

Data Sources for County Profiles

Within this section, each county's profile is subdivided into sections about population, economy, environment, public finance, social services, public safety, and civic participation.

In the population section, the population counts come from the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The remainder of this section contains data from the California Department of Finance.

The first graph in the economy section uses personal income data from the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis and unemployment data from the California Employment Development Department. The second graph consists of data from the Construction Industry Research Board. The table starts with a total workforce figure from Employment Development Department, followed by four education-related items from the California Department of Education. The average wage item also comes from the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Housing demand is based on Construction Industry Research Board and California Employment Development Department information. The home ownership figure also comes from the Census Bureau. The childcare cost figures come from the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network.

Environmental data comes from two sources: the air quality data is from the California Air Resources Board and the solid waste data is from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

All of the public finance data was supplied by the California State Controller's Office.

The graph in the social services section is populated with data from the California Department of Social Services; the drug and alcohol treatment data comes from RAND California; the mental health program information comes from the California Department of Finance, and the prenatal care figures come from the California Department of Health Services.

Within the public safety section, all of the data comes from the California Attorney General's office.

In the final section, the 1998 General Election data comes from the California Secretary of State. The California Franchise Tax Board supplied the income tax return voluntary contributions measure.