

## **Educational Attainment: Variation by County**

Percentage of People Age 25 or Older Without a High School Diploma, 2008-2012

The share of Californians age 25 or older who did not have a high school degree was **19.0 percent** in the years 2008 to 2012, but there were significant differences across California counties. Nevada County had the lowest share (5.0 percent), while Imperial County had the highest (36.2 percent).

| COUNTY       | PERCENT SHARE<br>WITHOUT A HIGH<br>SCHOOL DEGREE | PERCENT<br>MARGIN<br>OF ERROR |
|--------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Alameda      | 13.8%  | +/-0.3                        |
| Alpine       | 8.9%   | +/-4.1                        |
| Amador       | 12.5%  | +/-1.1                        |
| Butte        | 13.3%  | +/-0.7                        |
| Calaveras    | 7.2%   | +/-1.0                        |
| Colusa       | 30.5%  | +/-2.4                        |
| Contra Costa | 11.4%  | +/-0.3                        |
| Del Norte    | 21.1%  | +/-2.1                        |
| El Dorado    | 6.9%   | +/-0.6                        |
| Fresno       | 27.2%  | +/-0.5                        |
| Glenn        | 26.5%  | +/-2.2                        |
| Humboldt     | 9.7%   | +/-0.8                        |
| Imperial     | 36.2%  | +/-1.2                        |
| Inyo         | 11.4%  | +/-1.9                        |
| Kern         | 28.4%  | +/-0.6                        |
| Kings        | 28.7%  | +/-1.1                        |
| Lake         | 13.1%  | +/-1.4                        |
| Lassen       | 20.1%  | +/-1.8                        |
| Los Angeles  | 23.6%  | +/-0.1                        |
| Madera       | 32.0%  | +/-1.4                        |
| Marin        | 7.9%   | +/-0.6                        |
| Mariposa     | 10.6%  | +/-2.4                        |
| Mendocino    | 15.0%  | +/-1.2                        |
| Merced       | 33.4%  | +/-1.1                        |
| Modoc        | 14.9%  | +/-2.8                        |
| Mono         | 13.7%  | +/-3.3                        |
| Monterey     | 29.6%  | +/-0.7                        |
| Napa         | 17.4%  | +/-1.1                        |
| Nevada       | 5.0%   | +/-0.6                        |

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|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Orange          | 16.4%  | +/-0.2                        |
| Placer          | 6.4%   | +/-0.4                        |
| Plumas          | 9.8%   | +/-2.1                        |
| Riverside       | 20.8%  | +/-0.3                        |
| Sacramento      | 14.4%  | +/-0.4                        |
| San Benito      | 24.4%  | +/-2.1                        |
| San Bernardino  | 22.0%  | +/-0.3                        |
| San Diego       | 14.6%  | +/-0.2                        |
| San Francisco   | 14.1%  | +/-0.4                        |
| San Joaquin     | 23.2%  | +/-0.6                        |
| San Luis Obispo | 10.5%  | +/-0.6                        |
| San Mateo       | 11.7%  | +/-0.4                        |
| Santa Barbara   | 20.3%  | +/-0.6                        |
| Santa Clara     | 13.5%  | +/-0.3                        |
| Santa Cruz      | 15.1%  | +/-0.7                        |
| Shasta          | 11.9%  | +/-0.7                        |
| Sierra          | 9.8%   | +/-3.7                        |
| Siskiyou        | 11.3%  | +/-1.1                        |
| Solano          | 13.3%  | +/-0.5                        |
| Sonoma          | 13.3%  | +/-0.5                        |
| Stanislaus      | 24.0%  | +/-0.6                        |
| Sutter          | 22.1%  | +/-1.3                        |
| Tehama          | 19.7%  | +/-1.5                        |
| Trinity         | 8.7%   | +/-1.7                        |
| Tulare          | 31.9%  | +/-0.8                        |
| Tuolumne        | 11.6%  | +/-1.2                        |
| Ventura         | 17.3%  | +/-0.5                        |
| Yolo            | 15.8%  | +/-0.8                        |
| Yuba            | 21.6%  | +/-1.7                        |



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Note: Five years of data are used to produce more accurate estimates at the county level.

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