Community Demographic Profile

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Purpose of Report

 This slide deck provides a high-level demographic snapshot of the City of Ventura. It is intended to explore key trends, characteristics, and potential issues that merit further review and consideration in the City's forthcoming General Plan Update. For reference, this slide deck also includes data at the State and County levels to contextualize the City's characteristics in relations to broader conditions.



Summary of Key Findings

- Although Ventura's population declined between 2015 and 2020, growth is expected to rebound and continue into the coming decades.
- Ventura is an aging community, as the share of people 55 and older has climbed substantially since 2000 (21% → 33%).
- Ventura hosts a well-educated population. Almost half (45.9%) of all adults have an Associate's Degree or higher, which is higher than the County (43.1%) level.
- Like the State as a whole, Ventura has become more racially and ethnically diverse over the past two decades. The share of the Hispanic/Latino residents has increased 19.7% since 2000, now forming 36.0% of the City's population.



Summary of Key Findings

- The distribution of household income in Ventura is very similar to County and State levels, though Ventura hosts a relatively higher share of low-income households (43.9%) than does the County (40.0%).
- The Westside and Downtown areas host the highest concentrations of poverty and low-income households.
- Over the past 10 years, Ventura's jobs/housing ratio has steadily increased. This suggests that housing production may not be keeping pace with economic growth, which can cause high commuting rates and potentially increase living costs.



Population and Households

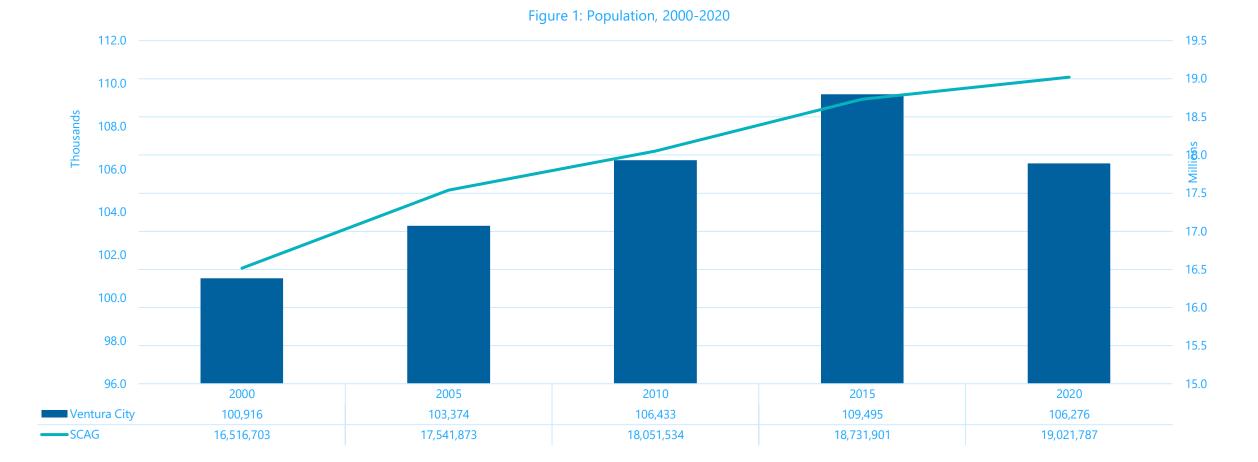
Population

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California	39,782,870
Ventura County	842,886
City of Ventura	106,276



Source: California Department of Finance, 2020

Historical Population Growth



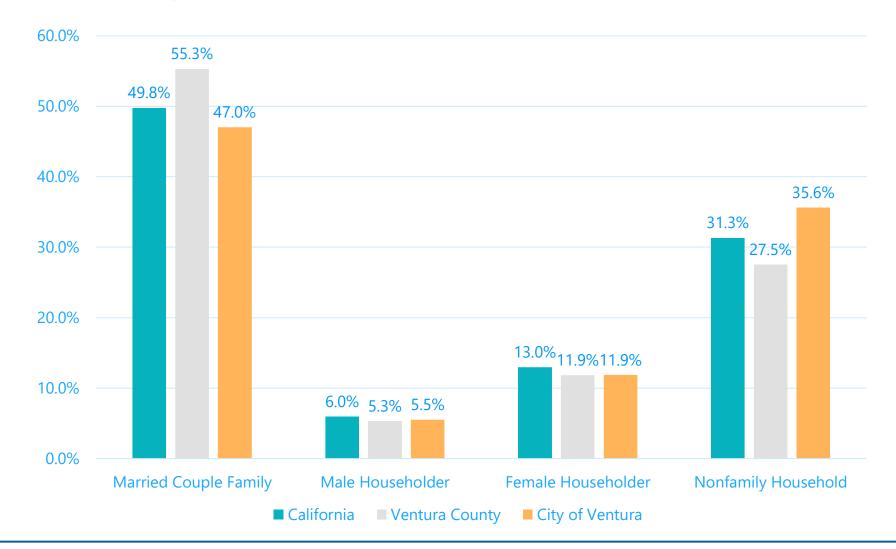
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Households and Household Size

	City	County	State
Households (#)	41,246	271,040	13,044,266
Average Household Size	2.62	3.08	2.95

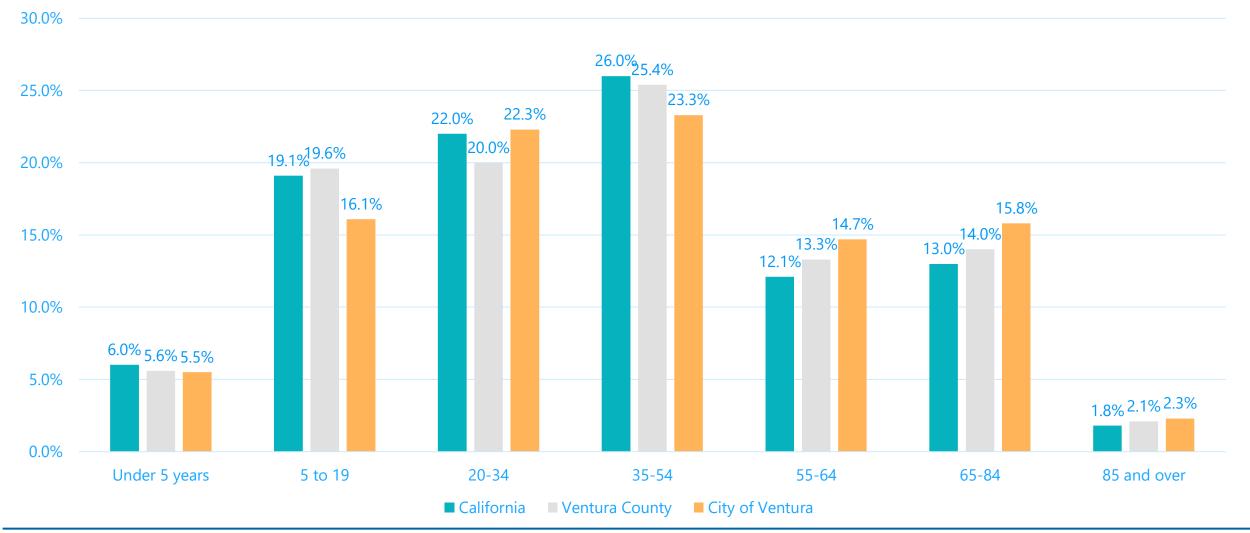


Household Composition



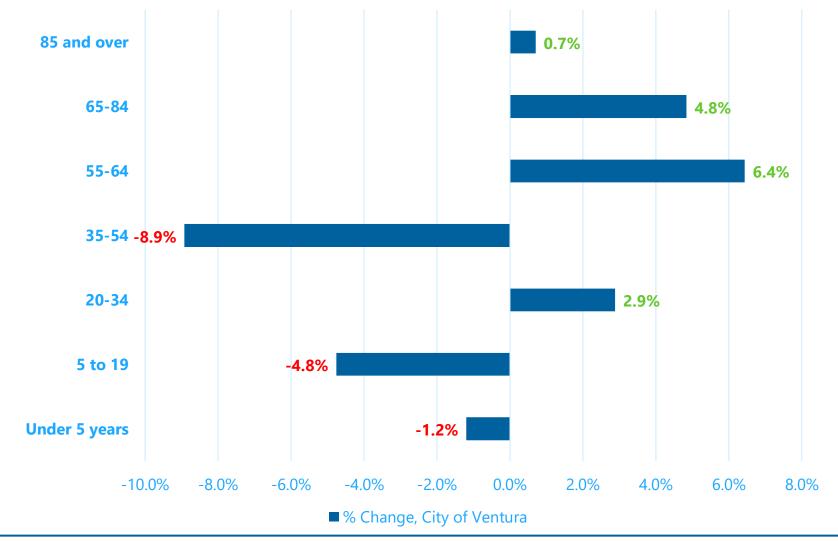






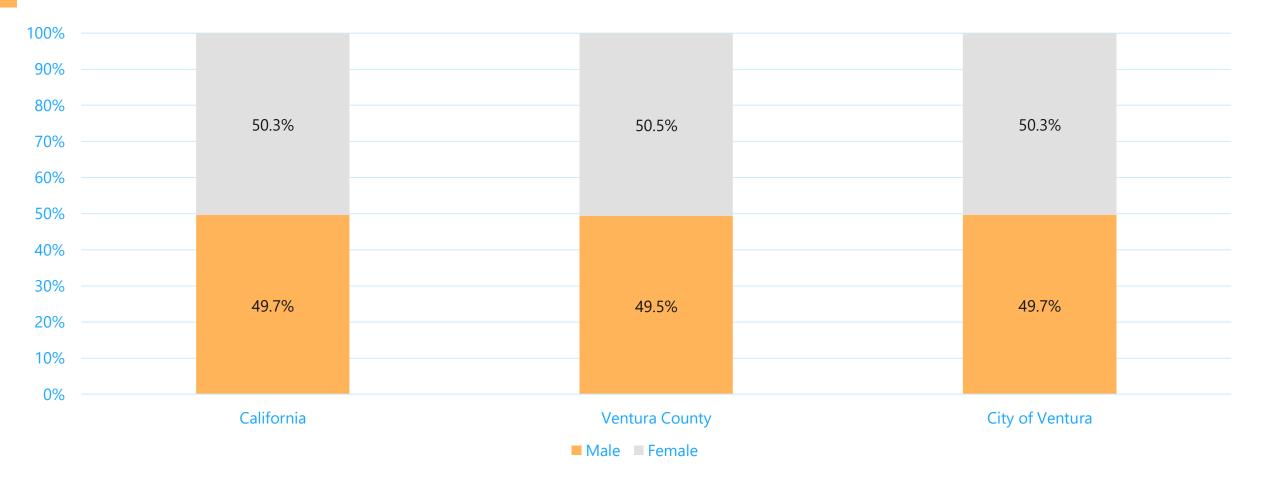






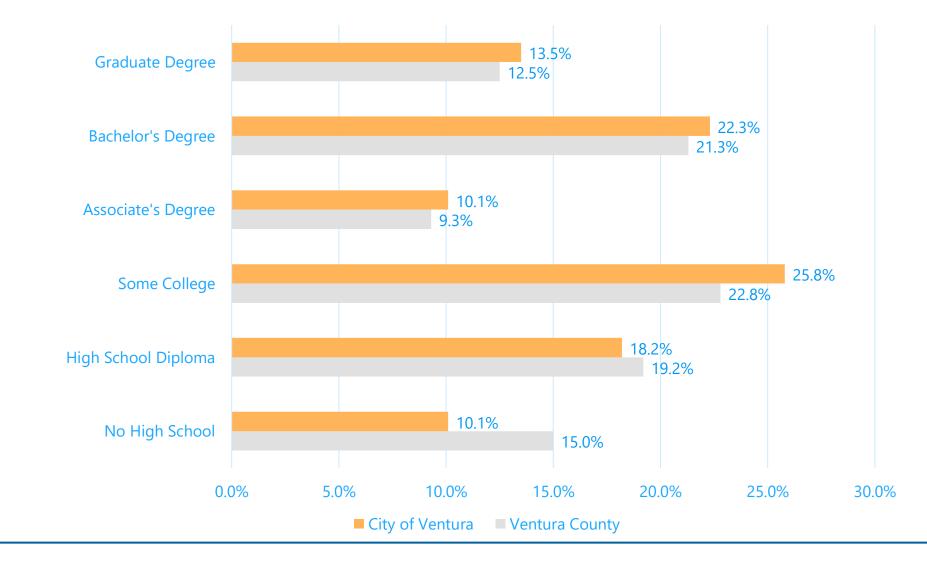






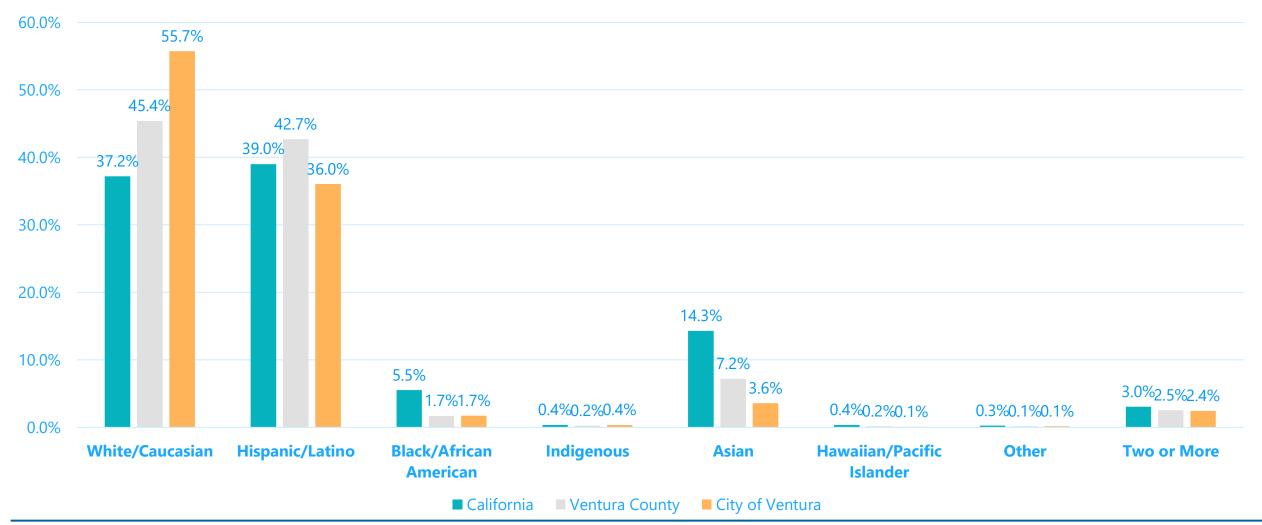


Educational Attainment



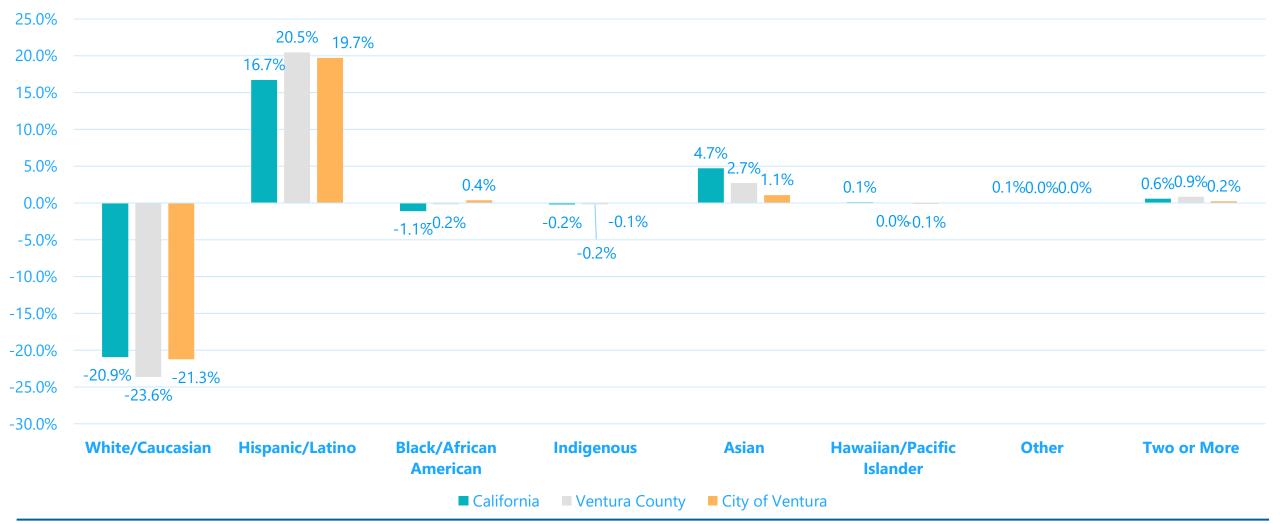




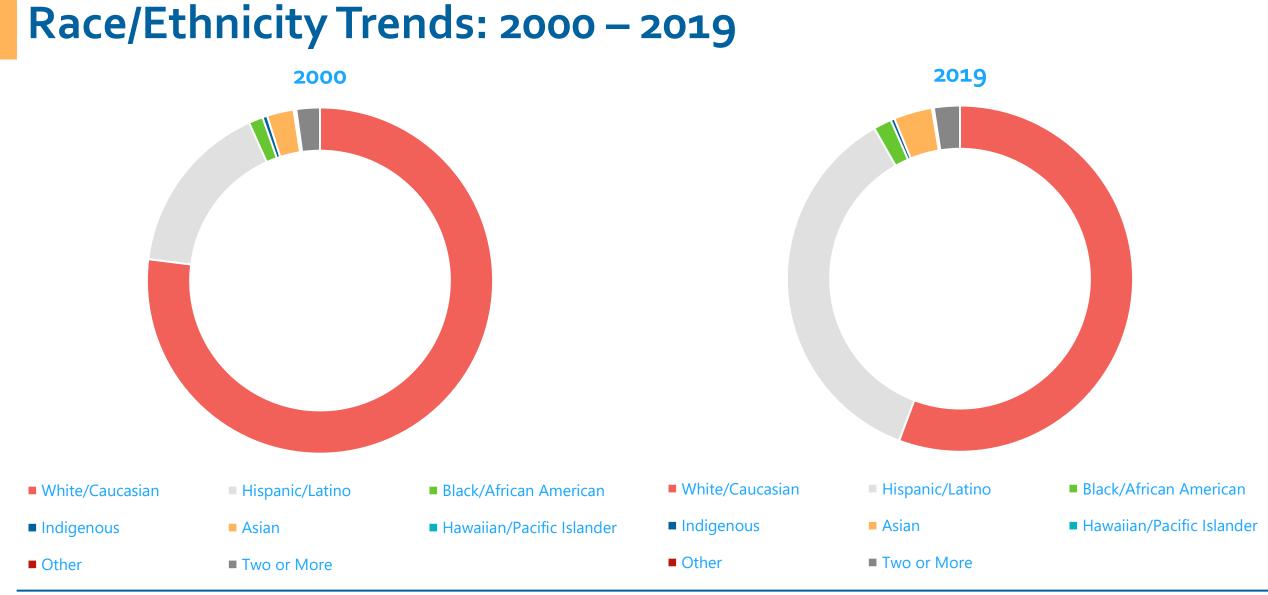




Race/Ethnicity Trends: 2000 – 2019

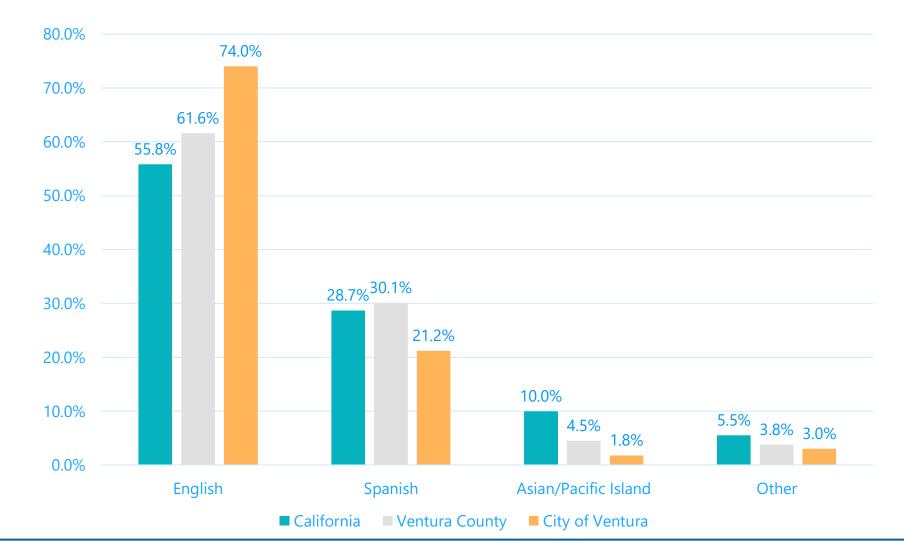






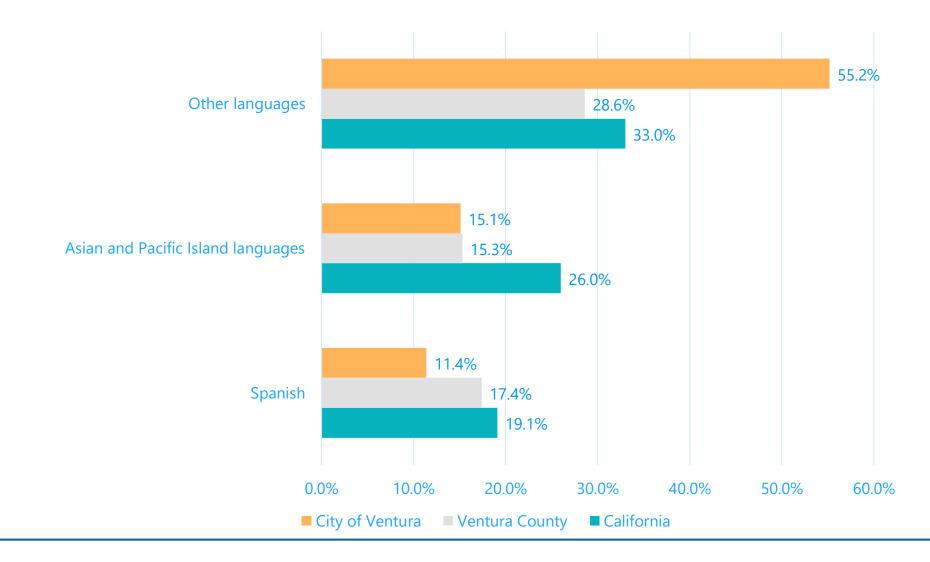


Language Spoken at Home





Limited English (Non-Native Speakers)

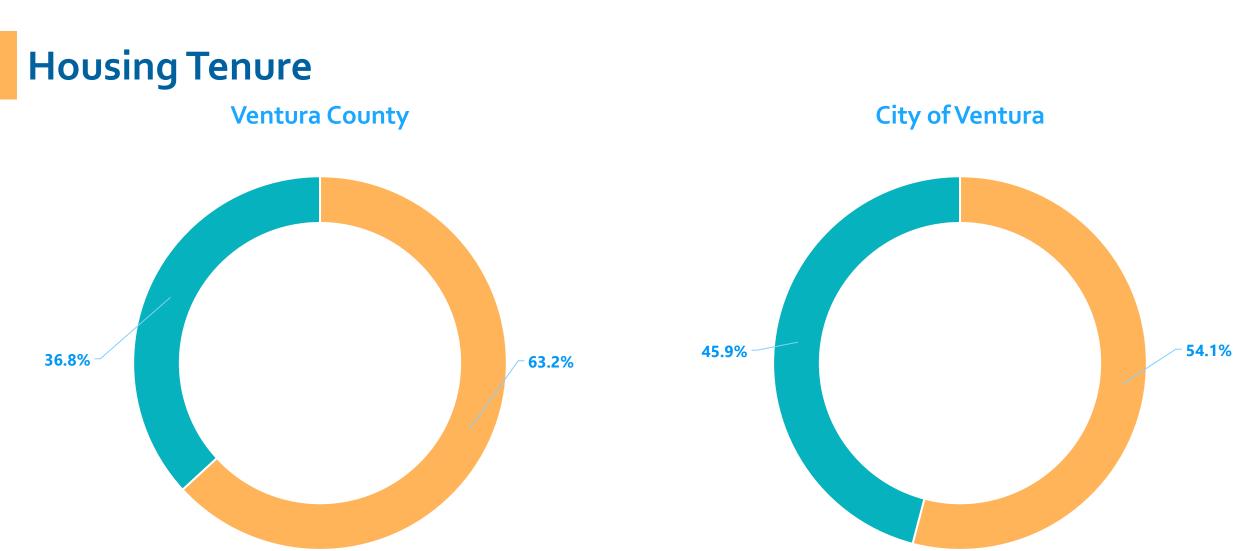




People with Disabilities

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California	10.6%
Ventura County	10.9%
City of Ventura	12.3%





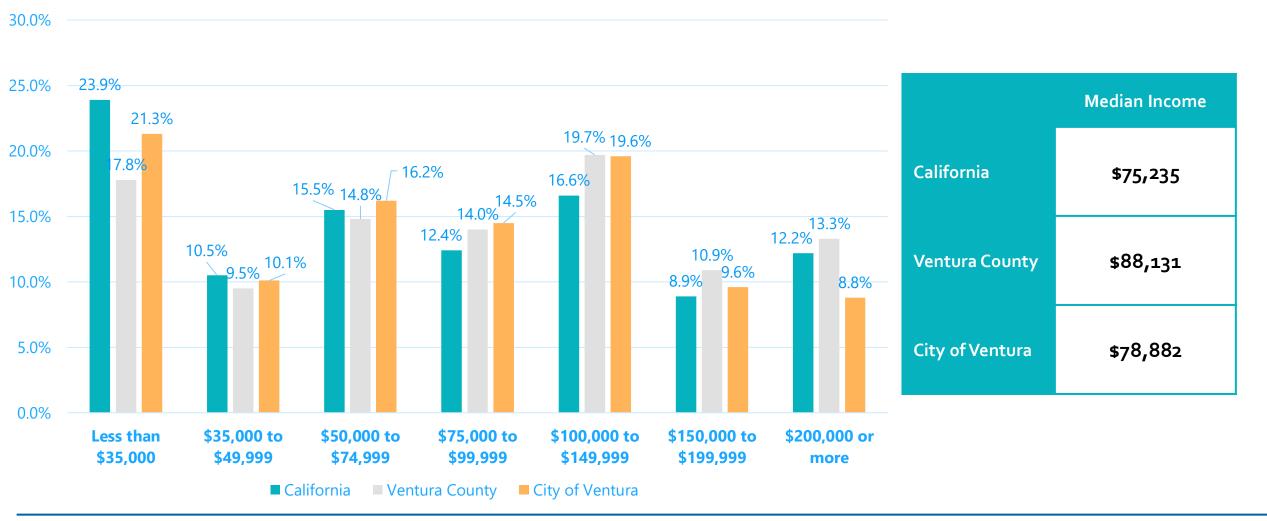
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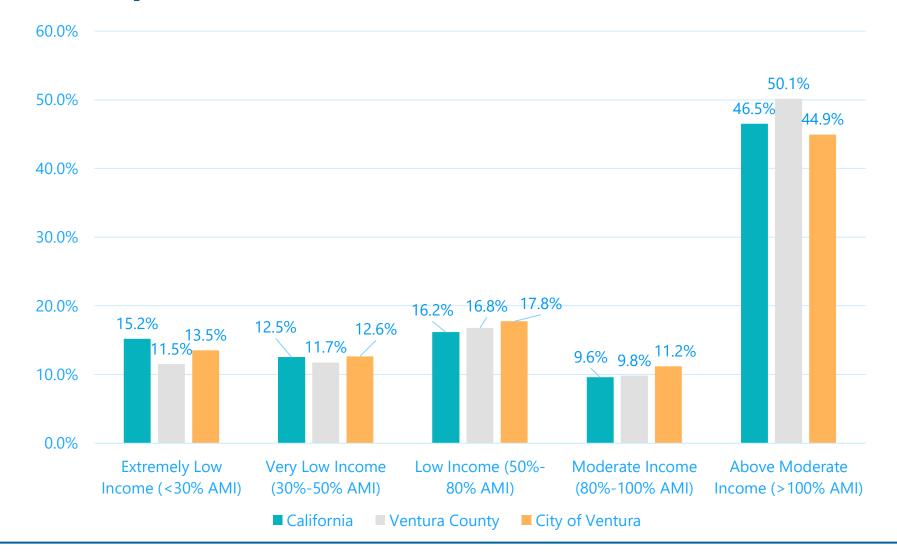
Employment and Income

Household Income





Households by Income Level





Source: HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, 2013-2017

Population in Poverty

Population in Poverty	
California	13.4%
Ventura County	8.9%
City of Ventura	8.9%



Children in Poverty (Under 18)

	Households in Poverty	
California	18.1%	
Ventura County	12.1%	
City of Ventura	8.4%	



Jobs and Unemployment

Jobs		Unemployment Rate
California	16,957,000	9.3%
Ventura County	382,718	7.5%
City of Ventura	51,111	7.2%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020

Jobs/Housing Balance

