

2005 Ventura County Highlights and Interesting Reads

REAL ESTATE

Fair Market Rent	2003	2004	2005
Per Month	\$1,081	\$1,142	\$1,382
As a percentage of family income at 200% of poverty	42.5%	43.7%	51.5%

Source: California County Data Book 2005

The median price of a home in Ventura County in October 2005* was **\$677,780**, up **15.9%** from a year ago.

*Most current data available
Source: California Association of Realtors (www.car.org)

EDUCATION

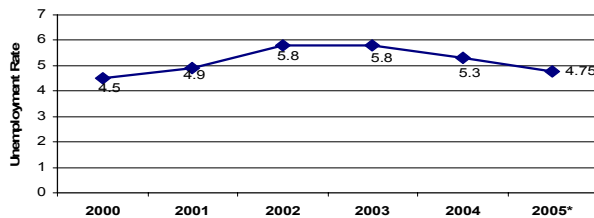
Estimated number of teacher hires during 2005 – 2006 by Subject Area

	Agr.	Art	Eng. /Drama	Bus.	For. Lang.	Home Ec.	Life Sci.	Math	Music	P.E. /Hlth /Dance	Phy. Sci.	Read.	Soc. Sci.	Trades	Sp. Ed.	Bil. Ed.	Self Cont.	Other	Total
County Total:	0	7.2	54	5.5	12.5	2	34	46.2	6.2	13	15	10	23	4.6	59	25.2	139	28	484.4
State Total:	41.4	261.4	2,064.6	181.2	638.9	82.8	1,123.5	2,057.2	316.2	677.4	955.2	299.4	1,071.2	251.9	3,567.7	945.7	6,926.7	610.2	22,072.6

Source: Department of Education: Data & Statistics (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/>)

EMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Rate Annual Averages for Ventura County



The unemployment rate in Ventura County was **4.9%** in Oct. 2005, making it stable from the previous month, and **below the Oct. 2004 estimate of 5.1%**. This compares with an unadjusted employment rate of **5%** for California and **4.6%** for that nation during the same period.

*Only January-October included for 2005 Average

Source: Employment Development Department (www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

ANNUAL REPORTS AND INTERESTING READS

Planning for California's Future: The State's Population is Growing, Aging and Becoming More Diverse

This report published by the California Budget Project explores the implications of California's demographic trends. For a full text of the report, visit

http://www.cbp.org/2005/0511_demographics.pdf

Uniting Voices for Child Care: Ventura County Child Care Needs Assessment, June 2005. Child Care Planning Council of Ventura County

The Assessment provides an in-depth, data-driven approach to finding gaps in local child care services. For a full text of the report, visit

http://www.childcareplanningcouncil.org/portals/ccpc/pdf/NeedsAssessment_8-15-05%20FINAL.pdf

Making Ends Meet: How Much Does It Cost to Raise a Family in California?

A new study takes a fresh look at the basic cost of living and raising a family in California across 10 regions of the state. For a full text of the report, visit http://www.cbp.org/2005/0509_mem.pdf

Heal the Bay's Annual Report Card (2004-2005)

Heal the Bay provides a brief trends assessment of Ventura County beaches by comparing this year's percentage results to the five-year average. For the fifth year in a row, Ventura County had the cleanest overall water quality in Southern California. For the full report, visit

<http://www.healthebay.org/brc/annual/2005/counties/ve/analysis.asp>