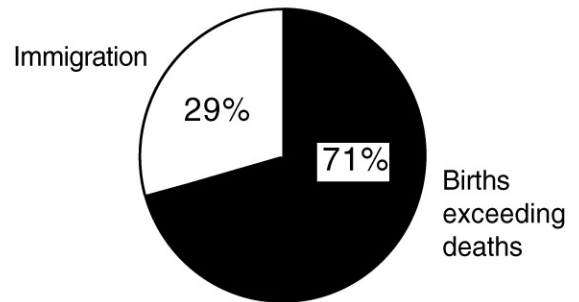
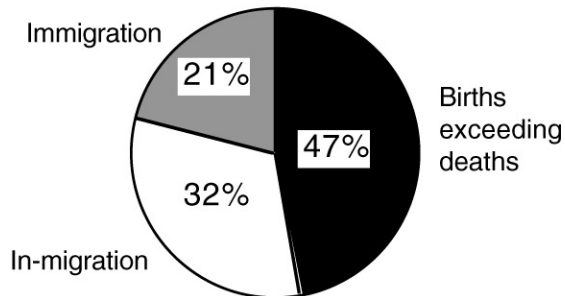


## Components of Population Growth – Sonoma County and U.S. (1990-1995)

	<u>Sonoma County</u>		<u>United States</u>	
Births exceeding deaths	12,140	47%	9,608,268	71%
In-migration	8,342	32%	n/a	
Immigration	5,339	21%	3,966,322	29%



### How Much Are We Driving?

*Sonoma County Weekday Daily  
Vehicle Miles Traveled (1990 - 1995)*

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>% change</u>
VMT	6,593,300	7,520,900	+14%
Pop	388,222	414,569	+6%
VMT/person	17.0	18.1	+7%

In Sonoma County, between 1990 and 1995, the average weekday daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) increased 14% and the average VMT per person increased 7% (from 17.0 to 18.1 per person).

Nationwide between 1969 and 1990, VMT per person increased from 3.9 miles to 5.9 miles. The number of vehicles increased 6 times faster than the population did. Sonoma County's VMT per person in 1990 was almost three times (300%) greater than the national average. (*Sources: Sonoma County figures are from: Metropolitan Transportation Commission. National statistics from Better Not Bigger, p. 24)*)

*Except where noted, statistics on this and the prior page are from the U.S. Census Bureau and were compiled by: Margaret Pennington, Ned Orrett, Juliana Doms, Sonia Taylor, Joan Vilms, and Brian Hines.*

### Santa Rosa Tomorrow - Take Your Choice . . . .

Even small population growth rates can lead to very high populations in a relatively short period of time.

Below is a chart that shows the size that Santa Rosa would become in 70 years if it grows at what are fairly small growth rates. Calculations start with Santa Rosa's current (1999) population of 138,742. (*Chart modelled after chart on p. 106 of Better Not Bigger.*)

<u>If this were</u> SR's Avg. <u>Growth Rate</u>	<u>Then SR's</u> Year 2069 <u>Appx Pop.</u>	<u>Comparable</u> City Size <u>(In 1990)</u>
1.36%	359,000	Miami
1.74%	467,000	Denver
2.36%	724,000	San Francisco
3.48%	1,586,000	Philadelphia
4.61%	3,485,000	Los Angeles
5.67%	7,323,000	New York