

## Food Insecurity by County in California in 2009

The following table presents data from the 2009 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS). See notes on the data below. For more information on CHIS, visit <http://www.chis.ucla.edu/>

For more information on the Food Security Measure, visit <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/FoodSecurity/measurement.htm>

County	Number of Low-income* Adults Food Insecure in 2009	Percentage of Low-income* Adults Food Insecure in 2009	County Rank on the Percentage of Food Insecure	County Rank on the Number of Food Insecure Adults
Alameda	169,000	49.1%	5	6
Butte	29,000	45.5%	6	23
Contra Costa	96,000	57.8%	1	9
El Dorado	7,000	32.6%	35	39
Fresno	139,000	41.9%	15	7
Humboldt	8,000	20.6%	40	37
Imperial	20,000	32.1%	38	26
Kern	89,000	33.9%	32	11
Kings	21,000	43.3%	10	25
Lake	7,000	32.5%	37	39
Los Angeles	1,128,000	38.2%	21	1
Madera	16,000	36.6%	26	28
Marin	13,000	33.3%	33	30
Mendocino	9,000	35.3%	28	35
Merced	35,000	40.4%	19	21
Monterey	55,000	43.3%	10	16
Napa	13,000	52.2%	3	30
Nevada	6,000	35.6%	27	41
Orange	379,000	52.4%	2	2
Placer	8,000	19%	41	37
Riverside	221,000	42.4%	14	4
Sacramento	126,000	43.1%	12	8
San Benito	9,000	42.6%	13	35
San Bernadino	241,000	43.6%	9	3
San Diego	210,000	35.1%	29	5
San Francisco	85,000	44.3%	8	12
San Joaquin	67,000	38.7%	20	14
San Luis Obispo	11,000	23%	39	32

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San Mateo	41,000	34.8%	30	19
Santa Barbara	40,000	37.1%	24	20
Santa Clara	96,000	33%	34	9
Santa Cruz	23,000	37.7%	22	24
Shasta	18,000	41.9%	15	27
Solano	34,000	34.3%	31	22
Sonoma	51,000	50.5%	4	17
Stanislaus	44,000	37%	25	18
Sutter	10,000	41%	18	33
Tulare	57,000	37.5%	23	15
Ventura	73,000	44.9%	7	13
Yolo	16,000	32.6%	35	28
Yuba	10,000	41.3%	17	33

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Total number of Food Insecure Adults in California in 2009: **3,767,000**

**Note:** Because of the sample size issues, the California Health Interview lumps some counties together in the analysis. These food insecurity numbers for these counties are combined.

Counties	Number of Low-income* Adults Food Insecure in 2009	Percentage of Low-income* Adults Food Insecure in 2009
Del Norte, Siskiyou, Lassen, Trinity, Modoc, Plumas, Sierra	10,000	23.9%
Tehama, Glenn, Colusa	12,000	28.4%
Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Alpine	15,000	31.9%

**\*Note:** Only adults with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level were asked the food insecurity questions in CHIS. The term “low-income” represents adults with household incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level. The chart below captures this 200% level for 2009.

Household Size	Annual Income 200% FPL 2009	Monthly Income 200% FPL 2009
1	\$21,660.00	\$1,805.00
2	\$29,140.00	\$2,428.33
3	\$36,620.00	\$3,051.67
4	\$44,100.00	\$3,675.00
5	\$51,580.00	\$4,298.33

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