

Superior Court of California County of Merced

Merced County Grand Jury Demographic Summary Report July 1, 2012

The Merced County Grand Jury is a body comprised of qualified persons drawn from the citizens of the county, who have volunteered or been selected at random, and nominated by a judge of the Superior Court. Each year a Grand Jury of 19 such individuals is drawn from prospective grand juror nominations. As the population of Merced County grows, the demographic composition is subject to change. Accordingly, outreach efforts continue to elicit eligible, qualified and competent individuals from a cross-section of the population in order to compose a diverse and representative Grand Jury pool as illustrated in figures 1 and 2 below. The data represents the July 1, 2012 Prospective Regular Grand Jurors¹

In fact, demographics are the focus of a new mandate issued by the Judicial Council of California. Effective January 1, 2007, Rule 10.625 of the California Rules of Court requires the jury commissioner or designee to collect certain demographic data from prospective regular grand jurors and maintain this information in a database and that an annual summary be made available to the public.

In compliance with the requirements, demographic information is summarized in the charts displayed below. Please contact the Merced County Civil Grand Jury Coordinator at (209) 725-4172 if you have any questions or requests concerning this data.



Figure 1: Displays Age Ranges of 1500 Prospective Regular Grand Jurors as percent.

¹ Prospective regular grand juror means those citizens who (a) respond in person to the jury summonses or questionnaires from the court for the purposes of grand jury service and are eligible to serve as regular grand jurors, or (b) either submits an application, are recruited, or are nominated by judicial officers and are eligible to serve as regular grand jurors.



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Figure 2: Displays the Ethnicity Percentage of 1500 Prospective Regular Grand Jurors as a percent.



Source: Merced County Grand Jury Database, July 1, 2012

Figure 3: Displays Ethnicity Ranges of Merced County 2006-2010 Population estimate as a percent.



Source: 2006-2010 Population Estimate for Merced County at: <u>http://factfinder2.census.gov</u> on 8/21/2012