

2009 - 2010

Annual Report

Larry W. Ward
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
County of Riverside





Mission Statement

Our mission is to fulfill the legally and locally mandated functions of the Assessor, County Clerk, Recorder and Records Management Program in an accurate, timely, professional and courteous manner and to ensure high quality service.



Commitment to Service

The Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder of Riverside County is committed to the principle that each and every customer should be:

- treated with courtesy and respect
- treated fairly and equitably
- provided prompt services and information
- given personal and professional attention
- provided an opportunity to have their suggestions and opinions heard and acted upon
- fully and factually informed
- referred to the appropriate department or individual in a friendly and courteous manner
- informed as to how their property is being assessed and how to appeal their value

Each and every customer should expect to leave the Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's office feeling as though they were served in a competent and professional manner.

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Optimism for the future.

During the past year, the residents of Riverside County have seen the profound impact of the real estate crisis on both the value of their homes as well as the fiscal impact on Riverside County and the local municipalities who depend upon property tax as a revenue source. This year's roll reduction of 10.51% was the largest decrease in the history of our county and the over \$25 billion net decrease in the assessment roll value was by far the largest decrease in the state. This year's roll reduction reflects the fact that Riverside County continues to be among the leaders nationwide in foreclosure's, REO's (bank-owned sales) and distressed sales and that new residential, commercial, and industrial construction has almost come to a standstill.

Again this year we took an independent and proactive approach to temporary value declines under Proposition 8. Through the hard work of our dedicated staff, we reviewed over 370,000 single family residences, condominiums, and manufactured homes that sold after January 1, 2001. Of that total, we reduced over 300,000 properties. Our review of home values, based on comparable sales, resulted in an average reduction of \$144,000 for single-family homes and \$111,000 for condominiums. The average tax saving on these reduced properties will be about \$1,600 for single-family residences and \$1,300 for condominiums, from their peak two years ago.

While the experts continue to tout the long-term positive prospects for the Riverside County real estate market, we continue to face short term challenges and uncertainty. While there are signs the residential market is beginning to level out, there is serious concern about what lies ahead in the commercial and industrial market.

During 2008 our office recorded over 682,000 documents, a 12% reduction from 2007 and substantially down from our high of 1.1 million in 2005. During the same period, the documentary transfer tax collected on the sales of property declined from a high of \$35.1 million in FY 2005/06 to this year's total of \$10.6 million.

Public service is the number one priority for the office. In these challenging times, the public has the right to expect our office to be fair, efficient, and responsive. Whether it is discussing a Proposition 8 value reduction with a homeowner, issuing a passport or marriage license, timely recording a grant deed, or fielding one of our nearly half-million customer contacts, our goal is to provide all of our customers with

an excellent customer service experience.

Public outreach has been a priority during the past year. We have participated in town hall meetings, foreclosure seminars, home shows, and other community events with the goal of getting the word out on our proactive approach to dealing with the real estate crisis. This is especially critical during a time when there are private firms charging homeowners hundreds of dollars to file a one page form requesting a property valuation review, often after we have already made a reduction.

Looking to the year ahead, we are working on a number of projects that will allow staff to be more productive and efficient along with providing us with better tools to serve our Riverside County customers. New and ongoing projects include: electronic recording of title company documents; conversion of official records and vital records from microfilm to a digital copy; the ongoing development of a new property tax system (CREST); continuous improvement to our website; and enhancements to our valuation systems for residential and commercial appeals along with additional refinements to our Proposition 8 mass appraisal program.

In the most recent Assessment Practices Survey, the State Board of Equalization applauded the Riverside County Assessor's office by issuing a 99.90% quality rating. The office was also praised for effectively running programs for appraiser certification and training, assessment appeals, disaster relief and exemptions as well as implementing procedures to avoid potential conflicts of interest regarding employee-owned property.

I would like to commend the almost 400 men and women of the Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder for the excellent job they have done this year under difficult circumstances. Faced with staffing reductions and an ever increasing workload they have met the challenges and provided the citizens of our county with excellent service and professionalism along with the highest degree of courtesy and respect.

I want to thank the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer Bill Luna and staff for their ongoing support of our office. In addition, I am pleased to acknowledge the efforts of my colleagues, Auditor-Controller Robert Byrd, and Treasurer-Tax Collector Don Kent for their assistance as we work together to meet the needs of the public that we proudly service.

For the better part of this decade, Riverside County was one of the fastest growing counties in the country. The dynamics that helped fuel that growth - abundant land, affordable housing, great weather, and quality of life - are all reasons for a sense of optimism for the future.



LARRY W. WARD
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

Overview

The Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's office consists of four major divisions required to perform a wide variety of duties. The duties of each division are summarized below.

About the Assessor

The Assessor's primary responsibility is to value taxable property. The Assessor locates all taxable property in Riverside County, identifies the owners and describes the property. The Assessor determines a value for all taxable property and applies all legal exemptions and exclusions. The Assessor must complete an assessment roll showing the assessed values for all property and maintain records of the above. The Assessor provides taxpayers and the public access to assessment roll information as allowed by law.

About the Recorder

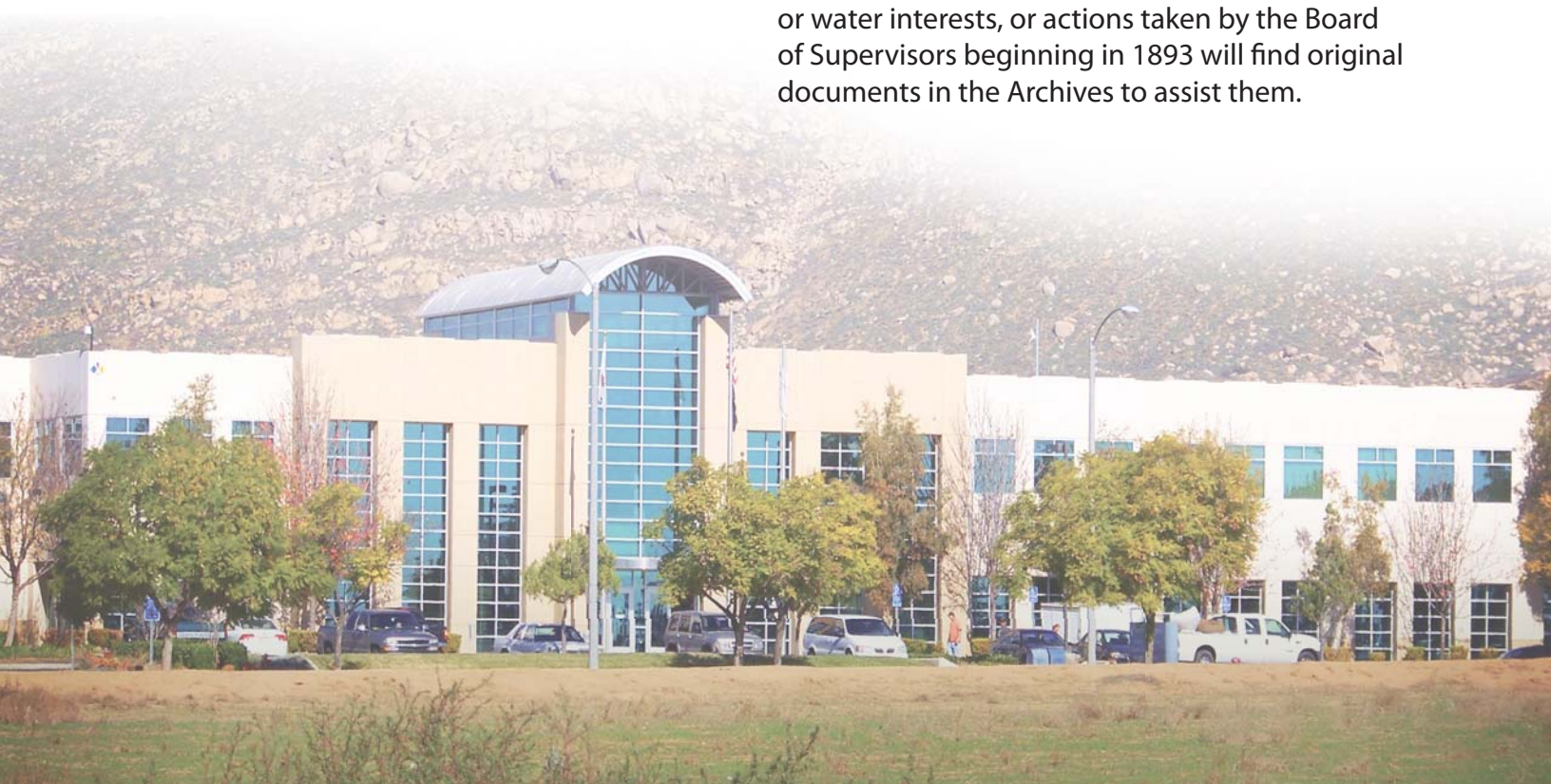
The Recorder is responsible for providing the public with constructive notice of private acts and creating and maintaining custody of permanent records for all documents filed and recorded in Riverside County. In addition, the Recorder provides the public access to these records as allowed by law.

About the County Clerk

The County Clerk's services range from issuing marriage licenses to filing Fictitious Business Names (FBNs). In addition, the County Clerk performs marriage ceremonies and processes U.S. passport applications.

About the Records Management and Archives Program (RMAP)

The Records Management and Archives Program provides County departments with specialized records management services that include off-site records storage, document imaging and microfilming in accordance with ANSI/AIIM standards, assistance in creating and implementing records retention schedules, educational workshops, and the County Archives. The County of Riverside Robert J. Fitch Archives opened to the public on March 18, 2008 and serves a broad range of interest and users, including: County staff, independent researchers, students, historians, and writers. Those seeking to research historical property ownership and valuation, mining or water interests, or actions taken by the Board of Supervisors beginning in 1893 will find original documents in the Archives to assist them.



County Board of Supervisors



Established: May 9, 1893

Square Miles: 7,303

Population: 2.11 mil (2009 Estimate)

Number of Cities: 26



Bob Buster
District 1



John Tavaglione
District 2



Jeff Stone
District 3



Roy Wilson
District 4

**In Memory of
Supervisor Roy Wilson
1935-2009**

Roy Wilson served on the Board of Supervisors representing the County of Riverside's 4th District from 1994-2009. Combined with other public positions, he dedicated more than three decades of his life as a public servant.



Marion Ashley
District 5



ACR Executive Management



Expenditures: \$44,315,142
Number of Employees: 404



Larry W. Ward
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder



Tauna Mallis
Assistant ACR



Peter Aldana
Chief Deputy ACR



Mary Cox
Chief Deputy ACR



Bobbi Schutte
Chief Deputy ACR

ASSESSOR

Peter Aldana - Chief Deputy ACR

Expenditures: \$26,577,629

Employees: 193

Overview:

By law, the Assessor must locate all taxable property in the County of Riverside, identify the owners and describe the property. The Assessor must determine a value for all taxable property and apply all legal exemptions and exclusions. The Assessor must also complete an assessment roll showing the assessed values for all taxable property in Riverside County.

The Assessor's office consists of the following divisions that address and serve the specific needs of the property taxpayers:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Agriculture
- Manufactured Homes
- Business Personal Property

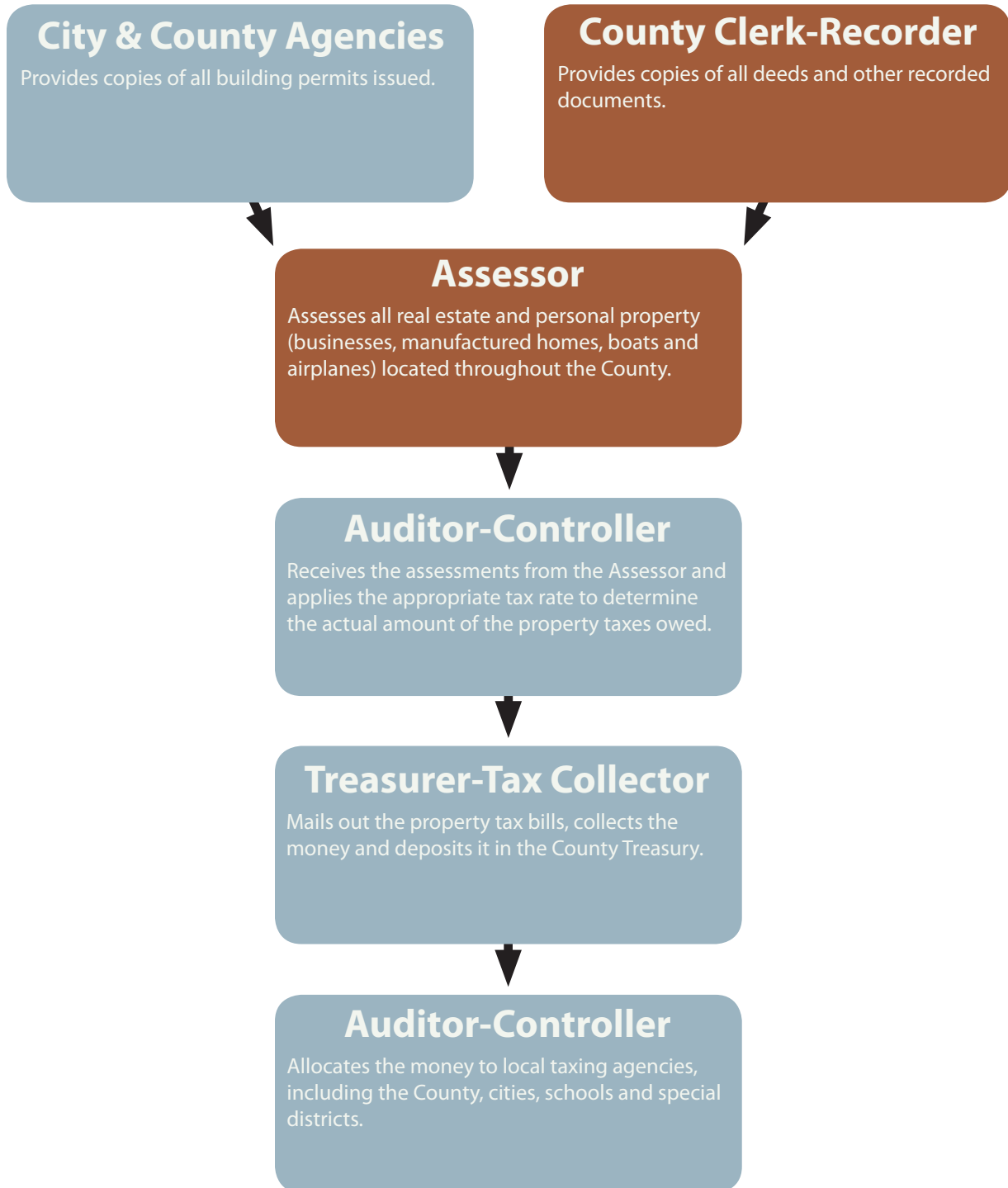
Current Roll Value Change (In Billions)

	2009	2008	\$ Change	% Change
Local Roll Value Before Exemptions	\$217.44	\$242.98	-\$25.54	-10.51%

Note: Roll figures found within do not include State Assessed Property



Property Tax Workflow



Assessment Roll Summary

	2009	2008	Value Change	% Change
Secured:				
Land	\$69,987,806,304	\$82,800,159,346	-\$12,812,353,042	-15.47%
Structure	137,235,240,985	149,933,153,647	-12,697,912,662	-8.47%
Fixtures	917,713,478	898,037,635	19,675,843	2.19%
Trees & Vines	74,845,827	74,798,079	47,748	0.06%
Personal Property	894,243,854	873,306,840	20,937,014	2.40%
	209,109,850,448	234,579,455,547	-25,469,605,099	-10.86%
Unsecured:				
Land	1,879,576	2,563,758	-684,182	-26.69%
Structures	303,694,654	274,887,848	28,806,846	10.48%
Fixtures	3,484,748,084	3,406,924,813	77,823,271	2.28%
Personal Property	4,539,397,556	4,716,557,525	-177,159,969	-3.76%
	8,329,719,870	8,400,933,944	-71,214,074	-0.85%
Total Value (Gross)	\$217,439,570,318	\$242,980,389,491	-\$25,540,819,173	-10.51%
<i>Less: Non-reimbursable Exemptions</i>	3,938,919,772	3,902,358,777	36,560,995	0.94%
<i>Less: Homeowners' Exemptions</i>	2,215,404,223	2,207,456,729	7,947,494	0.36%
Total Taxable Secured and Unsecured Value	\$211,285,246,323	\$236,870,573,985	-\$25,585,327,662	-10.80%

Note: Figures exclude State assessed property

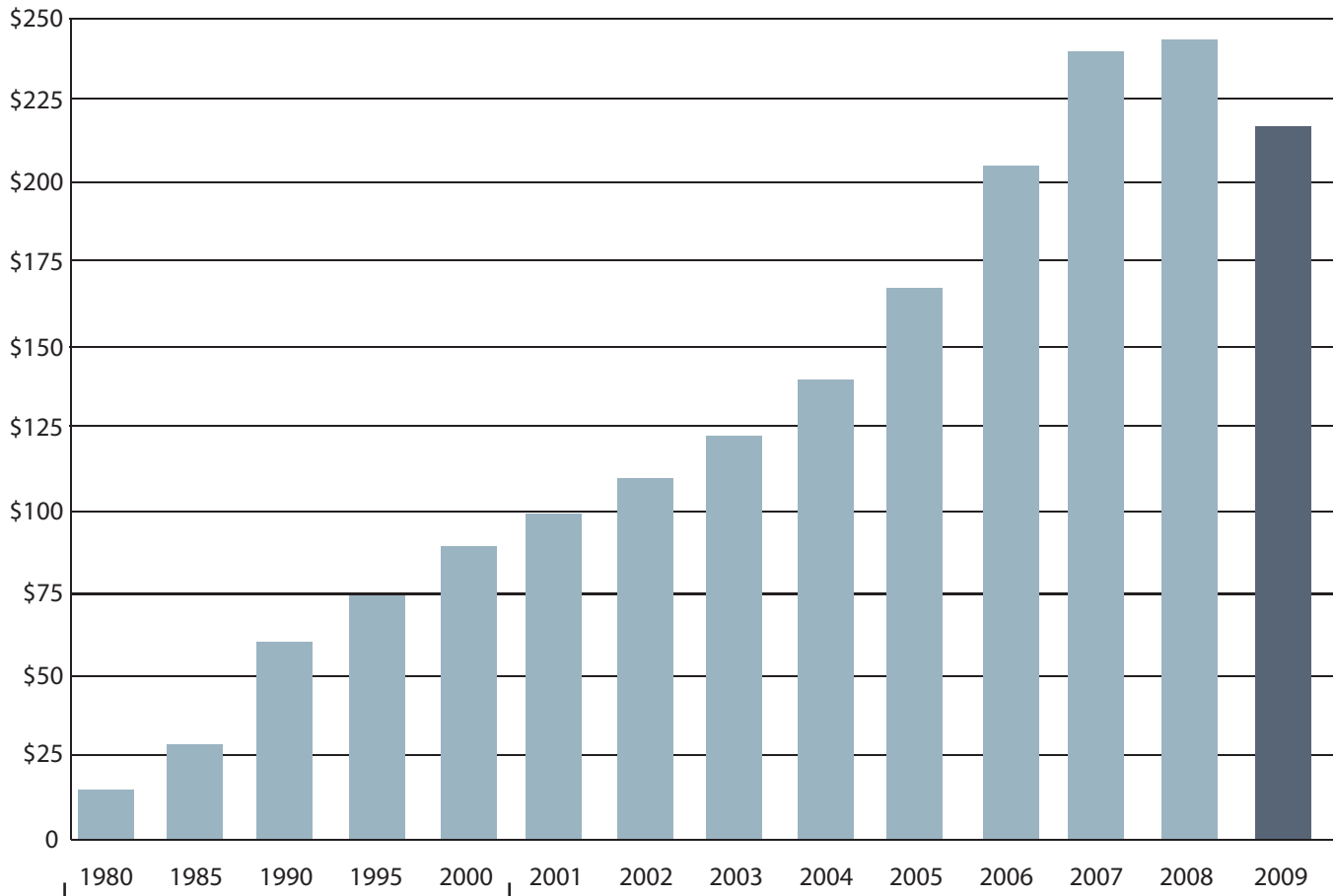
Assessor Workload Summary

	2009	2008
Real Property Assessments (secured; taxable)	901,189	895,405
Permits Processed	22,709	47,436
Proposition 8 Parcels (temporary reductions)	384,289	200,190
Ownership Title Documents	147,150	140,378
Change in Ownership (reappraisals)	99,416	80,490
Parcel Number Changes (splits & combinations)	9,837	18,169
Parcels with Exemptions	321,002	319,322
Business Personal Property Assessments	40,985	43,057



Assessment Roll History

In Billions



Allocation of Property Tax Revenue

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

Agencies	Revenue Allocated	% of Allocation
Education	\$979,388,659	45.88%
Redevelopment	614,076,615	28.76%
County	249,612,717	11.69%
Special Districts	168,509,617	7.89%
Cities	123,418,898	5.78%
Total Revenue	\$2,135,006,506	100.00%

Secured Property

2009 Assessment Analysis

	Gross Value	Value Percentage	Assessment Count	Assessment Percentage	Average per Assessment
Residential Single Family	\$120,318,983,044	57.54%	500,292	55.51%	\$240,498
Commercial	46,176,539,662	22.08%	36,911	4.10%	1,251,024
Condominiums	13,403,984,977	6.41%	62,828	6.97%	213,344
Apartments	7,625,350,151	3.65%	4,523	0.50%	1,685,905
Vacant Land	7,400,051,091	3.54%	106,573	11.83%	69,436
Agriculture	6,464,006,368	3.09%	16,351	1.81%	395,328
Manufactured Homes	5,017,187,744	2.40%	64,995	7.21%	77,193
Single Family 2-3 Units	1,395,909,386	0.67%	6,179	0.69%	225,912
Timeshares	1,164,119,645	0.56%	101,627	11.28%	11,455
Other	143,718,380	0.07%	910	0.10%	157,932
Total Value Gross	\$209,109,850,448	100.00%	901,189	100.00%	\$232,038



Five Largest Homes by Square Footage

Location	Square Footage
Indian Wells	22,597
Palm Desert	20,667
Indian Wells	20,499
Indian Wells	19,188
Indian Wells	18,404

Five Highest Valued Residential Assessments

Location	Assessed Value
Palm Desert	\$26,619,674
Indian Wells	\$16,611,951
Indian Wells	\$12,180,881
Indian Wells	\$11,935,337
Indian Wells	\$11,736,743

Unsecured Property

2009 Assessment Analysis

	Gross Value	Value Percentage	Assessment Count	Assessment Percentage	Average per Assessment
General Business	\$6,075,132,852	72.93%	16,854	41.12%	\$360,456
Leasing Companies / Miscellaneous*	1,559,720,798	18.72%	7,490	18.27%	208,240
Non-Commercial Aircraft	229,258,905	2.75%	1,522	3.71%	150,630
Boats/Vessels	112,569,456	1.35%	8,336	20.34%	13,504
Direct Enrollments (Business)	120,725,263	1.45%	5,704	13.92%	21,165
Banks/Financials	88,295,363	1.06%	477	1.16%	185,106
Agriculture (Agri-Business)	76,095,599	0.91%	233	0.57%	326,591
Service Stations (Oil Companies)	36,894,449	0.44%	169	0.41%	218,310
Service Stations (Independent)	18,543,931	0.22%	90	0.22%	206,044
Apartments	11,730,463	0.14%	89	0.22%	131,803
Mining Claims	752,791	0.01%	21	0.05%	35,847
Total Value Gross	\$8,329,719,870	100.00%	40,985	100.00%	\$203,238

*Miscellaneous properties include commercial airlines, wind energy production facilities, billboards, vending machines, model home furnishings, cellular phone towers, pagers/mobile phones and conditional sale/special purpose leased equipment.

Top 20 Businesses

Business Personal Property

As of June 30, 2009

Rank	Business Name	Fixture & BBP Value
1	Abbot Vascular Inc	\$297,138,197
2	Nestle Waters North America Inc	127,414,349
3	Eisenhower Medical Center	114,350,423
4	Watson Laboratories Inc	93,850,696
5	Time Warner Entertainment Advance Newhouse	93,272,796
6	Ralphs Grocery Co	89,208,886
7	Walgreen Co	81,576,213
8	Shell Wind Energy Inc	72,538,284
9	Metal Container Corp	71,473,063
10	Mountain View Power Partners LLC	65,397,166
11	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc	63,711,893
12	Stater Bros Markets	63,077,587
13	CAC Exchange I LLC	61,138,665
14	International Rectifier Corp	59,074,400
15	Ross Dress For Less Inc	54,963,222
16	Rohr Inc	51,462,032
17	Calmat Co	49,092,285
18	C Native Exchange I LLC	48,285,297
19	Deutsch Engineered Connecting Devices Inc	46,478,046
20	Home Depot USA Inc	46,191,120



Proposition 13

Under Proposition 13 (Prop 13), real property is reappraised only when a change-in-ownership occurs or new construction takes place.

Generally, a change-in-ownership is a sale or transfer of property, while new construction is any improvement to property that is not considered normal maintenance. Except in certain instances, real property assessments cannot be increased by more than 2% annually.

Beginning with the 1978-1979 fiscal year, Prop 13 limits the amount of property taxes that can be collected from an owner of locally assessed real property to 1 percent of the property's full cash value, plus bonds approved by the voters, service fees, improvement bonds and special assessments. The 1 percent limit applies to all types of taxable real property.

Prop 13 rolled back the current assessed values of real property to the values shown on the 1975-1976 assessment roll. The adjusted values could then be increased by no more than 2 percent per year as long as the same taxpayer continued to own the property. For property that is sold or newly constructed after March 1, 1975, the assessed value would be set at the appraised (or market) value at the time of sale or construction. As a result, two identical properties with the same market value could have different assessed values for tax purposes, if one of them has been sold since March 1, 1975.

Long-time property owners benefit from lower assessments, while newer property owners are adversely impacted by assessments that can be dramatically higher than those of a similar property held for many years. Historically, the market value of real property has increased at a substantially greater rate than the assessed value.

Assessed Value by Base Year Secured Roll

Prop 13 Base Year	Assessment Count	Gross Assessed Value	% of Secured Roll
2009	87,822	\$22,197,409,033	10.62%
2008	58,903	21,289,270,012	10.18%
2007	76,506	23,977,846,011	11.47%
2006	88,040	24,653,879,197	11.79%
2005	75,045	19,325,207,048	9.24%
2004	67,756	15,651,073,376	7.49%
2003	50,299	11,627,787,078	5.56%
2002	39,308	8,821,366,161	4.22%
2001	32,693	7,503,267,428	3.59%
2000	30,788	6,634,480,070	3.17%
1999	26,082	4,992,857,273	2.39%
1998	20,311	3,869,061,856	1.85%
1997	16,414	2,733,208,284	1.31%
1996	16,716	2,764,057,048	1.32%
1995	14,942	2,731,063,670	1.31%
1994	12,572	2,444,266,694	1.17%
1993	11,518	2,579,488,170	1.23%
1992	10,736	2,189,768,970	1.05%
1991	13,718	2,793,463,962	1.34%
1990	15,417	3,177,044,496	1.52%
1989	13,383	2,874,034,093	1.37%
1988	10,557	2,205,092,774	1.05%
1987	9,446	1,781,793,209	0.85%
1986	9,562	1,181,241,889	0.56%
1985	7,696	979,016,834	0.47%
1984	7,050	914,745,817	0.44%
1983	4,462	570,810,170	0.27%
1982	4,740	674,543,775	0.32%
1981	4,773	658,265,504	0.31%
1980	5,841	789,167,841	0.38%
1979	5,024	525,805,546	0.25%
1978	6,355	810,452,026	0.39%
1977	4,751	383,958,524	0.18%
1976	3,383	274,606,776	0.13%
1975	38,580	2,530,449,833	1.21%
Totals	901,189	\$209,109,850,448	100.00%



Proposition 8 (Decline-In-Value)

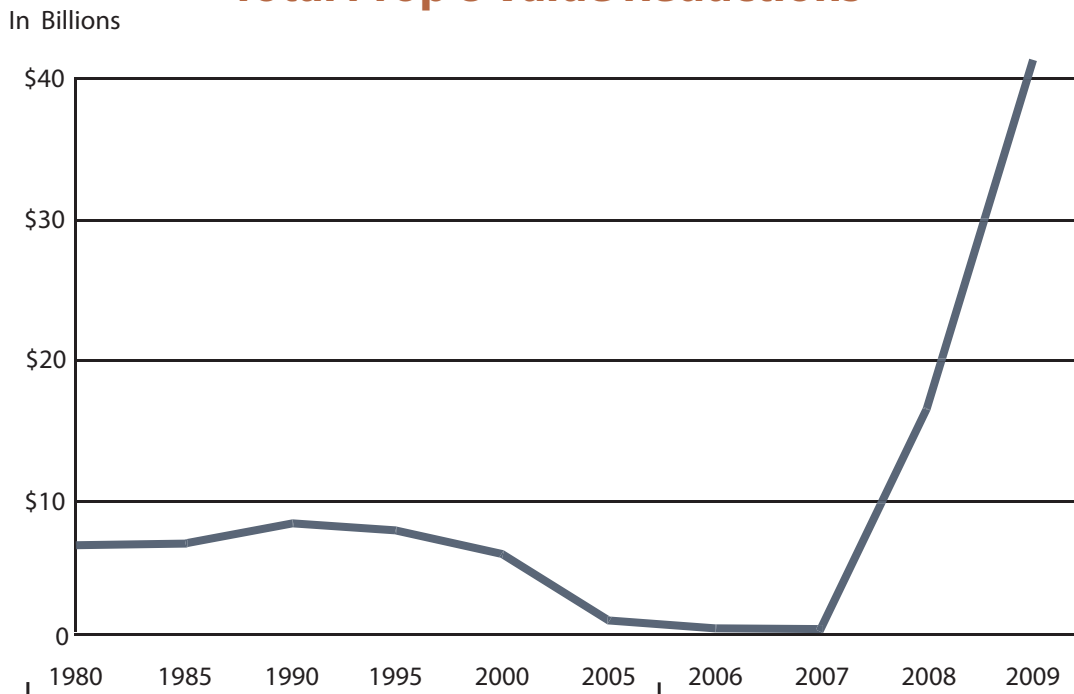
Proposition 8, enacted in 1978, requires the Assessor to annually enroll either a property's Proposition 13 value (factored for inflation no more than 2% annually) or its current market value as of January 1 (lien date) of each year, whichever is less. When the current market value replaces the higher Proposition 13 value on the roll, that lower value is commonly referred to as a "Prop 8 Value."

For the 2009-10 tax year, the Assessor's office independently reviewed over 370,000 properties for decline in assessed value. Of those reviewed, over 300,000 were reduced. The total amount of reduction was in excess of \$42.7 billion. Properties will again be reviewed as of January 1, 2010 to determine the Prop 8 values for the 2010-11 tax year.

Prop 8 Reductions by Property Type

Use	Assessments Reduced	Assessed Value Reduction	Average Reduction
Residential	253,364	\$36,593,784,694	\$144,432
Condos	27,335	3,054,394,611	111,739
Mobilehomes	21,100	978,824,687	46,390
Timeshares	73,441	251,266,989	3,421
Agriculture	378	264,676,921	700,203
Commercial	802	442,359,591	551,571
Apartments	349	81,549,708	233,667
Vacant Land	7,520	1,066,557,797	141,829
County Total	384,289	\$42,733,414,998	\$111,201

Total Prop 8 Value Reductions



Assessment Appeals

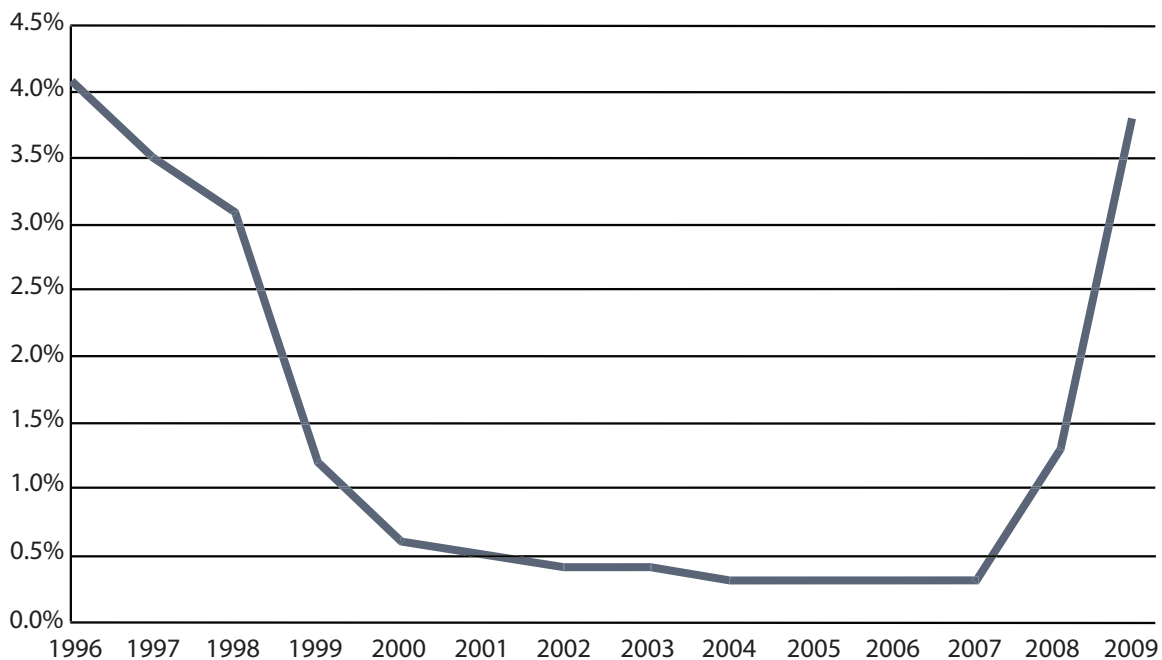
Taxpayers have the right to appeal their property's valuation. There are two independent Assessment Appeals Boards to handle differences in opinion of values between the taxpayer and the Assessor. Each is composed of three private citizens appointed by

the County Board of Supervisors. They consider all evidence presented by the property owner and the Assessor's office at a formal hearing. The Appeals Board then determines the value of the property in question.

Appeals by Fiscal Year

Year	Appeals	Total Assessments	% of Total
2009	36,191	942,174	3.8%
2008	12,330	938,462	1.3%
2007	2,909	920,555	0.3%
2006	2,476	896,998	0.3%
2005	2,733	859,413	0.3%
2004	2,809	831,610	0.3%
2003	3,475	791,348	0.4%
2002	3,342	766,964	0.4%
2001	3,691	718,765	0.5%
2000	3,957	690,694	0.6%
1999	8,415	673,939	1.2%
1998	20,261	664,081	3.1%
1997	23,308	657,519	3.5%
1996	26,358	649,237	4.1%

Percentage of Total Assessments Appealed by Fiscal Year



Exemptions

The most common exemption is the homeowners' exemption. Generally, a dwelling occupied by an owner as a principal residence is eligible for the homeowners' exemption.

Property used exclusively for a church, college, cemetery, museum, school or library may qualify

for an exemption. Properties owned and used exclusively by a non-profit religious, charitable, scientific or hospital corporation are also eligible.

Exemptions are not automatic and require a claim form to be filed for approval.

Qualifying Exemptions

As of June 30, 2009

Exemption Type	Quantity	Total Value	% of Total Value
Homeowners'*	316,834	\$2,215,404,223	36.00%
Charities	944	2,066,292,654	33.57%
Religious & Church	739	796,108,317	12.93%
Hospitals	24	463,745,089	7.53%
Veterans'	2,136	229,714,360	3.73%
Colleges	28	168,394,533	2.74%
Private Schools	24	117,662,426	1.91%
Public Schools	34	63,483,217	1.03%
Historical Aircraft	222	17,595,400	0.29%
Cemeteries	6	12,004,816	0.20%
Museums	10	3,754,141	0.06%
Public Libraries	1	164,819	0.01%
Totals	321,002	\$6,154,323,995	100.00%

*Reimbursed by the State



Riverside County Cities and Unincorporated Areas

2009 Assessed Values and Prop 8 Reductions



BANNING - Although there is a slow-down in the economy, development and building rehabilitation continues in The City of Banning. During the last fiscal year, Rite-Aid, Western Dental and Holiday Inn Express are open for business. The new Banning Police Station is under construction and site preparation for the State Mid-County Courthouse has started and continues to progress. The City also entitled two additional hotels – Microtel Hotel and La Quinta Inn. Green Thumb Produce, which is one of the major employers in the community that packages produce for Trader Joes, also received entitlement to upgrade their building façade and add a sit-down restaurant and bakery. The San Geronio Pass Area Habitat for Humanity, in partnership with the City Redevelopment Agency, started building two single-family homes in the community, whose construction should be completed in the current fiscal year. Additionally, the Redevelopment Agency also entered into agreements with various Downtown business owners to refurbish the exterior façade of the buildings, including the historic Fox Theater. Last but not least, the City and the Redevelopment Agency are working on creating a vision for a new Downtown Banning. In May 2009, the Agency entered into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with the Arthur Pearlman Corporation and the Frost Company to develop a mixed use retail/restaurant/office project on a six-acre property.

Banning Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$1,892,855,441	\$2,156,590,293	-12.23%	.87%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$353,794,864	
Total Assessments Reduced:		3,969	



BEAUMONT - In 2009, the City of Beaumont experienced a 3.5% population increase making it the fastest growing city in Riverside County. Not only has Beaumont experienced major residential growth since 2000, the City has also seen an upswing in both commercial and industrial growth. At the forefront of the City's commercial growth is 2nd Street Marketplace. The area is thriving with four commercial centers that will provide over 1 million square feet of retail development when completed.

Beaumont Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$3,032,750,635	\$3,497,540,729	-13.29%	1.39%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$1,132,998,999	
Total Assessments Reduced:		8,536	



BLYTHE - The City of Blythe is a General Law city incorporated in 1916. It is a community on the verge of an economic "boom." We have numerous subdivisions pending and numerous business opportunities. Our recent beautification of our main street, Hobsonway, has greatly improved the appearance of our downtown corridor.

Blythe Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$712,140,706	\$706,261,501	.83%	.33%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$43,721,417	
Total Assessments Reduced:		733	



CALIMESA - The residential market continues at the same slow pace as the previous year, but commercial development is moving forward. The City of Calimesa has one active commercial development (The Shoppes at Calimesa) located within the Downtown Commercial Corridor. This development is on a 9-acre site and consists of 90,000+ square feet of retail uses, including a Fresh N Easy market and a Walgreen's pharmacy. This development is 95% completed and nearing occupancy.

The Cherry Valley Plaza, a proposed 183,000 square foot retail shopping center which is part of the Summerwind Ranch Specific Plan, was approved in February 2008, received a one-year extension of time in July 2009, and is continuing to seek tenants but has not yet broken ground.

On the north end of the City was the proposed JP Ranch Town Center. This project has been withdrawn. The site is surrounded by the JP Ranch Master Planned Development, which consists of 700+ single-family residential units, and is currently in foreclosure.

Staff continues to work on a Development Agreement with Forest City to develop a 2 million square-foot regional shopping center. This project, located within the Summerwind Ranch Specific Plan, will have its own unique characteristics but is anticipated to be modeled after the Victoria Gardens development in Rancho Cucamonga.

Calimesa Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$626,851,566	\$707,910,188	-11.45%	.29%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$128,429,708	
Total Assessments Reduced:		1,236	



CANYON LAKE - If Canyon Lake had to be described in one word, that word would be unique. One of only five gated cities in California, Canyon Lake began as a master-planned community developed by Corona Land Company in 1968.

The Lake originally was formed in 1927 after Railroad Canyon Dam was built. It covers 383 acres and has 14.9 miles of shoreline. The "City of Canyon Lake" was incorporated on December 1, 1990. The City has just under 12,000 residents and geographically spans 4.6 square miles. By planning for the future today, Canyon Lake is working to protect the amenities and quality of life enjoyed by its residents, businesses and visitors alike.

Canyon Lake Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$1,388,362,533	\$1,677,189,793	-17.22%	.64%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$380,814,029	
Total Assessments Reduced:		1,930	



CATHEDRAL CITY - Cathedral City is a business and resort community located in the heart of the Coachella Valley in eastern Riverside County. Bordered by Palm Springs to the west and Rancho Mirage to the east, Cathedral City is known as the Spirit of the Desert. It is the second largest city in the Coachella Valley with a permanent population exceeding 53,000.

Cathedral City is best known for its spear-heading programs in Public Safety, award-winning Environmental Conservation efforts, and unlimited business opportunities.

Cathedral City Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$3,969,635,768	\$4,510,642,703	-11.99%	1.83%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$757,685,115	
Total Assessments Reduced:		7,295	



COACHELLA - The City of Coachella enjoys an ideal location on the I-10 Freeway, the primary transportation corridor between Los Angeles and Phoenix. Additionally, State Route 86S, also known as the NAFTA Highway, runs through the City providing

access to Mexico through the Imperial Valley and Mexicali. Within city limits, seventeen hundred acres are zoned for light and heavy industrial. A business friendly city government provides municipally owned water and wastewater services. A large portion of the City is located in a state enterprise zone where employers can take advantage of a number of incentives. Portions of the City are also in a federal empowerment zone. The City's prime location and easy access to transportation combined with State and Federal incentive programs make it a great location for manufacturing, warehousing and distribution.

Since 2000, the City has grown by 80% with the population now topping 41,000. This growth has spurred commercial development as new residents provide a market for retail services. The City has completed a visioning process for a Commercial/Entertainment District that includes restaurants, hotels and sports venues. Plans for the redevelopment of the downtown into a pedestrian-friendly "Old Town" are also underway.

Coachella Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$1,812,837,329	\$2,113,255,073	-14.22%	.83%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$428,673,986	
Total Assessments Reduced:		3,977	



CORONA - Corona has become a booming metropolis of high-end residential, commercial and industrial development, paving the path of success for the Inland Empire. Today, Corona is not just a great place to live, it is also a great place to shop, work and play. Because of

the city's proximity to Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties, professionals and businesses across the nation are now looking at Corona as the premiere office marketplace in the Inland Empire. Like its neighboring coastal counties, Corona is heavily invested in its logistics infrastructure, boasts high-end residential and commercial development and offers a high quality of life, making the city poised to be a major economic powerhouse and leading office location in Southern California.

Corona Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$16,531,078,963	\$17,923,431,222	-7.77	7.60%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$2,391,495,951	
Total Assessments Reduced:		15,156	



DESERT HOT SPRINGS - The City of Desert Hot Springs is a vibrant and growing community of approximately 24,000 residents. It is conveniently located off I-10 at the western end of the Coachella Valley in the foothills of the San Bernadino Mountains and Joshua Tree National Park,

overlooking Palm Springs. Desert Hot Springs is a beautiful and unique little city of spas and resorts. The city rests over two aquifers, one delivering the world's finest natural hot mineral water and the other providing the best naturally tasting award-winning municipal drinking water. Clean air, magnificent scenery and views of the Palms Springs valley below with easy access to world-class events and attractions make Desert Hot Springs a destination city. The area's reasonable cost of living and attractive quality of life assists in retaining a highly-skilled workforce at competitive rates while building an enterprise in a business-friendly community. New residential developments have increased housing opportunities for families and will help companies grow or relocate due to the variety of housing that exist. The City is served by the Palm Springs Unified School District. Higher education opportunities exist at nearby College of the Desert, California State University, San Bernadino and University of California, Riverside.

Desert Hot Springs Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$1,394,489,500	\$2,091,499,972	-33.33%	.64%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$678,749,789	
Total Assessments Reduced:		5,460	



HEMET - Hemet was incorporated as a City In 1910, and next year will celebrate 100 years of history! During 2010, our Centennial year, there will be plenty to see and do reflecting and celebrating that history!

Hemet is home to the Western Center for Archaeology & Paleontology, exhibiting the discoveries that were made during the construction of the Diamond Valley Lake, as well as interactive displays illustrating the history and inhabitants of the region.

Diamond Valley Lake has miles of hiking, equestrian trails and shore fishing, as well as the Clayton A. Record Viewpoint which offers a breathtaking view of the lake, dam and surrounding valley and mountains. There is also a neighboring aquatic center, and the visitor's center offers water education and conservation exhibits and information as well as the history of the construction of the lake, which is the largest earthworks project in North America.

Adjacent to the City of Hemet is the historic Ramona Bowl Amphitheater, home to "Ramona", the longest running outdoor drama and California's Official State Outdoor Play. In addition to "Ramona", the Ramona Bowl hosts year round concerts, plays and events, including the Renaissance Fair.

Hemet is a recreation destination for all ages!

Hemet Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$4,663,340,424	5,544,883,965	-15.90%	2.14%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$1,356,701,549	
Total Assessments Reduced:		12,516	





INDIAN WELLS - Tourism is the primary economic driver for the City of Indian Wells, widely recognized as one of the premier residential and resort destinations in the country. Idyllic Indian Wells is home to the award-winning Indian Wells Golf Resort; state-of-the-art Indian Wells Tennis Garden; and four luxury hotel properties. Dedicated to fostering quality of life and "smart growth," the city is developing two new retail/commercial developments: Indian Wells Crossing, an 18-acre luxury lifestyle center; and Indian Wells Towne Center, an upscale retail, restaurant and entertainment destination.

Indian Wells Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$4,928,767,802	\$5,107,056,475	-3.49%	2.27%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$384,304,797	
Total Assessments Reduced:		3,827	



INDIO - Indio continues to move forward with its Downtown Revitalization Program. This area provides an excellent opportunity for developers looking to create high density mixed-use developments which can be vertically designed up to 6 floors. The Redevelopment Agency owns approximately 40% of the downtown core and is still assembling key parcels. The Agency has already invested over \$4 million in infrastructure and beautification, and expects to invest another \$10 million in downtown improvements over the next few years.

Indio Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$6,701,613,437	\$7,536,990,122	-11.08	3.08%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$1,614,291,218	
Total Assessments Reduced:		17,075	



LA QUINTA - One of the fastest growing cities in California in the 1990s, La Quinta provides a range of housing options, including: country club living, single-family homes, and affordable housing, including the award winning Vista Dunes Courtyard Homes. The city also offers major retailers, upscale restaurants, a Homewood Suites and Embassy Suites and new resort and public golf venues at SilverRock Resort. In the La Quinta Village, pedestrian-friendly Old Town hosts music and art events while offering charming shops and a variety of quality restaurants. La Quinta has maintained a balance in securing quality developments for its residents while preserving the city's cultural and natural features with an emphasis on art in public places. La Quinta hosts the internationally renowned La Quinta Arts Festival each year.

La Quinta Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$11,863,938,782	\$12,523,811,958	-5.27%	5.46%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$1,694,756,898	
Total Assessments Reduced:		9,726	



LAKE ELSINORE - Strategically located along the burgeoning Interstate 15 corridor, the City of Lake Elsinore's close proximity to San Diego, Los Angeles and Orange County make it an ideal location for companies to "Dream Extreme" in one of its new industrial parks. New retail centers, industrial buildings and Class A offices have been completed with more in the planning process. Lake Elsinore boasts a top rated school system, unequaled recreational opportunities, a wide variety of affordable housing and a business friendly City Hall. The City of Lake Elsinore is poised for continued economic growth.

Lake Elsinore Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$4,101,193,647	\$4,965,060,573	-17.40%	1.89%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$1,301,628,377	
Total Assessments Reduced:		8,958	



MENIFEE - Incorporated on October 1, 2008 as Riverside County's 26th city, the City of Menifee, California includes the communities of Menifee, Sun City, Quail Valley and portions of Romoland. With its rolling hills and scenic vistas of the San Jacinto and San Bernardino Mountains, the City of Menifee spans 46.6 square miles and is ideally located in the southwest portion of Riverside County. Menifee is moving ahead with an aggressive plan to encourage high quality development that is community-sensitive. At the core of this plan is building a city with creative development that will add distinction to the community's viability as a commercial, educational and residential market. The changes will be exciting, the growth phenomenal and the citizen participation unmatched. Menifee is the city of tomorrow. And the future is today!

Menifee Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$6,177,757,060	N/A	N/A	2.84%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$2,141,053,496	
Total Assessments Reduced:		17,187	



MORENO VALLEY - Moreno Valley is a dynamic city with a promising future. While maintaining its friendly small town charm, the 50-square-mile community is developing with big city amenities including contemporary retail destinations, a variety of entertainment and recreational experiences, and a full array of housing options.

Anchoring what will be Southern California's hottest new logistics corridor at the junction of Interstate 215 and State Route 60, Moreno Valley could not be more strategically located for business growth. Recognizing Moreno Valley's prime site advantages, many nationally recognized real estate developers have projects underway or ready to create more than 23 million square feet in new office and industrial projects.

Moreno Valley Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$11,235,023,117	\$13,723,935,695	-18.14%	5.17%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$3,041,243,109	
Total Assessments Reduced:		24,706	





MURRIETA - The City of Murrieta has experienced significant commercial and industrial development this past year. The new Super Target store in the Orchard center, located off the I-215 and Clinton Keith, completed construction and opened its doors in July 2009. Loma Linda University started construction on the new Loma Linda University Medical Center – Murrieta and plans to complete the first phase, a five-story research and teaching hospital, by January 2011. A new BMW dealership as well as the Murrieta Higher Education Center have been approved and expect to have their groundbreakings later this year. In addition, the Regency Centers project at Winchester and Clinton Keith will include the city's third Target store and other major retail. Future projects will include The Triangle, a 61-acre mixed use lifestyle center to include Class A office, retail, restaurants, full service hotel and entertainment; and a variety of new Class A office developments and light industrial projects which will help Murrieta achieve its goal of becoming the premier corporate/business hub for Southwest Riverside County. Most importantly, Murrieta was recognized in the Los Angeles Times on July 7, 2009 as the 2nd Safest City in the United States. Murrieta is the Future of Southern California!

Murrieta Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$10,112,353,803	\$11,885,525,613	-14.92%	4.65%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$2,902,221,990	
Total Assessments Reduced:		19,113	



NORCO - Norco has officially been branded as Horsetown USA, having secured the federal identity trademark. In keeping with the Horsetown USA brand, a western-themed retail center anchored by Boot Barn is thriving in Old Town Norco on Sixth Street. The bustling Hamner Avenue Corridor, which has been entirely re-zoned for commercial uses, features several large swaths of undeveloped freeway oriented land. A new 122-acre equestrian center and sports complex has been approved for the north entrance to the City. This high end equestrian, soccer and special events facility will feature world class events creating a demand for upscale hospitality-oriented businesses such as national chain hotels and restaurants.

Norco Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$2,629,466,998	\$2,957,231,597	-11.08%	1.21%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$472,415,225	
Total Assessments Reduced:		2,295	



PALM DESERT - The City of Palm Desert continues to enjoy new commercial, residential, and public sector development. Over the past fiscal year, the City witnessed the opening of contemporary fashion stores Bottega Veneta and Burberry in its El Paseo shopping district. Plans are also underway for the development of El Paseo Village, which will bring an additional 35,000 square feet of restaurants, retail, and new upscale boutiques to Palm Desert.

The current phase of the Starwood Westin timeshare project at the Desert Willow Golf Resort is nearing completion and will ultimately include 300 units. Complementing this project is the recently completed 140 room Homewood Suites by Hilton at University Village. Adjacent to the Homewood Suites is the new neighborhood, The Vineyards, composed of approximately 250 apartment homes.

The Palm Desert Redevelopment Agency also held the grand opening of the new 5,726 square-foot Henderson Community Building, the second Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building for Palm Desert, following in the footsteps of the nearby City Visitor Center. This facility is also the headquarters for the Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce. The Agency is also cooperating with the County of Riverside for the construction of a new 80,000 square foot Riverside County Sheriff's Headquarters facility, serving the communities of Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, and Indian Wells.

Last of all, the new Palm Desert Health Sciences Building opened in late 2008 on the Palm Desert Campus of Cal State University, San Bernardino. The 23,000-square-foot building's electronic library, classrooms, and laboratories provide a state of the art facility for the education and training of new nurses and other healthcare professionals.

Palm Desert Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$13,475,475,941	\$13,974,275,140	-3.57%	6.20%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$1,254,871,652	
Total Assessments Reduced:		50,778	



PALM SPRINGS - As in the entire country and across the globe, new commercial and residential development in Palm Springs essentially ceased in early 2009. Four new hotels which were entitled the Hard Rock, the Mondrian, the Hyatt Place, and Residence Inn, were placed on hold by the developer. Similarly, new residential developments were stopped, if started, or put on hold if not begun. Modest good news occurred in the commercial area with good leasing at The Springs, complete leasing at Smoketree Commons, and the opening of a new Staples and Smart & Final at the Gene Autry Plaza. The best news for 2009 has been in the hospitality sector, with the very successful full renovation of the Riviera Hotel and the Ace Hotel, both of which are experiencing positive occupancies and excellent visitor comments. The Wyndham Hotel at the Palm Springs Convention Center is completing its total renovation (expected by December 2009), and will carry the Renaissance Marriott flag. Similarly, the Hyatt Hotel downtown will complete its renovation in the early spring, 2010. These renovations thoroughly rejuvenate Palm Springs hospitality inventory, which hopes that the Mondrian Hotel will close on its financing for its construction before 2009 ends.

Palm Springs Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$9,793,147,879	\$10,358,897,782	-5.46%	4.50%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$1,296,485,594	
Total Assessments Reduced:		25,648	



PERRIS - Perris is located in the heart of the fastest growing region in Southern California, between San Diego and Los Angeles. Perris is named in honor of Fred T. Perris, chief engineer of the California Southern Railroad. Perris officially incorporated as a city in 1911.

The City of Perris is a fast-growing community in Southern California located at the epicenter of the I-215 corridor. Perris has experienced explosive population growth. Retail development is booming with over three million square feet in some stage of development. There is over 20 million additional square feet planned for development. The developments mentioned above provide hundreds of local jobs which in turn reduce traffic on our freeways.

Perris Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$4,082,350,354	\$5,039,684,063	-19.00%	1.88%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$1,332,831,632	
Total Assessments Reduced:		10,190	



RANCHO MIRAGE - New housing starts have slowed considerably. In the first 6 months of 2009, the City issued two (2) Single Family building permits compared to 13 in the first 6 months of 2008. However, the average new single family permit in 2009 is valued at 1.27 million versus \$488,000 in 2008.

While the overall number of building permits for new construction has decreased, the City has issued considerably more permits in 2009 for Tenant Improvements, substantial rehab projects, and additions to existing buildings. The permit valuation in the first 6 months of 2009 stood at 24.7 million compared to 41.2 million last year.

The only new projects other than the 2 single family residences are the Sunnylands Visitors Center – a 15,000 square foot private conference facility and a 65,000 square foot rehabilitation hospital.

The Tolerance Education Center was completed earlier this year.

Rancho Mirage Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$8,300,121,942	\$8,497,172,790	-2.32%	3.82%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$792,084,066	
Total Assessments Reduced:		13,833	



RIVERSIDE - The City of Riverside captures a prominent place in the Inland Empire as one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the United States and the 12th largest city in the state, with a population of more than 300,000. As the highest ranking city in California

on Forbes "top 100 best places for jobs" for 2008, Riverside is an economically vibrant and culturally diverse city, boasting high-end retail centers, a rapidly growing office population, and a charming historic downtown dotted with upscale dining, shopping and entertainment venues. Its many resources include the world famous Mission Inn Hotel & Spa, a city-wide wireless Internet network initiative and four award-winning institutions of higher learning with a student population nearing 50,000. The largest, the University of California, Riverside, is the fastest growing campus in the University of California system. With its combination of deep historic and multi-cultural roots, metropolitan attitude, and business friendly environment, the City of Riverside is definitely a great place to live, work and play.

Riverside Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$23,942,491,969	\$25,757,563,841	-7.05%	11.01%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$3,254,779,030	
Total Assessments Reduced:		24,286	



SAN JACINTO - The City of San Jacinto, incorporated in 1888, is located in Riverside County; approximately 80 miles east of Los Angeles, 90 miles north of San Diego. The City encompasses 26 square miles and

is 1,546 feet above sea level. Residents enjoy an average of 342 days of sunshine each year with an average temperature range of 45 to 80 degrees F. Rainfall approximates 12.5 inches per year. The City of San Jacinto offers a variety of affordable homes for everyone from first-time buyers to retirees. Major housing developers, as well as excellent local builders have built quality homes and convenient retail development in San Jacinto. It is a city of parks, with more than 32 available to serve community recreational needs, as well as providing the setting of traditional community events such as a Veteran's Day ceremony, 4th of July Parade and Celebration, Patriot's Day, and a holiday tree lighting ceremony.

San Jacinto Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$2,397,602,820	\$3,233,119,464	-25.84%	1.10%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$1,096,057,205	
Total Assessments Reduced:		7,977	



TEMECULA - In an effort to sustain our high quality of life, the City Council will continue to work hard at increasing our local job base so residents can work closer to home. There is growth in the retail, manufacturing, and biomedical/biotech industries.

Temecula has embraced new retailers such as Fletcher Jones Mercedes Benz dealership and the Promenade Mall's expansion has brought many upscale tenants to the Temecula Valley. Within the past year several major employers, Abbott Vascular Laboratories and Professional Hospital Supply (PHS) experienced significant expansions of their Temecula facilities which have added many new local jobs.

Other notable projects underway include the new Civic Center and Town Square Marketplace situated in the heart of Old Town and the Temecula Hospital and Medical Center which will fill the great need for high-quality health care facilities in our community.

With an educated workforce residing in Temecula, the City clearly understands the value placed on higher education opportunities and the asset it becomes to our existing and future businesses. Temecula is honored to have California State University San Marcos at Temecula, Chapman University – Temecula, Concordia University, University of Redlands and Mt. San Jacinto College Temecula here in our community.

Temecula Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$12,003,546,129	\$13,537,557,997	-11.33%	5.52%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$2,473,228,545	
Total Assessments Reduced:		16,110	





WILDOMAR - Wildomar recently became Riverside County's 25th city, celebrating its incorporation on July 1, 2008. The community of Wildomar is a mix of old and new. Founded in 1886 with the establishment of the Post Office and Elementary School, the name "Wildomar" was coined from the names of its three founders: "WIL" from William Collier, "DO" from Donald Graham, and "MAR" from Margaret Collier. Wildomar was an outpost for the pony express and a stop for the Southern California Railroad.

Set in a scenic region near the Cleveland National Forest in the southwest area of Riverside County, Wildomar offers spacious rural living charm but also has several new residential developments. This area offers small-town charm with easy access to shopping, cultural activities, entertainment and recreation.

Southern Riverside County is a recreational enthusiast's dream. The area is home to numerous championship golf courses, several lakes, a motocross track, sky diving facilities and more. The nearby Santa Rosa Plateau offers access to camping, fishing and hiking.

The Wildomar City area south of Lake Elsinore and west of the I-15 freeway is made up primarily of large ranches featuring large custom homes with acreage for horses and other animals. Hillside homes offer spectacular views of the valley. To the east of I-15 along Clinton Keith Road, hundreds of new homes have been built in more than a half-dozen developments. There are three major medical facilities in the area available to serve the 31,000 residents of Wildomar.

The City's location along the I-15 corridor places it in an advantageous position for future business and commercial development.

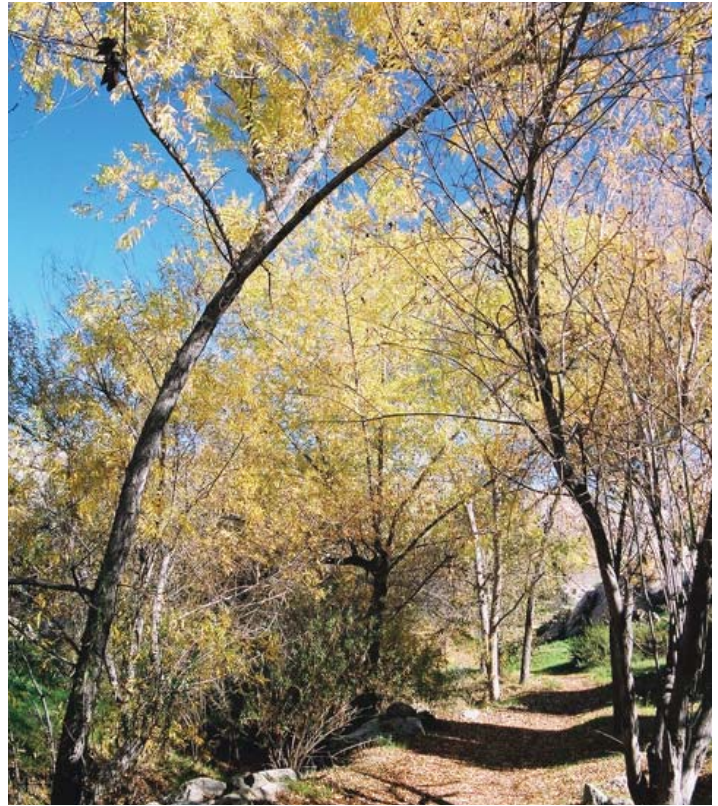
Wildomar Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$2,498,809,180	N/A	N/A	1.15%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$602,365,820	
Total Assessments Reduced:		4,786	

UNINCORPORATED RIVERSIDE COUNTY

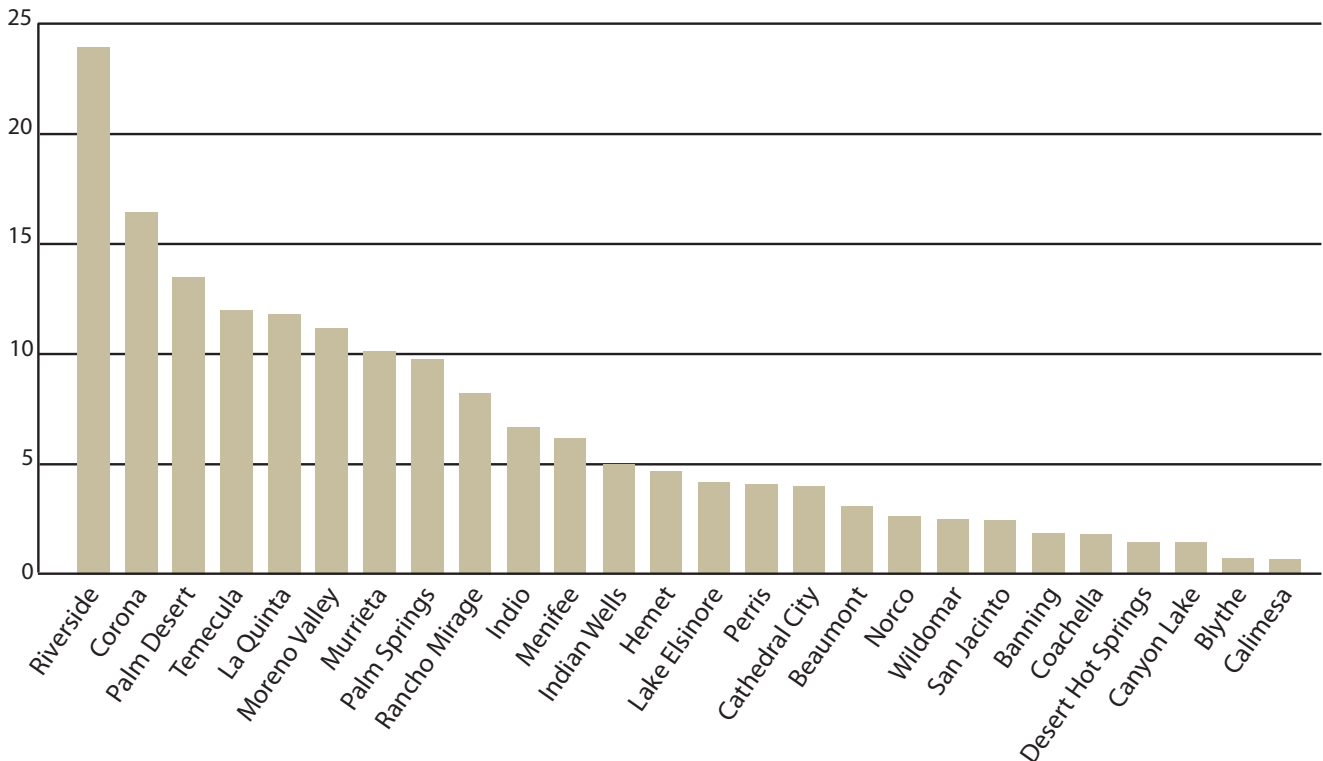
Unincorporated Assessment Roll (Gross Values)

2009	2008	% Growth	% Current Roll
\$47,171,566,593	\$62,953,300,942	-25.07%	21.69%
2009 Prop 8 Reduction Total:		\$9,425,730,937	
Total Assessments Reduced:		66,986	



Assessed Value by City

In Billions



COUNTY CLERK

Tauna Mallis - Assistant ACR

Expenditures: \$15,138,658

Employees: 186

Note: County Clerk and Recorder expenditures and employee amounts have been combined.

Overview:

The County Clerk is responsible for a variety of services, including issuing marriage licenses, conducting civil marriage ceremonies and registering notary public commissions. The Clerk accepts fictitious business name statements, proofs of publication of such statements and withdrawal of partnership statements for filing. The County Clerk also facilitates the processing of U. S. passport applications.

The number one goal of the County Clerk is to provide excellent, friendly customer service.

Our "Deputy Marriage Commissioner for the Day" service allows an individual to legally perform the marriage ceremony at a friend's or family member's wedding. Last year, several individuals took advantage of this personal service.

In the spring of 2009 the County Clerk implemented a Volunteer Deputy Commissioner program wherein

volunteers from the community participate in orientation training and background checks prior to being deputized to perform marriage ceremonies at the Gateway, Indio and Hemet offices. The deputy commissioner volunteers enjoy performing the marriage ceremonies and their assistance is greatly appreciated by the staff.

In addition to our Gateway and Indio locations, ceremonies are performed at our Hemet office on Wednesdays. Occasionally, we accommodate customers on unscheduled days. Our Indio, Gateway and Hemet offices have dedicated wedding rooms to provide this service. The ceremony room at the Gateway office is very spacious and tastefully decorated. The busiest ceremony day of the year is February 14th. Every year, this day is completely booked even when we double the space by using additional rooms.





County Clerk Statistics

Calendar Year

	2008	2007
Public Marriage Licenses	10,484	8,663
Confidential Marriage Licenses	1,455	1,182
Marriage Ceremonies	4,481	3,132
Fictitious Business Names	19,291	21,421
Notary Public Registrations	2,111	4,109
Passport Applications Processed	10,131	14,705
Fish & Game Filings	2,179	2,517

“The number one goal of the County Clerk is to provide excellent, friendly customer service.”

County Clerk Services

- Files fictitious business name statements
- Files statements of abandonment of use of fictitious business name
- Files withdrawals from partnerships operating under fictitious business names
- Issues public marriage licenses
- Issues confidential marriage licenses
- Performs civil marriage ceremonies (by appointment only)
- Provides certified copies of confidential marriage licenses (with proper identification)
- Registers notary public oaths and commissions
- Authenticates notary public signatures
- Processes U.S. passport applications
- Receives and posts environmental impact reports such as: negative declarations, notices of determination and notices of exemption
- Receives admitted surety insurer statements
- Files surety insurer powers of attorney
- Maintains roster of elected and appointed county officials
- Files Grand Jury final reports

RECORDER

Tauna Mallis - Assistant ACR

Expenditures: \$15,138,658

Employees: 186

Note: County Clerk and Recorder expenditures and employee amounts have been combined.

Overview:

The Recorder's office is responsible for examining, recording, imaging, indexing and archiving all official records recorded and filed within Riverside County. This includes maintaining custody of permanent records and providing public access to information regarding land and land ownership. Official records are open for public viewing and copies are available for purchase.

California law governs which documents may be recorded with the County Recorder.

Documentary transfer tax may be due when an interest in real property is conveyed. It is collected by the Recorder at the time of recording. A documentary transfer tax declaration must appear on each conveyance. For more information, visit our website at www.riversideacr.com.

Recorded documents are considered public records and are available for public viewing. Documents are indexed by the names of the principal parties and by the type of document. To locate a document, the name of at least one party or the type of document and the year of recording are required. The general index also contains

tract maps, parcel maps, survey records and assessment districts. The public may search the indexes and view the documents at no charge.

Real property records, dating back to 1893, can be found alphabetically by the names of the parties identified on the documents. Individuals may search the indexes from 1893 through 1975 on microfilm/microfiche, while the indexes from 1976 onward can be searched via computer.

Document images from 1893 through 1997 are available on microfilm/microfiche, while document images from 1998 onward are digitized and available via computer.

The Recorder is also the local registrar of marriages and maintains copies of certificates for all births, deaths and marriages that occur in Riverside County. Copies of these vital records are available for purchase.

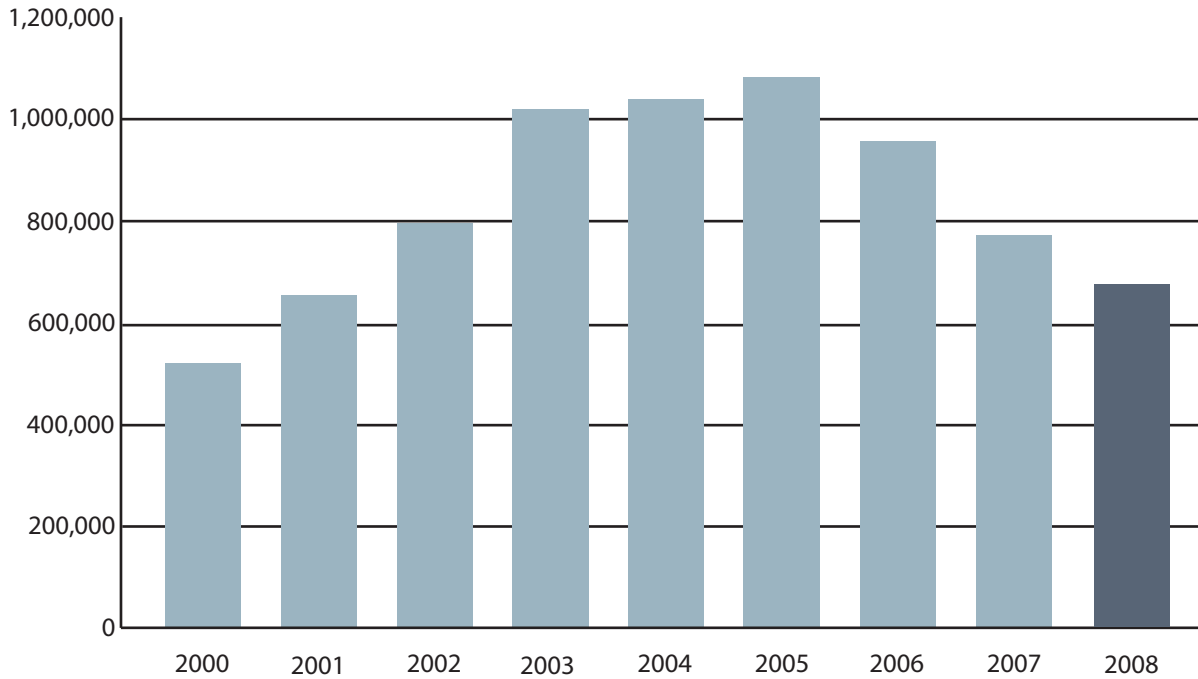
The number of official records recorded decreased 11.7% from calendar year 2007 to calendar year 2008; the number of vital record copies issued also decreased less than 1% during this same period of time.



Recorder Statistics Calendar Year

	2008	2007
Official Records Recorded	682,708	773,308
Vital Record Copies Issued	97,422	97,427
Official Record Copies Issued	33,135	34,711

Official Documents Recorded Calendar Year



RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ARCHIVES PROGRAM

Tauna Mallis - Assistant ACR

Mary Cox - Chief Deputy ACR

Expenditures: \$2,598,855

Employees: 25

Overview:

The Records Management and Archives Program (RMAP) provides a wide-range of document management services to County departments and other local government Agencies. RMAP consists of three major service areas: County Archives, Document Imaging, and Records Management & Storage. While record storage and document imaging services are only available to local government organizations, the County Archives provides the public with access to the County's historical records.

The Robert J. Fitch Archives

Named for former County Executive Officer Robert J. Fitch, the mission of the County Archives is to identify, preserve, and provide the public with access to those county records that have long term research value and historical significance. Original documents dating from the time Riverside County was formed provide insight into the history of real property and other natural resources, such as mining and water claims. Records from County departments and agencies that document the development of Riverside County during the past 116 years continue to be identified and evaluated for their significance, and are being added to the growing collection of publicly available resources.

The Records Center offers secure and cost effective off-site storage and retrieval services. Document Imaging provides both traditional micrographic reproduction and innovative scanning services, including some of the latest advances in microfilm scanning. Providing departments with both electronic and microfilm formats allow government agencies to professionally access, manage, and preserve important documents that need to be maintained for many years.

During the past year, more than 5,000 volumes of records were organized and relocated from the Records Center Warehouse to the County Archives facility. The Archives also initiated internship opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students from nearby colleges and universities in library science and public history in the 2008 – 2009 fiscal year. By providing an improved storage environment, the County Archives has taken a major step to enhancing the long term preservation of these unique resources.



Records Management and Archives Program

Fiscal Year Ended June 30

	2009	2008
Archives Services:		
Online and telephone inquiries	55	N/A
Visitors and Researchers	32	N/A
Outreach Programs	21	N/A
Document Imaging:		
Certified Destruction (boxes)	616	925
E-Transfer Conversions	3,600,769	3,914,533
Images Scanned (from Microfilm)	161,718	N/A
Pages Microfilmed	1,318,423	1,556,873
Records Management Services:		
Certified Destruction/Removed (boxes)	12,660	2,612
Storage Boxes	150,228	141,485
Deliveries	3,397	3,975
Retrievals / Refilings	65,348	51,596
Indexing Boxes / Files	260,894	233,470



Records Management consists of three major areas of services:

County Archives

- Identify and protect records of permanent historical and research value
- Provide a centralized location for county archival records
- Provide access to these unique historical records to county staff and the public
- Serve as a valuable resource center for the study of Riverside County history

Document Imaging Services

- Consult on microfilm storage, preservation, and destruction matters
- E-Transfer: convert scanned images to microfilm
- E-Transfer: convert microfilm images to electronic images (PDF\TIFF)
- Microfilm and duplicate source documents
- Scan source documents and maps
- Preserve records of permanent value

Records Management Services

- Secure on-site and off-site records storage
- Retrieval of records for customers
- Certified destruction of records once the retention period has expired
- Provide customized bar coding for containers and folders
- Provide secure online access to records and account information
- Consult on all records management matters
- Develop and provide educational workshops and classes
- Maintain the county General Records Retention Schedule (GRRS)
- Assist other County departments in the development, implementation, and maintenance of their Departmental Records Retention Schedule (DRRS)

The CREST Project

The County of Riverside continues to advance its initiative to re-engineer and replace its mission-critical Property Tax System. This work is performed through the County of Riverside's Enterprise Solutions for Property Taxation (CREST) Project. The Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder is united in this cooperative venture with the Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector departments to create effective and efficient property tax solutions for the County of Riverside. These departments collectively provide operational knowledge and expertise to the CREST Project through highly qualified Subject Matter Experts and stakeholder resources who specialize in day-to-day Property Tax System administration.

In June 2009, the CREST Project team completed an extensive analysis of the current Property Tax System which has served the County for nearly four decades. The CREST Project team documented the intricate business functional details of the current system. The project identified thousands of business requirements for a new Property Tax System. The specifications produced for these requirements resulted in the creation and publication of Requests for Proposals which were released in June 2009. Firms specializing in professional systems engineering and technical development were notified of these solicitations. The CREST Project team will analyze vendor responses to these requests. The chosen approach will provide qualified, timely, and cost-effective solutions to improve the County's Property Tax System. Subject to approval by the County Board of Supervisors,

implementation of these solutions may begin in 2010.

A new Property Tax System will optimize the County's revenue generation efficiency and help protect the County's fiscal stability. It will lower the operational costs and overhead associated with the current system. The benefits of removing manual processes, minimizing costly errors and eliminating inefficiencies by automating operations will provide savings to the County over future decades. A new system will enable the County to more effectively implement and enforce its legal mandates for property tax administration.

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Electronic Recording

The County Recorder is responsible for recording documents related to all real-property transactions that occur within the county. Historically, documents submitted for recording have been submitted via mail or in person, thus creating a long manual paper process.

In 1997, the Riverside County Recorder implemented a new recording system that streamlined the paper process by adopting an automated workflow process that includes the receipting, scanning, and indexing of recorded documents.

In 2004, the state of California passed the Electronic Recording Delivery Act (ERDA) which enabled the State Attorney General's Office to develop statewide regulations for the electronic delivery of documents for recording in all counties. The final ERDA regulations allowed for a single-county delivery system or a multi-county delivery system that serves as a portal for incoming documents.

Recognizing the value of collaboration with the large southern California counties, in July 2008, the Riverside County Recorder entered into an agreement with the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego for the shared ownership and ongoing maintenance of a multi-county electronic recording delivery system titled "SECURE." In addition to the four owners, the SECURE system has encouraged other counties to participate as partners in the SECURE portal.

The basic concept of SECURE is to allow an authorized submitter, such as a title company, a recording service, or a financial institution, to have a single point of submission to transmit documents for electronic recording, to all participating owners and partners of the SECURE portal. The authorized submitter would scan in the original document and submit it with data to the SECURE portal. The designated county would examine the document and either accept it for recording or reject the document for additional information and/or correction. Once the Recorder accepts the document for recording, the authorized submitter will receive confirmation and they may then provide the original document to their customer.



Some of the benefits for County Recorders include:

- reduced costs to SECURE owners and partners based on shared purchases, maintenance, installation, and training
- instantaneous clarifications and corrections of documents resulting in quicker, streamlined confirmation times
- future productivity increases due to the elimination of leafing through paper, reduced scanning of documents, and reduced indexing as a result of data being provided by the authorized submitter
- elimination of the physical handling of documents and the transportation problems that occur such as traffic snarls, late couriers, and other mishaps
- a more secure system of recordation when measured against the known shortcomings and abuses of conventional methods of recording

All ERDA systems require certification by the California Attorney General (AG) and a multi-county system requires that at least two counties be prepared to accept incoming documents before certification is granted. The SECURE system was certified by the AG on September 29, 2009. Riverside County is anticipating certification in early 2010 and hopes to begin accepting documents electronically by July 2010.

Public Service Locations



Riverside (Downtown)

4080 Lemon St., 1st Floor
Riverside, CA 92501-2204

Services provided:

Assessor (**main office**), County Clerk,
Recorder

951-955-6200 / 800-746-1544



Riverside (Gateway)

2720 & 2724 Gateway Dr.
Riverside, CA 92507-0751

Services provided:

Assessor, County Clerk (**main office**),
Recorder (**main office**)

951-486-7000



Temecula

41002 County Center Drive, Suite 230
Temecula, CA 92591-6027

Services provided:

Assessor, County Clerk, Recorder

951-486-6570

For hours of operation please call our office

“Our public service staff strives to provide the best customer service possible.”



Hemet

880 N State St., Suite B-6
Hemet, CA 92543-1496

Services provided:

Assessor, County Clerk, Recorder
951-766-2500



Indio

82675 Highway 111, Room 113
Indio, CA 92201-5994

Services provided:

Assessor, County Clerk, Recorder
Assessor: 760-863-7800
Clerk-Recorder: 760-863-7490



Blythe

270 N Broadway
Blythe, CA 92225-1608

Services provided:

Assessor, County Clerk, Recorder
760-921-5050

or visit our website at www.riversideacr.com

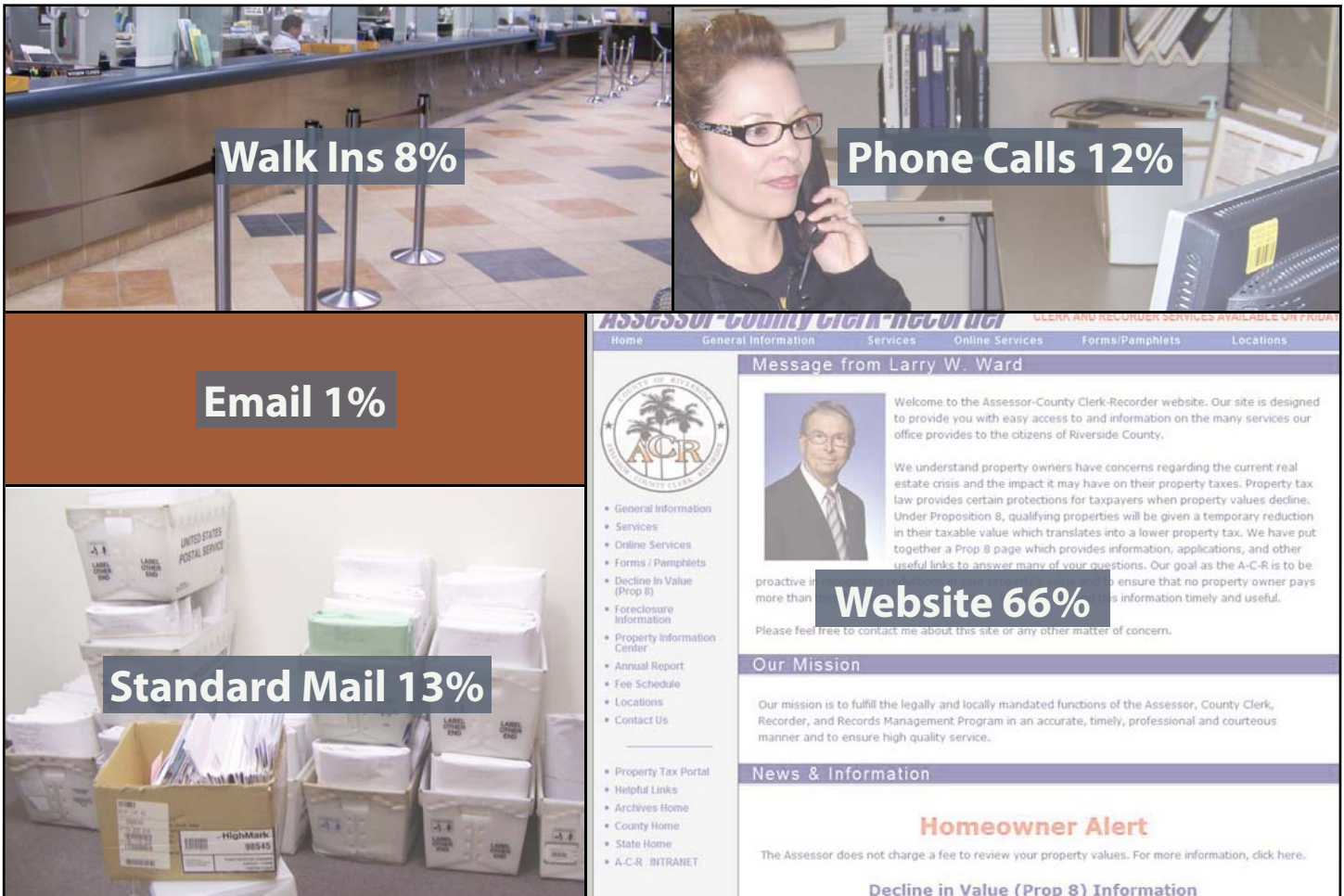
Public Service

In 2008, our offices served over **208,000** walk-in customers, received over **335,000** phone calls and answered over **16,000** email inquiries.

Our public service staff strives to provide the best customer service possible. The Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's office carefully monitors feedback received from the public regarding the quality of our public service. For calendar year 2008, the Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's Public Service Division received 13,788 customer survey cards. Of the survey cards submitted, we received comments that were approximately 98% favorable and 2% unfavorable.

The Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's website also provides information and services online. Some of the online services include the ability to search for Fictitious Business Names, the Recorder's General Index (Grantor/Grantee), the ability to order certified documents and pay by credit card through VitalChek and the ability to access many forms to view and print. For a complete list of all the services **available, visit our website at www.riversideacr.com**. We also have the property tax portal website available to help provide answers for your most common property tax questions; you can visit the portal at www.riversidetaxinfo.com.

How Our Customers Contact Us:



ACR Contact Information

ACR Website: www.riversideacr.com
Property Tax Portal: www.riversidetaxinfo.com
Email: accrmail@asrclkrec.com

Riverside County Assessor Information:

Public Information and Ownership (951) 955-6200
Real Property (land and improvements) (951) 955-6200
Business Personal Property (951) 955-6210
Homeowners' Property Tax Exemptions (951) 955-6200
Other Property Tax Exemptions (951) 486-5600
Change in Ownership Issues (951) 955-6200
Mapping (951) 955-0400
Assessment Appeals (951) 955-1060
Administration (951) 486-7450

For information regarding a tax bill, payment, delinquency or the phone number of the appropriate agency to contact about a special assessment, contact:

Riverside County Tax Collector (951) 955-3900

For detailed information on a special assessment, call the appropriate agency's phone number (on the tax bill) or contact:

Riverside County Auditor-Controller (951) 955-3800

Assessor's Interactive Voice Response System:

Through this system, which is available 24 hours a day, you may:

- Change your mailing address
- Obtain assessment and tax payment information
- Transfer base year values for seniors and displaced property owners
- Request forms for assessment appeals
- Obtain Assessor's office locations and hours
- Obtain information regarding exemptions
- Make request to review property value

Metropolitan Riverside area (951) 955-6200

Outside this area, but within
the (951) and (760) area codes (800) 746-1544

To speak with a technician, call during regular phone service hours, Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm.

Riverside County Clerk-Recorder Information:

General Public Information (951) 486-7000

Certified copies can be ordered through our website using Visa, American Express or MasterCard credit cards only.

Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates (951) 486-7000

Wedding appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, call the applicable number:

Riverside (Gateway) (951) 486-7406

Indio (760) 863-7490

Riverside County Robert J. Fitch Archives Information:

Appointments and Information (951) 486-7327

Email: countyofriversidearchives@asrclkrec.com

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Important Dates

January 1	Lien Date - the date when taxes for the next fiscal year become a lien on the property.
February 15	Exemption Claims Deadline - this is the deadline for filing exemption claims, including homeowners', disabled veterans' and non-profit exemptions.
April 1	Due Date - business personal property, aircraft and boat statements.
April 10*	Last day to pay 2nd installment of property taxes without penalty.
May 7*	Last day to timely file a business personal property statement without penalty.
July 2 - Nov 30*	Taxpayers may file a formal assessment appeal with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to reduce the assessed value of property.
August 31*	Regular roll unsecured taxes due. Last day to pay without penalty.
September 1*	Last day to file a Decline-in-Value Reassessment Application to request a review of assessed value for the preceding lien date.
December 10*	Last day to pay 1st installment of property taxes without penalty.

*If the date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day.

