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Alameda*	11.8	22	14.5	18	36.3%	51	71,024	3.4%	0.409	27	3.1%
Alpine	16.6	41	26.2	48	23.9%	5	89	0.0%	0.351	38	0.0%
Amador	10	14	13.5	14	23.9%	5	1,254	0.1%	0.301	45	0.1%
Butte	19.2	51	22.8	40	31.3%	38	18,632	0.9%	0.492	11	0.8%
Calaveras*	10.5	16	13.9	16	31.3%	38	1,943	0.1%	0.312	43	0.1%
Colusa	14.2	33	19.9	35	33.3%	45	1,310	0.1%	0.368	36	0.1%
Contra Costa*	8.1	7	10.9	8	30.7%	33	33,572	1.6%	0.366	37	1.5%
Del Norte	22.5	57	29.6	56	25.3%	13	3,916	0.2%	0.723	1	0.1%
El Dorado	7.4	4	8.7	4	24.5%	11	4,379	0.2%	0.399	30	0.3%
Fresno*†	20.8	54	30	57	37.1%	54	129,961	6.2%	0.646	3	2.6%
Glenn	17.5	45	24.3	43	33.3%	45	2,253	0.1%	0.428	24	0.1%
Humboldt*	16.5	40	20.4	38	34.4%	48	10,210	0.5%	0.467	15	0.5%
Imperial*	21.3	56	27.4	52	29.1%	25	18,799	0.9%	0.599	4	0.5%
Inyo	11.6	20	16.4	26	23.9%	5	970	0.0%	0.401	28	0.0%
Kern*†	20.8	54	28.3	54	32.1%	41	80,817	3.9%	0.457	17	2.2%
Kings	20.6	53	25.4	45	38.6%	58	13,792	0.7%	0.457	18	0.4%
Lake*	18.3	48	26.7	49	36.3%	51	5,392	0.3%	0.381	34	0.2%
Lassen	16.9	42	20	37	25.3%	13	2,166	0.1%	0.459	16	0.1%
Los Angeles*	16.2	39	23.3	41	27.9%	23	628,478	30.2%	0.379	35	37.5%
Madera	18.3	48	27.3	51	30.1%	31	14,720	0.7%	0.382	33	0.4%
Marin	6.5	2	7.7	2	32.9%	44	4,488	0.2%	0.204	54	0.4%
Mariposa	12.7	27	18.3	30	23.9%	5	815	0.0%	0.332	39	0.1%
Mendocino	17	43	23.9	42	18.4%	2	7,226	0.3%	0.485	12	0.3%
Merced†	18.6	50	25.6	46	37.3%	55	31,167	1.5%	0.535	7	0.7%
Modoc	20.4	52	29.4	55	25.3%	13	717	0.0%	0.414	26	0.0%
Mono	9.3	12	12.6	12	23.9%	5	250	0.0%	0.151	57	0.0%
Monterey	14.1	32	18.8	31	31.5%	40	18,676	0.9%	0.314	42	1.3%
Napa	7.5	5	9.9	5	38.4%	57	2,745	0.1%	0.140	58	0.3%
Nevada*	7.5	5	10.4	6	32.2%	42	2,708	0.1%	0.297	46	0.2%
Orange*	8.9	9	11.6	10	30.9%	34	81,805	3.9%	0.240	52	7.6%
Placer	5.6	1	7.1	1	14.0%	1	7,604	0.4%	0.306	44	0.3%
Plumas	11.6	20	16.8	27	25.3%	13	695	0.0%	0.258	48	0.1%
Riverside*	11.5	19	15.6	24	31.0%	35	91,564	4.4%	0.280	47	4.7%
Sacramento*	13.6	30	19.6	33	29.6%	28	120,970	5.8%	0.695	2	2.5%
San Benito*	10.1	15	13.1	13	29.4%	26	3,303	0.2%	0.435	21	0.1%
San Bernardino*†	15	36	19.9	35	29.6%	28	149,035	7.2%	0.444	20	4.9%
San Diego*	11	18	15.7	25	29.5%	27	94,230	4.5%	0.230	53	8.6%
San Francisco*	12.2	25	14.8	19	27.8%	22	30,992	1.5%	0.434	22	2.0%
San Joaquin*	14.7	35	19.7	34	30.0%	30	57,410	2.8%	0.559	5	1.6%
San Luis Obispo*	13.5	29	14.3	17	32.6%	43	8,218	0.4%	0.188	55	0.7%
San Mateo*	6.9	3	8.3	3	28.9%	24	8,746	0.4%	0.160	56	1.1%
Santa Barbara	12.7	27	17.1	29	36.4%	53	18,604	0.9%	0.255	49	1.3%
Santa Clara*	8.4	8	10.6	7	31.0%	35	61,086	2.9%	0.382	32	2.4%

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Santa Cruz*	11.8	22	15.2	21	34.7%	49	11,873	0.6%	0.330	40	0.6%
Shasta	13.8	31	20.7	39	31.2%	37	13,795	0.7%	0.431	23	0.5%
Sierra	10.7	17	15.5	23	25.3%	13	156	0.0%	0.401	29	0.0%
Siskiyou	17.5	45	27.4	52	25.3%	13	3,819	0.2%	0.492	10	0.2%
Solano*	9.2	11	12.2	11	23.2%	4	20,984	1.0%	0.416	25	0.5%
Sonoma	8.9	9	10.9	8	26.7%	21	13,814	0.7%	0.249	50	0.9%
Stanislaus*†	14.5	34	18.9	32	30.6%	32	42,312	2.0%	0.480	13	1.3%
Sutter	11.9	24	15.2	21	38.2%	56	6,403	0.3%	0.494	9	0.2%
Tehama	17.8	47	26.9	50	33.3%	45	5,642	0.3%	0.454	19	0.2%
Trinity	16	38	25.8	47	25.3%	13	1,046	0.1%	0.479	14	0.1%
Tulare†	23.2	58	31.7	58	36.0%	50	64,336	3.1%	0.558	6	1.3%
Tuolumne	12.2	25	16.9	28	23.9%	5	2,991	0.1%	0.398	31	0.1%
Ventura*	9.7	13	13.5	14	24.8%	12	31,353	1.5%	0.330	41	1.6%
Yolo	15.2	37	14.9	20	26.3%	20	9,685	0.5%	0.243	51	0.6%
Yuba	17.1	44	25	44	21.9%	3	8,637	0.4%	0.529	8	0.2%
Statewide	13.3%	N/A	18.5%	N/A	30.0%	N/A	2,083,573	N/A	0.327	N/A	100%

\* County served by California Association Food Bank (CAFB) Food Stamp Outreach sub-contractor(s) in FFY09. † County served by Central Valley Health Network (CVHN) sub-contractor(s) in FY09.

Top 5 Counties with the highest poverty rates

Top 5 Counties with the highest child poverty rates

Top 4 Counties with the greatest percent Food Insecurity (with and without hunger)

Top 5 Counties with the highest percent of Food Stamp Participants

Top 5 Counties with the worst PAI Score

Top 5 Counties with the greatest percent of the state's population having an income < 130%FPL and not receiving FSP

1 Source: Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2005, <http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/saipa/saipa.cgi>

2 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) 2005. Ask CHIS <http://www.chis.ucla.edu/main/default.asp>. Note: CHIS only asks food insecurity questions if respondents' income is ≤ 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL); so, prevalence only reflects food insecurity among **low-income** adults. Also, CHIS reports combined food insecurity estimates for smaller counties e.g. Del Norte/Siskiyou/Lassen/Trinity/Modoc/Plumas/Sierra, Tehama/Glenn/Colusa, Tuolumne/Calaveras/Amador/Mariposa/Mono/Alpine

3 Number of FSP participants in the county - average of 2007 monthly FSP participant figures. Source: DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Benefit Issuance Report [http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research/DFA256-Foo\\_422.htm](http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research/DFA256-Foo_422.htm). Note: Statewide average is the sum of the county averages; since, for most months data for specific counties is missing making the monthly statewide total incomplete.

4 PAI is included because FSP participation rates (% of eligible people receiving food stamps) are not available at the county level. Source: Abascal (2008) "Measuring County Food Stamp Performance Using the Program Access Index to Analyze California's 58 Counties" <http://www.cfpa.net/foodstamps/PAI%20Final.pdf> "The Program Access Index (PAI) is one of the measures USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) uses to assess states' performance in the administration of the Food Stamp Program. The PAI is simply the ratio of the average number of individuals participating in the Food Stamp Program to the number of individuals income-eligible to participate in each state for a particular calendar year. Because income is the only eligibility measure considered in the index, the PAI can best be seen as a measure of the extent to which low-income people are participating in the Food Stamp Program. While PAI is an incomplete measure, USDA uses PAI to evaluate and reward food stamp performance, notably the high performance bonuses established in the 2002 Farm Bill." CFPA makes two modifications to the methodology employed by USDA: 1) they had to adjust for limited income data for California's smaller counties and 2) they make adjustments to USDA's SSI exclusion step.

Source for Statewide PAI from FSN USDA (Oct. 2007) "Calculating the Food Stamp Program Access Index: A Step-by-Step Guide". <http://www.fns.usda.gov/OANE/menu/Published/FSP/FILES/Other/pai2006.pdf>

5 The percentage of people income eligible (<130%FPL) but not receiving food stamps statewide living in the county.