Kern Fastest Growing San Joaquin County

The San Joaquin Valley was home to more than 4 million people in 2008. Fresno, the most populated county of the Valley, had a population of 931,000. Madera, the smallest county, hosted 150,900 residents.

Kern was the second largest county of the Valley. Its population of 817,500 accounted for 21 percent of the Valley’s population.

Between 2007 and 2008, the Valley’s population grew at a rate of about 2 percent, adding 69,400 people to its residence. If the Valley’s population continues to grow at this rate, it would host nearly 5 million residents in 2020.

Kern was the fastest growing county of the Valley and Stanislaus the slowest. Kern’s population increased at a rate of 2.2 percent as it added 16,200 residents to its residents. If Kern’s population continues to grow at this rate, it would host more than 1 million residents in 2020.