measure D in November, 1989, for local and regional transportation projects over twenty years.

**Traffic Solutions**—SBCAG also administers an interagency Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program that promotes ridesharing, public transportation, biking, walking, telecommuting, and other transportation alternatives on a county-wide basis.

**Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE)**—This program is responsible for the installation, operation and administration of the system of approximately 350 roadside call boxes in Santa Barbara County. This system is financed by a \$1 per year fee on all motor vehicles registered within the county.

**Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)**—SBCAG is designated as the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) and is responsible for protecting public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring that vacant lands in the vicinity of airports are planned and zoned for uses compatible with airport operations.

## More Census 2000 information available at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) or [www.sbcag.org](http://www.sbcag.org)

An extensive source of census data, maps, definitions, and resources can be obtained at the [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) website. The State Department of Finance Demographic Research Center and website [www.dof.ca.gov](http://www.dof.ca.gov) acts as the clearinghouse for census data as well as other county level vital statistics and estimates. Government document sections of local libraries also maintain current and historical census files. The SBCAG website contains a basic census overview for cities and unincorporated places in Santa Barbara County.

For more information on the older population in Santa Barbara County contact the Area Agency on Aging 1-800-510-2020 or [www.centralcoastseniors.org](http://www.centralcoastseniors.org). Other useful local publications include the "Santa Barbara County Senior Resource Directory", Area Agency on Aging, 2003-2005, and the "Community Report on the Status of Older Adults in Santa Barbara County", The Adult and Aging Network, 2001.