



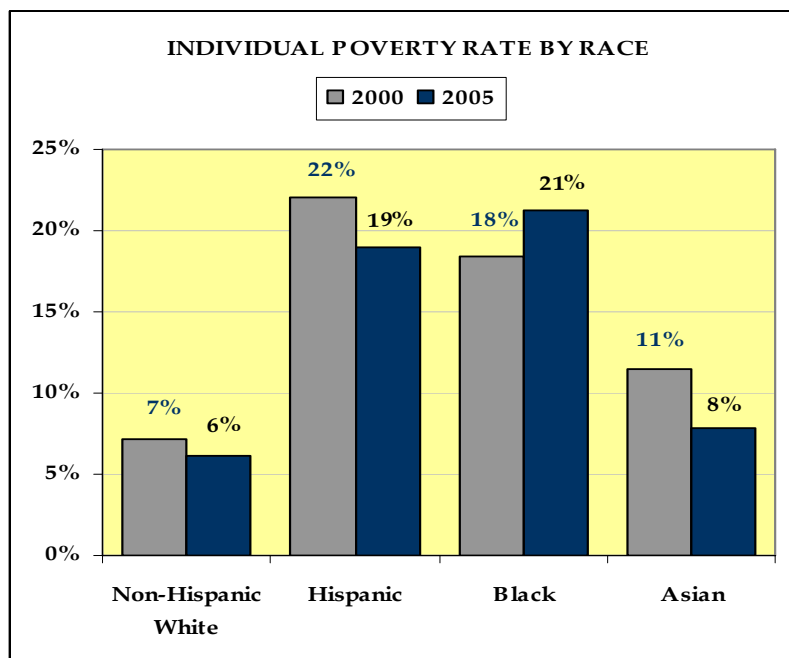
## POVERTY, INCOME & EMPLOYMENT FOR HISPANICS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY<sup>1</sup>

### POVERTY IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

There are over 159,000 Hispanics in the County below the federal poverty level. These represent 52% of all individuals living in poverty.

#### INDIVIDUAL POVERTY RATES BY RACE

Poverty rate for all individuals in 2005 was 11%. However the poverty rate differs by race. There are 30,655 Hispanic families living in poverty with 14,791 families (48%) being single mothers with children.



- Although the Hispanic poverty rate had a slight decrease from 22% in 2000 to 19% in 2005, Hispanics and Blacks still have much higher poverty rates compared to Non-Hispanic Whites and Asians.

#### POVERTY RATES VARY BY CITY

The American Community Survey reports data for the City of San Diego since 2004. However, for the cities of Chula Vista, Escondido, Vista, and El Cajon this is the first time that the economic profiles will become available on an annual basis.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Data in this brief have been compiled from U.S Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2005. Comparisons with 2000 use Census 2000 Summary File 3.

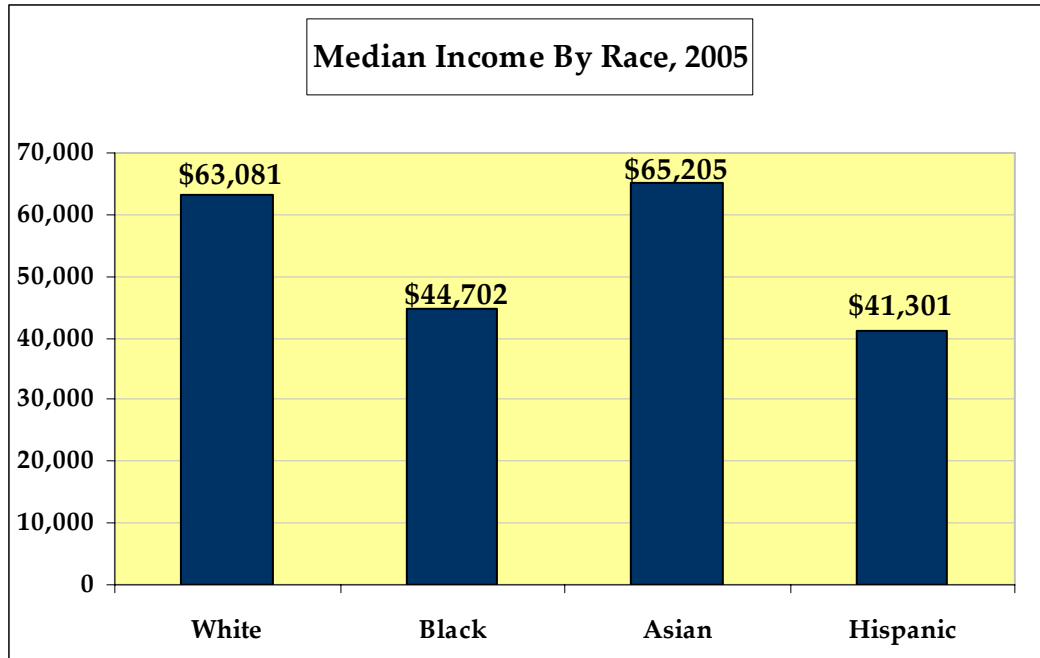
Hispanic Poverty Rates by City in the County of San Diego	
United States	22%
California	20%
San Diego County	19%
City of Chula Vista	12%
City of Escondido	15%
City of San Diego	24%
City of Vista	25%
City of El Cajon	28%

- The cities of Vista, San Diego, and El Cajon have higher Hispanic poverty rates than San Diego County and the State of California.
- About ¼ Hispanics households in the cities of San Diego, Vista, and El Cajon live below the federal poverty rate.

## INCOME IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

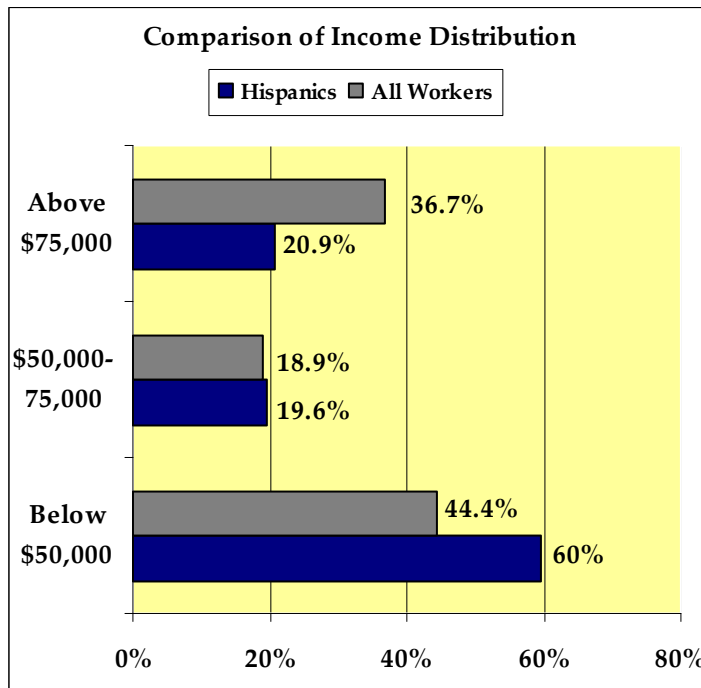
### MEDIAN INCOME

The median income for all households in San Diego County in 2005 was \$56,335, an increase from \$51,012 in 2004. However, the median income varies by over \$12,000 depending on race. Hispanics have the lowest median income at \$41,301, followed by Blacks at \$44,654.



### INCOME DISTRIBUTION

The middle class is shrinking, a shift in income distribution is swelling the size of San Diego's working class (under \$50K annually) to 44.4% while the middle class (\$50K – \$100K) has now shrunk to less than one-third (31.9%). The upper class (over \$100K) has grown to 23.7%.



- Hispanic households reflect a large working class base at 60%, a middle class of 19.6%, and an upper class at 20.9%.

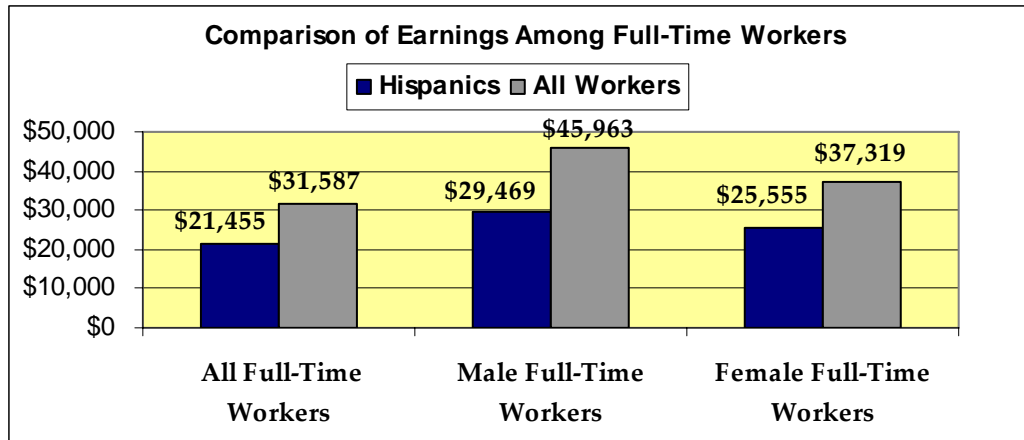
## HISPANIC EMPLOYMENT IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego County has a Hispanic labor force of over 375,000 workers.

<b>All Hispanic Workers in San Diego County</b>	
<b>Workers in Labor Force</b>	<b>375,606</b>
<b>Workers earning less than \$25,000</b>	<b>227,372</b>
<b>Percentage of workers not making \$25,000</b>	<b>60.53%</b>

- Self-Sufficiency Income is the real income needed to provide basic needs. An individual living in San Diego County needs to earn \$25,950 per year.

Of the Hispanic labor force, there are about 232,000 workers who work full-time year round. 43.7% of Hispanic full-time workers in San Diego County earn less than \$25,000 per year. This is about double the percentage for all full-time workers in San Diego County (21.7%).



There is a difference of \$10,000 when comparing the earnings of full-time Hispanic workers with San Diego full-time workers. These differences become increasingly stark when compared by gender. Full-time male Hispanic workers earn over \$16,000 less than the earnings of the general population's full-time male workforce. Full-time female Hispanic workers earn almost \$12,000 less than the earnings of the general population's full time female workforce.

Rank	Top 5 Lowest Wage Occupations	Median Wage Full-Time	Number of Hispanic Workers
1	Food preparation and serving related occupations	\$19,697	28,867
2	Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	\$21,453	42,350
3	Personal care and service occupations	\$22,158	13,616
4	Transportation and material moving workers	\$24,644	16,978
5	Healthcare support occupations	\$27,489	5,549

Listed below are the five lowest paying occupations, ranked by the median wage for full-time year-round work. Food preparation and Serving related occupations are the lowest with a worker typically getting \$19,697 for full-time year-round work.

Half of full-time Hispanic workers, at 46%, are in the top five lowest wage occupations.

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