

I. Geography and Population of East Palo Alto

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Kidsdata.org	Compiled data from state, county, and local data sources including: SCC & SMC Children's Reports, SMC Healthy People 2010 Report, SCC Healthy Kids Report, Calif. Health Interview Survey, etc. Data accessible through www.kidsdata.org	Updated regularly	Andy Krackov, Senior Dir. of Public Info. Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health (650) 736-0677

Major Findings

Total Population 2005

San Mateo County	East Palo Alto
723,453	32,202

Definition: Total population, including adults and children.

Footnote: The California Department of Finance figures are projections based on the U.S. Census

Data Source: State of California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, Historical City/County Population Estimates, March 2002 and May 2006. Sacramento, California.

Retrieved on November 9, 2006. <http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/DEMOGRAP/Druhpar.htm>

What it is: On kidsdata.org, demographic information includes population (child population is available by race/ethnicity, age, gender, and city), births, and school enrollments by race/ethnicity.

Why is this topic important?

Child population trends help project potential needs for education, child care, health care, and other services for children.

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One East Palo Alto Community Survey Report	Door to door survey of EPA residents living in the 6 block One EPA Neighborhood Improvement Initiative service area	March 2004	Dr. Faye McNair-Knox: mcnair@lepa.org or Lome: lome@cdi-usa.org

General and Individual Household Characteristics Major Findings

- The OEPA service area has a significantly large community of Spanish speaking immigrants (57%).
- A significant majority (65%) of respondents indicated that at least one person in their household was born in a foreign country.

Civic Engagement Major Findings

- 24% of respondents are involved with civic activities.

- African Americans reported the highest level of civic participation (42%) compared to Latinos (13%).
- 72% of respondents indicated that they do not participate in civic activities, compared to only 24% who are involved. Of those involved in civic activities, higher proportions are females (60%) than males (40%). Of those who are involved in civic activities, 28% indicated that they attend community meetings, 17% are involved with church-based community building activities, and another 16% volunteer at local schools.
- When civic participation is compared across age groups, respondents between the ages of 45-54 have the highest rates of civic participation at 27%, followed by those who are between 25-34 years old at 25%. Respondents between the ages of 18 and 24 reported the least civic participation at 7%.
- There are disparities in civic participation levels across racial and ethnic groups. African Americans have the highest civic participation level at 42%, followed by Asians and Pacific Islanders at 39%, 35% of others, and 13% of Latinos.

Why is this Topic Important?

The survey participation rate for various ethnic groups closely mirrors the Census demographics of the OEPA service area. There is evidence that survey participants are a representative sample of the residents who make up the OEPA service area. This data was obtained by using a statistically valid sample size and using a random sample to conduct the survey.