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## CalFresh Reduces Hunger in Every Congressional District in California, but Could Face Deep Federal Cuts

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – known as CalFresh in California – will provide food assistance to an estimated 4 million Californians on average each month during the 2017-18 state fiscal year. The percentage of Californians receiving CalFresh varies across the state’s 53 House districts but is especially high in the San Joaquin Valley. For example, an estimated 1 in 4 people will receive CalFresh benefits in both the 21st District (R-Vallejo) and the 16th District (D-Costa) (see Map 1 on page 3). In contrast, the share of residents receiving CalFresh benefits is smaller in higher-income, coastal districts such as the 33rd District (D-Lieu), where just 2 out of every 100 individuals are enrolled in CalFresh (see Map 2 on page 4).

The Farm Bill authorizes funding for SNAP and other food and agriculture programs and will expire later this year. Federal reauthorization of the Farm Bill presents an opportunity to expand SNAP’s powerful and cost-effective anti-poverty effects. However, Republican leaders in Congress have set a goal of substantially scaling back federal support for SNAP. Moreover, President Trump’s proposed budget for federal fiscal year 2019 – which begins on October 1 – would cut SNAP funding by nearly 30% over the next 10 years by restructuring the program and limiting benefits and eligibility. Cuts of this magnitude would increase hunger among children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.

### Every Month 4 Million Californians Benefit From CalFresh

District	Representative	Party	Estimated Average Monthly Number of CalFresh Participants, 2017-18*	CalFresh Participants as a Share of the Population	Rank (Highest to Lowest Percentage)	Estimated CalFresh Benefits, 2017-18**
<b>California</b>			<b>4,031,000</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$6,585,350,000</b>
1	LaMalfa, Doug	R	85,000	12.1%	19	\$138,840,000
2	Huffman, Jared	D	55,000	7.7%	37	\$90,670,000
3	Garamendi, John	D	81,000	10.9%	21	\$131,900,000
4	McClintock, Tom	R	49,000	6.7%	40	\$80,220,000
5	Thompson, Mike	D	56,000	7.6%	38	\$91,830,000
6	Matsui, Doris O.	D	132,000	17.3%	6	\$215,630,000
7	Bera, Ami	D	69,000	9.4%	26	\$113,370,000
8	Cook, Paul	R	168,000	23.2%	3	\$274,090,000
9	McNerney, Jerry	D	116,000	15.2%	8	\$189,280,000
10	Denham, Jeff	R	91,000	12.3%	18	\$149,280,000
11	DeSaulnier, Mark	D	44,000	5.8%	41	\$71,080,000
12	Pelosi, Nancy	D	42,000	5.6%	43	\$69,400,000
13	Lee, Barbara	D	72,000	9.5%	25	\$117,600,000
14	Speier, Jackie	D	26,000	3.5%	50	\$43,050,000

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15	Swalwell, Eric	D	40,000	5.3%	44	\$66,070,000
16	Costa, Jim	D	182,000	25.0%	2	\$298,060,000
17	Khanna, Ro	D	23,000	3.0%	52	\$38,280,000
18	Eshoo, Anna G.	D	24,000	3.3%	51	\$39,370,000
19	Lofgren, Zoe	D	57,000	7.4%	39	\$92,690,000
20	Panetta, Jimmy	D	78,000	10.4%	22	\$126,840,000
21	Valadao, David	R	183,000	25.2%	1	\$298,630,000
22	Nunes, Devin	R	112,000	14.8%	9	\$183,060,000
23	McCarthy, Kevin	R	107,000	14.7%	10	\$174,530,000
24	Carbajal, Salud	D	59,000	8.0%	34	\$96,730,000
25	Knight, Steve	R	65,000	8.9%	27	\$106,450,000
26	Brownley, Julia	D	59,000	8.2%	32	\$97,110,000
27	Chu, Judy	D	60,000	8.3%	31	\$97,790,000
28	Schiff, Adam	D	62,000	8.8%	28	\$102,070,000
29	Cárdenas, Tony	D	76,000	10.4%	23	\$123,690,000
30	Sherman, Brad	D	43,000	5.6%	42	\$70,060,000
31	Aguilar, Pete	D	102,000	13.8%	12	\$167,250,000
32	Napolitano, Grace	D	63,000	8.7%	30	\$102,720,000
33	Lieu, Ted	D	15,000	2.1%	53	\$24,750,000
34	Gomez, Jimmy	D	96,000	12.6%	17	\$156,650,000
35	Torres, Norma	D	100,000	13.4%	13	\$163,210,000
36	Ruiz, Raul	D	107,000	14.2%	11	\$174,400,000
37	Bass, Karen	D	93,000	12.8%	15	\$152,460,000
38	Sánchez, Linda	D	55,000	7.8%	35	\$90,390,000
39	Royce, Ed	R	37,000	5.1%	45	\$61,090,000
40	Roybal-Allard, Lucille	D	122,000	16.9%	7	\$199,940,000
41	Takano, Mark	D	92,000	12.1%	20	\$149,940,000
42	Calvert, Ken	R	69,000	8.7%	29	\$113,370,000
43	Waters, Maxine	D	92,000	12.7%	16	\$149,930,000
44	Barragán, Nanette	D	128,000	17.7%	4	\$209,700,000
45	Walters, Mimi	R	31,000	3.9%	48	\$49,830,000
46	Correa, J. Louis	D	95,000	12.9%	14	\$155,570,000
47	Lowenthal, Alan	D	74,000	10.3%	24	\$120,780,000
48	Rohrabacher, Dana	R	31,000	4.2%	46	\$50,370,000
49	Issa, Darrell	R	29,000	4.0%	47	\$48,180,000
50	Hunter, Duncan D.	R	61,000	8.1%	33	\$99,870,000
51	Vargas, Juan	D	130,000	17.4%	5	\$211,910,000
52	Peters, Scott	D	29,000	3.9%	49	\$47,720,000
53	Davis, Susan	D	60,000	7.8%	36	\$97,630,000

\*Estimates are based on zip-code-level data of CalFresh recipients in June 2017 and assume a 3.3% decrease in caseload from the 2016-17 state fiscal year. Figures are rounded to the nearest 1,000. District estimates do not sum to total due to rounding.

\*\* Estimates are based on CalFresh benefits provided during the first five months of the 2017-18 fiscal year. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10,000. District estimates do not sum to total due to rounding.

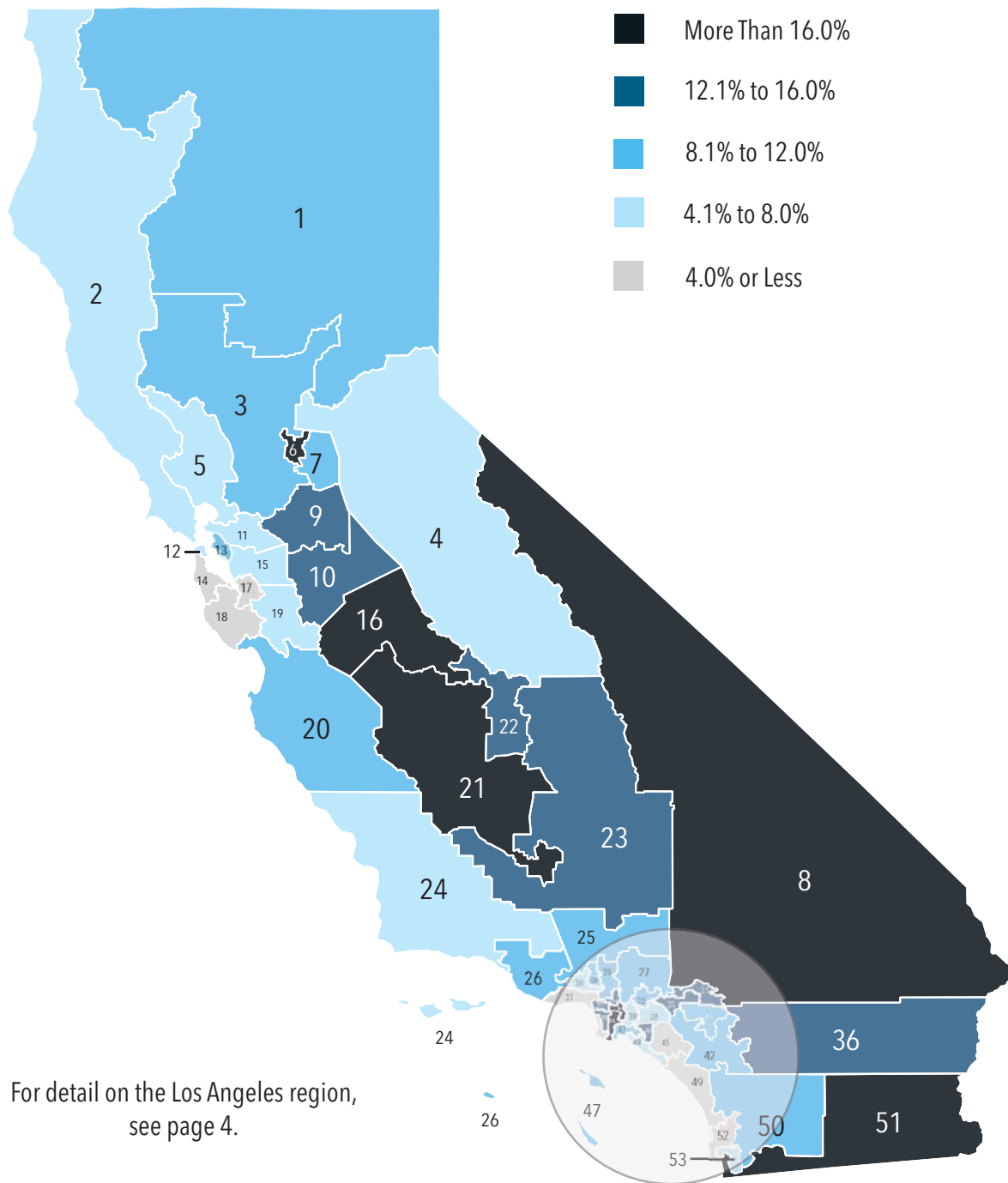
Note: Data are for individuals receiving federal SNAP benefits and do not reflect individuals receiving state-funded assistance through the California Food Assistance Program.

Source: Budget Center analysis of data from the Department of Social Services and the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

MAP 1

## The Percentage of the Population Receiving CalFresh Is High in Many Congressional Districts

Estimated CalFresh Participation as a Share of the Population, 2017-18



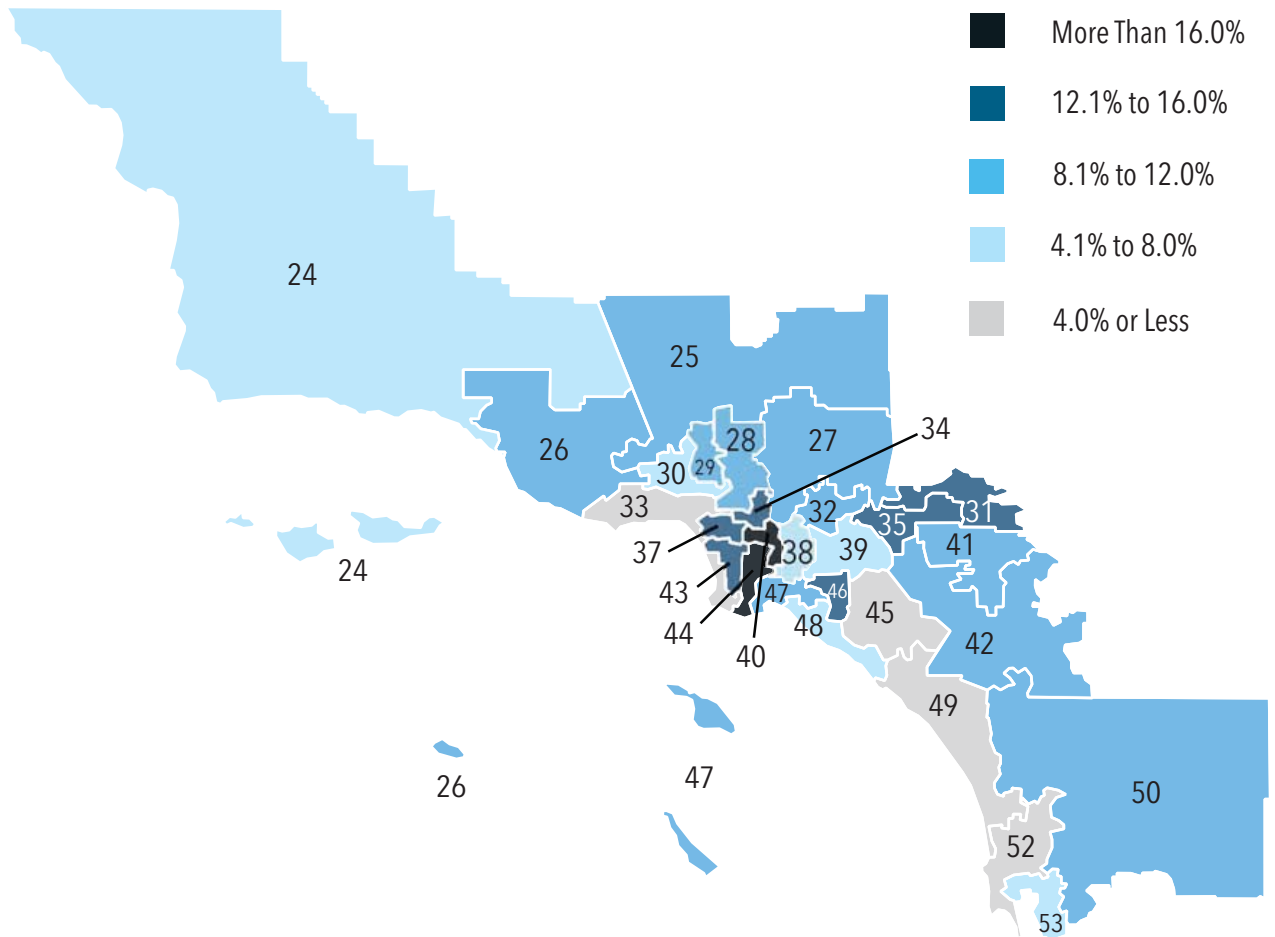
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MAP 2

## The Percentage of the Population Receiving CalFresh Is High in Many Congressional Districts (Los Angeles Region)

Estimated CalFresh Participation as a Share of the Population, 2017-18



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