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California's SSI/SSP Grants: How Do They Stack Up?

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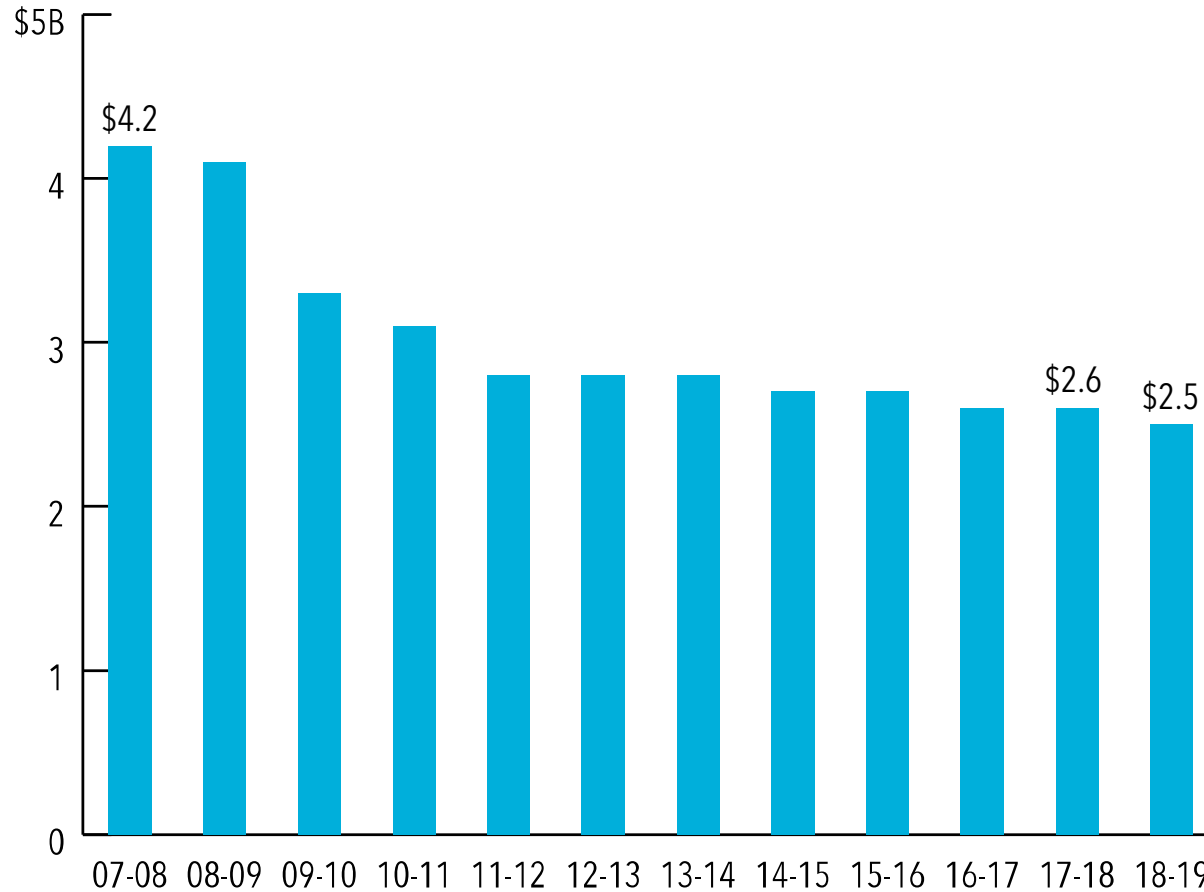
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Due to Budget Cuts, State Spending for SSI/SSP Grants Is About 40% Below the 2007-08 Level

General Fund Expenditures in Billions, Inflation-Adjusted



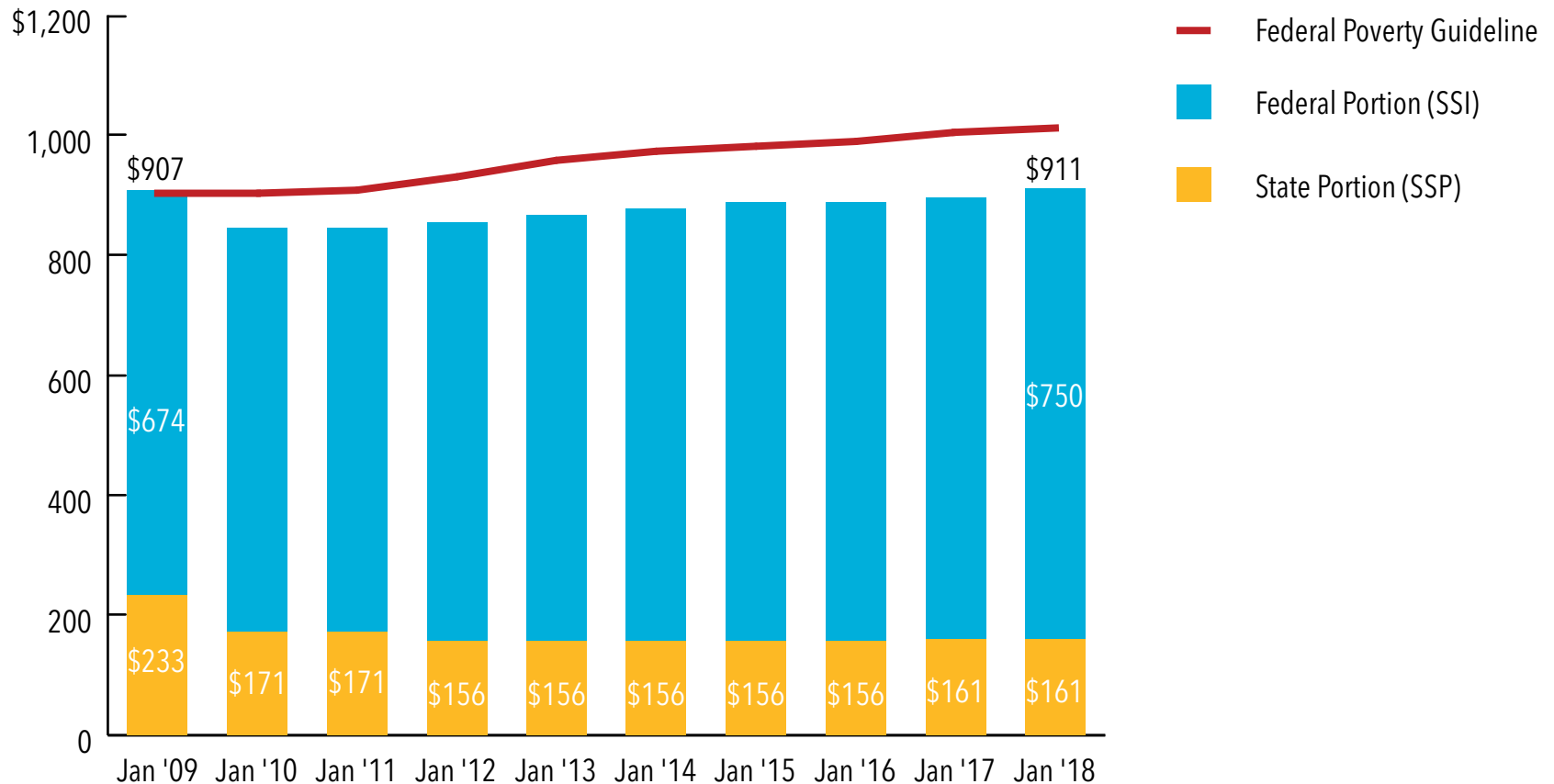
Note: Figures are in 2018-19 dollars. All figures are estimates except for 2018-19, which reflects the Governor's proposed expenditure level.

Source: Department of Social Services



Due to State Cuts, SSI/SSP Grants Are Only \$4 Per Month Higher Than in 2009 and Remain Below the Poverty Line

Maximum Monthly Grant for Individuals Age 65 or Older or Who Have a Disability

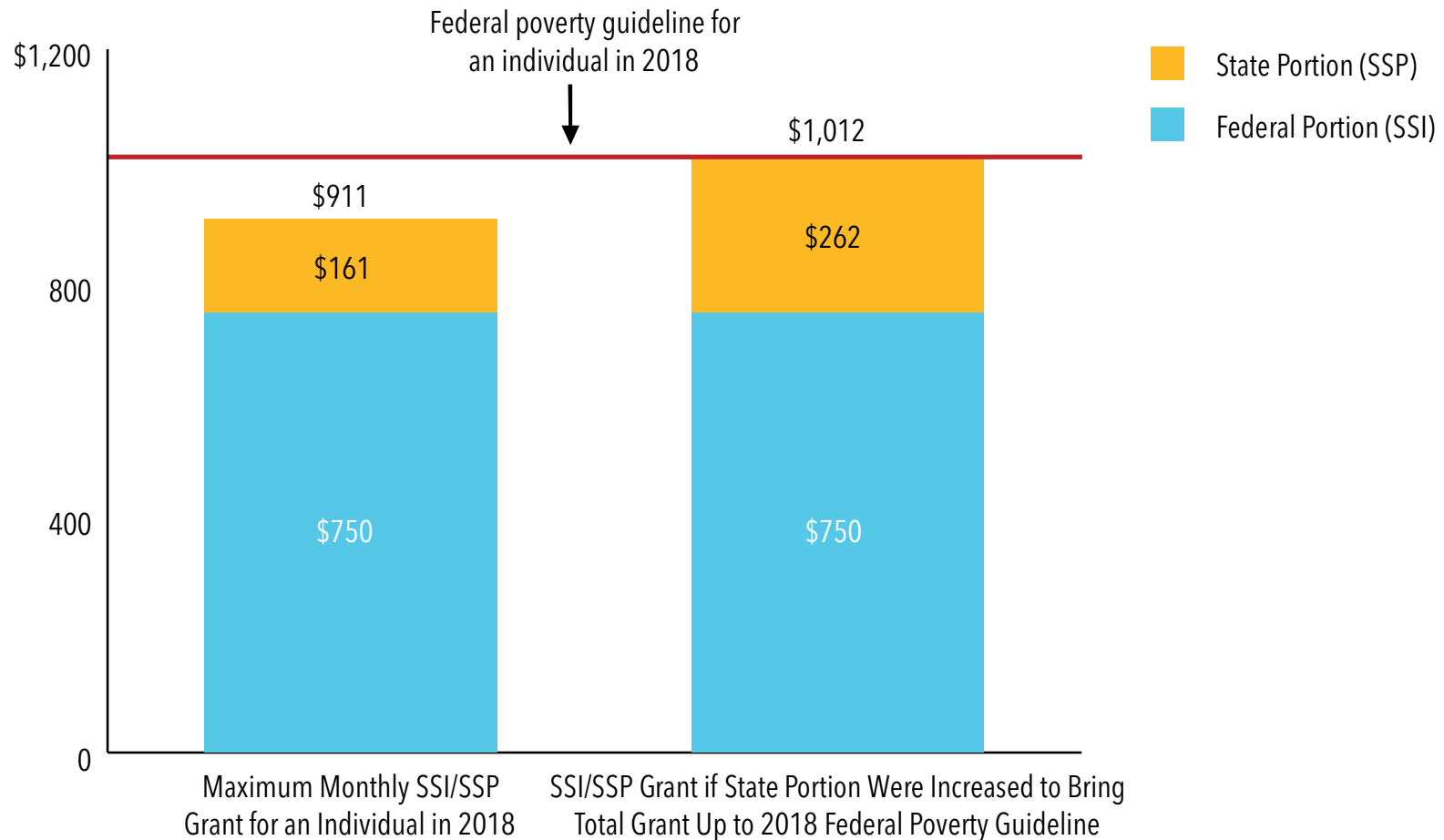


Note: The federal cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for the SSI portion of the grant is projected to be 2.6% (\$20 per month) effective January 1, 2019. The Governor's proposed 2018-19 budget does not include a state COLA for the SSP portion of the grant in 2019.

Source: Department of Social Services and US Department of Health and Human Services



SSP Grants Would Have to Rise by Over \$100 Per Month to Bring the Total SSI/SSP Grant Up to the Poverty Line

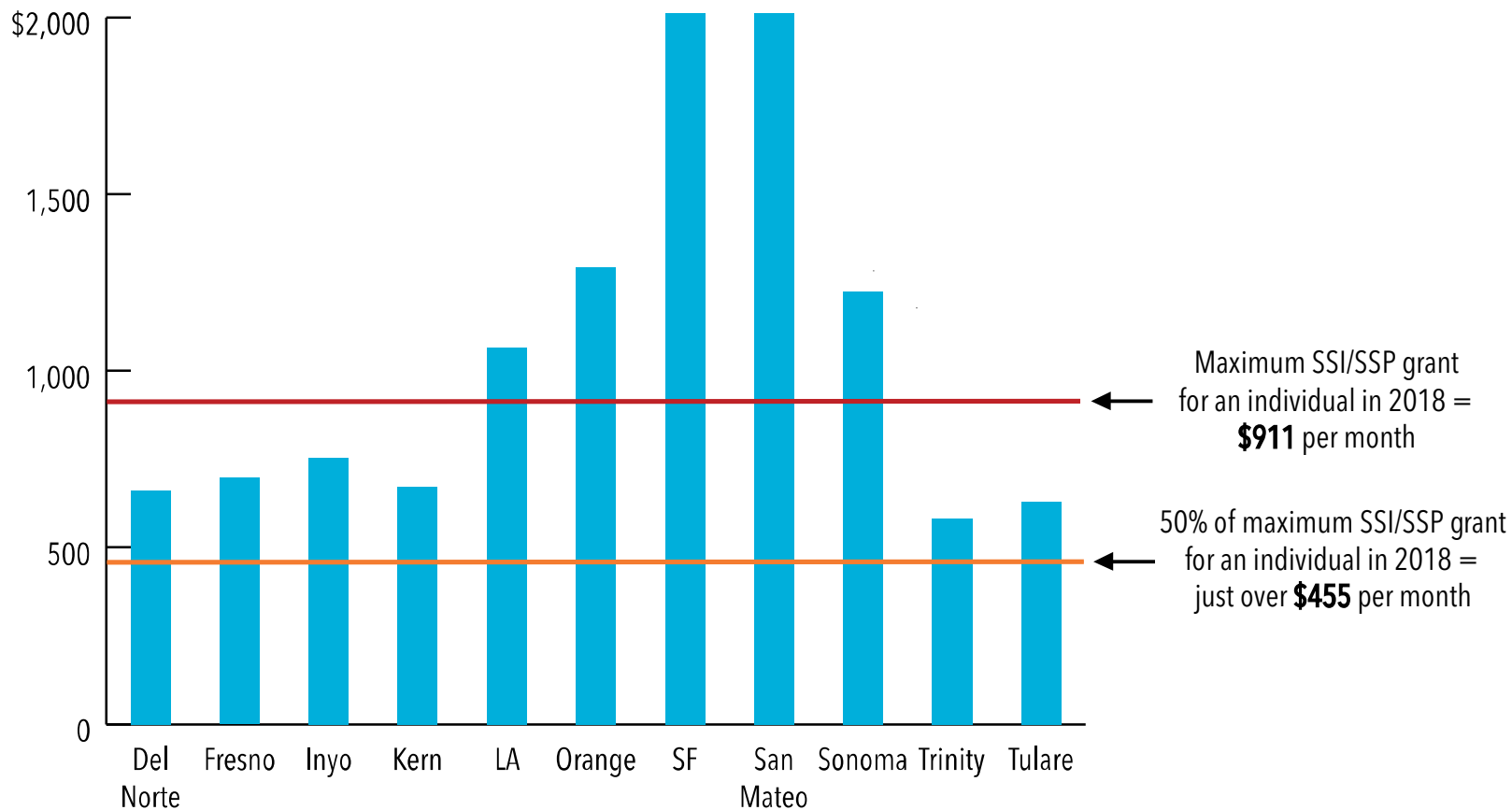


Source: Budget Center analysis of Department of Social Services and US Department of Health and Human Services data



In Both Rural and Urban Areas, SSI/SSP Grants Are No Match for California's Housing Costs

"Fair Market Rent" (FMR) for a Studio Apartment in 2018, Selected California Counties



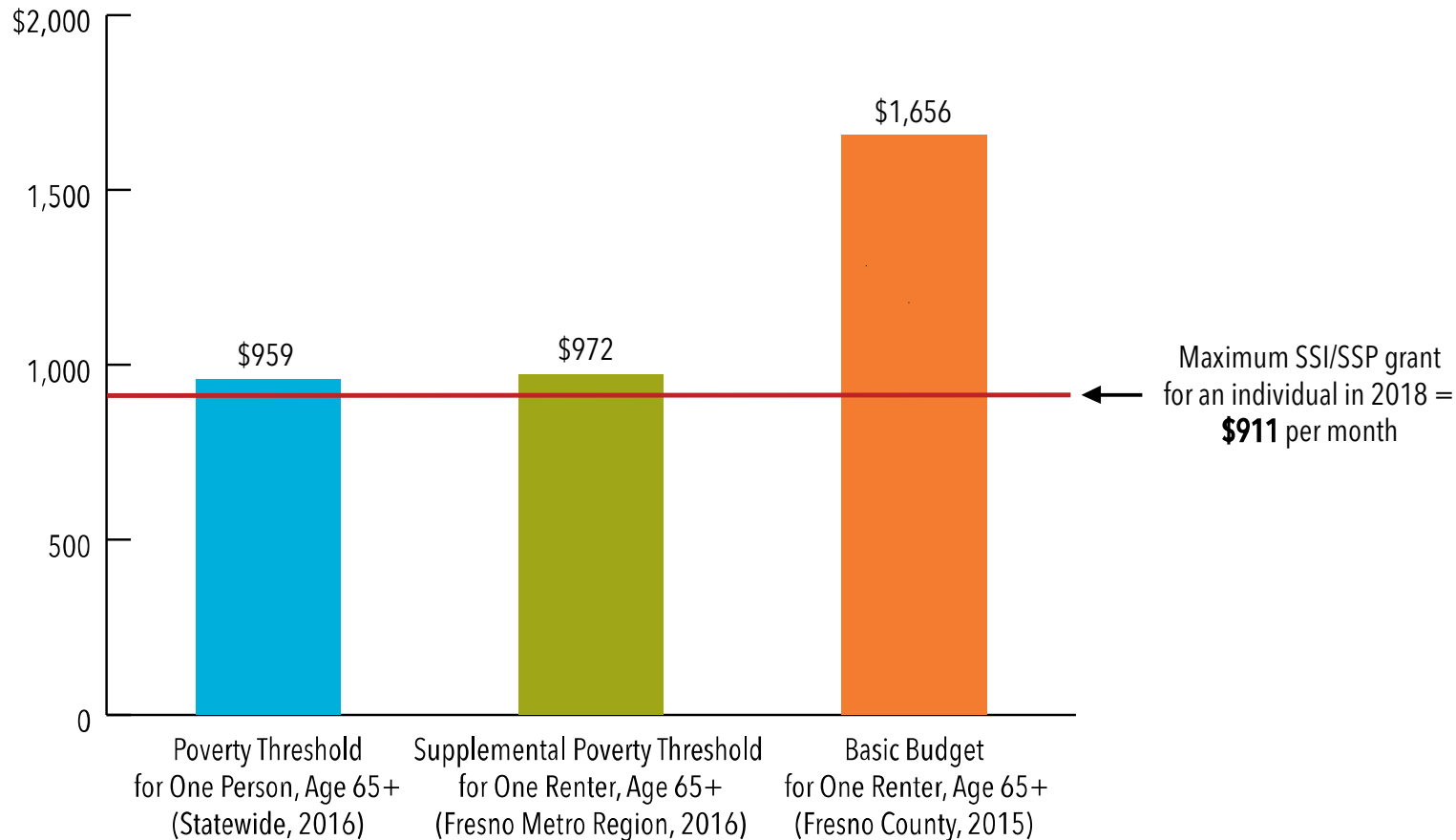
Note: Studio FMR exceeds the entire SSI/SSP grant in 17 counties and 50% of the grant in all 58 counties. Grant shown is for seniors and people with disabilities who live in their own homes with cooking facilities.

Source: Department of Social Services and US Department of Housing and Urban Development



In the Fresno Area, SSI/SSP Grant Falls Short of Poverty Thresholds and a Basic Budget for Older Adults

Official Poverty Threshold, Supplemental Poverty Threshold, and Elder Index Basic Budget



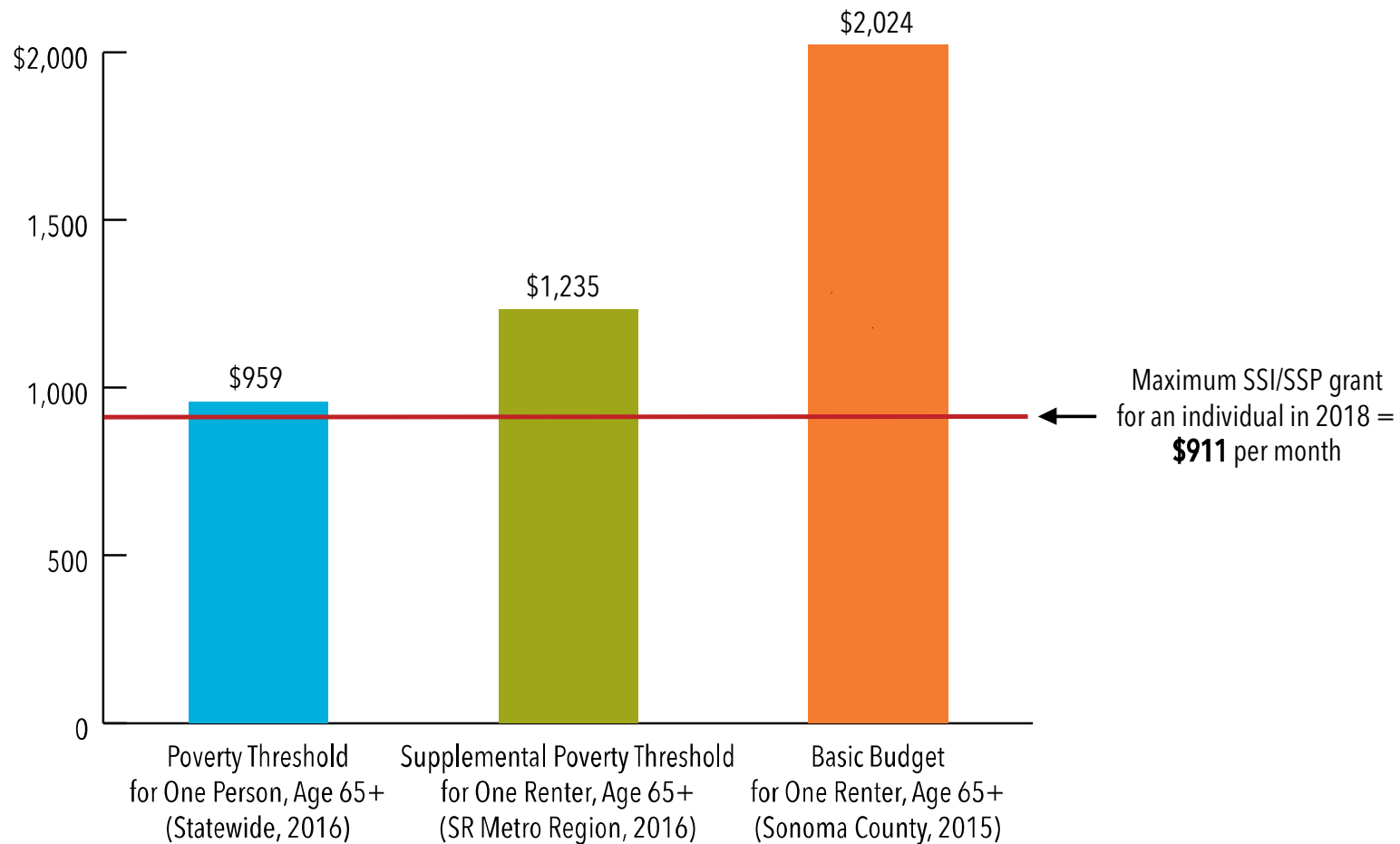
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Source: Department of Social Services, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, and US Census Bureau



In the Santa Rosa Area, SSI/SSP Grant Falls Short of Poverty Thresholds and a Basic Budget for Older Adults

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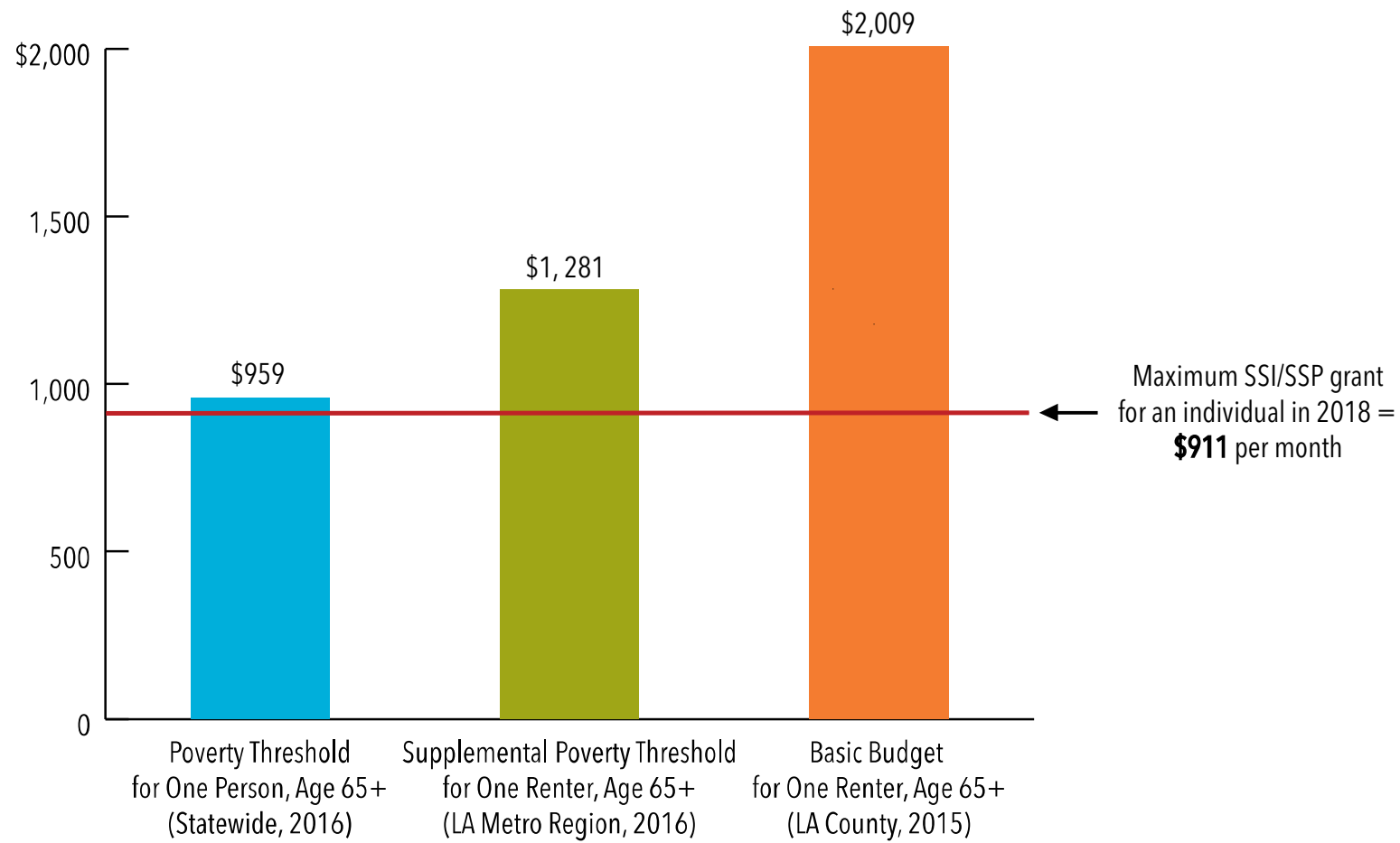
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In the Los Angeles Area, SSI/SSP Grant Falls Short of Poverty Thresholds and a Basic Budget for Older Adults

Official Poverty Threshold, Supplemental Poverty Threshold, and Elder Index Basic Budget



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