## DEMOGRAPHICS

## ETHNICITY \& RACE

Figure 3 shows the race/ethnicity distribution in 2013 of Santa Cruz County compared to California and the United States. Santa Cruz County's population comprises $58 \%$ White, $33 \%$ Latino, $4 \%$ Asian or Pacific Islander, $1 \%$ Black, and 4\% other or multiracial. ${ }^{3}$ Compared to Santa Cruz County, California has a smaller proportion of Whites, larger proportions of Blacks and Asians, and a slightly larger proportion of Latinos. The United States has a slightly higher proportion of Whites, far more Blacks, a much smaller proportion of Latinos, and approximately the same proportion of Asians as Santa Cruz County.

The relative proportions of various racial/ethnic groups in the county have steadily changed in recent decades. In 1970, the county's population was more than $86 \%$ White and less than $10 \%$ Latino. ${ }^{7}$ By 2013, the Latino population proportion had increased to $33 \%$, while the White proportion had decreased to $58 \% .{ }^{3}$ The proportions of Asians, Blacks, and Native Americans have all increased since 1970, though not as rapidly as the Latino proportion, and they still remain relatively small proportions of the population.

Although $58 \%$ of the county's adults (age 18 years or older) are White and only one-third are Latino, ${ }^{8}$ approximately half the births in the county are to Latinas. Children make up a far larger proportion of the Latino population than of the White population, and this difference continues through every age group under 45 . Conversely, every age group over 45 contains a larger proportion of the White population than of the Latino population (Figure 4). ${ }^{8}$ The same basic pattern is true statewide.


Figure 4: Distribution of White and Latino Populations by Age Group, Santa Cruz County, $2013{ }^{7}$


Figure 3: Race and Ethnicity Distribution, Comparing Santa Cruz County, California, and the United States, $2013{ }^{3}$

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