

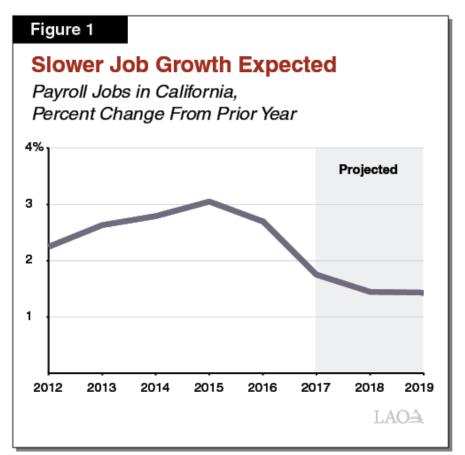
# The California Perspective: Major Budget and Policy Shifts

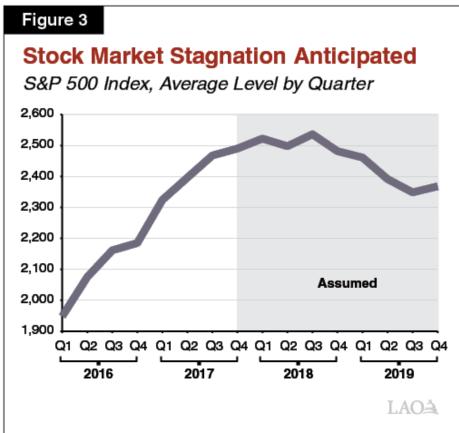
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## Current and near-term economic conditions in California

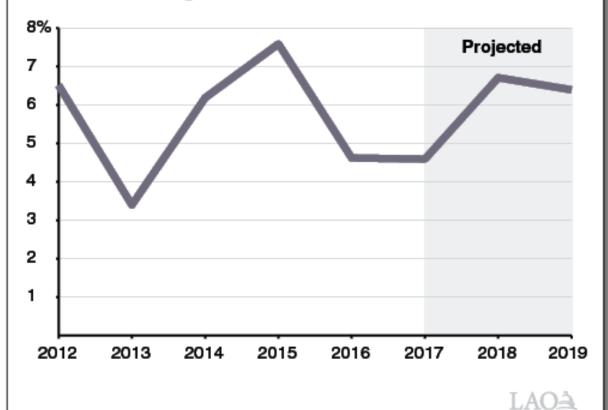




#### Figure 2

#### **Healthy Wage and Salary Growth Likely**

California Wages and Salaries, Percent Change From Prior Year

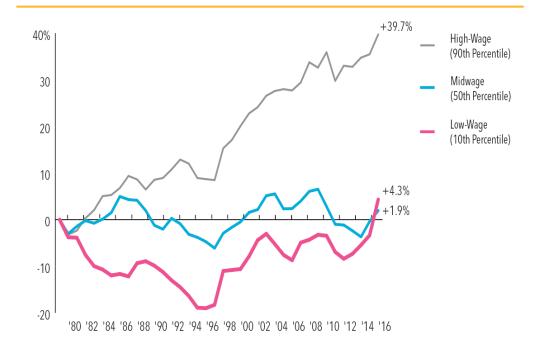


#### **Data Hit**

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#### Modest Gains for California's Low- and Midwage Workers

Percent Change in Inflation-Adjusted Hourly Wages for Workers Ages 18 to 64 Since 1979



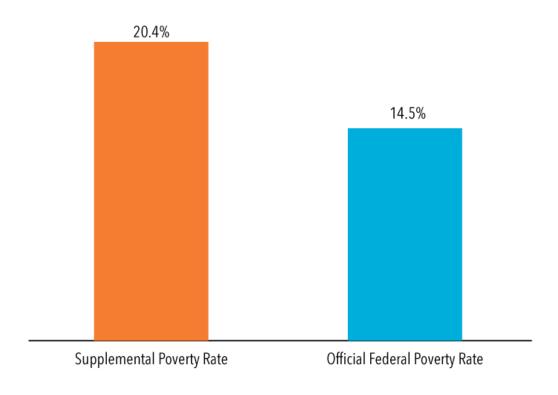
- Earnings for low- and midwage workers have generally declined or stagnated for decades. In 2016, earnings for the lowest-paid workers surpassed their 1979 level for the first time in 37 years.
- This pay bump is largely due to the rising state minimum wage.
  California increased the minimum wage from \$8 to \$10 per hour between 2014 and 2016.
- Policy choices can help can ensure that all workers along the income spectrum are better able to achieve economic security. Beginning January 1, 2018, the state's minimum wage increased to \$11 per hour and will rise annually until reaching \$15 per hour, boosting hourly pay for low-wage workers. At the same time, additional policies are needed to promote economic security for low- and midwage workers.

Source: Economic Policy Institute analysis of US Census Bureau, Current Population Survey data

California has the highest poverty rate in the nation when we account for the costs of basic needs.

## California's Poverty Rate Is Higher Under a More Accurate Measure of Hardship

Supplemental Poverty Rate and Official Federal Poverty Rate, 2014-2016





#### **Official Poverty Measure**

 Poverty threshold based on 1960s food expenditures



#### **Supplemental Poverty Measure**

 Poverty threshold based on current spending on basic needs









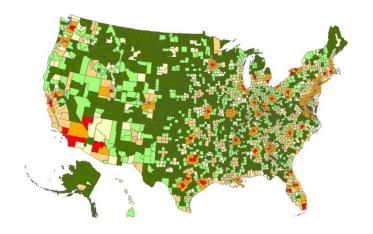
#### **Official Poverty Measure**

Same threshold for all parts of the country

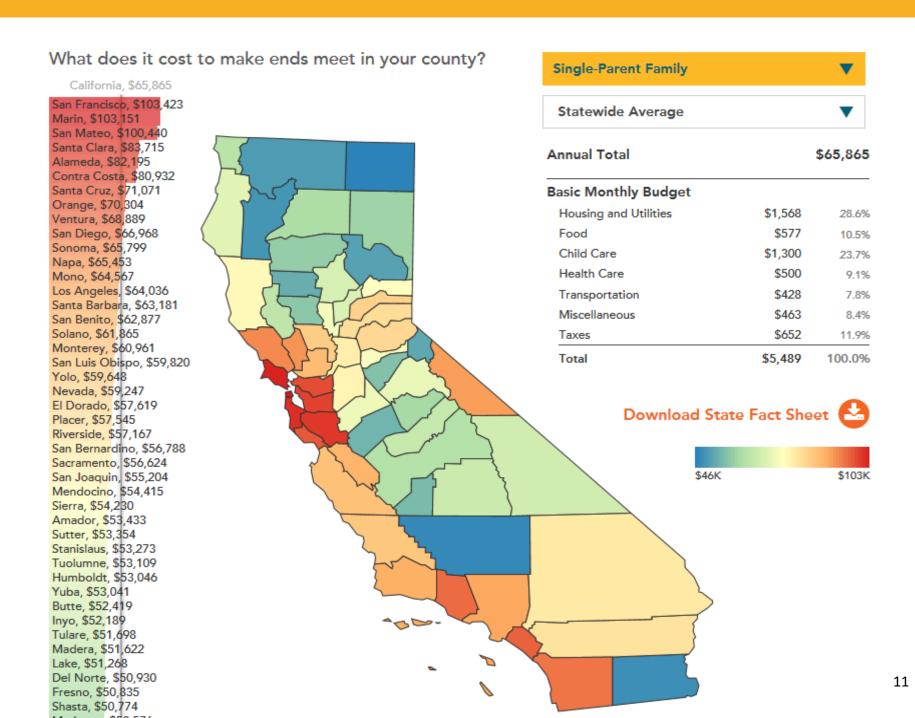


#### **Supplemental Poverty Measure**

 Threshold adjusted for cost of living in different areas

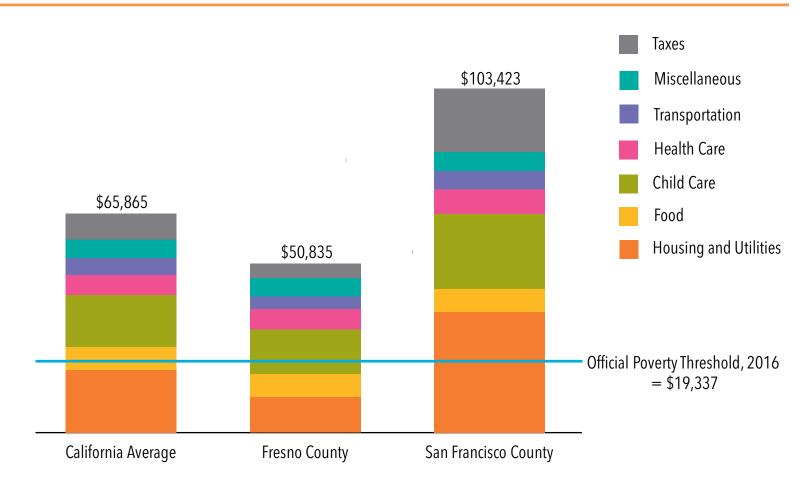


## What does it really cost to make ends meet in California?



## Official Poverty Thresholds Are Much Lower Than the Basic Cost of Living for Families in California

Annual Basic Family Budget for a Single-Parent Family With Two Children, 2017

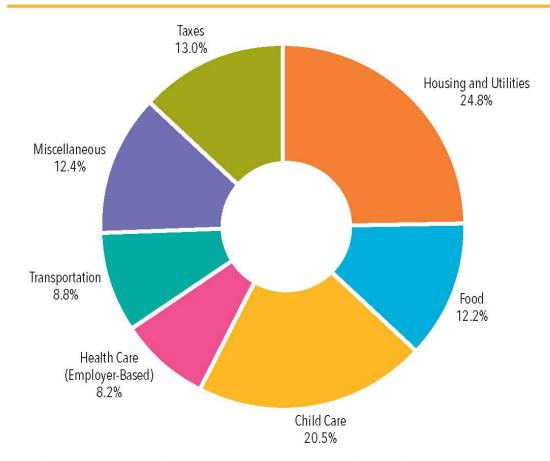


Note: Assumes one preschool-age and one school-age child and a single parent working full-time. Source: Budget Center Making Ends Meet 2017 analysis and US Census Bureau



#### Two-Working-Parent Family Budget

Statewide Average Annual Total = \$75,952



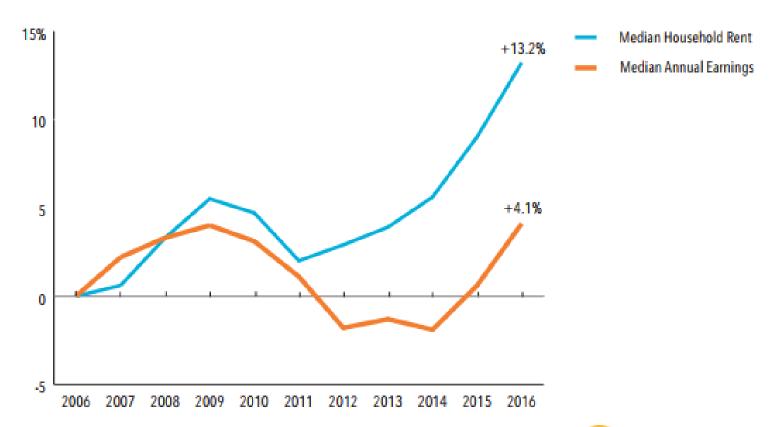
Note: Statewide average family budget calculated by averaging all county family budgets, weighted by county population.

Source: Budget Center Making Ends Meet 2017 analysis



### Workers' Earnings Have Not Kept Pace With Rents in California

Percent Change in Inflation-Adjusted Median Rent and Median Annual Earnings Since 2006



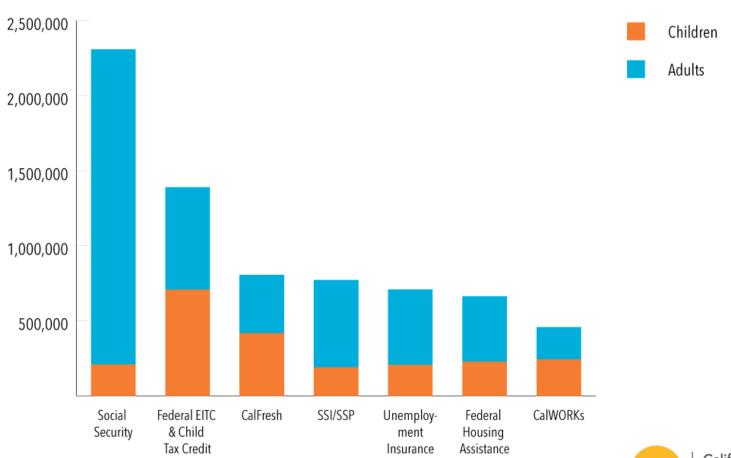
Note: Median annual earnings for individuals working at least 35 hours per week and 50 weeks per year. Excludes workers with \$0 or negative total earnings.

Source: Budget Center analysis of US Census Bureau, American Community Survey data



### Public Supports Lift Many Californians Out of Poverty Each Year

Average Annual Number of People Lifted Above the Poverty Line Between 2009 and 2012



Note: This analysis is based on the US Census Bureau's Supplemental Poverty Measure after correcting for underreported public supports using administrative data.

Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities



In recent years, California policies have sought to invest in broadening economic growth.

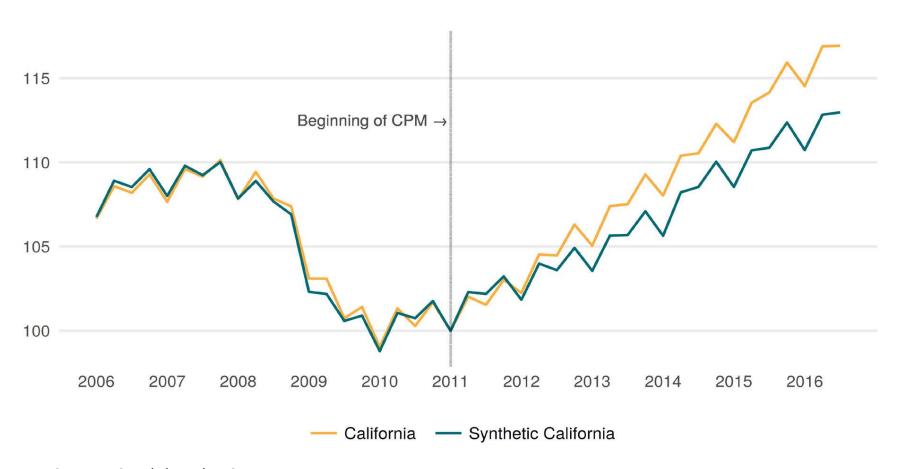
#### California Policies Enacted 2011-16

#### Policies by Category and Year Enacted



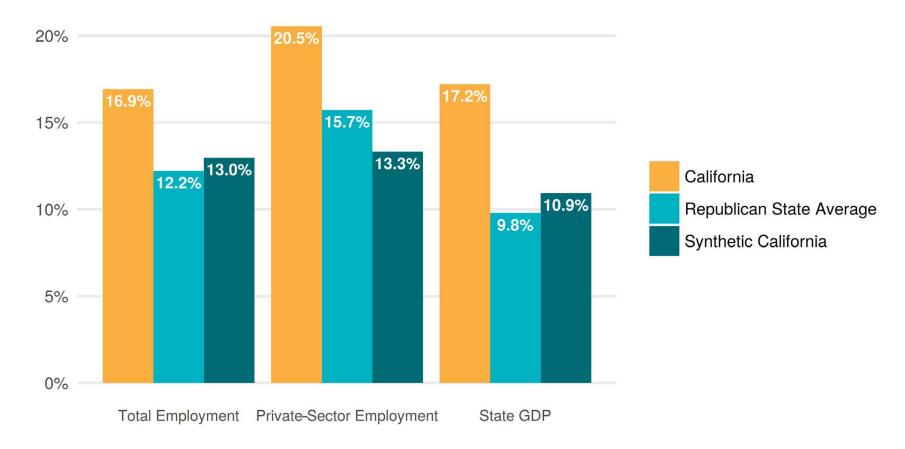
#### Total Employment Growth

#### Indexed to 100 as of 2011



Source: UC Berkeley Labor Center

## Employment and GDP Growth 2011-2016



Source: UC Berkeley Labor Center

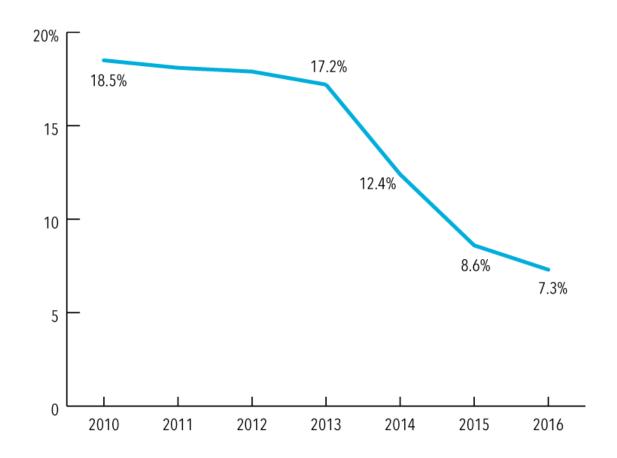
Federal budget and tax policies create uncertainty, threaten California's progress, and target the most vulnerable.

## Federal Budget Cuts Outlined in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate Budget Resolutions for Fiscal year 2018

Programs	Congressional Budget Resolution
Medicaid	\$1.3 trillion
Medicare	\$473 billion
Other "income security" programs (entitlement)	\$653 billion
Non-Defense Discretionary Programs	\$800 billion

## The Share of Californians Without Health Care Coverage Has Dropped by More Than Half Since 2013

California Fully Implemented Federal Health Care Reform in January 2014



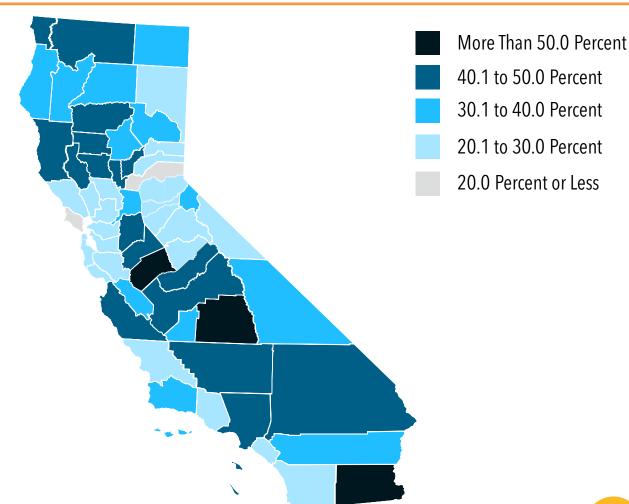
Note: Estimates are based on survey respondents' health care coverage status at the time of the interview.

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey



## The Share of Residents Enrolled in Medi-Cal Exceeds 40 Percent in 20 Out of 58 Counties

Medi-Cal Enrollees as a Percentage of the Population, January 2016

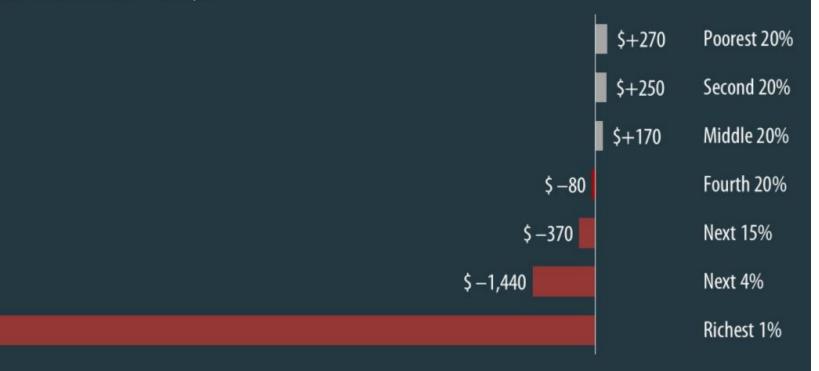




## Richest California Taxpayers Receive the Largest Average Tax Cuts under the Final GOP-Trump Tax Bill in 2027, Lower-Income Groups Face Tax Hikes

Includes Impact of ACA Individual Mandate Repeal

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How will California respond and what does all of this mean for the Proposed 2018-19 California Budget?



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