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	% Total Population in Poverty (2004) ¹	Poverty Rank (1="best" or lowest poverty)	% Children in Poverty (2004) ¹	Child Poverty Rank (1="best" or lowest poverty)	% of Low Income Adults who are Food Insecure (2005) ²	Food Insecurity Rank (1=best)	# FSP participants-2006 monthly average ³	% of all FSP participants in CA	Estimated County-level Program Access Index (PAI) ⁴	PAI Rank (1="best")	Estimated # of People w/ Income < 125%FPL—not receiving SSI or Food Stamps ⁵	% of all People w/ Income < 125%FPL—not receiving SSI or Food Stamps
Alameda*	11.1%	20	14.9%	20	36.3%	35	83,645	4.1%	0.412	18	119,144	2.9%
Alpine	13.2%	28	21.7%	36	23.9%	5	83	0.0%	0.272	39	222	0.0%
Amador	8.8%	10	12.5%	12	23.9%	5	1,190	0.1%	0.328	31	2,440	0.1%
Butte	15.2%	36	21.2%	34	31.3%	27	17,869	0.9%	0.366	25	31,013	0.8%
Calaveras*	9.3%	12	13.2%	15	31.3%	5	1,724	0.1%	0.282	37	4,389	0.1%
Colusa	11.7%	23	16.7%	24	33.3%	31	1,306	0.1%	0.308	34	2,929	0.1%
Contra Costa*	7.8%	5	10.6%	6	30.7%	19	31,676	1.6%	0.301	35	73,445	1.8%
Del Norte	19.2%	47	25.0%	45	25.3%	8	3,974	0.2%	0.609	1	2,554	0.1%
El Dorado	6.9%	3	9.2%	4	24.5%	6	4,318	0.2%	0.249	46	13,005	0.3%
Fresno*	19.8%	48	28.6%	48	37.1%	38	121,424	6.0%	0.553	3	98,047	2.4%
Glenn	14.4%	33	21.1%	33	33.3%	31	2,333	0.1%	0.367	24	4,024	0.1%
Humboldt*	15.4%	37	21.1%	33	34.4%	32	10,641	0.5%	0.425	15	14,377	0.4%
Imperial*	18.5%	46	26.0%	47	29.1%	13	17,275	0.8%	0.438	11	22,146	0.5%
Inyo	10.5%	16	15.3%	21	23.9%	5	970	0.0%	0.325	32	2,015	0.0%
Kern	17.8%	44	24.9%	44	32.1%	28	78,036	3.8%	0.417	17	109,246	2.7%
Kings	17.6%	43	21.6%	35	38.6%	42	13,897	0.7%	0.481	8	15,006	0.4%
Lake*	15.6%	39	22.8%	39	36.3%	37	5,203	0.3%	0.334	29	10,387	0.3%
Lassen	15.7%	40	17.2%	26	25.3%	8	2,134	0.1%	0.480	9	2,307	0.1%
Los Angeles*	16.7%	41	23.9%	43	27.9%	12	641,315	31.5%	0.308	34	1,440,792	35.4%
Madera	17.9%	45	25.1%	46	30.1%	18	14,345	0.7%	0.545	4	11,967	0.3%
Marin	7.0%	4	8.4%	3	32.9%	30	4,436	0.2%	0.250	45	13,336	0.3%
Mariposa	11.0%	19	16.2%	22	23.9%	5	837	0.0%	0.240	47	2,655	0.1%
Mendocino	14.4%	33	21.9%	37	18.4%	2	7,496	0.4%	0.380	21	12,217	0.3%
Merced†	17.0%	42	23.3%	40	37.3%	39	30,197	1.5%	0.555	2	24,209	0.6%
Modoc	15.5%	38	23.7%	42	25.3%	8	791	0.0%	0.331	30	1,597	0.0%
Mono	8.2%	7	11.4%	9	23.9%	5	221	0.0%	0.115	55	1,705	0.0%
Monterey	12.9%	27	18.5%	29	31.5%	26	17,865	0.9%	0.257	42	51,695	1.3%
Napa	7.8%	5	10.7%	7	38.4%	41	2,758	0.1%	0.213	51	10,170	0.3%
Nevada*	7.9%	6	11.4%	9	32.2%	23	2,370	0.1%	0.252	44	7,017	0.2%
Orange*	10.2%	14	14.2%	17	30.9%	21	80,538	4.0%	0.226	49	276,566	6.8%
Placer	5.6%	1	7.8%	1	14.0%	1	6,265	0.3%	0.266	41	17,322	0.4%
Plumas	9.8%	13	14.6%	18	25.3%	8	631	0.0%	0.186	52	2,759	0.1%
Riverside	11.9%	24	16.7%	24	31.0%	25	81,771	4.0%	0.275	38	215,375	5.3%
Sacramento*	13.6%	30	18.9%	31	29.6%	15	117,460	5.8%	0.523	5	106,958	2.6%
San Benito*	8.8%	10	12.1%	11	29.4%	17	3,037	0.1%	0.431	13	4,007	0.1%
San Bernardino†	15.4%	37	21.1%	33	29.6%	16	137,452	6.8%	0.356	26	248,316	6.1%
San Diego*	10.9%	18	14.7%	19	29.5%	15	86,740	4.3%	0.214	50	319,055	7.8%
San Francisco*	11.6%	22	17.0%	25	27.8%	11	31,765	1.6%	0.269	40	86,434	2.1%
San Joaquin	14.0%	31	18.9%	31	30.0%	18	54,367	2.7%	0.455	10	65,171	1.6%
San Luis Obispo*	10.4%	15	12.9%	13	32.6%	29	7,141	0.4%	0.169	53	35,203	0.9%
San Mateo*	6.6%	2	8.3%	2	28.9%	14	8,771	0.4%	0.125	54	61,451	1.5%
Santa Barbara	12.5%	26	17.3%	27	36.4%	36	18,505	0.9%	0.269	40	50,161	1.2%
Santa Clara*	8.4%	8	10.5%	5	31.0%	22	60,840	3.0%	0.337	28	119,468	2.9%

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Santa Cruz*	10.8%	17	14.7%	19	34.7%	33	11,073	0.5%	0.340	27	21,471	0.5%
Shasta	13.4%	29	20.1%	32	31.2%	24	13,299	0.7%	0.409	19	19,240	0.5%
Sierra	9.1%	11	13.0%	14	25.3%	8	168	0.0%	0.321	33	355	0.0%
Siskiyou	15.1%	35	23.5%	41	25.3%	8	3,904	0.2%	0.368	23	6,713	0.2%
Solano*	8.7%	9	11.6%	10	23.2%	4	19,343	1.0%	0.428	14	25,803	0.6%
Sonoma*	8.4%	8	11.0%	8	26.7%	10	13,211	0.6%	0.239	48	42,178	1.0%
Stanislaus	13.6%	30	18.8%	30	30.6%	20	39,345	1.9%	0.434	12	51,283	1.3%
Sutter	12.1%	25	17.5%	28	38.2%	40	5,837	0.3%	0.403	20	8,654	0.2%
Tehama	14.5%	34	21.7%	36	33.3%	31	5,256	0.3%	0.419	16	7,275	0.2%
Trinity	14.2%	32	21.7%	36	25.3%	8	1,016	0.0%	0.334	29	2,029	0.0%
Tulare	20.9%	49	29.7%	49	36.0%	34	59,285	2.9%	0.494	7	60,768	1.5%
Tuolumne	11.6%	22	16.5%	23	23.9%	5	2,928	0.1%	0.374	22	4,897	0.1%
Ventura	9.3%	12	13.0%	14	24.8%	7	28,022	1.4%	0.284	36	70,500	1.7%
Yolo	11.2%	21	13.3%	16	26.3%	9	8,900	0.4%	0.256	43	25,888	0.6%
Yuba	15.6%	39	22.1%	38	21.9%	3	8,099	0.4%	0.518	6	7,550	0.2%
Statewide	13.2%	N/A	18.7%	N/A	30.0%	N/A	2,035,295	N/A	0.328	N/A	4,066,904	N/A

* County served by California Association Food Bank (CAFB) Food Stamp Outreach sub-contractor(s) in FFY08. † County served by Central Valley Health Network (CVHN) sub-contractor(s) in FY08.

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 < 125%FPL and not receiving FSP or SSI.

1 Source: Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2004, <http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/saiper/saiper.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 2006 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. 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 The Program Access Index (PAI) is "one of the measures the Food and Nutrition Service uses to reward States for high performance in the administration of the Food Stamp Program. The PAI is designed to indicate the degree to which low-income people have access to food stamp benefits. The PAI is not, strictly speaking, a measure of participation among people eligible for benefits. For most purposes, the participation rate among people eligible for benefits is a better measure of program performance." FNS (2006) "Calculating the Food Stamp Program Access Index: A Step-by-Step Guide." <http://www.fns.usda.gov/oane/MENU/Published/FSP/FILES/Other/Pal2005.pdf> This poverty-based measure is less precise but more readily calculated than USDA's FSP participation rate. Note: USDA's method for calculating state's PAI is applied here to the **county level** with one exception Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) figures are not factored into the index because not available on a per county basis. The index is the average number of FSP participants in FY06 as a ratio of number of individuals below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) excluding individuals < 125% receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) who are ineligible for federal food stamps in CA, as estimated using a statewide average. Source for FSP participation DSS DFA256 report http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research/DFA256-Foo_422.htm. County estimates of the number of persons with incomes < 125%FPL from two sources 1) for counties with population greater than 65,000 persons data available from American Communities Survey (2005) and 2) for smaller counties with a population less than 65,000 most recent available data from 2000 U.S. Census <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/> and <http://www.census.gov/> respectively

5 Estimate based on Number of FSP participants in county (col #7) and county's PAI (col #9) e.g. (col #7/col #9)*(1-col#9). This estimate is included to indicate the potential scale of unmet need in the county; however, the figure is not an accurate estimate of the number of people eligible for food stamps but not participating. This figure would require a county-level Food Stamp Program participation rate which is not available.