

# In Counties Across California, a Small Proportion of Seniors Receive Food Assistance

## Percentage of Individuals Age 65 or Higher Receiving CalFresh Benefits

In 2013, only 2.6 percent of seniors statewide participated in CalFresh, a share that is one-fourth the proportion of California seniors who were living in poverty the same year (10.4 percent). At the county level, the rate of seniors' CalFresh participation in 2013 ranged from a low of 1.1 percent in Napa County to as high as 5.2 percent in Tulare County and 6.1 percent in Imperial County. The following table shows the percentage of seniors participating in CalFresh in California's 58 counties, for each year from 2011 through 2013.

PERCENT SHARE OF SENIOR POPULATION				PERCENT SHARE OF SENIOR POPULATION			
COUNTY	2011	2012	2013	COUNTY	2011	2012	2013
Alameda	1.9%	2.2%	2.6%	Orange	1.5%	1.9%	2.4%
Alpine	4.7%	3.1%	3.5%	Placer	0.8%	1.0%	1.3%
Amador	1.2%	1.6%	1.6%	Plumas	0.7%	0.8%	1.2%
Butte	1.4%	1.7%	2.2%	Riverside	1.8%	2.2%	2.6%
Calaveras	1.6%	1.9%	2.2%	Sacramento	1.7%	2.1%	2.6%
Colusa	1.2%	1.0%	1.8%	San Benito	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%
Contra Costa	1.0%	1.2%	1.4%	San Bernardino	2.9%	3.4%	4.1%
Del Norte	2.1%	2.7%	3.2%	San Diego	1.7%	2.1%	2.5%
El Dorado	1.2%	1.4%	1.6%	San Francisco	2.7%	3.0%	3.3%
Fresno	2.8%	3.2%	3.6%	San Joaquin	2.0%	2.3%	3.1%
Glenn	1.2%	1.6%	2.0%	San Luis Obispo	1.2%	1.4%	1.7%
Humboldt	1.5%	1.7%	2.3%	San Mateo	1.0%	1.3%	1.7%
Imperial	4.7%	5.3%	6.1%	Santa Barbara	0.9%	1.1%	1.4%
Inyo	1.8%	2.1%	2.6%	Santa Clara	1.6%	1.8%	2.3%
Kern	2.4%	2.8%	3.2%	Santa Cruz	1.6%	1.8%	2.5%
Kings	2.5%	3.0%	3.3%	Shasta	1.6%	1.8%	2.2%
Lake	2.3%	2.7%	3.3%	Sierra	1.4%	2.2%	2.4%
Lassen	1.1%	1.4%	1.7%	Siskiyou	1.4%	1.6%	2.0%
Los Angeles	1.9%	2.3%	2.8%	Solano	1.7%	1.9%	2.3%
Madera	1.9%	2.1%	2.4%	Sonoma	1.5%	1.7%	2.1%
Marin	1.0%	1.2%	1.3%	Stanislaus	2.6%	2.9%	3.3%
Mariposa	1.4%	1.5%	2.0%	Sutter	1.5%	1.7%	2.0%
Mendocino	2.3%	2.7%	3.0%	Tehama	1.6%	1.7%	2.4%
Merced	0.9%	3.0%	3.5%	Trinity	1.5%	1.7%	2.0%
Modoc	2.6%	0.9%	1.2%	Tulare	4.0%	4.6%	5.2%
Mono	1.4%	1.3%	1.7%	Tuolumne	1.3%	1.6%	1.8%
Monterey	0.7%	1.7%	2.2%	Ventura	1.6%	1.9%	2.3%
Napa	0.8%	1.0%	1.1%	Yolo	1.9%	2.0%	2.4%
Nevada	0.9%	1.1%	1.5%	Yuba	2.2%	2.6%	2.8%

Note: Enrollment data are from July of each year.  
Source: California Department of Social Services

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