

<b>Kern County</b>	8,141 sq.mi. 81 persons / sq.mi.	<b>Median Age: 30.6</b>
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<b>Snapshot</b>	<b>Workforce</b>
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Kern is one of California's largest counties, located at the southern part of the Central Valley, home to farm land, mountain ranges, and high desert.

In 2000, the median age was 2.7 years younger than California. One of every 10 people was over 65 years of age and one in 91 was 85 or older. Nearly one of every 4 adults was 65+ or disabled.

Unemployment was high at 10.5% (2001), nearly double the statewide rate. There were projected to be 880 job openings for RNs, and an estimated 844 direct care nursing staff needed in facilities (2000). Average hourly wages (2001):

RN	HHA	Nurse Asst	IHSS	MSW	PT
\$27.14	\$7.43	\$8.54	\$6.75	\$22.20	\$29.43

<b>Medi-Cal</b>	<b>Housing</b>
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Kern ranked among those counties whose percent of Medi-Cal eligibles was high--one in every 5 people.

The median home price was \$91,312 (2001). Housing vacancy rates in 2000 were higher than statewide averages: homeowners at 2.6%; rentals at 8.2%.

Kern had a similar number of households with individuals 65+ (18.7%) and 65+ living alone (7.8%) as California. Of those over 65, one in 2.8 were living alone (36.1%).

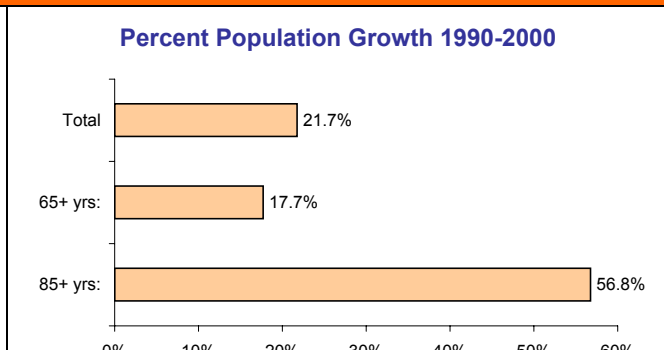
<b>Long Term Care: Special Programs</b>	<b>Transportation</b>
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Reported transit services for people in the cities and county of Kern: 667,381 passengers using special vehicles; 67 special vehicles operated peak hours and 59 operated middays during the week; 22 on Saturdays; and 5 on Sundays.

<b>Population Growth</b> (increase since 1990): <b>21.7%</b>	<b>65+ yrs: 17.7%</b>	<b>85+ yrs: 56.8%</b>
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**Demographics**

Population	1990		2000		2010	
	US Census	%	US Census	%	DOF Projection	%
<b>Total Population</b>	543,477	100%	661,645	100%	859,818	100%
Over 60	72,269	13%	82,977	13%	124,232	14%
Disabled (21-64)	not available	not available	85,318	13%	not available	not available
Total 65+	52,714	10%	62,054	9%	89,297	10%
<b>Total Over 65 + Disabled (21-64)</b>	not available	not available	147,372	22%	not available	not available
Total 65-74	32,133	6%	34,287	5%	47,554	6%
Total 75-84	16,462	3%	21,310	3%	28,758	3%
Total 85+	4,119	1%	6,457	1%	12,985	2%



Gender (2000) US Census	Total	65+	85+
Male	51.3%	4.1%	0.3%
Female	48.7%	5.3%	0.7%

Ethnicity (2000) US Census	Total	65+
<b>Total</b>	100%	9%
White*	49%	7.27%
Black or African American*	6%	0.37%
Hispanic or Latino	38%	1.46%
Asian	3%	0.31%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.00%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.9%	0.07%
Some Other Race	0.1%	0.01%
Multi-Racial (two or more)	2.1%	0.16%

\*Not of Hispanic or Latino Origin

Enrollment (2000)	Eligibles	% Tot Pop	Elig 65+	% 65+
Medi-Cal Recipients	141,006	20.3%	11,728	1.69%
SSI/SSP Recipients	25,664	3.7%	not available	not available
Dual Eligibles	17,843	2.6%	not available	not available

**Demographic Trends**

Kern County's population growth in the last decade was faster than California, as was the growth in the percentage of both those over 65 and over 85.

In 2000, Kern had 50% non-Whites while the state had 53% non-Whites. One of every 3 persons was Hispanic/Latino; one in 18 was Black/African American; one in 31 was Asian; one in 48 was multi-racial; and one in 67 was some other race. Looking at age and ethnicity: one in 14 was 65+/White; one in 68 was 65+/Hispanic/Latino; one in 270 was 65+/Black/African American; and one in 323 was 65+/Asian.

The median household income was \$12,000 less than California's, and more people were living below the poverty level--one in 5.

<b>Persons under Poverty Level: 20.8%</b>	<b>65+ yrs: 11.5%</b>	<b>Median Household Income: \$35,446</b>
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NOTE: Data on Page 2 are from statewide sources only. Data may not include all funding sources. See notes on Data Sources.

SERVICES	ANNUAL INFORMATION		
Home and Community Based Services (County Level Data)	Providers or Sites	Serving	Expense / Allocation
<b>Adult Day Services (ADS)</b>			
Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Providers	2	150	\$1,247,848
Adult Day Care (ADC) / Adult Day Support Centers (ADSC)	6	120	not available
<b>Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)</b>	1	290	\$666,353
<b>In-Home Services</b>			
Home Health Agencies (HHAs)	10	7,106	not available
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)	3,250	4,208	\$19,485,602
<b>Adult Protective Services (APS)</b>	1	77	\$1,379,306
<b>Independent Living Centers (ILCs)</b>	1	393	\$150,916

County Level Data Not Available			
<b>Caregiver Resource Centers (CRCs)</b>	1	1,544	\$869,052
The Valley Caregiver Resource Center provides services to Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne counties.			

PSA 33 - Single-County AAA (County Level Data)			
<b>Area Agencies on Aging</b>			
\$0.89M (State) + \$1.7M (Fed) = \$2.6M			
Includes \$0.24M Info & Assistance, \$35K Case Mngmt, \$0.38M Fed Caregiver Support Prgm			
Serving: Kern County			
The AAA serves as an access point for persons needing information or services for elders, persons with disabilities, and their families or caregivers. The agency provides advocacy, information and assistance, local planning, funding allocations, and monitoring of services. The following may not represent all the AAA's local programs, services or expenditures:			
<b>Nutrition</b>			
Brown Bag	not available	0	\$25,126
Home Delivered Meals	not available	2,698	\$658,255
Congregate Meals	not available	6,934	\$570,793
<b>Assistance / Counseling / Advocacy</b>			
Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Programs (HICAP)	1	1,514	\$146,728
Ombudsman	1	187	\$93,288
<b>Care Coordination</b>			
Linkages	1	157	\$250,758
<b>Specialized Care</b>			
Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers (ADCRCs)	1	83	\$82,718
<b>Senior Service Corps</b>			
Foster Grandparents (number of senior volunteers)	not available	9	\$39,326
Senior Companions (number of senior volunteers)	not available	15	\$56,966

Facility Based Services (County Level Data)	Providers	Serving	Expense / Allocation
Freestanding Nursing Facility (NFs)	13	1,442	\$38,507,882
Hospital-Based Nursing Facility (NFs)	7	256	\$13,183,988
Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs)	66	1,182	not available

County Comparisons	
How does your county rank on these indicators - in the highest, middle, or lowest third of all counties in the state?	
Indicator	Rank
% Medi-Cal Recipients	7
% Persons < Poverty	8
% Vacancy - houses	9
% Age 21-64 Disabled	9
Tot Pop Growth (1990-2000)	12
% Unemployment Rate	12
% Vacancy - rentals	13
Total Population	14
% 65+ < Poverty	16
% SSI / SSP Recipients	19
85+ Pop Growth (1990-2000)	22
65+ Pop Growth (1990-2000)	24
% Dual Eligibles	25
ADS Providers/1,000	25
% Medi-Cal Recipients 65+	28
IHSS Providers/1,000	33
Median Household Income	41
% 65+ and Live Alone	42
RCFE Beds/1,000	43
Total NF Patients/1,000	43
HHA Providers/1,000	49
Median Age	52
% Population 65+	52
% Population 85+	52
Note: Rankings are out of 58 counties, where 1 represents the highest number and 58 represents the lowest number	

Highest Third (1-19)

Middle Third (20-39)

Lowest Third (40-58)

Emerging Long Term Care Issues	
~ Nearly one of every 4 adults was 65+ or disabled.	~ Housing was available, although few 65+ were living alone.
~ A number of younger adults were disabled.	~ Adult day services and IHSS providers were available, with fewer RCFE, NF, and home health services.
~ Young median age with few seniors 65+ and 85+.	
~ Many were unemployed, on Medi-Cal and living in poverty, including seniors 65+.	

