

California

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2007)	
Total People	36,553,215
Children (Under Age 18)	9,383,621
Income and Poverty (2007)	
Median Household Income (2007)	\$59,948
Rank Among States	8
Total People Living In Poverty	4,433,014
Poverty Rate	12.4%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	23
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	1,591,295
Child Poverty Rate	17.3%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	23
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	10,195,216
Food Insecurity Among Households (2005-2007, 3-Year Averages)	
Number of Households that are Food Insecure	1,314,000
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure	10.2%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	449,000
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	3.5%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2007-2008)	
Average Daily Student Participation	1,105,389
Free and Reduced-Price Students	962,238
Paid Students	143,151
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	43.5%
Free and Reduced-Price Student Participation Rate (Compared to School Lunch Participation)	41.6
Rank Among States	33
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Participation Rate Reached 60%	426,062
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 60%	\$94,450,100
Number of Schools Participating	8,922
School Participation Rate (Compared to Number of Schools Serving Lunch)	81.9%
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$290,266,587
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	No
National School Lunch Program (School Year 2007-2008)	
Average Daily Student Participation	3,115,865
Free and Reduced-Price Students	2,313,833
Paid Students	802,032
Number of Schools Participating	10,893
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$1,110,350,769
Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2007)	
Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	622,090
July Summer Food Service Participation	90,786
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	531,304
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	-15.7%
Low-Income Participation Rate (Compared to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch)	30.6
Rank Among States	4
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Participation Rate Reached 40%	191,067
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 40%	\$11,515,601
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	167
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	1,450
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$12,855,819

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program (FY 2008)	
Average Monthly Participation (Individuals)	2,220,127
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years	29.9%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person	\$112.54
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2006)	50%
Rank Among States	51
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2006)	36%
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps	\$2,998,179,522
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2008)	
Average Monthly Participation	1,412,210
Women	348,206
Infants	323,115
Children	740,889
Change in Participation in Last 10 Years	16.1%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$995,117,299
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FY 2008)	
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	18,199
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	129,061
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-3.4%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	4,955
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	180,359
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	23.2%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$239,801,108
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2007)	
Federal Entitlement Funding	\$15,447,032
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$6,891,839
Administrative Funding	\$7,221,245
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2007)	
Average Monthly Participation	53,098
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$14,161,376

State Economic Security Policies

Minimum Wage (2007)	
State Minimum Wage	\$7.50
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2007)	
State EITC (Yes/No)	No
Refundable (Yes/No)	No
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Participation (FY 2006)	1,049,315
Adults	182,250
Children	867,065
Maximum Monthly Benefit per 3-Person Family (FY 2005)	\$704
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$3,479,718,022