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## ABSTRACT

This Kids Count data book and report card examines statewide and county level trends in the well-being of California's children, with an additional focus on indicators of the new economic realities encountered by families as counties take on greater responsibility for local welfare programs. The statistical portrait is based on indicators in the following 12 areas: (1) family economic realities; (2) family expenses and child support; (3) family health; (4) infant mortality; (5) teen births; (6) high school dropout rates; (7) high school graduates prepared for college; (8) K-12 education; (9) child abuse; (10) foster care; (11) gun-related incidents resulting in child injury or death; and (12) youth arrests. The report's introduction details serious limitations with the available data, discusses data interpretation, and presents recommendations for state and county officials and Californian citizens to improve conditions for California families. The bulk of the report contains state and county level fact sheets reporting on demographic information and the indicators throughout the 1990s. The California fact sheet indicates that although the state economy is booming, a large percentage of children are from low-income or extremely poor families. The infant mortality rate dropped considerably since 1990; however, birth outcomes have not improved. The teen birth rate decreased for all ethnic groups. There has been steady improvement in the high school dropout rate for all ethnic groups. After climbing steadily for 10 years, the child abuse rate leveled off in the last 2 years. The report's summary tables list state and countywide data for comparison purposes. (KB)

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# INTRODUCTION

As counties, in the wake of welfare reform, take on greater responsibility for local programs serving families, county-level information on children will be a critical tool for monitoring results. Children comprise two-thirds of those currently receiving cash assistance and thus have the greatest stake in the county decision-making ahead.

In recognition of the particular challenges posed by this year's welfare changes, *California County Data Book '97* includes new information detailing the economic realities families encounter, including the number of job seekers per new job, the proportion of new mothers with less than a high school education, unemployment rates and child care costs for infants and preschoolers. These indicators provide a glimpse at the complex issues involved in helping families become self-sufficient. The data also indicate the difficulties encountered by many families who are working yet earning relatively low incomes. In 1996, nearly half (46%) of the state's children lived in families earning \$29,700 or less annually for a family of four. High housing and child care costs are just two of the many challenges that confront families.

In our effort to create a complete picture of families' economic situation, we encountered serious limitations with the available data. Important information about children's lives remains unavailable at the state level; at the county level, data needs are even greater. Critical issues where timely and comparable county data are lacking include:

- the number of children living in poverty;
- homelessness and housing insecurity among children;
- children affected by hunger or poor nutrition;
- children without health insurance;
- children waiting for quality child care spaces;

- children who do not receive the full amount of child support owed to them; and
- children's achievement in school.

In order for counties and the state to plan human service programs and monitor their impact on children, better information on children's well-being is needed at the county level. The state should support county data collection efforts as well as begin more thorough data collection at the state level.

While acknowledging the limitations of available data, *California County Data Book '97* is designed to help county and state decision-makers and all community members gain a better sense of how children are faring in their county and where people should focus their efforts to make the largest difference in children's well-being.

## Interpreting & Using the Data

To understand how children in your county are faring:

- *Look at the trends in indicators.* In which areas is the county improving? In which areas are conditions for children worsening? Are there areas in which the outcomes have remained consistently poor?
- *Look at your county rankings compared to other counties.* In which areas is your county doing relatively well? What requires special attention? Are there any indicators for which the rank is significantly different from rankings in other areas?
- *Compare your county to similar counties.* If you live in a large urban county, you may want to compare your outcomes for children with another large urban county. If you live in a rural or suburban county, compare your county with a similar one.

- *Compare how well different ethnic groups fare in your county, where such information is available.* Does parity exist across ethnic lines? Do other counties close these gaps more successfully?

Please note that county averages may hide some important disparities among ethnic groups, children of various ages and different neighborhoods of the county.

## Recommendations

In addition to gathering better information about children and families at a county level, state and county leaders could take many immediate steps to improve conditions for California families. The private sector and individuals also play important roles.

In 1997, California policymakers focused much attention on creating a new state welfare program in response to federal welfare reform. State legislators prioritized maximum work effort by those who receive public assistance and California's new welfare law contains stringent work mandates and time limits. However, lawmakers paid less attention to developing strategies to help families, once they are working, provide the basics for their children. In 1998, state leaders, county officials, the private sector and individuals will have the opportunity to act on their commitment to helping families achieve basic economic security so that their children may thrive.

**STATE LEADERS** have a number of unique opportunities to improve the lives of California children and families in 1998:

- **Insure all children.** The new Healthy Families program will offer subsidized health insurance coverage to about 580,000 of the 1.7 million uninsured children through age 18. However, increased efforts are needed to reach the over 500,000 children who are

eligible but unenrolled in Medi-Cal, virtually all of whom are from working families. In addition, new public/private sector approaches must be developed to insure the 500,000 uninsured children who are ineligible for subsidized coverage.

- **Expand child care.** Even with the additional funds allocated in the 1997-98 state budget for child care expansion, California will not even meet half the estimated need for subsidized care. Additional investment will be required to pay for quality child care. Special efforts should be undertaken to address the lack of infant care, school-aged care and care on evenings and weekends. Universally available pre-school would increase the kindergarten-readiness of all children.
- **Enact a refundable state Earned Income Credit (EIC).** California should utilize a portion of the new revenues generated by the strong economy to enact a refundable state EIC, which rewards work and helps low-income families make ends meet. Approximately two million California families would benefit through a state supplement to the federal EIC.
- **Improve child support enforcement.** The Legislature must ensure that a functioning statewide child support computer system is fully in place by early 1998; the program will not improve without appropriate management information. In addition, the Legislature should utilize standard data to evaluate the performance of all counties. Comprehensive data is the first step to creating an incentive system that rewards success and provides assistance to under-performing counties.

## COUNTY OFFICIALS

- **Revise human service programs to better serve families.** As counties

embark on developing their required County Plans in the coming months, they should:

- \* Maximize community participation throughout the process -- in developing the initial plan, monitoring outcomes and deciding upon revisions.
  - \* Engage the private sector to help reach goals. Work with business leaders to help develop strategies to create and sustain living-wage jobs as well as expand the availability of quality, affordable child care.
  - \* Take the opportunity to reconsider family services beyond those that serve people receiving welfare. Engage the community in developing new ways to support all families who face challenges providing for their children.
- **Monitor child support enforcement.** County District Attorneys are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the child support program. The County Board of Supervisors must ensure accountability by actively monitoring the program's effectiveness and working with their District Attorney's office to improve performance in the program's troubled spots.

## THE PRIVATE SECTOR

- The private sector can engage in local and statewide efforts to expand child care and increase the number of children with health insurance.
- Employers can provide livable wages and benefits for employees and their dependents.
- The private sector can participate in county-level planning to redesign human service programs to support families.

## ALL CALIFORNIANS

- Individuals can communicate priorities and share experiences with elected representatives. Voters can select candidates who demonstrate a commitment to helping families provide for their children.
- Individuals can help families in their own community by volunteering time and/or donating resources.
- Individuals and community groups can convey to the media the importance of local coverage of these issues.
- Community members can participate in county-level planning to redesign human service programs to support families.

# The Children of CALIFORNIA



## Highlights

California is one of the nation's largest and most diverse states. One in eight U.S. children currently reside in California and it is predicted that by the year 2025, one in five of the nation's children will call California home. California's economy is booming such that the gross state product surpassed \$1 trillion this year, yet a large percentage of children are from low-income or extremely poor families. Many California families are squeezed by housing and child care costs, especially those in high cost counties.

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## Demographics

|                         | 1996             | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 33,863,639       | 9,456,115              |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 17,787,715       | 3,880,594              | 41%                    |
|                         | African-American | 2,330,391        | 726,955                | 8%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 10,114,228       | 3,814,949              | 40%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 3,631,305        | 1,033,617              | 11%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 560,370          |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 45%  | n/a  | 46%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 21%  | 20%  | 19%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 6.2%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 7     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 35%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$585 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$407 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 4%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 48%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$78  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995  |      |
|---|------------------|------|-------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 5.0              | 4.8  | 5.2   |      |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 6.0              | 6.2  | 6.1   |      |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 6.8  | 7.0   | 6.3  |
|   | Anglo            | 6.2  | 6.8   | 6.0  |
|   | African-American | 15.5 | 15.2  | 14.1 |
|   | Latino           | 6.4  | 6.3   | 5.8  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 4.5  | 4.9   | 4.5  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 70   | 68    | 64   |
|   | Anglo            | 36   | 35    | 32   |
|   | African-American | 99   | 94    | 88   |
|   | Latino           | 118  | 116   | 110  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 32   | 33    | 31   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | 57.3% |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 4.9  | 4.4     | 3.9 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.0  | 2.7     | 2.4 |
|  | African-American | 8.1  | 7.6     | 6.6 |
|  | Latino           | 7.3  | 6.3     | 5.6 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 3.0  | 2.6     | 2.4 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 32   | 35      | 35  |
|  | Anglo            | 35   | 39      | 40  |
|  | African-American | 27   | 29      | 27  |
|  | Latino           | 20   | 23      | 22  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 47   | 50      | 52  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 29.0             | 29.1 | 29.1    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,287 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 24%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995      | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 664,294   | 690,005  | 706,918  |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 74        | 75       | 75       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 86,728    | 91,482   | 93,159   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 9.7       | 10.0     | 9.9      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 25.3 mo.  | 25.0 mo. | 26.1 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 471       | 488      | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 1,507     | 1,393    | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 519       | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 3,613,284 | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 74        | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 9%        | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 8%        | n/a      |          |

### Family Economics

- Eighteen (18) counties have unemployment rates of over 10 percent.
- Child support enforcement varies widely from county to county. The average county collects just \$78 monthly for each child support order.

### Health

- California's infant mortality rate dropped considerably since 1990, however, birth outcomes have not improved: the percent of low birth-weight infants remains about the same.
- The teen birth rate in California has decreased for all ethnicities.

### Education

- There has been steady improvement in the high school dropout rate for students of all ethnicities.
- Even with increased school spending, California still spends \$1,000 less per pupil than the national average.

### Safety

- After climbing steadily for over a decade, the child abuse rate leveled off in the past two years. The number of child abuse reports is still very high at over 700,000 in 1996.
- The number of children injured by guns decreased between 1994 and 1995, while the number of children killed increased.

# The Children of ALAMEDA COUNTY



## Highlights

With one of California's largest child populations, **Alameda County** ranks well above the state average in the establishment of child support orders for children who need them. Alameda County has an immunization rate which is higher than the state average, a high percentage of pregnant women who seek timely prenatal care and one of the lowest child abuse rates in California. Alameda has one of the highest foster care rates and longest average months in placement among the counties.



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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 1,394,651              | 364,694                |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 664,032                | 140,698                | 39% |
|                         | African-American | 245,542                | 74,078                 | 20% |
|                         | Latino           | 225,370                | 77,878                 | 21% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 259,707                | 72,040                 | 20% |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 20,858                 |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 36%  | n/a  | 36%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 21%  | 20%  | 19%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 4.6%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 5     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 20%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$794 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$689 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$481 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 5%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 83%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$103 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995  |      |
|---|------------------|------|-------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 2.2              | 2.7  | 3.6   |      |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 6.8              | 7.5  | 6.9   |      |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 6.2  | 6.4   | 5.4  |
|   | Anglo            | 4.1  | 5.7   | 4.4  |
|   | African-American | 13.8 | 11.3  | 11.5 |
|   | Latino           | 5.7  | 3.7   | 4.4  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 2.8  | 6.0   | 2.9  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 54   | 50    | 50   |
|   | Anglo            | 25   | 23    | 25   |
|   | African-American | 98   | 91    | 85   |
|   | Latino           | 92   | 87    | 95   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 26   | 22    | 21   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | 66.4% |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.9  | 4.3     | 3.7 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.8  | 2.3     | 1.6 |
|  | African-American | 6.8  | 8.1     | 7.5 |
|  | Latino           | 7.3  | 6.4     | 5.7 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 2.3  | 2.6     | 2.2 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 37   | 35      | 36  |
|  | Anglo            | 35   | 39      | 41  |
|  | African-American | 39   | 19      | 18  |
|  | Latino           | 20   | 21      | 19  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 50   | 46      | 51  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.6             | 28.4 | 28.6    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,519 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 18%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 19,465   | 19,176   | 14,120   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 56       | 54       | 39       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 3,612    | 3,789    | 3,885    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 10.4     | 10.6     | 10.7     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 29.0 mo. | 31.9 mo. | 35.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 17       | 14       | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 41       | 45       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 22       | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 137,591  | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 74       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 7%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 8%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 25 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 32 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 11 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 12 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 14 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 49 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 33 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 48 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 12 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 4 / 58  |
| \$ collected                     | 15 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 5 / 46  |
| Low birthweight infants | 45 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 17 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 17 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 4 / 38  |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 39 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 13 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 42 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 14 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 5 / 54  |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 47 / 54 |
| months in placement | 49 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 25 / 58 |

# The Children of ALPINE COUNTY



## Highlights

Alpine County has high percentages of low-income and extremely poor children and an unemployment rate which is more than three times the state average. While there are no high schools in Alpine County, younger students there experience some of the smallest class sizes and the highest per pupil expenditure in California.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 1,283                  | 362                    |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 812                    | 203                    | 56% |
|                         | African-American | 5                      | 0                      | 0%  |
|                         | Latino           | 88                     | 28                     | 8%  |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 378                    | 131                    | 36% |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 7                      |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996  |       |
|--|---|------|-------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 48%  | n/a   | 54%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 27%  | 28%   | 25%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |       | 19.5% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |       | 1     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |       | 33%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |       | \$505 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |       | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |       | \$390 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |       | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |       | 78%   |
| Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order                      |   |      | \$102 |       |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |       |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995 |     |
|---|------------------|------|------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 0.0              | 0.0  | 18.2 |     |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 0.0              | 0.0  | 0.0  |     |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
|   | Anglo            | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
|   | African-American | n/a  | n/a  | n/a |
|   | Latino           | n/a  | n/a  | n/a |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 0    | 30   | 105 |
|   | Anglo            | 0    | 0    | 0   |
|   | African-American | n/a  | n/a  | n/a |
|   | Latino           | 0    | 0    | 0   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0    | 48   | 174 |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | n/a  |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | n/a  | n/a     | n/a |
|  | Anglo            | n/a  | n/a     | n/a |
|  | African-American | n/a  | n/a     | n/a |
|  | Latino           | n/a  | n/a     | n/a |
|  | Asian/Other      | n/a  | n/a     | n/a |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | n/a  | n/a     | n/a |
|  | Anglo            | n/a  | n/a     | n/a |
|  | African-American | n/a  | n/a     | n/a |
|  | Latino           | n/a  | n/a     | n/a |
|  | Asian/Other      | n/a  | n/a     | n/a |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 21.6             | 20.3 | 15.7    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$8,818 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 0%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 78       | 114      | 115      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 227      | 330      | 318      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 15       | 12       | 7        |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 43.7     | 34.8     | 19.3     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 17.4 mo. | 23.9 mo. | 15.7 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 159      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 176      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 29%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 0%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 47 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 46 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 57 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 1 / 58  |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 36 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 15 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 28 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 7 / 58  |
| \$ collected                     | 16 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Late/no prenatal care   | NR |
| Low birthweight infants | NR |
| Infant mortality        | NR |
| Teen births             | NR |
| Immunizations           | NR |

### Education

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| High school dropout rate   | NR     |
| Grads prepared for college | NR     |
| Average class size         | 2 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 1 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | NR      |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | NR      |
| months in placement | NR      |
| Youth arrests       | 57 / 58 |

# The Children of AMADOR COUNTY



## Highlights

Amador County has one of the lowest percentages of low-income children and extremely poor children in California. This county also ranks very well in the percentage of mothers who have more than twelve years of education and who seek timely prenatal care. Amador County has a very low high school dropout rate. From 1995 to 1996, rates for child abuse and foster care rose substantially.

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## Demographics

|                         |                  | 1996 | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              |      | 36,653           | 7,077                  |                        |
|                         | Anglo            |      | 30,786           | 6,261                  | 88%                    |
|                         | African-American |      | 1,737            | 43                     | 1%                     |
|                         | Latino           |      | 2,963            | 500                    | 7%                     |
|                         | Asian/Other      |      | 1,167            | 273                    | 4%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  |      | 274              |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 24%  | n/a  | 20%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 11%  | 10%  | 10%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 5.8%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 4     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 16%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$605 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$563 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$368 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 3%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 75%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$99  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 1.8  | 2.2  | 2.8   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 2.9  | 4.7  | 5.3   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.3  | 10.9 | 0.0   |
|   | Anglo            | 8.0  | 12.5 | 0.0   |
|   | African-American | n/a  | n/a  | 0.0   |
|   | Latino           | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 41   | 39   | 40    |
|   | Anglo            | 45   | 35   | 34    |
|   | African-American | 0    | 0    | 200   |
|   | Latino           | 33   | 58   | 79    |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0    | 79   | 56    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 64.2% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 2.0  | 1.4     | 1.0 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.1  | 1.4     | 1.0 |
|  | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
|  | Latino           | 1.2  | 1.9     | 1.8 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 14   | 27      | 36  |
|  | Anglo            | 14   | 27      | 35  |
|  | African-American | n/a  | 0       | n/a |
|  | Latino           | 0    | 7       | 44  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 50   | 67      | 38  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 25.9             | 26.4 | 26.0    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$3,646 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 1%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995    | 1996    |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 394     | 404     | 485      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 60      | 60      | 69       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 29      | 26      | 33       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 4.4     | 3.8     | 4.7      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 9.2 mo. | 4.2 mo. | 15.8 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0       | 0       | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 1       | 1       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0       | n/a     |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 3,440   | n/a     |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 53      | n/a     |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 15%     | n/a     |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 3%      | n/a     |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 4 / 58  |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 7 / 58  |
| Unemployment rate                | 18 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 9 / 58  |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 5 / 58  |
| Fair market rent                 | 32 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 20 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 20 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 24 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 14 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 18 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 1 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | NR     |
| Infant mortality        | NR     |
| Teen births             | 9 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 7 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 4 / 57  |
| Grads prepared for college | 48 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 19 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 58 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 12 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 12 / 54 |
| months in placement | 1 / 57  |
| Youth arrests       | 11 / 58 |

# The Children of BUTTE COUNTY



## Highlights

Over 30 percent of Butte County's child population is extremely poor and parents leaving welfare roles will face some of the highest infant care costs in California, a higher than state average unemployment rate and eight job seekers competing for every new job. Butte County also has one of the highest high school dropout rates in California. While still higher than the state average, the child abuse rate has steadily improved over three years.



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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 210,717                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 176,994                | 74%                    |
|                         | African-American | 2,611                  | 2%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 20,331                 | 16%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 10,781                 | 8%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> | 2,540            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 43%  | n/a  | 41%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 30%  | 32%  | 29%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 9.6%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 8     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 31%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$546 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$719 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$325 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 7%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 42%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$84  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995 |      |
|---|------------------|------|------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 5.8              | 5.8  | 5.8  |      |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 5.5              | 6.2  | 5.2  |      |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.7  | 6.4  | 10.3 |
|   | Anglo            | 7.4  | 7.1  | 13.0 |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
|   | Latino           | 7.7  | 2.9  | 5.4  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 11.6 | 7.8  | 0.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 57   | 47   | 53   |
|   | Anglo            | 46   | 38   | 43   |
|   | African-American | 167  | 71   | 96   |
|   | Latino           | 100  | 70   | 90   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 125  | 129  | 128  |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | n/a  |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 6.6  | 4.9     | 5.2 |
|  | Anglo            | 6.3  | 4.2     | 4.3 |
|  | African-American | 7.1  | 8.2     | 9.0 |
|  | Latino           | 8.5  | 8.7     | 8.7 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 7.7  | 5.8     | 8.1 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 33   | 32      | 36  |
|  | Anglo            | 35   | 32      | 38  |
|  | African-American | 26   | 20      | 22  |
|  | Latino           | 19   | 31      | 29  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 32   | 43      | 26  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 27.8             | 27.7 | 27.5    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,033 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 10%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 9,722    | 8,833    | 8,546    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 199      | 177      | 167      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 393      | 625      | 758      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 8        | 12.5     | 14.8     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 18.4 mo. | 16.5 mo. | 15.3 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 3        | 2        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 4        | 3        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 1        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 23,267   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 67       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 8%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 5%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 31 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 53 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 38 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 27 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 29 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 23 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 37 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 11 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 5 / 42  |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 52 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 27 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 26 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 22 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 41 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 20 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 56 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 20 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 27 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 52 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 52 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 50 / 54 |
| months in placement | 5 / 57  |
| Youth arrests       | 16 / 58 |

# The Children of CALAVERAS COUNTY



## Highlights

Calaveras County ranks particularly well in mothers having more than twelve years of education and has one of the lowest teen birth rates in California. Calaveras County also has a low rate of children in foster care and a low average number of months that children stay in foster care placement. Per pupil expenditure in Calaveras County is one of the lowest in California.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 43,775                 | 11,375                 |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 37,131                 | 8,992                  | 79% |
|                         | African-American | 469                    | 148                    | 1%  |
|                         | Latino           | 3,740                  | 1,317                  | 12% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 2,435                  | 918                    | 8%  |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 379                    |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 30%  | n/a  | 33%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 16%  | 15%  | 14%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 8.6%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 8     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 15%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$556 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$537 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$368 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 3%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 55%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$71  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995  |      |
|---|------------------|------|-------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 3.7              | 5.5  | 4.5   |      |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 3.4              | 6.6  | 7.3   |      |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 5.6  | 21.1  | 13.1 |
|   | Anglo            | 6.3  | 21.5  | 14.8 |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0  |
|   | Latino           | 0.0  | 31.3  | 0.0  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 38   | 33    | 38   |
|   | Anglo            | 44   | 33    | 39   |
|   | African-American | 0    | 0     | 50   |
|   | Latino           | 13   | 25    | 29   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 13   | 52    | 34   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | 49.3% |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |      |
|--|------------------|------|---------|------|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 1.7  | 2.5     | 2.2  |
|  | Anglo            | 1.6  | 2.6     | 2.0  |
|  | African-American | 10.5 | 0.0     | 10.0 |
|  | Latino           | 2.2  | 2.9     | 2.1  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 1.6     | 7.9  |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 28   | 29      | 22   |
|  | Anglo            | 28   | 29      | 23   |
|  | African-American | 0    | 13      | 25   |
|  | Latino           | 22   | 22      | 14   |
|  | Asian/Other      | 19   | 33      | 0    |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 26.9             | 26.6 | 25.3    |      |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$3,784 |      |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 1%      |      |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 1,318    | 1,219    | 1,255    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 130      | 115      | 110      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 60       | 64       | 75       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 5.9      | 6.0      | 6.6      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 12.8 mo. | 10.5 mo. | 13.9 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 1        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 4,872    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 32       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 12%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 2%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 18 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 22 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 36 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 27 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 4 / 58  |
| Fair market rent                 | 25 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 16 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 20 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 24 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 39 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 42 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 21 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 29 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | NR      |
| Teen births             | 4 / 46  |
| Immunizations           | 31 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 11 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 45 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 20 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 57 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 41 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 27 / 54 |
| months in placement | 2 / 57  |
| Youth arrests       | 3 / 58  |

# The Children of COLUSA COUNTY



## Highlights

Colusa County has a very high percentage of low-income children, high unemployment and 13 job seekers competing for every new job. However, it also has lower average rents, lower costs for child care and a higher than average percentage of licensed center-based care for infants.



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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 19,237           | 6,590                  |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 11,110           | 3,420                  | 52%                    |
|                         | African-American | 110              | 15                     | 0%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 7,192            | 2,939                  | 45%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 825              | 216                    | 3%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 339              |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 61%  | n/a  | 62%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 14%  | 11%  | 10%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 14.2% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 13    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 54%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$470 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$277 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 11%   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 58%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$89  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|------------------|------|------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 13.6 | 11.1 | 8.2  |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 4.9  | 5.1  | 8.5  |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 9.3  | 6.0  | 6.3  |
|   | Anglo            | 16.1 | 0.0  | 7.9  |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
|   | Latino           | 5.2  | 10.1 | 5.6  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 69   | 75   | 70   |
|   | Anglo            | 38   | 58   | 51   |
|   | African-American | 0    | 0    | 0    |
|   | Latino           | 110  | 94   | 100  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 26   | 73   | 0    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | n/a  |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994                      | 1995 | 1996    |      |
|--|---------------------------|------|---------|------|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All                       | 1.3  | 2.0     | 1.5  |
|  | Anglo                     | 0.3  | 0.5     | 0.8  |
|  | African-American          | 8.8  | 17.9    | 8.8  |
|  | Latino                    | 1.8  | 2.9     | 1.7  |
|  | Asian/Other               | 3.1  | 0.0     | 2.0  |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All                       | 26   | 25      | 31   |
|  | Anglo                     | 30   | 29      | 39   |
|  | African-American          | 100  | 0       | 0    |
|  | Latino                    | 14   | 20      | 19   |
|  | Asian/Other               | 57   | 27      | 67   |
|  | <b>Average class size</b> | 22.2 | 23.2    | 21.6 |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                           |      | \$4,245 |      |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                           |      | 30%     |      |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996   |         |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 504      | 468    | 415     |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 85       | 75     | 63      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 23       | 23     | 26      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 3.9      | 3.7    | 3.9     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 15.3 mo. | 58 mo. | 5.9 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0      | n/a     |
|                        | Injuries                 | 2        | 0      | n/a     |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a    |         |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 2,561    | n/a    |         |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 67       | n/a    |         |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 5%       | n/a    |         |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 4%       | n/a    |         |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 56 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 12 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 53 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 41 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 58 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 1 / 58  |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 3 / 55  |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 2 / 42  |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 34 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 23 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Late/no prenatal care   | NR |
| Low birthweight infants | NR |
| Infant mortality        | NR |
| Teen births             | NR |
| Immunizations           | NR |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 7 / 57  |
| Grads prepared for college | 43 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 7 / 58  |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 29 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 19 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 10 / 54 |
| months in placement | 37 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 16 / 58 |

# The Children of CONTRA COSTA COUNTY



## Highlights

With one of California's largest child populations, Contra Costa County has a lower-than-average unemployment rate and fewer job seekers competing for every new job than the state average. Contra Costa, however, also has higher average rent costs and higher costs for child care. Contra Costa ranks very well in childhood immunization rates.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 909,585          | 234,041                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 605,339          | 132,348                | 57%                    |
|                         | African-American | 83,813           | 27,335                 | 12%                    |
|                         | Latino           | 116,614          | 43,556                 | 19%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 103,819          | 30,802                 | 13%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 12,397           |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 25%  | n/a  | 27%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 15%  | 14%  | 13%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 4.3%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 5     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 18%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$794 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$689 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$481 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 4%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 54%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$66  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 3.5  | 3.6  | 4.4   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 6.1  | 6.5  | 6.0   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 5.8  | 5.7  | 6.0   |
|   | Anglo            | 5.2  | 5.4  | 3.7   |
|   | African-American | 8.3  | 9.5  | 20.2  |
|   | Latino           | 6.1  | 4.6  | 5.1   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 6.0  | 5.2  | 4.6   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 41   | 39   | 38    |
|   | Anglo            | 21   | 21   | 20    |
|   | African-American | 102  | 91   | 82    |
|   | Latino           | 96   | 92   | 88    |
|   | Asian/Other      | 23   | 22   | 22    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 65.1% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 2.7  | 2.5     | 2.2 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.9  | 1.9     | 1.4 |
|  | African-American | 4.6  | 3.6     | 4.8 |
|  | Latino           | 4.9  | 4.8     | 4.0 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 2.0  | 1.6     | 1.1 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 37   | 39      | 44  |
|  | Anglo            | 40   | 42      | 45  |
|  | African-American | 11   | 20      | 30  |
|  | Latino           | 22   | 21      | 29  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 52   | 53      | 59  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 29.2             | 29.2 | 29.6    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,193 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 9%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 18,271   | 19,369   | 20,382   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 81       | 84       | 87       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 2,252    | 2,200    | 2,154    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 10.0     | 9.6      | 9.2      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 26.3 mo. | 33.4 mo. | 33.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 13       | 11       | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 33       | 39       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 6        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 98,967   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 68       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 8%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 8%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 8 / 58  |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 18 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 7 / 58  |
| Job seekers per new job          | 12 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 11 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 49 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 33 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 48 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 15 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 41 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 49 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 13 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 34 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 14 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 8 / 46  |
| Immunizations           | 5 / 38  |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 15 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 6 / 57  |
| Average class size         | 52 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 35 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 22 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 41 / 54 |
| months in placement | 46 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 19 / 58 |

# The Children of DEL NORTE COUNTY



## Highlights

With a relatively high percentage of extremely poor children, Del Norte County also has an unemployment rate which is higher than the state average and 17 job seekers competing for every new job. Del Norte also has a slightly higher than average rate of students dropping out of high school and a lower than average percentage of high school graduates who are prepared for college.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      |                  |                        |                        |
| All                     | 33,330           | 9,350                  |                        |
| Anglo                   | 21,731           | 5,073                  | 54%                    |
| African-American        | 1,912            | 270                    | 3%                     |
| Latino                  | 6,168            | 2,062                  | 22%                    |
| Asian/Other             | 3,519            | 1,945                  | 21%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> | 307              |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  |      |      |       |
| Low-income children*   | 43%  | n/a  | 41%   |
| Children receiving AFDC  | 27%  | 27%  | 26%   |
| Unemployment rate (1997)   |      |      | 8.4%  |
| Job seekers per new job (1997)   |      |      | 17    |
| Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994)                      |      |      | 35%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 |      |      |       |
| Fair market rent (1996-97)   |      |      | \$556 |
| Child care/month - infant  |      |      | n/a   |
| Child care/month - pre-schooler  |      |      | n/a   |
| Child care centers: % spaces for infants                                 |      |      | n/a   |
| Child support: % cases with orders to pay                                |      |      | 70%   |
| Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order                      |      |      | \$69  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 8.3  | 8.2  | 7.4   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 4.8  | 7.0  | 4.5   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                |      |      |       |
| All   | 5.7  | 14.6 | 16.1  |
| Anglo   | 4.3  | 16.3 | 9.1   |
| African-American  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
| Latino  | 17.9 | 24.4 | 22.7  |
| Asian/Other   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 45.5  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      |      |      |       |
| All   | 63   | 68   | 63    |
| Anglo   | 60   | 67   | 68    |
| African-American  | 0    | 0    | 0     |
| Latino  | 59   | 32   | 38    |
| Asian/Other   | 108  | 165  | 100   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |      |      | 59.8% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |      |
|--|------------------|------|---------|------|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 6.1  | 5.1     | 2.3  |
|  | Anglo            | 6.4  | 4.8     | 1.8  |
|  | African-American | 11.1 | 18.2    | 12.5 |
|  | Latino           | 5.8  | 4.6     | 1.4  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 4.9  | 6.0     | 4.8  |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 27   | 39      | 15   |
|  | Anglo            | 31   | 41      | 15   |
|  | African-American | n/a  | 50      | 0    |
|  | Latino           | 13   | 29      | 0    |
|  | Asian/Other      | 18   | 37      | 21   |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 29.2             | 28.3 | 27.8    |      |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,480 |      |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 5%      |      |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996   |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 1,364    | 1,219  | 1,135    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 153      | 133    | 121      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 77       | 101    | 112      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 8.7      | 11.0   | 12.0     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 30.0 mo. | 14 mo. | 12.6 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 1        | 0      | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 1      | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a    |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 3,949    | n/a    |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 52       | n/a    |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 10%      | n/a    |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 3%       | n/a    |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 31 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 46 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 33 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 47 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 40 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 25 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | NR      |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 20 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 46 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | NR      |
| Low birthweight infants | NR      |
| Infant mortality        | NR      |
| Teen births             | NR      |
| Immunizations           | 15 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 49 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 45 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 41 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 15 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 44 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 47 / 54 |
| months in placement | 13 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 9 / 58  |

# The Children of EL DORADO COUNTY



## Highlights

El Dorado County has some of the lowest percentages of low-income and extremely poor children in California. El Dorado County also has one of the lowest teen birth rates in California. The high school dropout rate and percent of graduates prepared for college have both improved steadily. At the same time, class sizes have been growing each year.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 157,448                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 138,081                | 83%                    |
|                         | African-American | 755                    | 1%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 13,829                 | 13%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 4,783                  | 3%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> | 1,702            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 20%  | n/a  | 24%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 10%  | 9%   | 9%    |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 5.2%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 5     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 17%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$639 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$516 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$390 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 3%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 78%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$82  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993                              | 1994 | 1995 |     |
|---|-----------------------------------|------|------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 4.4                               | 2.3  | 3.2  |     |
|   | <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b> | 5.8  | 5.5  | 5.6 |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All                               | 4.5  | 8.9  | 3.5 |
|   | Anglo                             | 4.3  | 9.2  | 4.4 |
|   | African-American                  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
|   | Latino                            | 6.3  | 10.5 | 0.0 |
|   | Asian/Other                       | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All                               | 38   | 35   | 34  |
|   | Anglo                             | 29   | 28   | 27  |
|   | African-American                  | 0    | 32   | 0   |
|   | Latino                            | 136  | 98   | 106 |
|   | Asian/Other                       | 13   | 31   | 40  |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                                   |      | n/a  |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

**Education**

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.0  | 2.3     | 2.2 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.7  | 2.0     | 2.0 |
|  | African-American | 0.8  | 4.2     | 2.2 |
|  | Latino           | 6.2  | 4.5     | 3.7 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 4.0  | 2.4     | 4.0 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 23   | 30      | 42  |
|  | Anglo            | 23   | 31      | 46  |
|  | African-American | 0    | 20      | 30  |
|  | Latino           | 22   | 19      | 18  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 24   | 27      | 24  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.2             | 28.3 | 29.1    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,120 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 4%      |     |

**Safety**

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 2,649    | 2,880    | 2,686    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 66       | 70       | 63       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 221      | 214      | 250      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 5.5      | 5.2      | 5.9      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 16.8 mo. | 25.9 mo. | 17.0 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 2        | 2        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 2        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 18,427   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 70       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 12%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 4%       | n/a      |          |

**County Ranks**

**Family Economics**

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 4 / 58  |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 3 / 58  |
| Unemployment rate                | 15 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 12 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 7 / 58  |
| Fair market rent                 | 35 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 12 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 28 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 24 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 7 / 58  |
| \$ collected                     | 29 / 58 |

**Health**

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 9 / 46  |
| Low birthweight infants | 22 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 11 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 4 / 46  |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

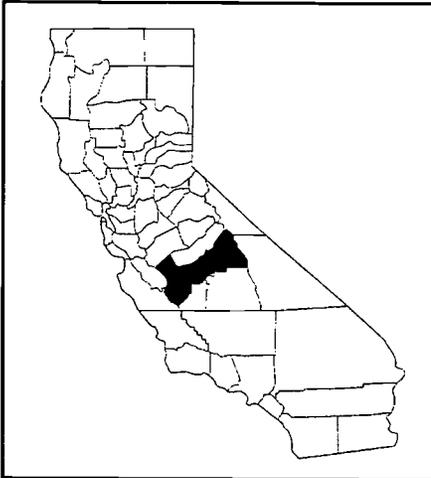
**Education**

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 15 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 28 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 42 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 44 / 58 |

**Safety**

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 15 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 22 / 54 |
| months in placement | 15 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 22 / 58 |

# The Children of FRESNO COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's largest and fastest growing counties, **Fresno County** has high percentages of low-income and extremely poor children, higher than average unemployment and 17 job seekers competing for every new job. Fresno County also has one of the highest infant mortality rates in California and a high percentage of low birth-weight infants. While also higher than the state average, the teen birth rate has improved over the past three years in Fresno County.

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## Demographics

|                         |                  | 1996 | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              |      | 830,927          | 267,171                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            |      | 370,805          | 82,173                 | 31%                    |
|                         | African-American |      | 39,823           | 14,357                 | 5%                     |
|                         | Latino           |      | 331,070          | 129,703                | 49%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      |      | 89,229           | 40,938                 | 15%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  |      | 15,315           |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 57%  | n/a  | 57%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 35%  | 33%  | 31%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 12.4% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 17    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 47%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$526 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$546 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$407 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 6%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 71%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$73  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 3.6  | 4.3  | 3.7   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 6.4  | 6.8  | 6.7   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.4  | 9.3  | 8.3   |
|   | Anglo            | 6.3  | 7.5  | 10.2  |
|   | African-American | 16.3 | 23.2 | 15.8  |
|   | Latino           | 7.0  | 9.1  | 6.6   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 7.1  | 8.3  | 7.5   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 101  | 95   | 89    |
|   | Anglo            | 44   | 44   | 41    |
|   | African-American | 156  | 120  | 116   |
|   | Latino           | 135  | 130  | 125   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 123  | 103  | 83    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 48.9% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 5.9  | 5.2     | 4.8 |
|  | Anglo            | 4.3  | 3.5     | 3.1 |
|  | African-American | 8.0  | 7.3     | 6.7 |
|  | Latino           | 7.4  | 7.0     | 6.2 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 4.9  | 3.5     | 3.9 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 27   | 32      | 29  |
|  | Anglo            | 36   | 40      | 39  |
|  | African-American | 18   | 23      | 18  |
|  | Latino           | 14   | 20      | 17  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 40   | 42      | 40  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 27.8             | 28.0 | 27.9    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,263 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 27%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 21,733   | 22,399   | 26,547   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 87       | 87       | 99       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 2,230    | 2,511    | 2,803    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 9.0      | 9.7      | 10.5     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 21.7 mo. | 19.3 mo. | 20.5 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 17       | 20       | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 82       | 51       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 13       | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 105,877  | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 134      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 7%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 6%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 52 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 56 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 46 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 47 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 54 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 18 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 18 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 35 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 8 / 42  |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 19 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 37 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 14 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 39 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 42 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 42 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 32 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 53 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 38 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 32 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 26 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 30 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 44 / 54 |
| months in placement | 16 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 55 / 58 |

# The Children of GLENN COUNTY



## Highlights

One of the smallest California counties, **Glenn County** has a high percentage of low-income children and an unemployment rate which is more than twice the state average. Glenn ranks extremely well in infant mortality rates and percentages of low birthweight infants. Glenn County also has one of the highest percentages of high school graduates who are prepared for college.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 28,508           | 9,177                  |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 19,292           | 4,926                  | 54%                    |
|                         | African-American | 156              | 29                     | 0%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 7,074            | 3,112                  | 34%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 1,986            | 1,110                  | 12%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 479              |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 51%  | n/a  | 52%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 23%  | 20%  | 20%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 14.3% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 10    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 45%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$470 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 70%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$66  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 4.3  | 5.6  | 7.2   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 2.9  | 4.3  | 4.1   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 4.8  | 4.3  | 2.3   |
|   | Anglo            | 9.3  | 8.6  | 4.3   |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | n/a  | 0.0   |
|   | Latino           | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 59   | 61   | 60    |
|   | Anglo            | 37   | 40   | 48    |
|   | African-American | 0    | 0    | 0     |
|   | Latino           | 93   | 126  | 96    |
|   | Asian/Other      | 143  | 35   | 50    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 59.6% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.5  | 4.6     | 4.7 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.5  | 2.8     | 4.9 |
|  | African-American | 5.0  | 8.0     | 3.4 |
|  | Latino           | 2.5  | 8.1     | 5.0 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 6.7  | 7.8     | 2.9 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 34   | 46      | 44  |
|  | Anglo            | 39   | 54      | 51  |
|  | African-American | n/a  | 25      | 33  |
|  | Latino           | 23   | 30      | 31  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 26   | 38      | 40  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 24               | 24.5 | 24.2    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,266 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 17%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 1,096    | 1,108    | 1,042    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 126      | 124      | 114      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 54       | 71       | 78       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 6.2      | 7.9      | 8.5      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 36.9 mo. | 25.2 mo. | 12.1 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 3,800    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 100      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 4%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 3%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 48 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 33 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 54 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 35 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 52 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 1 / 58  |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | NR      |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 20 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 49 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | NR      |
| Low birthweight infants | 1 / 46  |
| Infant mortality        | 2 / 46  |
| Teen births             | NR      |
| Immunizations           | 16 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 45 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 3 / 57  |
| Average class size         | 11 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 25 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 42 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 33 / 54 |
| months in placement | 33 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 46 / 58 |

# The Children of HUMBOLDT COUNTY



## Highlights

Humboldt County ranks very well in the percentage of child support cases with an established order as well as in the amount of money collected per order. Humboldt County has a slightly higher proportion of extremely poor children compared to the state average. The county's infant mortality rate is one of the state's highest.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 133,252                | 35,596                 |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 112,035                | 26,080                 | 73% |
|                         | African-American | 1,929                  | 938                    | 3%  |
|                         | Latino           | 9,594                  | 4,873                  | 14% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 9,694                  | 3,705                  | 10% |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 1,486                  |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 35%  | n/a  | 37%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 22%  | 21%  | 20%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 6.6%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 9     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 23%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$559 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$481 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$347 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 3%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 76%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$131 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995 |     |
|---|------------------|------|------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 5.9              | 6.3  | 9.2  |     |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 5.4              | 4.9  | 4.9  |     |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 11.2 | 12.5 | 8.9 |
|   | Anglo            | 11.8 | 14.3 | 8.9 |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
|   | Latino           | 0.0  | 0.0  | 8.5 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 14.9 | 10.8 | 9.8 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 52   | 46   | 47  |
|   | Anglo            | 44   | 39   | 42  |
|   | African-American | 38   | 69   | 53  |
|   | Latino           | 67   | 73   | 51  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 109  | 85   | 89  |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | n/a  |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 4.0  | 5.1     | 3.5 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.2  | 4.9     | 2.7 |
|  | African-American | 14.5 | 5.1     | 4.0 |
|  | Latino           | 8.2  | 9.5     | 9.0 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 6.3  | 5.0     | 6.4 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 23   | 31      | 28  |
|  | Anglo            | 23   | 33      | 29  |
|  | African-American | 13   | 14      | 14  |
|  | Latino           | 23   | 28      | 32  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 23   | 24      | 26  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 25.4             | 25.5 | 25.     |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,298 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 3%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 4,679    | 5,842    | 7,043    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 134      | 165      | 198      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 338      | 344      | 317      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 9.7      | 9.7      | 8.9      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 29.0 mo. | 22.7 mo. | 23.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 3        | 4        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 3        | 4        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 2        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 15,618   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 90       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 6%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 4%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 25 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 33 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 21 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 32 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 21 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 27 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 8 / 41  |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 14 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 24 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 10 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 5 / 58  |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 34 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 8 / 46  |
| Infant mortality        | 45 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 16 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 43 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 41 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 14 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 22 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 50 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 39 / 54 |
| months in placement | 34 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 38 / 58 |

# The Children of IMPERIAL COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's fastest growing counties, **Imperial County** has high percentages of low-income and extremely poor children, a higher than average unemployment rate and 26 job seekers competing for every new job. Imperial also has lower costs for child care than other California counties and it has a high percentage of licensed center-based care available for infants. Imperial County has a higher than average percentage of mothers who do not receive timely prenatal care.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 140,594          | 47,516                 |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 34,382           | 7,282                  | 15%                    |
|                         | African-American | 5,123            | 798                    | 2%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 97,495           | 38,438                 | 81%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 3,594            | 998                    | 2%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 2,829            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 60%  | n/a  | 56%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 31%  | 31%  | 29%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 24.6% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 26    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 37%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$518 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$377 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$321 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 8%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 73%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$82  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 11.5 | 10.8 | 8.1   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 5.1  | 5.3  | 5.0   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 5.3  | 6.2  | 4.9   |
|   | Anglo            | 7.4  | 14.1 | 6.0   |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 23.8 | 0.0   |
|   | Latino           | 4.6  | 4.4  | 4.9   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 31.3 | 32.3 | 0.0   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 89   | 78   | 69    |
|   | Anglo            | 56   | 54   | 30    |
|   | African-American | 122  | 160  | 84    |
|   | Latino           | 98   | 84   | 79    |
|   | Asian/Other      | 36   | 15   | 7     |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 55.7% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 4.0  | 3.0     | 1.9 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.4  | 2.4     | 1.4 |
|  | African-American | 11.1 | 5.1     | 6.3 |
|  | Latino           | 4.1  | 3.1     | 2.0 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 1.5  | 3.1     | 1.0 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 20   | 27      | 27  |
|  | Anglo            | 29   | 39      | 45  |
|  | African-American | 22   | 55      | 18  |
|  | Latino           | 17   | 23      | 23  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 41   | 52      | 59  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.2             | 27.8 | 27.3    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,213 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 48%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 2,045    | 2,575    | 2,812    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 45       | 55       | 59       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 189      | 207      | 198      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 4.2      | 4.5      | 4.2      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 29.7 mo. | 40.1 mo. | 24.1 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 3        | 2        |          |
|                        | Injuries                 | 3        | 6        |          |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 3        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 18,917   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 97       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 14%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 8%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 53 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 51 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 58 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 54 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 42 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 16 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 1 / 41  |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 10 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 4 / 42  |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 18 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 29 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 45 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 8 / 46  |
| Infant mortality        | 10 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 37 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 22 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 26 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 48 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 28 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 32 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 8 / 54  |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 12 / 54 |
| months in placement | 47 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 43 / 58 |

# The Children of INYO COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's smallest population counties, close to one-third of Inyo County's children are from low-income families. Inyo County also has a higher than state average infant mortality rate. Inyo County ranks very well in terms of per pupil expenditure and has shown steady improvement in the percentage of students who drop out of high school.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 19,509                 | 5,663                  |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 15,314                 | 4,224                  | 75% |
|                         | African-American | 145                    | 19                     | 0%  |
|                         | Latino           | 1,804                  | 703                    | 12% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 2,246                  | 717                    | 13% |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 228                    |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 28%  | n/a  | 28%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 15%  | 16%  | 14%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 7.3%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 10    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 25%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$535 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$624 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$386 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 81%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$89  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994  | 1995  |     |
|---|------------------|-------|-------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  |       |       |     |
|   | 8.3              | 10.7  | 9.5   |     |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  |       |       |     |
|   | 7.3              | 4.7   | 6.6   |     |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 9.7   | 9.3   | 4.1 |
|   | Anglo            | 9.2   | 7.8   | 7.2 |
|   | African-American | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0 |
|   | Latino           | 0.0   | 22.2  | 0.0 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 25.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 45    | 60    | 48  |
|   | Anglo            | 35    | 46    | 45  |
|   | African-American | 1,000 | 0     | 0   |
|   | Latino           | 102   | 100   | 100 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 53    | 96    | 33  |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |       | 51.3% |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.2  | 2.2     | 1.8 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.5  | 1.5     | 1.2 |
|  | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
|  | Latino           | 9.1  | 7.9     | 5.3 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 7.0  | 2.5     | 2.3 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 26   | 36      | 39  |
|  | Anglo            | 29   | 39      | 45  |
|  | African-American | 0    | 0       | 0   |
|  | Latino           | 10   | 23      | 22  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 17   | 26      | 16  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 23.0             | 22.8 | 22.8    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$5,423 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 6%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 473      | 515      | 498      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 92       | 96       | 88       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 19       | 16       | 15       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 3.7      | 3.0      | 2.6      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 22.9 mo. | 28.9 mo. | 10.9 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 2,217    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 102      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 6%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 4%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 11 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 22 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 29 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 35 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 24 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 21 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 27 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 26 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 6 / 58  |
| \$ collected                     | 23 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | NR      |
| Low birthweight infants | NR      |
| Infant mortality        | NR      |
| Teen births             | NR      |
| Immunizations           | 27 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 13 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 20 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 8 / 58  |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 4 / 58  |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 33 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 2 / 54  |
| months in placement | 19 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 48 / 58 |

# The Children of KERN COUNTY



## Highlights

With higher than average unemployment and 13 job seekers competing for every new job, **Kern County** also has high levels of low-income children and low average child support collections. In all health indicators — timely prenatal care, low birthweight infants, infant mortalities, teen births and childhood immunizations — Kern County ranks well below state averages. Although Kern County's three year average high school dropout rate is higher than the California average, overall dropout rates have improved since 1994.

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## Demographics

|                         | 1996                    | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | <b>All</b>              | 688,607          | 223,645                |                        |
|                         | <b>Anglo</b>            | 381,941          | 103,670                | 46%                    |
|                         | <b>African-American</b> | 40,914           | 13,587                 | 6%                     |
|                         | <b>Latino</b>           | 236,490          | 97,469                 | 44%                    |
|                         | <b>Asian/Other</b>      | 29,262           | 8,919                  | 4%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                         | 12,202           |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | <b>Low-income children*</b>                                   | 50%  | n/a  | 51%   |
|  | <b>Children receiving AFDC</b>                                | 24%  | 24%  | 23%   |
|  | <b>Unemployment rate (1997)</b>                               |      |      | 11.4% |
|  | <b>Job seekers per new job (1997)</b>                         |      |      | 13    |
|  | <b>Babies born to mothers w/ &lt; 12 yrs education (1994)</b> |      |      | 40%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | <b>Fair market rent (1996-97)</b>                             |      |      | \$543 |
|  | <b>Child care/month - infant</b>                              |      |      | \$585 |
|  | <b>Child care/month - pre-schooler</b>                        |      |      | \$425 |
|  | <b>Child care centers: % spaces for infants</b>               |      |      | 4%    |
|  | <b>Child support: % cases with orders to pay</b>              |      |      | 66%   |
|  | <b>Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order</b>    |      |      | \$57  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993                    | 1994 | 1995  |      |
|---|-------------------------|------|-------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 6.3                     | 8.5  | 10.1  |      |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 6.9                     | 6.5  | 6.6   |      |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | <b>All</b>              | 10.8 | 11.2  | 10.9 |
|   | <b>Anglo</b>            | 11.0 | 10.6  | 8.3  |
|   | <b>African-American</b> | 14.6 | 30.2  | 21.2 |
|   | <b>Latino</b>           | 10.6 | 9.1   | 12.5 |
|   | <b>Asian/Other</b>      | 4.2  | 11.2  | 4.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | <b>All</b>              | 95   | 95    | 90   |
|   | <b>Anglo</b>            | 68   | 70    | 57   |
|   | <b>African-American</b> | 141  | 116   | 109  |
|   | <b>Latino</b>           | 130  | 131   | 133  |
|   | <b>Asian/Other</b>      | 37   | 43    | 40   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                         |      | 39.5% |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 7.2  | 4.5     | 4.4 |
|  | Anglo            | 5.9  | 4.1     | 3.6 |
|  | African-American | 10.2 | 4.9     | 4.8 |
|  | Latino           | 8.6  | 5.3     | 5.7 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 6.1  | 2.6     | 2.1 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 20   | 17      | 17  |
|  | Anglo            | 25   | 21      | 23  |
|  | African-American | 10   | 10      | 9   |
|  | Latino           | 12   | 10      | 9   |
|  | Asian/Other      | 28   | 26      | 31  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 27.8             | 28.1 | 28.0    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,212 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 18%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996   |         |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 9,856    | 8,383  | 13,491  |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 47       | 39     | 60      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 1,547    | 1,662  | 1,701   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 7.4      | 7.7    | 7.6     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 34.5 mo. | 35 mo. | 36.2mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 9        | 9      | n/a     |
|                        | Injuries                 | 29       | 27     | n/a     |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 10       | n/a    |         |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 86,031   | n/a    |         |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 52       | n/a    |         |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 8%       | n/a    |         |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 7%       | n/a    |         |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 43 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 42 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 45 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 41 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 48 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 22 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 22 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 37 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 15 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 25 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 55 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 41 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 43 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 45 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 41 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 36 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 55 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 56 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 35 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 33 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 5 / 54  |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 33 / 54 |
| months in placement | 51 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 9 / 58  |

# The Children of KINGS COUNTY



## Highlights

Kings County has a high percentage of low-income children, high unemployment and 18 job seekers competing for every new job. The average cost of preschool care in Kings County is much lower than in the majority of California counties. Kings County has one of the highest teen birth rates in California and the longest average placement for children in foster care.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 119,922                | 37,947                 |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 59,637                 | 16,374                 | 43% |
|                         | African-American | 9,904                  | 2,469                  | 7%  |
|                         | Latino           | 45,178                 | 17,151                 | 45% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 5,203                  | 1,953                  | 5%  |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 2,266                  |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 54%  | n/a  | 53%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 23%  | 22%  | 21%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 12.9% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 18    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 40%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$501 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$282 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 74%   |
| Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order                      |   |      | \$72 |       |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995  |      |
|---|------------------|------|-------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 7.5              | 7.1  | 7.8   |      |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 6.0              | 6.1  | 5.6   |      |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 6.5  | 9.0   | 6.1  |
|   | Anglo            | 5.3  | 7.7   | 7.0  |
|   | African-American | 25.2 | 9.7   | 26.1 |
|   | Latino           | 6.2  | 10.8  | 3.8  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 103  | 100   | 95   |
|   | Anglo            | 68   | 75    | 61   |
|   | African-American | 106  | 104   | 118  |
|   | Latino           | 145  | 130   | 134  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 49   | 65    | 46   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | 52.1% |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 2.3  | 2.4     | 2.6 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.0  | 1.2     | 1.3 |
|  | African-American | 2.2  | 1.5     | 2.9 |
|  | Latino           | 3.6  | 4.1     | 3.8 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 2.8  | 0.8     | 2.7 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 29   | 32      | 32  |
|  | Anglo            | 36   | 39      | 42  |
|  | African-American | 31   | 22      | 27  |
|  | Latino           | 17   | 22      | 19  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 45   | 52      | 36  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 27.3             | 27.4 | 27.2    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,221 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 16%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 2,815    | 2,987    | 4,029    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 79       | 82       | 106      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 194      | 215      | 216      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 5.4      | 5.9      | 5.7      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 46.1 mo. | 24.5 mo. | 38.8 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 1        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 1        | 1        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 1        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 14,660   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 199      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 5%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 3%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 51 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 36 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 48 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 49 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 48 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 13 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 5 / 55  |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 16 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 39 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 38 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 31 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 35 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 46 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 26 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 15 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 33 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 24 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 31 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 27 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 24 / 54 |
| months in placement | 54 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 58 / 58 |

# The Children of LAKE COUNTY



## Highlights

Lake County has one of the highest percentages of extremely poor children in California. It also has an unemployment rate which is higher than the state average and 14 job seekers competing for every new job. Lake County offers more licensed center-based infant care than most other counties. Lake County has a high percentage of mothers who do not seek timely prenatal care and has one of California's highest rates of child abuse.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 61,400           | 15,307                 |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 52,196           | 11,884                 | 78%                    |
|                         | African-American | 1,223            | 336                    | 2%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 5,726            | 2,374                  | 16%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 2,255            | 713                    | 5%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 662              |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 52%  | n/a  | 53%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 33%  | 32%  | 30%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 10.2% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 14    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 31%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$570 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$464 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$347 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 11%   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 51%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$83  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|------------------|------|------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 7.6  | 7.6  | 11.9 |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 5.5  | 4.9  | 6.5  |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 6.3  | 10.7 | 3.0  |
|   | Anglo            | 4.0  | 11.7 | 4.0  |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
|   | Latino           | 11.0 | 10.2 | 0.0  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 35.7 | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 61   | 71   | 58   |
|   | Anglo            | 58   | 63   | 51   |
|   | African-American | 24   | 89   | 96   |
|   | Latino           | 81   | 100  | 91   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 79   | 115  | 83   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | n/a  |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.9  | 3.7     | 3.8 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.5  | 3.2     | 3.3 |
|  | African-American | 7.0  | 9.1     | 6.6 |
|  | Latino           | 6.5  | 5.6     | 6.8 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 4.5  | 6.1     | 5.0 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 25   | 30      | 32  |
|  | Anglo            | 25   | 31      | 33  |
|  | African-American | 20   | 55      | 18  |
|  | Latino           | 28   | 23      | 27  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 25   | 22      | 27  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 24.7             | 24.9 | 24.6    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,291 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 4%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 1,647    | 3,201    | 3,059    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 114      | 216      | 200      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 126      | 151      | 132      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 8.7      | 10.2     | 8.6      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 16.7 mo. | 23.2 mo. | 22.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 2        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 1        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 1        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 6,579    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 81       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 9%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 4%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 48 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 55 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 41 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 46 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 29 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 28 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 7 / 41  |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 14 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 2 / 42  |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 45 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 28 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 43 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 22 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 26 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 26 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

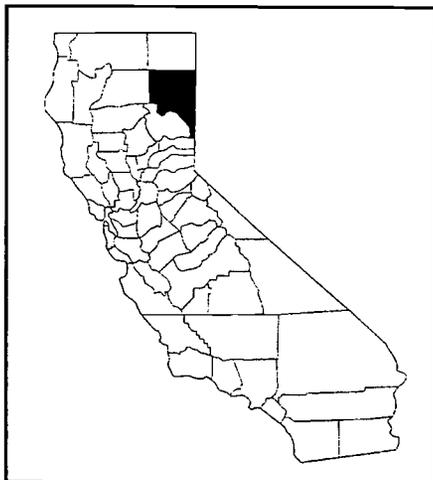
### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 35 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 38 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 13 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 23 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 51 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 38 / 54 |
| months in placement | 17 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 30 / 58 |

# The Children of LASSEN COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's fastest growing counties, Lassen County ranks close to state averages on many indicators. Lassen, however, has a low percentage of high school graduates who are prepared for college. Lassen also has a higher than state average rate of child abuse and a high rate of children in foster care.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 33,758           | 7,401                  |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 24,915           | 6,137                  | 83%                    |
|                         | African-American | 2,967            | 65                     | 1%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 4,580            | 835                    | 11%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 1,296            | 364                    | 5%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 286              |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 29%  | n/a  | 32%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 25%  | 24%  | 22%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 7.8%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 6     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 22%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$480 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$347 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 74%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$93  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 4.8  | 4.6  | 8.1   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 3.5  | 6.9  | 6.7   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 9.5  | 6.5  | 10.1  |
|   | Anglo            | 11.8 | 8.2  | 12.7  |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
|   | Latino           | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 62   | 59   | 65    |
|   | Anglo            | 58   | 55   | 60    |
|   | African-American | 77   | 143  | 250   |
|   | Latino           | 118  | 81   | 63    |
|   | Asian/Other      | 55   | 74   | 71    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 56.4% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 2.1  | 2.1     | 1.6 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.6  | 2.0     | 0.7 |
|  | African-American | 10.3 | 0.0     | 0.0 |
|  | Latino           | 4.0  | 2.2     | 5.6 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 5.3  | 2.9     | 7.9 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 12   | 25      | 31  |
|  | Anglo            | 12   | 26      | 35  |
|  | African-American | 0    | 0       | 13  |
|  | Latino           | 15   | 29      | 0   |
|  | Asian/Other      | 9    | 7       | 0   |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 25.0             | 23.7 | 23.6    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,551 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 2%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 1,270    | 1,383    | 1,467    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 176      | 189      | 198      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 103      | 94       | 100      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 14.3     | 12.8     | 13.5     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 18.3 mo. | 17.4 mo. | 14.7 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 3,642    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 98       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 4%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 5%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 14 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 42 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 32 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 18 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 18 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 10 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 14 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 16 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 20 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | NR      |
| Low birthweight infants | NR      |
| Infant mortality        | NR      |
| Teen births             | NR      |
| Immunizations           | 21 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 8 / 57  |
| Grads prepared for college | 51 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 10 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 13 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 53 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 51 / 54 |
| months in placement | 6 / 57  |
| Youth arrests       | 45 / 58 |

# The Children of LOS ANGELES COUNTY



## Highlights

With California's largest child population, Los Angeles County has one of the lowest percentages of child support orders established. While significant improvements have been made, Los Angeles County still has one of the highest rates of students dropping out of high school. Yet, Los Angeles has a higher than state average percentage of high school graduates who are prepared for college. The average class size in Los Angeles County is among the state's largest.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 9,636,490        | 2,721,636              |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 3,385,675        | 612,222                | 22%                    |
|                         | African-American | 950,120          | 288,663                | 11%                    |
|                         | Latino           | 4,195,700        | 1,537,371              | 56%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 1,104,995        | 283,380                | 10%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 178,940          |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 58%  | n/a  | 59%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 25%  | 24%  | 23%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 6.9%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 9     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 43%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$854 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$550 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$386 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 3%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 35%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$71  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 4.5  | 3.9  | 3.6   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 6.2  | 6.4  | 6.4   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.3  | 6.9  | 6.7   |
|   | Anglo            | 6.4  | 7.2  | 6.7   |
|   | African-American | 16.2 | 16.4 | 15.2  |
|   | Latino           | 6.4  | 5.9  | 5.8   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 5.2  | 3.6  | 4.8   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 80   | 78   | 75    |
|   | Anglo            | 29   | 28   | 26    |
|   | African-American | 97   | 92   | 88    |
|   | Latino           | 114  | 112  | 108   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 16   | 16   | 16    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 37.2% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 7.1  | 6.5     | 5.4 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.6  | 3.2     | 2.6 |
|  | African-American | 11.0 | 10.6    | 8.9 |
|  | Latino           | 8.7  | 7.8     | 6.5 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 3.5  | 3.1     | 2.7 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 36   | 40      | 40  |
|  | Anglo            | 39   | 45      | 45  |
|  | African-American | 35   | 41      | 39  |
|  | Latino           | 26   | 28      | 30  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 57   | 60      | 62  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 29.6             | 29.7 | 29.9    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,428 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 36%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 164,716  | 180,586  | 191,921  |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 64       | 68       | 71       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 41,085   | 43,483   | 44,864   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 15.9     | 16.5     | 16.5     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 24.0 mo. | 24.7 mo. | 26.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 218      | 238      | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 738      | 705      | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 270      | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 986,857  | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 57       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 11%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 13%      | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 54 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 42 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 25 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 32 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 50 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 53 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 19 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 26 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 24 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 56 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 42 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 15 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 35 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 29 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 35 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 37 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 57 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 8 / 57  |
| Average class size         | 55 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 18 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 17 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 53 / 54 |
| months in placement | 34 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 13 / 58 |

# The Children of MADERA COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's fastest growing counties, Madera County has a high percentage of low-income children, high unemployment and 21 job seekers competing for every new job. While improvements have been made since 1994, Madera still has one of California's highest dropout rates and a high percentage of births to mothers with less than twelve years education.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      |                  |                        |                        |
| All                     | 118,544          | 35,537                 |                        |
| Anglo                   | 63,349           | 15,012                 | 42%                    |
| African-American        | 4,606            | 793                    | 2%                     |
| Latino                  | 47,792           | 18,994                 | 53%                    |
| Asian/Other             | 2,797            | 738                    | 2%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> | 1,987            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  |      |      |       |
| Low-income children*   | 52%  | n/a  | 54%   |
| Children receiving AFDC  | 22%  | 24%  | 23%   |
| Unemployment rate (1997)   |      |      | 13.4% |
| Job seekers per new job (1997)   |      |      | 21    |
| Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994)                      |      |      | 48%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 |      |      |       |
| Fair market rent (1996-97)   |      |      | \$526 |
| Child care/month - infant  |      |      | n/a   |
| Child care/month - pre-schooler  |      |      | \$347 |
| Child care centers: % spaces for infants                                 |      |      | n/a   |
| Child support: % cases with orders to pay                                |      |      | 68%   |
| Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order                      |      |      | \$90  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 5.7  | 6.6  | 6.7   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 6.0  | 4.8  | 5.8   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                |      |      |       |
| All   | 8.0  | 8.2  | 7.0   |
| Anglo   | 4.5  | 4.4  | 7.7   |
| African-American  | 27.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   |
| Latino  | 9.6  | 11.2 | 6.5   |
| Asian/Other   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 15.6  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      |      |      |       |
| All   | 96   | 92   | 88    |
| Anglo   | 48   | 46   | 45    |
| African-American  | 81   | 130  | 105   |
| Latino  | 153  | 138  | 132   |
| Asian/Other   | 55   | 85   | 96    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |      |      | 53.2% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 6.6  | 6.0     | 3.5 |
|  | Anglo            | 4.4  | 4.1     | 1.9 |
|  | African-American | 6.1  | 5.3     | 4.9 |
|  | Latino           | 9.2  | 8.3     | 5.2 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 3.2  | 4.6     | 1.4 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 33   | 28      | 33  |
|  | Anglo            | 40   | 33      | 39  |
|  | African-American | 15   | 23      | 30  |
|  | Latino           | 23   | 22      | 23  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 35   | 29      | 54  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.8             | 29.0 | 28.5    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,143 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 25%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 3,289    | 3,570    | 4,010    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 99       | 104      | 113      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 153      | 177      | 134      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 4.6      | 5.2      | 3.8      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 24.3 mo. | 26.6 mo. | 21.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 2        | 4        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 4        | 3        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 14,872   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 83       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 6%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 8%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 50 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 37 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 49 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 52 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 55 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 18 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 14 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 23 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 22 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 28 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 17 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 38 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 40 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 25 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 53 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 33 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 47 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 41 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 35 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 15 / 54 |
| months in placement | 30 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 32 / 58 |

# The Children of MARIN COUNTY



## Highlights

Marin County has the lowest percentage of low-income and extremely poor children of all California counties. Marin County also has the highest average cost for preschool care and very high costs for rent and infant care. Marin County ranks very well on many family economic, health, education and safety indicators. However, Marin has one of the highest youth arrest rates in the state.



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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 245,593                | 55,237                 |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 203,300                | 44,141                 | 80% |
|                         | African-American | 8,252                  | 1,795                  | 3%  |
|                         | Latino           | 22,906                 | 6,598                  | 12% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 11,135                 | 2,703                  | 5%  |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 2,686                  |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 14%  | n/a  | 14%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 6%   | 5%   | 5%    |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 2.9%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 2     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 13%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$965 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$754 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$555 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 4%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 86%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$149 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995  |      |
|---|------------------|------|-------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 1.5              | 2.6  | 3.7   |      |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 5.5              | 5.7  | 5.1   |      |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 6.1  | 5.1   | 2.7  |
|   | Anglo            | 5.0  | 4.6   | 2.1  |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 10.9  | 13.9 |
|   | Latino           | 11.6 | 7.8   | 4.1  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 4.9  | 0.0   | 0.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 22   | 22    | 17   |
|   | Anglo            | 12   | 11    | 5    |
|   | African-American | 51   | 52    | 48   |
|   | Latino           | 109  | 114   | 103  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 9    | 9     | 12   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | 74.6% |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 1.5  | 1.6     | 1.2 |
|  | Anglo            | 0.9  | 1.2     | 0.7 |
|  | African-American | 3.4  | 2.8     | 1.7 |
|  | Latino           | 5.8  | 4.3     | 4.4 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 0.9  | 0.9     | 0.8 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 45   | 47      | 47  |
|  | Anglo            | 49   | 51      | 51  |
|  | African-American | 19   | 10      | 12  |
|  | Latino           | 14   | 17      | 21  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 52   | 55      | 55  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 26.1             | 25.8 | 26.1    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$5,338 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 9%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 2,356    | 2,017    | 1,968    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 44       | 37       | 36       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 211      | 206      | 173      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 4.0      | 3.8      | 3.1      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 17.3 mo. | 20.2 mo. | 17.4 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 2        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 1        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 2        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 20,162   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 97       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 9%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 4%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 1 / 58  |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 1 / 58  |
| Unemployment rate                | 2 / 58  |
| Job seekers per new job          | 2 / 58  |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 2 / 58  |
| Fair market rent                 | 56 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 39 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 55 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 15 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 2 / 58  |
| \$ collected                     | 2 / 58  |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 3 / 46  |
| Low birthweight infants | 14 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 5 / 46  |
| Teen births             | 1 / 46  |
| Immunizations           | 1 / 38  |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 4 / 57  |
| Grads prepared for college | 2 / 57  |
| Average class size         | 17 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 6 / 58  |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 1 / 54  |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 5 / 54  |
| months in placement | 7 / 57  |
| Youth arrests       | 43 / 58 |

# The Children of MARIPOSA COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's smallest population counties, **Mariposa County** has a lower than average percentage of low-income children. Mariposa offers the lowest cost preschool care in all of California. Mariposa County also has the lowest infant mortality rate in California and averages a relatively short length of stay for children in foster care.

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## Demographics

|                         |                         | 1996 | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | <b>All</b>              |      | 17,840           | 4,278                  |                        |
|                         | <b>Anglo</b>            |      | 15,527           | 3,521                  | 82%                    |
|                         | <b>African-American</b> |      | 186              | 41                     | 1%                     |
|                         | <b>Latino</b>           |      | 1,079            | 372                    | 9%                     |
|                         | <b>Asian/Other</b>      |      | 1,048            | 344                    | 8%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                         |      | 156              |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996         |
|--|---|------|------|--------------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | <b>Low-income children*</b>                                   | 23%  | n/a  | 25%          |
|  | <b>Children receiving AFDC</b>                                | 18%  | 17%  | 16%          |
|  | <b>Unemployment rate (1997)</b>                               |      |      | 6.8%         |
|  | <b>Job seekers per new job (1997)</b>                         |      |      | 6            |
|  | <b>Babies born to mothers w/ &lt; 12 yrs education (1994)</b> |      |      | 18%          |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                           | <b>Fair market rent (1996-97)</b>                             |      |      | \$526        |
|  | <b>Child care/month - infant</b>                              |      |      | n/a          |
|  | <b>Child care/month - pre-schooler</b>                        |      |      | \$260        |
|  | <b>Child care centers: % spaces for infants</b>               |      |      | n/a          |
|  | <b>Child support: % cases with orders to pay</b>              |      |      | 61%          |
|  | <b>Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order</b>    |      |      | \$113        |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is</b> |   |      |      | <b>\$858</b> |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                         | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|-------------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                         | 6.7  | 8.7  | 7.3   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                         | 7.9  | 2.7  | 7.9   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | <b>All</b>              | 0.0  | 0.0  | 6.6   |
|   | <b>Anglo</b>            | 0.0  | 0.0  | 7.9   |
|   | <b>African-American</b> | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
|   | <b>Latino</b>           | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
|   | <b>Asian/Other</b>      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | <b>All</b>              | 37   | 44   | 39    |
|   | <b>Anglo</b>            | 39   | 45   | 34    |
|   | <b>African-American</b> | n/a  | n/a  | 0     |
|   | <b>Latino</b>           | 59   | 31   | 98    |
|   | <b>Asian/Other</b>      | 0    | 20   | 36    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                         |      |      | 50.2% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.9  | 3.7     | 2.4 |
|  | Anglo            | 4.4  | 3.5     | 1.9 |
|  | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
|  | Latino           | 2.0  | 8.6     | 4.7 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 1.8  | 2.8     | 5.8 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 32   | 24      | 30  |
|  | Anglo            | 30   | 25      | 35  |
|  | African-American | 0    | 50      | n/a |
|  | Latino           | 100  | 20      | 0   |
|  | Asian/Other      | 38   | 8       | 7   |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 23.7             | 25.1 | 24.6    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,799 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 0%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995    | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 541     | 489      | 547      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 132     | 116      | 128      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 11      | 32       | 39       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 2.7     | 7.6      | 9.1      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 5.5 mo. | 20.2 mo. | 15.1 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0       | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0       | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0       | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 1,940   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 49      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 5%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 7%      | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 6 / 58  |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 28 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 23 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 18 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 11 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 18 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 1 / 55  |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 31 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 9 / 58  |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | NR      |
| Low birthweight infants | NR      |
| Infant mortality        | 1 / 46  |
| Teen births             | NR      |
| Immunizations           | 29 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 30 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 41 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 12 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 10 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 43 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 29 / 54 |
| months in placement | 3 / 57  |
| Youth arrests       | 7 / 58  |

# The Children of MENDOCINO COUNTY



## Highlights

Mendocino County ranks close to state averages on many family economic and education indicators.

The highest percentage of women who do not seek timely prenatal care is in Mendocino County and the county has one of California's highest infant mortality rates.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 90,740           | 24,611                 |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 72,239           | 17,075                 | 69%                    |
|                         | African-American | 582              | 250                    | 1%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 12,674           | 5,579                  | 23%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 5,245            | 1,707                  | 7%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 1,100            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 44%  | n/a  | 43%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 22%  | 21%  | 20%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 6.9%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 8     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 32%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$610 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$355 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 60%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$104 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|------------------|------|------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 12.7 | 14.8 | 15.6 |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 6.3  | 5.6  | 4.5  |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 11.8 | 6.1  | 8.0  |
|   | Anglo            | 16.6 | 8.1  | 8.5  |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
|   | Latino           | 0.0  | 3.4  | 6.4  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 10.9 | 0.0  | 9.2  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 60   | 67   | 65   |
|   | Anglo            | 46   | 49   | 52   |
|   | African-American | 71   | 105  | 83   |
|   | Latino           | 108  | 128  | 112  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 110  | 107  | 95   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | n/a  |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.8  | 4.4     | 3.1 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.2  | 3.5     | 2.4 |
|  | African-American | 3.6  | 13.5    | 0.0 |
|  | Latino           | 6.4  | 7.5     | 5.2 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 5.4  | 7.1     | 6.3 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 27   | 37      | 34  |
|  | Anglo            | 30   | 40      | 37  |
|  | African-American | 44   | 17      | 50  |
|  | Latino           | 12   | 27      | 16  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 26   | 21      | 22  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 23.8             | 23.7 | 24.3    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,972 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 11%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 2,725    | 3,535    | 3,721    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 114      | 145      | 151      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 265      | 274      | 284      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 11.1     | 11.2     | 11.5     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 32.0 mo. | 26.4 mo. | 24.5 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 1        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 11,044   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 100      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 10%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 7%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 34 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 33 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 25 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 27 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 32 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 33 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 19 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 32 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 14 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 46 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 17 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 44 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 27 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 35 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 25 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 9 / 58  |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 8 / 58  |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 45 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 49 / 54 |
| months in placement | 38 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 46 / 58 |

# The Children of MERCED COUNTY



## Highlights

With a high percentage of low-income and extremely poor children, Merced County also has high unemployment and 27 people competing for every new job.

Merced County ranks well above the state average in the establishment of child support orders for children who need them. With one of the highest teen birth rates in California, Merced County also has one of the lowest percentages of high school graduates who are prepared for college.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 214,430          | 75,906                 |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 105,195          | 28,719                 | 38%                    |
|                         | African-American | 8,805            | 3,048                  | 4%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 77,359           | 32,698                 | 43%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 23,071           | 11,441                 | 15%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 4,006            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 62%  | n/a  | 64%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 35%  | 34%  | 31%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 14.1% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 27    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 46%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$521 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$347 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 82%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$94  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 7.4  | 7.1  | 7.2   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 5.6  | 5.1  | 6.1   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 5.9  | 7.2  | 8.2   |
|   | Anglo            | 6.5  | 5.5  | 12.3  |
|   | African-American | 17.6 | 17.4 | 5.8   |
|   | Latino           | 4.8  | 8.6  | 5.0   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 5.1  | 3.6  | 10.9  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 96   | 97   | 95    |
|   | Anglo            | 56   | 61   | 56    |
|   | African-American | 125  | 93   | 125   |
|   | Latino           | 130  | 135  | 126   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 114  | 104  | 118   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 49.9% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 4.5  | 3.6     | 3.6 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.9  | 3.4     | 3.0 |
|  | African-American | 3.7  | 3.9     | 6.8 |
|  | Latino           | 5.8  | 3.9     | 4.5 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 2.1  | 3.3     | 1.4 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 20   | 20      | 24  |
|  | Anglo            | 27   | 27      | 33  |
|  | African-American | 28   | 17      | 22  |
|  | Latino           | 12   | 12      | 13  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 23   | 18      | 33  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 27.7             | 28.3 | 27.4    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,174 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 33%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 7,847    | 9,520    | 8,017    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 111      | 130      | 106      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 473      | 362      | 360      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 6.7      | 5.0      | 4.7      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 24.7 mo. | 19.4 mo. | 18.1 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 2        | 2        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 9        | 9        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 29,856   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 119      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 5%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 5%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 57 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 56 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 52 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 55 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 53 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 17 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 14 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 5 / 58  |
| \$ collected                     | 19 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 37 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 22 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 33 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 43 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 30 / 38 |

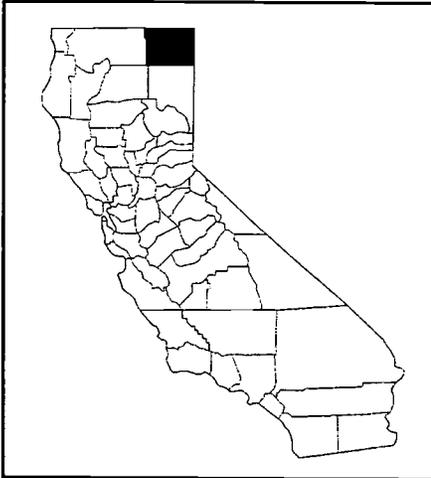
### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 38 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 55 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 28 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 37 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 39 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 20 / 54 |
| months in placement | 17 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 52 / 58 |

# The Children of MODOC COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's smallest counties, Modoc County has a high proportion of low-income children and 31 job seekers competing for every new job. Modoc ranks low in the amount of money collected per child support order. Students in Modoc County are far less likely than students in other counties to drop out of high school and class sizes are lower than the state average.

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## Demographics

|                         |                  | 1996 | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              |      | 10,838           | 2,708                  |                        |
|                         | Anglo            |      | 9,336            | 2,154                  | 80%                    |
|                         | African-American |      | 126              | 51                     | 2%                     |
|                         | Latino           |      | 856              | 339                    | 13%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      |      | 520              | 164                    | 6%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  |      | 124              |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 54%  | n/a  | 45%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 28%  | 26%  | 28%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 8.4%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 31    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 16%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$470 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 55%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$42  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                                   | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|-----------------------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                                   | 5.5  | 5.7  | 7.4   |
|   | <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b> | 7.0  | 10.7 | 5.7   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All                               | 0.0  | 8.2  | 8.2   |
|   | Anglo                             | 0.0  | 10.4 | 0.0   |
|   | African-American                  | 0.0  | n/a  | n/a   |
|   | Latino                            | 0.0  | 0.0  | 32.3  |
|   | Asian/Other                       | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All                               | 62   | 55   | 36    |
|   | Anglo                             | 42   | 37   | 21    |
|   | African-American                  | 0    | 0    | 0     |
|   | Latino                            | 292  | 214  | 250   |
|   | Asian/Other                       | 125  | 136  | 0     |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                                   |      |      | 57.4% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 0.9  | 0.9     | 2.6 |
|  | Anglo            | 0.8  | 1.0     | 2.6 |
|  | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
|  | Latino           | 1.0  | 0.9     | 3.4 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 2.3  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 29   | 17      | 36  |
|  | Anglo            | 34   | 18      | 39  |
|  | African-American | 0    | 0       | n/a |
|  | Latino           | 8    | 9       | 22  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 8    | 43      | 41  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 20.5             | 20.0 | 19.7    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$5,405 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 12%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995    | 1996 |     |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|------|-----|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 508     | 522  | 308 |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 189     | 193  | 114 |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 3       | 5    | 1   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 1.1     | 1.9  | 0.4 |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 30.8 mo | n/a  | n/a |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0       | 1    |     |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0       | 1    |     |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0       | n/a  |     |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 1,355   | n/a  |     |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 14      | n/a  |     |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 11%     | n/a  |     |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 0%      | n/a  |     |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 43 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 46 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 33 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 58 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 5 / 58  |
| Fair market rent                 | 1 / 58  |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | NR      |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 39 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 57 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | NR      |
| Low birthweight infants | NR      |
| Infant mortality        | NR      |
| Teen births             | NR      |
| Immunizations           | 20 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 4 / 57  |
| Grads prepared for college | 43 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 3 / 58  |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 5 / 58  |

### Safety

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Child abuse         | NR     |
| Foster care:        |        |
| rate                | NR     |
| months in placement | NR     |
| Youth arrests       | 1 / 58 |

# The Children of MONO COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's smallest population counties, **Mono County** has a relatively low proportion of low-income and extremely poor children. There is, however, high unemployment in Mono and 13 job seekers competing for every new job. While Mono County establishes child support orders for a smaller than average percentage of child support cases, it collects one of the highest amounts per order in the state. Mono County has a high percentage of graduates prepared for college and a small average class

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## Demographics

|                         |                  | 1996 | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              |      | 10,820           | 2,749                  |                        |
|                         | Anglo            |      | 8,683            | 1,993                  | 72%                    |
|                         | African-American |      | 53               | 20                     | 1%                     |
|                         | Latino           |      | 1,597            | 579                    | 21%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      |      | 487              | 157                    | 6%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  |      | 128              |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 25%  | n/a  | 30%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 10%  | 8%   | 8%    |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 15.2% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 13    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 32%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$725 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$477 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 12%   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 40%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$133 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 8.0  | 7.9  | 7.4   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 8.0  | 7.1  | 8.1   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.2  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
|   | Anglo            | 11.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   |
|   | African-American | n/a  | n/a  | n/a   |
|   | Latino           | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 20   | 30   | 32    |
|   | Anglo            | 10   | 24   | 27    |
|   | African-American | n/a  | n/a  | 0     |
|   | Latino           | 107  | 83   | 79    |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0    | 0    | 0     |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 62.8% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 2.8  | 5.6     | 2.8 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.5  | 3.0     | 2.2 |
|  | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
|  | Latino           | 10.3 | 24.4    | 9.1 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 9.5  | 16.7    | 0.0 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 28   | 38      | 54  |
|  | Anglo            | 28   | 41      | 53  |
|  | African-American | 0    | 0       | 0   |
|  | Latino           | 0    | 0       | 33  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 67   | 43      | 100 |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 21.7             | 21.3 | 20.7    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$5,269 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 8%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 163      | 220      | 220      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 64       | 83       | 80       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 16       | 12       | 13       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 6.3      | 4.5      | 4.7      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 39.2 mo. | 10.8 mo. | 42.9 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 1,112    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 31       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 12%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 0%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 11 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 3 / 58  |
| Unemployment rate                | 56 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 41 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 32 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 46 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 47 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 1 / 42  |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 54 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 4 / 58  |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | NR      |
| Low birthweight infants | NR      |
| Infant mortality        | NR      |
| Teen births             | NR      |
| Immunizations           | 10 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 35 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 3 / 57  |
| Average class size         | 4 / 58  |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 7 / 58  |

### Safety

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Child abuse         | NR     |
| Foster care:        |        |
| rate                | NR     |
| months in placement | NR     |
| Youth arrests       | 2 / 58 |

# MONTEREY COUNTY



## Highlights

Monterey County ranks close to the state average on many of the family economic and education indicators. A high percentage of births in Monterey County were to mothers with less than twelve years education. In terms of licensed center-based infant care, Monterey County offers less than most other counties. Monterey County has the lowest foster care rate in California.



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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 389,413                | 120,999                |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 190,697                | 49,445                 | 41% |
|                         | African-American | 22,779                 | 6,402                  | 5%  |
|                         | Latino           | 145,601                | 57,861                 | 48% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 30,336                 | 7,291                  | 6%  |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 7,168                  |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 46%  | n/a  | 53%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 14%  | 14%  | 13%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 7.2%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 9     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 49%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$723 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$485 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$425 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 2%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 50%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$100 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995  |     |
|---|------------------|------|-------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  |      |       |     |
|   | 9.4              | 7.0  | 7.8   |     |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  |      |       |     |
|   | 5.0              | 5.8  | 5.3   |     |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.1  | 5.8   | 5.7 |
|   | Anglo            | 8.1  | 3.1   | 7.6 |
|   | African-American | 12.6 | 26.1  | 6.4 |
|   | Latino           | 7.1  | 6.4   | 5.6 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 1.4  | 4.1   | 0.0 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 85   | 82    | 76  |
|   | Anglo            | 39   | 31    | 27  |
|   | African-American | 85   | 49    | 60  |
|   | Latino           | 130  | 141   | 127 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 55   | 26    | 41  |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | 64.2% |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.5  | 4.0     | 3.6 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.6  | 2.9     | 2.0 |
|  | African-American | 6.6  | 4.6     | 3.0 |
|  | Latino           | 3.8  | 5.0     | 4.8 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 3.2  | 2.6     | 2.5 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 28   | 29      | 32  |
|  | Anglo            | 38   | 38      | 44  |
|  | African-American | 19   | 19      | 23  |
|  | Latino           | 19   | 19      | 20  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 36   | 33      | 48  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 27.4             | 27.8 | 28.4    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,365 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 34%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 8,592    | 9,757    | 9,142    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 75       | 83       | 76       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 261      | 290      | 355      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 2.3      | 2.5      | 2.9      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 19.4 mo. | 19.7 mo. | 17.0 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 7        | 6        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 13       | 13       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 4        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 45,171   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 90       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 8%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 7%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 41 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 16 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 27 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 32 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 56 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 45 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 9 / 41  |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 37 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 34 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 49 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 17 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 40 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 14 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 21 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 39 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 7 / 38  |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 32 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 36 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 32 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 20 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 20 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 1 / 54  |
| months in placement | 9 / 57  |
| Youth arrests       | 38 / 58 |

# The Children of NAPA COUNTY



## Highlights

With a relatively low proportion of low-income children, Napa County also has low unemployment and only two job seekers competing for every new job. Napa County ranks very well in the categories of low birthweight infants, students dropping out of high school, child abuse and juvenile arrests. There is, however, less licensed center-based infant care available in Napa County than in most other counties and Napa County has a very low per pupil expenditure.

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## Demographics

|                         | 1996             | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 120,560          | 29,446                 |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 92,973           | 19,645                 | 67%                    |
|                         | African-American | 1,374            | 425                    | 1%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 21,585           | 8,277                  | 28%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 4,628            | 1,099                  | 4%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 1,459            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 29%  | n/a  | 33%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 10%  | 10%  | 9%    |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 4.3%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 2     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 30%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$696 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$589 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$429 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 2%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 65%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$115 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995 |     |
|---|------------------|------|------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 4.5              | 4.1  | 5.3  |     |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 4.5              | 4.3  | 4.2  |     |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.0  | 6.0  | 5.5 |
|   | Anglo            | 9.5  | 5.7  | 6.1 |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
|   | Latino           | 3.6  | 7.1  | 5.3 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 39   | 41   | 46  |
|   | Anglo            | 27   | 23   | 28  |
|   | African-American | 43   | 0    | 19  |
|   | Latino           | 85   | 115  | 111 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 29   | 18   | 55  |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | n/a  |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 1.0  | 1.0     | 1.4 |
|  | Anglo            | 0.8  | 0.8     | 1.1 |
|  | African-American | 5.9  | 0.0     | 2.2 |
|  | Latino           | 1.6  | 1.5     | 2.4 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 0.4  | 1.0     | 1.7 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 37   | 28      | 31  |
|  | Anglo            | 44   | 32      | 36  |
|  | African-American | 25   | 0       | 0   |
|  | Latino           | 11   | 11      | 13  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 26   | 29      | 40  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.1             | 28.2 | 28.4    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$3,937 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 18%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 1,158    | 1,187    | 1,217    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 40       | 41       | 41       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 143      | 150      | 169      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 5.0      | 5.2      | 5.7      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 32.0 mo. | 31.9 mo. | 25.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 12,570   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 36       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 9%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 4%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 14 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 3 / 58  |
| Unemployment rate                | 7 / 58  |
| Job seekers per new job          | 2 / 58  |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 28 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 42 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 23 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 40 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 34 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 26 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 8 / 58  |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 21 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 2 / 46  |
| Infant mortality        | 21 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 11 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 2 / 57  |
| Grads prepared for college | 28 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 39 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 56 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 2 / 54  |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 18 / 54 |
| months in placement | 44 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 4 / 58  |

# The Children of NEVADA COUNTY



## Highlights

Nevada County has very low percentages of low-income and extremely poor children and has low unemployment. Nevada County ranks particularly well in the areas of teen births, infant mortalities, low birthweight infants and months that children are in foster care placement. However, Nevada County offers little licensed center-based infant care and collects far less than the state average in child support payments.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 96,305           | 23,125                 |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 89,611           | 20,635                 | 89%                    |
|                         | African-American | 227              | 66                     | 0%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 4,707            | 1,897                  | 8%                     |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 1,760            | 527                    | 2%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 819              |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 21%  | n/a  | 20%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 10%  | 10%  | 9%    |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 6.1%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 6     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 17%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$680 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$520 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$368 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 1%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 67%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$62  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|------------------|------|------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 2.9  | 3.6  | 3.2  |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 4.9  | 4.3  | 4.9  |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 3.4  | 4.8  | 3.6  |
|   | Anglo            | 2.6  | 4.0  | 4.1  |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | n/a  | n/a  |
|   | Latino           | 12.5 | 0.0  | 0.0  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 71.4 | 0.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 29   | 31   | 28   |
|   | Anglo            | 26   | 25   | 27   |
|   | African-American | 0    | 0    | 0    |
|   | Latino           | 66   | 103  | 41   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 15   | 44   | 30   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | n/a  |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |      |
|--|------------------|------|---------|------|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 4.0  | 3.3     | 3.5  |
|  | Anglo            | 3.9  | 3.2     | 3.4  |
|  | African-American | 0.0  | 5.9     | 10.5 |
|  | Latino           | 2.1  | 7.3     | 4.5  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 10.4 | 3.5     | 2.8  |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 34   | 41      | 40   |
|  | Anglo            | 35   | 42      | 43   |
|  | African-American | 0    | 13      | 8    |
|  | Latino           | 11   | 24      | 15   |
|  | Asian/Other      | 18   | 32      | 23   |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 27.9             | 27.7 | 27.3    |      |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,187 |      |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 0%      |      |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 1,785    | 1,996    | 1,849    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 82       | 89       | 80       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 68       | 81       | 90       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 3.1      | 3.6      | 3.9      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 15.9 mo. | 17.4 mo. | 16.4 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 1        | 1        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 10,700   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 79       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 12%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 4%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 3 / 58  |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 7 / 58  |
| Unemployment rate                | 20 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 18 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 7 / 58  |
| Fair market rent                 | 40 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 13 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 20 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 39 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 24 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 54 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 7 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 3 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 3 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 2 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR     |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 32 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 8 / 57  |
| Average class size         | 26 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 36 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 22 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 5 / 54  |
| months in placement | 4 / 57  |
| Youth arrests       | 28 / 58 |

# The Children of ORANGE COUNTY



## Highlights

With one of California's largest child populations, **Orange County** has a smaller than average proportion of low-income children and relatively low unemployment. Rents and the cost of child care in Orange County are higher than state averages and the class sizes in Orange County are among the state's largest.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 2,717,453              | 715,195                |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 1,678,344              | 349,626                | 49% |
|                         | African-American | 44,853                 | 13,871                 | 2%  |
|                         | Latino           | 708,050                | 271,603                | 38% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 286,206                | 80,095                 | 11% |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 49,757                 |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 34%  | n/a  | 36%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 12%  | 11%  | 10%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 3.3%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 2     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 34%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$827 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$607 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$442 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 4%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 51%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$74  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995  |     |
|---|------------------|------|-------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  |      |       |     |
|   | 4.2              | 3.9  | 3.9   |     |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  |      |       |     |
|   | 5.2              | 5.2  | 5.4   |     |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 5.9  | 6.0   | 5.6 |
|   | Anglo            | 6.0  | 5.5   | 6.4 |
|   | African-American | 11.4 | 15.3  | 7.5 |
|   | Latino           | 5.8  | 6.4   | 4.9 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 4.8  | 4.9   | 5.3 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 62   | 62    | 57  |
|   | Anglo            | 23   | 23    | 21  |
|   | African-American | 71   | 73    | 66  |
|   | Latino           | 151  | 150   | 140 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 19   | 20    | 20  |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | 55.7% |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.2  | 2.7     | 2.7 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.7  | 1.6     | 1.6 |
|  | African-American | 3.5  | 3.5     | 2.8 |
|  | Latino           | 6.4  | 5.1     | 5.1 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 1.4  | 1.2     | 1.2 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 33   | 35      | 35  |
|  | Anglo            | 37   | 40      | 40  |
|  | African-American | 21   | 24      | 21  |
|  | Latino           | 14   | 17      | 14  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 43   | 46      | 47  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 30.4             | 30.7 | 30.3    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,060 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 30%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 38,758   | 34,541   | 31,847   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 57       | 50       | 45       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 2,682    | 3,116    | 3,182    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 4.0      | 4.5      | 4.4      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 27.8 mo. | 28.1 mo. | 27.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 18       | 22       | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 80       | 88       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 28       | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 257,269  | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 73       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 9%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 6%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 23 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 10 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 4 / 58  |
| Job seekers per new job          | 2 / 58  |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 37 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 51 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 26 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 41 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 15 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 45 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 36 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 15 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 12 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 12 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 25 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 22 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 23 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 20 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 57 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 48 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 7 / 54  |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 12 / 54 |
| months in placement | 39 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 24 / 58 |

# The Children of PLACER COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's fastest growing counties, **Placer County** has very low percentages of low-income and extremely poor children. Placer County also has low unemployment and a low percentage of births to mothers with less than twelve years education. Placer County spends less per pupil than most other counties in California.



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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 218,446          | 58,775                 |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 190,983          | 48,888                 | 83%                    |
|                         | African-American | 1,373            | 498                    | 1%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 18,864           | 7,229                  | 12%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 7,226            | 2,160                  | 4%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 2,675            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 19%  | n/a  | 19%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 10%  | 9%   | 9%    |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 4.8%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 2     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 14%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$639 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$659 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$472 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 3%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 44%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$111 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994  | 1995 |
|---|------------------|------|-------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 3.3  | 2.9   | 3.6  |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 4.6  | 5.6   | 5.0  |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.6  | 4.1   | 6.3  |
|   | Anglo            | 7.8  | 3.2   | 5.5  |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 117.6 | 0.0  |
|   | Latino           | 8.7  | 5.0   | 13.4 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 38   | 36    | 36   |
|   | Anglo            | 29   | 28    | 29   |
|   | African-American | 21   | 38    | 98   |
|   | Latino           | 113  | 104   | 94   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 36   | 30    | 35   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |       | n/a  |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.0  | 2.5     | 2.1 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.6  | 2.4     | 1.9 |
|  | African-American | 8.5  | 5.6     | 2.9 |
|  | Latino           | 6.4  | 3.5     | 3.4 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 1.6  | 0.8     | 1.0 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 32   | 36      | 38  |
|  | Anglo            | 32   | 36      | 39  |
|  | African-American | 73   | 21      | 16  |
|  | Latino           | 21   | 25      | 22  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 40   | 56      | 56  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.0             | 28.1 | 28.2    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$3,962 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 3%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 4,752    | 3,399    | 2,994    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 86       | 60       | 51       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 326      | 269      | 327      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 5.9      | 4.7      | 5.6      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 21.9 mo. | 23.2 mo. | 26.5 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 1        | 2        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 1        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 1        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 25,771   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 68       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 11%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 5%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 2 / 58  |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 3 / 58  |
| Unemployment rate                | 13 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 2 / 58  |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 3 / 58  |
| Fair market rent                 | 35 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 31 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 46 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 24 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 51 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 10 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 9 / 46  |
| Low birthweight infants | 8 / 46  |
| Infant mortality        | 17 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 6 / 46  |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 15 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 13 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 37 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 54 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 14 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 20 / 54 |
| months in placement | 29 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 19 / 58 |

# The Children of PLUMAS COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's smallest population counties, **Plumas County** has a relatively low proportion of low-income children and offers some of the least expensive rents in California. While ranking close to state averages in many categories, Plumas County collects the highest amount per established child support order in California.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 21,827                 | 5,336                  |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 19,685                 | 4,451                  | 83% |
|                         | African-American | 156                    | 53                     | 1%  |
|                         | Latino           | 1,175                  | 527                    | 10% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 811                    | 305                    | 6%  |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 182                    |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 31%  | n/a  | 36%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 15%  | 15%  | 16%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 7.3%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 13    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 17%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$470 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$451 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 54%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$150 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995 |     |
|---|------------------|------|------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 0.9              | 2.8  | 6.5  |     |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 3.3              | 6.1  | 6.0  |     |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 4.7  | 22.1 | 6.0 |
|   | Anglo            | 0.0  | 26.3 | 7.1 |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
|   | Latino           | 50.0 | 0.0  | 0.0 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 46   | 35   | 40  |
|   | Anglo            | 42   | 32   | 40  |
|   | African-American | 333  | 0    | 250 |
|   | Latino           | 79   | 77   | 22  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 29   | 44   | 43  |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | n/a  |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 2.3  | 2.0     | 2.3 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.2  | 1.7     | 2.2 |
|  | African-American | 7.7  | 10.5    | 5.6 |
|  | Latino           | 4.6  | 5.8     | 3.8 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 1.9     | 0.0 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 32   | 42      | 33  |
|  | Anglo            | 42   | 44      | 35  |
|  | African-American | 0    | 0       | 0   |
|  | Latino           | 55   | 20      | 17  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 10   | 30      | 40  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 29.2             | 27.2 | 25.0    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,629 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 1%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 720      | 625      | 521      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 134      | 116      | 98       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 27       | 30       | 33       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 5.0      | 5.6      | 6.2      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 32.3 mo. | 19.5 mo. | 23.6 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 1        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 1        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 2,610    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 70       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 8%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 3%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 20 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 22 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 29 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 41 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 7 / 58  |
| Fair market rent                 | 1 / 58  |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 42 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 41 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 1 / 58  |

### Health

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Late/no prenatal care   | NR |
| Low birthweight infants | NR |
| Infant mortality        | NR |
| Teen births             | NR |
| Immunizations           | NR |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 11 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 13 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 23 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 12 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 39 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 23 / 54 |
| months in placement | 36 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 22 / 58 |

# The Children of RIVERSIDE COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's largest and fastest growing counties, **Riverside County** ranks close to state averages on most family economic and health indicators, except it ranks lowest of all California counties in childhood immunization rates. Average class size in Riverside is larger than most California counties. Riverside County has child abuse, foster care and juvenile arrest rates which are lower than state averages.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 1,555,244              | 497,556                |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 831,568                | 211,323                | 42% |
|                         | African-American | 84,570                 | 27,954                 | 6%  |
|                         | Latino           | 547,788                | 226,398                | 46% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 91,318                 | 31,881                 | 6%  |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 24,762                 |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 43%  | n/a  | 49%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 17%  | 16%  | 15%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 7.2%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 7     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 34%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$582 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$563 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$390 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 3%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 51%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$50  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995  |      |
|---|------------------|------|-------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 6.8              | 6.8  | 7.1   |      |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 6.3              | 6.3  | 5.8   |      |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.6  | 8.4   | 7.1  |
|   | Anglo            | 7.0  | 8.5   | 6.3  |
|   | African-American | 25.5 | 17.6  | 14.9 |
|   | Latino           | 6.6  | 7.2   | 6.9  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 2.3  | 8.2   | 5.1  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 77   | 73    | 67   |
|   | Anglo            | 52   | 48    | 44   |
|   | African-American | 85   | 92    | 91   |
|   | Latino           | 110  | 102   | 93   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 45   | 52    | 32   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | 29.6% |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.7  | 3.3     | 2.8 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.6  | 2.4     | 2.0 |
|  | African-American | 3.8  | 3.7     | 3.4 |
|  | Latino           | 5.3  | 4.8     | 3.9 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 2.1  | 1.3     | 1.6 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 31   | 29      | 28  |
|  | Anglo            | 32   | 31      | 33  |
|  | African-American | 28   | 20      | 23  |
|  | Latino           | 27   | 23      | 20  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 55   | 49      | 46  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 30.4             | 30.5 | 30.9    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,059 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 19%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 23,626   | 28,756   | 26,805   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 53       | 60       | 54       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 3,014    | 3,193    | 3,433    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 6.8      | 6.7      | 6.9      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 17.3 mo. | 18.9 mo. | 20.5 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 26       | 13       | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 49       | 43       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 17       | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 185,378  | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 44       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 10%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 7%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 38 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 25 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 27 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 23 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 37 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 29 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 20 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 28 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 24 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 45 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 56 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 30 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 33 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 37 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 34 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 38 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 29 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 36 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 58 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 49 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 10 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 30 / 54 |
| months in placement | 13 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 6 / 58  |

# The Children of SACRAMENTO COUNTY



## Highlights

With one of California's largest child populations, over one-third of Sacramento County's children are in extremely poor families. Costs of child care in Sacramento County are higher than the state average. Sacramento County has one of the lowest percentages of child support orders established and higher percentages of low birthweight infants than most other counties. While it is still higher than the state average, significant improvements have been made in Sacramento County's high school dropout rate.



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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 1,216,048        | 330,982                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 800,414          | 182,159                | 55%                    |
|                         | African-American | 117,941          | 41,496                 | 13%                    |
|                         | Latino           | 161,362          | 61,497                 | 19%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 136,331          | 45,830                 | 14%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 18,630           |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 38%  | n/a  | 43%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 32%  | 31%  | 30%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 5.7%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 5     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 25%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$639 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$633 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$459 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 6%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 39%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$121 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 6.2  | 5.6  | 7.9   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 6.3  | 6.8  | 6.6   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.1  | 7.3  | 7.0   |
|   | Anglo            | 5.8  | 6.8  | 6.1   |
|   | African-American | 16.1 | 12.5 | 14.0  |
|   | Latino           | 8.0  | 6.0  | 7.0   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 2.9  | 6.8  | 4.6   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 74   | 68   | 63    |
|   | Anglo            | 53   | 46   | 44    |
|   | African-American | 123  | 116  | 101   |
|   | Latino           | 112  | 112  | 101   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 71   | 68   | 64    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 57.5% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 5.8  | 4.7     | 4.3 |
|  | Anglo            | 4.4  | 3.5     | 3.5 |
|  | African-American | 8.7  | 7.1     | 5.9 |
|  | Latino           | 10.1 | 7.8     | 7.3 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 4.4  | 4.0     | 3.0 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 35   | 35      | 37  |
|  | Anglo            | 37   | 37      | 38  |
|  | African-American | 25   | 24      | 25  |
|  | Latino           | 23   | 23      | 25  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 41   | 46      | 49  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 29.3             | 28.7 | 28.4    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,256 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 16%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996   |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 28,366   | 27,384 | 33,000   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 90       | 85     | 100      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 3,076    | 3,146  | 3,034    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 9.7      | 9.7    | 9.2      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 30.8 mo. | 35 mo. | 35.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 15       | 14     | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 67       | 47     | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 20       | n/a    |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 132,096  | n/a    |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 62       | n/a    |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 7%       | n/a    |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 9%       | n/a    |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 29 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 53 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 16 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 12 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 24 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 35 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 30 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 44 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 8 / 42  |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 55 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 6 / 58  |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 29 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 39 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 33 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 32 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 18 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 51 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 13 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 47 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 27 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 30 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 40 / 54 |
| months in placement | 50 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 14 / 58 |

# The Children of SAN BENITO COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's fastest growing counties, **San Benito** has a relatively small proportion of low-income and extremely poor children, yet higher than average unemployment and 12 job seekers competing for every new job. San Benito County has very low percentages of low birthweight infants and a low percentage of students dropping out of high school. It also has one of the lowest foster care rates in California.



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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 44,348                 | 13,691                 |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 22,340                 | 5,629                  | 41% |
|                         | African-American | 182                    | 55                     | 0%  |
|                         | Latino           | 20,790                 | 7,748                  | 57% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 1,036                  | 259                    | 2%  |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 761                    |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 33%  | n/a  | 36%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 15%  | 14%  | 14%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 11%   |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 12    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 38%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$659 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$511 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$399 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 4%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 54%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$69  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995 |       |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 3.5              | 1.6  | 4.3  |       |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 4.5              | 5.3  | 4.9  |       |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 3.7  | 8.1  | 3.8   |
|   | Anglo            | 6.5  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
|   | Latino           | 2.1  | 13.2 | 6.3   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 63   | 62   | 67    |
|   | Anglo            | 33   | 27   | 28    |
|   | African-American | 0    | 0    | 63    |
|   | Latino           | 88   | 90   | 98    |
|   | Asian/Other      | 77   | 0    | 23    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 59.6% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 1.8  | 1.6     | 0.9 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.0  | 1.0     | 0.3 |
|  | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
|  | Latino           | 2.4  | 2.1     | 1.5 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 2.2  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 33   | 41      | 34  |
|  | Anglo            | 46   | 54      | 46  |
|  | African-American | 33   | 0       | 0   |
|  | Latino           | 20   | 31      | 23  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 50   | 50      | 44  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 29.0             | 29.0 | 28.2    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,140 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 18%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 626      | 860      | 734      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 48       | 64       | 54       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 39       | 51       | 56       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 3.0      | 3.8      | 4.1      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 40.4 mo. | 11.3 mo. | 37.6 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 1        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 1        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 5,727    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 82       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 10%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 5%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 20 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 18 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 43 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 39 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 46 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 39 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 11 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 33 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 15 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 41 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 46 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 7 / 46  |
| Low birthweight infants | 4 / 46  |
| Infant mortality        | 6 / 46  |
| Teen births             | 27 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 16 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 3 / 57  |
| Grads prepared for college | 13 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 46 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 42 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 9 / 54  |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 5 / 54  |
| months in placement | 45 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 31 / 58 |

# The Children of SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY



## Highlights

The largest (by area) county in the nation, **San Bernardino County** ranks close to state averages in many family economic and safety indicators. San Bernardino County ranks lowest, however, in establishing child support orders and has a high percentage of low birthweight infants. Average class size in San Bernardino County is large. While the percentage of high school students dropping out is close to the state average, the percentage of graduates who are prepared for college is very low.



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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 1,779,426              | 601,697                |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 951,581                | 267,506                | 44% |
|                         | African-American | 145,606                | 55,008                 | 9%  |
|                         | Latino           | 576,391                | 244,160                | 41% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 105,848                | 35,023                 | 6%  |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 30,921                 |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 43%  | n/a  | 44%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 24%  | 23%  | 21%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 6.8%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 8     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 35%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$582 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$520 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$381 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 4%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 25%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$110 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995  |      |
|---|------------------|------|-------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 6.6              | 6.9  | 7.6   |      |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  |      |       |      |
|   | 6.6              | 6.6  | 6.7   |      |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.9  | 7.9   | 7.7  |
|   | Anglo            | 7.5  | 7.1   | 6.5  |
|   | African-American | 17.1 | 17.0  | 19.3 |
|   | Latino           | 6.8  | 7.5   | 6.6  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 3.3  | 2.7   | 5.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 84   | 80    | 74   |
|   | Anglo            | 56   | 51    | 46   |
|   | African-American | 113  | 99    | 95   |
|   | Latino           | 123  | 114   | 111  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 41   | 72    | 33   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | 42.9% |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 4.7  | 3.9     | 4.7 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.7  | 3.0     | 3.8 |
|  | African-American | 6.4  | 5.4     | 6.8 |
|  | Latino           | 5.9  | 4.9     | 5.5 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 3.4  | 3.1     | 2.5 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 21   | 23      | 23  |
|  | Anglo            | 24   | 26      | 27  |
|  | African-American | 15   | 18      | 13  |
|  | Latino           | 15   | 15      | 15  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 38   | 42      | 41  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 30.0             | 30.3 | 30.1    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,086 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 15%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 50,725   | 48,273   | 48,825   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 93       | 83       | 81       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 3,759    | 4,214    | 4,171    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 6.9      | 7.3      | 6.9      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 24.9 mo. | 20.5 mo. | 22.1 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 41       | 40       | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 104      | 100      | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 39       | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 222,798  | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 67       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 8%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 10%      | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 34 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 37 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 23 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 27 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 40 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 29 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 13 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 25 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 15 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 58 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 11 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 33 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 39 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 38 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 37 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 34 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 47 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 54 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 56 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 47 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 24 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 32 / 54 |
| months in placement | 23 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 16 / 58 |

# The Children of SAN DIEGO COUNTY



## Highlights

With one of California's largest child populations, **San Diego County** ranks close to state averages on many family economic indicators. San Diego County ranks low, however, in establishing child support orders for children who need them. San Diego County's infant mortality rate is below the state average and its childhood immunization rate is significantly higher than the state average.



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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | <b>All</b>              | 2,825,270        | 737,157                |                        |
|                         | <b>Anglo</b>            | 1,732,849        | 364,213                | 49%                    |
|                         | <b>African-American</b> | 173,671          | 55,686                 | 8%                     |
|                         | <b>Latino</b>           | 665,779          | 248,944                | 34%                    |
|                         | <b>Asian/Other</b>      | 252,971          | 68,314                 | 9%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                         | 46,620           |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | <b>Low-income children*</b>                                   | 44%  | n/a  | 47%   |
|  | <b>Children receiving AFDC</b>                                | 19%  | 18%  | 17%   |
|  | <b>Unemployment rate (1997)</b>                               |      |      | 4.4%  |
|  | <b>Job seekers per new job (1997)</b>                         |      |      | 6     |
|  | <b>Babies born to mothers w/ &lt; 12 yrs education (1994)</b> |      |      | 28%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | <b>Fair market rent (1996-97)</b>                             |      |      | \$682 |
|  | <b>Child care/month - infant</b>                              |      |      | \$598 |
|  | <b>Child care/month - pre-schooler</b>                        |      |      | \$425 |
|  | <b>Child care centers: % spaces for infants</b>               |      |      | 3%    |
|  | <b>Child support: % cases with orders to pay</b>              |      |      | 29%   |
|  | <b>Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order</b>    |      |      | \$78  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                         | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|-------------------------|------|------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                         | 7.2  | 6.9  | 7.1  |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                         | 6.0  | 5.9  | 5.6  |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | <b>All</b>              | 6.2  | 6.6  | 4.9  |
|   | <b>Anglo</b>            | 5.4  | 5.9  | 4.6  |
|   | <b>African-American</b> | 15.0 | 14.4 | 10.8 |
|   | <b>Latino</b>           | 6.0  | 6.1  | 4.7  |
|   | <b>Asian/Other</b>      | 3.7  | 5.5  | 2.9  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | <b>All</b>              | 67   | 66   | 60   |
|   | <b>Anglo</b>            | 37   | 31   | 32   |
|   | <b>African-American</b> | 105  | 108  | 93   |
|   | <b>Latino</b>           | 120  | 127  | 110  |
|   | <b>Asian/Other</b>      | 40   | 38   | 38   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                         |      |      | 63%  |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 4.1  | 4.0     | 3.0 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.7  | 2.8     | 2.1 |
|  | African-American | 5.0  | 5.1     | 3.6 |
|  | Latino           | 6.6  | 6.0     | 4.7 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 2.7  | 2.8     | 1.9 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 30   | 36      | 35  |
|  | Anglo            | 39   | 45      | 43  |
|  | African-American | 14   | 19      | 18  |
|  | Latino           | 13   | 18      | 16  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 38   | 44      | 45  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 29.5             | 29.7 | 29.4    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,383 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 21%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995    | 1996    |         |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 77,749  | 81,969  | 84,766  |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 111     | 114     | 115     |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 5,654   | 5,913   | 5,693   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 8.1     | 8.2     | 7.7     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 25.0 mo | 22.9 mo | 25.9 mo |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 18      | 21      |         |
|                        | Injuries                 | 75      | 51      |         |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 19      | n/a     |         |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 288,106 | n/a     |         |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 75      | n/a     |         |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 10%     | n/a     |         |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 7%      | n/a     |         |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 37 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 29 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 10 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 18 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 27 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 41 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 25 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 37 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 24 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 57 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 32 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 34 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 31 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 14 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 27 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 9 / 38  |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 34 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 20 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 54 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 19 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 37 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 35 / 54 |
| months in placement | 32 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 27 / 58 |

# The Children of SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY



## Highlights

With 50 percent of San Francisco County's children in low-income families, there are eight job seekers competing for every new job in the county. Rents and child care costs in San Francisco County are among the highest in California. A higher percentage of high school students drop out in San Francisco County than in most other counties, yet San Francisco County also has the highest percentage of graduates who are prepared for college. San Francisco County keeps children in foster care placement close to three years on average.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 758,975          | 136,827                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 329,398          | 41,578                 | 30%                    |
|                         | African-American | 81,102           | 21,872                 | 16%                    |
|                         | Latino           | 118,250          | 26,909                 | 20%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 230,225          | 46,468                 | 34%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 8,805            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 50%  | n/a  | 49%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 20%  | 18%  | 16%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 4.3%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 8     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 23%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$965 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$780 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$542 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 4%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 78%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$71  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 4.0  | 4.4  | 4.1   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 6.9  | 6.7  | 7.1   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 5.0  | 8.2  | 4.3   |
|   | Anglo            | 1.2  | 8.5  | 0.4   |
|   | African-American | 14.1 | 13.9 | 10.8  |
|   | Latino           | 5.8  | 6.4  | 5.8   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 4.1  | 7.0  | 4.6   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 42   | 43   | 42    |
|   | Anglo            | 21   | 22   | 20    |
|   | African-American | 94   | 96   | 78    |
|   | Latino           | 76   | 83   | 85    |
|   | Asian/Other      | 14   | 13   | 17    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 64.8% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 6.3  | 5.0     | 4.1 |
|  | Anglo            | 8.4  | 7.4     | 5.6 |
|  | African-American | 11.4 | 9.6     | 7.8 |
|  | Latino           | 9.4  | 6.4     | 5.1 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 3.2  | 2.5     | 2.2 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 47   | 55      | 49  |
|  | Anglo            | 46   | 54      | 62  |
|  | African-American | 23   | 38      | 27  |
|  | Latino           | 28   | 44      | 29  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 56   | 61      | 55  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 26.3             | 26.4 | 25.1    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,839 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 30%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 8,674    | 8,563    | 7,929    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 67       | 64       | 58       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 3,722    | 3,301    | 3,231    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 28.9     | 24.8     | 23.6     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 37.3 mo. | 34.5 mo. | 35.1 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 5        | 2        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 26       | 21       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 6        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 49,501   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 88       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 13%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 20%      | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 43 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 29 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 7 / 58  |
| Job seekers per new job          | 27 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 21 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 56 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 41 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 54 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 15 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 7 / 58  |
| \$ collected                     | 42 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 18 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 44 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 12 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 11 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 6 / 38  |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 52 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 1 / 57  |
| Average class size         | 16 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 9 / 58  |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 12 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 54 / 54 |
| months in placement | 52 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 36 / 58 |

# The Children of SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY



## Highlights

With a relatively high percentage of extremely poor children, San Joaquin County also has an unemployment rate which is higher than the state average and 13 job seekers competing for every new job. San Joaquin County has a higher than average percentage of low birth-weight infants. The percentage of students who drop out of high school in San Joaquin County is lower than the state average and the percentage of graduates who are prepared for college is also below the state average.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 562,508          | 172,401                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 305,391          | 74,022                 | 43%                    |
|                         | African-American | 28,890           | 9,810                  | 6%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 147,710          | 54,907                 | 32%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 80,517           | 33,662                 | 20%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 9,233            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 46%  | n/a  | 49%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 30%  | 29%  | 28%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 10.8% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 13    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 37%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$614 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$542 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$373 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 4%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 64%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$71  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|------------------|------|------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 6.4  | 7.0  | 7.4  |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 6.7  | 6.8  | 6.3  |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 8.5  | 7.6  | 6.4  |
|   | Anglo            | 9.4  | 9.5  | 9.6  |
|   | African-American | 15.6 | 7.8  | 6.2  |
|   | Latino           | 7.5  | 7.1  | 4.2  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 5.9  | 3.9  | 3.5  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 80   | 78   | 74   |
|   | Anglo            | 49   | 49   | 47   |
|   | African-American | 156  | 140  | 157  |
|   | Latino           | 110  | 117  | 110  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 94   | 76   | 61   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | n/a  |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 6.2  | 3.2     | 2.3 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.9  | 2.0     | 1.6 |
|  | African-American | 11.5 | 4.9     | 2.4 |
|  | Latino           | 10.1 | 5.0     | 3.4 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 6.8  | 2.8     | 2.2 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 24   | 28      | 27  |
|  | Anglo            | 27   | 34      | 33  |
|  | African-American | 17   | 14      | 15  |
|  | Latino           | 14   | 14      | 15  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 28   | 30      | 32  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.6             | 28.7 | 28.4    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,197 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 22%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 14,888   | 14,644   | 13,668   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 91       | 87       | 79       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 1,664    | 1,627    | 1,534    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 10.2     | 9.7      | 8.9      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 28.9 mo. | 33.1 mo. | 32.0 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 11       | 10       | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 28       | 29       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 12       | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 71,303   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 87       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 7%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 8%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 40 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 50 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 42 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 41 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 42 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 34 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 17 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 24 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 15 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 28 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 42 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 30 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 39 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 36 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 35 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 27 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 45 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 45 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 34 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 25 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 41 / 54 |
| months in placement | 47 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 34 / 58 |

# The Children of SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY



## Highlights

With a relatively low percentage of low-income children, unemployment in San Luis Obispo County is below the state average and average costs of child care are well below state averages. San Luis Obispo County ranks high in establishing child support orders for children who need them. San Luis Obispo County has a low percentage of low birthweight infants and one of the lowest teen birth rates in the state.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 244,715          | 55,388                 |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 194,119          | 40,109                 | 72%                    |
|                         | African-American | 5,008            | 1,270                  | 2%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 36,955           | 12,337                 | 22%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 8,633            | 1,672                  | 3%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 2,646            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 26%  | n/a  | 29%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 12%  | 12%  | 12%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 4.6%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 5     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 23%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$704 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$407 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$277 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 1%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 85%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$116 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 3.3  | 4.3  | 5.3   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 5.5  | 4.9  | 4.6   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.5  | 7.1  | 3.8   |
|   | Anglo            | 9.7  | 6.4  | 3.3   |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 29.4 | 0.0   |
|   | Latino           | 2.9  | 8.5  | 4.3   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 9.6   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 36   | 35   | 34    |
|   | Anglo            | 27   | 23   | 24    |
|   | African-American | 40   | 21   | 54    |
|   | Latino           | 83   | 101  | 84    |
|   | Asian/Other      | 21   | 18   | 18    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 54.5% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.7  | 2.1     | 1.9 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.8  | 1.6     | 1.5 |
|  | African-American | 7.1  | 2.1     | 3.1 |
|  | Latino           | 7.7  | 4.9     | 3.6 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 3.3  | 0.6     | 0.5 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 29   | 34      | 33  |
|  | Anglo            | 33   | 35      | 37  |
|  | African-American | 5    | 81      | 19  |
|  | Latino           | 11   | 19      | 18  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 38   | 56      | 26  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 27.0             | 27.0 | 27.1    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,315 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 8%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 7,589    | 7,330    | 7,774    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 143      | 135      | 140      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 317      | 333      | 391      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 6.0      | 6.1      | 7.1      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 28.9 mo. | 17.6 mo. | 19.0 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 1        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 3        | 4        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 2        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 25,571   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 63       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 14%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 4%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 11 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 12 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 11 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 12 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 21 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 44 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 5 / 41  |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 3 / 55  |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 39 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 3 / 58  |
| \$ collected                     | 7 / 58  |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 20 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 5 / 46  |
| Infant mortality        | 20 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 3 / 46  |
| Immunizations           | 24 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 15 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 28 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 22 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 21 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 47 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 28 / 54 |
| months in placement | 21 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 15 / 58 |

# The Children of SAN MATEO COUNTY



## Highlights

With one of the lowest percentages of extremely poor children, San Mateo County also has low unemployment and only three job seekers competing for every new job. San Mateo County also ranks very well in childhood immunization and infant mortality rates. A high percentage of San Mateo County's high school graduates are prepared for college. The child abuse rate in San Mateo County is low. Rents and child care costs in San Mateo County are among the highest in California.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 711,002          | 164,120                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 366,433          | 65,537                 | 40%                    |
|                         | African-American | 35,173           | 7,819                  | 5%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 154,540          | 52,625                 | 32%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 154,856          | 38,139                 | 23%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 10,152           |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 26%  | n/a  | 27%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 8%   | 7%   | 6%    |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 2.8%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 3     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 21%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$965 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$745 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$485 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 5%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 51%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$108 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 2.7  | 3.0  | 3.5   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 5.3  | 5.3  | 5.9   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 4.0  | 3.2  | 5.1   |
|   | Anglo            | 3.2  | 2.6  | 4.3   |
|   | African-American | 14.8 | 6.8  | 20.5  |
|   | Latino           | 4.0  | 2.4  | 4.2   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 3.1  | 4.7  | 4.9   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 42   | 40   | 39    |
|   | Anglo            | 15   | 17   | 17    |
|   | African-American | 60   | 55   | 55    |
|   | Latino           | 101  | 90   | 88    |
|   | Asian/Other      | 20   | 21   | 16    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 68.7% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 2.6  | 2.5     | 2.2 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.8  | 1.8     | 1.2 |
|  | African-American | 3.7  | 2.6     | 3.7 |
|  | Latino           | 4.3  | 4.7     | 4.2 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 1.6  | 1.5     | 1.3 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 39   | 40      | 45  |
|  | Anglo            | 45   | 45      | 49  |
|  | African-American | 20   | 25      | 18  |
|  | Latino           | 22   | 22      | 23  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 46   | 50      | 59  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.2             | 28.5 | 28.2    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,444 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 21%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 8,144    | 7,513    | 6,803    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 52       | 47       | 41       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 644      | 588      | 533      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 4.1      | 3.7      | 3.2      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 21.9 mo. | 23.2 mo. | 25.3 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 8        | 4        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 5        | 6        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 4        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 63,859   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 79       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 7%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 6%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 8 / 58  |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 2 / 58  |
| Unemployment rate                | 1 / 58  |
| Job seekers per new job          | 6 / 58  |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 15 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 56 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 38 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 50 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 12 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 45 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 13 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 6 / 46  |
| Low birthweight infants | 17 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 4 / 46  |
| Teen births             | 9 / 46  |
| Immunizations           | 2 / 38  |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 13 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 3 / 57  |
| Average class size         | 40 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 16 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 4 / 54  |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 8 / 54  |
| months in placement | 26 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 28 / 58 |

# The Children of SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



## Highlights

Santa Barbara County has relatively low percentages of low-income and extremely poor children. While Santa Barbara County establishes a fairly high percentage of child support orders for children who need them, the amount of money collected per order is below the state average. Santa Barbara County ranks close to state averages on many health indicators. Average class size in Santa Barbara County is smaller than in many other counties. The foster care rate is well below the state average.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 411,104          | 103,760                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 252,264          | 48,429                 | 47%                    |
|                         | African-American | 10,393           | 2,978                  | 3%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 128,296          | 47,629                 | 46%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 20,151           | 4,724                  | 5%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 6,021            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 37%  | n/a  | 37%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 13%  | 13%  | 12%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 4.1%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 10    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 39%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$840 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$628 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$399 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 3%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 76%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$64  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993   | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|--------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 5.2    | 4.3  | 5.3   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 5.2    | 5.4  | 5.7   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 6.4    | 5.0  | 6.7   |
|   | Anglo            | 6.5    | 6.6  | 6.2   |
|   | African-American | 0.0    | 6.2  | 0.0   |
|   | Latino           | 6.5    | 3.7  | 7.0   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 6.2    | 6.0  | 10.6  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 66     | 60   | 52    |
|   | Anglo            | 24     | 19   | 17    |
|   | African-American | 49     | 57   | 36    |
|   | Latino           | 91 137 | 129  | 110   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 44     | 47   | 36    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |        |      | 62.8% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 2.6  | 3.2     | 2.8 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.5  | 2.1     | 1.8 |
|  | African-American | 4.2  | 6.4     | 5.3 |
|  | Latino           | 3.9  | 4.3     | 4.0 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 1.7  | 2.6     | 0.9 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 35   | 35      | 35  |
|  | Anglo            | 45   | 45      | 45  |
|  | African-American | 42   | 43      | 42  |
|  | Latino           | 16   | 19      | 17  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 41   | 39      | 52  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 27.5             | 27.8 | 27.2    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,153 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 25%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 8,337    | 9,671    | 9,328    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 85       | 96       | 90       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 387      | 371      | 379      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 3.9      | 3.7      | 3.7      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 31.3 mo. | 27.1 mo. | 29.6 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 3        | 5        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 1        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 42,230   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 94       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 9%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 5%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 27 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 16 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 6 / 58  |
| Job seekers per new job          | 35 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 47 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 52 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 29 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 33 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 24 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 10 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 53 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 24 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 14 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 17 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 24 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 10 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 23 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 19 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 25 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 39 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 29 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 8 / 54  |
| months in placement | 43 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 40 / 58 |

# The Children of SANTA CLARA COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's largest population counties, Santa Clara County has a relatively low proportion of low-income children, an unemployment rate lower than the state average and three job seekers competing for every new job. A higher percentage of licensed center-based infant care is available in Santa Clara than in most other California counties, yet the costs of infant care, preschool care and rent are among the highest in the state. Childhood immunization rates in Santa Clara County rank very high.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 1,629,840              | 417,692                |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 895,920                | 185,601                | 44% |
|                         | African-American | 58,455                 | 16,597                 | 4%  |
|                         | Latino           | 370,523                | 128,131                | 31% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 304,942                | 87,363                 | 21% |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 26,175                 |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 30%  | n/a  | 32%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 15%  | 14%  | 12%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 3.1%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 3     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 22%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$918 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$702 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$490 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 7%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 56%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$92  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995  |      |
|---|------------------|------|-------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 3.9              | 4.3  | 6.1   |      |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 5.3              | 5.7  | 6.1   |      |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 5.3  | 5.8   | 5.2  |
|   | Anglo            | 3.7  | 5.8   | 5.3  |
|   | African-American | 17.3 | 5.7   | 11.9 |
|   | Latino           | 6.7  | 6.3   | 5.0  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 4.0  | 5.0   | 4.4  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 53   | 54    | 49   |
|   | Anglo            | 21   | 21    | 20   |
|   | African-American | 67   | 64    | 60   |
|   | Latino           | 124  | 129   | 114  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 24   | 23    | 22   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | 66.7% |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.2  | 3.2     | 3.8 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.8  | 2.2     | 2.0 |
|  | African-American | 3.7  | 4.2     | 5.5 |
|  | Latino           | 5.9  | 5.5     | 6.8 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 2.3  | 2.1     | 2.8 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 36   | 39      | 42  |
|  | Anglo            | 40   | 45      | 47  |
|  | African-American | 24   | 20      | 24  |
|  | Latino           | 14   | 17      | 19  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 50   | 50      | 57  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.9             | 29.0 | 28.9    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,442 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 22%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 22,538   | 24,634   | 22,700   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 56       | 60       | 54       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 2,390    | 2,365    | 2,380    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 6.0      | 5.8      | 5.7      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 29.1 mo. | 28.2 mo. | 29.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 7        | 8        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 30       | 18       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 12       | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 157,345  | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 95       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 11%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 7%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 14 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 18 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 3 / 58  |
| Job seekers per new job          | 6 / 58  |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 18 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 54 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 36 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 51 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 5 / 42  |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 36 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 21 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 23 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 26 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 9 / 46  |
| Teen births             | 18 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 3 / 38  |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 31 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 8 / 57  |
| Average class size         | 49 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 17 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 11 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 25 / 54 |
| months in placement | 42 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 41 / 58 |

# The Children of SANTA CRUZ COUNTY



## Highlights

With relatively low percentages of low-income and extremely poor children, unemployment in Santa Cruz County is below the state average and there are four job seekers competing for every new job. Costs of rent and child care in Santa Cruz county are among the highest in California. Santa Cruz County has one of the lowest percentages of low birthweight infants in the state. Santa Cruz County collects more money from established child support orders than most other counties.



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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 244,738          | 62,197                 |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 174,320          | 36,063                 | 58%                    |
|                         | African-American | 2,406            | 670                    | 1%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 58,254           | 23,308                 | 37%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 9,758            | 2,156                  | 3%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 3,582            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 36%  | n/a  | 35%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 12%  | 12%  | 11%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 5.7%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 4     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 37%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$964 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$698 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$490 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 6%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 45%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$134 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 4.6  | 3.7  | 4.2   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 4.6  | 5.6  | 4.7   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 6.2  | 7.6  | 3.7   |
|   | Anglo            | 6.8  | 8.1  | 3.7   |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
|   | Latino           | 6.4  | 8.0  | 4.2   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 55   | 53   | 52    |
|   | Anglo            | 19   | 21   | 23    |
|   | African-American | 95   | 27   | 43    |
|   | Latino           | 142  | 134  | 125   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 22   | 16   | 15    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 59.9% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 5.5  | 3.8     | 3.3 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.7  | 3.6     | 2.7 |
|  | African-American | 5.7  | 2.7     | 4.2 |
|  | Latino           | 8.8  | 4.4     | 4.2 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 3.4  | 2.7     | 3.0 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 28   | 33      | 38  |
|  | Anglo            | 36   | 42      | 49  |
|  | African-American | 14   | 17      | 31  |
|  | Latino           | 11   | 15      | 15  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 36   | 44      | 31  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 29.0             | 29.3 | 29.0    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,267 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 26%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 5,546    | 5,950    | 5,652    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 93       | 98       | 91       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 279      | 317      | 355      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 4.7      | 5.2      | 5.7      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 19.4 mo. | 20.5 mo. | 16.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 4        | 7        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 1        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 25,282   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 107      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 10%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 5%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 23 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 12 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 16 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 9 / 58  |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 42 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 55 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 35 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 51 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 8 / 42  |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 50 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 3 / 58  |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 18 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 5 / 46  |
| Infant mortality        | 14 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 20 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 14 / 38 |

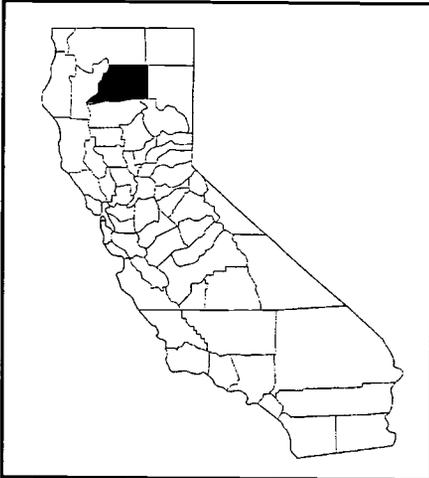
### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 43 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 25 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 50 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 24 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 34 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 17 / 54 |
| months in placement | 9 / 57  |
| Youth arrests       | 50 / 58 |

# The Children of SHASTA COUNTY



## Highlights

With a percentage of extremely poor children slightly higher than the state average, Shasta County also has an unemployment rate which is higher than the state average and 12 job seekers competing for every new job. Rent and child care costs in Shasta County are below state averages. Class sizes are smaller than in many other counties. Shasta County has a juvenile arrest rate which is significantly higher than the state average.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 177,770                | 49,632                 |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 159,818                | 42,273                 | 85% |
|                         | African-American | 1,326                  | 472                    | 1%  |
|                         | Latino           | 7,668                  | 3,287                  | 7%  |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 8,958                  | 3,600                  | 7%  |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 2,074                  |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 38%  | n/a  | 43%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 24%  | 24%  | 24%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 8.7%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 12    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 22%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$503 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$425 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$273 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 3%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 76%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$65  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993                              | 1994 | 1995 |     |
|---|-----------------------------------|------|------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 2.7                               | 4.0  | 4.3  |     |
|   | <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b> | 4.7  | 5.6  | 5.6 |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All                               | 5.2  | 8.0  | 6.9 |
|   | Anglo                             | 5.5  | 9.5  | 7.5 |
|   | African-American                  | 55.6 | 0.0  | 0.0 |
|   | Latino                            | 0.0  | 0.0  | 6.8 |
|   | Asian/Other                       | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All                               | 59   | 54   | 50  |
|   | Anglo                             | 56   | 49   | 44  |
|   | African-American                  | 97   | 83   | 115 |
|   | Latino                            | 80   | 95   | 85  |
|   | Asian/Other                       | 77   | 88   | 77  |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                                   |      | n/a  |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 6.0  | 4.5     | 4.0 |
|  | Anglo            | 5.7  | 4.3     | 3.5 |
|  | African-American | 11.7 | 8.5     | 8.3 |
|  | Latino           | 8.0  | 5.1     | 9.9 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 6.9  | 5.2     | 4.6 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 24   | 35      | 33  |
|  | Anglo            | 26   | 37      | 33  |
|  | African-American | 29   | 70      | 15  |
|  | Latino           | 12   | 29      | 22  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 17   | 25      | 32  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.0             | 27.7 | 27.6    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,144 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 3%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 6,804    | 6,814    | 6,337    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 144      | 141      | 128      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 357      | 411      | 398      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 7.6      | 8.5      | 8.0      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 13.5 mo. | 19.2 mo. | 22.9 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 1        | 3        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 4        | 4        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 21,516   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 139      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 5%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 5%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 29 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 42 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 37 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 39 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 18 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 14 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 6 / 41  |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 2 / 55  |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 24 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 10 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 52 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 11 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 12 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 27 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 22 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 50 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 33 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 28 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 40 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 46 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 35 / 54 |
| months in placement | 8 / 57  |
| Youth arrests       | 56 / 58 |

# The Children of SIERRA COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's smallest population counties, Sierra County had the lowest percentage of births to mothers with less than twelve years education, has a relatively low proportion of low-income children and has an unemployment rate which is close to the state average. Costs of rent and child care in Sierra are among the lowest in California. Sierra County has the highest percentage of established child support orders in the state.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 3,350                  | 824                    |
|                         | Anglo            | 3,082                  | 744                    |
|                         | African-American | 6                      | 3                      |
|                         | Latino           | 189                    | 56                     |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 73                     | 21                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 19                     |                        |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 31%  | n/a  | 33%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 11%  | 12%  | 13%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 7.3%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 6     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 5%    |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$492 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$282 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 90%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$110 |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995  |     |
|---|------------------|------|-------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 0.0              | 5.3  | 4.3   |     |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 0.0              | 15.8 | 0.0   |     |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
|   | Anglo            | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
|   | African-American | n/a  | n/a   | n/a |
|   | Latino           | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0   | n/a |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 48   | 17    | 24  |
|   | Anglo            | 56   | 10    | 27  |
|   | African-American | 99   | n/a   | n/a |
|   | Latino           | 0    | 91    | 0   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0    | 0     | 0   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | 41.7% |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 0.0  | 2.3     | 0.7 |
|  | Anglo            | 0.0  | 2.6     | 0.8 |
|  | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
|  | Latino           | 0.0  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 37   | 30      | 43  |
|  | Anglo            | 34   | 30      | 47  |
|  | African-American | 0    | 0       | 0   |
|  | Latino           | 100  | 50      | 50  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 50   | 0       | 25  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 17.2             | 17.1 | 16.9    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$6,018 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 0%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996    |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 61       | 110     | 87       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 73       | 135     | 106      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 9        | 10      | 9        |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 10.8     | 12.2    | 10.9     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 21.1 mo. | 9.2 mo. | 10.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0       | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 0       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a     |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 443      | n/a     |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 117      | n/a     |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 13%      | n/a     |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 8%       | n/a     |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 18 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 12 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 29 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 18 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 1 / 58  |
| Fair market rent                 | 12 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 5 / 55  |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 1 / 58  |
| \$ collected                     | 11 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | NR      |
| Low birthweight infants | NR      |
| Infant mortality        | NR      |
| Teen births             | NR      |
| Immunizations           | 35 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 1 / 57  |
| Grads prepared for college | 13 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 1 / 58  |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 2 / 58  |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | NR      |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | NR      |
| months in placement | NR      |
| Youth arrests       | 51 / 58 |

# The Children of SISKIYOU COUNTY



## Highlights

With a proportion of extremely poor children higher than the state average, Siskiyou County has a higher than average unemployment rate and 27 job seekers competing for every new job. Rents and the cost of child care are much lower in Siskiyou County than in other California counties. Average class sizes in Siskiyou County are smaller than in many other counties. The rate of children in foster care placement is one of California's highest.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 46,961                 | 11,831                 |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 40,851                 | 9,563                  | 81% |
|                         | African-American | 737                    | 250                    | 2%  |
|                         | Latino           | 3,084                  | 1,274                  | 11% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 2,289                  | 744                    | 6%  |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 469                    |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 45%  | n/a  | 43%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 29%  | 27%  | 26%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 9.6%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 27    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 21%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$470 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$381 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$282 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 2%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 76%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$73  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994   | 1995 |      |
|---|------------------|--------|------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 5.1              | 8.3    | 7.5  |      |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 4.9              | 3.0    | 7.5  |      |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 5.9    | 2.2  | 10.2 |
|   | Anglo            | 2.4    | 2.8  | 10.8 |
|   | African-American | 0.0    | 0.0  | 0.0  |
|   | Latino           | 0.0    | 0.0  | 11.0 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 83.3   | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 46     | 48   | 46   |
|   | Anglo            | 38     | 42   | 43   |
|   | African-American | 34     | 0    | 57   |
|   | Latino           | 123    | 116  | 91   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 101 66 | 48   | 17   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |        | n/a  |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 4.3  | 4.4     | 4.4 |
|  | Anglo            | 4.1  | 4.5     | 4.1 |
|  | African-American | 4.4  | 6.9     | 6.1 |
|  | Latino           | 4.1  | 3.1     | 4.5 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 6.8  | 3.8     | 6.6 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 33   | 43      | 43  |
|  | Anglo            | 34   | 45      | 42  |
|  | African-American | 25   | 31      | 0   |
|  | Latino           | 16   | 27      | 42  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 43   | 40      | 56  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 21.8             | 21.8 | 23.1    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,778 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 1%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 1,354    | 1,411    | 969      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 115      | 119      | 82       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 146      | 188      | 208      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 12.4     | 15.9     | 17.6     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 30.1 mo. | 17.2 mo. | 20.1 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 1        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 1        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 5,768    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 87       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 7%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 5%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 34 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 46 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 38 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 55 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 15 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 1 / 58  |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 3 / 41  |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 5 / 55  |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 34 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 10 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 37 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 30 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 11 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 21 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 15 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 47 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 6 / 57  |
| Average class size         | 6 / 58  |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 11 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 35 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 52 / 54 |
| months in placement | 23 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 34 / 58 |

# The Children of SOLANO COUNTY



## Highlights

With lower than average percentages of low-income and extremely poor children, Solano County has an unemployment rate slightly higher than the state average and 10 job seekers competing for every new job. Costs of rent and child care are higher in Solano than in many other counties. While the percentage of students who drop out of high school in Solano is lower than the state average, the percentage of graduates who are prepared for college is also lower than the state average. Solano has one of the lowest child abuse rates in California.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 419,120          | 125,288                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 235,323          | 60,765                 | 49%                    |
|                         | African-American | 55,293           | 18,305                 | 15%                    |
|                         | Latino           | 67,152           | 26,218                 | 21%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 61,352           | 20,000                 | 16%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 5,821            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 25%  | n/a  | 28%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 14%  | 14%  | 13%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 6.7%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 10    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 18%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$696 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$667 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$455 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 5%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 56%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$78  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 5.7  | 6.2  | 9.6   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 6.8  | 6.5  | 6.3   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.1  | 8.8  | 5.1   |
|   | Anglo            | 6.6  | 9.3  | 3.2   |
|   | African-American | 7.7  | 16.3 | 9.7   |
|   | Latino           | 8.4  | 2.6  | 6.0   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 6.6  | 7.0  | 5.6   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 60   | 55   | 50    |
|   | Anglo            | 47   | 44   | 42    |
|   | African-American | 99   | 85   | 72    |
|   | Latino           | 85   | 80   | 69    |
|   | Asian/Other      | 41   | 31   | 35    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 51.3% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 2.6  | 2.4     | 2.4 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.2  | 2.1     | 1.9 |
|  | African-American | 3.3  | 3.1     | 2.6 |
|  | Latino           | 4.5  | 3.3     | 4.1 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 1.6  | 1.7     | 1.8 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 29   | 33      | 32  |
|  | Anglo            | 32   | 39      | 37  |
|  | African-American | 16   | 19      | 17  |
|  | Latino           | 23   | 25      | 20  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 38   | 37      | 41  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.4             | 28.2 | 28.9    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,098 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 8%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 4,129    | 5,315    | 5,676    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 35       | 44       | 45       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 485      | 458      | 491      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 4.2      | 3.8      | 3.9      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 30.4 mo. | 41.1 mo. | 36.5 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 6        | 6        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 13       | 7        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 2        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 49,697   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 104      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 7%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 8%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 10 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 18 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 22 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 35 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 11 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 42 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 32 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 43 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 12 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 36 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 32 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 34 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 35 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 29 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 23 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 27 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 15 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 28 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 42 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 45 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 3 / 54  |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 11 / 54 |
| months in placement | 53 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 49 / 58 |

# The Children of SONOMA COUNTY



## Highlights

Sonoma County has a relatively low percentage of low-income children, one of the lowest rates of unemployment and four job seekers for every new job. In most health indicators — timely prenatal care, percentage of low birthweight infants, infant mortality rate and teen birth rate — Sonoma County ranks high compared to state averages. Sonoma County also has one of the lowest rates of children placed in foster care in California. The average stay in foster care in Sonoma County is slightly longer than the state average.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 440,099          | 113,582                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 355,082          | 82,247                 | 72%                    |
|                         | African-American | 6,909            | 2,420                  | 2%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 60,406           | 23,501                 | 21%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 17,702           | 5,414                  | 5%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 5,327            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 24%  | n/a  | 26%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 11%  | 11%  | 10%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 3.8%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 4     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 27%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$766 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$594 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$459 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 2%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 75%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$85  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993    | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|------------------|---------|------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 3.0     | 2.8  | 5.4  |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 4.9     | 4.6  | 5.5  |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 5.7     | 5.3  | 4.4  |
|   | Anglo            | 7.6     | 6.0  | 3.6  |
|   | African-American | 0.0     | 19.8 | 0.0  |
|   | Latino           | 2.2     | 3.5  | 7.0  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0     | 0.0  | 3.4  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 41      | 44   | 41   |
|   | Anglo            | 25      | 27   | 23   |
|   | African-American | 65      | 119  | 66   |
|   | Latino           | 105 118 | 116  | 112  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 43      | 45   | 62   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |         |      | n/a  |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 2.8  | 2.8     | 2.7 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.0  | 2.2     | 2.0 |
|  | African-American | 4.6  | 3.1     | 4.7 |
|  | Latino           | 7.2  | 6.2     | 5.9 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 2.2  | 2.1     | 2.5 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 38   | 41      | 38  |
|  | Anglo            | 41   | 44      | 40  |
|  | African-American | 38   | 24      | 19  |
|  | Latino           | 22   | 28      | 22  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 37   | 35      | 45  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 27.8             | 28.1 | 27.5    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,161 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 11%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |       |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|-------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 8,259    | 7,471    | 7,184 |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 76       | 67       | 63    |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 353      | 402      | 427   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 3.2      | 3.6      | 3.8   |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 25.8 mo. | 27.9 mo. | 29.8  |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 2        | 5        |       |
|                        | Injuries                 | 3        | 1        |       |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 2        | n/a      |       |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 47,327   | n/a      |       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 86       | n/a      |       |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 10%      | n/a      |       |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 6%       | n/a      |       |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 7 / 58  |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 10 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 5 / 58  |
| Job seekers per new job          | 9 / 58  |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 26 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 47 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 24 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 44 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 34 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 14 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 26 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 12 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 5 / 46  |
| Infant mortality        | 6 / 46  |
| Teen births             | 11 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 22 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 8 / 57  |
| Average class size         | 28 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 38 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 18 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 4 / 54  |
| months in placement | 40 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 33 / 58 |

# The Children of STANISLAUS COUNTY



## Highlights

Stanislaus County has an unemployment rate more than twice the state average. Stanislaus County offers a higher than average percentage of licensed center-based care for infants and has lower than average costs for infant care. Stanislaus County spends less money on individual students than many other California counties and has a low percentage of high school graduates who are prepared for college.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 452,861          | 146,300                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 290,488          | 77,934                 | 53%                    |
|                         | African-American | 8,423            | 3,161                  | 2%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 125,876          | 53,767                 | 37%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 28,074           | 11,438                 | 8%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 7,313            |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 41%  | n/a  | 45%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 24%  | 23%  | 22%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 13.5% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 7     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 34%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$554 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$520 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$390 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 7%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 70%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$87  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993  | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|------------------|-------|------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 4.1   | 3.8  | 4.3  |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 6.4   | 6.6  | 5.9  |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 5.8   | 8.4  | 5.9  |
|   | Anglo            | 6.1   | 8.3  | 6.9  |
|   | African-American | 8.2   | 26.7 | 6.0  |
|   | Latino           | 5.6   | 8.3  | 5.1  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 3.8   | 3.9  | 3.7  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 74    | 73   | 66   |
|   | Anglo            | 59    | 54   | 45   |
|   | African-American | 86    | 101  | 80   |
|   | Latino           | 103   | 105  | 103  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 56    | 72   | 62   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  | 57.5% |      |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 4.2  | 4.0     | 3.7 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.5  | 3.0     | 2.8 |
|  | African-American | 5.9  | 5.7     | 5.4 |
|  | Latino           | 5.9  | 5.9     | 5.2 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 2.9  | 4.5     | 3.8 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 19   | 26      | 24  |
|  | Anglo            | 20   | 28      | 28  |
|  | African-American | 14   | 24      | 21  |
|  | Latino           | 11   | 18      | 15  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 29   | 39      | 29  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 29.0             | 29.5 | 29.4    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$3,955 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 18%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 11,177   | 10,293   | 11,743   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 82       | 73       | 80       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 710      | 805      | 718      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 5.2      | 5.7      | 4.9      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 23.9 mo. | 22.4 mo. | 20.3 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 4        | 2        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 12       | 15       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 4        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   |          | 57,836   | n/a      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           |          | 128      | n/a      |
|                        | Percent drug-related     |          | 6%       | n/a      |
|                        | Percent violent crime    |          | 5%       | n/a      |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 33 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 37 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 50 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 23 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 37 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 24 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 13 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 28 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 5 / 42  |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 20 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 25 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 15 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 35 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 27 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 33 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 18 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 39 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 51 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 52 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 55 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 20 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 18 / 54 |
| months in placement | 22 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 54 / 58 |

# The Children of SUTTER COUNTY



## Highlights

Sutter County has a lower than average percentage of extremely poor children, yet the unemployment rate is more than twice the state average and there are 21 job seekers competing for every new job. While the costs of child care and rent are among the state's lowest, there is a lower than average percentage of licensed center-based care for infants. Sutter County has a high percentage of pregnant women who do not receive timely prenatal care.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 79,424                 | 23,636                 |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 52,621                 | 13,289                 | 56% |
|                         | African-American | 1,565                  | 458                    | 2%  |
|                         | Latino           | 16,117                 | 6,805                  | 29% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 9,121                  | 3,084                  | 13% |
| <b>Number of births</b> | 1,230            |                        |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 46%  | n/a  | 49%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 17%  | 16%  | 15%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 14.6% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 21    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 32%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$472 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$490 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$368 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 2%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 62%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$72  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995 |      |
|---|------------------|------|------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                             | 8.7              | 8.6  | 7.5  |      |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                           | 7.0              | 5.7  | 4.5  |      |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                    | All              | 10.4 | 4.9  | 6.0  |
|   | Anglo            | 7.9  | 7.1  | 4.8  |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
|   | Latino           | 16.9 | 3.1  | 11.9 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 6.6  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                          | All              | 64   | 67   | 65   |
|   | Anglo            | 54   | 60   | 59   |
|   | African-American | 93   | 109  | 67   |
|   | Latino           | 111  | 103  | 103  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 22   | 26   | 25   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> n/a |                  |      |      |      |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.3  | 4.1     | 5.4 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.8  | 2.9     | 4.5 |
|  | African-American | 4.7  | 4.2     | 6.0 |
|  | Latino           | 8.0  | 8.3     | 8.7 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 2.5  | 3.1     | 3.9 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 19   | 22      | 27  |
|  | Anglo            | 19   | 26      | 32  |
|  | African-American | 11   | 5       | 21  |
|  | Latino           | 11   | 14      | 12  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 27   | 20      | 28  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 26.9             | 26.6 | 27.0    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,057 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 19%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 2,004    | 2,118    | 2,121    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 91       | 93       | 90       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 111      | 175      | 180      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 5.0      | 7.7      | 7.6      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 40.8 mo. | 16.6 mo. | 13.7 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 1        | 1        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 9,521    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 51       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 6%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 8%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 39 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 25 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 55 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 52 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 32 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 8 / 58  |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 10 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 20 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 34 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 30 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 39 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 41 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 26 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 29 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 30 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 45 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 51 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 21 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 50 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 30 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 30 / 54 |
| months in placement | 28 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 8 / 58  |

# The Children of TEHAMA COUNTY



## Highlights

Tehama County has a slightly higher proportion of low-income and extremely poor children than the state average and a higher than average unemployment rate. While costs of child care and rent are among the state's lowest, there is a lower than average percentage of licensed center-based care for infants. Tehama County has one of the highest infant mortality rates in California.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 58,903                 | 16,404                 |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 49,174                 | 12,114                 | 74% |
|                         | African-American | 382                    | 99                     | 1%  |
|                         | Latino           | 7,868                  | 3,739                  | 23% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 1,479                  | 452                    | 3%  |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 728                    |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 50%  | n/a  | 48%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 23%  | 23%  | 22%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 9.9%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 7     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 37%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$470 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$390 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$286 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 1%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 63%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$72  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994    | 1995 |     |
|---|------------------|---------|------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  |         |      |     |
|   | 4.8              | 6.1     | 5.5  |     |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  |         |      |     |
|   | 5.4              | 4.4     | 6.7  |     |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 6.3     | 11.7 | 6.9 |
|   | Anglo            | 3.8     | 13.4 | 9.7 |
|   | African-American | 0.0     | 0.0  | 0.0 |
|   | Latino           | 12.5    | 9.3  | 0.0 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0     | 0.0  | 0.0 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 63      | 74   | 64  |
|   | Anglo            | 49      | 56   | 46  |
|   | African-American | 0       | 83   | 154 |
|   | Latino           | 111 146 | 165  | 137 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 35      | 67   | 104 |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |         | n/a  |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 2.3  | 1.7     | 1.6 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.3  | 1.3     | 1.6 |
|  | African-American | 5.9  | 15.4    | 0.0 |
|  | Latino           | 2.7  | 2.8     | 2.0 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 1.4  | 1.8     | 0.6 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 21   | 23      | 29  |
|  | Anglo            | 21   | 24      | 31  |
|  | African-American | 0    | 0       | 13  |
|  | Latino           | 14   | 20      | 18  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 41   | 16      | 17  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 26.1             | 25.8 | 26.0    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,234 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 7%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 2,801    | 1,969    | 2,041    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 179      | 122      | 124      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 123      | 128      | 187      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 7.8      | 7.9      | 11.4     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 24.5 mo. | 27.4 mo. | 16.1 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 1        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 7,245    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 74       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 6%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 2%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 41 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 37 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 40 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 23 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 42 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 1 / 58  |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 4 / 41  |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 8 / 55  |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 39 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 29 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 39 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 25 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 17 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 42 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 31 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 38 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 50 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 17 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 30 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 48 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 37 / 54 |
| months in placement | 25 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 25 / 58 |

# The Children of TRINITY COUNTY



## Highlights

One of California's smallest population counties, Trinity County has higher than average percentages of low-income and extremely poor children, an unemployment rate higher than the state average and 30 job seekers competing for every new job. With one of the lowest juvenile arrest rates, Trinity County also spends more on individual students than many other counties and has smaller than average class sizes.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 14,168                 | 3,533                  |
|                         | Anglo            | 12,678                 | 3,044                  |
|                         | African-American | 53                     | 8                      |
|                         | Latino           | 560                    | 190                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 877                    | 291                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 125                    |                        |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 48%  | n/a  | 51%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 24%  | 22%  | 22%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 11.1% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 30    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 21%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$470 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$390 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 54%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$66  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995 |     |
|---|------------------|------|------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 5.1              | 2.5  | 4.1  |     |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 4.4              | 7.4  | 8.1  |     |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 7.3  | 0.0  | 8.1 |
|   | Anglo            | 8.3  | 0.0  | 8.8 |
|   | African-American | n/a  | n/a  | 0.0 |
|   | Latino           | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 46   | 50   | 33  |
|   | Anglo            | 42   | 47   | 31  |
|   | African-American | n/a  | 0    | 0   |
|   | Latino           | 56   | 53   | 0   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 88   | 83   | 79  |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | n/a |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.3  | 1.2     | 1.7 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.2  | 1.4     | 1.5 |
|  | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
|  | Latino           | 0.0  | 0.0     | 0.0 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 5.3  | 0.0     | 3.6 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 28   | 31      | 38  |
|  | Anglo            | 29   | 33      | 40  |
|  | African-American | n/a  | 0       | 0   |
|  | Latino           | 0    | 50      | 50  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 27   | 13      | 25  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 21.6             | 21.7 | 22.7    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$5,636 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 0%      |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 803      | 671      | 653      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 229      | 191      | 185      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 34       | 40       | 35       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 9.7      | 11.4     | 9.9      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 26.2 mo. | 14.6 mo. | 31.8 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 1        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 1,679    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 40       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 9%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 10%      | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 43 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 37 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 44 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 57 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 15 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 1 / 58  |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 28 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 41 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 49 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Late/no prenatal care   | NR |
| Low birthweight infants | NR |
| Infant mortality        | NR |
| Teen births             | NR |
| Immunizations           | NR |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 10 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 28 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 5 / 58  |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 3 / 58  |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 54 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 46 / 54 |
| months in placement | 31 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 5 / 58  |

# The Children of TULARE COUNTY



## Highlights

With relatively high percentages of low-income and extremely poor children, Tulare County has an unemployment rate more than twice the state average and has 18 job seekers competing for every new job. While costs of child care and rent are among the state's lowest, there is a lower than average percentage of licensed center-based care for infants. The teen birth rate in Tulare County is one of California's highest.



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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 379,056                | 128,819                |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 185,851                | 48,081                 | 37% |
|                         | African-American | 5,125                  | 2,086                  | 2%  |
|                         | Latino           | 168,119                | 70,528                 | 55% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 19,961                 | 8,124                  | 6%  |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 7,334                  |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 56%  | n/a  | 61%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 32%  | 30%  | 29%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 13.9% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 18    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 51%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$490 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$377 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$295 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 1%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 56%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$75  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995  |     |
|---|------------------|------|-------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  |      |       |     |
|   | 6.8              | 5.8  | 5.7   |     |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  |      |       |     |
|   | 5.7              | 6.1  | 5.6   |     |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 5.8  | 7.1   | 5.7 |
|   | Anglo            | 5.8  | 6.7   | 4.1 |
|   | African-American | 25.9 | 28.0  | 9.3 |
|   | Latino           | 4.9  | 6.6   | 6.6 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 9.9  | 8.8   | 3.1 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 97   | 100   | 91  |
|   | Anglo            | 60   | 62    | 50  |
|   | African-American | 122  | 121   | 91  |
|   | Latino           | 136  | 136   | 128 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 52   | 73    | 60  |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | 43.6% |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 4.8  | 4.0     | 3.2 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.5  | 2.5     | 2.2 |
|  | African-American | 2.6  | 5.1     | 2.9 |
|  | Latino           | 6.3  | 5.4     | 4.2 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 3.6  | 2.6     | 2.3 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 27   | 28      | 31  |
|  | Anglo            | 36   | 36      | 42  |
|  | African-American | 19   | 18      | 32  |
|  | Latino           | 16   | 18      | 19  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 37   | 37      | 38  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 27.4             | 27.7 | 28.6    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,036 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 24%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 9,403    | 10,659   | 13,198   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 78       | 85       | 102      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 1,089    | 1,396    | 1,231    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 9.0      | 11.1     | 9.6      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 20.9 mo. | 15.1 mo. | 20.3 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 4        | 5        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 10       | 10       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 5        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 53,205   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 121      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 6%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 3%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 54 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 51 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 51 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 49 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 57 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 11 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 1 / 41  |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 9 / 55  |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 39 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 36 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 35 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 27 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 29 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 21 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 43 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 33 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 39 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 38 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 32 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 51 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 27 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 45 / 54 |
| months in placement | 12 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 53 / 58 |

# The Children of TUOLUMNE COUNTY



## Highlights

Tuolumne County ranks close to state averages in many family economic indicators and offers lower than average costs for preschool care. Tuolumne County has a high percentage of pregnant women who receive timely prenatal care and a teen birth rate which is well below the state average. Average class size in Tuolumne County is smaller than in many California counties. The rate of child abuse is much higher in Tuolumne County than in many counties.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 58,724           | 13,577                 |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 49,356           | 11,140                 | 82%                    |
|                         | African-American | 1,592            | 41                     | 0%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 6,214            | 1,982                  | 15%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 1,562            | 414                    | 3%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 508              |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 30%  | n/a  | 32%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 17%  | 17%  | 15%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 8.5%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 7     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 17%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$600 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$334 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 57%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$69  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|------------------|------|------|------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 2.8  | 2.1  | 2.6  |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 8.1  | 8.6  | 4.7  |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 6.4  | 10.7 | 2.0  |
|   | Anglo            | 7.2  | 7.6  | 2.3  |
|   | African-American | 0.0  | 0.0  | n/a  |
|   | Latino           | 0.0  | 20.4 | 0.0  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 58.8 | 0.0  |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 36   | 32   | 44   |
|   | Anglo            | 37   | 30   | 43   |
|   | African-American | 200  | 0    | 0    |
|   | Latino           | 30   | 40   | 58   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 117  | 31   | 15   |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | n/a  |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |      |
|--|------------------|------|---------|------|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.7  | 1.6     | 2.1  |
|  | Anglo            | 3.6  | 1.3     | 1.9  |
|  | African-American | 14.3 | 0.0     | 8.3  |
|  | Latino           | 4.5  | 3.8     | 0.6  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 6.8  | 6.5     | 11.9 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 30   | 31      | 37   |
|  | Anglo            | 31   | 30      | 37   |
|  | African-American | 0    | 0       | 0    |
|  | Latino           | 23   | 44      | 31   |
|  | Asian/Other      | 25   | 38      | 42   |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 25.2             | 25.9 | 25.7    |      |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,256 |      |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 1%      |      |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 1,278    | 1,734    | 1,450    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 100      | 132      | 107      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 61       | 70       | 68       |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 4.8      | 5.3      | 5.0      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 13.0 mo. | 23.1 mo. | 19.9 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 1        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 6,205    | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 54       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 6%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 1%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 14 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 25 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 35 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 23 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 7 / 58  |
| Fair market rent                 | 31 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 13 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 35 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 46 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 2 / 46  |
| Low birthweight infants | 45 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 25 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 6 / 46  |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 15 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 25 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 15 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 27 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 37 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 16 / 54 |
| months in placement | 9 / 57  |
| Youth arrests       | 12 / 58 |

# The Children of VENTURA COUNTY



## Highlights

Ventura County has relatively low percentages of low-income and extremely poor children, lower than average unemployment and three job seekers competing for every new job. A high percentage of pregnant women in Ventura County seeks timely prenatal care and Ventura's foster care rate is one of the lowest in California. Ventura County spends less on individual students than many other counties and Ventura's juvenile arrest rate is higher than the state average.

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## Demographics

| 1996                    |                  | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 737,672          | 206,323                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 459,765          | 108,013                | 52%                    |
|                         | African-American | 16,317           | 4,911                  | 2%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 218,530          | 81,610                 | 40%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 43,060           | 11,789                 | 6%                     |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 11,938           |                        |                        |

## Family Economics

|  |   | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 34%  | n/a  | 34%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 10%  | 10%  | 9%    |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 5.9%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 3     |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 |   |      |      |       |
|  | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$774 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$624 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$412 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 4%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 60%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$82  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   |                  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         |                  | 2.5  | 2.4  | 2.9   |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       |                  | 5.6  | 5.7  | 5.3   |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 5.5  | 4.8  | 5.4   |
|   | Anglo            | 6.8  | 5.0  | 5.4   |
|   | African-American | 31.4 | 18.3 | 13.5  |
|   | Latino           | 4.2  | 4.7  | 5.6   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 1.7  | 3.1   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 54   | 52   | 52    |
|   | Anglo            | 24   | 22   | 19    |
|   | African-American | 58   | 59   | 34    |
|   | Latino           | 103  | 96   | 101   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 35   | 62   | 74    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 61.8% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 3.1  | 3.5     | 2.9 |
|  | Anglo            | 2.0  | 2.3     | 1.9 |
|  | African-American | 2.7  | 5.2     | 3.3 |
|  | Latino           | 5.1  | 5.5     | 4.6 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 1.6  | 1.5     | 1.6 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 36   | 39      | 36  |
|  | Anglo            | 42   | 43      | 42  |
|  | African-American | 32   | 33      | 31  |
|  | Latino           | 20   | 27      | 20  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 56   | 56      | 55  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 30.1             | 29.9 | 27.2    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$3,993 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 21%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 14,175   | 13,913   | 12,941   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 71       | 69       | 63       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 658      | 653      | 601      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 3.3      | 3.2      | 2.9      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 21.6 mo. | 24.5 mo. | 24.8 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 3        | 8        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 16       | 16       | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 8        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 83,432   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 89       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 12%      | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 4%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 20 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 7 / 58  |
| Unemployment rate                | 19 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 6 / 58  |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 32 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 48 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 27 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 36 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 15 / 42 |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 32 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 29 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 3 / 46  |
| Low birthweight infants | 17 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 8 / 46  |
| Teen births             | 18 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 12 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 27 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 12 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 50 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 53 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 16 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 2 / 54  |
| months in placement | 27 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 37 / 58 |

# The Children of YOLO COUNTY



## Highlights

Yolo County has a lower than average percentage of low-income children and a lower than average unemployment rate. Costs of child care in Yolo County are among the highest in California. In many education indicators, Yolo County ranks close to state averages. Yolo County has a teen birth rate well below the state average and a childhood immunization rate above the state average.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 170,085                |                        |
|                         | Anglo            | 107,209                | 51%                    |
|                         | African-American | 3,970                  | 2%                     |
|                         | Latino           | 40,717                 | 36%                    |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 18,189                 | 10%                    |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 2,242                  |                        |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 39%  | n/a  | 39%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 20%  | 19%  | 18%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 4.9%  |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 5     |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 31%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$643 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | \$767 |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$524 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | 6%    |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 65%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$77  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995 |       |
|---|------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 6.5              | 7.4  | 10.1 |       |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 5.7              | 6.4  | 5.1  |       |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 6.1  | 9.7  | 5.0   |
|   | Anglo            | 7.9  | 9.4  | 4.4   |
|   | African-American | 22.2 | 43.5 | 0.0   |
|   | Latino           | 3.9  | 10.7 | 7.4   |
|   | Asian/Other      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 44   | 48   | 40    |
|   | Anglo            | 30   | 34   | 25    |
|   | African-American | 38   | 27   | 42    |
|   | Latino           | 105  | 104  | 92    |
|   | Asian/Other      | 13   | 25   | 16    |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      |      | 60.3% |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 5.3  | 3.7     | 3.2 |
|  | Anglo            | 3.8  | 2.8     | 2.2 |
|  | African-American | 15.4 | 6.9     | 5.7 |
|  | Latino           | 7.5  | 4.7     | 5.1 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 5.1  | 5.5     | 2.6 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 34   | 35      | 33  |
|  | Anglo            | 39   | 40      | 37  |
|  | African-American | 17   | 22      | 19  |
|  | Latino           | 22   | 23      | 23  |
|  | Asian/Other      | 32   | 42      | 46  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.0             | 28.3 | 28.0    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,089 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 20%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 4,057    | 3,835    | 3,656    |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 97       | 88       | 80       |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 232      | 278      | 289      |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 5.6      | 6.3      | 6.4      |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 24.0 mo. | 21.7 mo. | 17.2 mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 0        | 0        | n/a      |
|                        | Injuries                 | 2        | 4        | n/a      |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |          |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 19,454   | n/a      |          |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 95       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 7%       | n/a      |          |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 5%       | n/a      |          |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 28 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 31 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 14 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 12 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 29 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 38 / 58 |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | 40 / 41 |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 53 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | 8 / 42  |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 26 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 34 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 39 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 26 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 29 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 14 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | 13 / 38 |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High school dropout rate   | 39 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 20 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 38 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 46 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 26 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 26 / 54 |
| months in placement | 20 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 41 / 58 |

# The Children of YUBA COUNTY



## Highlights

With high percentages of low-income and extremely poor children, Yuba County also has an unemployment rate which is more than twice the state average and 20 job seekers competing for every new job. Yuba County collects less money, on average, per established child support order than any other California county. Yuba County also has a high teen birth rate and a low percentage of high school graduates who are prepared for college. The high school dropout rate, however, is lower than the state average.

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## Demographics

1996

|                         | Total Population | Child (<18) Population | Child Ethnic Diversity |     |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <b>Ethnicities</b>      | All              | 69,773                 | 25,218                 |     |
|                         | Anglo            | 47,690                 | 15,430                 | 61% |
|                         | African-American | 2,666                  | 915                    | 4%  |
|                         | Latino           | 9,839                  | 4,361                  | 17% |
|                         | Asian/Other      | 9,578                  | 4,512                  | 18% |
| <b>Number of births</b> |                  | 1,191                  |                        |     |

## Family Economics

|  | 1994  | 1995 | 1996 |       |
|--|---|------|------|-------|
| <b>Economic Realities</b>  | Low-income children*                                | 67%  | n/a  | 68%   |
|  | Children receiving AFDC                             | 34%  | 33%  | 30%   |
|  | Unemployment rate (1997)                            |      |      | 12.8% |
|  | Job seekers per new job (1997)                      |      |      | 20    |
|  | Babies born to mothers w/ < 12 yrs education (1994) |      |      | 43%   |
| <b>1997 Family Income &amp; Expenses</b>                                 | Fair market rent (1996-97)                          |      |      | \$472 |
|  | Child care/month - infant                           |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child care/month - pre-schooler                     |      |      | \$325 |
|  | Child care centers: % spaces for infants            |      |      | n/a   |
|  | Child support: % cases with orders to pay           |      |      | 41%   |
|  | Child support: \$ collected monthly/case with order |      |      | \$41  |
| <b>The monthly salary for working full-time at minimum wage is \$858</b> |   |      |      |       |

\*Children in families with incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

## Health

|   | 1993             | 1994 | 1995 |     |
|---|------------------|------|------|-----|
| <b>% Late/no prenatal care*</b>                         | 10.6             | 11.0 | 8.8  |     |
| <b>% Low birthweight infants*</b>                       | 6.8              | 6.7  | 6.0  |     |
| <b>Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)</b>                | All              | 6.3  | 8.9  | 8.4 |
|   | Anglo            | 6.4  | 9.5  | 9.6 |
|   | African-American | 21.3 | 0.0  | 0.0 |
|   | Latino           | 0.0  | 15.4 | 5.2 |
|   | Asian/Other      | 8.6  | 3.9  | 9.2 |
| <b>Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000)</b>                      | All              | 108  | 90   | 93  |
|   | Anglo            | 104  | 81   | 87  |
|   | African-American | 57   | 95   | 128 |
|   | Latino           | 104  | 91   | 85  |
|   | Asian/Other      | 146  | 134  | 118 |
| <b>Kindergarteners appropriately immunized by age 2</b> |                  |      | n/a  |     |

\* Rates for various ethnicities unavailable at time of publication.

## Education

|  | 1994             | 1995 | 1996    |     |
|--|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| <b>High School Dropout Rate (%)</b>              | All              | 1.7  | 4.1     | 2.7 |
|  | Anglo            | 1.9  | 4.4     | 3.2 |
|  | African-American | 0.7  | 8.4     | 2.3 |
|  | Latino           | 2.7  | 4.8     | 3.3 |
|  | Asian/Other      | 0.4  | 2.1     | 1.3 |
| <b>Graduates Prepared for College (%)</b>        | All              | 16   | 11      | 17  |
|  | Anglo            | 16   | 9       | 19  |
|  | African-American | 20   | 8       | 15  |
|  | Latino           | 11   | 9       | 9   |
|  | Asian/Other      | 20   | 18      | 17  |
| <b>Average class size</b>                        | 28.0             | 27.7 | 28.2    |     |
| <b>Per pupil expenditure</b>                     |                  |      | \$4,140 |     |
| <b>Students with limited English proficiency</b> |                  |      | 23%     |     |

## Safety

|                        | 1994                     | 1995     | 1996     |         |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>     | Number of reports        | 3,892    | 4,106    | 3,469   |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 170      | 171      | 138     |
| <b>Foster Care</b>     | Number of children       | 209      | 237      | 243     |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 9.1      | 9.9      | 9.6     |
|                        | Avg. months in placement | 33.4 mo. | 26.3 mo. | 24.4mo. |
| <b>Kids &amp; Guns</b> | Deaths                   | 1        | 0        | n/a     |
|                        | Injuries                 | 2        | 2        | n/a     |
| <b>Youth Homicides</b> | Number                   | 0        | n/a      |         |
| <b>Youth Arrests</b>   | Number                   | 8,895    | n/a      |         |
|                        | Rate per 1,000           | 69       | n/a      |         |
|                        | Percent drug-related     | 8%       | n/a      |         |
|                        | Percent violent crime    | 4%       | n/a      |         |

## County Ranks

### Family Economics

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Low-income children              | 58 / 58 |
| Children receiving AFDC          | 56 / 58 |
| Unemployment rate                | 47 / 58 |
| Job seekers per new job          | 51 / 58 |
| Mothers w/ <12 yrs education     | 50 / 58 |
| Fair market rent                 | 8 / 58  |
| Child care/mo. - infant          | NR      |
| Child care/mo. - preschooler     | 11 / 55 |
| Child care: % spaces for infants | NR      |
| Child support:                   |         |
| % cases w/ orders                | 53 / 58 |
| \$ collected                     | 58 / 58 |

### Health

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Late/no prenatal care   | 44 / 46 |
| Low birthweight infants | 35 / 46 |
| Infant mortality        | 38 / 46 |
| Teen births             | 45 / 46 |
| Immunizations           | NR      |

### Education

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| High-school dropout rate   | 23 / 57 |
| Grads prepared for college | 57 / 57 |
| Average class size         | 35 / 58 |
| Per pupil expenditure      | 42 / 58 |

### Safety

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Child abuse         | 49 / 54 |
| Foster care:        |         |
| rate                | 41 / 54 |
| months in placement | 41 / 57 |
| Youth arrests       | 21 / 58 |

# DATA EXPLANATION AND SOURCES

## Demographics

The population information includes the total population for each county, the number of children under age 18, and the ethnic diversity of those children. It also includes the number of births per county for 1996.

Sources: California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit: Detailed Tables from the *1993 Series Population Projections* and (for 1996 birth information) *Historical County Population Estimates and Components of Change*, July 1, 1990-96.

## Family Economics

**Low-income children:** The percentage of K-12 students enrolled in either public or private schools who are eligible for free or reduced-cost meals. To be eligible for the program, families must have incomes at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. In 1996, the Federal Poverty Level for a four-person family was \$15,600.

Sources: California Department of Education, Child Nutrition Division, *Free and Reduced Meals Information* report, 1995-96. Further assistance by the California/Nevada Community Action Association. Federal poverty guidelines come from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Federal Register*, Vol. 62, No. 46, March 10, 1997.

**Children receiving AFDC:** Through 1996, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) was a cash assistance program to help children and families in times of need. This program was replaced in 1997 with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). In 1996, the maximum annual cash grant was \$6,500 - \$6,800 for a family of three or about half of the Federal Poverty Level for a family of that size. This indicator shows the percentage of children in each county who received AFDC assistance in November, 1994-1996.

Source: California Department of Social Services, Information Services Bureau, *Public Welfare in California* November Report: 1994, 1995, 1996.

**Unemployment rate:** The percentage of the California civilian labor force which is not employed and is actively looking for work.

Source: California Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Division, *Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties*. June, 1997.

**Job seekers per new job:** The ratio of unemployed, AFDC, and General Assistance recipients per new job (includes projected annual average job growth).

Sources: California Department of Social Services and the California Employment Development Department. Data was prepared by the California Budget Project: *Job Seekers Outnumber Projected Jobs*, May, 1997.

**Babies born to mothers with less than 12 years education:** The percentage of 1994 live California births which were to mothers (all ages) with less than 12 years of education.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Planning and Data Analysis Section, *Health Data Summaries for California Counties*, 1996.

**Fair market rent:** The gross rent estimate (including utilities, except telephone) for a modest two bedroom apartment, published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *Federal Register*, Part IV, September 20, 1996.

**Child care costs:** The average monthly cost of full-time care for a child under 2 years of age (infant care) and for a child 2-5 years old (preschool) in a licensed child care center.

**Child care spaces for infants:** The percentage of all spaces in child care centers which are licensed to serve infants under the age of two. In California, licensed child care centers account for 69% of the regulated child care capacity; the remaining 31% is through family child care homes.

Source: California Child Care Resource and Referral Network, *The California Child Care Portfolio*, 1997.

**Child support:** The percentage of 1995-96 child support cases which had orders to pay and the average amount of money which was collected monthly from those orders. It is important to note that cases without orders in place also represent children who are awaiting child support.

Source: California Department of Social Services, Child Support Management Information System, *Annual Report* (1995-96). Data was prepared by the National Center for Youth Law.

**Minimum wage:** The current minimum wage in California is \$5.15 per hour. Beginning March, 1998, the minimum wage will increase to \$5.75 per hour. An \$858 monthly salary is the gross income from working at \$5.15 per hour, 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year.

## Health

**Percentage of births with late or no prenatal care:** The percentage of live births to mothers of all ages who did not receive prenatal care until the third trimester, or who received no prenatal care.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Office of Health Information and Research and Vital Statistics Section.

**Percentage of low birthweight infants:** The percentage of all live births with birthweights less than 2500 grams (5.5 lbs.). Source: California Department of Health Services, Office of Health Information and Research, Vital Statistics Section.

**Infant mortality rate:** The number of infants who die within the first year of life per 1,000 live births.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Office of Health Information and Research, Vital Statistics Section.

**Teen birth rate:** The number of births to female teens ages 15 through 19 per 1,000 females of that age group.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Office of Health Information and Research, Vital Statistics Section.

**Kindergartners appropriately immunized:** The percentage of kindergarten students who were up-to-date with recommended immunizations at age 24 months. Up-to-date means they have received 3 vaccine doses against Polio, 4 doses against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis, and 1 dose against Measles, Mumps and Rubella.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Immunization Branch, 1996 *Kindergarten Expanded Retrospective Survey*.

## Education

**High school dropout rate:** The percentage of public school 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who leave school in one year and do not notify the school of a change of residence.

Source: California Dept. of Education, Educational Demographics Unit.

**Graduates prepared for college:** The percentage of public high school twelfth-grade graduates who have completed the courses required for entrance into the University of California and California State University systems.

Source: California Dept. of Education, Educational Demographics Unit.

**Average class size:** The enrollment in classes divided by the number of classes. It excludes special education classes, classes with zero enrollment and classes with enrollment over 50.

Source: California Dept. of Education, Educational Demographics Unit.

**Per pupil expenditure:** The current expenditures for education (including general fund items such as certificated salaries, classified salaries, employee benefits, books and supplies, equipment replacement and services and direct support) divided by the total average daily attendance (ADA). These county per-pupil expenditure figures include slightly differ-

ent costs than the per-pupil expenditures reported for state-by-state comparisons.

Source: California Department of Education, School Business Services Division, *Current Expense of Education per ADA*, 1995-96.

**Students with limited English proficiency:** The percentage of 1996 public school students (K-12) who were designated by the school as having limited proficiency in English.

Source: California Dept. of Education, Educational Demographics Unit.

## Safety

**Child abuse:** The number of reports of child sexual, physical and emotional abuse, as well as neglect, exploitation and caretaker incapacity per 1,000 children.

Source: California Dept. of Social Services, Statistical Services Bureau. *Preplacement Preventive Services for Children in California, Annual Statistical Report: 1994, 1995, 1996.*

**Foster care:** The number of children under age 18 who are in out-of-home care per 1,000 children (does not include those children who are under probation status). This information also shows the average number of months a child has been in a foster care placement.

Source: California Department of Social Services, Information Services Bureau, Report FCI520: *Selected Characteristics of Children in Foster Care at the End of Three Consecutive Years*. For 1994 information, a May report was used, whereas for 1995 and 1996 information, an April report was used.

**Children killed or injured by guns:** The numbers of fatalities and injuries to children under 18 years of age from firearms. The fatalities and injuries include those which are unintentional, self-inflicted, a result of assault, a result of legal intervention and whose causes are undetermined. Source: For Fatalities — California Department of Health Services, Death Records, 1994 and 1995. For Injuries — California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Hospital

Discharge Dataset, 1994 and 1995. Both were prepared by the California Department of Health Services, Emergency Preparedness and Injury Control Branch.

**Youth homicides:** The number of children, age 17 and younger, who were victims of willful homicide in 1995.

Source: California Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Criminal Justice Statistics Center.

**Youth arrests:** The number of children (age 10-17) arrested for all crimes (including status offenses and other reported offenses) in 1995 and the rate of arrest per 1,000 children (age 10-17). This also shows the percentage of all arrests which were drug-related (including both felony and misdemeanor drug arrests), and the percentage of arrests which were for violent crimes (including homicide, manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery assault and kidnapping). It is important to note that while alcohol is a drug, the percent of drug-related arrests excludes alcohol-related arrests. Arrest data from the Oakland police department is missing from Alameda County as they did not report arrest data in 1995.

Source: California Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, *Adult and Juvenile Arrests Reported, 1995: Sex and Law Enforcement Disposition by Specific Offense*.

\*An "n/a" signifies that data for a particular indicator or a specific year in that county was not available.

### Comments on Ranking Methodology

Of the 27 indicators presented in this book, 24 of them were ranked so that counties could compare themselves to each other and to the state averages. Wherever there is information for multiple years, the ranks are based on the two or three year averages of those trends. To determine which counties were too small to rank reliably, we calculated a standard deviation for each county and created a confidence interval. If the range of possible rates was so large that the average rate could not be considered reliable, the county was eliminated from the ranking and received a score of "NR" for "no rank." Counties which had the same rates or numbers for a particular indicator received the same rank.

# CALIFORNIA CHILDREN

1996, Ages 0-18

| County            | Children         |                 | Anglo            |            | African-American |           | Latino           |            | Asian/Other      |            |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
|                   | Total            | % of cnty. pop. |                  |            |                  |           |                  |            |                  |            |
| Alameda           | 364,694          | 26%             | 140,698          | 39%        | 74,078           | 20%       | 77,878           | 21%        | 72,040           | 20%        |
| Alpine            | 362              | 28%             | 203              | 56%        | 0                | 0%        | 28               | 8%         | 131              | 36%        |
| Amador            | 7,077            | 19%             | 6,261            | 88%        | 43               | 1%        | 500              | 7%         | 273              | 4%         |
| Butte             | 51,144           | 24%             | 37,690           | 74%        | 838              | 2%        | 8,307            | 16%        | 4,309            | 8%         |
| Calaveras         | 11,375           | 26%             | 8,992            | 79%        | 148              | 1%        | 1,317            | 12%        | 918              | 8%         |
| Colusa            | 6,590            | 34%             | 3,420            | 52%        | 15               | 0%        | 2,939            | 45%        | 216              | 3%         |
| Contra Costa      | 234,041          | 26%             | 132,348          | 57%        | 27,335           | 12%       | 43,556           | 19%        | 30,802           | 13%        |
| Del Norte         | 9,350            | 28%             | 5,073            | 54%        | 270              | 3%        | 2,062            | 22%        | 1,945            | 21%        |
| El Dorado         | 42,626           | 27%             | 35,506           | 83%        | 222              | 1%        | 5,582            | 13%        | 1,316            | 3%         |
| Fresno            | 267,171          | 32%             | 82,173           | 31%        | 14,357           | 5%        | 129,703          | 49%        | 40,938           | 15%        |
| Glenn             | 9,177            | 32%             | 4,926            | 54%        | 29               | 0%        | 3,112            | 34%        | 1,110            | 12%        |
| Humboldt          | 35,596           | 27%             | 26,080           | 73%        | 938              | 3%        | 4,873            | 14%        | 3,705            | 10%        |
| Imperial          | 47,516           | 34%             | 7,282            | 15%        | 798              | 2%        | 38,438           | 81%        | 998              | 2%         |
| Inyo              | 5,663            | 29%             | 4,224            | 75%        | 19               | 0%        | 703              | 12%        | 717              | 13%        |
| Kern              | 223,645          | 32%             | 103,670          | 46%        | 13,587           | 6%        | 97,469           | 44%        | 8,919            | 4%         |
| Kings             | 37,947           | 32%             | 16,374           | 43%        | 2,469            | 7%        | 17,151           | 45%        | 1,953            | 5%         |
| Lake              | 15,307           | 25%             | 11,884           | 78%        | 336              | 2%        | 2,374            | 16%        | 713              | 5%         |
| Lassen            | 7,401            | 22%             | 6,137            | 83%        | 65               | 1%        | 835              | 11%        | 364              | 5%         |
| Los Angeles       | 2,721,636        | 28%             | 612,222          | 22%        | 288,663          | 11%       | 1,537,371        | 56%        | 283,380          | 10%        |
| Madera            | 35,537           | 30%             | 15,012           | 42%        | 793              | 2%        | 18,994           | 53%        | 738              | 2%         |
| Marin             | 55,237           | 22%             | 44,141           | 80%        | 1,795            | 3%        | 6,598            | 12%        | 2,703            | 5%         |
| Mariposa          | 4,278            | 24%             | 3,521            | 82%        | 41               | 1%        | 372              | 9%         | 344              | 8%         |
| Mendocino         | 24,611           | 27%             | 17,075           | 69%        | 250              | 1%        | 5,579            | 23%        | 1,707            | 7%         |
| Merced            | 75,906           | 35%             | 28,719           | 38%        | 3,048            | 4%        | 32,698           | 43%        | 11,441           | 15%        |
| Modoc             | 2,708            | 25%             | 2,154            | 80%        | 51               | 2%        | 339              | 13%        | 164              | 6%         |
| Mono              | 2,749            | 25%             | 1,993            | 72%        | 20               | 1%        | 579              | 21%        | 157              | 6%         |
| Monterey          | 120,999          | 31%             | 49,445           | 41%        | 6,402            | 5%        | 57,861           | 48%        | 7,291            | 6%         |
| Napa              | 29,446           | 24%             | 19,645           | 67%        | 425              | 1%        | 8,277            | 28%        | 1,099            | 4%         |
| Nevada            | 23,125           | 24%             | 20,635           | 89%        | 66               | 0%        | 1,897            | 8%         | 527              | 2%         |
| Orange            | 715,195          | 26%             | 349,626          | 49%        | 13,871           | 2%        | 271,603          | 38%        | 80,095           | 11%        |
| Placer            | 58,775           | 27%             | 48,888           | 83%        | 498              | 1%        | 7,229            | 12%        | 2,160            | 4%         |
| Plumas            | 5,336            | 24%             | 4,451            | 83%        | 53               | 1%        | 527              | 10%        | 305              | 6%         |
| Riverside         | 497,556          | 32%             | 211,323          | 42%        | 27,954           | 6%        | 226,398          | 46%        | 31,881           | 6%         |
| Sacramento        | 330,982          | 27%             | 182,159          | 55%        | 41,496           | 13%       | 61,497           | 19%        | 45,830           | 14%        |
| San Benito        | 13,691           | 31%             | 5,629            | 41%        | 55               | 0%        | 7,748            | 57%        | 259              | 2%         |
| San Bernardino    | 601,697          | 34%             | 267,506          | 44%        | 55,008           | 9%        | 244,160          | 41%        | 35,023           | 6%         |
| San Diego         | 737,157          | 26%             | 364,213          | 49%        | 55,686           | 8%        | 248,944          | 34%        | 68,314           | 9%         |
| San Francisco     | 136,827          | 18%             | 41,578           | 30%        | 21,872           | 16%       | 26,909           | 20%        | 46,468           | 34%        |
| San Joaquin       | 172,401          | 31%             | 74,022           | 43%        | 9,810            | 6%        | 54,907           | 32%        | 33,662           | 20%        |
| San Luis Obispo   | 55,388           | 23%             | 40,109           | 72%        | 1,270            | 2%        | 12,337           | 22%        | 1,672            | 3%         |
| San Mateo         | 164,120          | 23%             | 65,537           | 40%        | 7,819            | 5%        | 52,625           | 32%        | 38,139           | 23%        |
| Santa Barbara     | 103,760          | 25%             | 48,429           | 47%        | 2,978            | 3%        | 47,629           | 46%        | 4,724            | 5%         |
| Santa Clara       | 417,692          | 26%             | 185,601          | 44%        | 16,597           | 4%        | 128,131          | 31%        | 87,363           | 21%        |
| Santa Cruz        | 62,197           | 25%             | 36,063           | 58%        | 670              | 1%        | 23,308           | 37%        | 2,156            | 3%         |
| Shasta            | 49,632           | 28%             | 42,273           | 85%        | 472              | 1%        | 3,287            | 7%         | 3,600            | 7%         |
| Sierra            | 824              | 25%             | 744              | 90%        | 3                | 0%        | 56               | 7%         | 21               | 3%         |
| Siskiyou          | 11,831           | 25%             | 9,563            | 81%        | 250              | 2%        | 1,274            | 11%        | 744              | 6%         |
| Solano            | 125,288          | 30%             | 60,765           | 49%        | 18,305           | 15%       | 26,218           | 21%        | 20,000           | 16%        |
| Sonoma            | 113,582          | 26%             | 82,247           | 72%        | 2,420            | 2%        | 23,501           | 21%        | 5,414            | 5%         |
| Stanislaus        | 146,300          | 32%             | 77,934           | 53%        | 3,161            | 2%        | 53,767           | 37%        | 11,438           | 8%         |
| Sutter            | 23,636           | 30%             | 13,289           | 56%        | 458              | 2%        | 6,805            | 29%        | 3,084            | 13%        |
| Tehama            | 16,404           | 28%             | 12,114           | 74%        | 99               | 1%        | 3,739            | 23%        | 452              | 3%         |
| Trinity           | 3,533            | 25%             | 3,044            | 86%        | 8                | 0%        | 190              | 5%         | 291              | 8%         |
| Tulare            | 128,819          | 34%             | 48,081           | 37%        | 2,086            | 2%        | 70,528           | 55%        | 8,124            | 6%         |
| Tuolumne          | 13,577           | 23%             | 11,140           | 82%        | 41               | 0%        | 1,982            | 15%        | 414              | 3%         |
| Ventura           | 206,323          | 28%             | 108,013          | 52%        | 4,911            | 2%        | 81,610           | 40%        | 11,789           | 6%         |
| Yolo              | 45,460           | 27%             | 23,320           | 51%        | 1,088            | 2%        | 16,287           | 36%        | 4,765            | 10%        |
| Yuba              | 25,218           | 36%             | 15,430           | 61%        | 915              | 4%        | 4,361            | 17%        | 4,512            | 18%        |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>9,456,115</b> | <b>28%</b>      | <b>3,880,594</b> | <b>41%</b> | <b>726,955</b>   | <b>8%</b> | <b>3,814,949</b> | <b>40%</b> | <b>1,033,617</b> | <b>11%</b> |

# FAMILY ECONOMIC REALITIES

| County            | Unemployment<br>(June, 1997) |      | Job seekers<br>per new job |      | Moms w/ < 12 yrs<br>education |      | Low income<br>children* |      | % of child pop.<br>receiving AFDC |      |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|-------------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|
|                   | Percent                      | Rank | Number                     | Rank | Percent                       | Rank | Percent                 | Rank | Percent                           | Rank |
| Alameda           | 4.6                          | 11   | 5                          | 12   | 20%                           | 14   | 36%                     | 25   | 20%                               | 32   |
| Alpine            | 19.5                         | 57   | 1                          | 1    | 33%                           | 36   | 51%                     | 47   | 27%                               | 46   |
| Amador            | 5.8                          | 18   | 4                          | 9    | 16%                           | 5    | 22%                     | 4    | 10%                               | 7    |
| Butte             | 9.6                          | 38   | 8                          | 27   | 31%                           | 29   | 42%                     | 31   | 31%                               | 53   |
| Calaveras         | 8.6                          | 36   | 8                          | 27   | 15%                           | 4    | 32%                     | 18   | 15%                               | 22   |
| Colusa            | 14.2                         | 53   | 13                         | 41   | 54%                           | 58   | 62%                     | 56   | 12%                               | 12   |
| Contra Costa      | 4.3                          | 7    | 5                          | 12   | 18%                           | 11   | 26%                     | 8    | 14%                               | 18   |
| Del Norte         | 8.4                          | 33   | 17                         | 47   | 35%                           | 40   | 42%                     | 31   | 27%                               | 46   |
| El Dorado         | 5.2                          | 15   | 5                          | 12   | 17%                           | 7    | 22%                     | 4    | 9%                                | 3    |
| Fresno            | 12.4                         | 46   | 17                         | 47   | 47%                           | 54   | 57%                     | 52   | 33%                               | 56   |
| Glenn             | 14.3                         | 54   | 10                         | 35   | 45%                           | 52   | 52%                     | 48   | 21%                               | 33   |
| Humboldt          | 6.6                          | 21   | 9                          | 32   | 23%                           | 21   | 36%                     | 25   | 21%                               | 33   |
| Imperial          | 24.6                         | 58   | 26                         | 54   | 37%                           | 42   | 58%                     | 53   | 30%                               | 51   |
| Inyo              | 7.3                          | 29   | 10                         | 35   | 25%                           | 24   | 28%                     | 11   | 15%                               | 22   |
| Kern              | 11.4                         | 45   | 13                         | 41   | 40%                           | 48   | 50%                     | 43   | 24%                               | 42   |
| Kings             | 12.9                         | 48   | 18                         | 49   | 40%                           | 48   | 54%                     | 51   | 22%                               | 36   |
| Lake              | 10.2                         | 41   | 14                         | 46   | 31%                           | 29   | 52%                     | 48   | 32%                               | 55   |
| Lassen            | 7.8                          | 32   | 6                          | 18   | 22%                           | 18   | 31%                     | 14   | 24%                               | 42   |
| Los Angeles       | 6.9                          | 25   | 9                          | 32   | 43%                           | 50   | 59%                     | 54   | 24%                               | 42   |
| Madera            | 13.4                         | 49   | 21                         | 52   | 48%                           | 55   | 53%                     | 50   | 23%                               | 37   |
| Marin             | 2.9                          | 2    | 2                          | 2    | 13%                           | 2    | 14%                     | 1    | 5%                                | 1    |
| Mariposa          | 6.8                          | 23   | 6                          | 18   | 18%                           | 11   | 24%                     | 6    | 17%                               | 28   |
| Mendocino         | 6.9                          | 25   | 8                          | 27   | 32%                           | 32   | 44%                     | 34   | 21%                               | 33   |
| Merced            | 14.1                         | 52   | 27                         | 55   | 46%                           | 53   | 63%                     | 57   | 33%                               | 56   |
| Modoc             | 8.4                          | 33   | 31                         | 58   | 16%                           | 5    | 50%                     | 43   | 27%                               | 46   |
| Mono              | 15.2                         | 56   | 13                         | 41   | 32%                           | 32   | 28%                     | 11   | 9%                                | 3    |
| Monterey          | 7.2                          | 27   | 9                          | 32   | 49%                           | 56   | 49%                     | 41   | 13%                               | 16   |
| Napa              | 4.3                          | 7    | 2                          | 2    | 30%                           | 28   | 31%                     | 14   | 9%                                | 3    |
| Nevada            | 6.1                          | 20   | 6                          | 18   | 17%                           | 7    | 20%                     | 3    | 10%                               | 7    |
| Orange            | 3.3                          | 4    | 2                          | 2    | 34%                           | 37   | 35%                     | 23   | 11%                               | 10   |
| Placer            | 4.8                          | 13   | 2                          | 2    | 14%                           | 3    | 19%                     | 2    | 9%                                | 3    |
| Plumas            | 7.3                          | 29   | 13                         | 41   | 17%                           | 7    | 34%                     | 20   | 15%                               | 22   |
| Riverside         | 7.2                          | 27   | 7                          | 23   | 34%                           | 37   | 46%                     | 38   | 16%                               | 25   |
| Sacramento        | 5.7                          | 16   | 5                          | 12   | 25%                           | 24   | 41%                     | 29   | 31%                               | 53   |
| San Benito        | 11                           | 43   | 12                         | 39   | 38%                           | 46   | 34%                     | 20   | 14%                               | 18   |
| San Bernardino    | 6.8                          | 23   | 8                          | 27   | 35%                           | 40   | 44%                     | 34   | 23%                               | 37   |
| San Diego         | 4.4                          | 10   | 6                          | 18   | 28%                           | 27   | 45%                     | 37   | 18%                               | 29   |
| San Francisco     | 4.3                          | 7    | 8                          | 27   | 23%                           | 21   | 50%                     | 43   | 18%                               | 29   |
| San Joaquin       | 10.8                         | 42   | 13                         | 41   | 37%                           | 42   | 48%                     | 40   | 29%                               | 50   |
| San Luis Obispo   | 4.6                          | 11   | 5                          | 12   | 23%                           | 21   | 28%                     | 11   | 12%                               | 12   |
| San Mateo         | 2.8                          | 1    | 3                          | 6    | 21%                           | 15   | 26%                     | 8    | 7%                                | 2    |
| Santa Barbara     | 4.1                          | 6    | 10                         | 35   | 39%                           | 47   | 37%                     | 27   | 13%                               | 16   |
| Santa Clara       | 3.1                          | 3    | 3                          | 6    | 22%                           | 18   | 31%                     | 14   | 14%                               | 18   |
| Santa Cruz        | 5.7                          | 16   | 4                          | 9    | 37%                           | 42   | 35%                     | 23   | 12%                               | 12   |
| Shasta            | 8.7                          | 37   | 12                         | 39   | 22%                           | 18   | 41%                     | 29   | 24%                               | 42   |
| Sierra            | 7.3                          | 29   | 6                          | 18   | 5%                            | 1    | 32%                     | 18   | 12%                               | 12   |
| Siskiyou          | 9.6                          | 38   | 27                         | 55   | 21%                           | 15   | 44%                     | 34   | 27%                               | 46   |
| Solano            | 6.7                          | 22   | 10                         | 35   | 18%                           | 11   | 27%                     | 10   | 14%                               | 18   |
| Sonoma            | 3.8                          | 5    | 4                          | 9    | 27%                           | 26   | 25%                     | 7    | 11%                               | 10   |
| Stanislaus        | 13.5                         | 50   | 7                          | 23   | 34%                           | 37   | 43%                     | 33   | 23%                               | 37   |
| Sutter            | 14.6                         | 55   | 21                         | 52   | 32%                           | 32   | 47%                     | 39   | 16%                               | 25   |
| Tehama            | 9.9                          | 40   | 7                          | 23   | 37%                           | 42   | 49%                     | 41   | 23%                               | 37   |
| Trinity           | 11.1                         | 44   | 30                         | 57   | 21%                           | 15   | 50%                     | 43   | 23%                               | 37   |
| Tulare            | 13.9                         | 51   | 18                         | 49   | 51%                           | 57   | 59%                     | 54   | 30%                               | 51   |
| Tuolumne          | 8.5                          | 35   | 7                          | 23   | 17%                           | 7    | 31%                     | 14   | 16%                               | 25   |
| Ventura           | 5.9                          | 19   | 3                          | 6    | 32%                           | 32   | 34%                     | 20   | 10%                               | 7    |
| Yolo              | 4.9                          | 14   | 5                          | 12   | 31%                           | 29   | 39%                     | 28   | 19%                               | 31   |
| Yuba              | 12.8                         | 47   | 20                         | 51   | 43%                           | 50   | 68%                     | 58   | 33%                               | 56   |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>6.2</b>                   |      | <b>7</b>                   |      | <b>35%</b>                    |      | <b>46%</b>              |      | <b>20%</b>                        |      |

\*Children in families with annual incomes below \$29,000 for a family of four in 1996.

# FAMILY EXPENSES

Monthly costs, 1996

# CHILD SUPPORT

| County            | Rent       |      | Infant care  |      | Preschool care |      | Cases w/ orders to pay |      | Avg. monthly collection per order |      |
|-------------------|------------|------|--------------|------|----------------|------|------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|
|                   | Dollars    | Rank | Dollars      | Rank | Dollars        | Rank | Percent                | Rank | Dollars                           | Rank |
| Alameda           | \$794      | 49   | \$689        | 33   | \$481          | 48   | 83%                    | 4    | \$103                             | 15   |
| Alpine            | \$505      | 15   | n/a          | NR   | \$390          | 28   | 78%                    | 7    | \$102                             | 16   |
| Amador            | \$605      | 32   | \$563        | 20   | \$368          | 20   | 75%                    | 14   | \$99                              | 18   |
| Butte             | \$546      | 23   | \$719        | 37   | \$325          | 11   | 42%                    | 52   | \$84                              | 27   |
| Calaveras         | \$556      | 25   | \$537        | 16   | \$368          | 20   | 55%                    | 39   | \$71                              | 42   |
| Colusa            | \$470      | 1    | n/a          | NR   | \$277          | 3    | 58%                    | 34   | \$89                              | 23   |
| Contra Costa      | \$794      | 49   | \$689        | 33   | \$481          | 48   | 54%                    | 41   | \$66                              | 49   |
| Del Norte         | \$556      | 25   | n/a          | NR   | n/a            | NR   | 70%                    | 20   | \$69                              | 46   |
| El Dorado         | \$639      | 35   | \$516        | 12   | \$390          | 28   | 78%                    | 7    | \$82                              | 29   |
| Fresno            | \$526      | 18   | \$546        | 18   | \$407          | 35   | 71%                    | 19   | \$73                              | 37   |
| Glenn             | \$470      | 1    | n/a          | NR   | n/a            | NR   | 70%                    | 20   | \$66                              | 49   |
| Humboldt          | \$559      | 27   | \$481        | 8    | \$347          | 14   | 76%                    | 10   | \$131                             | 5    |
| Imperial          | \$518      | 16   | \$377        | 1    | \$321          | 10   | 73%                    | 18   | \$82                              | 29   |
| Inyo              | \$535      | 21   | \$624        | 27   | \$386          | 26   | 81%                    | 6    | \$89                              | 23   |
| Kern              | \$543      | 22   | \$585        | 22   | \$425          | 37   | 66%                    | 25   | \$57                              | 55   |
| Kings             | \$501      | 13   | n/a          | NR   | \$282          | 5    | 74%                    | 16   | \$72                              | 39   |
| Lake              | \$570      | 28   | \$464        | 7    | \$347          | 14   | 51%                    | 45   | \$83                              | 28   |
| Lassen            | \$480      | 10   | n/a          | NR   | \$347          | 14   | 74%                    | 16   | \$93                              | 20   |
| Los Angeles       | \$854      | 53   | \$550        | 19   | \$386          | 26   | 35%                    | 56   | \$71                              | 42   |
| Madera            | \$526      | 18   | n/a          | NR   | \$347          | 14   | 68%                    | 23   | \$90                              | 22   |
| Marin             | \$965      | 56   | \$754        | 39   | \$555          | 55   | 86%                    | 2    | \$149                             | 2    |
| Mariposa          | \$526      | 18   | n/a          | NR   | \$260          | 1    | 61%                    | 31   | \$113                             | 9    |
| Mendocino         | \$610      | 33   | n/a          | NR   | \$355          | 19   | 60%                    | 32   | \$104                             | 14   |
| Merced            | \$521      | 17   | n/a          | NR   | \$347          | 14   | 82%                    | 5    | \$94                              | 19   |
| Modoc             | \$470      | 1    | n/a          | NR   | n/a            | NR   | 55%                    | 39   | \$42                              | 57   |
| Mono              | \$725      | 46   | n/a          | NR   | \$477          | 47   | 40%                    | 54   | \$133                             | 4    |
| Monterey          | \$723      | 45   | \$485        | 9    | \$425          | 37   | 50%                    | 49   | \$100                             | 17   |
| Napa              | \$696      | 42   | \$589        | 23   | \$429          | 40   | 65%                    | 26   | \$115                             | 8    |
| Nevada            | \$680      | 40   | \$520        | 13   | \$368          | 20   | 67%                    | 24   | \$62                              | 54   |
| Orange            | \$827      | 51   | \$607        | 26   | \$442          | 41   | 51%                    | 45   | \$74                              | 36   |
| Placer            | \$639      | 35   | \$659        | 31   | \$472          | 46   | 44%                    | 51   | \$111                             | 10   |
| Plumas            | \$470      | 1    | n/a          | NR   | \$451          | 42   | 54%                    | 41   | \$150                             | 1    |
| Riverside         | \$582      | 29   | \$563        | 20   | \$390          | 28   | 51%                    | 45   | \$50                              | 56   |
| Sacramento        | \$639      | 35   | \$633        | 30   | \$459          | 44   | 39%                    | 55   | \$121                             | 6    |
| San Benito        | \$659      | 39   | \$511        | 11   | \$399          | 33   | 54%                    | 41   | \$69                              | 46   |
| San Bernardino    | \$582      | 29   | \$520        | 13   | \$381          | 25   | 25%                    | 58   | \$110                             | 11   |
| San Diego         | \$682      | 41   | \$598        | 25   | \$425          | 37   | 29%                    | 57   | \$78                              | 32   |
| San Francisco     | \$965      | 56   | \$780        | 41   | \$542          | 54   | 78%                    | 7    | \$71                              | 42   |
| San Joaquin       | \$614      | 34   | \$542        | 17   | \$373          | 24   | 64%                    | 28   | \$71                              | 42   |
| San Luis Obispo   | \$704      | 44   | \$407        | 5    | \$277          | 3    | 85%                    | 3    | \$116                             | 7    |
| San Mateo         | \$965      | 56   | \$745        | 38   | \$485          | 50   | 51%                    | 45   | \$108                             | 13   |
| Santa Barbara     | \$840      | 52   | \$628        | 29   | \$399          | 33   | 76%                    | 10   | \$64                              | 53   |
| Santa Clara       | \$918      | 54   | \$702        | 36   | \$490          | 51   | 56%                    | 36   | \$92                              | 21   |
| Santa Cruz        | \$964      | 55   | \$698        | 35   | \$490          | 51   | 45%                    | 50   | \$134                             | 3    |
| Shasta            | \$503      | 14   | \$425        | 6    | \$273          | 2    | 76%                    | 10   | \$65                              | 52   |
| Sierra            | \$492      | 12   | n/a          | NR   | \$282          | 5    | 90%                    | 1    | \$110                             | 11   |
| Siskiyou          | \$470      | 1    | \$381        | 3    | \$282          | 5    | 76%                    | 10   | \$73                              | 37   |
| Solano            | \$696      | 42   | \$667        | 32   | \$455          | 43   | 56%                    | 36   | \$78                              | 32   |
| Sonoma            | \$766      | 47   | \$594        | 24   | \$459          | 44   | 75%                    | 14   | \$85                              | 26   |
| Stanislaus        | \$554      | 24   | \$520        | 13   | \$390          | 28   | 70%                    | 20   | \$87                              | 25   |
| Sutter            | \$472      | 8    | \$490        | 10   | \$368          | 20   | 62%                    | 30   | \$72                              | 39   |
| Tehama            | \$470      | 1    | \$390        | 4    | \$286          | 8    | 63%                    | 29   | \$72                              | 39   |
| Trinity           | \$470      | 1    | n/a          | NR   | \$390          | 28   | 54%                    | 41   | \$66                              | 49   |
| Tulare            | \$490      | 11   | \$377        | 1    | \$295          | 9    | 56%                    | 36   | \$75                              | 35   |
| Tuolumne          | \$600      | 31   | n/a          | NR   | \$334          | 13   | 57%                    | 35   | \$69                              | 46   |
| Ventura           | \$774      | 48   | \$624        | 27   | \$412          | 36   | 60%                    | 32   | \$82                              | 29   |
| Yolo              | \$643      | 38   | \$767        | 40   | \$524          | 53   | 65%                    | 26   | \$77                              | 34   |
| Yuba              | \$472      | 8    | n/a          | NR   | \$325          | 11   | 41%                    | 53   | \$41                              | 58   |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>N/A</b> |      | <b>\$585</b> |      | <b>\$407</b>   |      | <b>48%</b>             |      | <b>\$78</b>                       |      |

| County            | Mothers receiving late or no prenatal care |             |      | Low birthweight infants |             |      |
|-------------------|--|-------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|------|
|                   | Number                                     | Percent     | Rank | Number                  | Percent     | Rank |
| Alameda           | 1,823                                      | 2.8%        | 5    | 4,540                   | 7.1%        | 45   |
| Alpine            | 2  | 8.0%        | NR   | 0                       | 0.0%        | NR   |
| Amador            | 18   | 2.3%        | 1    | 34                      | 4.3%        | NR   |
| Butte             | 439  | 5.8%        | 26   | 429                     | 5.6%        | 22   |
| Calaveras         | 51   | 4.6%        | 21   | 65                      | 5.8%        | 29   |
| Colusa            | 107  | 11.0%       | NR   | 60                      | 6.2%        | NR   |
| Contra Costa      | 1,438                                      | 3.8%        | 13   | 2,315                   | 6.2%        | 34   |
| Del Norte         | 80   | 8.0%        | NR   | 55                      | 5.5%        | NR   |
| El Dorado         | 177  | 3.3%        | 9    | 298                     | 5.6%        | 22   |
| Fresno            | 1,805                                      | 3.9%        | 14   | 3,101                   | 6.6%        | 39   |
| Glenn             | 76   | 5.7%        | NR   | 50                      | 3.8%        | 1    |
| Humboldt          | 340  | 7.1%        | 34   | 242                     | 5.1%        | 8    |
| Imperial          | 837  | 10.2%       | 45   | 422                     | 5.1%        | 8    |
| Inyo              | 63   | 9.5%        | NR   | 41                      | 6.2%        | NR   |
| Kern              | 3,081                                      | 8.3%        | 41   | 2,482                   | 6.7%        | 43   |
| Kings             | 497  | 7.4%        | 38   | 395                     | 5.9%        | 31   |
| Lake              | 178  | 9.1%        | 43   | 111                     | 5.6%        | 22   |
| Lassen            | 53   | 5.8%        | NR   | 52                      | 5.7%        | NR   |
| Los Angeles       | 21,981                                     | 4.0%        | 15   | 34,442                  | 6.3%        | 35   |
| Madera            | 375  | 6.3%        | 28   | 328                     | 5.5%        | 17   |
| Marin             | 213  | 2.6%        | 3    | 443                     | 5.4%        | 14   |
| Mariposa          | 39   | 7.6%        | NR   | 31                      | 6.1%        | NR   |
| Mendocino         | 487  | 14.4%       | 46   | 185                     | 5.5%        | 17   |
| Merced            | 906  | 7.2%        | 37   | 701                     | 5.6%        | 22   |
| Modoc             | 23   | 6.2%        | NR   | 29                      | 7.8%        | NR   |
| Mono              | 31   | 7.7%        | NR   | 31                      | 7.7%        | NR   |
| Monterey          | 1,733                                      | 8.1%        | 40   | 1,144                   | 5.4%        | 14   |
| Napa              | 209  | 4.6%        | 21   | 196                     | 4.3%        | 2    |
| Nevada            | 82   | 3.2%        | 7    | 120                     | 4.7%        | 3    |
| Orange            | 5,967                                      | 4.0%        | 15   | 7,900                   | 5.3%        | 12   |
| Placer            | 267  | 3.3%        | 9    | 414                     | 5.1%        | 8    |
| Plumas            | 18   | 3.2%        | NR   | 28                      | 5.0%        | NR   |
| Riverside         | 5,113                                      | 6.9%        | 30   | 4,539                   | 6.1%        | 33   |
| Sacramento        | 3,706                                      | 6.6%        | 29   | 3,708                   | 6.6%        | 39   |
| San Benito        | 74   | 3.2%        | 7    | 114                     | 4.9%        | 4    |
| San Bernardino    | 6,601                                      | 7.0%        | 33   | 6,221                   | 6.6%        | 39   |
| San Diego         | 10,092                                     | 7.1%        | 34   | 8,330                   | 5.9%        | 31   |
| San Francisco     | 1,108                                      | 4.2%        | 18   | 1,840                   | 6.9%        | 44   |
| San Joaquin       | 1,937                                      | 6.9%        | 30   | 1,834                   | 6.6%        | 39   |
| San Luis Obispo   | 345  | 4.3%        | 20   | 399                     | 5.0%        | 5    |
| San Mateo         | 940  | 3.1%        | 6    | 1,683                   | 5.5%        | 17   |
| Santa Barbara     | 926  | 4.9%        | 24   | 1,019                   | 5.4%        | 14   |
| Santa Clara       | 3,758                                      | 4.7%        | 23   | 4,517                   | 5.7%        | 26   |
| Santa Cruz        | 462  | 4.2%        | 18   | 548                     | 5.0%        | 5    |
| Shasta            | 229  | 3.6%        | 11   | 333                     | 5.3%        | 12   |
| Sierra            | 2  | 3.2%        | NR   | 3                       | 4.8%        | NR   |
| Siskiyou          | 101  | 6.9%        | 30   | 76                      | 5.2%        | 11   |
| Solano            | 1,264                                      | 7.1%        | 34   | 1,166                   | 6.5%        | 35   |
| Sonoma            | 621  | 3.7%        | 12   | 832                     | 5.0%        | 5    |
| Stanislaus        | 895  | 4.0%        | 15   | 1,391                   | 6.3%        | 35   |
| Sutter            | 294  | 8.3%        | 41   | 203                     | 5.7%        | 26   |
| Tehama            | 125  | 5.5%        | 25   | 126                     | 5.5%        | 17   |
| Trinity           | 15   | 3.9%        | NR   | 25                      | 6.6%        | NR   |
| Tulare            | 1,334                                      | 6.1%        | 27   | 1,261                   | 5.8%        | 29   |
| Tuolumne          | 36   | 2.5%        | 2    | 101                     | 7.1%        | 45   |
| Ventura           | 944  | 2.6%        | 3    | 2,000                   | 5.5%        | 17   |
| Yolo              | 539  | 8.0%        | 39   | 387                     | 5.7%        | 26   |
| Yuba              | 375  | 10.1%       | 44   | 240                     | 6.5%        | 35   |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>85,232</b>                              | <b>5.0%</b> |      | <b>103,580</b>          | <b>6.1%</b> |      |

NR = Numbers too small to be statistically significant

# INFANT MORTALITY

1993-95

| County            | 1993         |            | 1994         |            | 1995         |            | 1993-95 Average |            |      |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------|
|                   | Deaths       | Rate*      | Deaths       | Rate*      | Deaths       | Rate*      | Deaths          | Rate*      | Rank |
| Alameda           | 136          | 6.2        | 137          | 6.4        | 114          | 5.4        | 387             | 6.0        | 17   |
| Alpine            | 0            | 0.0        | 0            | 0.0        | 0            | 0.0        | 0               | 0.0        | NR   |
| Amador            | 2            | 7.3        | 3            | 10.9       | 0            | 0.0        | 5               | 6.3        | NR   |
| Butte             | 20           | 7.7        | 16           | 6.4        | 26           | 10.3       | 62              | 8.2        | 41   |
| Calaveras         | 2            | 5.6        | 8            | 21.1       | 5            | 13.1       | 15              | 13.4       | NR   |
| Colusa            | 3            | 9.3        | 2            | 6.0        | 2            | 6.3        | 7               | 7.2        | NR   |
| Contra Costa      | 74           | 5.8        | 71           | 5.7        | 75           | 6.0        | 220             | 5.9        | 14   |
| Del Norte         | 2            | 5.7        | 5            | 14.6       | 5            | 16.1       | 12              | 12.0       | NR   |
| El Dorado         | 8            | 4.5        | 16           | 8.9        | 6            | 3.5        | 30              | 5.7        | 11   |
| Fresno            | 119          | 7.4        | 145          | 9.3        | 125          | 8.3        | 389             | 8.3        | 42   |
| Glenn             | 2            | 4.8        | 2            | 4.3        | 1            | 2.3        | 5               | 3.8        | 2    |
| Humboldt          | 18           | 11.2       | 20           | 12.5       | 14           | 8.9        | 52              | 10.9       | 45   |
| Imperial          | 15           | 5.3        | 17           | 6.2        | 13           | 4.9        | 45              | 5.5        | 10   |
| Inyo              | 2            | 9.7        | 2            | 9.3        | 1            | 4.1        | 5               | 7.6        | NR   |
| Kern              | 135          | 10.8       | 141          | 11.2       | 130          | 10.9       | 406             | 10.9       | 45   |
| Kings             | 15           | 6.5        | 20           | 9.0        | 13           | 6.1        | 48              | 7.2        | 35   |
| Lake              | 4            | 6.3        | 7            | 10.7       | 2            | 3.0        | 13              | 6.6        | 26   |
| Lassen            | 3            | 9.5        | 2            | 6.5        | 3            | 10.1       | 8               | 8.7        | NR   |
| Los Angeles       | 1381         | 7.3        | 1,252        | 6.9        | 1,176        | 6.7        | 3,809           | 7.0        | 29   |
| Madera            | 16           | 8.0        | 16           | 8.2        | 14           | 7.0        | 46              | 7.8        | 38   |
| Marin             | 17           | 6.1        | 14           | 5.1        | 7            | 2.7        | 38              | 4.7        | 5    |
| Mariposa          | 0            | 0.0        | 0            | 0.0        | 1            | 6.6        | 1               | 2.0        | 1    |
| Mendocino         | 13           | 11.8       | 7            | 6.1        | 9            | 8.0        | 29              | 8.6        | 44   |
| Merced            | 26           | 5.9        | 30           | 7.2        | 33           | 8.2        | 89              | 7.1        | 33   |
| Modoc             | 0            | 0.0        | 1            | 8.2        | 1            | 8.2        | 2               | 5.4        | NR   |
| Mono              | 1            | 7.2        | 0            | 0.0        | 0            | 0.0        | 1               | 2.5        | NR   |
| Monterey          | 53           | 7.1        | 41           | 5.8        | 39           | 5.7        | 133             | 6.2        | 21   |
| Napa              | 11           | 7.0        | 9            | 6.0        | 8            | 5.5        | 28              | 6.2        | 21   |
| Nevada            | 3            | 3.4        | 4            | 4.8        | 3            | 3.6        | 10              | 3.9        | 3    |
| Orange            | 300          | 5.9        | 300          | 6.0        | 272          | 5.6        | 872             | 5.8        | 12   |
| Placer            | 20           | 7.6        | 11           | 4.1        | 18           | 6.3        | 49              | 6.0        | 17   |
| Plumas            | 1            | 4.7        | 4            | 22.1       | 1            | 6.0        | 6               | 10.7       | NR   |
| Riverside         | 191          | 7.6        | 209          | 8.4        | 171          | 7.1        | 571             | 7.7        | 37   |
| Sacramento        | 137          | 7.1        | 136          | 7.3        | 131          | 7.0        | 404             | 7.1        | 33   |
| San Benito        | 3            | 3.7        | 6            | 8.1        | 3            | 3.8        | 12              | 5.1        | 6    |
| San Bernardino    | 255          | 7.9        | 247          | 7.9        | 231          | 7.7        | 733             | 7.8        | 38   |
| San Diego         | 301          | 6.2        | 313          | 6.6        | 226          | 4.9        | 840             | 5.9        | 14   |
| San Francisco     | 45           | 5.0        | 74           | 8.2        | 37           | 4.3        | 156             | 5.8        | 12   |
| San Joaquin       | 81           | 8.5        | 71           | 7.6        | 58           | 6.4        | 210             | 7.5        | 36   |
| San Luis Obispo   | 20           | 7.5        | 19           | 7.1        | 10           | 3.8        | 49              | 6.1        | 20   |
| San Mateo         | 41           | 4.0        | 33           | 3.2        | 51           | 5.1        | 125             | 4.1        | 4    |
| Santa Barbara     | 42           | 6.4        | 32           | 5.0        | 39           | 6.7        | 113             | 6.0        | 17   |
| Santa Clara       | 143          | 5.3        | 154          | 5.8        | 135          | 5.2        | 432             | 5.4        | 9    |
| Santa Cruz        | 24           | 6.2        | 28           | 7.6        | 13           | 3.7        | 65              | 5.9        | 14   |
| Shasta            | 11           | 5.2        | 17           | 8.0        | 14           | 6.9        | 42              | 6.7        | 27   |
| Sierra            | 0            | 0.0        | 0            | 0.0        | 0            | 0.0        | 0               | 0.0        | NR   |
| Siskiyou          | 3            | 5.9        | 1            | 2.2        | 5            | 10.2       | 9               | 6.2        | 21   |
| Solano            | 44           | 7.1        | 52           | 8.8        | 29           | 5.1        | 125             | 7.0        | 29   |
| Sonoma            | 32           | 5.7        | 29           | 5.3        | 24           | 4.4        | 85              | 5.1        | 6    |
| Stanislaus        | 43           | 5.8        | 62           | 8.4        | 43           | 5.9        | 148             | 6.7        | 27   |
| Sutter            | 12           | 10.4       | 6            | 4.9        | 7            | 6.0        | 25              | 7.0        | 29   |
| Tehama            | 5            | 6.3        | 9            | 11.7       | 5            | 6.9        | 19              | 8.3        | 42   |
| Trinity           | 1            | 7.3        | 0            | 0.0        | 1            | 8.1        | 2               | 5.2        | NR   |
| Tulare            | 42           | 5.8        | 52           | 7.1        | 41           | 5.7        | 135             | 6.2        | 21   |
| Tuolumne          | 3            | 6.4        | 5            | 10.7       | 1            | 2.0        | 9               | 6.3        | 25   |
| Ventura           | 67           | 5.5        | 57           | 4.8        | 65           | 5.4        | 189             | 5.2        | 8    |
| Yolo              | 14           | 6.1        | 22           | 9.7        | 11           | 5.0        | 47              | 7.0        | 29   |
| Yuba              | 8            | 6.3        | 11           | 8.9        | 10           | 8.4        | 29              | 7.8        | 38   |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>3,970</b> | <b>6.8</b> | <b>3,948</b> | <b>7.0</b> | <b>3,478</b> | <b>6.3</b> | <b>11,396</b>   | <b>6.7</b> |      |

NR = Numbers too small to be statistically significant

\*Rate refers to the number of infants who died in their first year of life per 1,000 live births.

# TEEN BIRTHS

1993-95

| County            | 1993          |           | 1994          |           | 1995          |           | 1993-95 Average |                        |           |      |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|------|
|                   | Births        | Rate*     | Births        | Rate*     | Births        | Rate*     | Births          | % of all county births | Rate*     | Rank |
| Alameda           | 2,053         | 54        | 1,911         | 50        | 1,991         | 50        | 5,955           | 9%                     | 51        | 17   |
| Alpine            | 0             | 0         | 1             | 30        | 4             | 105       | 5               | 20%                    | 48        | NR   |
| Amador            | 31            | 41        | 31            | 39        | 35            | 40        | 97              | 12%                    | 40        | 9    |
| Butte             | 385           | 57        | 330           | 47        | 391           | 53        | 1,106           | 15%                    | 53        | 20   |
| Calaveras         | 46            | 38        | 43            | 33        | 52            | 38        | 141             | 13%                    | 36        | 4    |
| Colusa            | 46            | 69        | 52            | 75        | 51            | 70        | 149             | 15%                    | 71        | NR   |
| Contra Costa      | 1,080         | 41        | 1,070         | 39        | 1,072         | 38        | 3,222           | 9%                     | 39        | 8    |
| Del Norte         | 53            | 63        | 62            | 68        | 63            | 63        | 178             | 18%                    | 65        | NR   |
| El Dorado         | 167           | 38        | 167           | 35        | 176           | 34        | 510             | 10%                    | 36        | 4    |
| Fresno            | 2,678         | 101       | 2,654         | 95        | 2,633         | 89        | 7,965           | 17%                    | 95        | 42   |
| Glenn             | 58            | 59        | 64            | 61        | 65            | 60        | 187             | 14%                    | 60        | NR   |
| Humboldt          | 221           | 52        | 205           | 46        | 217           | 47        | 643             | 13%                    | 49        | 16   |
| Imperial          | 486           | 89        | 430           | 78        | 388           | 69        | 1,304           | 16%                    | 79        | 37   |
| Inyo              | 27            | 45        | 38            | 60        | 32            | 48        | 97              | 15%                    | 51        | NR   |
| Kern              | 2,050         | 95        | 2,189         | 95        | 2,146         | 90        | 6,385           | 17%                    | 93        | 41   |
| Kings             | 385           | 103       | 392           | 100       | 387           | 95        | 1,164           | 17%                    | 99        | 46   |
| Lake              | 97            | 61        | 122           | 71        | 107           | 58        | 326             | 17%                    | 63        | 26   |
| Lassen            | 57            | 62        | 55            | 59        | 62            | 65        | 174             | 19%                    | 62        | NR   |
| Los Angeles       | 22,628        | 80        | 22,091        | 78        | 21,612        | 75        | 66,331          | 12%                    | 77        | 35   |
| Madera            | 390           | 96        | 390           | 92        | 399           | 88        | 1,179           | 20%                    | 92        | 40   |
| Marin             | 121           | 22        | 119           | 22        | 93            | 17        | 333             | 4%                     | 20        | 1    |
| Mariposa          | 17            | 37        | 22            | 44        | 21            | 39        | 60              | 12%                    | 40        | NR   |
| Mendocino         | 170           | 60        | 197           | 67        | 202           | 65        | 569             | 17%                    | 64        | 27   |
| Merced            | 708           | 96        | 751           | 97        | 768           | 95        | 2,227           | 18%                    | 96        | 43   |
| Modoc             | 22            | 62        | 21            | 55        | 14            | 36        | 57              | 15%                    | 51        | NR   |
| Mono              | 5             | 20        | 8             | 30        | 9             | 32        | 22              | 5%                     | 28        | NR   |
| Monterey          | 983           | 85        | 972           | 82        | 936           | 76        | 2,891           | 14%                    | 81        | 39   |
| Napa              | 130           | 39        | 142           | 41        | 163           | 46        | 435             | 10%                    | 42        | 11   |
| Nevada            | 75            | 29        | 86            | 31        | 86            | 28        | 247             | 10%                    | 29        | 2    |
| Orange            | 4,529         | 62        | 4,535         | 62        | 4,268         | 57        | 13,332          | 9%                     | 60        | 25   |
| Placer            | 244           | 38        | 244           | 36        | 262           | 36        | 750             | 9%                     | 37        | 6    |
| Plumas            | 31            | 46        | 25            | 35        | 31            | 40        | 87              | 16%                    | 40        | NR   |
| Riverside         | 3,381         | 77        | 3,424         | 73        | 3,409         | 67        | 10,214          | 14%                    | 72        | 34   |
| Sacramento        | 2,519         | 74        | 2,432         | 68        | 2,362         | 63        | 7,313           | 13%                    | 68        | 32   |
| San Benito        | 96            | 63        | 98            | 62        | 113           | 67        | 307             | 13%                    | 64        | 27   |
| San Bernardino    | 4,546         | 84        | 4,534         | 80        | 4,485         | 74        | 13,565          | 14%                    | 79        | 37   |
| San Diego         | 5,203         | 67        | 5,239         | 66        | 4,937         | 60        | 15,379          | 11%                    | 64        | 27   |
| San Francisco     | 654           | 42        | 669           | 43        | 637           | 42        | 1,960           | 7%                     | 42        | 11   |
| San Joaquin       | 1,421         | 80        | 1,457         | 78        | 1,454         | 74        | 4,332           | 16%                    | 77        | 35   |
| San Luis Obispo   | 266           | 36        | 271           | 35        | 273           | 34        | 810             | 10%                    | 35        | 3    |
| San Mateo         | 751           | 42        | 726           | 40        | 719           | 39        | 2,196           | 7%                     | 40        | 9    |
| Santa Barbara     | 850           | 66        | 797           | 60        | 705           | 52        | 2,352           | 13%                    | 59        | 24   |
| Santa Clara       | 2,305         | 53        | 2,385         | 54        | 2,204         | 49        | 6,894           | 9%                     | 52        | 18   |
| Santa Cruz        | 418           | 55        | 410           | 53        | 410           | 52        | 1,238           | 11%                    | 53        | 20   |
| Shasta            | 324           | 59        | 311           | 54        | 300           | 50        | 935             | 15%                    | 54        | 22   |
| Sierra            | 5             | 48        | 2             | 17        | 3             | 24        | 10              | 16%                    | 29        | NR   |
| Siskiyou          | 76            | 46        | 80            | 48        | 79            | 46        | 235             | 16%                    | 47        | 15   |
| Solano            | 740           | 60        | 705           | 55        | 686           | 50        | 2,131           | 12%                    | 55        | 23   |
| Sonoma            | 494           | 41        | 548           | 44        | 534           | 41        | 1,576           | 10%                    | 42        | 11   |
| Stanislaus        | 1,067         | 74        | 1,117         | 73        | 1,070         | 66        | 3,254           | 15%                    | 71        | 33   |
| Sutter            | 159           | 64        | 172           | 67        | 177           | 65        | 508             | 14%                    | 65        | 30   |
| Tehama            | 118           | 63        | 145           | 74        | 132           | 64        | 395             | 17%                    | 67        | 31   |
| Trinity           | 21            | 46        | 23            | 50        | 16            | 33        | 60              | 16%                    | 43        | NR   |
| Tulare            | 1,320         | 97        | 1,441         | 100       | 1,380         | 91        | 4,141           | 19%                    | 96        | 43   |
| Tuolumne          | 56            | 36        | 53            | 32        | 80            | 44        | 189             | 13%                    | 37        | 6    |
| Ventura           | 1,243         | 54        | 1,218         | 52        | 1,247         | 52        | 3,708           | 10%                    | 52        | 18   |
| Yolo              | 281           | 44        | 318           | 48        | 275           | 40        | 874             | 13%                    | 44        | 14   |
| Yuba              | 232           | 108       | 204           | 90        | 221           | 93        | 657             | 18%                    | 97        | 45   |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>68,519</b> | <b>70</b> | <b>68,198</b> | <b>68</b> | <b>66,644</b> | <b>64</b> | <b>203,361</b>  | <b>12%</b>             | <b>67</b> |      |

NR = Numbers too small to be statistically significant

\*Rate refers to the number of births to teens ages 15-19 per 1,000 females of that age group.

# HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES

1994-96, Public School Grades 9-12

| County            | 1993-94    | 1994-95    | 1995-96    | 1994-96 Average |      |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------|
|                   | Rate*      | Rate*      | Rate*      | Rate*           | Rank |
| Alameda           | 3.9        | 4.3        | 3.7        | 4.0             | 39   |
| Alpine            | n/a        | n/a        | n/a        | n/a             | NR   |
| Amador            | 2          | 1.4        | 1.0        | 1.5             | 4    |
| Butte             | 6.6        | 4.9        | 5.2        | 5.5             | 56   |
| Calaveras         | 1.7        | 2.5        | 2.2        | 2.2             | 11   |
| Colusa            | 1.3        | 2.0        | 1.5        | 1.6             | 7    |
| Contra Costa      | 2.7        | 2.5        | 2.2        | 2.5             | 15   |
| Del Norte         | 6.1        | 5.1        | 2.3        | 4.5             | 49   |
| El Dorado         | 3          | 2.3        | 2.2        | 2.5             | 15   |
| Fresno            | 5.9        | 5.2        | 4.8        | 5.3             | 53   |
| Glenn             | 3.5        | 4.6        | 4.7        | 4.3             | 45   |
| Humboldt          | 4          | 5.1        | 3.5        | 4.2             | 43   |
| Imperial          | 4          | 3.0        | 1.9        | 3.0             | 26   |
| Inyo              | 3.2        | 2.2        | 1.8        | 2.4             | 13   |
| Kern              | 7.2        | 4.5        | 4.4        | 5.4             | 55   |
| Kings             | 2.3        | 2.4        | 2.6        | 2.5             | 15   |
| Lake              | 3.9        | 3.7        | 3.8        | 3.8             | 35   |
| Lassen            | 2.1        | 2.1        | 1.6        | 1.9             | 8    |
| Los Angeles       | 7.1        | 6.5        | 5.4        | 6.4             | 57   |
| Madera            | 6.6        | 6.0        | 3.5        | 5.3             | 53   |
| Marin             | 1.5        | 1.6        | 1.2        | 1.5             | 4    |
| Mariposa          | 3.9        | 3.7        | 2.4        | 3.3             | 30   |
| Mendocino         | 3.8        | 4.4        | 3.1        | 3.8             | 35   |
| Merced            | 4.5        | 3.6        | 3.6        | 3.9             | 38   |
| Modoc             | 0.9        | 0.9        | 2.6        | 1.5             | 4    |
| Mono              | 2.8        | 5.6        | 2.8        | 3.8             | 35   |
| Monterey          | 3.5        | 4.0        | 3.6        | 3.6             | 32   |
| Napa              | 1          | 1.0        | 1.4        | 1.1             | 2    |
| Nevada            | 4          | 3.3        | 3.5        | 3.6             | 32   |
| Orange            | 3.2        | 2.7        | 2.7        | 2.9             | 23   |
| Placer            | 3          | 2.5        | 2.1        | 2.5             | 15   |
| Plumas            | 2.3        | 2.0        | 2.3        | 2.2             | 11   |
| Riverside         | 3.7        | 3.3        | 2.8        | 3.2             | 29   |
| Sacramento        | 5.8        | 4.7        | 4.3        | 4.9             | 51   |
| San Benito        | 1.8        | 1.6        | 0.9        | 1.4             | 3    |
| San Bernardino    | 4.7        | 3.9        | 4.7        | 4.4             | 47   |
| San Diego         | 4.1        | 4.0        | 3.0        | 3.7             | 34   |
| San Francisco     | 6.3        | 5.0        | 4.1        | 5.1             | 52   |
| San Joaquin       | 6.2        | 3.2        | 2.3        | 3.1             | 27   |
| San Luis Obispo   | 3.7        | 2.1        | 1.9        | 2.5             | 15   |
| San Mateo         | 2.6        | 2.5        | 2.2        | 2.4             | 13   |
| Santa Barbara     | 2.6        | 3.2        | 2.8        | 2.9             | 23   |
| Santa Clara       | 3.2        | 3.2        | 3.8        | 3.4             | 31   |
| Santa Cruz        | 5.5        | 3.8        | 3.3        | 4.2             | 43   |
| Shasta            | 6          | 4.5        | 4.0        | 4.8             | 50   |
| Sierra            | 0          | 2.3        | 0.7        | 1.0             | 1    |
| Siskiyou          | 4.3        | 4.4        | 4.4        | 4.4             | 47   |
| Solano            | 2.6        | 2.4        | 2.4        | 2.5             | 15   |
| Sonoma            | 2.8        | 2.8        | 2.7        | 2.8             | 22   |
| Stanislaus        | 4.2        | 4.0        | 3.7        | 4.0             | 39   |
| Sutter            | 3.3        | 4.1        | 5.4        | 4.3             | 45   |
| Tehama            | 2.3        | 1.7        | 1.6        | 1.9             | 8    |
| Trinity           | 3.3        | 1.2        | 1.7        | 2.1             | 10   |
| Tulare            | 4.8        | 4.0        | 3.2        | 4.0             | 39   |
| Tuolumne          | 3.7        | 1.6        | 2.1        | 2.5             | 15   |
| Ventura           | 3.1        | 3.5        | 2.9        | 3.1             | 27   |
| Yolo              | 5.3        | 3.7        | 3.2        | 4.0             | 39   |
| Yuba              | 1.7        | 4.1        | 2.7        | 2.9             | 23   |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>4.9</b> | <b>4.4</b> | <b>3.9</b> | <b>4.4</b>      |      |

\*Rate refers to the percentage of students who drop out in one year.

# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES PREPARED FOR COLLEGE

1994-96

| County            | 1994            |                  | 1995            |                  | 1996            |                  | 1994-96 Average  |      |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------|
|                   | Public HS Grads | Percent Prepared | Public HS Grads | Percent Prepared | Public HS Grads | Percent Prepared | Percent Prepared | Rank |
| Alameda           | 9,732           | 37%              | 9,564           | 35%              | 9,710           | 36%              | 36%              | 13   |
| Alpine            | n/a             | n/a              | n/a             | n/a              | n/a             | n/a              | n/a              | NR   |
| Amador            | 269             | 14%              | 245             | 27%              | 271             | 36%              | 25%              | 48   |
| Butte             | 1,545           | 33%              | 1,677           | 32%              | 1,695           | 36%              | 34%              | 20   |
| Calaveras         | 381             | 28%              | 439             | 29%              | 415             | 22%              | 26%              | 45   |
| Colusa            | 215             | 26%              | 228             | 25%              | 254             | 31%              | 27%              | 43   |
| Contra Costa      | 7,215           | 37%              | 7,402           | 39%              | 7,661           | 44%              | 40%              | 6    |
| Del Norte         | 202             | 27%              | 227             | 39%              | 271             | 15%              | 26%              | 45   |
| El Dorado         | 1,301           | 23%              | 1,392           | 30%              | 1,427           | 42%              | 32%              | 28   |
| Fresno            | 7,379           | 27%              | 7,517           | 32%              | 7,395           | 29%              | 29%              | 38   |
| Glenn             | 305             | 34%              | 291             | 46%              | 313             | 44%              | 41%              | 3    |
| Humboldt          | 1,081           | 23%              | 1,140           | 31%              | 1,195           | 28%              | 28%              | 41   |
| Imperial          | 1,622           | 20%              | 1,477           | 27%              | 1,720           | 27%              | 25%              | 48   |
| Inyo              | 176             | 26%              | 211             | 36%              | 230             | 39%              | 34%              | 20   |
| Kern              | 5,938           | 20%              | 6,404           | 17%              | 6,706           | 17%              | 18%              | 56   |
| Kings             | 989             | 29%              | 1,089           | 32%              | 1,094           | 32%              | 31%              | 33   |
| Lake              | 445             | 25%              | 459             | 30%              | 481             | 32%              | 29%              | 38   |
| Lassen            | 287             | 12%              | 279             | 25%              | 291             | 31%              | 23%              | 51   |
| Los Angeles       | 68,172          | 36%              | 67,091          | 40%              | 67,289          | 40%              | 39%              | 8    |
| Madera            | 922             | 33%              | 1,059           | 28%              | 1,028           | 33%              | 31%              | 33   |
| Marin             | 1,431           | 45%              | 1,540           | 47%              | 1,522           | 47%              | 46%              | 2    |
| Mariposa          | 117             | 32%              | 139             | 24%              | 152             | 30%              | 28%              | 41   |
| Mendocino         | 915             | 27%              | 910             | 37%              | 949             | 34%              | 33%              | 25   |
| Merced            | 2,191           | 20%              | 2,236           | 20%              | 2,230           | 24%              | 21%              | 55   |
| Modoc             | 129             | 29%              | 127             | 17%              | 118             | 36%              | 27%              | 43   |
| Mono              | 60              | 28%              | 85              | 38%              | 82              | 54%              | 41%              | 3    |
| Monterey          | 2,517           | 28%              | 2,643           | 29%              | 2,606           | 32%              | 30%              | 36   |
| Napa              | 874             | 37%              | 921             | 28%              | 957             | 31%              | 32%              | 28   |
| Nevada            | 717             | 34%              | 755             | 41%              | 786             | 40%              | 39%              | 8    |
| Orange            | 22,429          | 33%              | 22,080          | 35%              | 22,297          | 35%              | 34%              | 20   |
| Placer            | 1,947           | 32%              | 2,231           | 36%              | 2,420           | 38%              | 36%              | 13   |
| Plumas            | 201             | 32%              | 238             | 42%              | 238             | 33%              | 36%              | 13   |
| Riverside         | 11,028          | 31%              | 11,564          | 29%              | 11,894          | 28%              | 30%              | 36   |
| Sacramento        | 8,525           | 35%              | 8,464           | 35%              | 8,508           | 37%              | 36%              | 13   |
| San Benito        | 410             | 33%              | 405             | 41%              | 415             | 34%              | 36%              | 13   |
| San Bernardino    | 13,897          | 21%              | 14,525          | 23%              | 15,034          | 23%              | 22%              | 54   |
| San Diego         | 20,380          | 30%              | 20,464          | 36%              | 20,957          | 35%              | 34%              | 20   |
| San Francisco     | 3,639           | 47%              | 3,423           | 55%              | 3,572           | 49%              | 50%              | 1    |
| San Joaquin       | 4,302           | 24%              | 4,386           | 28%              | 4,460           | 27%              | 26%              | 45   |
| San Luis Obispo   | 1,590           | 29%              | 1,683           | 34%              | 1,828           | 33%              | 32%              | 28   |
| San Mateo         | 4,509           | 39%              | 4,798           | 40%              | 4,497           | 45%              | 41%              | 3    |
| Santa Barbara     | 2,686           | 35%              | 2,655           | 35%              | 2,828           | 35%              | 35%              | 19   |
| Santa Clara       | 12,765          | 36%              | 12,541          | 39%              | 12,325          | 42%              | 39%              | 8    |
| Santa Cruz        | 1,679           | 28%              | 1,770           | 33%              | 1,899           | 38%              | 33%              | 25   |
| Shasta            | 1,414           | 24%              | 1,516           | 35%              | 1,574           | 33%              | 31%              | 33   |
| Sierra            | 46              | 37%              | 47              | 30%              | 37              | 43%              | 36%              | 13   |
| Siskiyou          | 425             | 33%              | 472             | 43%              | 460             | 43%              | 40%              | 6    |
| Solano            | 3,229           | 29%              | 3,220           | 33%              | 3,235           | 32%              | 32%              | 28   |
| Sonoma            | 3,108           | 38%              | 3,201           | 41%              | 3,228           | 38%              | 39%              | 8    |
| Stanislaus        | 4,046           | 19%              | 4,207           | 26%              | 4,331           | 24%              | 23%              | 51   |
| Sutter            | 809             | 19%              | 720             | 22%              | 801             | 27%              | 23%              | 51   |
| Tehama            | 474             | 21%              | 548             | 23%              | 561             | 29%              | 24%              | 50   |
| Trinity           | 147             | 28%              | 158             | 31%              | 126             | 38%              | 32%              | 28   |
| Tulare            | 3,401           | 27%              | 3,627           | 28%              | 3,749           | 31%              | 29%              | 38   |
| Tuolumne          | 431             | 30%              | 478             | 31%              | 478             | 37%              | 33%              | 25   |
| Ventura           | 6,578           | 36%              | 6,469           | 39%              | 6,733           | 36%              | 37%              | 12   |
| Yolo              | 1,288           | 34%              | 1,277           | 35%              | 1,284           | 33%              | 34%              | 20   |
| Yuba              | 474             | 16%              | 486             | 11%              | 454             | 17%              | 15%              | 57   |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>252,984</b>  | <b>32%</b>       | <b>255,200</b>  | <b>35%</b>       | <b>259,071</b>  | <b>35%</b>       | <b>34%</b>       |      |

# K-12 EDUCATION

| County            | 1994-96 average class size |      | 1996 per pupil expenditure |      | 1996 students w/ limited English proficiency |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|--|
|                   | Number                     | Rank | Dollars                    | Rank | Percent                                      |
| Alameda           | 28.5                       | 42   | \$4,519                    | 14   | 18%  |
| Alpine            | 19.2                       | 2    | \$8,818                    | 1    | 0%   |
| Amador            | 26.1                       | 19   | \$3,646                    | 58   | 1%   |
| Butte             | 27.7                       | 27   | \$4,033                    | 52   | 10%  |
| Calaveras         | 26.3                       | 20   | \$3,784                    | 57   | 1%   |
| Colusa            | 22.3                       | 7    | \$4,245                    | 29   | 30%  |
| Contra Costa      | 29.3                       | 52   | \$4,193                    | 35   | 9%   |
| Del Norte         | 28.4                       | 41   | \$4,480                    | 15   | 5%   |
| El Dorado         | 28.5                       | 42   | \$4,120                    | 44   | 4%   |
| Fresno            | 27.9                       | 32   | \$4,263                    | 26   | 27%  |
| Glenn             | 24.2                       | 11   | \$4,266                    | 25   | 17%  |
| Humboldt          | 25.3                       | 14   | \$4,298                    | 22   | 3%   |
| Imperial          | 27.8                       | 28   | \$4,213                    | 32   | 48%  |
| Inyo              | 22.9                       | 8    | \$5,423                    | 4    | 6%   |
| Kern              | 28.0                       | 35   | \$4,212                    | 33   | 18%  |
| Kings             | 27.3                       | 24   | \$4,221                    | 31   | 16%  |
| Lake              | 24.7                       | 13   | \$4,291                    | 23   | 4%   |
| Lassen            | 24.1                       | 10   | \$4,551                    | 13   | 2%   |
| Los Angeles       | 29.7                       | 55   | \$4,428                    | 18   | 36%  |
| Madera            | 28.8                       | 47   | \$4,143                    | 41   | 25%  |
| Marin             | 26.0                       | 17   | \$5,338                    | 6    | 9%   |
| Mariposa          | 24.5                       | 12   | \$4,799                    | 10   | 0%   |
| Mendocino         | 23.9                       | 9    | \$4,972                    | 8    | 11%  |
| Merced            | 27.8                       | 28   | \$4,174                    | 37   | 33%  |
| Modoc             | 20.1                       | 3    | \$5,405                    | 5    | 12%  |
| Mono              | 21.2                       | 4    | \$5,269                    | 7    | 8%   |
| Monterey          | 27.9                       | 32   | \$4,365                    | 20   | 34%  |
| Napa              | 28.2                       | 39   | \$3,937                    | 56   | 18%  |
| Nevada            | 27.6                       | 26   | \$4,187                    | 36   | 0%   |
| Orange            | 30.5                       | 57   | \$4,060                    | 48   | 30%  |
| Placer            | 28.1                       | 37   | \$3,962                    | 54   | 3%   |
| Plumas            | 27.1                       | 23   | \$4,629                    | 12   | 1%   |
| Riverside         | 30.6                       | 58   | \$4,059                    | 49   | 19%  |
| Sacramento        | 28.8                       | 47   | \$4,256                    | 27   | 16%  |
| San Benito        | 28.7                       | 46   | \$4,140                    | 42   | 18%  |
| San Bernardino    | 30.1                       | 56   | \$4,086                    | 47   | 15%  |
| San Diego         | 29.5                       | 54   | \$4,383                    | 19   | 21%  |
| San Francisco     | 25.9                       | 16   | \$4,839                    | 9    | 30%  |
| San Joaquin       | 28.6                       | 45   | \$4,197                    | 34   | 22%  |
| San Luis Obispo   | 27.0                       | 22   | \$4,315                    | 21   | 8%   |
| San Mateo         | 28.3                       | 40   | \$4,444                    | 16   | 21%  |
| Santa Barbara     | 27.5                       | 25   | \$4,153                    | 39   | 25%  |
| Santa Clara       | 28.9                       | 49   | \$4,442                    | 17   | 22%  |
| Santa Cruz        | 29.1                       | 50   | \$4,267                    | 24   | 26%  |
| Shasta            | 27.8                       | 28   | \$4,144                    | 40   | 3%   |
| Sierra            | 17.1                       | 1    | \$6,018                    | 2    | 0%   |
| Siskiyou          | 22.2                       | 6    | \$4,778                    | 11   | 1%   |
| Solano            | 28.5                       | 42   | \$4,098                    | 45   | 8%   |
| Sonoma            | 27.8                       | 28   | \$4,161                    | 38   | 11%  |
| Stanislaus        | 29.3                       | 52   | \$3,955                    | 55   | 18%  |
| Sutter            | 26.8                       | 21   | \$4,057                    | 50   | 19%  |
| Tehama            | 26.0                       | 17   | \$4,234                    | 30   | 7%   |
| Trinity           | 22.0                       | 5    | \$5,636                    | 3    | 0%   |
| Tulare            | 27.9                       | 32   | \$4,036                    | 51   | 24%  |
| Tuolumne          | 25.6                       | 15   | \$4,256                    | 27   | 1%   |
| Ventura           | 29.1                       | 50   | \$3,993                    | 53   | 21%  |
| Yolo              | 28.1                       | 38   | \$4,089                    | 46   | 20%  |
| Yuba              | 28.0                       | 35   | \$4,140                    | 42   | 23%  |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>29.1</b>                |      | <b>\$4,287</b>             |      | <b>24%</b>                                   |

# CHILD ABUSE

1994-96

| County            | 1994           |           | 1995           |           | 1996           |           | 1994-96 Average |      |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|------|
|                   | Reports        | Rate*     | Reports        | Rate*     | Reports        | Rate*     | Rate*           | Rank |
| Alameda           | 19,465         | 56        | 19,176         | 54        | 14,120         | 39        | 49              | 5    |
| Alpine            | 78             | 227       | 114            | 330       | 115            | 318       | 292             | NR   |
| Amador            | 394            | 60        | 404            | 60        | 485            | 69        | 63              | 12   |
| Butte             | 9,722          | 199       | 8,833          | 177       | 8,546          | 167       | 181             | 52   |
| Calaveras         | 1,318          | 130       | 1,219          | 115       | 1,255          | 110       | 118             | 41   |
| Colusa            | 504            | 85        | 468            | 75        | 415            | 63        | 74              | 19   |
| Contra Costa      | 18,271         | 81        | 19,369         | 84        | 20,382         | 87        | 84              | 22   |
| Del Norte         | 1,364          | 153       | 1,219          | 133       | 1,135          | 121       | 136             | 44   |
| El Dorado         | 2,649          | 66        | 2,880          | 70        | 2,686          | 63        | 66              | 15   |
| Fresno            | 21,733         | 87        | 22,399         | 87        | 26,547         | 99        | 91              | 30   |
| Glenn             | 1,096          | 126       | 1,108          | 124       | 1,042          | 114       | 121             | 42   |
| Humboldt          | 4,679          | 134       | 5,842          | 165       | 7,043          | 198       | 166             | 50   |
| Imperial          | 2,045          | 45        | 2,575          | 55        | 2,812          | 59        | 53              | 8    |
| Inyo              | 473            | 92        | 515            | 96        | 498            | 88        | 92              | 33   |
| Kern              | 9,856          | 47        | 8,383          | 39        | 13,491         | 60        | 49              | 5    |
| Kings             | 2,815          | 79        | 2,987          | 82        | 4,029          | 106       | 89              | 27   |
| Lake              | 1,647          | 114       | 3,201          | 216       | 3,059          | 200       | 177             | 51   |
| Lassen            | 1,270          | 176       | 1,383          | 189       | 1,467          | 198       | 188             | 53   |
| Los Angeles       | 164,716        | 64        | 180,586        | 68        | 191,921        | 71        | 68              | 17   |
| Madera            | 3,289          | 99        | 3,570          | 104       | 4,010          | 113       | 105             | 35   |
| Marin             | 2,356          | 44        | 2,017          | 37        | 1,968          | 36        | 39              | 1    |
| Mariposa          | 541            | 132       | 489            | 116       | 547            | 128       | 125             | 43   |
| Mendocino         | 2,725          | 114       | 3,535          | 145       | 3,721          | 151       | 137             | 45   |
| Merced            | 7,847          | 111       | 9,520          | 130       | 8,017          | 106       | 116             | 39   |
| Modoc             | 508            | 189       | 522            | 193       | 308            | 114       | 165             | NR   |
| Mono              | 163            | 64        | 220            | 83        | 220            | 80        | 76              | NR   |
| Monterey          | 8,592          | 75        | 9,757          | 83        | 9,142          | 76        | 78              | 20   |
| Napa              | 1,158          | 40        | 1,187          | 41        | 1,217          | 41        | 41              | 2    |
| Nevada            | 1,785          | 82        | 1,996          | 89        | 1,849          | 80        | 84              | 22   |
| Orange            | 38,758         | 57        | 34,541         | 50        | 31,847         | 45        | 50              | 7    |
| Placer            | 4,752          | 86        | 3,399          | 60        | 2,994          | 51        | 65              | 14   |
| Plumas            | 720            | 134       | 625            | 116       | 521            | 98        | 116             | 39   |
| Riverside         | 23,626         | 53        | 28,756         | 60        | 26,805         | 54        | 56              | 10   |
| Sacramento        | 28,366         | 90        | 27,384         | 85        | 33,000         | 100       | 91              | 30   |
| San Benito        | 626            | 48        | 860            | 64        | 734            | 54        | 55              | 9    |
| San Bernardino    | 50,725         | 93        | 48,273         | 83        | 48,825         | 81        | 85              | 24   |
| San Diego         | 77,749         | 111       | 81,969         | 114       | 84,766         | 115       | 113             | 37   |
| San Francisco     | 8,674          | 67        | 8,563          | 64        | 7,929          | 58        | 63              | 12   |
| San Joaquin       | 14,888         | 91        | 14,644         | 87        | 13,668         | 79        | 86              | 25   |
| San Luis Obispo   | 7,589          | 143       | 7,330          | 135       | 7,774          | 140       | 139             | 47   |
| San Mateo         | 8,144          | 52        | 7,513          | 47        | 6,803          | 41        | 47              | 4    |
| Santa Barbara     | 8,337          | 85        | 9,671          | 96        | 9,328          | 90        | 90              | 29   |
| Santa Clara       | 22,538         | 56        | 24,634         | 60        | 22,700         | 54        | 57              | 11   |
| Santa Cruz        | 5,546          | 93        | 5,950          | 98        | 5,652          | 91        | 94              | 34   |
| Shasta            | 6,804          | 144       | 6,814          | 141       | 6,337          | 128       | 138             | 46   |
| Sierra            | 61             | 73        | 110            | 135       | 87             | 106       | 104             | NR   |
| Siskiyou          | 1,354          | 115       | 1,411          | 119       | 969            | 82        | 105             | 35   |
| Solano            | 4,129          | 35        | 5,315          | 44        | 5,676          | 45        | 42              | 3    |
| Sonoma            | 8,259          | 76        | 7,471          | 67        | 7,184          | 63        | 69              | 18   |
| Stanislaus        | 11,177         | 82        | 10,293         | 73        | 11,743         | 80        | 78              | 20   |
| Sutter            | 2,004          | 91        | 2,118          | 93        | 2,121          | 90        | 91              | 30   |
| Tehama            | 2,801          | 179       | 1,969          | 122       | 2,041          | 124       | 141             | 48   |
| Trinity           | 803            | 229       | 671            | 191       | 653            | 185       | 202             | 54   |
| Tulare            | 9,403          | 78        | 10,659         | 85        | 13,198         | 102       | 89              | 27   |
| Tuolumne          | 1,278          | 100       | 1,734          | 132       | 1,450          | 107       | 113             | 37   |
| Ventura           | 14,175         | 71        | 13,913         | 69        | 12,941         | 63        | 67              | 16   |
| Yolo              | 4,057          | 97        | 3,835          | 88        | 3,656          | 80        | 88              | 26   |
| Yuba              | 3,892          | 170       | 4,106          | 171       | 3,469          | 138       | 159             | 49   |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>664,294</b> | <b>74</b> | <b>690,005</b> | <b>75</b> | <b>706,918</b> | <b>75</b> | <b>75</b>       |      |

NR = Numbers too small to be statistically significant

\*Rate refers to the number of child abuse reports per 1,000 children.

# FOSTER CARE

1994-96

| County            | 1994          |            | 1995          |             | 1996          |            | 1994-96 Average |      | 1994-96 avg. mos. in placement |      |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|------|--------------------------------|------|
|                   | Children      | Rate*      | Children      | Rate*       | Children      | Rate*      | Rate*           | Rank | Months                         | Rank |
| Alameda           | 3,612         | 10.4       | 3,789         | 10.6        | 3,885         | 10.7       | 10.6            | 47   | 32.0                           | 49   |
| Alpine            | 15            | 43.7       | 12            | 34.8        | 7             | 19.3       | 32.4            | NR   | 19.0                           | NR   |
| Amador            | 29            | 4.4        | 26            | 3.8         | 33            | 4.7        | 4.3             | 12   | 9.7                            | 1    |
| Butte             | 393           | 8.0        | 625           | 12.5        | 758           | 14.8       | 11.8            | 50   | 16.7                           | 5    |
| Calaveras         | 60            | 5.9        | 64            | 6.0         | 75            | 6.6        | 6.2             | 27   | 12.4                           | 2    |
| Colusa            | 23            | 3.9        | 23            | 3.7         | 26            | 3.9        | 3.8             | 10   | 26.4                           | 37   |
| Contra Costa      | 2,252         | 10.0       | 2,200         | 9.6         | 2,154         | 9.2        | 9.6             | 41   | 31.0                           | 46   |
| Del Norte         | 77            | 8.7        | 101           | 11.0        | 112           | 12.0       | 10.6            | 47   | 18.9                           | 13   |
| El Dorado         | 221           | 5.5        | 214           | 5.2         | 250           | 5.9        | 5.5             | 22   | 19.9                           | 15   |
| Fresno            | 2,230         | 9.0        | 2,511         | 9.7         | 2,803         | 10.5       | 9.7             | 44   | 20.5                           | 16   |
| Glenn             | 54            | 6.2        | 71            | 7.9         | 78            | 8.5        | 7.6             | 33   | 24.7                           | 33   |
| Humboldt          | 338           | 9.7        | 344           | 9.7         | 317           | 8.9        | 9.4             | 39   | 25.0                           | 34   |
| Imperial          | 189           | 4.2        | 207           | 4.5         | 198           | 4.2        | 4.3             | 12   | 31.3                           | 47   |
| Inyo              | 19            | 3.7        | 16            | 3.0         | 15            | 2.6        | 3.1             | 2    | 20.9                           | 19   |
| Kern              | 1,547         | 7.4        | 1,662         | 7.7         | 1,701         | 7.6        | 7.6             | 33   | 35.2                           | 51   |
| Kings             | 194           | 5.4        | 215           | 5.9         | 216           | 5.7        | 5.7             | 24   | 36.5                           | 54   |
| Lake              | 126           | 8.7        | 151           | 10.2        | 132           | 8.6        | 9.2             | 38   | 20.7                           | 17   |
| Lassen            | 103           | 14.3       | 94            | 12.8        | 100           | 13.5       | 13.5            | 51   | 16.8                           | 6    |
| Los Angeles       | 41,085        | 15.9       | 43,483        | 16.5        | 44,864        | 16.5       | 16.3            | 53   | 25.0                           | 34   |
| Madera            | 153           | 4.6        | 177           | 5.2         | 134           | 3.8        | 4.5             | 15   | 24.0                           | 30   |
| Marin             | 211           | 4.0        | 206           | 3.8         | 173           | 3.1        | 3.6             | 5    | 18.3                           | 7    |
| Mariposa          | 11            | 2.7        | 32            | 7.6         | 39            | 9.1        | 6.5             | 29   | 13.6                           | 3    |
| Mendocino         | 265           | 11.1       | 274           | 11.2        | 284           | 11.5       | 11.3            | 49   | 27.6                           | 38   |
| Merced            | 473           | 6.7        | 362           | 5.0         | 360           | 4.7        | 5.4             | 20   | 20.7                           | 17   |
| Modoc             | 3             | 1.1        | 5             | 1.9         | 1             | 0.4        | 1.1             | NR   | n/a                            | NR   |
| Mono              | 16            | 6.3        | 12            | 4.5         | 13            | 4.7        | 5.2             | NR   | 31.0                           | NR   |
| Monterey          | 261           | 2.3        | 290           | 2.5         | 355           | 2.9        | 2.6             | 1    | 18.7                           | 9    |
| Napa              | 143           | 5.0        | 150           | 5.2         | 169           | 5.7        | 5.3             | 18   | 29.7                           | 44   |
| Nevada            | 68            | 3.1        | 81            | 3.6         | 90            | 3.9        | 3.6             | 5    | 16.6                           | 4    |
| Orange            | 2,682         | 4.0        | 3,116         | 4.5         | 3,182         | 4.4        | 4.3             | 12   | 27.7                           | 39   |
| Placer            | 326           | 5.9        | 269           | 4.7         | 327           | 5.6        | 5.4             | 20   | 23.9                           | 29   |
| Plumas            | 27            | 5.0        | 30            | 5.6         | 33            | 6.2        | 5.6             | 23   | 25.1                           | 36   |
| Riverside         | 3,014         | 6.8        | 3,193         | 6.7         | 3,433         | 6.9        | 6.8             | 30   | 18.9                           | 13   |
| Sacramento        | 3,076         | 9.7        | 3,146         | 9.7         | 3,034         | 9.2        | 9.5             | 40   | 33.7                           | 50   |
| San Benito        | 39            | 3.0        | 51            | 3.8         | 56            | 4.1        | 3.6             | 5    | 29.8                           | 45   |
| San Bernardino    | 3,759         | 6.9        | 4,214         | 7.3         | 4,171         | 6.9        | 7.0             | 32   | 22.5                           | 23   |
| San Diego         | 5,654         | 8.1        | 5,913         | 8.2         | 5,693         | 7.7        | 8.0             | 35   | 24.6                           | 32   |
| San Francisco     | 3,722         | 28.9       | 3,301         | 24.8        | 3,231         | 23.6       | 25.7            | 54   | 35.6                           | 52   |
| San Joaquin       | 1,664         | 10.2       | 1,627         | 9.7         | 1,534         | 8.9        | 9.6             | 41   | 31.3                           | 47   |
| San Luis Obispo   | 317           | 6.0        | 333           | 6.1         | 391           | 7.1        | 6.4             | 28   | 21.8                           | 21   |
| San Mateo         | 644           | 4.1        | 588           | 3.7         | 533           | 3.2        | 3.7             | 8    | 23.5                           | 26   |
| Santa Barbara     | 387           | 3.9        | 371           | 3.7         | 379           | 3.7        | 3.7             | 8    | 29.3                           | 43   |
| Santa Clara       | 2,390         | 6.0        | 2,365         | 5.8         | 2,380         | 5.7        | 5.8             | 25   | 28.8                           | 42   |
| Santa Cruz        | 279           | 4.7        | 317           | 5.2         | 355           | 5.7        | 5.2             | 17   | 18.7                           | 9    |
| Shasta            | 357           | 7.6        | 411           | 8.5         | 398           | 8.0        | 8.0             | 35   | 18.5                           | 8    |
| Sierra            | 9             | 10.8       | 10            | 12.2        | 9             | 10.9       | 11.3            | NR   | 13.5                           | NR   |
| Siskiyou          | 146           | 12.4       | 188           | 15.9        | 208           | 17.6       | 15.3            | 52   | 22.5                           | 23   |
| Solano            | 485           | 4.2        | 458           | 3.8         | 491           | 3.9        | 3.9             | 11   | 36.0                           | 53   |
| Sonoma            | 353           | 3.2        | 402           | 3.6         | 427           | 3.8        | 3.5             | 4    | 27.8                           | 40   |
| Stanislaus        | 710           | 5.2        | 805           | 5.7         | 718           | 4.9        | 5.3             | 18   | 22.2                           | 22   |
| Sutter            | 111           | 5.0        | 175           | 7.7         | 180           | 7.6        | 6.8             | 30   | 23.7                           | 28   |
| Tehama            | 123           | 7.8        | 128           | 7.9         | 187           | 11.4       | 9.1             | 37   | 22.7                           | 25   |
| Trinity           | 34            | 9.7        | 40            | 11.4        | 35            | 9.9        | 10.3            | 46   | 24.2                           | 31   |
| Tulare            | 1,089         | 9.0        | 1,396         | 11.1        | 1,231         | 9.6        | 9.9             | 45   | 18.8                           | 12   |
| Tuolumne          | 61            | 4.8        | 70            | 5.3         | 68            | 5.0        | 5.0             | 16   | 18.7                           | 9    |
| Ventura           | 658           | 3.3        | 653           | 3.2         | 601           | 2.9        | 3.1             | 2    | 23.6                           | 27   |
| Yolo              | 232           | 5.6        | 278           | 6.3         | 289           | 6.4        | 6.1             | 26   | 21.0                           | 20   |
| Yuba              | 209           | 9.1        | 237           | 9.9         | 243           | 9.6        | 9.6             | 41   | 28.0                           | 41   |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>86,728</b> | <b>9.7</b> | <b>91,482</b> | <b>10.0</b> | <b>93,159</b> | <b>9.9</b> | <b>9.8</b>      |      | <b>25.5</b>                    |      |

NR = Numbers too small to be statistically significant

\*Rate refers to the number of children in foster care per 1,000 children.

# GUN-RELATED INCIDENTS RESULTING IN CHILD INJURY OR DEATH 1994-95

| County            | Non-Fatal    |                |            |              | Fatal      |                |            |            |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|
|                   | Assault      | Self-inflicted | Accidental | Total*       | Assault    | Self-inflicted | Accidental | Total*     |
| Alameda           | 65           | 1              | 11         | 86           | 26         | 2              | 3          | 31         |
| Alpine            | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Amador            | 0            | 0              | 2          | 2            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Butte             | 2            | 0              | 4          | 7            | 1          | 1              | 3          | 5          |
| Calaveras         | 0            | 0              | 1          | 1            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Colusa            | 1            | 0              | 1          | 2            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Contra Costa      | 51           | 2              | 16         | 72           | 16         | 3              | 5          | 24         |
| Del Norte         | 0            | 0              | 1          | 1            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 1          |
| El Dorado         | 0            | 0              | 2          | 2            | 2          | 1              | 0          | 4          |
| Fresno            | 106          | 0              | 17         | 133          | 27         | 9              | 1          | 37         |
| Glenn             | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Humboldt          | 2            | 2              | 3          | 7            | 4          | 3              | 0          | 7          |
| Imperial          | 4            | 0              | 5          | 9            | 4          | 1              | 0          | 5          |
| Inyo              | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Kern              | 46           | 2              | 8          | 56           | 10         | 3              | 5          | 18         |
| Kings             | 2            | 0              | 0          | 2            | 1          | 0              | 0          | 1          |
| Lake              | 1            | 0              | 0          | 1            | 0          | 1              | 1          | 2          |
| Lassen            | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Los Angeles       | 1,240        | 10             | 162        | 1,443        | 413        | 33             | 9          | 456        |
| Madera            | 3            | 0              | 4          | 7            | 3          | 2              | 1          | 6          |
| Marin             | 0            | 0              | 1          | 1            | 2          | 0              | 0          | 2          |
| Mariposa          | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Mendocino         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1              | 0          | 1          |
| Merced            | 11           | 0              | 7          | 18           | 3          | 0              | 1          | 4          |
| Modoc             | 0            | 1              | 0          | 1            | 0          | 1              | 0          | 1          |
| Mono              | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Monterey          | 21           | 0              | 5          | 26           | 10         | 3              | 0          | 13         |
| Napa              | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Nevada            | 0            | 1              | 1          | 2            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Orange            | 129          | 3              | 34         | 168          | 31         | 7              | 2          | 40         |
| Placer            | 0            | 0              | 1          | 1            | 1          | 1              | 1          | 3          |
| Plumas            | 1            | 0              | 0          | 1            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Riverside         | 59           | 2              | 26         | 92           | 29         | 6              | 3          | 39         |
| Sacramento        | 77           | 1              | 24         | 114          | 23         | 4              | 0          | 29         |
| San Benito        | 0            | 0              | 1          | 1            | 1          | 0              | 0          | 1          |
| San Bernardino    | 128          | 7              | 50         | 204          | 50         | 13             | 13         | 81         |
| San Diego         | 95           | 2              | 24         | 126          | 22         | 15             | 1          | 39         |
| San Francisco     | 34           | 0              | 10         | 47           | 4          | 2              | 1          | 7          |
| San Joaquin       | 49           | 0              | 8          | 57           | 12         | 2              | 7          | 21         |
| San Luis Obispo   | 1            | 1              | 5          | 7            | 0          | 1              | 0          | 1          |
| San Mateo         | 8            | 1              | 2          | 11           | 6          | 4              | 2          | 12         |
| Santa Barbara     | 5            | 0              | 2          | 8            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Santa Clara       | 31           | 4              | 13         | 48           | 7          | 7              | 1          | 15         |
| Santa Cruz        | 8            | 0              | 3          | 11           | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Shasta            | 3            | 3              | 2          | 8            | 1          | 2              | 1          | 4          |
| Sierra            | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Siskiyou          | 0            | 0              | 1          | 1            | 0          | 0              | 1          | 1          |
| Solano            | 9            | 1              | 8          | 20           | 5          | 3              | 3          | 12         |
| Sonoma            | 2            | 0              | 2          | 4            | 1          | 4              | 2          | 7          |
| Stanislaus        | 19           | 1              | 7          | 27           | 2          | 0              | 3          | 6          |
| Sutter            | 1            | 0              | 1          | 2            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Tehama            | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0              | 1          | 1          |
| Trinity           | 0            | 0              | 1          | 1            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Tulare            | 7            | 0              | 11         | 20           | 4          | 2              | 3          | 9          |
| Tuolumne          | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1              | 0          | 1          |
| Ventura           | 19           | 0              | 10         | 32           | 9          | 2              | 0          | 11         |
| Yolo              | 4            | 0              | 2          | 6            | 0          | 0              | 0          | 0          |
| Yuba              | 4            | 0              | 0          | 4            | 0          | 1              | 0          | 1          |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>2,248</b> | <b>45</b>      | <b>499</b> | <b>2,900</b> | <b>730</b> | <b>141</b>     | <b>74</b>  | <b>959</b> |

\*Total includes additional injuries and deaths resulting from legal intervention and also from incidents of undetermined intent.

# YOUTH ARRESTS 1995

| County            | Number         | Rate*     | Rank | Drug-related | Violent       |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------|------|--------------|---------------|
|                   |                |           |      | arrests      | crime arrests |
|                   |                |           |      | Percent      | Percent       |
| Alameda           | 10,158         | 74        | 25   | 7%           | 8%            |
| Alpine            | 28             | 176       | 57   | 29%          | 0%            |
| Amador            | 182            | 53        | 11   | 15%          | 3%            |
| Butte             | 1,548          | 67        | 16   | 8%           | 5%            |
| Calaveras         | 158            | 32        | 3    | 12%          | 2%            |
| Colusa            | 172            | 67        | 16   | 5%           | 4%            |
| Contra Costa      | 6,727          | 68        | 19   | 8%           | 8%            |
| Del Norte         | 207            | 52        | 9    | 10%          | 3%            |
| El Dorado         | 1,282          | 70        | 22   | 12%          | 4%            |
| Fresno            | 14,143         | 134       | 55   | 7%           | 6%            |
| Glenn             | 380            | 100       | 46   | 4%           | 3%            |
| Humboldt          | 1,408          | 90        | 38   | 6%           | 4%            |
| Imperial          | 1,831          | 97        | 43   | 14%          | 8%            |
| Inyo              | 226            | 102       | 48   | 6%           | 4%            |
| Kern              | 4,480          | 52        | 9    | 8%           | 7%            |
| Kings             | 2,922          | 199       | 58   | 5%           | 3%            |
| Lake              | 535            | 81        | 30   | 9%           | 4%            |
| Lassen            | 358            | 98        | 45   | 4%           | 5%            |
| Los Angeles       | 56,563         | 57        | 13   | 11%          | 13%           |
| Madera            | 1,234          | 83        | 32   | 6%           | 8%            |
| Marin             | 1,957          | 97        | 43   | 9%           | 4%            |
| Mariposa          | 95             | 49        | 7    | 5%           | 7%            |
| Mendocino         | 1,103          | 100       | 46   | 10%          | 7%            |
| Merced            | 3,565          | 119       | 52   | 5%           | 5%            |
| Modoc             | 19             | 14        | 1    | 11%          | 0%            |
| Mono              | 34             | 31        | 2    | 12%          | 0%            |
| Monterey          | 4,050          | 90        | 38   | 8%           | 7%            |
| Napa              | 458            | 36        | 4    | 9%           | 4%            |
| Nevada            | 848            | 79        | 28   | 12%          | 4%            |
| Orange            | 18,680         | 73        | 24   | 9%           | 6%            |
| Placer            | 1,753          | 68        | 19   | 11%          | 5%            |
| Plumas            | 184            | 70        | 22   | 8%           | 3%            |
| Riverside         | 8,243          | 44        | 6    | 10%          | 7%            |
| Sacramento        | 8,178          | 62        | 14   | 7%           | 9%            |
| San Benito        | 470            | 82        | 31   | 10%          | 5%            |
| San Bernardino    | 14,997         | 67        | 16   | 8%           | 10%           |
| San Diego         | 21,726         | 75        | 27   | 10%          | 7%            |
| San Francisco     | 4,368          | 88        | 36   | 13%          | 20%           |
| San Joaquin       | 6,199          | 87        | 34   | 7%           | 8%            |
| San Luis Obispo   | 1,622          | 63        | 15   | 14%          | 4%            |
| San Mateo         | 5,024          | 79        | 28   | 7%           | 6%            |
| Santa Barbara     | 3,950          | 94        | 40   | 9%           | 5%            |
| Santa Clara       | 14,882         | 95        | 41   | 11%          | 7%            |
| Santa Cruz        | 2,708          | 107       | 50   | 10%          | 5%            |
| Shasta            | 2,988          | 139       | 56   | 5%           | 5%            |
| Sierra            | 52             | 117       | 51   | 13%          | 8%            |
| Siskiyou          | 502            | 87        | 34   | 7%           | 5%            |
| Solano            | 5,162          | 104       | 49   | 7%           | 8%            |
| Sonoma            | 4,065          | 86        | 33   | 10%          | 6%            |
| Stanislaus        | 7,422          | 128       | 54   | 6%           | 5%            |
| Sutter            | 487            | 51        | 8    | 6%           | 8%            |
| Tehama            | 533            | 74        | 25   | 6%           | 2%            |
| Trinity           | 68             | 40        | 5    | 9%           | 10%           |
| Tulare            | 6,418          | 121       | 53   | 6%           | 3%            |
| Tuolumne          | 335            | 54        | 12   | 6%           | 1%            |
| Ventura           | 7,385          | 89        | 37   | 12%          | 4%            |
| Yolo              | 1,844          | 95        | 41   | 7%           | 5%            |
| Yuba              | 612            | 69        | 21   | 8%           | 4%            |
| <b>CALIFORNIA</b> | <b>267,528</b> | <b>74</b> |      | <b>9%</b>    | <b>8%</b>     |

\*Rate refers to the number of 10-17 year olds arrested per 1,000 children of that age group.

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Spotlight on  
California  
Counties

# report card



Challenges Ahead:  
Can Counties Make the Grade?

A Children Now Report



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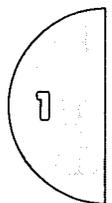
# overview

# 1998: County Leadership Put to the Test

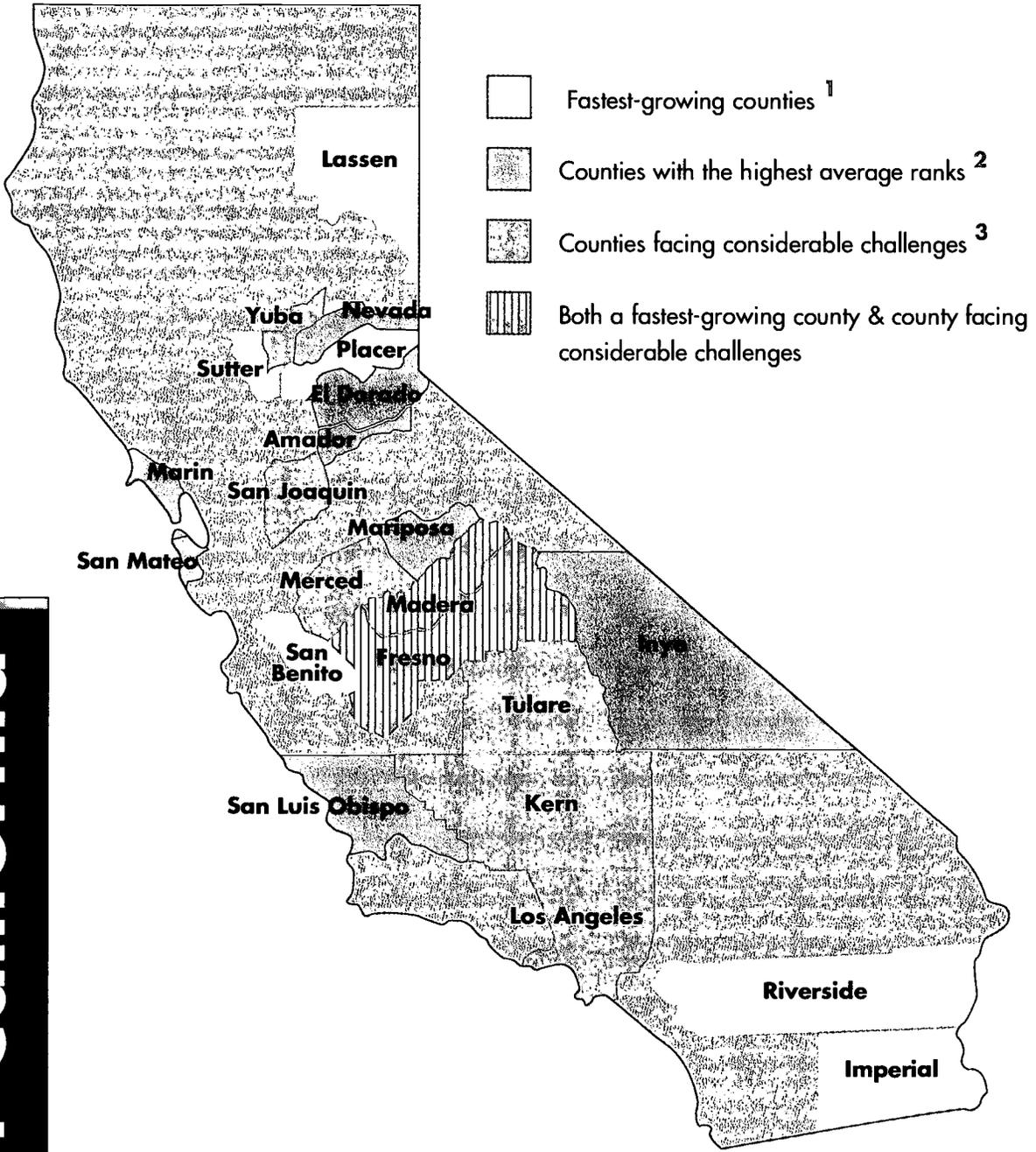
Since 1989, Children Now has tracked the status of California's children through our annual *California Report Card*. Each year we examine indicators of child well-being in the areas of family economics, health, education and safety. To the extent possible, we focus on indicators that reflect outcomes, not simply money spent or effort made. Together the indicators provide a comprehensive picture of our children's well-being. They also show that children's needs are interrelated and cannot be addressed in isolation.

In 1997, it is more critical than ever to pay special attention to the condition of children and their families on a county level. As a result of welfare reform, the state has turned over substantial service program authority to the counties, creating a greater need to know how children are faring at the county level. Even in issue areas not directly affected by welfare reform, such as education, the increased prevalence of county-level planning efforts will heighten the demand for local information on all aspects of children's well-being.

*Report Card 1997* provides highlights of the detailed county-by-county information found in our companion publication *California County Data Book '97*. These documents are designed to help state and local policymakers, the media and all Californians better understand the status of children in their area and to help all individuals take appropriate action to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive.



# snapshot of California



- 1 Based on the percentage population change from 1990 to 1996
- 2 Based on 17 ranked indicators of children's well-being presented in *California County Data Book '97*, these eight counties had the highest average ranks.
- 3 Based on 17 ranked indicators of children's well-being presented in *California County Data Book '97*, these eight counties had the lowest average ranks.

California is among the nation's most diverse states, with a rich variety of cultures and ethnic heritages represented in its 58 counties. California is also dynamic, with fast-growing regions found throughout the state. One in eight of the nation's children resides in California; by the year 2025, estimates project one in five of the nation's children will live in the state.

**Ten percent (10%) of California children, almost one million, live in the fastest-growing counties:**

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Imperial   | 5. Lassen    |
| 2. Madera     | 6. Riverside |
| 3. Placer     | 7. Sutter    |
| 4. San Benito | 8. Fresno    |

**Less than 4% of children, just over 350,000, live in counties with the highest ranks:**

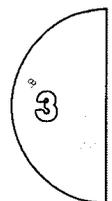
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| 1. Marin           | 5. San Mateo |
| 2. Amador          | 6. El Dorado |
| 3. Mariposa        | 7. Inyo      |
| 4. San Luis Obispo | 8. Nevada    |

**Over 38% of children, more than 3.6 million, live in the counties facing considerable challenges:**

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Yuba        | 5. Kern        |
| 2. Fresno      | 6. Los Angeles |
| 3. Tulare      | 7. Merced      |
| 4. San Joaquin | 8. Madera      |

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**family economics**



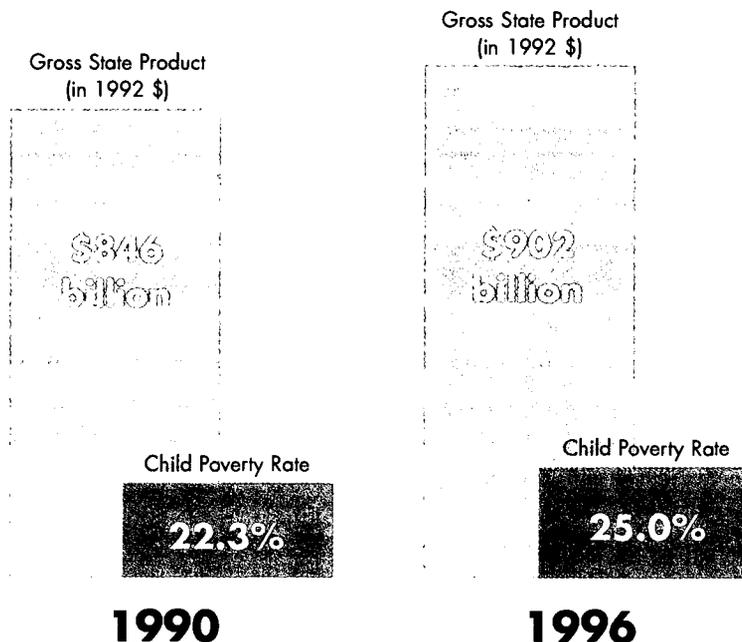
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**A**fter a deep recession in the early 1990's, California's economy is once again booming. In 1997, the state's total economy surpassed one trillion dollars for the first time — an economic output equal to the entire continent of South America. Yet, many families with children are not sharing in the new wealth. Of California's 9.5 million\* children, fully one-quarter live in poverty (an annual income of \$15,600 or less for a family of four). Nearly another quarter of children (46% total) live in families with incomes low enough to qualify for subsidized school meals (\$29,000 or less annually for a family of four).

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**Gross State Product in CA vs.  
Child Poverty Rate**



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\* Children Now uses California Department of Finance 1993 county population projections for 1996 in this report. Some population figures are different than data more recently published elsewhere.

**Many families are squeezed by high housing and child care costs.**

## Family Budgets

Most poor children have at least one parent who works, yet 1.2 million children have a parent earning the minimum wage. Even middle-income families feel squeezed by California's high housing prices and rents, child care costs and other expenses — especially those in the high-cost counties.

**Monthly income for full-time, minimum wage work: \$858\***

**Rent alone often exceeds \$858.**

**Child care averages an additional \$400-\$600.**

| High-Cost Counties | Avg. Monthly Rent (2-bdrm opt) | Monthly Preschool Care Cost | Monthly Infant Care Cost |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Los Angeles        | \$854                          | \$386                       | \$550                    |
| Marin              | \$965                          | \$555                       | \$754                    |
| San Francisco      | \$965                          | \$542                       | \$780                    |
| San Mateo          | \$965                          | \$485                       | \$745                    |
| Santa Clara        | \$918                          | \$490                       | \$702                    |
| Santa Cruz         | \$964                          | \$490                       | \$698                    |
| California         | N/A                            | \$407                       | \$585                    |



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\* Gross wages for 40 hours/week, 50 weeks/year at \$5.15/hour.

## County Economies

Some counties face particular economic stress—with more poor children, higher unemployment rates and more job seekers competing for each new job. County officials in these areas will face particularly difficult dilemmas in trying to help parents now receiving public assistance secure employment and become self-sufficient.

| Counties under Economic Stress | Job Seekers/Job | Unemployment Rate | % Children Receiving AFDC* |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Fresno                         | 17              | 12.4%             | 33%                        |
| Imperial                       | 26              | 24.6%             | 30%                        |
| Kings                          | 18              | 12.9%             | 22%                        |
| Lake                           | 14              | 10.2%             | 32%                        |
| Madera                         | 21              | 13.4%             | 23%                        |
| Merced                         | 27              | 14.1%             | 33%                        |
| San Joaquin                    | 13              | 10.8%             | 29%                        |
| Tulare                         | 18              | 13.9%             | 30%                        |
| Yuba                           | 20              | 12.8%             | 33%                        |
| California                     | 7               | 6.2%              | 20%                        |



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\* AFDC refers to Aid to Families with Dependent Children, the name of the nation's cash aid program until 1996. The program was replaced by Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in August 1996.

The average county collects just **\$78** monthly for each **child support** order.

Child support enforcement varies widely from county to county. In six counties, over 80% of their child support cases have a child support court order in place, an important first step in collecting support. However, in ten counties — where nearly half of all children in need of support reside — at least fifty percent of the families awaiting assistance do not have a court order for support.

Once an order is in place, the amount of money actually collected on behalf of children varies widely. The top five counties collect between \$131 and \$150 per order for payment (each case represents an average of 1.5 children). The five least successful counties collect just \$41 to \$62 per family.



| Top collections per order |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Plumas .....              | \$150 |
| Marin .....               | \$149 |
| Santa Cruz .....          | \$134 |
| Mono .....                | \$133 |
| Humboldt .....            | \$131 |

| Lowest collections per order |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Nevada .....                 | \$62 |
| Kern .....                   | \$57 |
| Riverside .....              | \$50 |
| Modoc .....                  | \$42 |
| Yuba .....                   | \$41 |





health

**About  
500,000  
uninsured  
children  
in California  
remain ineligible  
for subsidized  
coverage.**

In September 1997, the California Legislature and Governor enacted the new Healthy Families program, which will offer subsidized health insurance coverage to about 580,000 uninsured children in low-income families. The Legislature also modestly streamlined the Medi-Cal application process, partially reducing the barriers to enrollment for more than 500,000 children now eligible for but unenrolled in Medi-Cal. Approximately 500,000 uninsured children will remain ineligible for publicly subsidized insurance.

### **Children without health insurance:**

- Are three times more likely than insured children to be without a regular source of health care;
- Are more than two and one-half times more likely than privately insured children to have used no health services in one year; and
- Receive only 70% of the outpatient visits and 71% of the care for serious injuries compared to their insured peers.



California  
remains  
**behind**  
the national  
**goal**  
on childhood  
immunizations.

### **Low birthweight infants**

The percentage of infants born at a low birthweight has not improved since 1990. Low birthweight is a key indicator of a newborn's health and a factor in an infant's chances for survival. In 1995, just 13 California counties had met the national goal of no more than five percent low weight births.

### **Infant mortality**

From 1994 to 1995, California's infant mortality rate dropped from 7.0 to 6.3 infant deaths per 1,000 births. This rate is considerably lower than the U.S. rate of 7.6 in 1995 and was the lowest among the nation's ten largest states. During the same period in California, the infant mortality rate among African-Americans, who suffer the highest infant death rate, also declined, from 15.2 to 14.1 per 1,000 births.

### **Immunizations**

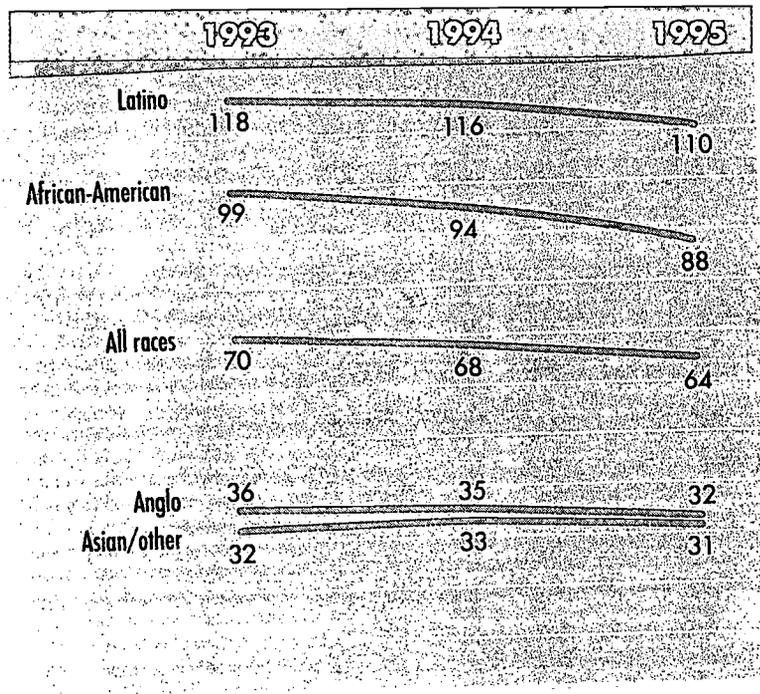
California's childhood immunization rate remains far below the national goal of 90% coverage of two-year-olds by the year 2000. In 1996, just 57% of California's five-year-olds had been fully immunized by age two. The five most successful counties for achieving childhood immunizations, according to this indicator, are located in the Bay Area: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo and Santa Clara. Those with the lowest rates are Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Sierra.



# Teen births decreased for young women of all ethnicities.

## Teen births

Following a national trend, California's teen birth rate\* decreased steadily from 1993 through 1995. This trend held true for young women of all ethnicities. Such a decline is positive news as teen parenthood puts two generations at risk. Teen parents are less likely than their peers to complete high school and families headed by teen parents are more likely to live in poverty.



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\* The teen birth rate is the number of births to teens ages 15-19 per 1,000 females in this age range.

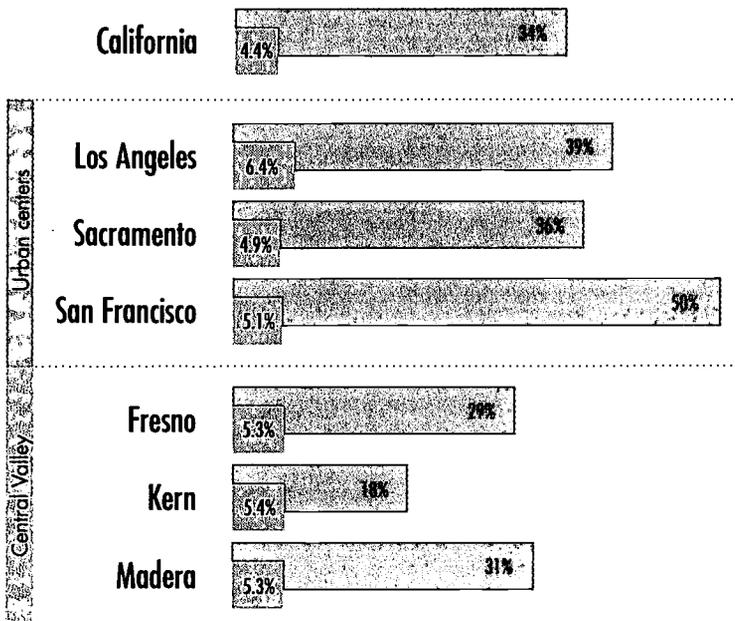


education

# The dropout rate is steadily improving across the state.

**T**here has been a steady improvement in the overall dropout rate and for youngsters of all ethnic groups. Completion of high school is a prerequisite for higher education and increases a young person's chance of securing a job paying a wage that can support a family.

However, the state's urban areas continue to experience a disparity among their students: urban areas have the highest rates of young people dropping out of school, while they also have the largest percentage of graduates who have taken the courses necessary to enter a state university. Some of the Central Valley counties experience poor records in both educational areas.



Dropout rate
  Percent college-ready\*

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\* College-ready means that a graduating student has passed the academic courses required to enter a California state university.

**Increased  
school funding  
still leaves  
California  
\$1,000  
less per  
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than  
the national  
average.**

The average class size for grades K-12 has remained at a high of 29 students per class for the past three years. Most counties with the largest classes are located in Southern California: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego are among the seven counties with the largest class sizes. In 1996, California increased its expenditures per pupil by almost \$200 over the previous year; however, the state still spent approximately \$1,000 less per pupil than the national average (\$4,977 compared to \$6,103).\*

Student achievement scores are not available on a county-by-county basis. However, recent state performance tests show that California has considerable work to do to improve the competitiveness of our students. In recent math and science tests, California 8th graders scored 32nd and 36th respectively (out of 42) among the states.



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\* The county statistics on per-pupil expenditure in the *California County Data Book* are slightly different than these figures used for state-by-state comparisons; the county statistics exclude some non-instruction costs.





**safety**

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**T**he child abuse report rate, which had climbed steadily for over a decade, leveled off in the past two years. Still, the number for the state remains astonishingly high. For every 1,000 children, there were 75 reports of abuse in 1996 — a total of 706,918 reports.

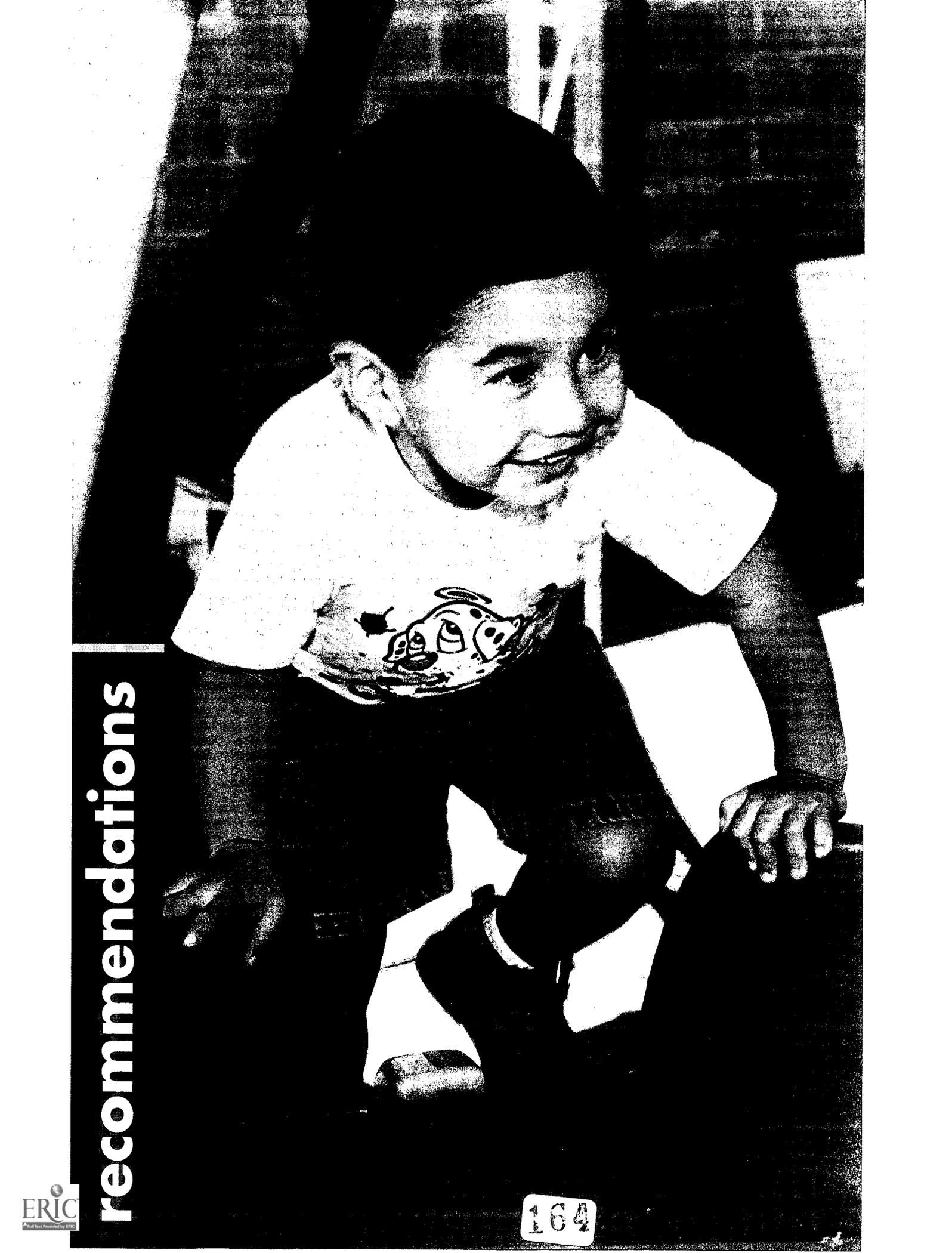
The rate of foster care placements has risen steadily since 1990. The rate was 8.7 children in foster care for every 1,000 youngsters in 1991 and grew to 9.9 children per 1,000 in 1996. From 1994 through 1996, the average length of stay in foster care for a child was slightly over two years, with a range of just under 10 months in Amador County to over 3 years in Kings County.

Guns still pose a threat to California's children. From 1994 to 1995, the number of children killed by guns increased from 471 to 488. The number of children injured by guns decreased slightly, from 1,507 to 1,393, a number equivalent to 48 classrooms of children.

In every county in 1995, some youth were arrested for a variety of crimes. In only three counties — Alpine, Modoc and Mono — none of the arrests related to violent crimes. The counties with the highest percentage of juvenile arrests for violent crime were San Francisco (20%) and Los Angeles (13%).

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**recommendations**

## **Adding It Up for California's Families**

**W**ith the state economy thriving, California has a new opportunity to invest in the well-being of its families. In 1997, California policymakers focused their attention on creating a new state welfare program in response to federal reforms. In 1998, state leaders can now concentrate on creating innovative strategies that help California's low-income workers achieve economic security for their children. A number of key policy recommendations are outlined below. County officials, with the flexibility provided by welfare reform, have a particular responsibility in 1998 to redesign their public/private infrastructure in ways that help families attain and sustain economic self-sufficiency.

Children are the ones most affected by welfare and other program decisions serving low-income Californians. Unfortunately, how state decisions impact children is poorly documented. There is no tracking by county of how many children live in poverty, are hungry or malnourished, lack health insurance, are awaiting quality child care. In order for counties and the state to plan human service programs and monitor their impact on children, better information on children's well-being must be gathered systematically at the county level. In the meantime, some steps can be taken immediately.

**STATE LEADERS have a number of unique opportunities to improve the lives of California children and families in 1998:**

- **Insure all children.** The new Healthy Families program will offer subsidized health insurance coverage to about 580,000 of the 1.7 million uninsured children through age 18. However, increased efforts are needed to reach over 500,000 children who are eligible but unenrolled in Medi-Cal. In addition, new public/private sector approaches must be adopted to insure the 500,000 uninsured children who are ineligible for subsidized coverage.
  
- **Expand child care.** Even with the additional funds allocated in the 1997-98 state budget for child care expansion, California will not meet even half the estimated need for subsidized care. Additional investment will be required to pay for quality child care. Special efforts should be undertaken to address the lack of infant care, school-aged care and care on evenings and weekends. Universally available pre-school would increase the kindergarten-readiness of all children.
  
- **Enact a refundable state Earned Income Credit (EIC).** California should utilize a portion of the new revenues generated by the strong economy to enact a refundable state EIC, which rewards work and helps low-income families make ends



meet. Approximately two million California families would benefit through a state supplement to the federal EIC.

- **Improve child support enforcement.** The Legislature must ensure that a functioning statewide child support computer system is fully in place by early 1998; the program will not improve without appropriate management information. In addition, the Legislature should utilize standard data to evaluate the performance of all counties. Comprehensive data is the first step to creating an incentive system that rewards success and provides assistance to under-performing counties.

## **COUNTY OFFICIALS**

- **Revise human service programs to better serve families.** As counties embark on developing their required County Plans in the coming months, they should:
  - Maximize community participation throughout the process — in developing the initial plan, monitoring outcomes and deciding upon revisions.
  - Engage the private sector to help reach goals. Work with business leaders to help develop strategies to create and sustain living-wage jobs



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as well as expand the availability of quality, affordable child care.

- Take the opportunity to reconsider family services beyond those that serve people receiving welfare. Engage the community in developing new ways to support all families who face challenges providing for their children.

- **Monitor child support enforcement.** County District Attorneys are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the child support program. The County Board of Supervisors must ensure accountability by actively monitoring the program's effectiveness and working with their District Attorney's office to improve performance in the program's troubled spots.

## **THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

- The private sector can engage in local and statewide efforts to expand child care and increase the number of children with health insurance.
- Employers can provide livable wages and benefits for employees and their dependents.
- The private sector can participate in county-level planning to redesign human service programs to support families.



## ALL CALIFORNIANS

- Individuals can communicate priorities and share experiences with elected representatives. Voters can select candidates who demonstrate a commitment to helping families provide for their children.
  
- Individuals can help families in their own community by volunteering time and/or donating resources.
  
- Individuals and community groups can convey to the media the importance of local coverage of these issues.
  
- Community members can participate in county-level planning to redesign human service programs to support families.

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