

Poverty Varies Significantly Across California Counties

Percentage of People With Incomes Below the Federal Poverty Line, 2008-2012

California's overall poverty rate masks significant differences in poverty across California counties. In the years 2008 through 2012, during which the state poverty rate averaged 15.3 percent, county poverty rates ranged from a low of 7.4 percent in San Mateo County to a high of 24.8 percent in Fresno County and Tulare County.

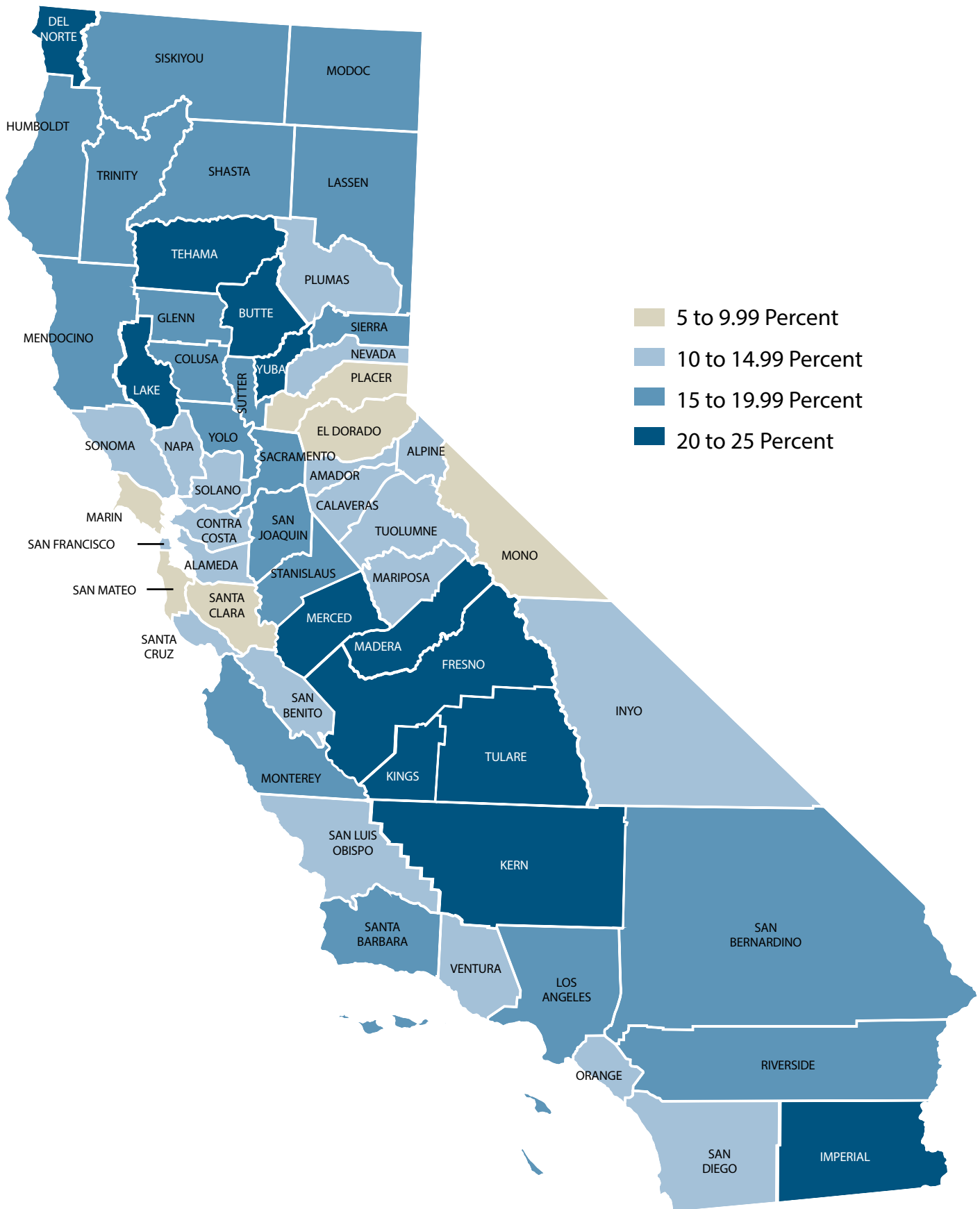
COUNTY	PERCENT SHARE OF TOTAL POPULATION IN POVERTY	PERCENT MARGIN OF ERROR	COUNTY	PERCENT SHARE OF TOTAL POPULATION IN POVERTY	PERCENT MARGIN OF ERROR
Alameda	12.0%	+/-0.3	Orange	11.7%	+/-0.3
Alpine	13.7%	+/-6.3	Placer	8.4%	+/-0.7
Amador	10.5%	+/-1.7	Plumas	13.9%	+/-2.2
Butte	20.6%	+/-1.2	Riverside	15.6%	+/-0.4
Calaveras	10.4%	+/-2.1	Sacramento	16.5%	+/-0.4
Colusa	15.2%	+/-2.9	San Benito	12.7%	+/-2.1
Contra Costa	10.2%	+/-0.4	San Bernardino	17.6%	+/-0.4
Del Norte	21.5%	+/-2.6	San Diego	13.9%	+/-0.3
El Dorado	8.1%	+/-0.8	San Francisco	13.2%	+/-0.4
Fresno	24.8%	+/-0.6	San Joaquin	17.5%	+/-0.6
Glenn	19.5%	+/-2.6	San Luis Obispo	13.7%	+/-0.8
Humboldt	19.7%	+/-1.3	San Mateo	7.4%	+/-0.4
Imperial	23.0%	+/-1.3	Santa Barbara	15.3%	+/-0.7
Inyo	11.3%	+/-2.0	Santa Clara	9.7%	+/-0.3
Kern	22.5%	+/-0.6	Santa Cruz	14.4%	+/-0.9
Kings	20.7%	+/-1.5	Shasta	17.6%	+/-1.1
Lake	23.7%	+/-2.4	Sierra	16.8%	+/-5.1
Lassen	15.4%	+/-2.9	Siskiyou	19.6%	+/-1.5
Los Angeles	17.1%	+/-0.1	Solano	11.9%	+/-0.6
Madera	21.1%	+/-1.4	Sonoma	11.5%	+/-0.6
Marin	7.5%	+/-0.6	Stanislaus	19.2%	+/-0.8
Mariposa	14.7%	+/-3.3	Sutter	17.0%	+/-1.6
Mendocino	19.4%	+/-1.8	Tehama	20.3%	+/-1.9
Merced	24.6%	+/-1.2	Trinity	17.7%	+/-4.3
Modoc	19.9%	+/-4.0	Tulare	24.8%	+/-0.9
Mono	9.5%	+/-3.6	Tuolumne	13.1%	+/-1.9
Monterey	16.1%	+/-0.9	Ventura	10.3%	+/-0.5
Napa	10.0%	+/-1.0	Yolo	18.7%	+/-1.1
Nevada	11.6%	+/-1.2	Yuba	20.6%	+/-2.1

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