WIA Planning Information Packet

Merced County

2005

EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
LABOR MARKET INFORMATION DIVISION

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Introduction to Social and Economic Data Tables

The data for the Social and Economic Data Tables were developed from a variety of sources to aid local organizations in identifying target group needs and in making appropriate resource allocations for employment and training activities.

Terms expressed in these tables are those commonly used by the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Bureau of the Census, and the various state agencies that supplied the data. (The specified source of the data is noted at the bottom of each table or in the footnotes accompanying each table.)

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Table 1
Public Assistance Recipients by Program
2002 - 2004
Merced County

Recipients by Program	July 2002	July 2003	July 2004	California July 2004
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility To Kids (CalWORKs) **(a)**	17,178	14,978	16,203	1,128,753
Adults	3,999	3,306	3,778	234,957
Children	13,179	11,672	12,425	893,796
Food Stamps **(b)**	22,603	25,953	N/A	1,889,494
General Relief	83	76	110	99,426
Refugee Cash Assistance **(c)**	0	0	0	878
Welfare to Work **(d)**	3,818	3,153	3,180	203,394

Source: California Department of Social Services

To access detailed reports for county comparisons, visit the California Department of Social Services Internet address at: http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research
CalWORKs: see report CA 237; Food Stamps: see report DFA 256;
General Relief: see report GR 237; Welfare to Work: see reports WTW 25 and WTW 25A.

(a) Data include foster care children.
(b) Includes those persons receiving public assistance payments and those not receiving public assistance payments.
(c) Refugee Cash Assistance data are for the third quarter and exclude CalWORKs recipients.
(d) With the passage of the Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 and California's subsequent implementation of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act (CalWORKs), the requirement for recipients of aid to participate in work related activities increased significantly. This number represents the number of CalWORKs recipients who have been enrolled or have been sent a notice to participate in Welfare to Work activities. These individuals may be required to participate or be willing to participate in these activities.

N/A Data not available.

Table 2
Public Assistance Recipients (CalWORKs)
Characteristics of Recipients 16 Years and Older
2002 - 2004
Merced County

Characteristics	July 2002	July 2003	July 2004	California July 2004
Total Recipients 16+ **(a) (b)**	5,950	5,190	5,610	390,920
Male	1,140	990	1,070	74,850
Female	4,810	4,200	4,540	316,190
16-20	1,260	1,090	1,180	82,470
21-44	4,240	3,700	4,000	278,610
45-54	360	320	340	23,860
55+	90	80	90	6,100
White (Not Hispanic)	1,650	1,500	n/a	97,460
Black (Not Hispanic)	570	480	n/a	81,110
Hispanic	2,950	2,790	n/a	183,160
Asian & Pacific Islander	720	380	n/a	23,150
American Indian	50	40	n/a	3,070
Filipino	10	20	n/a	2,970

(CalWORKs) California Work Opportunity And Responsibility To Kids

Source: California Department of Social Services; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; Detailed data by sex, age, and race/ethnicity are extrapolations based on aggregate figures provided by the Department of Social Services.

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See report ABCD 350.

(a) Includes children in Two Parent, Zero Parent, All Others and Foster Care cases.

(b) Detail may not add to total due to independent rounding.

(c) California race/ethnicity totals do not include Merced County. Data was not available.

n/a Data not available

TABLE 3
Workforce Investment Act
Planning Information for Local Workforce Investment Areas

LWIA NAME: Merced
JURISDICTIONS INCLUDED: Merced County

2000 CENSUS
Characteristics of Economically Disadvantaged Persons[1]

	Total	0 to 13	14 and 15	16 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 54	55 to 64	65 to 72	73 and older
Total Persons	210,555	56,800	8,035	20,330	8,665	82,315	14,590	9,475	10,350
Poverty Universe[2]	208,050	55,560	7,905	20,225	8,630	81,880	14,540	9,450	9,860
Persons below Poverty[3]	45,060	16,205	2,230	5,625	2,230	14,705	2,005	995	1,065
Percent Persons in Poverty	21.7%	29.2%	28.2%	27.8%	25.8%	18.0%	13.8%	10.5%	10.8%
Persons in Poverty, excluding Military and College[3,5]	44,250	16,205	2,230	5,290	2,115	14,360	1,995	995	1,055
Persons below 70% of LLSIL[4]	55,335	21,480	3,025	6,810	2,515	17,190	1,965	1,135	1,215
Persons below Poverty or 70% of LLSIL[3,4]	56,765	21,480	3,025	6,955	2,560	17,865	2,255	1,185	1,440
Persons below Poverty or 70% of LLSIL, excluding Military and College[3,4,5]	55,810	21,480	3,025	6,550	2,440	17,465	2,245	1,175	1,430
Persons in the Civilian Labor Force[6]	86,665	n/a	n/a	9,605	6,080	60,520	7,735	2,050	675

Characteristics of Various Potential Client Groups	**January 16, 2005**
Labor Force Status[7]	
Employment	80,108
Unemployment	13,135
Unemployment Rate	14.1%
Not in Labor Force[8]	61,517
Parole Adults (under local jurisdiction)[9]	4,402
2004 Veteran Estimates	
Total Veterans[10]	13,267
Male	12,373
Female	895
Veterans Receiving Compensation and Pension Benefits[11]	1,900

n/a Persons counted as part of the Civilian Labor Force must be at least 16 years old.

Table 3
Workforce Investment Act
Planning Information for Local Workforce Investment Areas

Footnotes and Data Sources

[1]The **economically disadvantaged population** is defined by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) as persons below the federal poverty level or below 70% of the Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL).

ETA provided these data from a custom tabulation generated by the U. S. Bureau of Census. Totals may not match other data from the same source. Further information can be accessed through the following Web sites:

ETA: www.doleta.gov

Census Bureau: www.census.gov

[2]**Poverty Universe**: Poverty status is determined for everyone except people in institutions, such as people in prison or in nursing homes; people in military group quarters; people in college dormitories; and individuals under 15 years old living with non-relatives, such as foster children.

[3]**Persons below Poverty**: An individual's poverty status is determined by comparing their family income with the federal poverty threshold appropriate for that person's family size and the number of family members under 18 years old. If a person is not living with anyone related by birth, marriage, or adoption, then the person's own income is compared with his or her poverty threshold. The Percent Persons in Poverty is calculated by dividing the Persons below Poverty by the Poverty Universe and multiplying by 100.

[4]**Excluding Military and College**: These data exclude persons who are on active duty in the armed forces and college students in the labor force.

[5]**Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL)**: The LLSIL is used to determine an individual's eligibility for certain services under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). WIA section 101(24) defines the LLSIL as "that income level (adjusted for regional, metropolitan, urban, and rural differences and family size) determined annually by the Secretary of Labor." In a manner similar to the poverty level, an individual's LLSIL status is determined by comparing their income and family size to the published LLSIL levels. For more information, see the ETA Web site at: **www.doleta.gov/llsil/**.

[6]**Civilian Labor Force** is persons 16 years or older who are "employed," excluding persons in the armed forces, or "unemployed." "Unemployed" are persons who were without a job and are actively looking for a job and were available to start a job.

[7]**Labor Force** in this category refers to civilian labor force, that includes, but is not limited to, the economically disadvantaged. March 2003 Benchmark data. These data are developed by the California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division.

[8]**Not in Labor Force** refers to those who are not employed and not actively seeking employment. This category includes, but is not limited to, the economically disadvantaged. Not in labor force data are based on preliminary labor force data (01/2004-12/2004); Department of Finance populations estimates as of January 2004; and working age populations from 2000 Census data.

[9]Data provided by the California Department of Justice, 2002 Criminal Justice Profile. Additional information can be found on-line at: **www.caag.state.ca.us**.

[10]Data provided by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran Population Projections Adjusted to Census 2000 (VetPop2001Adj), September 30, 2003, Washington, D.C.. Located on-line at **www.va.gov**.

[11]Data provided by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Statistics for Veterans Receiving Compensation and Pension Benefits, November, 2004, Washington, D.C..

Note: Data provided are the most recent available at the time of publication.

Table 4
Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)
and Poverty Guidelines
2004

Table 1 — San Diego Metropolitan Statistical Area

San Diego

	Family Size						
	One Member	Two Member	Three Member	Four Member	Five Member	Six Member	Each Additional Member Add
70% LLSIL **(a)**							
Annual	$9,070	$14,860	$20,400	$25,180	$29,720	$34,750	$5,030
6 Months	$4,535	$7,430	$10,200	$12,590	$14,860	$17,375	$2,515
100%	$12,950	$21,230	$29,140	$35,970	$42,450	$49,640	$7,190
Poverty Guidelines **(a)**							
Annual	$9,310	$12,490	$15,670	$18,850	$22,030	$25,210	$3,180
6 Months	$4,655	$6,245	$7,835	$9,425	$11,015	$12,605	$1,590

Table 2 — Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County Metropolitan Statistical Area

Anaheim
Carson/Lomita/Torrance
Foothill
Long Beach
Los Angeles City
Los Angeles County
Orange County
Riverside County
Santa Ana
San Bernardino City
San Bernardino County
SELACO
South Bay
Ventura
Verdugo

	Family Size						
	One Member	Two Member	Three Member	Four Member	Five Member	Six Member	Each Additional Member Add
70% LLSIL **(a)**							
Annual	$8,300	$13,600	$18,680	$23,050	$27,200	$31,810	$4,610
6 Months	$4,150	$6,800	$9,340	$11,525	$13,600	$15,905	$2,305
100%	$11,860	$19,430	$26,670	$32,920	$38,850	$45,430	$6,580
Poverty Guidelines **(a)**							
Annual	$9,310	$12,490	$15,670	$18,850	$22,030	$25,210	$3,180
6 Months	$4,655	$6,245	$7,835	$9,425	$11,015	$12,605	$1,590

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Table 3 — San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose Metropolitan Statistical Area

Alameda	**Oakland**	**Santa Cruz**
Contra Costa	**Richmond**	**Solano**
Marin	**San Francisco**	**Sonoma**
Napa	**San Jose**	
NOVA	**San Mateo**	

	Family Size						
	One Member	Two Member	Three Member	Four Member	Five Member	Six Member	Each Additional Member Add
70% LLSIL **(a)**							
Annual	$8,790	$14,400	$19,770	$24,400	$28,800	$33,680	$4,880
6 Months	$4,395	$7,200	$9,885	$12,200	$14,400	$16,840	$2,440
100%	$12,550	$20,570	$28,240	$34,860	$41,140	$48,110	$6,970
Poverty Guidelines **(a)**							
Annual	$9,310	$12,490	$15,670	$18,850	$22,030	$25,210	$3,180
6 Months	$4,655	$6,245	$7,835	$9,425	$11,015	$12,605	$1,590

Table 4 — Other Metropolitan Areas

Fresno	**NoRTEC**	**Stanislaus**
Golden Sierra	**North Central**	**Tulare**
Kern/Inyo/Mono	**Sacramento**	**Yolo**
Merced	**San Joaquin**	
Monterey	**Santa Barbara**	

	Family Size						
	One Member	Two Member	Three Member	Four Member	Five Member	Six Member	Each Additional Member Add
70% LLSIL **(a)**							
Annual	$8,100	$13,270	$18,220	$22,490	$26,540	$31,040	$4,500
6 Months	$4,050	$6,635	$9,110	$11,245	$13,270	$15,520	$2,250
100%	$11,570	$18,960	$26,030	$32,130	$37,920	$44,340	$6,420
Poverty Guidelines **(a)**							
Annual	$9,310	$12,490	$15,260	$18,850	$22,030	$25,210	$3,180
6 Months	$4,655	$6,245	$7,835	$9,425	$11,015	$12,605	$1,590

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Table 5 — Nonmetropolitan Areas							
Humboldt		**Mother Lode**					
Imperial		**San Benito**					
Kings		**San Luis Obispo**					
Madera							
Mendocino							
	Family Size						
	One Member	Two Member	Three Member	Four Member	Five Member	Six Member	Each Additional Member Add
70% LLSIL **(a)**							
Annual	$7,850	$12,870	$17,660	$21,800	$25,730	$30,090	$4,360
6 Months	$3,925	$6,435	$8,830	$10,900	$12,865	$15,045	$2,180
100%	$11,220	$18,380	$25,230	$31,140	$36,750	$42,980	$6,230
Poverty Guidelines **(a)**							
Annual	$9,310	$12,490	$15,670	$18,850	$22,030	$25,210	$3,180
6 Months	$4,655	$6,245	$7,835	$9,425	$11,015	$12,605	$1,590

Source: State of California, Workforce Investment Division, Workforce Investment Act Directive (WIAD04-2, August 9, 2004)

(a) Tables 1 through 5 show the 70 percent LLSIL and the poverty guidelines for western metropolitan a nonmetropolitan areas, and for three specific Metropolitan Statistical Areas in California. In addition, each LLSIL table includes the 100 percent LLSIL that establishes the Department of Labor's minimum self-sufficiency levels. Each table specifies which areas encompass which Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA). For a family of one, in all tables, the poverty guidelines exceed the 70 percent LLSIL and, therefore, should be used to establish the low-income status. For all other family sizes, the LLSILs exceed the poverty guidelines. The last column in each table shows the amount to be added to the figure for a family of six for each additional family member.