

Building an Inclusive Economy: The State's Role in Closing California's Opportunity Gap

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Chart 8 – Unemployment by Race, Ethnicity, and Age

	September 2015	August 2015	Annual Ave 2012*	Annual Ave 2010*
California	5.5%	6.1%	10.7%	12.5%
Blacks	11.8%	12.9%	18.9%	21%
Hispanics	7.7%	7.8%	13.3%	15.3%
Whites	6.3%	6.4%	10.4%	12.3%
16 to 19 year olds	21.8%	22.5%	37.9%	36.7%
20 to 24	11.4%	11.4%	17.1%	20.2%

Source: California Employment Development Department – not seasonally adjusted 2015 and* Bureau of Labor Statistics – annual average for 2012 and 2010

Chart 9 - Profile of Californians (2014 data unless separately identified)

	California	USA
Population	38,802,500	318,857,056
Median Age	36	37.7
Persons under 5 years	6.5%	6.2%
Persons under 18 years	23.6%	23.1%
Persons 65 years and over	12.9%	14.5%
Percent of Grandparents responsible for grandchildren under 18 years. California has the lowest in the percentage in the nation.	24.5%	36.4%
White alone, not Hispanic	38.3%	61.9%
Black or African American alone	5.6%	12.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.3%	0.8%
Asian alone	13.7%	5.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.4%	0.2%
Two or More Races, not Hispanic or Latino	2.9%	3%
Hispanic or Latino	38.6%	17.3%
Foreign born persons	27.0%	13.3%
Language other than English spoken at home, persons age 5+	43.9%	21.1%
High school graduate or higher, age 25+ (CA ranks 51st nationally)	81.1%	86.9%
Bachelor's degree, age 25+ (ranks 14th nationally)	31.7%	30.1%
Advanced Degree, age 25+ (ranks 15th nationally)	11.8%	11.4%
Homeownership Rate	55.7%	63.1%
Median Cost for an Owner Occupied Housing	\$412,700	\$181,200
Households paying more than 30% of income for rent and utilities (CA ranks 1st nationally)	53.8%	47.9%
Persons per household	2.94	2.65
Median household income	\$61,933	\$53,657
Individuals Living Below Federal Poverty Line	16.4%	15.5%
Individuals under the Age of 18 Living Below Federal Poverty Line	22.7%	21.7%
Individuals Living Below Supplemental Poverty Line (2011 to 2013) For comparison the federal rate for the three years using the tradition method: 14.9%	23.4%	15.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey, accessed 10/31/2015