



We are a statewide policy and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and well being of low-income Californians by increasing their access to nutritious, affordable food.

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## Nutrition & Food Insecurity Profile

### Merced County

Demographic Data		
Total Population 2014	Individuals in Poverty 2013	Percent of Individuals in Poverty 2013
266,353	64,552	25%

Demographic Data: Children		
Children 0 to 5 Years Old 2013	Children 6 to 17 Years Old 2013	All Children Under 18 2013
25,555	53,390	78,945
Children in Poverty 2013	Percent of Children in Poverty 2013	Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price School Meals 2013-14
27,752	35%	43,186

Food Insecurity Measures	
Low-Income, Food-Insecure Households 2014	Percent of Low-Income Households That Are Food Insecure 2014
60,000	52%

Health Measures		
Percent of Adults Who Are Overweight or Obese 2014	Adults Ever Diagnosed with Heart Disease 2011-12	Percent of Children in Healthy Fitness Zone: Body Composition 2012-13
67%	14,000	51%

CalFresh					
Individuals Participating 15-May	Income-Eligible Individuals 2013	Income-Eligible Non-Participants 2013	County Program Access Index (PAI) 2013	PAI County Rank 1 = best 2013	Additional Economic Activity w/ Full CalFresh Participation 2012
58,805	76,610	21,430	0.72	10	\$25,600,000

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)		
Licensed Childcare Facilities 2012	Licensed Child Care Slots 2012	Children Participating in CACFP 2011-12
356	6,778	3,122

<b>National School Lunch &amp; Breakfast Programs</b>	
<b>Number of Low-Income Students Reached by School Lunch 2013-14</b>	<b>Number of Low-Income Students Reached by School Breakfast 2013-14</b>
<b>33,291</b>	<b>16,157</b>
<b>Percent of Low-Income Students Reached by School Lunch 2013-14</b>	<b>Percent of Low-Income Students Reached by School Breakfast 2013-14</b>
<b>77%</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Percent of School Lunch Participants Who Also Eat School Breakfast: Low-Income Students 2013-14</b>	<b>Additional Federal Meal Reimbursements That Could Be Received per School Year with Increased Breakfast Participation 2013-14</b>
<b>49%</b>	<b>\$5,466,000</b>

<b>Summer Meal Programs</b>	
<b>Summer Meal Program Participation Among Low-Income Children 2014</b>	<b>Percent of School Lunch Participants Reached During the Summer 2014</b>
<b>6,047</b>	<b>18%</b>

<b>WIC &amp; Breastfeeding Measures</b>		
<b>WIC Participants Served by County Agency 2013</b>	<b>Breastfeeding: In-Hospital Initiation 2012</b>	<b>Exclusive Breastfeeding: In-Hospital Initiation 2012</b>
<b>Coming Soon</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>56%</b>

Values marked by an asterisk (\*) represent aggregate data from county groups. County groups:

- Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, and Tuolumne Counties
- Del Norte, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Sierra, Siskiyou, and Trinity Counties
- Colusa, Glenn, and Tehama Counties

Blank values indicate that data were not available.

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