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RE: County Demographics: Indian Asian and Middle Eastern Populations

Overview

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) was used to determine Middle Eastern and Indian Asian populations for Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Middle Eastern demographic information is based on "first ancestry reported" and consists of Egyptian, Iraqi, Jordanian, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian, Arab, Other Arab, Assyrian/Chaldean/Syriac, Cypriot, Iranian, Israeli, and Turkish.

Indian Asian demographic information is based on "one race" classification and includes Asian, Indian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, and Sri Lankan.

Highlights:

- Asian Indians constitute a larger portion of the Santa Clara County population compared to San Mateo County (7% vs. 2%).
- The Iranian ancestry group represents over half (53%) of the Middle Eastern ancestry groups for Santa Clara County and over one-quarter (28%) for San Mateo County.
- The Lebanese and Palestinian ancestry groups each represent a higher percentage of the Middle Eastern Ancestry groups for San Mateo country compared to Santa Clara County (Lebanese: 11% vs. 6% & Palestinian 11% vs. 3%).

Methodology

The ACS has an initial sample of approximately 3 million housing unit addresses and group quarters in the United States annually. Data is collected primarily by mail, with follow-ups by telephone and personal visit. Approximately one third of those who do not respond to the survey by mail or telephone are randomly selected for in-person interviews, and the final response rate for that group was 98 percent in 2009. Because approximately two-thirds of mail/telephone non-respondents are not selected for in-person follow-up interviews, the ACS only includes approximately 2 million final interviews per year.

Source

U.S. Census Fact Finder. 2009-2011 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates. Forms included: B04001: FIRST ANCESTRY REPORTED - Universe: Total population, DP05: ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES, and B02006: ASIAN ALONE BY SELECTED GROUPS - Universe: Total Asian alone population

Table 1: Asian Indian/Middle Eastern County Populations

Race/Ancestry	Santa Clara County		San Mateo County	
	N	%	N	%
Asian Indian	125,776	7%	16,884	2%
Middle Eastern	31,011	2%	17,036	2%
Total	156,787	9%	33,920	5%
County Population	1,762,754	100%	711,622	100%

Table 2: Asian Indian County Detail

Race	Santa Clara County		San Mateo County	
	N	%	N	%
Asian Indian	119,534	95%	15,343	91%
Bangladeshi	529	<1%	436	3%
Pakistani	5,373	4%	1,045	6%
Sri Lankan	340	<1%	60	<1%
Total	125,776	100%	16,884	100%

Table 3: Middle Eastern Ancestry County Detail

Ancestry	Santa Clara County		San Mateo County	
	N	%	N	%
Egyptian	1,236	4%	930	5%
Iraqi	620	2%	708	4%
Jordanian	266	1%	605	4%
Lebanese	1,863	6%	1,841	11%
Palestinian	852	3%	1,911	11%
Syrian	493	2%	144	1%
Arab	1,328	4%	2,117	12%
Other Arab	1,862	6%	2,058	12%
Assyrian/Chaldean/Syriac	2,423	8%	139	1%
Cypriot	16	<1%	14	<1%
Iranian	16,377	53%	4,842	28%
Israeli	2,102	7%	502	3%
Turkish	1,573	5%	1,225	7%
Total	31,011	100%	17,036	100%