

California Frontier and Rural* Demographics
2000 U.S. Census: Totals by County, Medical Service Study Area (MSSA), and Region

Merced County 2000 Demographics by MSSA			Population Demographics																		
			Race/Ethnicity								Total Population	Total Civilian Population	Age Distribution				Poverty Level		Population per Sq. Mile	Area in Square Miles	
Region: Central	Designation	MSSA No.	MSSA Name	White	Black	Native Amer./ Eskimo	Asian	Hawaiian/ Pacific Is.	Hispanic	Other			0-4	5-17	18-64	65+	100% Poverty Level	200% Poverty Level			
				%	%	%	%	%	%	%			%	%	%	%	%	%			
Rural	94	Dos Palos/Gustine/ Los Banos		61.1	3.7	1.3	1.7	0.2	49.1	26.1	5.9	45584	45402	9	25.3	55.5	10.2	16.6	40.7	49	930.8
Rural	95	Ballico/Cressey/Delhi/ Hilmar/Livingston		56.1	0.9	1	6.8	0.1	47.9	28.3	6.9	33969	33936	8.6	34.3	57.1	8.6	19.1	46.9	178.9	189.9
Rural	96	Atwater/Snelling/ Winton		57.8	3.7	1.1	5.4	0.3	43	26.2	5.4	41033	40695	9	34.9	55.9	9.2	20.2	47.1	156.9	261.5
Rural	97.2	El Nido/Merced Southwest		33.4	6.1	1.4	17.6	0.1	59.1	36.3	4.9	21300	21231	10	41.2	52.2	6.6	40.4	71.1	70.2	303.6
Rural	97.3	Le Grand/Planada		37.7	0.7	1.6	0.6	0.1	79.3	54.3	5	7888	7865	8.9	37.7	54.1	8.2	27.9	62.3	36.7	214.9
Rural/Frontier Totals				53.9	3.2	1.2	6.1	0.2	50.2	29.6	5.8	149,774	149,129	9.1	26.6	55.4	8.9	22.1	49.3	78.8	1,901

*The definition of "Rural" is a Medical Service Study Area (MSSA) with a population density of 250 persons or less per square mile and have no incorporated area greater than 50,000 persons. The definition of "Frontier" is a MSSA with a population density equal or less than 11 persons per square mile.

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