



Projections of Adult Population and High School Graduates in Orange County

September 2008

Year	Adult Population (18+ year old)	5-Year Percent Change in Adult Population	High School Graduates	5-Year Percent Change in High School Graduates
2000	2,084,129	-	27,799	-
2005	2,274,072	+9%	30,593	+10%
2008	2,388,816	*	32,621	*
2010	2,465,312	+8%	33,415	+9%
2015	2,609,881	+6%	28,760	-14%
2020	2,720,626	+4%	-	-
2025	2,782,027	+2%	-	-
2030	2,825,108	+2%	-	-
2035	2,849,960	+1%	-	-

*2005 to 2008 percent change was +5% and +7% respectively

Source: *California Public K-12 Enrollment and High School Graduate Projections by County*, October 2007 and *Population Projections for California and Its Counties 2000-2050, by Age, Gender and Race/Ethnicity*, July 2007, State of California, Department of Finance

Trends

1. The upward trend of graduates in Orange County public schools from 2000 through 2010 will cease, and a significant decrease is projected by 2015.
2. The decline in Orange County births from 1993 through 2005 is a major factor that results in a projected decline in high school graduates starting in 2011. This trend is expected to continue for 10 to 12 years.
3. Overall, RSCCD enrollment mirrors the County trend through 2010; similarly, we should anticipate a significant drop by 2015.
4. The number of graduates at SAC and SCC feeder high schools remained fairly stable through 2006, dipped significantly in 2007, and rebounded in 2008.
5. Public K-12 enrollment declined during the mid decade due to the affordability of housing in the Inland Empire and the ability of residents to send their children to private schools.
6. Orange County population continues to increase due its attractive residential location, immigration, and natural increase (births exceeding deaths). The recent economic downturn and gasoline prices have also reduced movement to the Inland Empire.
7. Orange County is approaching build-out of available residential land; therefore population growth will slow in coming years.