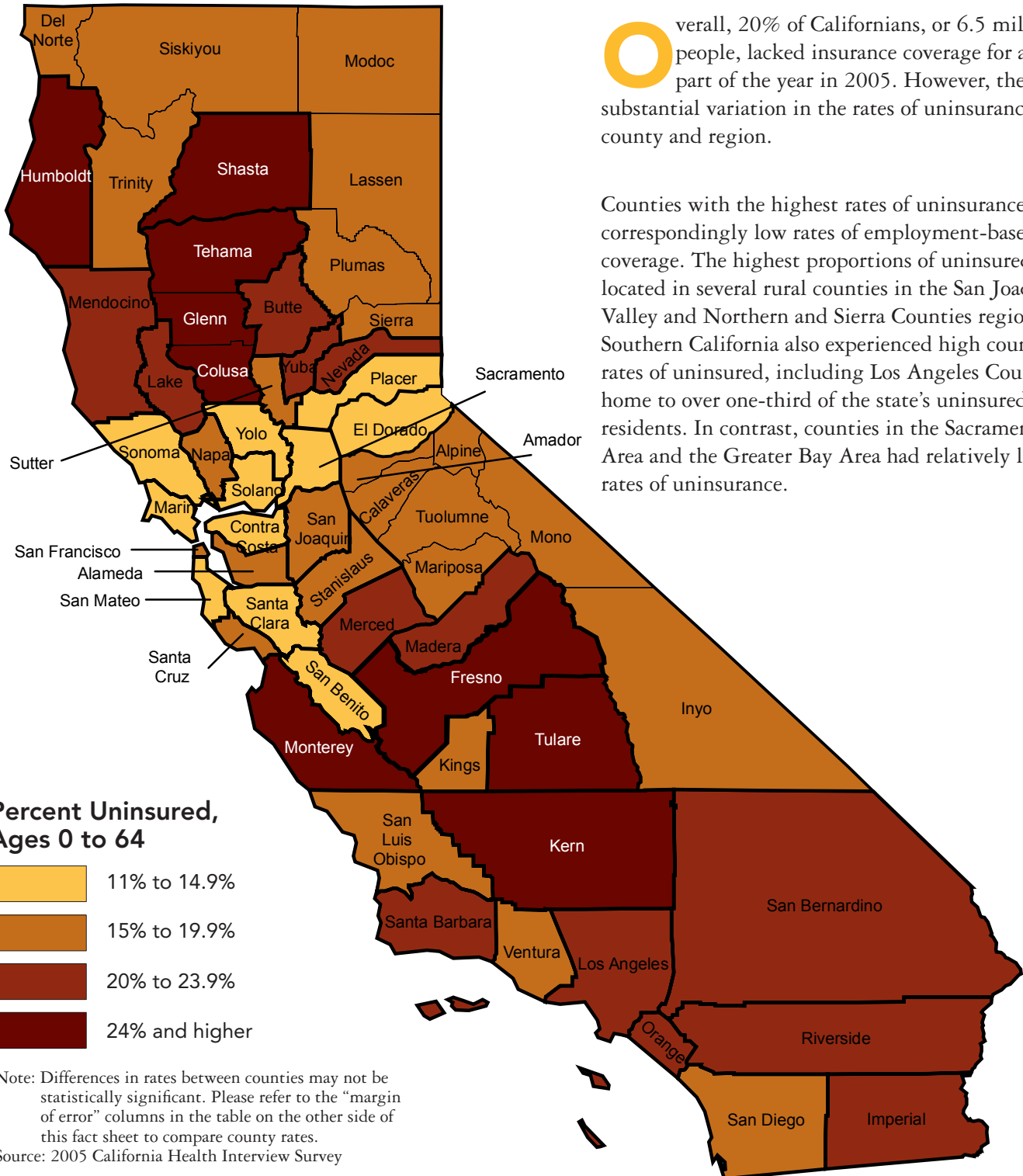


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California County Uninsurance Rates Vary Greatly

Overall, 20% of Californians, or 6.5 million people, lacked insurance coverage for all or part of the year in 2005. However, there was substantial variation in the rates of uninsurance by county and region.

Counties with the highest rates of uninsurance had correspondingly low rates of employment-based coverage. The highest proportions of uninsured were located in several rural counties in the San Joaquin Valley and Northern and Sierra Counties regions. Southern California also experienced high county rates of uninsured, including Los Angeles County, home to over one-third of the state's uninsured residents. In contrast, counties in the Sacramento Area and the Greater Bay Area had relatively low rates of uninsurance.



Note: Differences in rates between counties may not be statistically significant. Please refer to the "margin of error" columns in the table on the other side of this fact sheet to compare county rates.

Source: 2005 California Health Interview Survey

County and Region by Health Insurance Coverage During Last 12 Months, Ages 0-64, California, 2005

	Uninsured All or Part Year		Employment-Based All Year		Total Population Ages 0-64
	Rate	Margin of Error = +/-%	Rate	Margin of Error = +/-%	
All California	20.2%	0.6	54.3%	0.7	32,270,000
Northern and Sierra Counties	22.0%	1.6	48.0%	1.9	1,136,000
Butte	22.3%	4.8	46.6%	5.9	175,000
Tuolumne, Inyo, Calaveras, Amador, Mariposa, Mono, Alpine	19.5%	10.8	56.8%	6.4	148,000
Shasta	26.4%	5.4	40.1%	5.5	140,000
Sutter	17.8%	5.0	55.9%	6.6	139,000
Del Norte, Siskiyou, Lassen, Trinity, Modoc, Plumas, Sierra	16.9%	4.4	56.9%	6.3	119,000
Humboldt	24.4%	4.1	43.4%	4.3	113,000
Tehama, Glenn, Colusa	30.3%	5.5	39.8%	5.4	91,000
Nevada	20.4%	5.7	49.3%	6.2	83,000
Mendocino	23.6%	5.1	41.5%	5.6	77,000
Yuba	20.3%	5.2	52.8%	6.1	60,000
Lake	20.1%	5.2	40.5%	6.4	52,000
Greater Bay Area	14.5%	1.2	64.4%	1.5	6,162,000
Santa Clara	12.0%	2.3	65.5%	3.2	1,554,000
Alameda	17.6%	3.0	63.1%	3.4	1,327,000
Contra Costa	14.7%	3.5	67.1%	4.1	901,000
San Francisco	15.5%	3.5	60.6%	4.4	669,000
San Mateo	14.2%	4.3	66.8%	5.1	625,000
Sonoma	14.4%	4.3	59.7%	5.6	410,000
Solano	13.3%	2.5	66.3%	3.4	362,000
Marin	11.0%	1.9	63.5%	2.4	205,000
Napa	19.9%	4.9	63.5%	5.5	110,000
Sacramento Area	14.0%	2.0	61.0%	2.6	1,799,000
Sacramento	14.8%	2.8	58.4%	3.6	1,214,000
Placer	12.6%	3.5	68.5%	5.1	269,000
Yolo	13.2%	3.6	62.7%	5.2	164,000
El Dorado	11.4%	3.4	66.9%	5.2	152,000
San Joaquin Valley	22.6%	1.9	46.5%	2.1	3,336,000
Fresno	27.4%	4.7	40.9%	4.6	794,000
Kern	24.2%	4.1	45.3%	4.7	666,000
San Joaquin	18.0%	4.6	55.3%	5.7	588,000
Stanislaus	18.3%	4.4	50.8%	5.5	455,000
Tulare	24.3%	4.6	38.6%	5.0	374,000
Merced	21.0%	4.5	50.5%	5.3	221,000
Kings	18.5%	4.4	51.0%	5.2	121,000
Madera	23.9%	5.0	44.6%	5.6	118,000
Central Coast	20.1%	2.2	53.9%	2.4	1,921,000
Ventura	18.2%	3.9	58.8%	4.6	718,000
Monterey	24.7%	4.7	45.9%	4.9	369,000
Santa Barbara	21.7%	5.6	53.9%	5.9	350,000
Santa Cruz	19.8%	4.7	51.5%	5.2	226,000
San Luis Obispo	17.2%	5.1	52.1%	5.9	206,000
San Benito	14.9%	4.9	59.0%	6.5	53,000
Los Angeles	23.5%	1.3	48.8%	1.4	9,053,000
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Other Southern California	21.0%	1.2	55.4%	1.4	8,867,000
Orange	21.3%	2.5	56.8%	2.8	2,714,000
San Diego	19.3%	1.7	58.1%	2.0	2,642,000
San Bernardino	21.9%	2.7	50.6%	3.2	1,770,000
Riverside	21.7%	3.0	55.0%	3.3	1,601,000
Imperial	27.7%	4.9	40.5%	5.3	141,000

Note: Numbers are rates and will not add to 100%. Other sources of coverage are not shown. Differences in rates between counties may not be statistically significant. Please refer to the "margin of error" columns in the table to compare county rates.

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