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# Del Norte County Economic & Demographic Profile

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# Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic
ACS	American Community Survey
AQMIS	Air Quality and Meteorological Information System
BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics
BPS	Building Permits Survey
CAASPP	California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CBP	County Business Patterns
CBSA	Core Based Statistical Area
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CDPH	California Department of Public Health
CIRB	Construction Industry Research Board
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPS	Current Population Survey
CSU	California State University
D&B	Dun & Bradstreet
EDD	Employment Development Department
EL	English Learner
ELA	English Language Arts
FRPM	Free or Reduced-Price Meal
IMPLAN (brand)	Impact Analysis for Planning
I-O	Input-Output
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
NAICS	North American Industry Classification System
NASS	National Agricultural Statistics Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association
NOEP	National Ocean Economics Program
NSPDC	North State Planning and Development Collective
O3	Tropospheric Ozone
PCI	Per Capita Income
PM	Particulate Matter
QCEW	Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
RPE	Reference Point Elevation
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
UC	University of California
UI	Unemployment Insurance
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
WSE	Water Surface Elevation

# DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS

This section presents basic demographic characteristics such as population, age, and ethnicity, which provide a framework on which most other community indicators are based.

Del Norte County's non-incarcerated population reached a decade-low of about 24,300 in 2015, but increased to a decade-high of roughly 25,250 in 2021. The population has decreased somewhat since then, and in 2025 the population measured 24,524 residents compared to 24,293 in 2015. The largest share of in-migrants to Del Norte County between 2022 and 2023 were from Curry County (61), followed by Humboldt County (47), and Sacramento County (42). Curry County and Humboldt County were also the top destinations for migrants moving away from Del Norte County (75 and 58, respectively).

In 2024, the largest portion of the Del Norte County population by age were those who were between 25 and 39 years old (23.2 percent), followed by those aged 40 to 54 years old (16.1 percent) and those aged 5 to 17 years old (15.9 percent). The largest proportional increases in population between 2015 and 2024 were seen in those between 75 to 84 years old (57.7 percent increase), followed by those aged 65 to 74 (40.9 percent increase). In contrast, the largest proportional decreases in population during this same period were seen in those aged 85 years and older (36.7 percent decrease) and those aged 18 to 24 years old (29.5 percent decrease).

The largest portion of Del Norte County's population by race and ethnicity in 2024 were those who identified as White alone (59.9 percent), followed by those who identified as Hispanic or Latino (19.9 percent) and those who identified as Other or Multiple races or ethnicities (8.8 percent). The greatest proportional increase in population between 2015 and 2024 was seen in those who identified as Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander alone, an increase from 79 in 2015 to 129 in 2024 (63.3 percent increase).

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# Total Population

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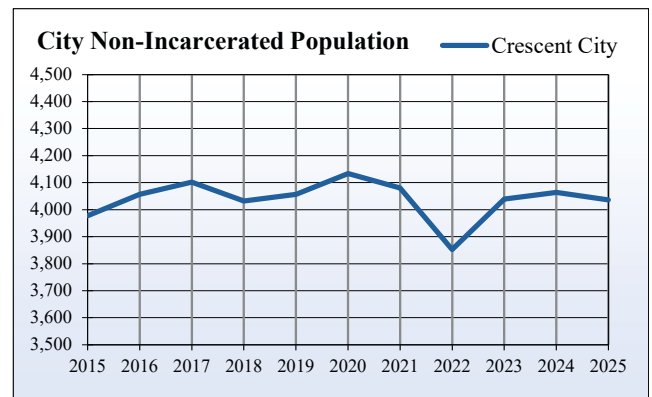
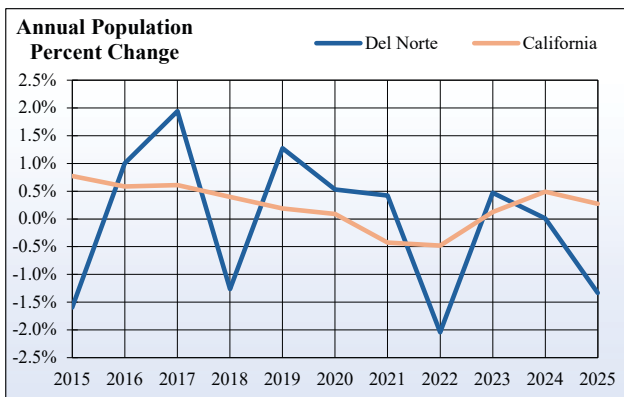
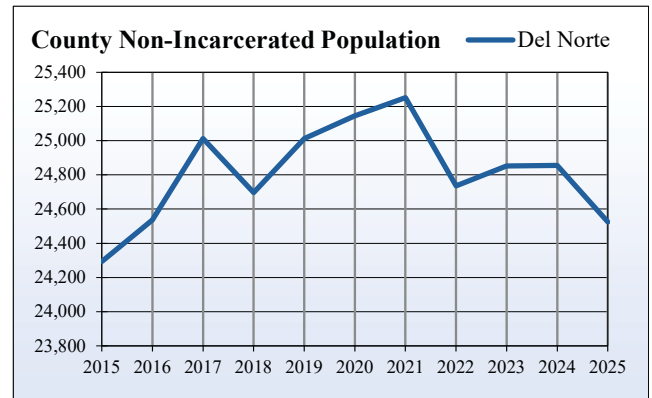
Total population measures the number of people who consider the county to be their primary residence and does not include those who reside in the county as a result of incarceration, nor persons who reside in the county but do not consider it their primary residence. The data are estimated annually by the California Department of Finance and provide a point-in-time estimate for January 1 of each year.

## How is it used?

Population represents a cumulative measurement of the size of the county's consumer market, labor availability, and the potential impact of human habitation on the environment. Population data provide the basis for many of the other indicators in this report.

### NON-INCARCERATED POPULATION, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Del Norte County Population	Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California
2015	24,293	-1.60%	0.77%
2016	24,536	1.00%	0.58%
2017	25,013	1.94%	0.61%
2018	24,697	-1.26%	0.40%
2019	25,012	1.28%	0.19%
2020	25,145	0.53%	0.09%
2021	25,251	0.42%	-0.43%
2022	24,735	-2.04%	-0.48%
2023	24,852	0.47%	0.12%
2024	24,855	0.01%	0.49%
2025	24,524	-1.33%	0.28%



### CITY NON-INCARCERATED POPULATION

City	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Crescent City	3,978	4,057	4,102	4,032	4,057	4,134	4,080	3,852	4,039	4,064	4,036

#### Sources:

California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, Estimates E-4  
 California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, TPOP1

# Components of Population Change

## What is it?

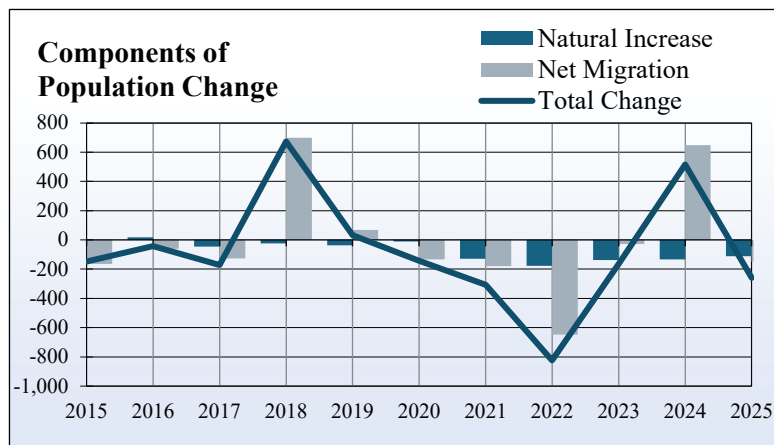
Components of population change measure natural sources of population increase and decrease (births and deaths) as well as changes due to in-migration and out-migration. The California Department of Finance releases annual estimates on the number of births, deaths, and net migration both into and out of each county. The natural change in population is calculated by subtracting deaths from births. Any remaining change in population is due to net migration, which is calculated by subtracting the number of out-migrants from the number of in-migrants.

## How is it used?

If population growth is primarily due to natural increase, then the county may be a place where many younger families are residing. If natural rate of change is negative (more deaths than births), then the population's age composition may be older. There are many potential motivations for people to move into or out of a county, such as employment opportunities, housing prices, and general quality of life. It should be noted that the components of population change data represent annual totals, while the total population data are a point-in-time measurement of population taken on January 1st of each calendar year. Because of this difference, the data reported in this section are not directly comparable to the population data presented previously.

**COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Net Migration	Total Change
2015	301	283	18	-165	-147
2016	317	299	18	-61	-43
2017	276	321	-45	-127	-172
2018	282	306	-24	698	674
2019	272	309	-37	69	32
2020	73	83	-10	-134	-144
2021	258	386	-128	-180	-308
2022	249	426	-177	-648	-825
2023	275	412	-137	-28	-165
2024	258	391	-133	649	516
2025	240	352	-112	-148	-260



**Source:**

California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, Estimates E-6

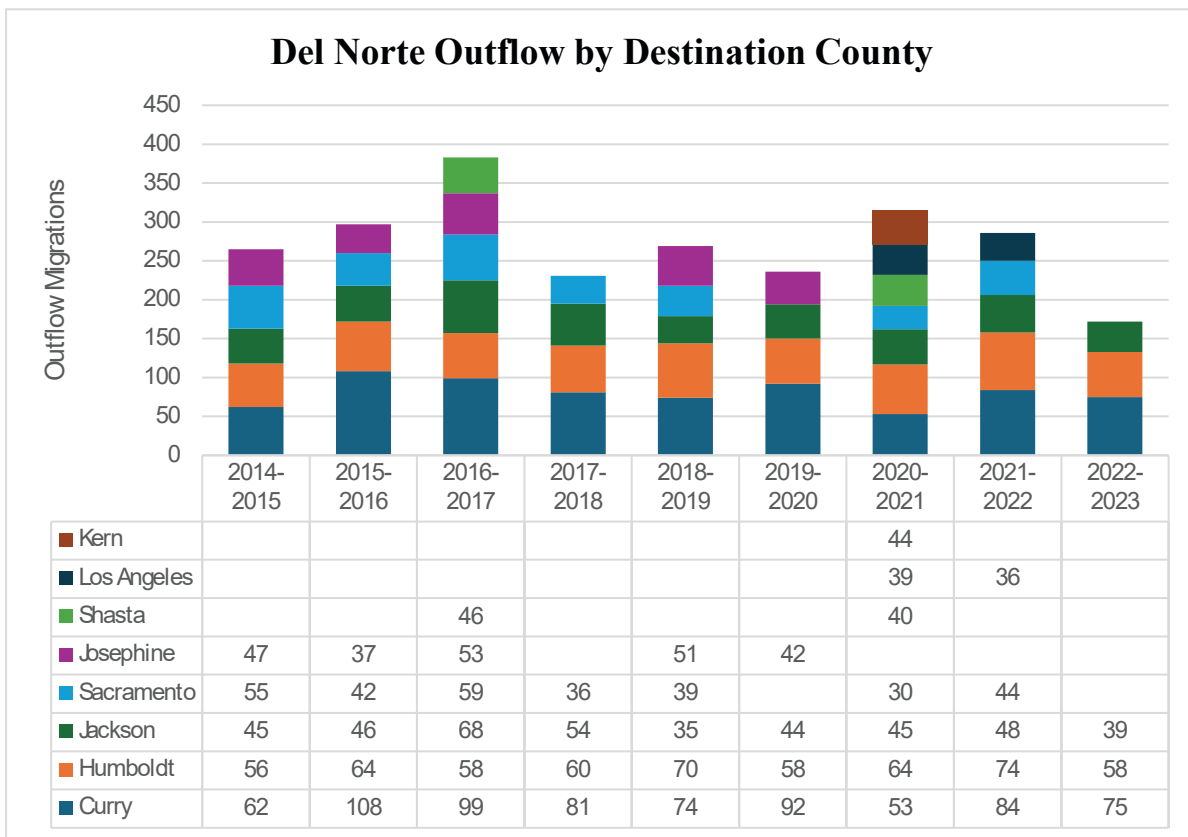
# Migration Patterns

## What is it?

This indicator includes migration patterns between Del Norte County and the counties with the highest numbers of in- and out-migrants. Data are collected from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and are based on income tax records for all available households. Migrations to and from group living quarters, such as college dormitories, nursing homes, or correctional institutions, are not included. County migration flows with less than 20 tax returns are withheld for confidentiality.

## How is it used?

Migration can indicate positive or negative changes in the economic, political, and social structure of an area based on the characteristics of the area from which the migrants originate. For example, some migration from urban to rural areas may be based upon the lower cost of housing outside of major urban centers, while rural-to-urban migrants are often seeking better job opportunities. Neighboring counties, as well as those with higher population totals, generally show the largest amount of migration activity. Migration between non-neighboring counties, particularly those that are geographically distant and/or socioeconomically distinct, may be worthy of further investigation.



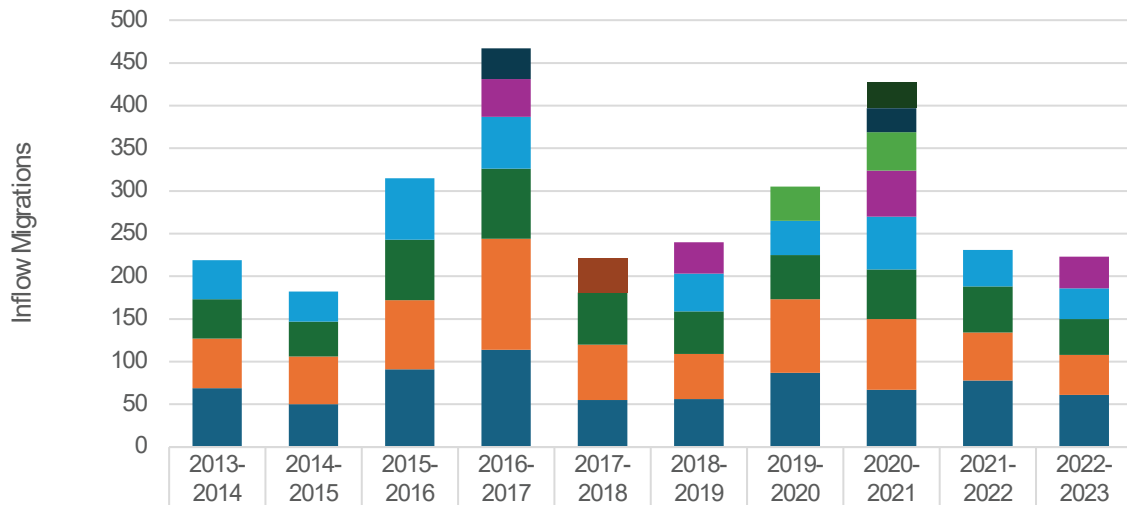
### TOP 4 OUT-MIGRATION COUNTIES 2022-2023

County	Out-Migrants
Curry County, OR	75
Humboldt County, CA	58
Jackson County, OR	39
N/A	--

**Source:**

Internal Revenue Service, County-to-County Migration

### Del Norte Inflow by Origin County



Jackson									30	
Butte						40				
Fresno				36					28	
San Diego							40		45	
Shasta				44		37			54	37
Los Angeles	46	35	72	61		44	40	62	43	36
Sacramento	46	41	71	82	61	50	52	58	54	42
Humboldt	58	56	81	130	65	53	86	83	56	47
Curry	69	50	91	114	55	56	87	67	78	61

#### TOP 4 IN-MIGRATION COUNTIES 2022-2023

County	In-Migrants
Curry County, OR	61
Humboldt County, CA	47
Sacramento County, CA	42
Shasta County, CA	37

# Age Distribution

## What is it?

Age distribution data provide the number of permanent residents who fall into a given age range and are measured on April 1 for each recorded year. Data are provided by the Census Bureau's American Community Survey five-year estimates.

## How is it used?

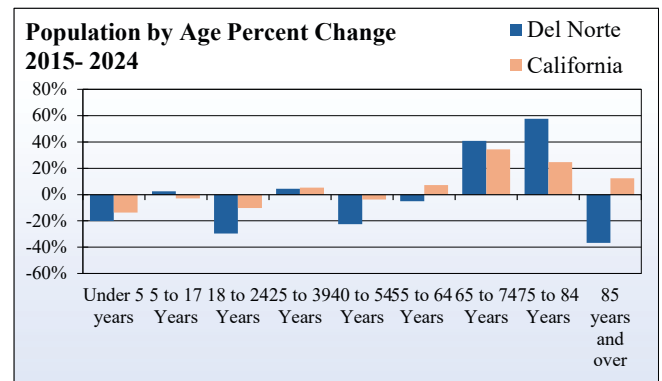
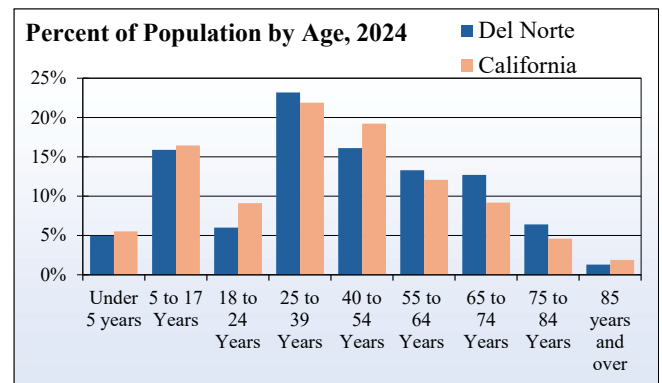
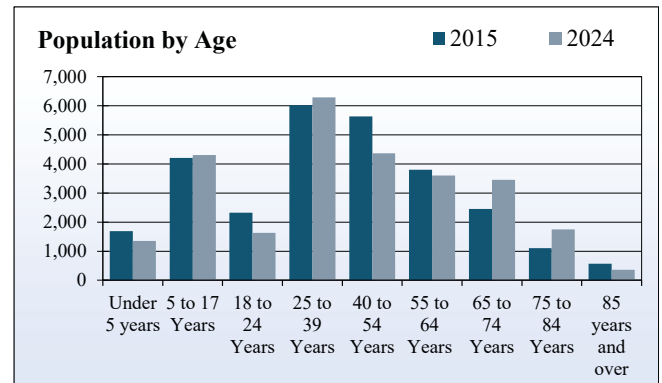
Age distribution information is valuable to companies that target their marketing efforts on specific age groups. Age distribution data can be used to estimate school attendance, need for public services, and workforce projections. A growing young adult population, for instance, could indicate greater need for higher education and vocational training facilities, while a growing middle-aged population may signal the need for greater employment opportunities. An area with a significant proportion of population that is past retirement age will typically have less employment concerns but a greater need for medical and social service provision. Age distribution data can also be used in conjunction with the components of population change in order to create projections of future population growth.

### POPULATION BY AGE, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Age Range	2015	2024
Under 5 years	1,690	1,349
5 to 17 Years	4,207	4,308
18 to 24 Years	2,319	1,634
25 to 39 Years	6,017	6,287
40 to 54 Years	5,639	4,370
55 to 64 Years	3,796	3,607
65 to 74 Years	2,448	3,450
75 to 84 Years	1,106	1,744
85 years and over	566	358

### POPULATION BY AGE COMPARED TO CALIFORNIA

Age Range	Percent of Total, 2024		Change from 2015 to 2024	
	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
Under 5 years	5.0%	5.5%	-20.2%	-13.8%
5 to 17 Years	15.9%	16.5%	2.4%	-2.9%
18 to 24 Years	6.0%	9.1%	-29.5%	-10.2%
25 to 39 Years	23.2%	21.9%	4.5%	5.3%
40 to 54 Years	16.1%	19.3%	-22.5%	-3.8%
55 to 64 Years	13.3%	12.1%	-5.0%	7.3%
65 to 74 Years	12.7%	9.2%	40.9%	34.3%
75 to 84 Years	6.4%	4.6%	57.7%	24.6%
85 years and over	1.3%	1.9%	-36.7%	12.4%



### Source:

US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B01001

# Population by Race and Ethnicity

## What is it?

Racial and ethnic identification is frequently a product of both collective assignment by others and individual assertion of a felt or claimed identity. It is important to note that both the Census and the American Community Survey measure an individual's race and ethnicity through self-identification, rather than assignment by the interviewer. There are seven major racial/ethnic categories provided: American Indian, Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, White, and Other/Multiracial. These data include incarcerated individuals in total population counts.

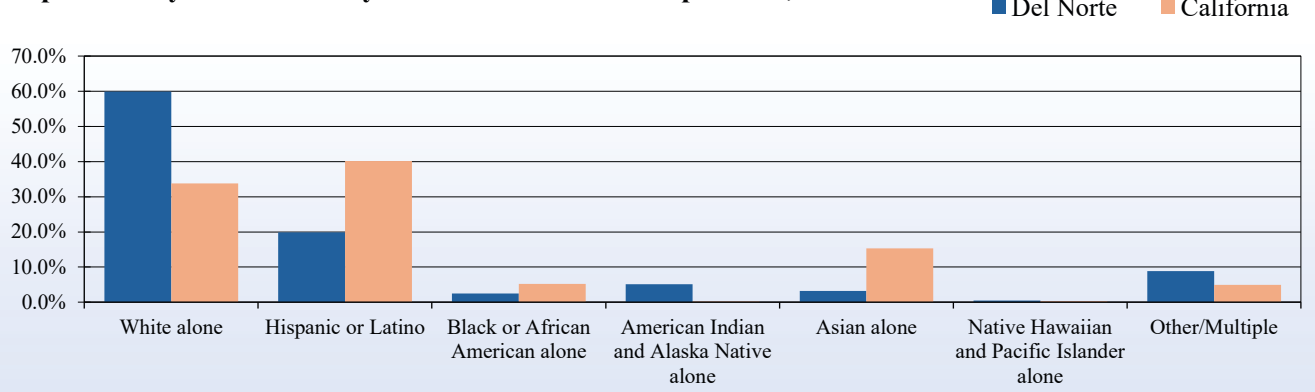
## How is it used?

Data on population within racial and ethnic categories are often used by advertisers to target their marketing efforts towards particular groups and to estimate how profitable these efforts might be. Grant writers frequently use population data on racial and ethnic groups to secure funding for programs meant to address group-specific social conditions or inequalities. Government officials and political candidates also use population data on race and ethnicity in order to tailor their campaign messages to people who make claims to particular racial and ethnic identities.

### DEL NORTE COUNTY POPULATION BY RACE AND ETHNICITY

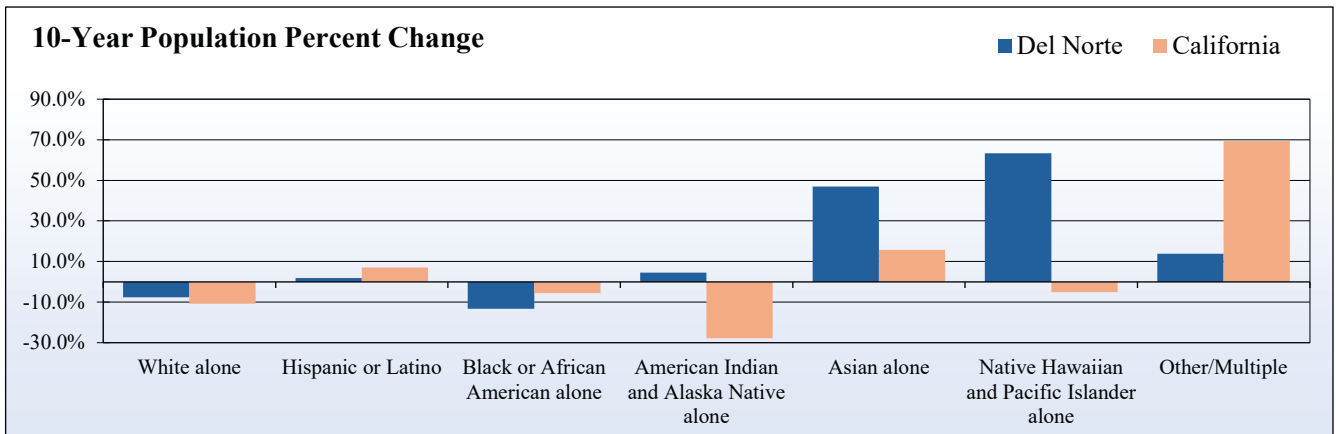
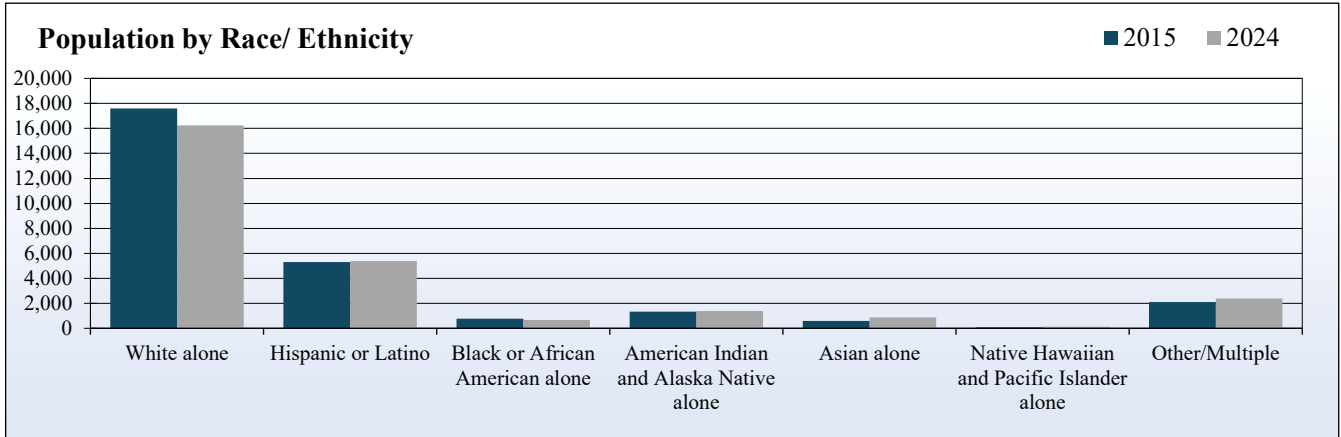
Race/Ethnicity	2015	2024	Percent of Totals in 2024		Change from 2015 to 2024	
			Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
White alone	17,582	16,229	59.9%	33.8%	-7.7%	-10.8%
Hispanic or Latino	5,300	5,396	19.9%	40.2%	1.8%	7.0%
Black or African American alone	787	682	2.5%	5.2%	-13.3%	-5.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1,339	1,400	5.2%	0.3%	4.6%	-27.9%
Asian alone	594	873	3.2%	15.3%	47.0%	15.7%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander alone	79	129	0.5%	0.3%	63.3%	-5.1%
Other/Multiple	2,107	2,398	8.8%	5.0%	13.8%	69.3%

### Population by Race/Ethnicity as a Percent of Total Population, 2024



**Source:**

US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B03002



# ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS

Environmental indicators describe the quality of the physical places with which humans interact, and focus in particular on land, air, and water resources. These indicators are useful in identifying the potential impacts that a regional population may be having on the natural environment around them.

Del Norte County's population density in 2025 averaged 26.4 residents per square mile, which is significantly lower than the overall state average of 253.8 residents per square mile. The latest available data indicate Del Norte County's harvested acreage has dropped from roughly 23,000 acres in 2019 to around 9,000 acres in 2024, or about 1.3 percent of the county's total area. The county's air quality, measured by PM2.5 levels, tends to be well below the 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup> limit, although outlier events (such as wildfires) may cause levels to exceed the limit temporarily. While annual temperatures have been largely stable since 1998 and do not always exhibit consistent trends, recent July and January temperatures, for select years, have been the warmest in the past few decades. Meanwhile, annual precipitation levels have exhibited notable year-to-year fluctuations; 2024 total precipitation has recovered from its low in 2022 and is currently the highest since 2012.

Between 2015 and 2024, the largest proportion of Del Norte County workers took between 5 and 14 minutes to commute to work (53.2 percent). The largest proportional decrease in commute times occurred among those requiring between 60 and 89 minutes (38.3 percent decrease), while the largest proportional increase was seen in those traveling 90 or more minutes (594.8 percent increase). The largest proportion of Del Norte County workers drove alone to work in 2024 (65.9 percent), followed by those who carpooled (21.2 percent). The largest traffic increases between 2018 and 2023 were seen at the U.S. 101 intersection with U.S. 199 Northeast (36.8 percent increase, ahead traffic), while the largest decrease was seen at the U.S. 101 junction with State Route 169 Southeast (39.4 percent decrease, ahead traffic).

Between 2013 and 2023, non-residential electricity consumption has remained somewhat lower than the statewide average while residential electricity consumption has remained significantly higher than the statewide average. Because there are no natural gas lines in Del Norte County, electricity use is often the only viable means for heating and cooking.

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# Land Area and Population Density

## What is it?

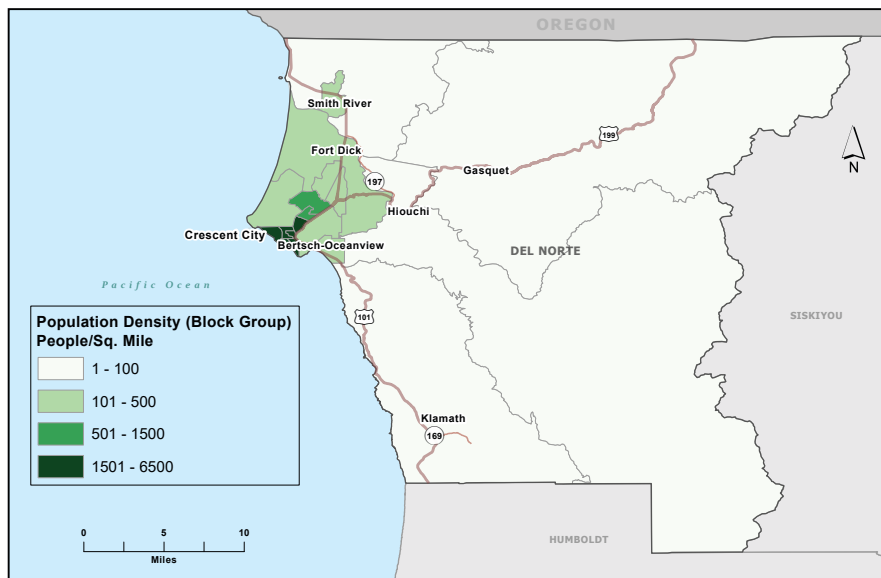
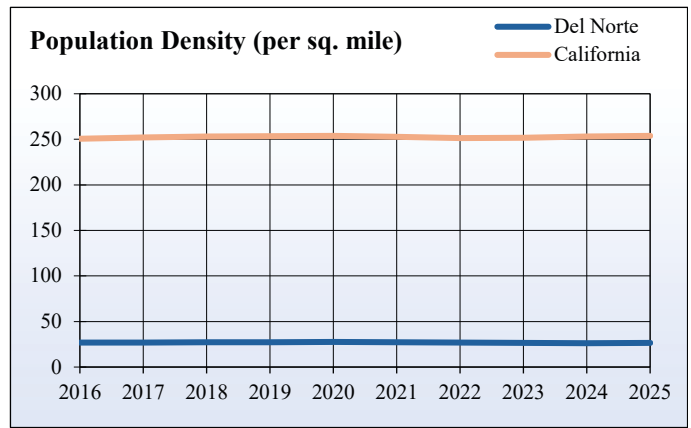
Population density is determined by dividing a jurisdiction's total population by its land area in square miles. Population density data indicate how closely or loosely county residents are grouped together, and are often functions of both total population and the characteristics of the built environment, such as the relative proportion of single- vs. multi-family housing in the area.

## How is it used?

Population density data can be useful for municipal and regional planners who are developing infrastructural projects and wish to benefit from economies of scale. Population density data can be useful for businesses seeking to open a new location as greater density generally implies greater demand for labor. Changes in population density can also help in the interpretation of migration patterns as people move into and out of particular cities and neighborhoods. As can be seen in the map below, the bulk of Del Norte County's population is clustered along the Highway 101 corridor between Crescent City and Smith River.

### LAND AREA AND POPULATION DENSITY

Year	Land Area (sq. mile)	Total Population	Population Density (per sq. mile)	
			Del Norte	California
2016	1,006.37	26,960	26.8	250.6
2017	1,006.37	27,158	27.0	252.1
2018	1,006.37	27,269	27.1	253.1
2019	1,006.37	27,567	27.4	253.6
2020	1,006.37	27,743	27.6	253.8
2021	1,006.37	27,460	27.3	252.7
2022	1,006.37	26,926	26.8	251.5
2023	1,006.37	26,596	26.4	251.8
2024	1,006.37	26,379	26.2	253.1
2025	1,006.37	26,544	26.4	253.8



### Sources:

California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, Estimates E-4

US Census Bureau, USA Counties 2011, Table LND01

US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B01001

# Land Ownership

## What is it?

Land ownership represents the total square miles and percentage of land owned by the public and private sectors. Publicly-owned lands are categorized by landowner; private lands are not categorized.

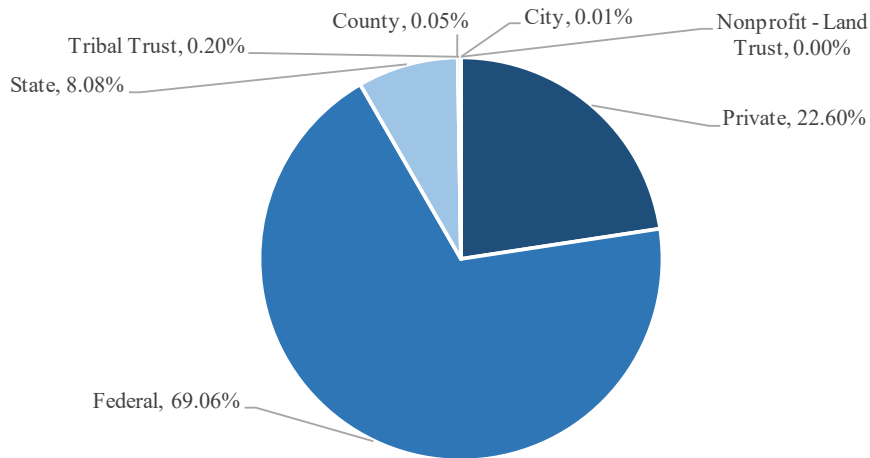
## How is it used?

The data are used to show the extent to which nonlocal governmental organizations are in control of local land use. It also shows how much land area is not subject to property tax. This is important whenever state or federal governments threaten to eliminate or modify funding agreements that disburse payments to counties with large portions of government land in lieu of property tax collections.

**LAND OWNERSHIP, DEL NORTE COUNTY, 2022**

Tax Status		Area (Sq. Miles)	Percent of Total Area
<b>Non-Exempt</b>	Private	229.52	22.60%
<b>Exempt</b>	Federal	701.30	69.06%
<b>Exempt</b>	State	82.09	8.08%
<b>Exempt</b>	County	0.50	0.05%
<b>Exempt</b>	Tribal Trust	2.01	0.20%
<b>Exempt</b>	City	0.07	0.01%
<b>Exempt</b>	Nonprofit - Land Trust	0.02	0.00%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,015.51</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Land Ownership, Del Norte County, 2022**



**Sources:**

- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- National Parks Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs

# Harvested Acreage

## What is it?

Harvested acreage reports the total amount of land that is used in any aspect of agricultural production as a proportion of a county's total land area. Data on harvested acreage are reported annually by individual County Agricultural Commissioners to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

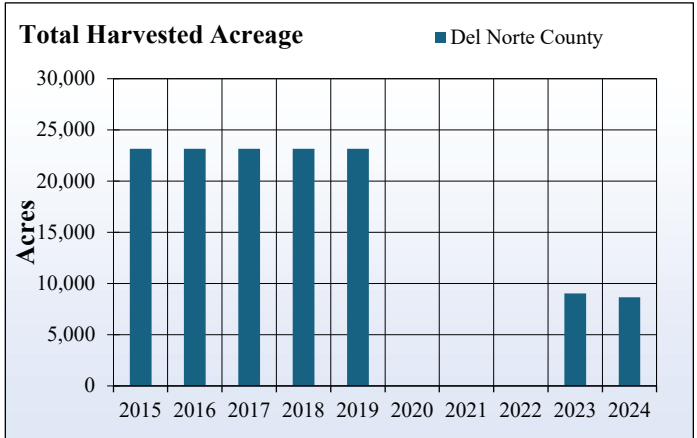
## How is it used?

Agriculture is often a dominant land use in rural counties, and harvested acreage as a proportion of total land area can indicate the relative importance of agriculture to a local economy. In addition to being a major economic factor, agriculture can also form the basis for community and regional identity, and can be a factor when determining use policies for areas surrounding farmland.

No harvested acreage data have been received by the California Agricultural Statistics Service from Del Norte County since 2019. The most recent available data (2023 and 2024) come from the Del Norte County Department of Agriculture.

### TOTAL HARVESTED ACREAGE, DEL NORTE COUNTY

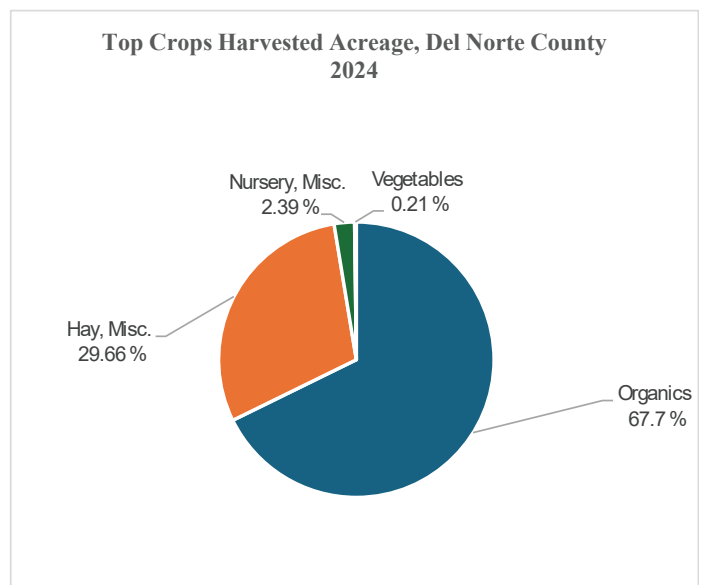
Year	Total Acres Harvested	Percent of Total Land Area
2015	23,157	3.6 %
2016	23,150	3.6 %
2017	23,150	3.6 %
2018	23,150	3.6 %
2019	23,150	3.6 %
2020	N/A	N/A
2021	N/A	N/A
2022	N/A	N/A
2023	9,040	1.4 %
2024	8,665	1.3 %



\* Note: Only timber value available in 2020 crop year. No data available for 2021 and 2022 crop years.

### TOP CROPS HARVESTED ACREAGE, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Crop	2024	Percent of Total
Organics	5,870	67.7 %
Hay, Misc.	2,570	29.66 %
Nursery, Misc.	207	2.39 %
Vegetables	18	0.21 %



#### Source:

USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, California County Ag Commissioners' Report (2014-2020 data)  
County of Del Norte, Department of Agriculture, County Crop Reports (2023-2024 data)

# Air Quality

## What is it?

There are four main contaminants that affect air quality: particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5), tropospheric ozone (O3), carbon monoxide (CO), and oxides of nitrogen. The data are reported by site and are gathered into counties and air basins, which are reported to the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Del Norte County's air monitoring station in Crescent City only reports PM2.5 levels, which are measured in micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ). The national standard for PM2.5 is  $35 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . Data for Los Angeles County are shown for comparison.

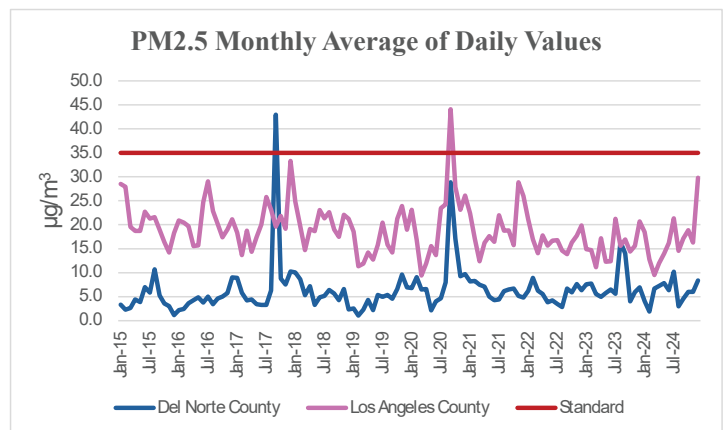
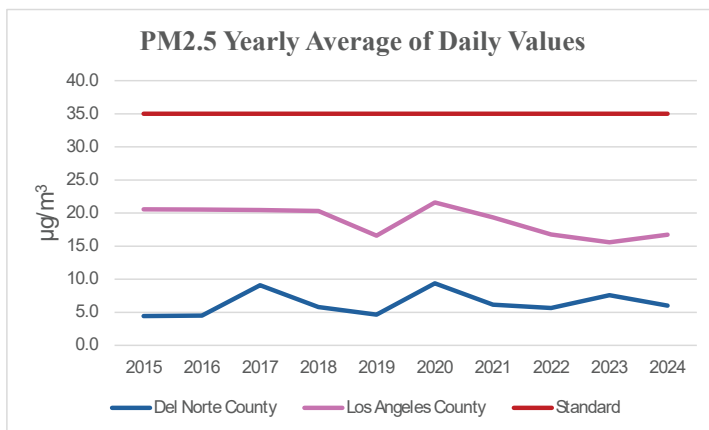
The data from CARB's Air Quality and Meteorological Information System (AQMIS) are provided at daily intervals. In the tables and figures below, monthly values represent the averages of all daily values reported in a given month, and yearly values represent the average of all monthly averages in a given year.

## How is it used?

Standards for air pollutants are established to protect human health, avoid environmental damage, and preserve aesthetic values. If a region exceeds one or more standards of the pollutants tracked by CARB, there may be a potential limit to the type of new industrial facilities that can be built in an area and/or restrictions on existing operations. As industry, agricultural production, and traffic increase, air quality may decrease if certain actions or policies are not in place. Air quality affects all populations, especially the young, the elderly, and those with heart or lung conditions. Ultimately, a county with high levels of pollutants may also see an increased need for health services. Air quality can be an important factor in determining where people are willing or able to live.

**PM2.5 AVERAGE DAILY LEVEL ( $\mu\text{G}/\text{M}^3$ )**

	Del Norte County	Los Angeles County
2015	4.4	20.6
2016	4.5	20.5
2017	9.1	20.5
2018	5.8	20.3
2019	4.7	16.6
2020	9.4	21.6
2021	6.2	19.4
2022	5.7	16.8
2023	7.6	15.6
2024	6.0	16.7



**Source:**

California Air Resources Board, Air Quality and Meteorological Information System (AQMIS), Air Quality Data

# Climate Data

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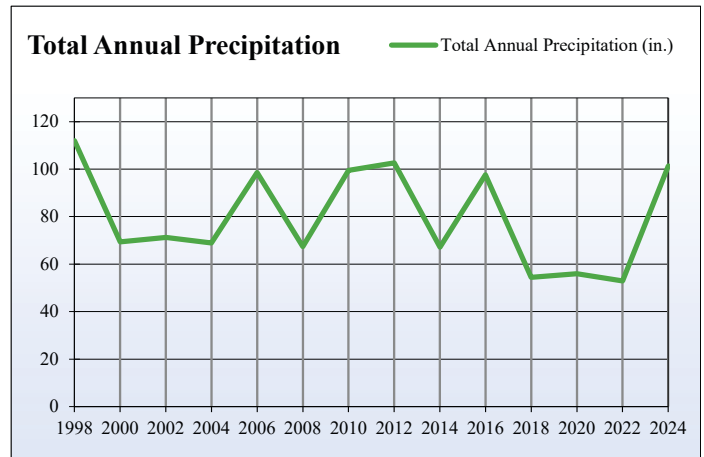
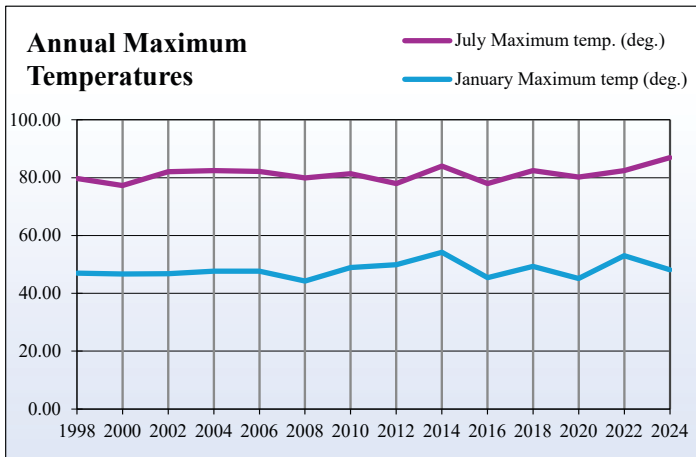
Temperatures and precipitation levels are recorded every two years in both January and July, and are reported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

## How is it used?

Historical climate data provide an accurate picture of a region's temperatures and precipitation during different seasonal periods of the year. Climate data can also give prospective residents and business owners a general idea of the weather patterns they can expect in a particular region throughout the year.

### CLIMATE READINGS, DEL NORTE COUNTY

	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024
July Maximum temp. (deg.)	79.7	77.3	82.1	82.4	82.2	79.9	81.4	78.0	84.0	78.0	82.4	80.2	82.4	86.9
January Maximum temp (deg.)	47.0	46.7	46.8	47.7	47.7	44.2	48.9	49.9	54.2	45.4	49.3	45.1	53.0	48.1
July Minimum temp (deg.)	54.0	52.1	53.2	53.9	53.9	51.4	52.6	51.5	56.2	52.4	56.1	53.6	55.6	58.0
January minimum temp (deg.)	39.9	35.0	33.7	37.1	36.8	31.8	39.6	34.7	37.4	36.3	38.4	36.7	37.4	39.6
July Precipitation (in.)	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
January Precipitation (in.)	24.3	21.3	12.5	12.4	20.4	15.8	14.7	15.9	3.1	19.6	13.3	18.4	4.8	25.9
Average Monthly Precipitation (in.)	9.3	5.8	5.9	5.7	8.2	5.6	8.3	8.6	5.6	8.1	4.5	4.7	4.4	8.4
Total Annual Precipitation (in.)	112.0	69.4	71.3	69.0	98.5	67.4	99.5	102.6	67.2	97.6	54.5	56.0	52.9	101.4



**Source:**

NOAA Climate at a Glance, County Time Series

# Travel Time To Work

## What is it?

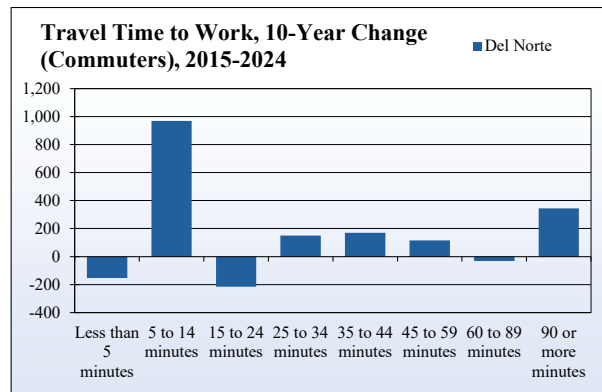
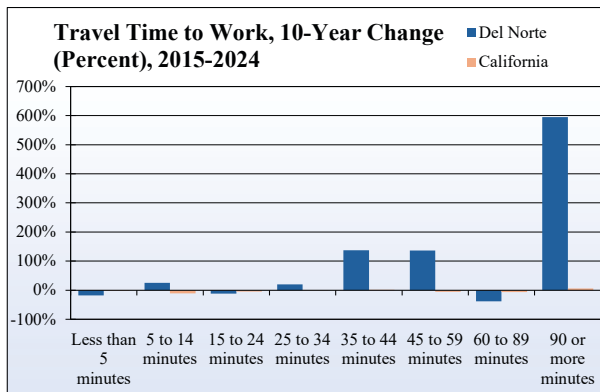
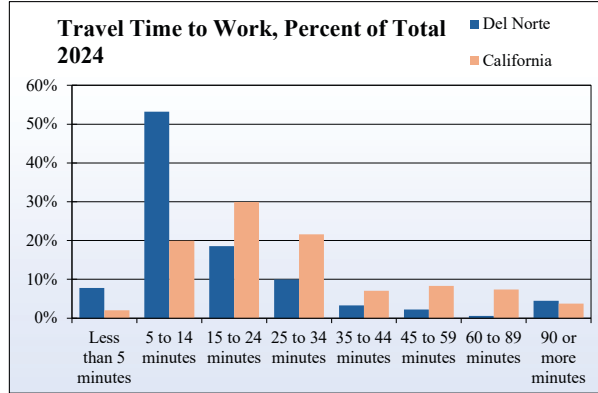
Travel time to work is the amount of time, in minutes, that a worker estimates it takes them to get to work on a normal workday. Travel time can be influenced by distance to work, traffic volume, and the means of transportation utilized (evaluated in the following indicator). Data are taken from the American Community Survey and are reported as five-year estimates.

## How is it used?

While increasing commute times often capture the push-pull dynamic between wages and housing costs, Del Norte County's location, population density, and high percentage of public land make it a special case. The reason for Del Norte County's shorter commute times is due to its isolated nature, which makes commuting to other communities unreasonable for many residents.

### TRAVEL TIME TO WORK, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Travel Time to Work			Percent of Total in 2024		Change from 2015 to 2024	
	2015	2024	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
Less than 5 minutes	854	700	7.8%	2.1%	-18.0%	-2.3%
5 to 14 minutes	3,832	4,800	53.2%	19.9%	25.3%	-10.9%
15 to 24 minutes	1,891	1,676	18.6%	29.9%	-11.4%	-4.8%
25 to 34 minutes	750	900	10.0%	21.6%	20.0%	-1.3%
35 to 44 minutes	124	294	3.3%	7.1%	137.1%	1.2%
45 to 59 minutes	85	201	2.2%	8.3%	136.5%	-5.6%
60 to 89 minutes	81	50	0.6%	7.4%	-38.3%	-6.0%
90 or more minutes	58	403	4.5%	3.8%	594.8%	6.0%
<b>Total not working at home</b>	<b>7,672</b>	<b>9,024</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>17.6%</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>



**Source:**

US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B08303

# Means of Transportation to Work

## What is it?

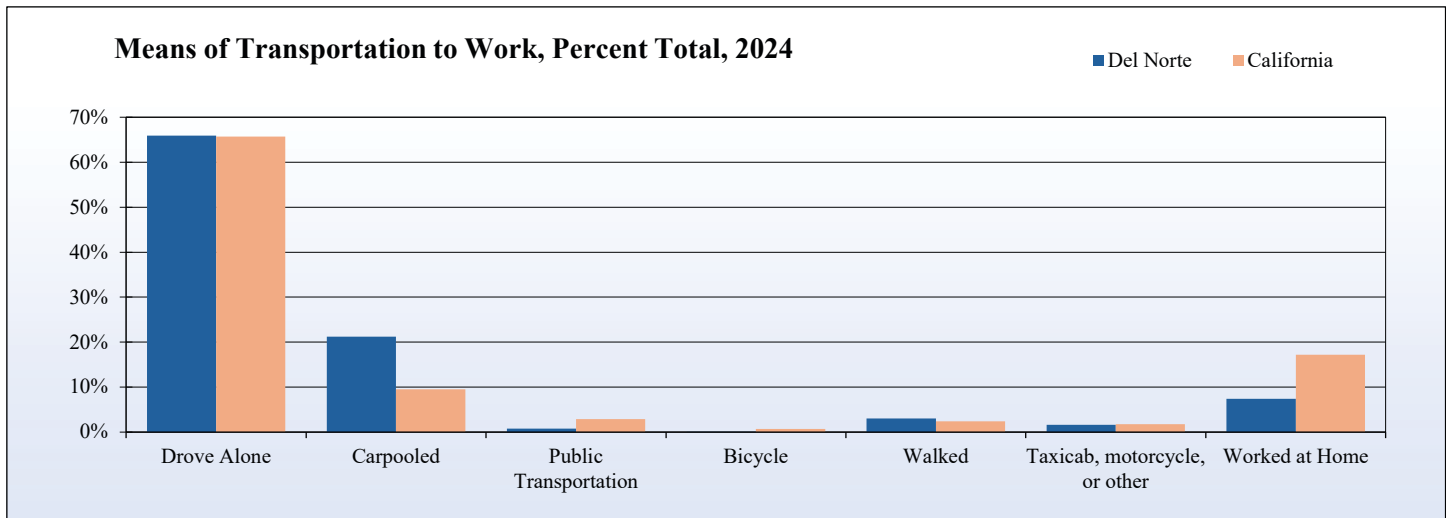
Means of transportation to work is the type of vehicle or mode of transportation most frequently used to get from home to work in an average workday. As with travel time, this indicator is measured through individual self-reports in the American Community Survey, and workers are asked to report the mode of travel most frequently used in the previous week. The data reported here are five-year estimates.

## How is it used?

The most frequently utilized means of transportation to work may indicate how accessible or feasible certain modes of transportation are for a county's labor force. This indicator is especially useful when assessed alongside travel times to work, and can be helpful for county and municipal planners in the development of public transportation resources, bike paths, and other transportation infrastructure. In the past 10 years, the proportion of workers carpooling, using public transportation, using a taxicab, and working at home increased substantially, while the proportion of workers bicycling decreased significantly.

**MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK, DEL NORTE COUNTY, 2024**

Means of Transportation	Del Norte County		Percent of Total in 2024		Change from 2015 to 2024	
	2015	2024	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
Drove Alone	6,102	6,421	65.9%	65.7%	5.2%	-2.5%
Carpooled	1,054	2,068	21.2%	9.5%	96.2%	-4.6%
Public Transportation	45	76	0.8%	2.9%	68.9%	-40.5%
Bicycle	98	7	0.1%	0.7%	-92.9%	-32.5%
Walked	288	296	3.0%	2.4%	2.8%	-5.3%
Taxicab, motorcycle, or other	88	156	1.6%	1.7%	77.3%	32.7%
Worked at Home	480	719	7.4%	17.2%	49.8%	250.4%



**Source:**

US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B08006

# Traffic Volume

## What is it?

Traffic volume data are provided to help county residents understand where traffic volumes are growing and for use in planning traffic improvements. The table figures include traffic Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) counts measured at both sides of the intersection: "Ahead" and "Back." ("Ahead" figures are measured on the State Route's North or East side of an intersection, while "Back" figures are measured on the State Route's South or West side of an intersection.) Traffic volumes on California State Highways are estimated annually by the California Department of Transportation.

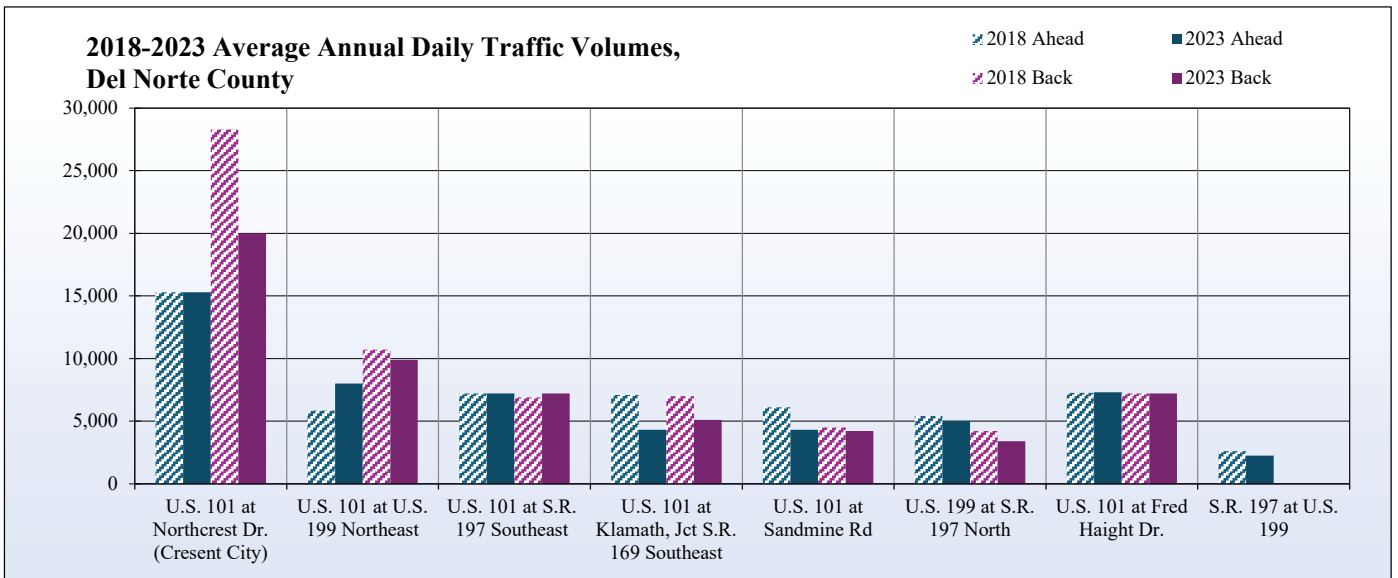
A notable outlier in this data is the significant five-year decrease in back traffic at U.S. 101 and Northcrest Drive. While the cause for this change is currently unknown, annual data show that this change was measured between 2018 and 2019, where the back traffic totals at the target intersection numbered 28,300 and 20,000 respectively.

## How is it used?

Changes in AADT estimates over multi-year periods may reflect changes in commuting patterns, population change, or tourism. If traffic volume grows at a faster pace than population growth, then growth in tourism is one likely cause for the increase in traffic.

**AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC (AADT) VOLUMES, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Highway	Intersection	Ahead AADT		Ahead Change from 2018 to 2023		Back AADT		Back Change from 2018 to 2023	
		2018	2023	Count	Percent	2018	2023	Count	Percent
U.S. 101	Northcrest Dr. (Crescent City)	15,300	15,300	0	0.0%	28,300	20,000	-8,300	-29.3%
U.S. 101	U.S. 199 Northeast	5,850	8,000	2,150	36.8%	10,700	9,900	-800	-7.5%
U.S. 101	S.R. 197 Southeast	7,200	7,200	0	0.0%	6,900	7,200	300	4.3%
U.S. 101	Klamath, Jct S.R. 169 Southeast	7,100	4,300	-2,800	-39.4%	7,000	5,100	-1,900	-27.1%
U.S. 101	Sandmine Rd	6,100	4,300	-1,800	-29.5%	4,500	4,200	-300	-6.7%
U.S. 199	S.R. 197 North	5,400	5,000	-400	-7.4%	4,200	3,400	-800	-19.0%
U.S. 101	Fred Haight Dr.	7,250	7,300	50	0.7%	7,200	7,200	0	0.0%
S.R. 197	U.S. 199	2,600	2,250	-350	-13.5%	0	0	0	N/A



**Source:**

California Department of Transportation, Traffic Census Program, Annual Average Daily Traffic

# Water Table Depth

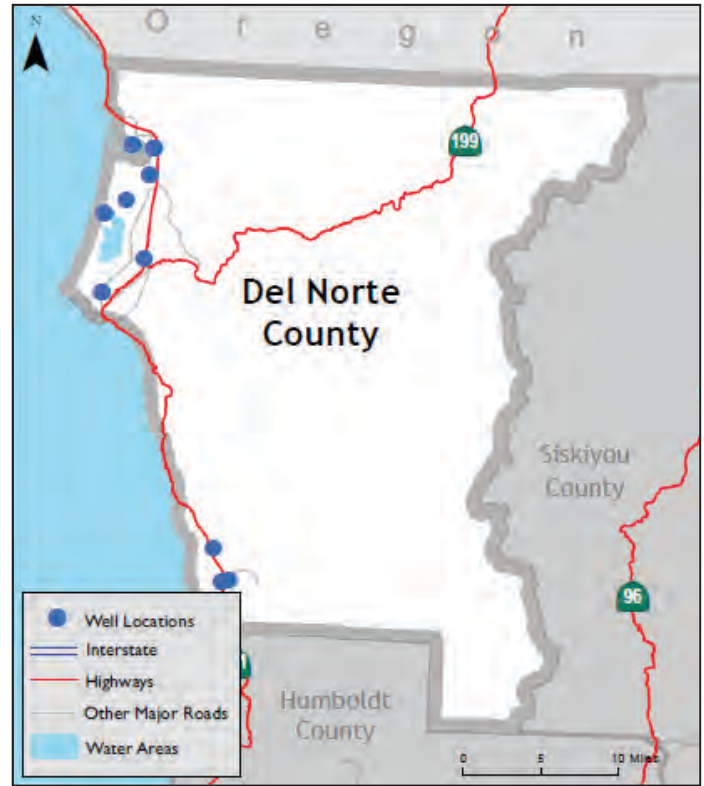
## What is it?

Groundwater depth statistics are reported by the California Department of Water Resources, and are based on tests of water depths at various well locations throughout the state. Two groundwater measurements are provided: WSE and RPE\_WSE. WSE is the average water surface elevation of wells measured in the given year, while RPE\_WSE is the average depth from the well's reference point elevation to its water surface elevation. All measurements are in feet.

In previous years, this indicator focused on RPE\_WSE as the primary indicator of water table depth. We are pleased to include WSE for additional context.

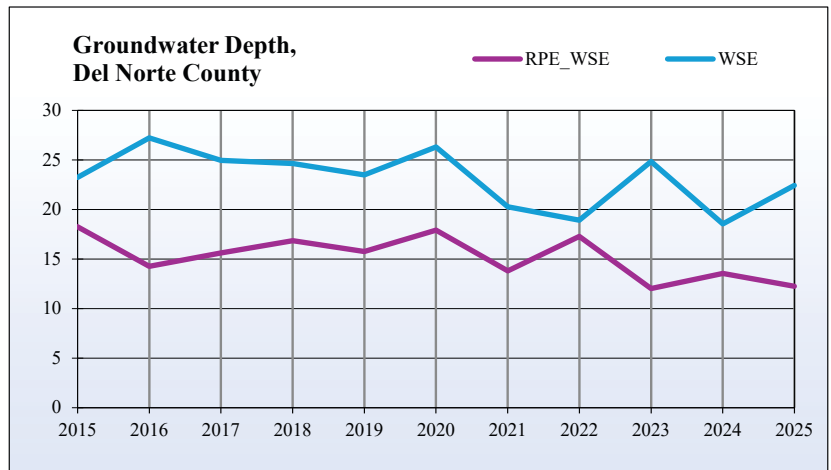
## How is it used?

Water is scarce in many parts of California, and this scarcity creates tremendous pressure to both distribute the state's water resources equitably and to find methods for storing and delivering water efficiently. In many areas of the state, water is only plentiful during certain times of the year. Typically, whenever water shortages occur, groundwater is used to supplement surface water storage and delivery. Therefore, water table depth is a measure of sustainable use of water resources. Declining groundwater depth indicates unsustainable water use. Water table depths in Del Norte County have remained relatively shallow and stable over the last 10 years.



## GROUNDWATER DEPTH, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	WSE	RPE_WSE
2015	23.2	18.3
2016	27.2	14.3
2017	25.0	15.6
2018	24.6	16.8
2019	23.5	15.8
2020	26.3	17.9
2021	20.3	13.8
2022	18.9	17.3
2023	24.8	12.0
2024	18.5	13.5
2025	22.4	12.2



## Source:

California Department of Water Resources, Groundwater Level Data

# Electricity Use

## What is it?

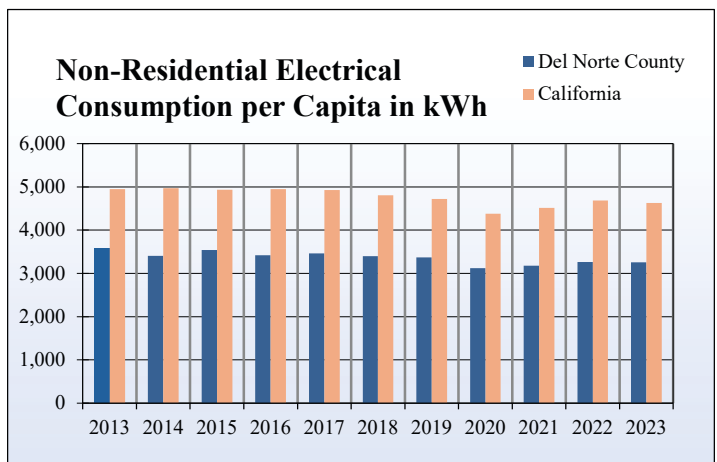
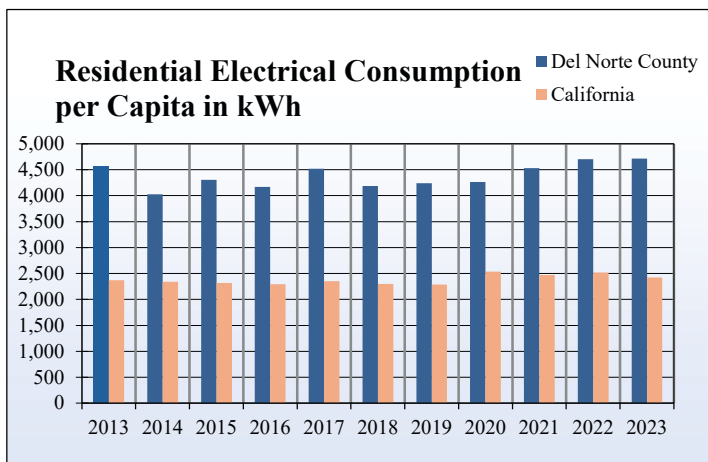
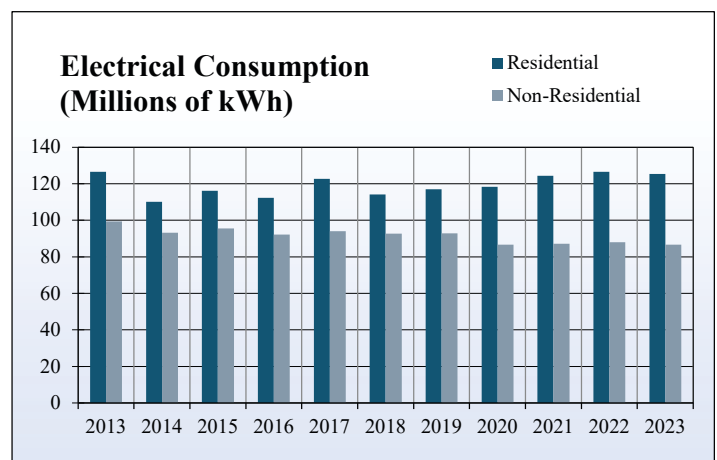
The California Energy Commission estimates annual electricity use based on the amount of electricity delivered to local providers and on data submitted by larger providers like PacifiCorp. Electricity consumption is calculated below on a per capita basis and includes both residential and commercial consumption.

## How is it used?

Per capita energy consumption includes both residential and commercial consumption and can serve as a measure of industrial sustainability. Some regions may have a disproportionate share of industries with high electricity usage, which will affect this indicator. New industries can be built around more efficient uses of energy, and increased efficiency contributes to both short- and long-term economic health by reducing energy costs and creating jobs. Because there are no natural gas lines in Del Norte County, electricity use is often the only viable means for heating and cooking.

## ELECTRICAL CONSUMPTION, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Consumption in Millions of kWh			Consumption per Capita in kWh		
	Residential	Non-Residential	Total	Residential	Non-Residential	Total
2013	126.5	99.4	225.9	4,559.1	3,579.9	8,139.0
2014	110.1	93.1	203.2	4,026.7	3,406.6	7,433.3
2015	116.1	95.6	211.7	4,304.8	3,543.8	7,848.6
2016	112.3	92.2	204.5	4,165.6	3,419.9	7,585.5
2017	122.7	94.0	216.7	4,517.3	3,461.0	7,978.3
2018	114.1	92.6	206.7	4,185.0	3,395.3	7,580.3
2019	117.0	92.9	209.8	4,242.4	3,369.0	7,611.4
2020	118.3	86.7	205.0	4,263.8	3,124.4	7,388.2
2021	124.3	87.2	211.5	4,527.8	3,175.0	7,702.8
2022	126.5	88.0	214.5	4,699.7	3,266.5	7,966.2
2023	125.4	86.7	212.1	4,714.5	3,259.3	7,973.8



### Sources:

California Energy Commission, Electricity Consumption by County  
 California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, Estimates E-4

# ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Economic indicators can provide valuable insight into how a county's standard of living compares to state averages as well as whether or not the economy of a county is expanding or contracting.

Between 2014 and 2024, the labor force in Del Norte County has been gradually declining, with the exception of a small increase in 2018 and modest increases again in 2023 and 2024. Employment in Del Norte County peaked in 2015 at about 9,000 workers but declined significantly in 2020, reaching a decade-low of about 8,000 workers. Employment in Del Norte County has since recovered somewhat since its low in 2020, although employment in 2024 was still lower than its decade-high in 2018. Del Norte County's unemployment rate followed the statewide trend closely: both the county and the state experienced declining unemployment rates between 2014 and 2019 before increasing sharply in 2020, peaking at 920 unemployed, or about 10.3 percent of the labor force. Unemployment returned to pre-Pandemic levels by 2022 but has slightly increased in 2023 and 2024. As of 2024 data, Del Norte County has 560 unemployed, or about 6.2 percent of the labor force.

The industries that employed the largest proportion of Del Norte County residents in 2024 were Public Administration (25.4 percent), Health Care and Social Assistance (19.8 percent), and Retail Trade (12.9 percent). In 2024, Tribal enterprises and businesses in Del Norte County contribute to the employment of roughly 702 workers, \$43 million in labor income, and \$152 million in economic output in Tribal businesses and associated industries. The majority of businesses in Del Norte County were small businesses with 4 or less employees, accounting for 60 percent of businesses in 2023.

Between 2015 and 2024, the inflation-adjusted per capita income in Del Norte County increased by 14.9 percent in the aggregate. In 2024, the three highest-paying industries (in terms of total wages) were Public Administration, Health Care and Social Assistance, and Educational Services. Between 2015 and 2024, median household income in the county increased by 50.8 percent in aggregate, but also remained significantly lower than statewide median income. The poverty rate in Del Norte County has seen an overall 10-year decrease from 23.3 percent in 2015 to 19.9 percent in 2024. However, the 2024 poverty rate is a significant increase from just 13.8 percent the previous year, reflecting a 43 percent increase of those in poverty between the two years.

Fair market rent was much lower in Del Norte County between 2017 and 2026 than it was for the rest of California. The fair market rent for a four-bedroom unit in 2024 is estimated to be \$2,277 per month in Del Norte County, while a two-bedroom unit is estimated to cost \$1,370 per month. The median home price has increased since 2016, but has remained somewhat stable since 2021 and was measured at about \$375,600 in 2025; this falls far below the statewide median home price, which has risen consistently and was measured at about \$876,500 in 2025.

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# Labor Force

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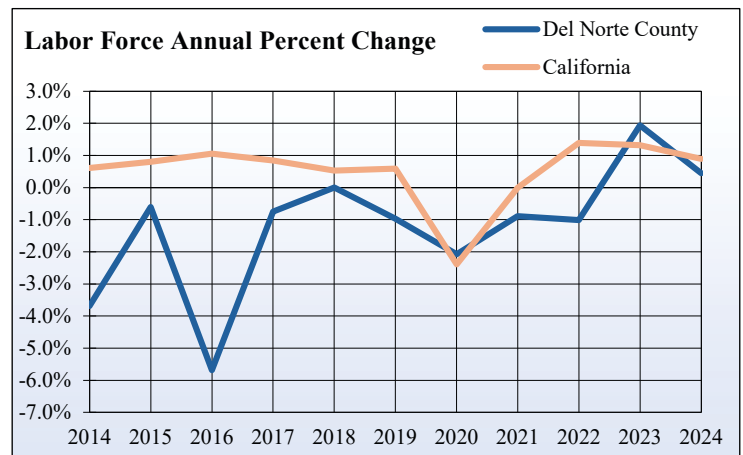
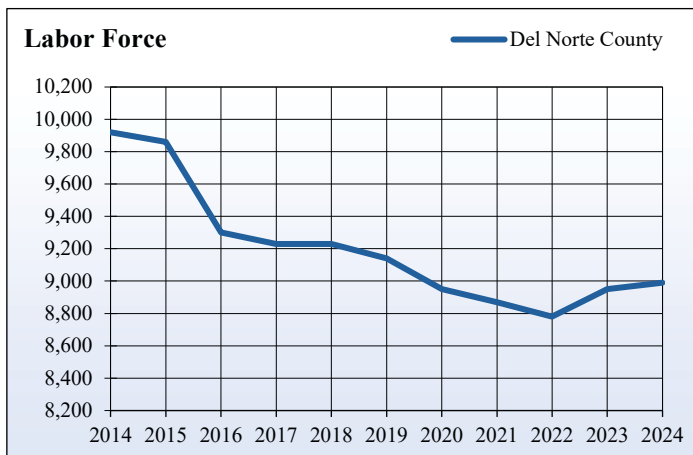
The labor force is the number of people living in the county who are considered willing and able to work. This is operationally defined by the California Employment Development Department as all individuals over the age of 16 who are either currently working or currently receiving unemployment benefits (which requires one to be actively seeking work). Therefore, changes in both employment and unemployment levels affect labor force size. Individuals who are unemployed and are no longer actively seeking work are considered discouraged workers and are not included in labor force estimates. The data are provided as annual averages of monthly estimates from the California Employment Development Department.

## How is it used?

Labor force size is a useful indicator of the overall employment potential for a county. However, because labor force is an aggregate measure of both employment and unemployment, it is often necessary to interpret increases or declines in labor force size alongside these constitutive measures. Because discouraged workers are not included in labor force counts, these data can also be compared to the distribution of a county population by age in order to identify the number of people of working age (16-65) who are not in a county's workforce.

**TOTAL LABOR FORCE, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Labor Force		Percent Change	
	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2014	9,920	18,697,600	-3.7%	0.6%
2015	9,860	18,846,600	-0.6%	0.8%
2016	9,300	19,045,000	-5.7%	1.1%
2017	9,230	19,205,100	-0.8%	0.8%
2018	9,230	19,306,500	0.0%	0.5%
2019	9,140	19,420,100	-1.0%	0.6%
2020	8,950	18,956,600	-2.1%	-2.4%
2021	8,870	18,954,600	-0.9%	0.0%
2022	8,780	19,218,300	-1.0%	1.4%
2023	8,950	19,471,000	1.9%	1.3%
2024	8,990	19,644,100	0.4%	0.9%



**Source:**  
California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information

# Employment

## What is it?

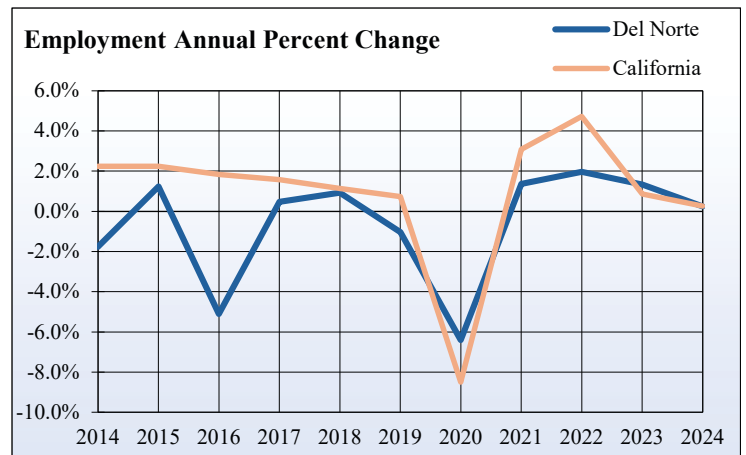
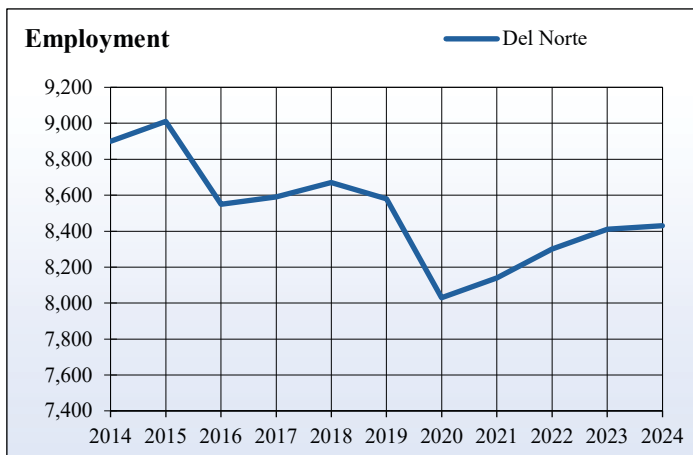
Employment data are reported by the California Employment Development Department and represent a count of all individuals who either worked at least one hour for a wage or salary, were self-employed, or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business or on a family farm during the reference week of the previous month in the survey questionnaire. The reference week is usually the week containing the 12th day of the previous month. Annual employment data are the averages of these monthly survey totals. Individuals who were on vacation, on other kinds of leave, or involved in a labor dispute are also counted as employed.

## How is it used?

Employment is a primary indicator of the economic situation for workers in a county. Increasing employment means more potential jobs for workers and workers will generally have an easier time finding work in counties with higher employment totals. This is a primary indicator of the health of the economy as the unemployment rate is affected by labor force shifts.

**TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Employment		Percent Change	
	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2014	8,900	17,282,900	-1.8%	2.2%
2015	9,010	17,670,900	1.2%	2.2%
2016	8,550	17,996,100	-5.1%	1.8%
2017	8,590	18,278,300	0.5%	1.6%
2018	8,670	18,485,300	0.9%	1.1%
2019	8,580	18,621,900	-1.0%	0.7%
2020	8,030	17,039,800	-6.4%	-8.5%
2021	8,140	17,564,900	1.4%	3.1%
2022	8,300	18,393,900	2.0%	4.7%
2023	8,410	18,551,800	1.3%	0.9%
2024	8,430	18,600,900	0.2%	0.3%



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# Unemployment

## What is it?

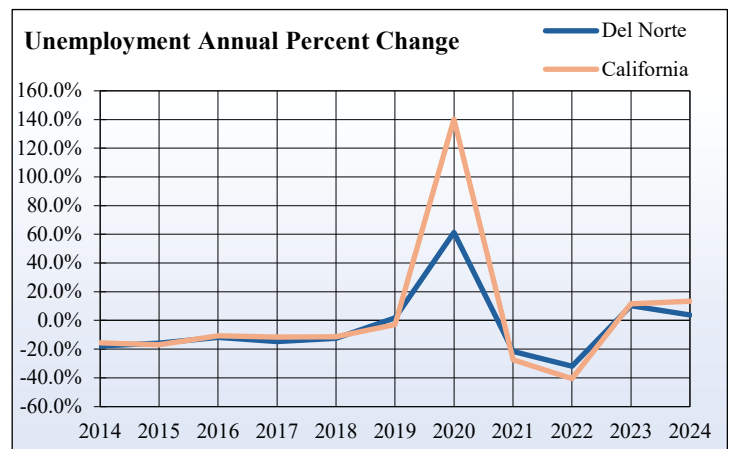
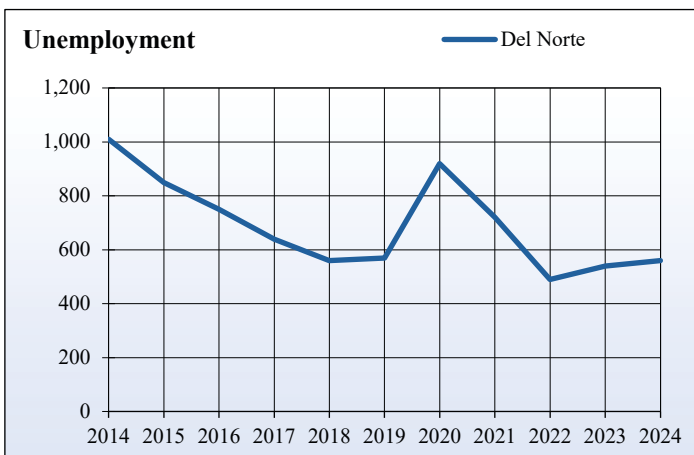
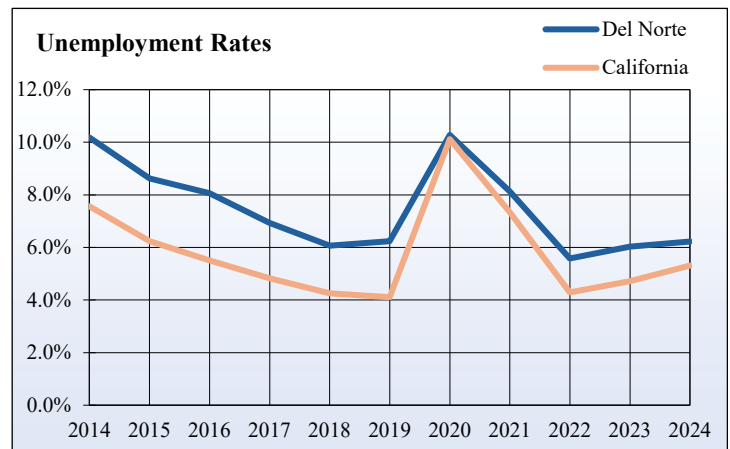
Unemployment data are counts of the estimated number of people who are actively seeking work, are not working at least one hour per week for pay, and who are not self-employed. The data are reported by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from data collected by the U.S. Current Population Survey (CPS). It is important to note that unemployment data do not include individuals who are not actively seeking work and thus no longer qualify for unemployment benefits, and thus represent an inexact estimation of the total unemployed population.

## How is it used?

Although unemployment levels are often used as a primary measure of economic health, it is perhaps more accurate to view them as an indicator of recent economic disruptions than a holistic indicator of growth or decline, due to its direct connection to unemployment benefits provision. Sustained high unemployment rates typically indicate the presence of structural economic and/or social issues within the community, although what is considered “high” may vary from one community to the next.

### TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Unemployment		Unemployment Rate		Percent Change	
	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2014	1,010	1,414,700	10.2%	7.6%	-17.9%	-15.7%
2015	850	1,175,800	8.6%	6.2%	-15.8%	-16.9%
2016	750	1,049,000	8.1%	5.5%	-11.8%	-10.8%
2017	640	926,900	6.9%	4.8%	-14.7%	-11.6%
2018	560	821,300	6.1%	4.3%	-12.5%	-11.4%
2019	570	798,200	6.2%	4.1%	1.8%	-2.8%
2020	920	1,916,800	10.3%	10.1%	61.4%	140.1%
2021	720	1,389,700	8.1%	7.3%	-21.7%	-27.5%
2022	490	824,400	5.6%	4.3%	-31.9%	-40.7%
2023	540	919,200	6.0%	4.7%	10.2%	11.5%
2024	560	1,043,100	6.2%	5.3%	3.7%	13.5%



**Source:**

California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information

# Seasonal Employment

## What is it?

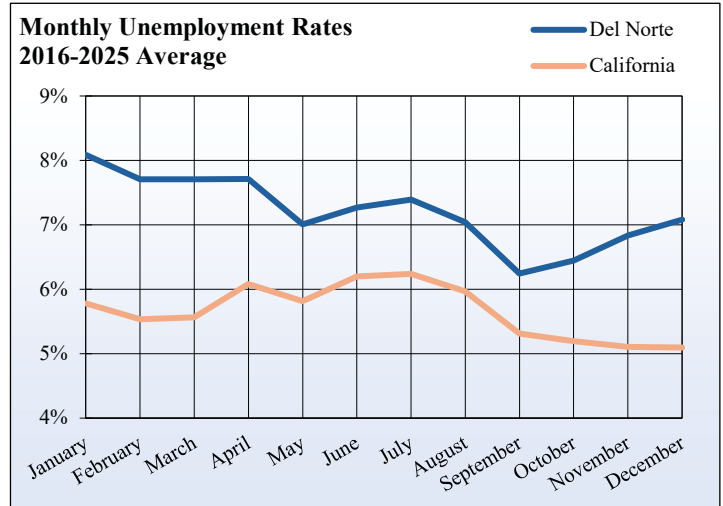
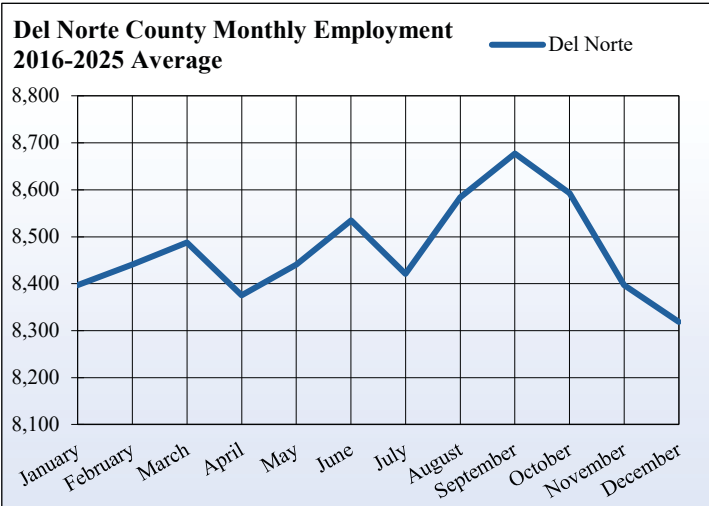
The California Employment Development Department estimates labor market data (labor force, employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate) for each month. The department uses the week including the twelfth day of each month to calculate a person's employment status. Mid-month time periods are less sensitive to changes in the overall business climate and are more representative of average conditions. For specific definitions of each measure, please see the previous three indicators in this section. The values shown below are the 10-year averages of Del Norte County's labor force metrics, categorized by individual months to show long-term trends.

## How is it used?

Average monthly labor statistics are used to evaluate seasonal trends in employment. Areas dependent on agriculture, forestry, or seasonal recreation tend to experience fluctuations in employment over the course of the year that cannot be observed in the annual average. The employment difference in the low and high months can be used to evaluate the degree to which an economy is dependent upon seasonal employment. Many seasonal employees locate temporarily and leave during the off-season, but some remain year-round and are unemployed during this period.

**AVERAGE MONTHLY LABOR STATISTICS, DEL NORTE COUNTY, 2016-2025**

Month	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
January	9,137	8,397	739	8.1%
February	9,147	8,441	705	7.7%
March	9,197	8,488	709	7.7%
April	9,074	8,375	700	7.7%
May	9,075	8,441	636	7.0%
June	9,204	8,535	669	7.3%
July	9,094	8,421	672	7.4%
August	9,233	8,584	650	7.0%
September	9,257	8,677	578	6.2%
October	9,182	8,593	592	6.4%
November	9,013	8,397	616	6.8%
December	8,951	8,319	634	7.1%



**Source:**

California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information

# Employment by Industry

## What is it?

This indicator uses employment data collected by the California EDD's Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). The employment figures shown in this table represent the total workers reported by all employers covered by California Unemployment Insurance (UI) laws, divided by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) industry. Excluded are members of the armed forces, the self-employed, proprietors, domestic workers, and unpaid family workers. Railroad workers covered by the Railroad Unemployment Insurance system are also excluded.

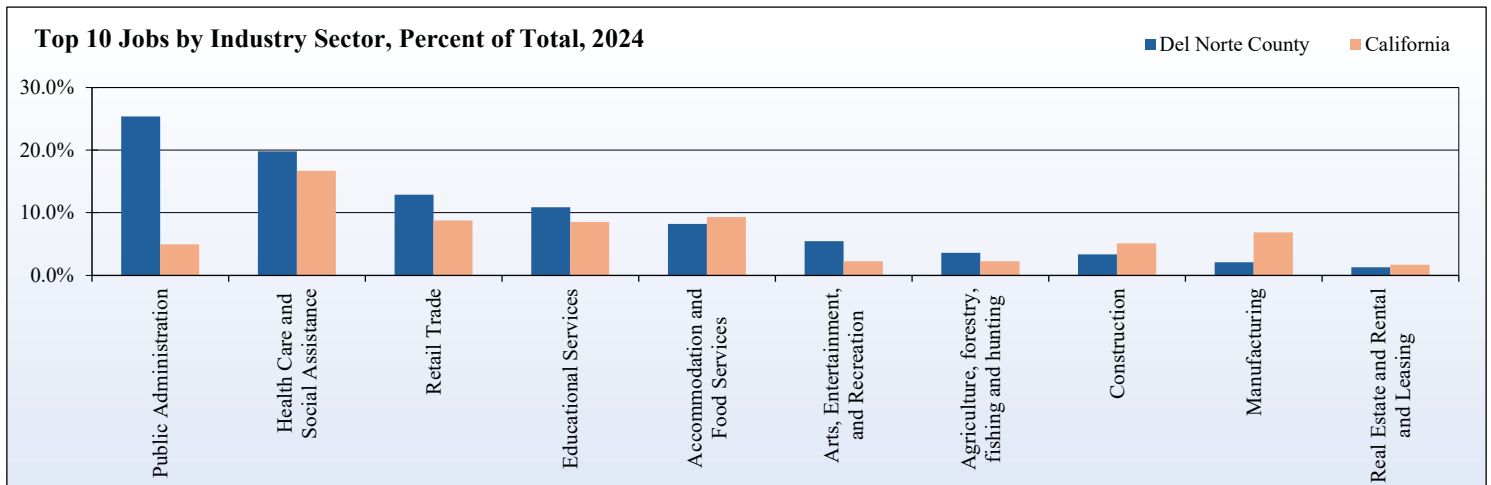
It is important to note that QCEW disaggregates its data by "ownership" type: governmental (state, federal, or local) and private. Data for each industry may include multiple types of ownership in their totals.

## How is it used?

Employment by industry is a useful measure of the economic diversity and potential resilience of the local economy, and is thus of great utility to local chambers of commerce and economic development organizations. A county with a large proportion of its jobs concentrated in a few industry sectors may be more susceptible to a recession or economic downturn than one with a more diversified economy.

## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, DEL NORTE COUNTY, 2024

Industry	Employment		Percent of Total
	Del Norte County	Del Norte	California
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	301	3.6%	2.3%
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	0	0.0%	0.1%
Utilities	13	0.2%	0.7%
Construction	279	3.4%	5.1%
Manufacturing	173	2.1%	6.9%
Wholesale Trade	8	0.1%	3.6%
Retail Trade	1,071	12.9%	8.8%
Transportation and Warehousing	94	1.1%	4.8%
Information	73	0.9%	3.0%
Finance and Insurance	66	0.8%	2.8%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	108	1.3%	1.7%
Professional, scientific, and technical services	*	*	7.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*	*	1.6%
Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	101	1.2%	6.0%
Educational Services	905	10.9%	8.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,648	19.8%	16.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	454	5.5%	2.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	683	8.2%	9.3%
Other services (except public administration)	90	1.1%	3.2%
Public Administration	2,111	25.4%	5.0%
Sum of Withheld Values	141	1.7%	0.0%
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>8,319</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



### Source:

California Employment Development Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

# Economic Contributions of Tribal Businesses

The Tolowa Dee-Ni’ Nation, the Yurok Tribe, the Elk Valley Rancheria, and the Pulikla Tribe of the Yurok People play an important role in the economy of Del Norte County. As important economic and political stakeholders, any review of the regional economy would be incomplete without estimating the contributions of these nations and the businesses they operate in the local economy. Indigenous nations in Del Norte County not only operate important business enterprises such as medical centers, casinos, construction companies, and hotels that bring economic benefit to the county, but also governance structures and civic programs that support the cultural and social goals of their communities.

To complete this analysis, NSPDC staff used company listings in the Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) Hoover’s database to estimate the number of workers directly employed by Tribal businesses in Del Norte County and identify the industries in which they are employed. As of March 2026, we found that Tribal nations directly employ approximately 531 workers across 26 industries in Del Norte County. To determine the total contribution of Tribal businesses, these employment levels were entered into the appropriate industry sectors in IMPLAN, a proprietary impact analysis tool for economic planning. The IMPLAN input-output (I-O) model returned results using the most recent dataset (2024). The model assesses the economic contributions of individual firms by estimating their effects on employment and economic output within their own industry sector and related industry sectors. Indirect impacts are the result of purchases made by one industry within another. Induced effects are the result of employees spending income that is earned through the business activity generated by the direct impacts.

The IMPLAN model results below include estimated direct, indirect, and induced impacts on employment, labor income, and output in the regional economy. This analysis does not include any additional grant funding or other state or federal government transfer payments to Tribal members that do not result directly in employment. As the tables below illustrate, Tribal enterprises and businesses in Del Norte County contribute to the employment of roughly 702 workers, \$43.3 million in worker income, and \$152 million in economic output in Tribal businesses and associated industries. The industries that benefit most from these contributions fall under Other Local Government Enterprises; and Hotels and Motels, including Casino Hotels. Tribal businesses support 304 jobs and generate \$95 million in output in Other Local Government Enterprises, and 132 jobs and \$19 million in output in Hotels and Motels, including Casino Hotels.

## ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF TRIBAL BUSINESSES

Impact Type	Employment	Labor Income	Output
Direct	531.00	\$34,490,274	\$120,402,447
Indirect	102.90	\$4,913,462	\$17,885,065
Induced	68.42	\$3,878,473	\$13,846,783
<b>Total Effect</b>	<b>702.32</b>	<b>\$43,282,208</b>	<b>\$152,134,296</b>

*Note: When running the I-O model, Tribal businesses that fell into industries not recognized by IMPLAN were categorized by staff into an appropriate sector.*

## TOP 10 INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTIONS OF TRIBAL BUSINESSES BY EMPLOYMENT

Sector	Employment	Labor Income	Output
Other local government enterprises	304	\$22,251,062	\$95,365,463
Hotels and motels, including casino hotels	132	\$5,968,591	\$18,763,476
Offices of physicians	41	\$3,402,785	\$6,826,631
Construction of other new nonresidential structures	39	\$3,143,056	\$7,482,741
Business support services	32	\$954,343	\$2,643,540
Community food, housing, and other relief services, including rehabilitation services	26	\$975,747	\$2,777,948
Grantmaking, giving, and social advocacy organizations	20	\$1,036,419	\$3,636,758
Bowling centers	19	\$705,067	\$1,547,689
Child day care services	18	\$784,069	\$2,022,714
Management consulting services	16	\$732,607	\$1,792,812

Sources:  
D&B Hoovers  
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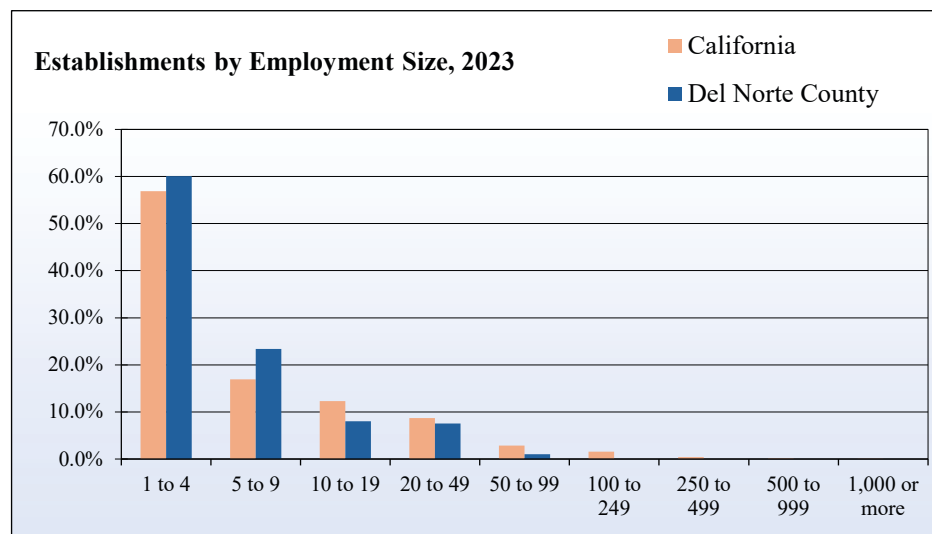
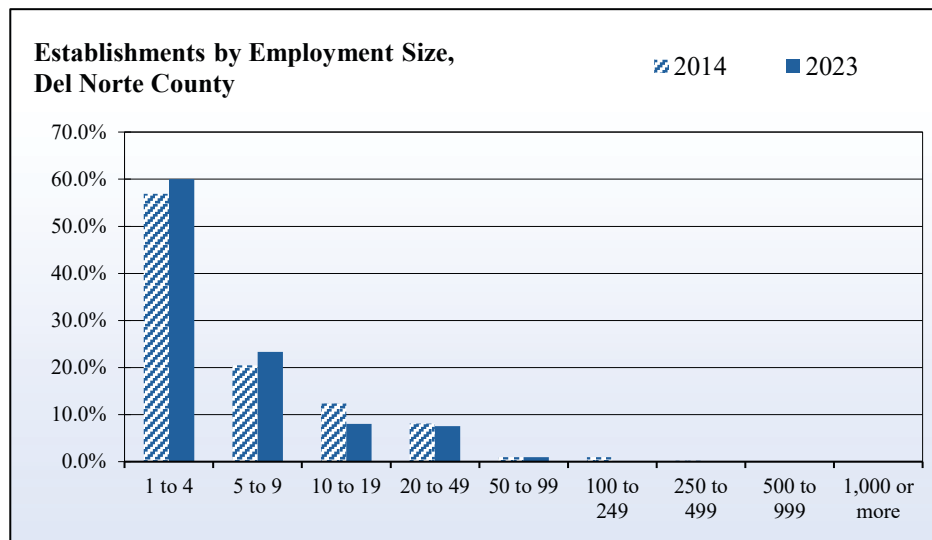
# Businesses by Employment Size and Industry

## What is it?

Each year, the U.S. Census Bureau releases a County Business Patterns (CBP) report, which tabulates the number of employers with employees that are covered by unemployment insurance. Establishments without payroll are not included. The data are sorted by employment size and by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) industry. The data shown here provide the most recent available data, with comparison data showing how these numbers have changed over the course of 10 years. (10-year change is shown as the change across 10 years of data: the most recent year of data and the preceding 9 years.)

## How is it used?

The stability of a local economy is dependent upon a diverse mix of businesses, both in terms of size and industry sector. A diverse employer mix allows an economy to weather economic downturns more easily than one that is dependent on a few types of businesses.



**Source:**

US Census Bureau, County Business Patterns

**NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE AND INDUSTRY, DEL NORTE COUNTY, 2023**

Industry	Number of Employees								
	1-4	5-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	100-249	250-499	500-999	1,000+
Accommodation and food services	26	15	13	11	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	34	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Educational services	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finance and insurance	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health care and social assistance	26	16	7	12	4	0	0	0	0
Industries not classified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Information	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Management of companies and enterprises	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other services (except public administration)	22	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional, scientific, and technical services	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real estate and rental and leasing	24	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retail trade	21	20	9	7	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wholesale trade	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total for all sectors</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE AND INDUSTRY, DEL NORTE COUNTY, 2014**

Industry	Number of Employees								
	1-4	5-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	100-249	250-499	500-999	1,000+
Accommodation and food services	27	12	13	10	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	18	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Construction	35	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Educational services	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finance and insurance	16	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health care and social assistance	24	16	11	11	3	0	1	0	0
Industries not classified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Information	5	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Management of companies and enterprises	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other services (except public administration)	24	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional, scientific, and technical services	21	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Real estate and rental and leasing	24	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retail trade	24	16	10	7	1	2	0	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wholesale trade	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total for all sectors</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# Total Personal Income

## What is it?

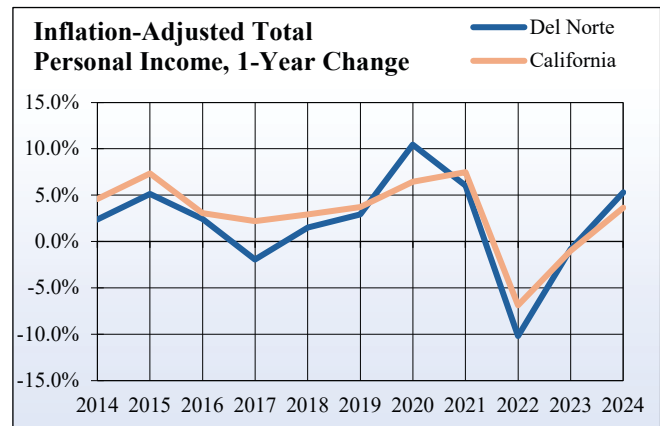
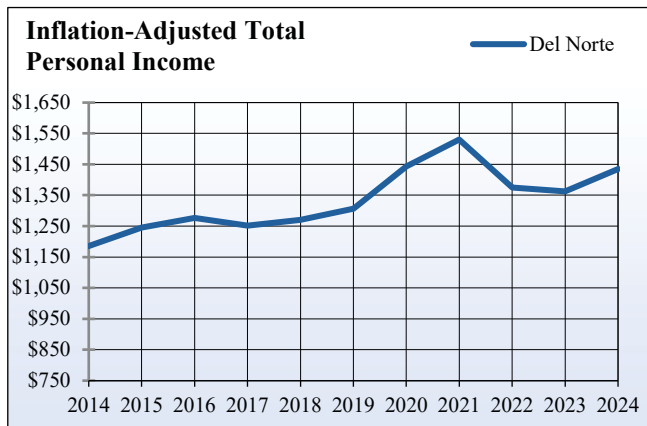
Total personal income data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. The indicator represents the sum of all income collected by individuals over the course of each year, including but not limited to earned income, government payments, and returns on investment. The data do not include personal contributions for social insurance (such as payments to Social Security or Medicare). The indicator is tabulated using individual and corporate tax returns from the Internal Revenue Service.

## How is it used?

Total personal income is the basis for several other income indicators in this section. Growing personal income generally indicates a growing economy, as long as the growth is greater than the annual average inflation rate. Increases or decreases in total personal income are most frequently due to changes in worker's earnings, population changes, or both.

**TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Nominal Personal Income in Millions of Dollars	Percent Change	Inflation Adjusted Personal Income in Millions of Dollars (2026)	Percent Change	
				Del Norte	California
2014	\$852.254	4.0%	\$1,185.029	2.4%	4.6%
2015	\$895.103	5.0%	\$1,245.722	5.1%	7.3%
2016	\$929.522	3.8%	\$1,276.101	2.4%	3.1%
2017	\$934.261	0.5%	\$1,251.323	-1.9%	2.2%
2018	\$967.786	3.6%	\$1,269.932	1.5%	2.9%
2019	\$1,011.444	4.5%	\$1,306.946	2.9%	3.7%
2020	\$1,145.030	13.2%	\$1,443.663	10.5%	6.4%
2021	\$1,230.972	7.5%	\$1,530.595	6.0%	7.5%
2022	\$1,188.045	-3.5%	\$1,374.414	-10.2%	-6.9%
2023	\$1,253.432	5.5%	\$1,362.707	-0.9%	-1.0%
2024	\$1,354.335	8.1%	\$1,434.993	5.3%	3.6%



**Source:**

Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC5N

# Components of Personal Income

## What is it?

This indicator provides a disaggregated view of personal income, focusing on noteworthy components of personal income, such as Personal Current Transfer Receipts and Net Earnings by Place of Residence. These data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

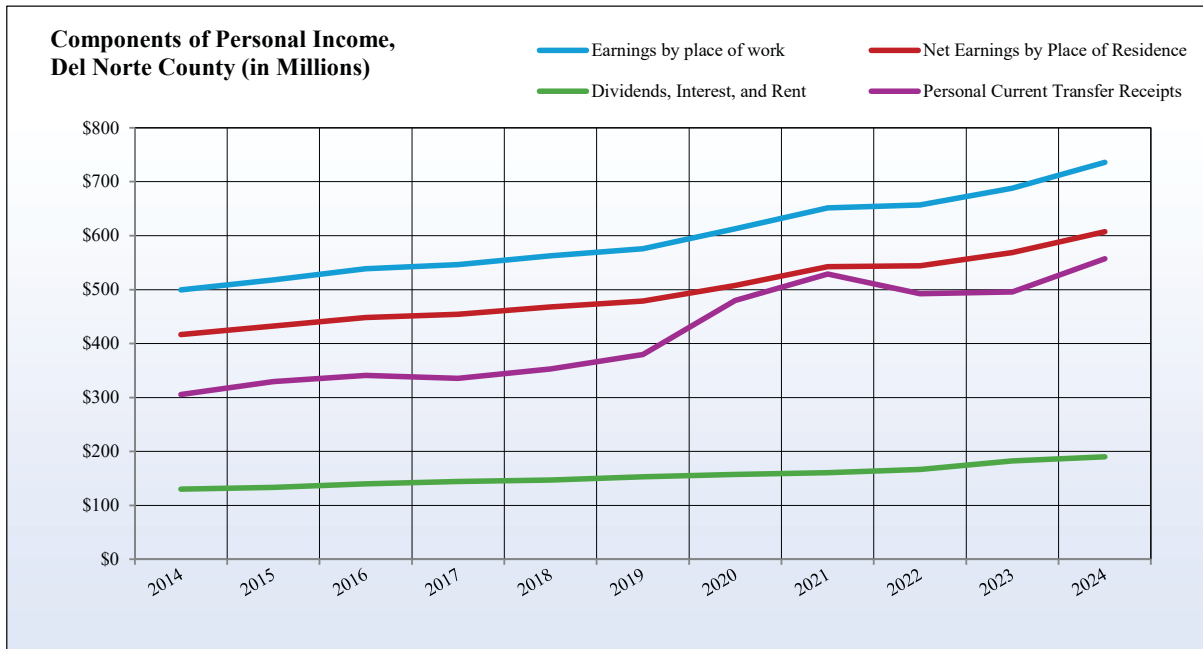
In September 2024, the Bureau of Economic Analysis discontinued numerous data tables due to budget constraints, including one table (CAINC35 Personal Current Transfer Receipts) that provided data on additional components of personal income for this indicator. The data shown in this indicator has been modified to reflect this change. Table CAINC4 (Personal Income by Major Component) is the main source for this indicator and remains unaffected by BEA budgetary changes.

## How is it used?

Understanding how income is earned in a county can provide important insights into the structure of a county's economy. If the largest proportion of income is from work earnings, then industry performance is likely to be driving economic growth. The impact of other metrics, such as dividends, interest, rent, and net earnings, can also help provide greater context for understanding trends in the local economy.

**COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME, DEL NORTE COUNTY, 2024**

Component	Percent of Total		Change from 2015-2024	
	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
<b>Earnings by place of work</b>	<b>54.3%</b>	<b>70.4%</b>	<b>42.0%</b>	<b>56.4%</b>
Less: Contributions for government social insurance	5.9%	7.6%	68.1%	64.9%
Plus: Adjustment for residence	-3.6%	-0.1%	27.3%	69.8%
<b>Equals: Net earnings by place of residence</b>	<b>44.8%</b>	<b>62.8%</b>	<b>40.5%</b>	<b>55.5%</b>
Plus: Dividends, interest, and rent	14.0%	20.5%	42.5%	74.9%
Plus: Personal current transfer receipts	41.1%	16.8%	69.1%	74.7%
<b>Total Personal Income</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>51.3%</b>	<b>62.1%</b>

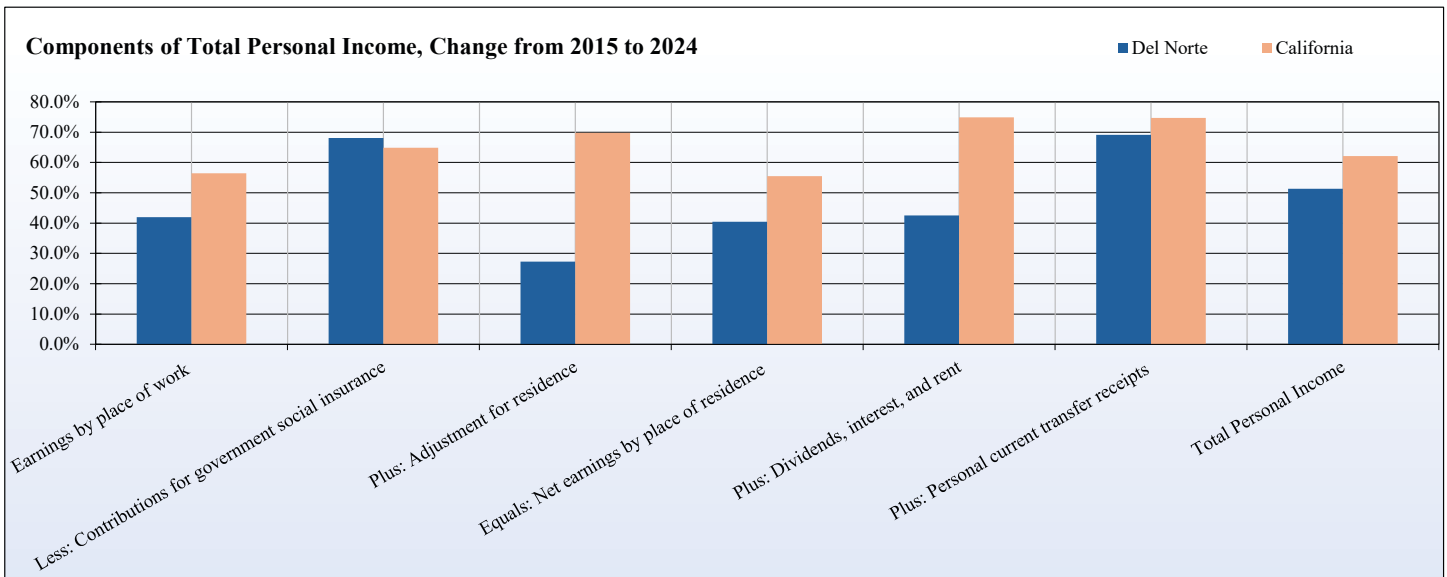
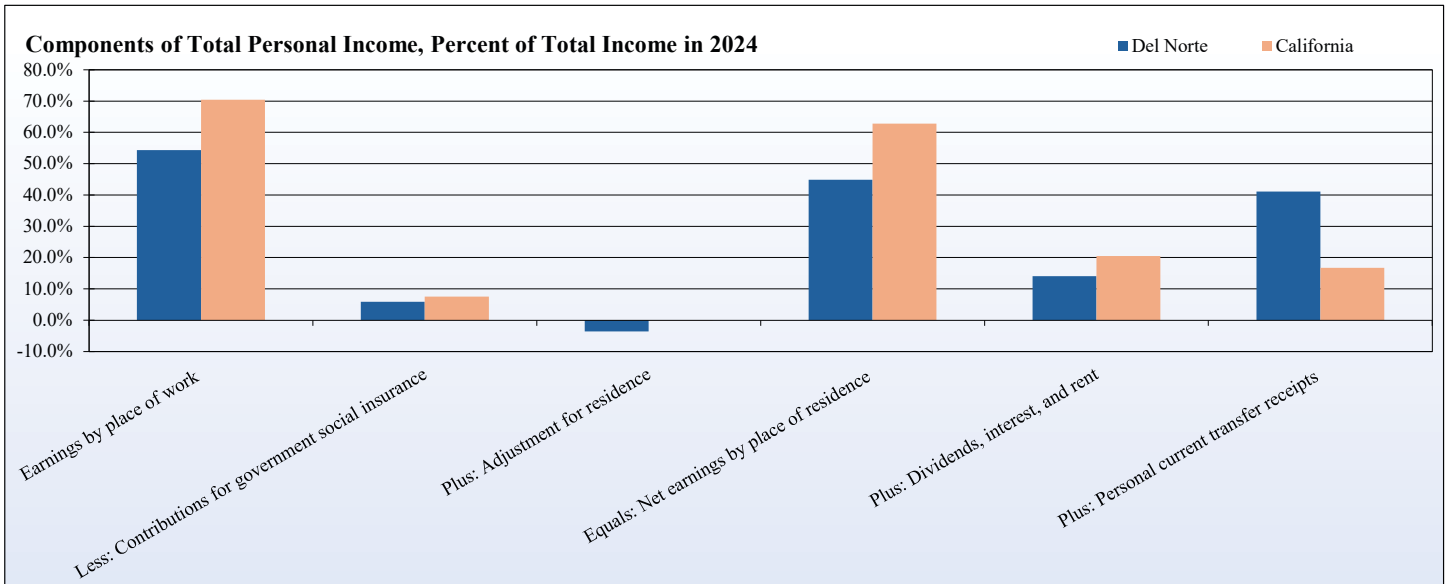


**Source:**

Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC4

**COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME (IN MILLIONS), DEL NORTE COUNTY**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Earnings by place of work</b>	\$499.340	\$518.256	\$538.722	\$546.284	\$562.952	\$575.867	\$612.866	\$651.764	\$656.757	\$687.889	\$735.954
Less: Contributions for government social insurance	\$45.896	\$47.444	\$50.623	\$52.859	\$55.856	\$58.250	\$61.715	\$65.369	\$69.302	\$72.529	\$79.736
Plus: Adjustment for residence	(\$36.517)	(\$38.390)	(\$39.575)	(\$38.857)	(\$39.207)	(\$38.717)	(\$43.458)	(\$44.086)	(\$43.399)	(\$46.791)	(\$48.866)
<b>Equals: Net earnings by place of residence</b>	\$416.927	\$432.422	\$448.524	\$454.568	\$467.889	\$478.900	\$507.693	\$542.309	\$544.056	\$568.569	\$607.352
Plus: Dividends, interest, and rent	\$129.965	\$133.305	\$139.931	\$144.261	\$147.053	\$152.795	\$157.289	\$160.682	\$166.488	\$182.506	\$189.968
Plus: Personal current transfer receipts	\$305.362	\$329.376	\$341.067	\$335.432	\$352.844	\$379.749	\$480.094	\$529.065	\$492.380	\$495.621	\$557.015
<b>Total Personal Income</b>	\$852.3	\$895.1	\$929.5	\$934.3	\$967.8	\$1,011.4	\$1,145.1	\$1,232.1	\$1,202.9	\$1,246.7	\$1,354.3



**Definitions:**

Contributions for government social insurance: Employer contributions for government social insurance as well as payments by employees, the self-employed, and other individuals who participate in government social insurance programs.

Personal current transfer receipts: Consists of income payments to persons for which no current services are performed and net insurance settlements. It is the sum of government social benefits and net current transfer receipts from business.

Current transfer receipts: Government net transfer receipts from businesses and from persons. These receipts largely consist of deposit insurance premiums, net insurance settlements, donations, fines, fees, certain penalty taxes, and excise taxes paid by nonprofit institutions serving households.

# Per Capita Income

## What is it?

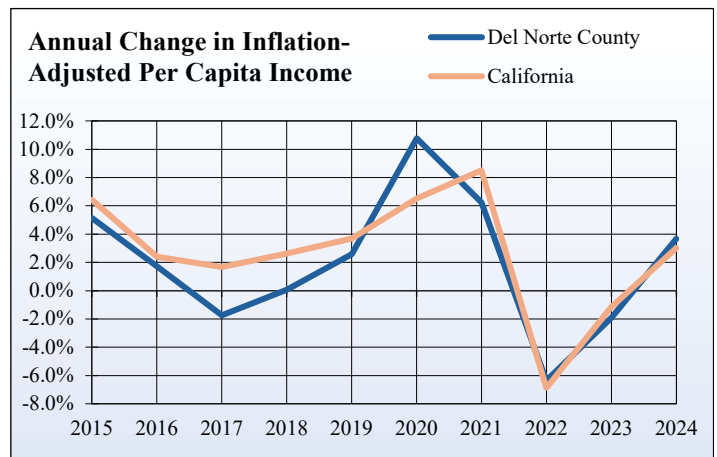
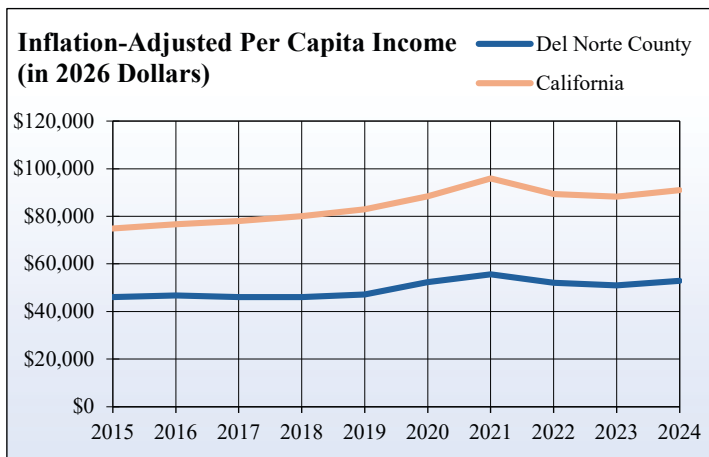
Nominal per capita income (PCI) is calculated by the Bureau of Economic Analysis by dividing its estimate of total personal income by the county's estimated total population. The inflation-adjusted numbers below have been calculated using the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Consumer Price Index (CPI) Inflation Calculator and are presented in the current year's dollars. For consistency, these calculations use January as the target month in all inflation adjustments.

## How is it used?

Per capita income is one of the most commonly used indicators of the general economic well-being of a county. Changes in this variable may indicate changes in a county's standard of living or the availability of resources to individuals and families. Per capita income also tends to follow long-term business cycles, rising during expansions and falling during recessions. Income influences individual buying power and therefore affects consumer choices and local retail sales. Del Norte County's inflation-adjusted PCI is consistently reported below that of California.

**PER CAPITA INCOME (PCI), DEL NORTE COUNTY, 2015 TO 2024**

Year	County Nominal PCI	County Nominal PCI Percent Change	Inflation-Adjusted PCI (2026 Dollars)		Inflation-Adjusted PCI Percent Change	
			Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	\$ 33,056	5.1 %	\$46,004	\$74,896	5.1 %	6.4%
2016	\$ 34,083	3.1%	\$46,791	\$76,691	1.7%	2.4%
2017	\$ 34,326	0.7 %	\$45,975	\$77,970	- 1.7 %	1.7%
2018	\$ 35,060	2.1%	\$46,006	\$80,023	0.1%	2.6%
2019	\$ 36,526	4.2 %	\$47,197	\$82,981	2.6 %	3.7%
2020	\$ 41,464	13.5%	\$52,278	\$88,383	10.8%	6.5%
2021	\$ 44,670	7.7 %	\$55,543	\$95,909	6.2 %	8.5%
2022	\$ 44,956	0.6%	\$52,008	\$89,306	-6.4%	-6.9%
2023	\$ 46,919	4.4 %	\$51,009	\$88,275	- 1.9 %	-1.2%
2024	\$ 50,144	6.9%	\$52,881	\$90,939	3.7%	3.0%



**Source:**

Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC1  
 Bureau of Labor Statistics, CPI Inflation Calculator

# Total Wages by Industry

## What is it?

This indicator uses wage data collected by the California EDD's Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). The wages shown in this table are total wages reported by all employers covered by California Unemployment Insurance (UI) laws, divided by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) industry. Wages include bonuses, stock options, the cash value of meals and lodging, tips, and other gratuities. Employer contributions like certain deferred compensation plans such as 401(k) plans may also be included as wages paid.

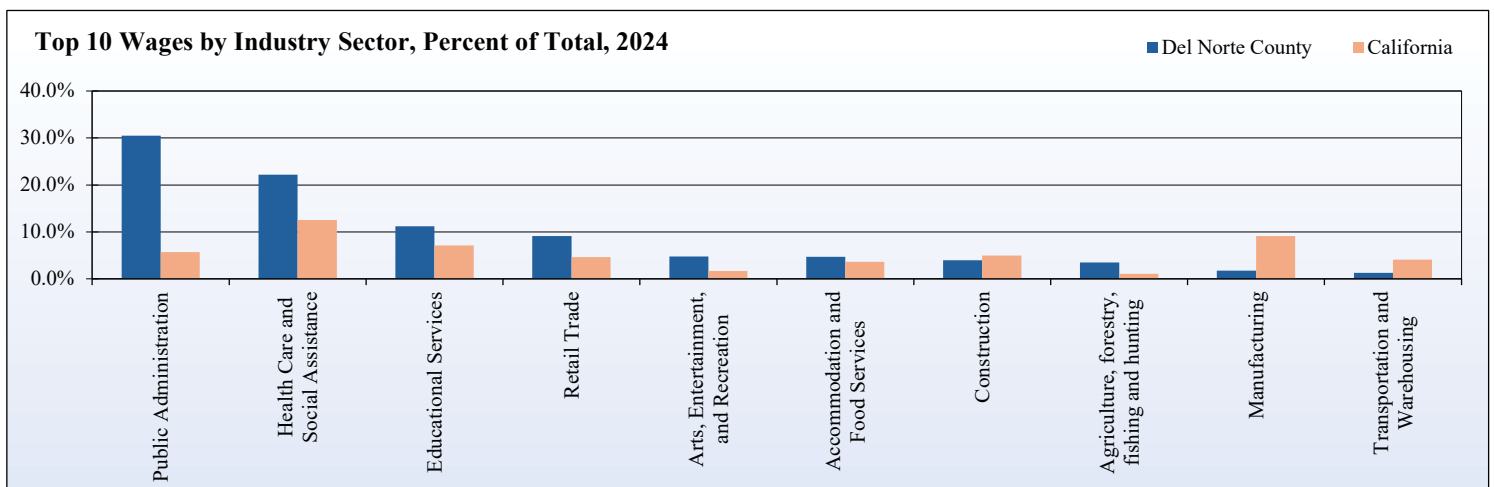
It is important to note that QCEW disaggregates its data by "ownership" type: governmental (state, federal, or local) and private. Data for each industry may include multiple types of ownership in their totals.

## How is it used?

Total wages by industry are important indicators of the overall economic contributions of particular industries to a local economy. Similar to the previous Jobs by Industry indicator, these data can also provide important insights into the relative diversification of a county's economy, and thus how resilient an economy is to economic downturns or recessions.

## TOTAL WAGES (ALL WORKERS) BY INDUSTRY, DEL NORTE COUNTY, 2024

Industry	Total Wages		Percent of Total	
	Del Norte County	Del Norte	Del Norte	California
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	\$15,615,044	3.5%	3.5%	1.1%
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	\$-	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Utilities	\$335,484	0.1%	0.1%	1.1%
Construction	\$17,597,358	3.9%	3.9%	4.9%
Manufacturing	\$7,843,764	1.7%	1.7%	9.1%
Wholesale Trade	\$273,751	0.1%	0.1%	4.1%
Retail Trade	\$40,910,051	9.1%	9.1%	4.6%
Transportation and Warehousing	\$5,621,890	1.3%	1.3%	4.1%
Information	\$3,989,790	0.9%	0.9%	9.3%
Finance and Insurance	\$3,964,746	0.9%	0.9%	5.2%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$4,414,473	1.0%	1.0%	1.6%
Professional, scientific, and technical services	*	*	*	14.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*	*	*	3.8%
Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	\$5,199,160	1.2%	1.2%	4.2%
Educational Services	\$50,157,947	11.2%	11.2%	7.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$99,427,462	22.2%	22.2%	12.5%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$21,453,381	4.8%	4.8%	1.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	\$21,117,613	4.7%	4.7%	3.6%
Other services (except public administration)	\$4,004,446	0.9%	0.9%	1.9%
Public Administration	\$136,638,250	30.5%	30.5%	5.7%
Sum of Withheld Values	\$9,654,232	2.2%	2.2%	0.0%
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>\$448,218,842</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## Source:

California Employment Development Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

# Median Household Income

## What is it?

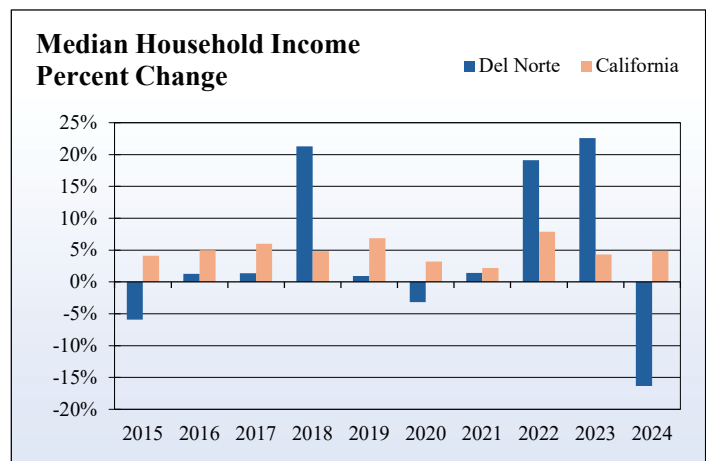
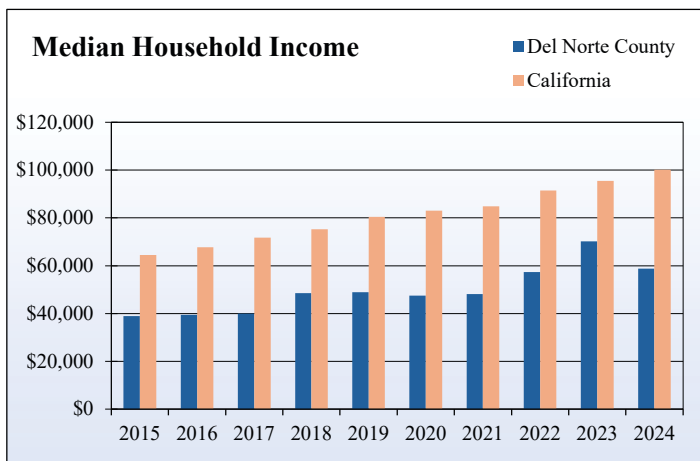
Household income includes the incomes of the householder (i.e. renter or title holder) and all other people 15 years of age and older in the household, regardless of their relation to the householder. Once income totals for all households are gathered, the median value is the data point at which exactly one half of households have greater income and one half of households have less income. The median value is based on the income distribution of all households, including those with no income.

## How is it used?

Median household income is a more useful measure of collective economic well-being than per capita income because it aggregates income levels within a basic unit of economic collaboration and decision making. Median income values are also less sensitive to fluctuations at the extreme high and low ends of a county's earnings spectrum, and changes in median household income therefore signal changes within a wide range of earnings in a regional economy.

**MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Nominal Income		Percent Change	
	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	\$38,963	\$64,483	-5.9%	4.1%
2016	\$39,458	\$67,715	1.3%	5.0%
2017	\$39,996	\$71,785	1.4%	6.0%
2018	\$48,518	\$75,250	21.3%	4.8%
2019	\$48,979	\$80,423	1.0%	6.9%
2020	\$47,442	\$83,001	-3.1%	3.2%
2021	\$48,108	\$84,831	1.4%	2.2%
2022	\$57,297	\$91,517	19.1%	7.9%
2023	\$70,231	\$95,473	22.6%	4.3%
2024	\$58,773	\$100,130	-16.3%	4.9%



**Source:**

US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, Median Household Income

# Poverty Rates

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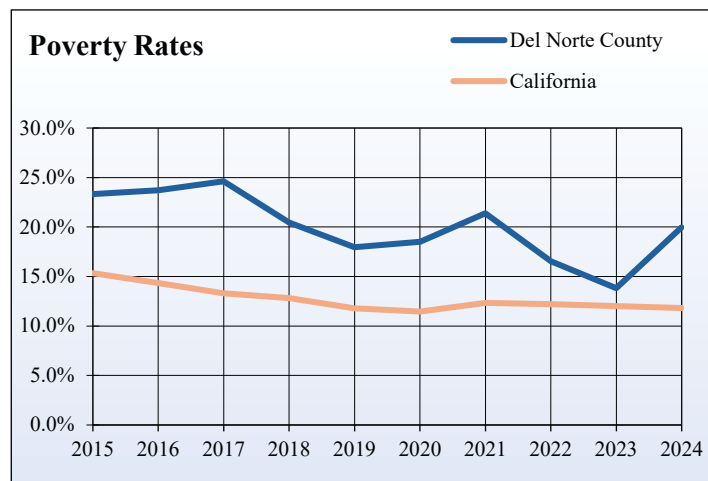
The Census Bureau determines whether or not a family is in poverty using a series of income thresholds that vary by family size and composition. If a family's total income is less than that family's poverty threshold, then every person in that household is considered to be in poverty. Official poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but are updated for inflation using the Consumer Price Index. Income thresholds are based on pre-tax earnings and do not include capital gains or noncash benefits such as Medicaid.

## How is it used?

The poverty rate is a commonly used indicator of the overall economic health and well-being of a region. Despite their wide use, official poverty rates have notable shortcomings. For instance, because the thresholds that define poverty status only vary by family size and composition, and not by the underlying cost of living in a particular neighborhood or community (e.g., housing and insurance costs), they tend to either over- or underestimate the real level of economic hardship in a region.

**POVERTY RATES, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Poverty Universe	Number in Poverty	Poverty Rate	California Poverty Rate
2015	24,158	5,639	23.3%	15.4%
2016	24,640	5,842	23.7%	14.4%
2017	24,845	6,113	24.6%	13.3%
2018	24,786	5,065	20.4%	12.8%
2019	24,765	4,445	17.9%	11.8%
2020	24,893	4,604	18.5%	11.5%
2021	25,087	5,368	21.4%	12.3%
2022	24,744	4,088	16.5%	12.2%
2023	24,647	3,408	13.8%	12.0%
2024	24,457	4,879	19.9%	11.8%



**Source:**

US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, Poverty Rates for All Ages

# Fair Market Rent

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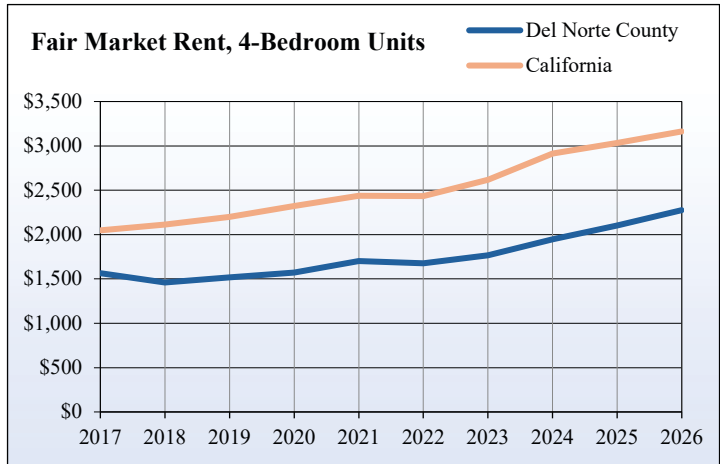
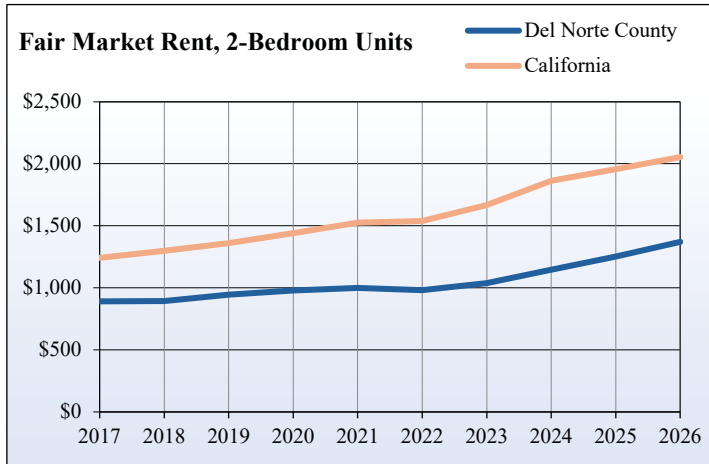
Fair market rent is defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as 40th-percentile gross rents of standard quality units within a metropolitan area or nonmetropolitan county. This means fair market rent is the rate at which 40 percent of gross rents are lower and 60 percent of gross rents are higher. Gross rent is the sum of the rent paid to a landlord plus any utility costs incurred by the tenant. Fair market rent calculations typically exclude rents paid for public housing units, rental units built in the last 2 years, rental units considered substandard in quality, seasonal rentals, and rental units on 10 or more acres of land. Fair market rent does not include public housing costs to avoid skewing the distribution of rents downward.

## How is it used?

Fair market rent is an indicator of housing costs for poorer households in a county, and is used to determine whether families or individuals qualify for federal housing certificate and voucher programs and the amount of compensation they would receive. Because calculation of fair market rents incorporates the total distribution of gross rents within a region, it can also be a helpful indicator of overall housing costs, and, by extension, the general cost of living for that region.

**FAIR MARKET RENT, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	0-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	4-Bedroom
2017	\$735	\$739	\$890	\$1,291	\$1,566
2018	\$662	\$724	\$893	\$1,266	\$1,460
2019	\$643	\$749	\$945	\$1,312	\$1,516
2020	\$661	\$775	\$978	\$1,369	\$1,571
2021	\$677	\$827	\$1,000	\$1,387	\$1,702
2022	\$651	\$831	\$980	\$1,355	\$1,677
2023	\$693	\$875	\$1,037	\$1,421	\$1,766
2024	\$791	\$970	\$1,147	\$1,616	\$1,946
2025	\$869	\$1,086	\$1,253	\$1,756	\$2,104
2026	\$957	\$1,222	\$1,370	\$1,905	\$2,277



**Source:**

US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Fair Market Rents

# Median Home Price

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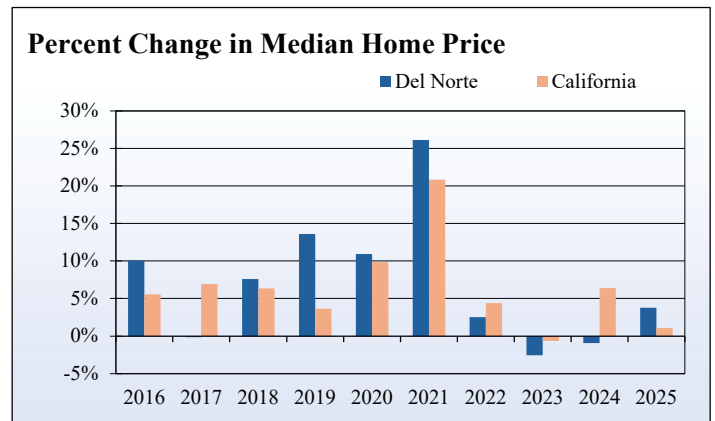
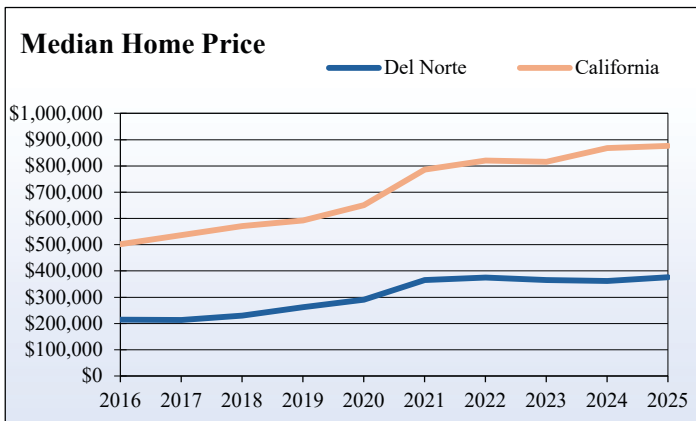
Median home prices are calculated by the California Association of Realtors using market data for the number of homes sold in a particular area and the prices associated with those sales. Unlike the average price of homes sold, which can be skewed by extremely high or low sales, median home price indicates the price that separates the larger half of home values from the lower half, and is thus considered to be a more reliable indicator.

## How is it used?

This indicator can be used to track the health of a region's real estate market as a whole. This information is important for home buyers as well as investors to make decisions on buying or selling of residential real estate.

**AVERAGE MONTHLY MEDIAN HOME PRICE, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Home Price		Percent Change	
	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2016	\$214,273	\$502,178	10.1%	5.6%
2017	\$213,929	\$537,026	-0.2%	6.9%
2018	\$230,192	\$571,058	7.6%	6.3%
2019	\$261,486	\$591,866	13.6%	3.6%
2020	\$290,100	\$650,157	10.9%	9.8%
2021	\$365,846	\$785,641	26.1%	20.8%
2022	\$375,088	\$820,308	2.5%	4.4%
2023	\$365,500	\$815,177	-2.6%	-0.6%
2024	\$362,026	\$867,418	-1.0%	6.4%
2025	\$375,625	\$876,523	3.8%	1.0%



**Source:**

California Association of Realtors, Median Prices of Existing Single-Family Homes

# SOCIAL INDICATORS

Social indicators explain the capacity of community institutions and organizations to provide for adequate human health, education, safety, and social participation. Effective social systems intensify human capacities for collective growth and improvement. Many of the included indicators are often referred to as “quality-of-life” measures because they include noneconomic attributes that reflect the general health and well-being of community members.

In 2023, 22.1 percent of Del Norte County deaths were from cancer and 15.9 percent of deaths were from heart disease. Accidental deaths in Del Norte County were significantly higher than the statewide rate (10.2 percent compared to 6.4 percent). Deaths from pulmonary disease also significantly outpaced the statewide rate, with 8.2 percent of Del Norte County’s deaths attributed to pulmonary disease compared to 4 percent of California deaths.

As a general trend, adolescent births in Del Norte County have been declining over the past decade but remain consistently higher than the statewide average. For females aged 15–19, Del Norte County’s birth rate has exceeded the state rate by 4 to 18 births per 1,000, depending on the year. For this age group, Del Norte County’s birth rate has fallen from about 39 per 1,000 in the 2012–2014 period to a low of about 15 per 1,000 in the 2019–2021 period. As of the 2022–2024 period, the birth rate increased slightly to 17.5 per 1,000.

Utilization of the CalWORKS program in Del Norte County declined from 6.7 percent of residents in 2015 to 4.9 percent in 2025. In contrast, the proportion of county eligibles from Medi-Cal increased from 46.7 percent to 52.1 percent between 2015 and 2025.

Between 2015 and 2024, the proportion of Del Norte County residents who possessed a graduate/professional degree increased by 40.6 percent, while the proportion of those holding a Bachelor’s degree increased by 40.5 percent. In addition, between the 2015-16 and 2024-25 school years, the county’s high school dropout rate saw an overall decrease from 9.3 percent to 3.8 percent. During this same period, the proportion of high school graduates eligible for the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems increased from 11.9 to 16.5 percent.

Between the 2015-16 and 2024-25 school years, the number of English Learner (EL) students in Del Norte County remained well below the California state average. In the 2024-25 school year, 17.4 percent of California students were English Learners, while only 5.2 percent of Del Norte County students were designated EL. Because Del Norte County is a northern and rural county, there are lower rates of immigration, and thus lower rates of students who are English Learners.

From 2014 to 2024, Del Norte County’s total crime rate has remained relatively flat, with slight fluctuation. The total crime rate reached a peak rate of 33.8 per 1,000 residents in 2019 before declining to 24.1 by 2024. This spike in 2019 is largely due to the significant rise in property crime that year. Del Norte County’s crime rates tend to be similar to those of the state on average. However, 2024 is the first year since 2018 that Del Norte County’s total crime rate was lower than that of the state. In 2024, only arson crimes had a higher occurrence rate in Del Norte County compared to the state.

Voter participation rates in elections in Del Norte County generally remained lower during the 2004 to 2024 study period compared to the rest of the state, with the notable exceptions of 2010, 2014, and 2022 when Del Norte County participation outpaced the California average. It is worth noting that these three exceptions are all midterm election years.

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# Leading Causes of Death

## What is it?

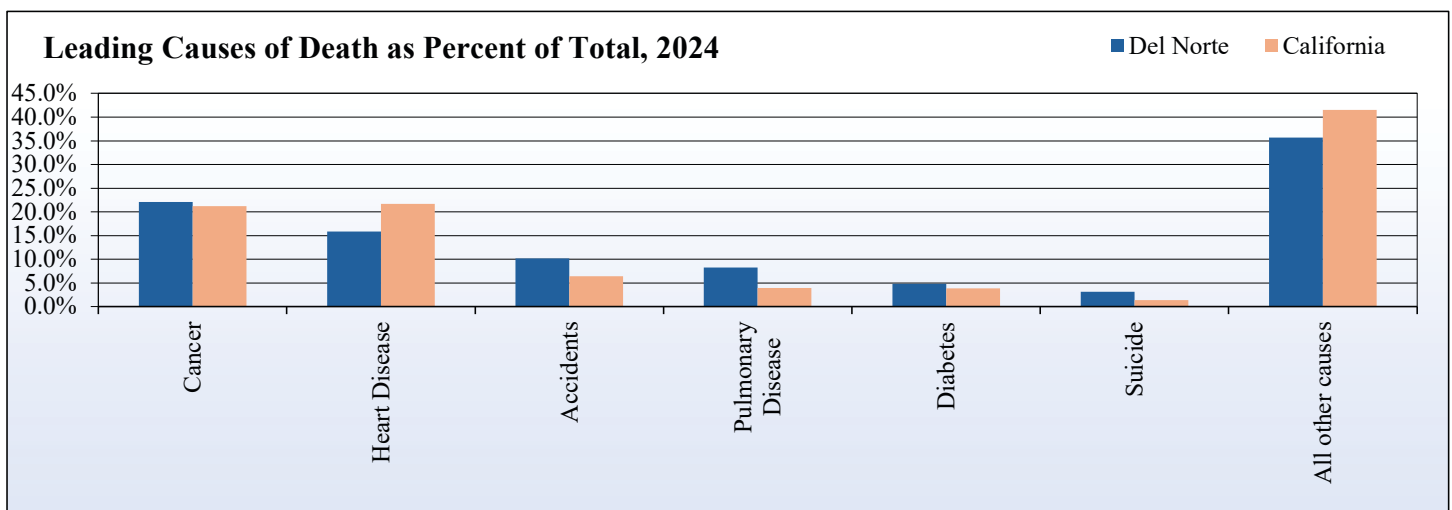
This indicator lists the top ten most frequent causes of death for all county residents in the latest available year, and is derived from vital records data provided by the California Department of Public Health. Data values less than 10 are redacted. The category All Other Causes may include values that are otherwise redacted.

## How is it used?

Cause of death statistics provide important insights into the overall health of a region, and can be used by health care practitioners and social service providers to coordinate disease prevention and educational efforts. If death rates for preventable causes are greater than those for other counties in a region, this is indicative of a greater need for community health education. If death rates for environmentally influenced factors, such as cancer and influenza, are high, this may indicate the presence of systemic factors that need to be addressed.

**CAUSE OF DEATH AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS, 2024**

Cause of Death	Del Norte	California
Cancer	22.1%	21.2%
Heart Disease	15.9%	21.7%
Accidents	10.2%	6.4%
Pulmonary Disease	8.2%	4.0%
Diabetes	4.8%	3.8%
Suicide	3.1%	1.4%
All other causes	35.7%	41.6%

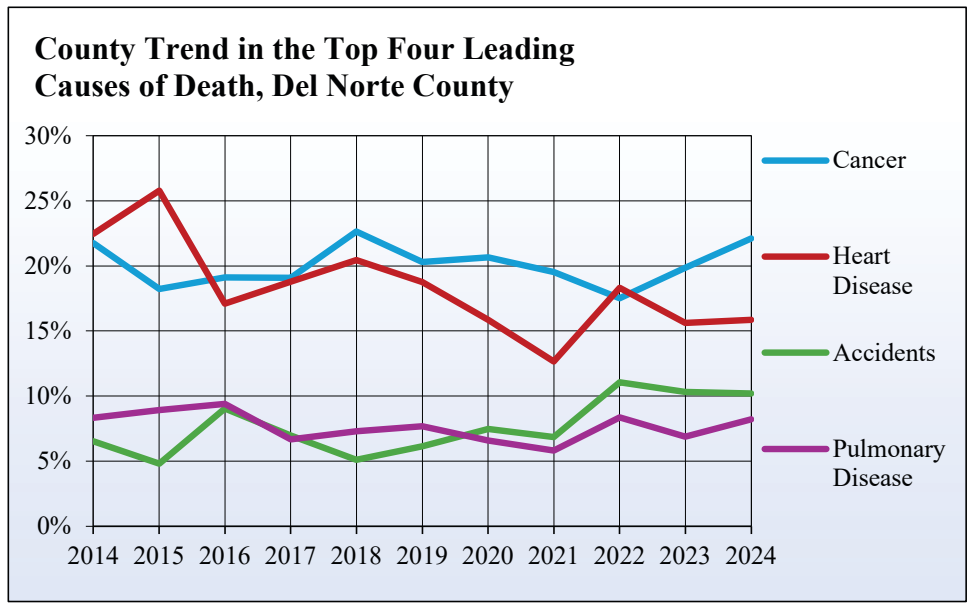


**Source:**

California Department of Public Health, Final Deaths by Year by County

### LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Cause of Death	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
All Causes	276	291	298	330	274	325	334	379	371	378	353
Cancer	60	53	57	63	62	66	69	74	65	75	78
Heart Disease	62	75	51	62	56	61	53	48	68	59	56
Accidents	18	14	27	23	14	20	25	26	41	39	36
Pulmonary Disease	23	26	28	22	20	25	22	22	31	26	29
Diabetes	*	*	12	*	*	16	16	16	12	19	17
Suicide	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11
Stroke	11	15	*	16	13	17	13	18	11	14	*
Pneumonia & Influenza	*	*	*	*	*	11	*	*	*	*	*
Cirrhosis	*	*	*	15	*	*	11	14	*	*	*
Nephritis	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	*	*
Parkinson's Disease	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hypertension	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Homicide	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Alzheimer's Disease	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
All other causes	102	108	123	129	109	109	125	161	132	146	126



# Adolescent Birth Rates

## What is it?

This indicator shows the live birth rate per 1,000 adolescents, where “adolescents” are California residents aged 10–21 years. The data are displayed in three age groups: 10–17, 15–19, and 18–21. The birth rate is calculated as the number of live births in a given age group divided by the number of female adolescents in that age group and multiplied by 1,000. The birth rate is suppressed if the number of live births is less than 10. Birth rates are aggregated in three-year clusters to show trends over time. The data are provided by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

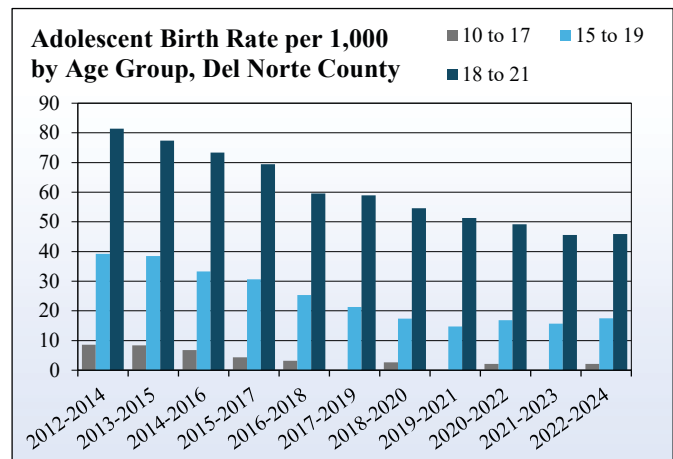
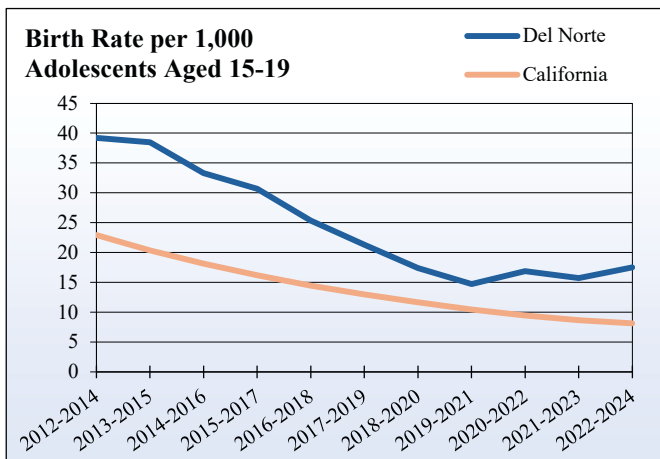
This indicator previously showed “teen” birth rates using data from the Census Bureau’s 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) Table S1301. Starting in the 2026 report year, NSPDC staff switched to CDPH data because the data provide more detail and age strata for Del Norte County than ACS Table S1301.

## How is it used?

Adolescent pregnancy is a major national and state concern because younger parents and their children face increased risks to their health and economic well-being. Research has shown that births among younger age groups, particularly among teens, are associated with higher risks of adverse outcomes such as premature birth (before thirty-seven completed weeks of pregnancy). These risks tend to decrease with age but remain elevated for younger parents compared to older adults.

**ADOLESCENT BIRTH RATES PER 1,000 ADOLESCENTS, BY AGE GROUP**

Years	Del Norte County			California		
	Age 10–17	Age 15–19	Age 18–21	Age 10–17	Age 15–19	Age 18–21
2012–2014	8.6	39.2	81.4	4.4	23.0	50.5
2013–2015	8.3	38.5	77.3	3.7	20.4	46.5
2014–2016	6.8	33.3	73.4	3.2	18.2	43.1
2015–2017	4.4	30.7	69.5	2.8	16.2	39.7
2016–2018	3.2	25.3	59.6	2.4	14.4	36.3
2017–2019		21.3	59.0	2.1	13.0	33.5
2018–2020	2.6	17.4	54.6	1.9	11.7	31.1
2019–2021		14.7	51.3	1.7	10.5	28.8
2020–2022	2.1	16.9	49.2	1.5	9.5	26.4
2021–2023		15.7	45.6	1.4	8.7	23.7
2022–2024	2.1	17.5	45.8	1.4	8.2	21.4



**Source:**

California Department of Public Health; Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Division; Adolescent Births

# TANF/CalWORKs Caseload

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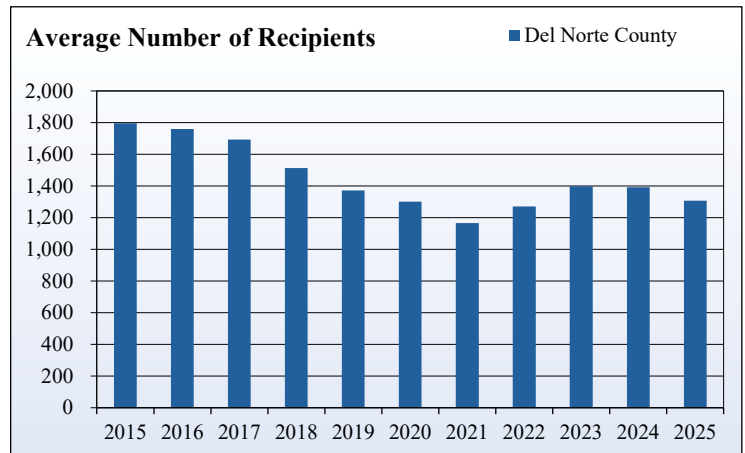
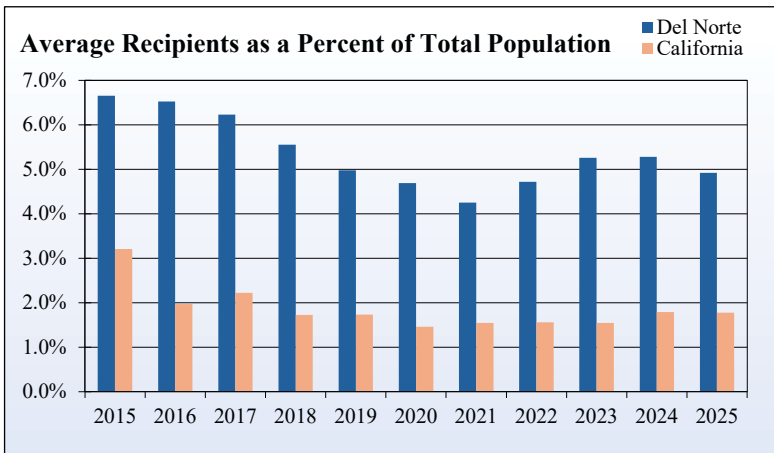
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) is the California Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which gives cash aid and services to eligible needy California families. If a family has little or no cash and is in need of housing, food, utilities, clothing, or medical care, they may be eligible to receive immediate short-term help through CalWORKs. The program also provides access to education, employment, and workforce training programs to assist a family's move toward self-sufficiency. The CalWORKs program is administered by each county's welfare department.

## How is it used?

Data on the number of families that qualify for economic assistance through CalWORKs and similar programs can be important supplements to the official poverty rate as families experiencing sufficient economic hardship to qualify for CalWORKs may not necessarily also be below official poverty thresholds. Such data are therefore important for county and municipal planners and policymakers in understanding the overall level of economic hardship in a county or region.

**TANF/CALWORKS CASELOAD, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Average Monthly Recipients	Recipients per Capita	
		Del Norte	California
2015	1,796	6.7%	3.2%
2016	1,760	6.5%	2.0%
2017	1,692	6.2%	2.2%
2018	1,514	5.6%	1.7%
2019	1,372	5.0%	1.7%
2020	1,302	4.7%	1.5%
2021	1,167	4.2%	1.5%
2022	1,270	4.7%	1.6%
2023	1,399	5.3%	1.5%
2024	1,393	5.3%	1.8%
2025	1,307	4.9%	1.8%



**Sources:**

California Department of Social Services, Table CA 237 CW  
 California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, Estimates E-4

# Medi-Cal Caseload

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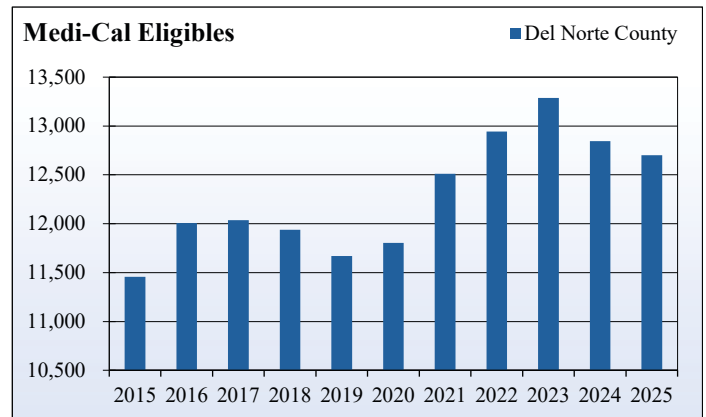
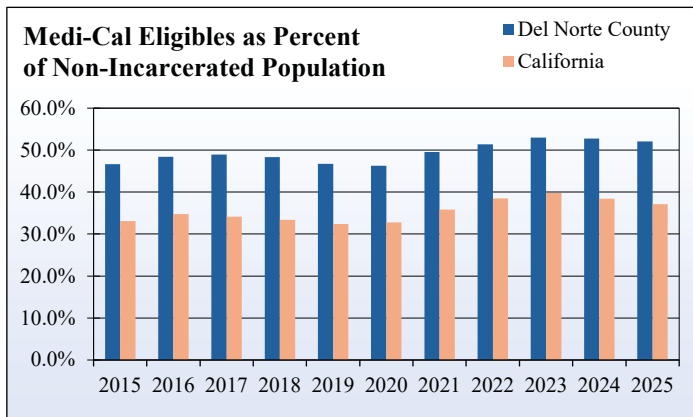
Medi-Cal is California’s version for the federal Medicaid program, and offers access free or low-cost health insurance for children and adults with limited resources or income. Common Medi-Cal recipients include low-income adults, families with children, seniors, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, children in foster care and former foster youth up to age 26. The data provided in this indicator track Medi-Cal “total eligibles,” defined as the total number of individuals certified eligible for the month of eligibility. Certified eligibles are those beneficiaries deemed qualified for Medi-Cal by a valid eligibility determination, and who have enrolled into the program. This classification excludes beneficiaries who have not met a monthly share-of-cost obligation.

## How is it used?

Data on Medi-Cal program recipients are helpful in determining the need for public medical assistance in a county. Similar to the CalWORKs caseload data, this indicator can also provide important insights into general economic hardship in a region by identifying needy individuals and families who may not be below official poverty thresholds.

### MEDI-CAL ELIGIBLES, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Del Norte County		California	
	Annual Average	Percentage of Non-Incarcerated Population	Annual Average	Percentage of Population
2015	11,458	46.7%	12,848,429	33.1 %
2016	12,008	48.4%	13,575,881	34.8 %
2017	12,035	48.9%	13,405,588	34.1 %
2018	11,937	48.3%	13,158,303	33.4 %
2019	11,669	46.7%	12,794,006	32.4 %
2020	11,805	46.2%	12,953,384	32.8 %
2021	12,512	49.5%	14,101,879	35.8 %
2022	12,942	51.4%	15,090,487	38.5 %
2023	13,286	53.0%	15,621,199	39.8 %
2024	12,844	52.7%	15,148,615	38.4 %
2025	12,700	52.1%	14,672,764	37.1 %



### Sources:

- California Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal Certified Eligibles by Age Group and Sex
- California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, Estimates E-4
- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, TPOP1

# School Free and Reduced Price Meal Program

## What is it?

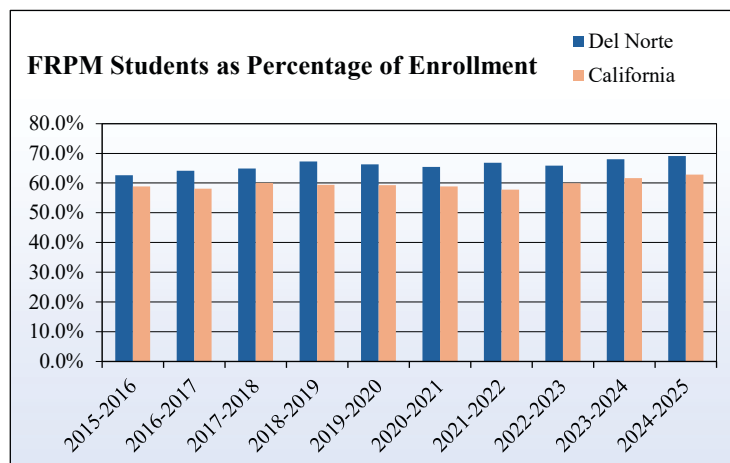
This indicator provides data on the number and proportion of K-12 students who are enrolled in a free or reduced-price school meal (FRPM) program. Families only have to claim a household income level that is below the given threshold to enroll their children in the program, and no evidence or auditing of family income is required. Thus, the indicator is an effective proxy for student poverty but does not necessarily reflect the true economic status of enrolled families. Students enrolled in this program are counted on Fall Census Day, which is the first Wednesday in October for each academic year.

## How is it used?

Enrollment data on free and reduced meal programs aid in the estimation of family economic assistance needs in a county. Enrollment totals and proportions can also be used to determine a school's eligibility for receiving funding from official programs and grants intended to alleviate student poverty.

### SCHOOL FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS, DEL NORTE COUNTY

School Year	Del Norte County K-12		Percent FRPMs	
	FRPM Count	Enrollment	Del Norte	California
2015-2016	2,606	4,160	62.6%	58.9%
2016-2017	2,729	4,258	64.1%	58.1%
2017-2018	2,744	4,228	64.9%	60.1%
2018-2019	2,871	4,266	67.3%	59.4%
2019-2020	2,867	4,327	66.3%	59.3%
2020-2021	2,779	4,247	65.4%	58.9%
2021-2022	2,803	4,195	66.8%	57.8%
2022-2023	2,738	4,157	65.9%	59.9%
2023-2024	2,782	4,090	68.0%	61.7%
2024-2025	2,765	4,003	69.1%	62.8%



**Source:**

California Department of Education, DataQuest, Free and Reduced Price Meals

# Educational Attainment

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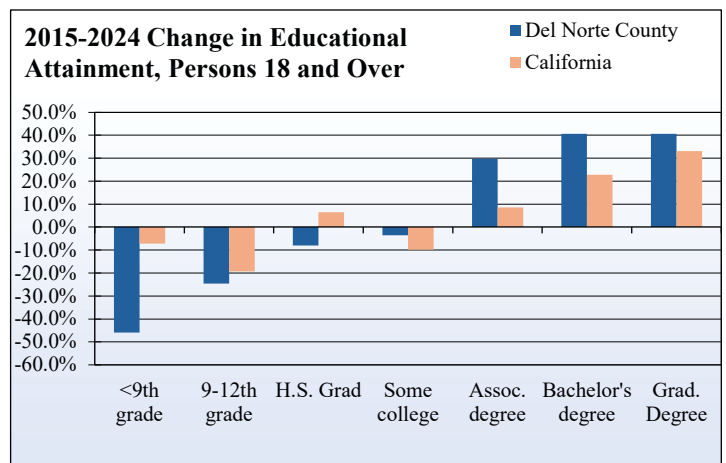
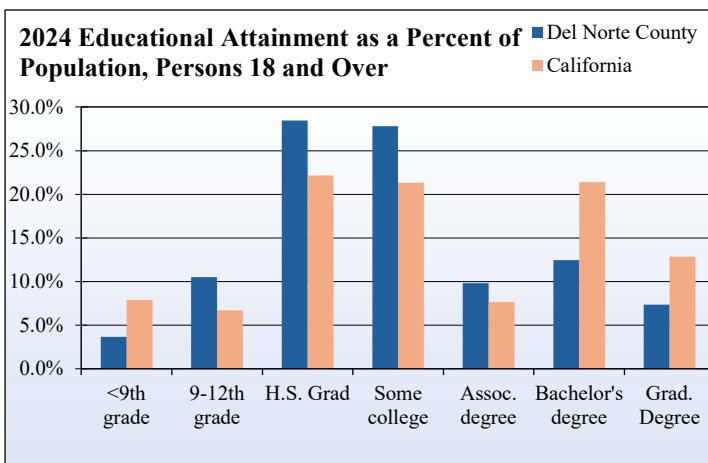
Educational attainment is the highest degree earned or amount of schooling completed for all county residents aged 18 and older. Schooling completed in foreign countries or ungraded school systems are reported as the equivalent level of schooling in the regular American educational system.

## How is it used?

Educational attainment is a good general indicator of the skill level of a county's workforce. County populations that are more educated are generally more likely to be employed and stay out of poverty. In addition, educational attainment data can be useful for businesses that are considering opening a new location or relocating and want to identify areas with a sufficiently skilled and educated workforce.

### DEL NORTE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, POPULATION 18 AND OVER

Educational Attainment	2015	2024	Percent of Total, 2024		Change from 2015 to 2024	
			Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
Less than 9th grade	1,446	783	3.7%	7.9%	-45.9%	-7.1%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,984	2,249	10.5%	6.7%	-24.6%	-19.3%
High school graduate or equivalent	6,636	6,101	28.4%	22.2%	-8.1%	6.5%
Some college, no degree	6,180	5,964	27.8%	21.3%	-3.5%	-9.8%
Associate degree	1,623	2,105	9.8%	7.6%	29.7%	8.5%
Bachelor's degree	1,899	2,669	12.4%	21.4%	40.5%	22.7%
Graduate or professional degree	1,123	1,579	7.4%	12.9%	40.6%	33.1%
<b>Total Persons Age 18 and Over</b>	<b>21,891</b>	<b>21,450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>



**Source:**

US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B15001

# High School Dropout Rate

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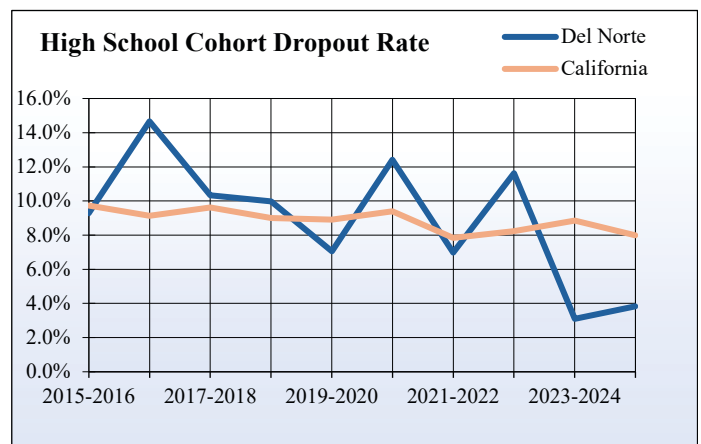
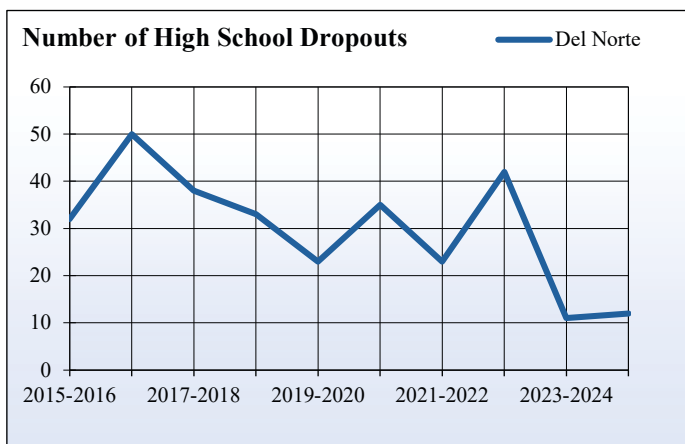
High school dropout rate data are calculated by the California Department of Education by dividing the number of high school dropouts and non-completers by the total enrollment size of their high school cohort. This figure uses a four-year adjusted cohort. The four-year cohort is based on the number of students who enter grade 9 for the first time adjusted by adding into the cohort any student who transfers in later during grade 9 or during the next three years and subtracting any student from the cohort who transfers out, emigrates to another country, transfers to a prison or juvenile facility, or dies during that same period.

## How is it used?

Data on high school dropouts indicate the capacity of county school systems to provide youth with a basic level of education and workforce training. Lower dropout rates are generally correlated with lower poverty rates and higher income levels, as employers frequently require a high school degree for most jobs.

**HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

School Year	Cohort Students	Dropouts	Dropout Rate	
			Del Norte	California
2015-2016	345	32	9.3%	9.7%
2016-2017	341	50	14.7%	9.1%
2017-2018	368	38	10.3%	9.6%
2018-2019	331	33	10.0%	9.0%
2019-2020	326	23	7.1%	8.9%
2020-2021	282	35	12.4%	9.4%
2021-2022	330	23	7.0%	7.8%
2022-2023	361	42	11.6%	8.2%
2023-2024	355	11	3.1%	8.9%
2024-2025	314	12	3.8%	8.0%



**Sources:**

California Department of Education, DataQuest, Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rates & Outcomes

# Graduates Eligible for UC/CSU Systems

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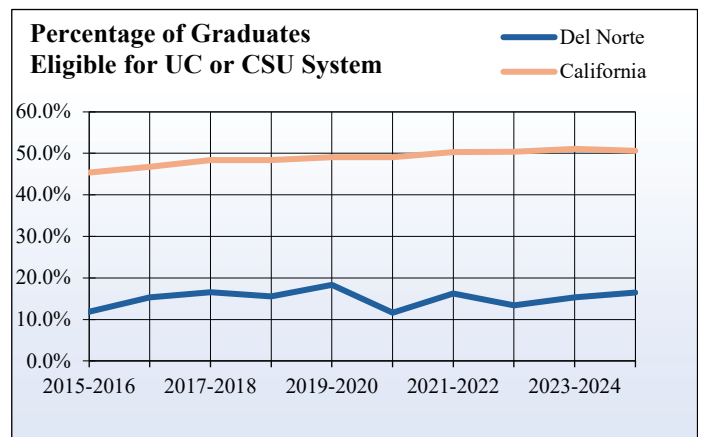
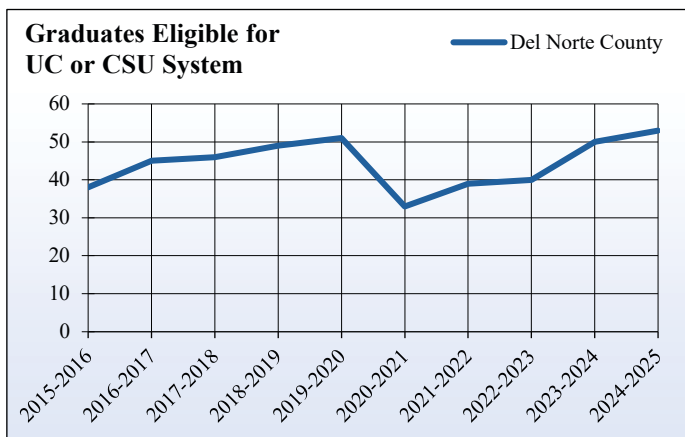
This indicator provides data on the number of high school graduates who completed coursework that is required for admission by either the California State University or the University of California postsecondary education systems. These data were reported by individual public schools to the California Department of Education and do not include information on other common requirements for college admission such as standardized test scores. This figure uses five-year adjusted cohort data for the 2017-2018 school year and onward. Prior years use one-year data, which is the only available data for this indicator during those years.

## How is it used?

These data are an important indicator of how well a county school system prepares its students for higher-wage employment, as a college education is generally correlated with higher earnings from employment. Counties with a low proportion of eligible high school graduates may therefore exhibit greater competition for jobs in lower-wage sectors of the regional economy.

**GRADUATES ELIGIBLE FOR UC OR CSU SYSTEM, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Regular HS Graduates	Graduates meeting UC/CSU Requirements	Percent Eligible	
			Del Norte	California
2015-2016	320	38	11.9%	45.4%
2016-2017	293	45	15.4%	46.8%
2017-2018	278	46	16.5%	48.4%
2018-2019	315	49	15.6%	48.4%
2019-2020	278	51	18.3%	49.1%
2020-2021	283	33	11.7%	49.1%
2021-2022	240	39	16.3%	50.3%
2022-2023	298	40	13.4%	50.4%
2023-2024	326	50	15.3%	51.1%
2024-2025	321	53	16.5%	50.6%



## Sources:

California Department of Education, DataQuest, Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rates  
 California Department of Education, DataQuest, One-Year Graduation Data

# California Student Assessments

## What is it?

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) system administers mandatory assessment tests to students in California. The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments administered by CAASPP for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics are computer adaptive assessments that were developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, a multistate, state-led consortium. These tests are aligned with the Common Core State Standards in ELA and mathematics that accurately measure student progress toward college- and career-readiness.

## How is it used?

CAASPP scores can be treated as an indicator of academic performance and college readiness for children in local schools.

### CAASPP RESULTS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

School Year	Del Norte County					California				
	Met or Exceeded	Exceeded	Met	Nearly Met	Not Met	Met or Exceeded	Exceeded	Met	Nearly Met	Not Met
2015-2016	35.00%	10.00%	25.00%	26.00%	39.00%	49.00%	20.00%	29.00%	24.00%	28.00%
2016-2017	33.59%	9.57%	24.02%	26.45%	39.96%	48.56%	20.12%	28.44%	23.09%	28.35%
2017-2018	34.55%	10.37%	24.18%	26.77%	38.69%	49.88%	21.25%	28.63%	22.58%	27.54%
2018-2019	36.32%	11.10%	25.22%	24.85%	38.83%	51.10%	22.48%	28.62%	22.28%	26.63%
2019-2020	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2020-2021	44.88%	18.15%	26.73%	24.09%	31.02%	49.01%	21.42%	27.59%	22.69%	28.30%
2021-2022	29.61%	9.17%	20.44%	24.76%	45.63%	47.06%	20.50%	26.56%	22.62%	30.33%
2022-2023	31.49%	9.40%	22.09%	24.81%	43.70%	46.66%	20.73%	25.93%	22.17%	31.17%
2023-2024	31.93%	11.19%	20.74%	24.99%	43.08%	47.04%	21.02%	26.02%	21.80%	31.15%
2024-2025	34.02%	10.38%	23.64%	23.54%	42.45%	48.82%	22.29%	26.53%	21.76%	29.43%

### CAASPP RESULTS, MATHEMATICS

School Year	Del Norte County					California				
	Met or Exceeded	Exceeded	Met	Nearly Met	Not Met	Met or Exceeded	Exceeded	Met	Nearly Met	Not Met
2015-2016	22.00%	7.00%	15.00%	30.00%	47.00%	37.00%	17.00%	20.00%	28.00%	35.00%
2016-2017	22.73%	6.76%	15.97%	28.84%	48.43%	37.56%	17.60%	19.96%	26.59%	35.86%
2017-2018	23.49%	7.09%	16.40%	28.36%	48.16%	38.65%	18.64%	20.01%	25.90%	35.45%
2018-2019	24.16%	7.56%	16.60%	27.10%	48.74%	39.73%	19.69%	20.04%	25.41%	34.86%
2019-2020	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2020-2021	24.22%	8.30%	15.92%	25.26%	50.52%	33.76%	15.78%	17.98%	25.50%	40.74%
2021-2022	16.75%	5.26%	11.49%	25.93%	57.32%	33.38%	16.06%	17.32%	24.66%	41.96%
2022-2023	20.85%	6.52%	14.33%	23.11%	56.04%	34.62%	17.14%	17.48%	24.06%	41.32%
2023-2024	19.94%	7.16%	12.78%	25.41%	54.65%	35.54%	17.89%	17.65%	23.91%	40.55%
2024-2025	21.13%	6.98%	14.15%	24.89%	53.98%	37.30%	19.37%	17.93%	23.72%	38.98%

#### Source:

California Department of Education, CAASPP Results, English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics

# English Learners Enrollment

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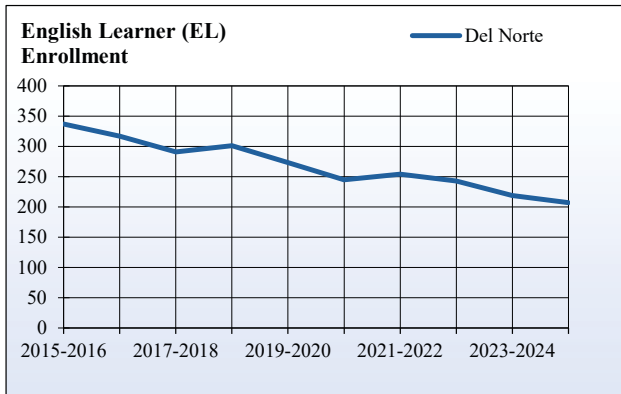
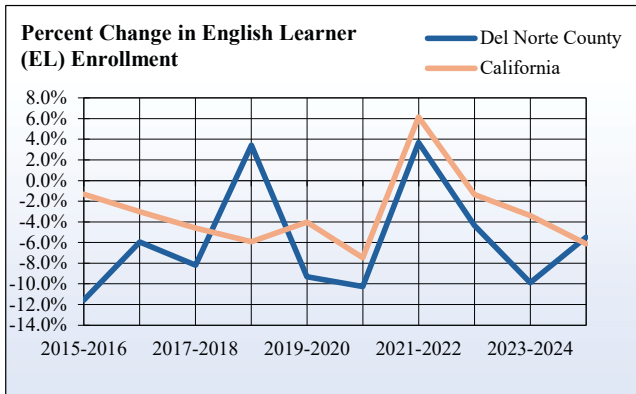
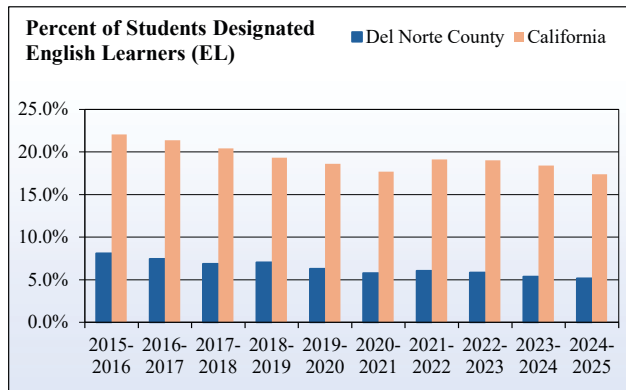
Indicator provides data on the number of K-12 students designated English Learners (EL) by the California Department of Education. Enrollment data are tabulated based on annual reports from individual school districts.

## How is it used?

EL enrollment data can be an important indicator of international migration or internal migration of non-English-speaking populations into an area. The ability and willingness of non-English-speakers to learn and use English is also commonly seen as indicative of their willingness to “assimilate” into the English-speaking community, and can therefore influence their access to jobs and community resources.

### ENGLISH LEARNER (EL) ENROLLMENT, DEL NORTE COUNTY

School Year	Total Enrolled Students K-12	Enrolled EL Students	EL Percent of Enrolled Students	Percent Change in EL Enrollment	EL Percent of California Enrolled Students
2015-2016	4,160	337	8.1%	-11.5%	22.1%
2016-2017	4,258	317	7.4%	-5.9%	21.4%
2017-2018	4,228	291	6.9%	-8.2%	20.4%
2018-2019	4,266	301	7.1%	3.4%	19.3%
2019-2020	4,327	273	6.3%	-9.3%	18.6%
2020-2021	4,247	245	5.8%	-10.3%	17.7%
2021-2022	4,195	254	6.1%	3.7%	19.1%
2022-2023	4,157	243	5.8%	-4.3%	19.0%
2023-2024	4,090	219	5.4%	-9.9%	18.4%
2024-2025	4,003	207	5.2%	-5.5%	17.4%



**Source:**

California Department of Education, DataQuest, English Language Acquisition Status

# Crime Rates

## What is it?

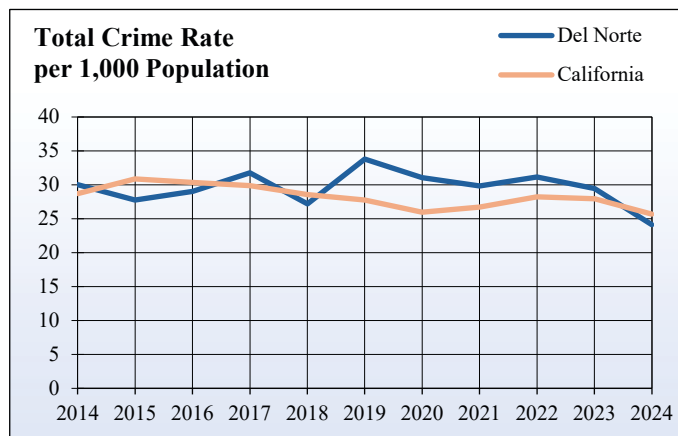
This indicator provides data on property, violent, and total crime rates for Del Norte County. A county's crime rate is the number of reported crimes per 1,000 residents, calculated by the NSPDC using population estimates from the California Department of Finance. These crime data are reported by the California Department of Justice and reflect all misdemeanor and felony reports, but do not include reports for minor violations and infractions.

## How is it used?

The relative level of criminal activity in a county is a major factor in how residents perceive their quality of life. An area with a high crime rate is often seen as a much less attractive place to live than one with a low rate. However, crime rates are also dependent on other factors besides the actual incidence of criminal activity, such as the willingness of residents to report crimes to police and overall population density. Crime rates are also generally correlated with the spatial concentration of disadvantage, such as poverty and unemployment.

**CRIME RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Violent Crime Rate		Property Crime Rate		Arson Rate		Total Crime Rate	
	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2014	6.0	3.9	23.7	24.6	0.3	0.2	30.0	28.7
2015	5.3	4.3	21.9	26.4	0.5	0.2	27.7	30.9
2016	6.2	4.5	22.6	25.7	0.3	0.2	29.0	30.3
2017	5.6	4.5	25.5	25.1	0.7	0.2	31.7	29.9
2018	5.0	4.5	21.8	23.9	0.3	0.2	27.2	28.6
2019	4.0	4.4	29.2	23.2	0.7	0.2	33.8	27.8
2020	7.2	4.4	23.0	21.3	0.9	0.3	31.1	26.0
2021	8.4	4.7	20.8	21.8	0.7	0.3	29.8	26.7
2022	6.5	4.9	23.7	23.0	1.0	0.3	31.1	28.2
2023	5.6	5.1	23.3	22.7	0.5	0.2	29.4	27.9
2024	4.7	4.8	19.1	20.7	0.4	0.2	24.1	25.7

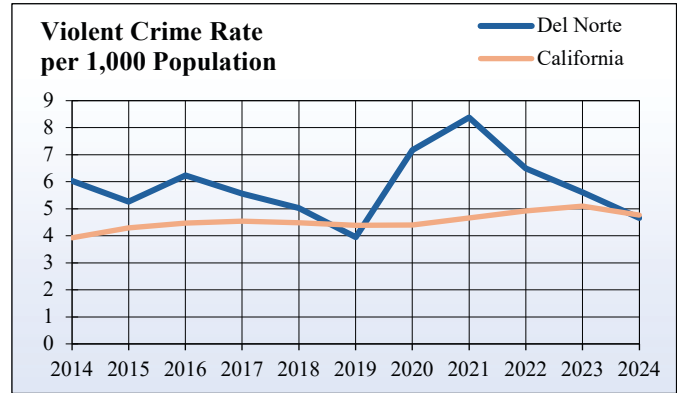


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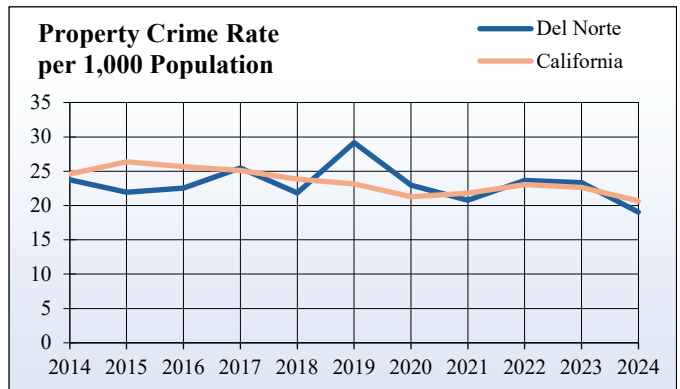
### VIOLENT CRIMES, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Total
2014	1	28	21	115	165
2015	1	26	14	101	142
2016	0	32	17	119	168
2017	4	29	23	95	151
2018	1	22	20	94	137
2019	2	13	26	68	109
2020	2	54	36	107	199
2021	1	44	33	152	230
2022	3	26	16	130	175
2023	2	10	11	126	149
2024	1	17	17	88	123



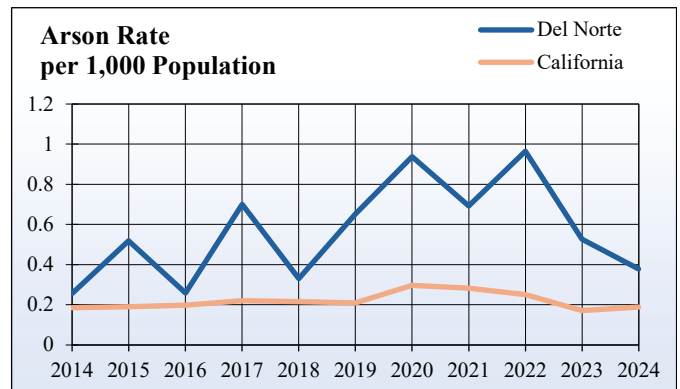
### PROPERTY CRIMES, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Burglary	Motor Vehicle Theft	Larceny-Theft	Total
2014	275	121	253	649
2015	246	74	272	592
2016	290	130	188	608
2017	221	96	375	692
2018	148	46	401	595
2019	251	47	506	804
2020	175	42	420	637
2021	165	93	312	570
2022	126	76	435	637
2023	133	70	417	620
2024	70	73	360	503



### ARSON, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Structural Property	Mobile Property	Other Property	Total
2014	2	4	1	7
2015	5	4	5	14
2016	1	1	5	7
2017	5	8	6	19
2018	2	1	6	9
2019	3	0	15	18
2020	10	0	16	26
2021	5	0	14	19
2022	4	1	21	26
2023	0	3	11	14
2024	2	2	6	10



# Voter Registration and Participation

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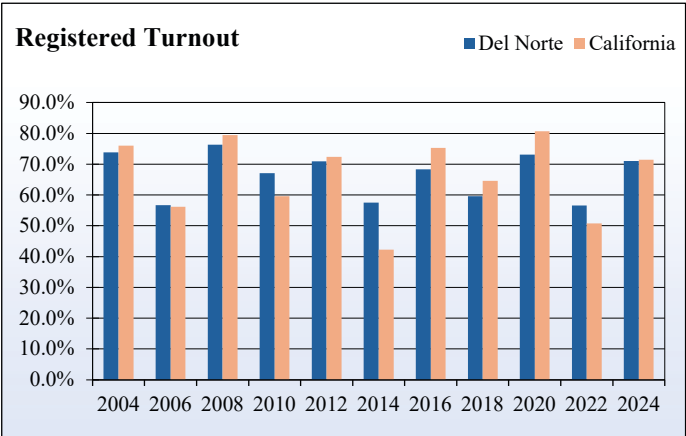
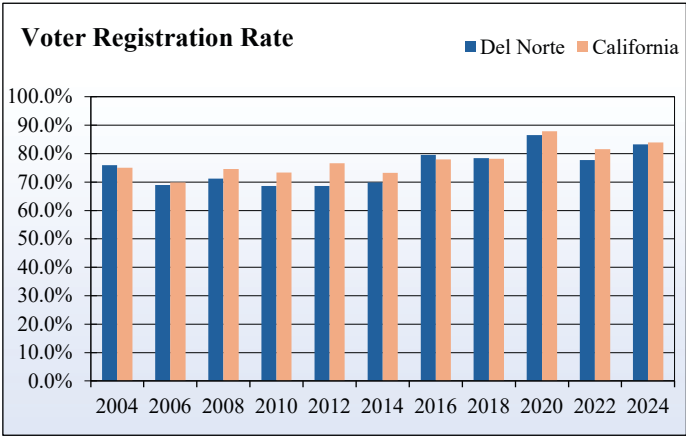
This indicator provides data on the number of individuals who registered to vote and who participated in state and federal elections during major election years. These data are reported by the California Secretary of State. The registration rate is calculated as the percentage of voter-eligible citizens who have registered to vote. The registered turnout rate is calculated as the percentage of registered voters who participated in the given election year.

**How is it used?**

Voter registration in California is now built into many other social service processes, such as receiving a state driver’s license or identification, in order to promote enfranchisement and electoral participation. The differential between voter registration and participation is therefore a good indicator of how engaged a county’s population is with the overall electoral process. Large differences between the voting-age population and the number of registered/participating individuals may also indicate potential issues in accessing electoral resources and reaching local voting centers.

**VOTER PARTICIPATION IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Eligible to Register	Registered Voters	Total Voters	Registration Rate		Registered Turnout	
				Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2004	16,932	12,860	9,491	76.0 %	75.0 %	73.8 %	76.0 %
2006	17,459	12,040	6,828	69.0 %	69.9 %	56.7 %	56.2 %
2008	17,812	12,681	9,684	71.2 %	74.6 %	76.4 %	79.4 %
2010	18,124	12,441	8,344	68.6 %	73.4 %	67.1 %	59.6 %
2012	18,250	12,516	8,879	68.6 %	76.7 %	70.9 %	72.4 %
2014	18,253	12,750	7,332	69.9 %	73.3 %	57.5 %	42.2 %
2016	17,996	14,318	9,790	79.6 %	78.0 %	68.4 %	75.3 %
2018	18,039	14,150	8,439	78.4 %	78.2 %	59.6 %	64.5 %
2020	18,366	15,904	11,624	86.6 %	87.9 %	73.1 %	80.7 %
2022	19,219	14,943	8,450	77.8 %	81.6 %	56.5 %	50.8 %
2024	18,059	15,036	10,676	83.3 %	84.0 %	71.0 %	71.4 %



**Source:**  
California Secretary of State, Statewide Election Results

# INDUSTRY INDICATORS

Industry indicators show the status and growth of key industries linked to economic growth. Most economic development efforts in rural California focus on some, if not all, of these industries. Their growth is linked with the environmental, economic, and social improvement of many rural California communities.

Agricultural employment in Del Norte County is proportionally small when compared to other sectors, but is nonetheless significant when compared to the statewide average. Employment in the agricultural sector has remained between 3.5 and 4.5 percent of the county total over the past decade, with a slight observable decline in recent years. Agricultural earnings have experienced a slight but steady decline since 2015. Commercial fishing remains a significant contributor to the regional economy, with the Crescent City reporting 96 participating vessels, about 2.6 million pounds of landed weight, and more than \$9 million in value in 2024.

Construction employment increased from roughly 1.5 percent of Del Norte County’s employment in 2015 to 3.5 percent in 2024, which was slightly lower than the statewide proportion at about 5.1 percent. Construction earnings steadily increased from 1.8 to nearly 4 percent of Del Norte County’s total earning between 2015 and 2024, which too was slightly lower than the statewide proportion (4.9 percent in 2024). It is notable that Del Norte County saw a significant increase in new construction during the 2024 reporting year, especially regarding new multiple-family units.

Manufacturing employment in Del Norte County remained steady between 1 and 2 percent of total county employment while earnings remained between just under 2 percent of total county earnings between 2014 and 2024; however, manufacturing employment experienced significant growth between 2015 and 2018, with another bump in 2021. When compared to statewide averages, manufacturing employment and earnings in Del Norte County made up a much smaller proportion of total employment and earnings. (Manufacturing in California consistently makes up 7.0 to 8.0 percent of employment and 10.0 to 11.0 percent of earnings.)

Travel and recreation employment data were not fully reported for Del Norte County prior to 2017 due to disclosure issues. For years when data are available, travel and recreation employment and earnings have remained relatively comparable to the rest of the state in their proportion of total county employment and earnings, and in recent years (2022-2024) have reported figures higher than the California average. In 2020, the travel and recreation industry in both Del Norte County and statewide were heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Between 2015 and 2024, retail employment in Del Norte County remained an important sector of the local economy when compared to statewide averages, consistently representing between 11 and 14 percent of total employment and 8 to 10 percent of total earnings. In 2024, jobs in retail amounted to 12.9 percent of the county’s workforce and 9.1 percent of total earnings, as opposed to 8.8 and 4.6 percent statewide, respectively. It is notable that retail employment and earnings in Del Norte County saw steady and consistent growth from 2019 to 2022.

Government employment and earnings in Del Norte County are significant contributors to the local economy, consistently representing between 43 and 47 percent of total county employment and 49 to 55 percent of total earnings between 2015 and 2024. This is largely attributed to the presence of a large state prison and numerous state and national parks located in the county. As of 2024, the Del Norte County industries with the most government employment are Public Administration (2,111), Educational Services (876), and Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (354).

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# Agriculture Employment

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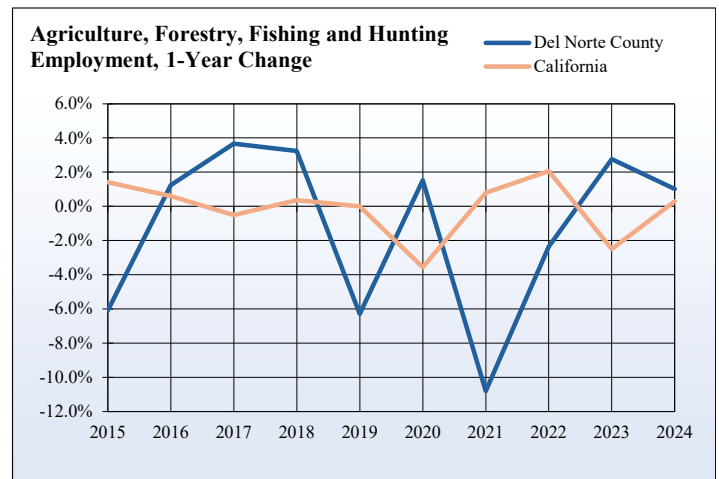
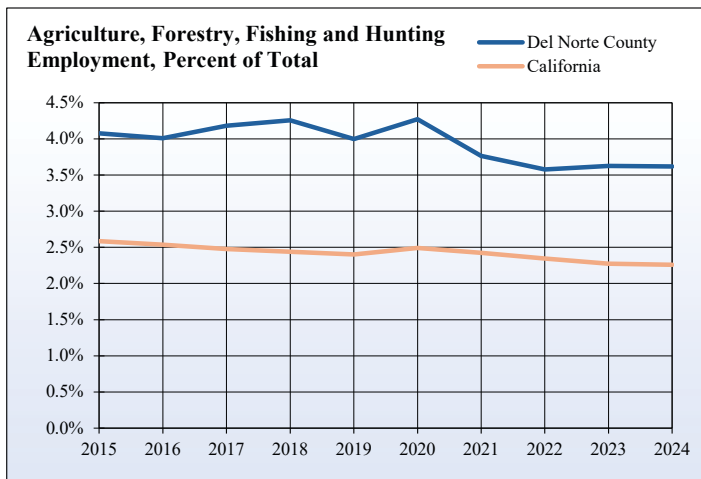
The agricultural sector of the economy has a vast effect on the economy of many rural areas. When there is a change in agricultural production in such areas, it can often lead to subsequent changes in overall jobs and income. Data on agricultural jobs and income are provided to show how county residents benefit from agriculture when compared to other industries.

## How is it used?

Agriculture is typically a base industry: one that is responsible for bringing in revenue from outside the county to support the local economy. Changes to agricultural employment and earnings can therefore indicate the potential for further changes in other industry sectors where agriculture comprises a major portion of the local economy.

**AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND HUNTING EMPLOYMENT, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Employment	Percent of Total		Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	323	4.1%	2.6%	-6.1%	1.4%
2016	327	4.0%	2.5%	1.2%	0.6%
2017	339	4.2%	2.5%	3.7%	-0.5%
2018	350	4.3%	2.4%	3.2%	0.4%
2019	328	4.0%	2.4%	-6.3%	0.0%
2020	333	4.3%	2.5%	1.5%	-3.6%
2021	297	3.8%	2.4%	-10.8%	0.8%
2022	290	3.6%	2.3%	-2.4%	2.1%
2023	298	3.6%	2.3%	2.8%	-2.5%
2024	301	3.6%	2.3%	1.0%	0.3%



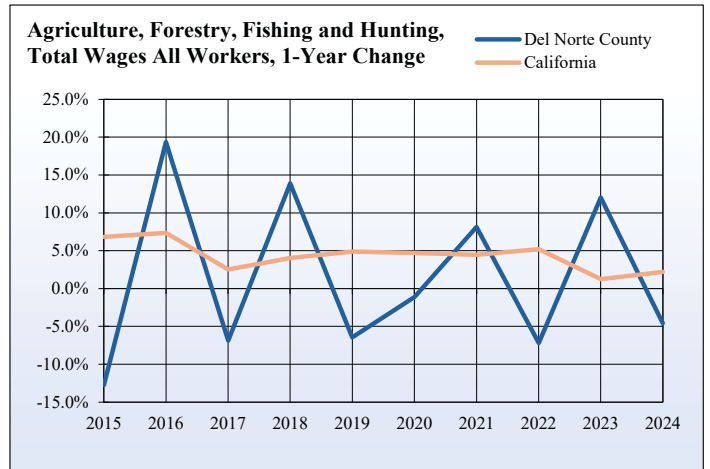
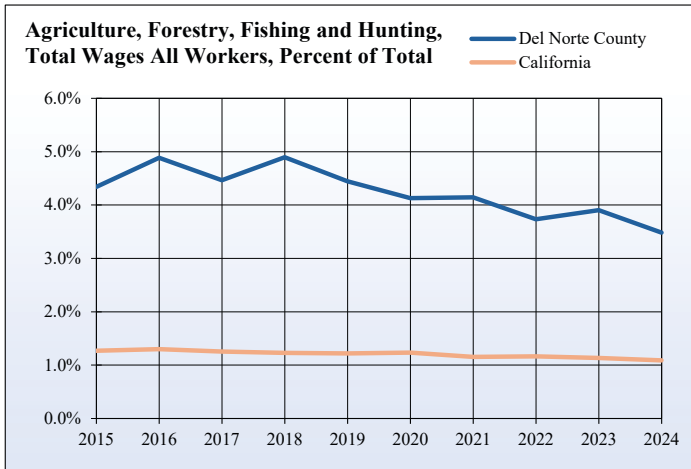
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# Agriculture Total Wages & Value

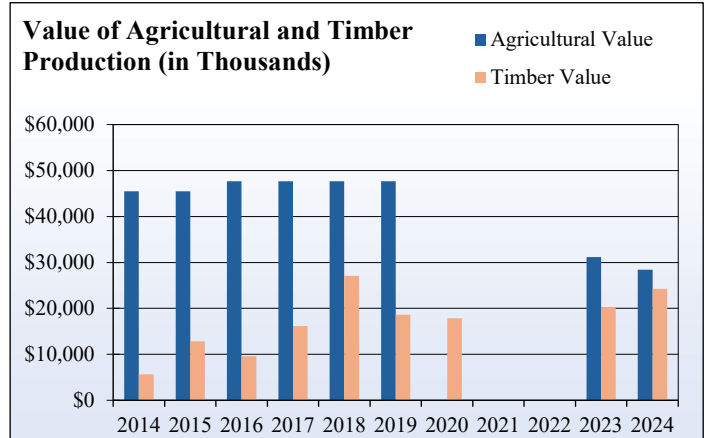
## AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND HUNTING, TOTAL WAGES ALL WORKERS, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Total Wages All Workers (in thousands)	Percent of Total		Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	\$12,431	4.3%	1.3%	-12.7%	6.8%
2016	\$14,836	4.9%	1.3%	19.4%	7.3%
2017	\$13,814	4.5%	1.3%	-6.9%	2.5%
2018	\$15,731	4.9%	1.2%	13.9%	4.0%
2019	\$14,716	4.4%	1.2%	-6.5%	4.9%
2020	\$14,554	4.1%	1.2%	-1.1%	4.7%
2021	\$15,736	4.1%	1.2%	8.1%	4.5%
2022	\$14,607	3.7%	1.2%	-7.2%	5.2%
2023	\$16,362	3.9%	1.1%	12.0%	1.2%
2024	\$15,615	3.5%	1.1%	-4.6%	2.2%



## VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL AND TIMBER PRODUCTION (IN THOUSANDS), DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Agricultural Value	Timber Value	Timber as a Percent of Total Value	Total Value
2014	\$ 45,496	\$ 5,621	11.0 %	\$ 51,117
2015	\$ 45,496	\$ 12,808	22.0 %	\$ 58,304
2016	\$ 47,644	\$ 9,599	16.8 %	\$ 57,243
2017	\$ 47,644	\$ 16,162	25.3 %	\$ 63,806
2018	\$ 47,644	\$ 27,062	36.2 %	\$ 74,706
2019	\$ 47,644	\$ 18,633	28.1 %	\$ 66,277
2020	*	\$ 17,847	100.0 %	\$ 17,847
2021	*	*	*	*
2022	*	*	*	*
2023	\$ 31,137	\$ 20,255	39.4 %	\$ 51,392
2024	\$ 28,411	\$ 24,272	46.1 %	\$ 52,683



\* Note: Only timber value available in 2020 crop year. No data available for 2021 and 2022 crop years.

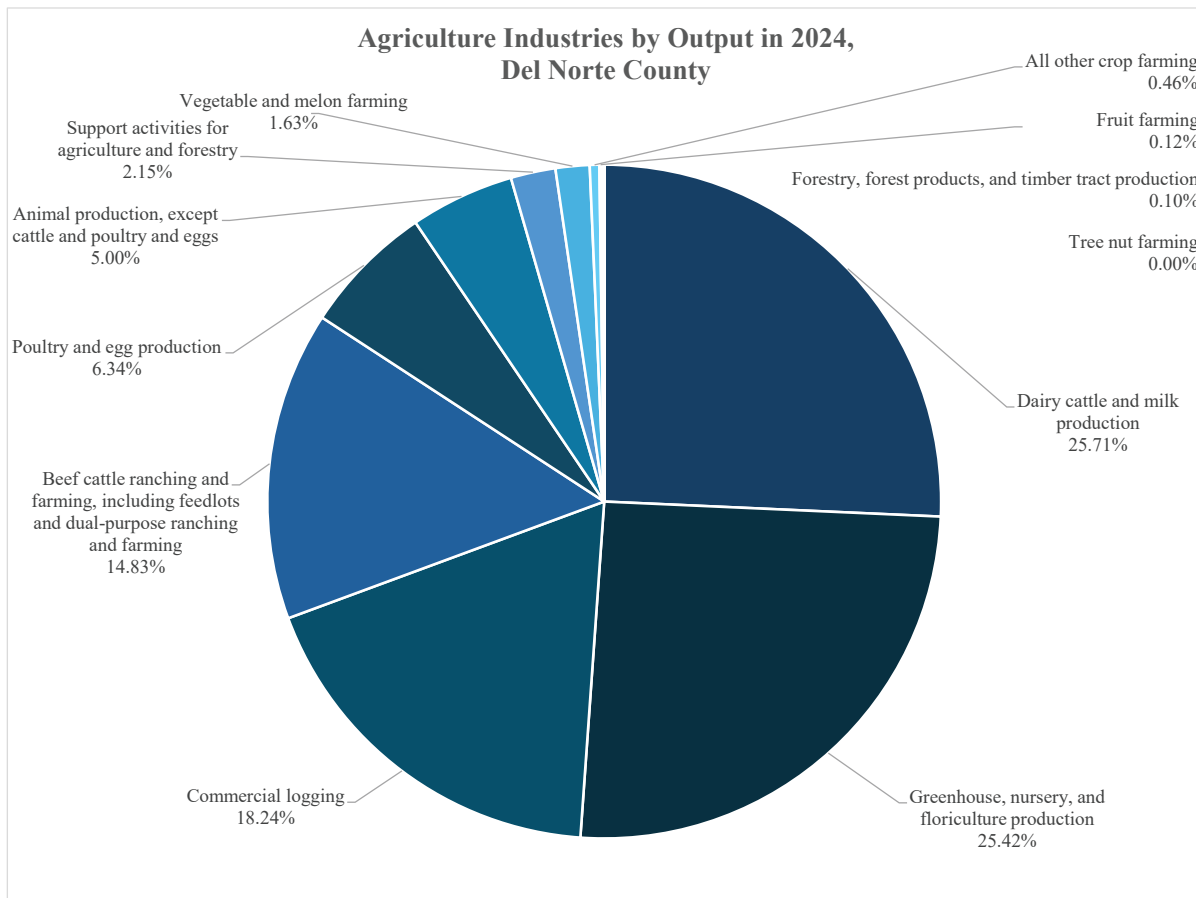
### Sources:

California Employment Development Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages  
 USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, California County Ag Commissioners' Report (2014-2020 data)  
 County of Del Norte, Department of Agriculture, County Crop Reports (2023-2024 data)

# Top Agriculture Industries by Output

## TOP AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES BY OUTPUT, DEL NORTE COUNTY, 2024

Crop	Total Output
Dairy cattle and milk production	\$12,808,197
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production	\$12,661,257
Commercial logging	\$9,087,121
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots and dual-purpose ranching and farming	\$7,387,028
Poultry and egg production	\$3,157,074
Animal production, except cattle and poultry and eggs	\$2,489,317
Support activities for agriculture and forestry	\$1,069,962
Vegetable and melon farming	\$812,586
All other crop farming	\$228,660
Fruit farming	\$60,576
Forestry, forest products, and timber tract production	\$51,943
Tree nut farming	\$1,053
<b>Total Value of Agriculture</b>	<b>\$49,814,772</b>



Source:  
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# Farm Income

## What is it?

This indicator features income data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Census of Agriculture, which occurs every five years (on years ending in 2 and 7). Not all categories have available data for every year of the census, and some data is withheld to protect the privacy of individual farm operations. For this reason, some cells in the table may be blank, or may contain "(D)" denoting a withheld value. To adjust for immense differences in the scale of values contained in the data, the charts for this indicator have been divided into two ranges: one shows categories with reported values consistently above \$1 million, while the other shows categories with reported values consistently below \$1 million. Categories that contain only null or withheld data are not included in these charts.

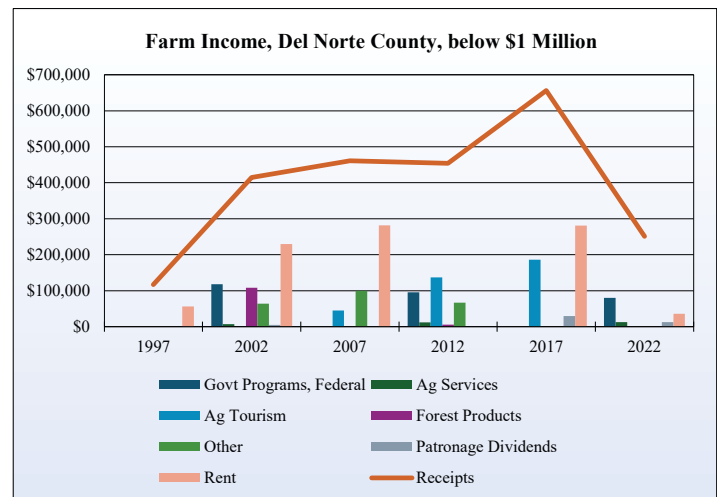
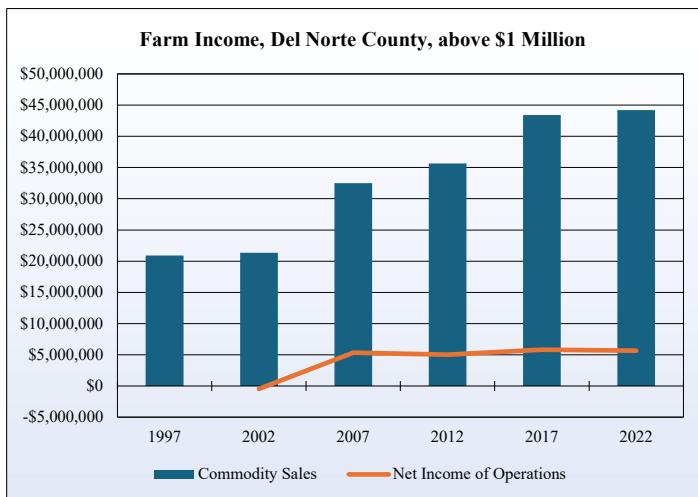
In past years this indicator was titled Source & Distribution of Farm Income and used table CAINC45 from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) as its primary data source. This table was one of several discontinued by the BEA in September 2024, resulting in the need to find an alternate source that provides comparable data.

## How is it used?

Farm income is often a major contributor to rural economies. Due to the large amount of rural areas in Del Norte County, the agricultural sector is important to the County as a whole. Farm income can be a clear indicator of economic health in rural regions.

### DEL NORTE COUNTY FARM INCOME

Category	1997	2002	2007	2012	2017	2022
<b>Commodity Totals - Sales</b>	\$20,906,000	\$21,347,000	\$32,508,000	\$35,651,000	\$43,390,000	\$44,188,000
<b>Govt Programs, Federal</b>		\$118,000	(D)	\$96,000	(D)	\$80,000
<b>Receipts</b>	\$117,000	\$415,000	\$461,000	\$454,000	\$656,000	\$251,000
<b>Ag Services</b>	(D)	\$7,000		\$12,000	(D)	\$13,000
<b>Ag Tourism</b>			\$45,000	\$137,000	\$186,000	(D)
<b>Crop/Animal Insurance</b>				(D)		(D)
<b>Forest Products</b>	(D)	\$108,000	(D)	\$6,000	(D)	(D)
<b>Govt Programs, State &amp; Local</b>				(D)		
<b>Other</b>		\$64,000	\$100,000	\$67,000		
<b>Patronage Dividends</b>		\$5,000	(D)	(D)	\$30,000	\$13,000
<b>Rent</b>	\$56,000	\$230,000	\$282,000	(D)	\$281,000	\$36,000
<b>Net Income of Operations</b>		-\$470,000	\$5,326,000	\$5,011,000	\$5,796,000	\$5,646,000



### Source:

USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service, Quick Stats, Census of Agriculture, Income

# Farm Expenses

## What is it?

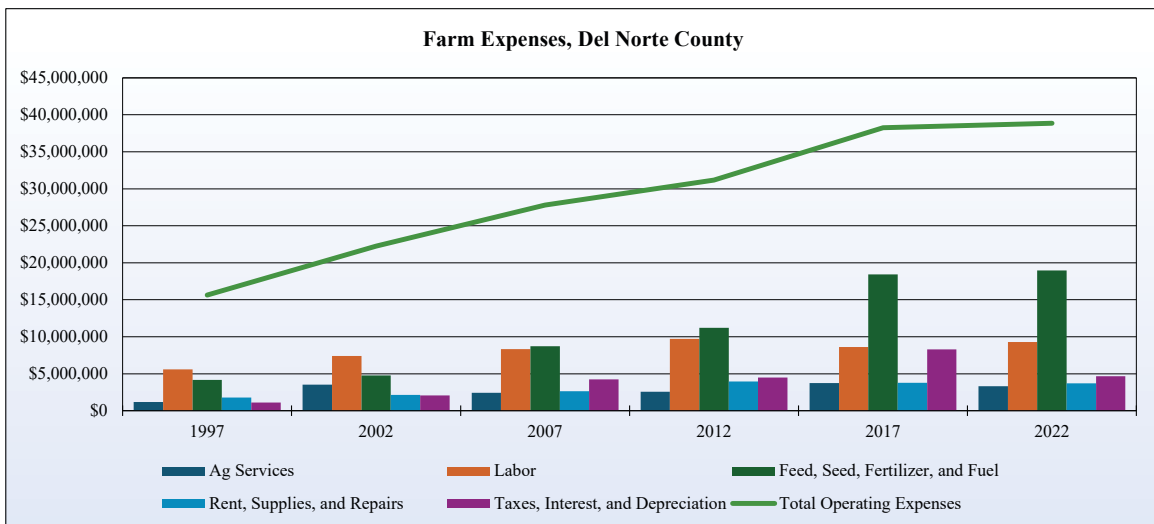
Similar to the previous Farm Income indicator, this indicator features expense data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Census of Agriculture. (For more information about the Census of Agriculture and the transition to this data source from BEA table CAINC45, see previous page.) Due to the large number of expense categories shown below, NSPDC staff have grouped certain categories together when creating the chart for this indicator. This grouping allows for easier visual parsing of the data.

## How is it used?

Data on farm expenses help farmers evaluate fluctuations in the market and plan ahead for long-term sustainable enterprises.

### DEL NORTE COUNTY FARM EXPENSES

Category	1997	2002	2007	2012	2017	2022
Custom Services for Livestock					\$666,000	\$481,000
Customwork Services		(D)	\$225,000	\$169,000	\$196,000	\$210,000
Machinery Rental Services		(D)	\$19,000	(D)	\$41,000	(D)
Other Services	\$1,191,000	\$2,820,000	\$783,000	\$938,000	\$941,000	\$998,000
Utilities Services		\$713,000	\$1,412,000	\$1,464,000	\$1,880,000	\$1,627,000
Animal Totals	\$385,000	(D)	\$2,224,000	\$260,000	(D)	\$421,000
Chemical Totals	\$862,000	\$895,000	\$957,000	(D)	(D)	\$575,000
Depreciation		\$1,188,000	\$1,768,000	\$1,681,000	\$5,794,000	\$4,671,000
Expense Totals, Operating	\$15,651,000	\$22,258,000	\$27,789,000	\$31,190,000	\$38,260,000	\$38,873,000
Feed	\$3,401,000	\$3,815,000	\$6,184,000	\$8,440,000	\$16,407,000	\$16,757,000
Fertilizer	\$413,000	\$342,000	\$623,000	\$545,000	\$548,000	\$465,000
Fuel	\$342,000	\$633,000	\$1,051,000	\$1,716,000	\$1,459,000	\$1,756,000
Interest	\$839,000	\$868,000	\$1,983,000	\$2,072,000	\$1,857,000	(D)
Contract Labor	\$12,000	(D)	\$196,000	(D)	(D)	\$124,000
Hired Labor	\$5,588,000	\$7,388,000	\$8,141,000	\$9,725,000	\$8,619,000	\$9,174,000
Rent, Cash, Land, & Buildings	\$554,000	\$505,000	\$674,000	\$1,197,000	\$1,475,000	\$1,567,000
Seeds & Plants	\$24,000	(D)	\$860,000	\$521,000	(D)	(D)
Supplies & Repairs	\$1,246,000	\$1,645,000	\$1,980,000	\$2,763,000	\$2,313,000	\$2,130,000
Taxes, Property, Real Estate & Non-Real Estate	\$261,000	(D)	\$477,000	\$743,000	\$654,000	(D)



### Source:

USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service, Quick Stats, Census of Agriculture, Expenses

# Commercial Fishing

## What is it?

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) tracks commercial fishing data for every port in the state. The below tables and charts show annual data for the port of Crescent City, detailing the total landed weight (in pounds), value (in dollars), and participation (number of vessels) for each year.

This indicator previously relied on data from the National Marine Fisheries Service's National Ocean Economics Program (NOEP). However, NOEP data has gone multiple successive years without adding new data. As such, NSPDC staff have chosen CDFW as an alternative data source.

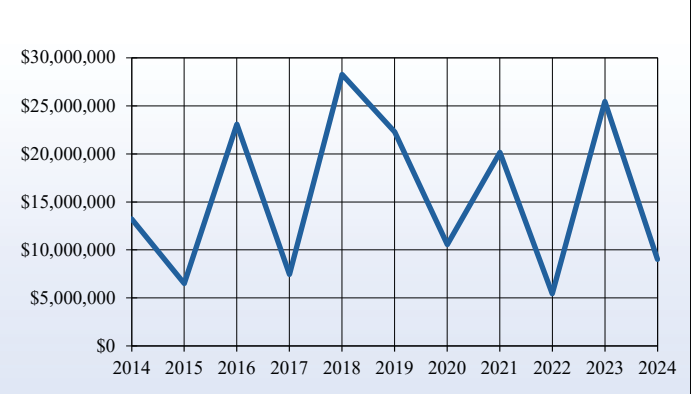
## How is it used?

Commercial fishing is often a significant contributor to the economic productivity of coastal region. The productivity of this sector is often influenced by environmental factors such as maritime climate and individual species migratory patterns.

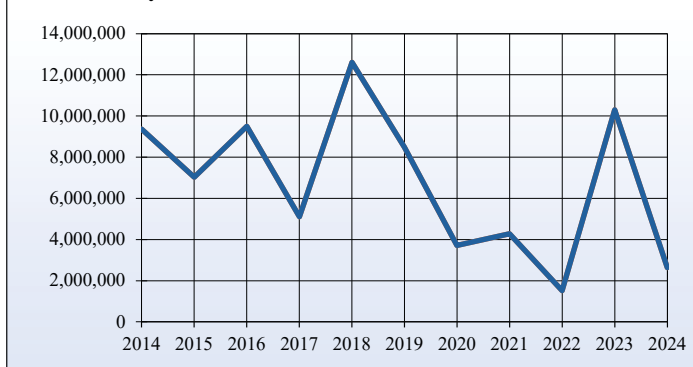
### COMMERCIAL FISHING, PORT OF CRESCENT CITY

Year	Landings (lbs)	Value (dollars)	Participation (# vessels)
2014	9,368,018.11	\$13,222,302	112
2015	7,024,431.44	\$6,518,954	91
2016	9,497,872.91	\$23,077,818	120
2017	5,108,068.89	\$7,440,999	116
2018	12,600,661.21	\$28,246,457	166
2019	8,485,152.87	\$22,283,546	163
2020	3,716,232.65	\$10,574,235	103
2021	4,274,296.98	\$20,142,358	117
2022	1,515,577.50	\$5,441,813	106
2023	10,298,576.85	\$25,441,619	126
2024	2,638,172.55	\$9,023,265	96

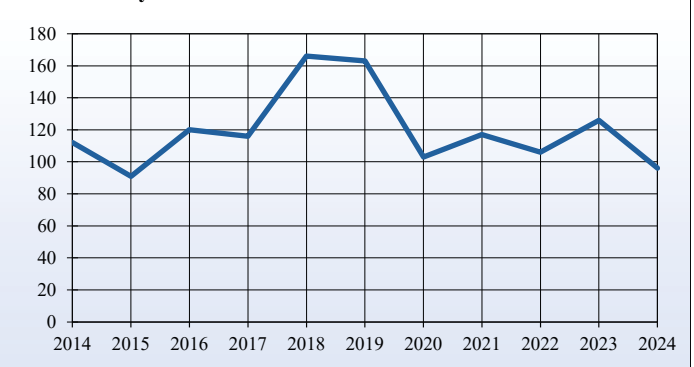
Landed Value of Commercial Fishing, Crescent City



Landed Weight of Commercial Fishing, Crescent City



Vessels Participating in Commercial Fishing, Crescent City



**Source:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Landings by Value and Participation

# Construction Employment

## What is it?

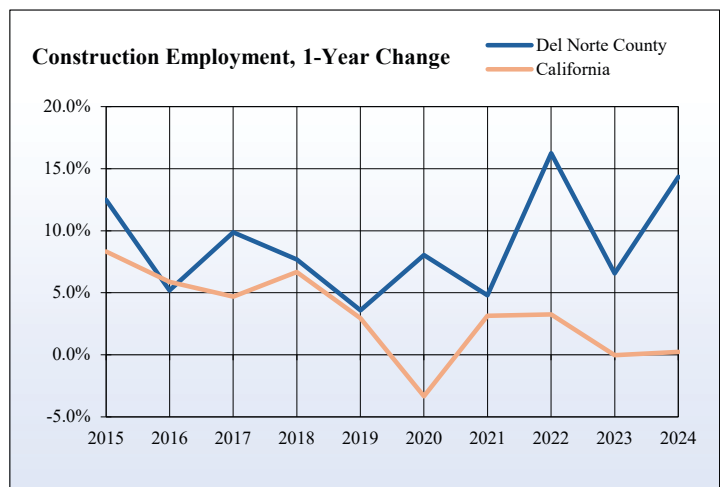
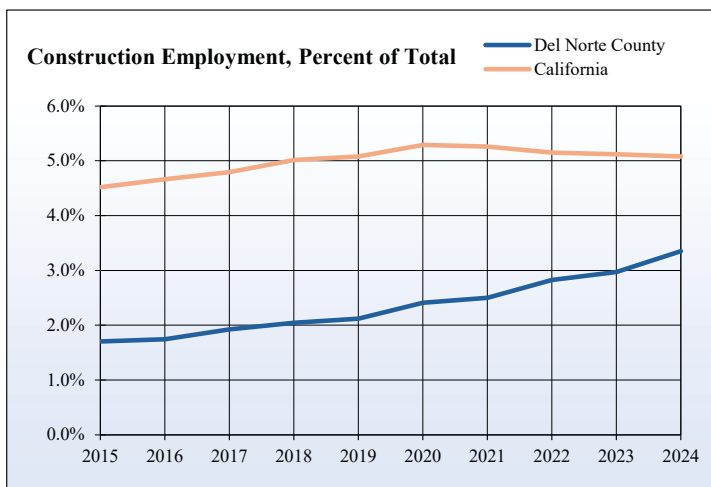
Construction jobs and earnings data are provided to demonstrate the degree to which county residents rely on and benefit from this industry.

## How is it used?

Construction is often a leading indicator of economic growth as the industry creates new and improved infrastructure for homes, businesses, and community and government institutions. Furthermore, the construction industry provides employment for a large number of blue-collar workers and generally does not require high educational attainment for entry-level employment.

### CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Employment	Percent of Total		Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	135	1.7%	4.5%	12.5%	8.3%
2016	142	1.7%	4.7%	5.2%	5.9%
2017	156	1.9%	4.8%	9.9%	4.7%
2018	168	2.0%	5.0%	7.7%	6.7%
2019	174	2.1%	5.1%	3.6%	3.0%
2020	188	2.4%	5.3%	8.0%	-3.3%
2021	197	2.5%	5.3%	4.8%	3.1%
2022	229	2.8%	5.2%	16.2%	3.3%
2023	244	3.0%	5.1%	6.6%	0.0%
2024	279	3.4%	5.1%	14.3%	0.2%



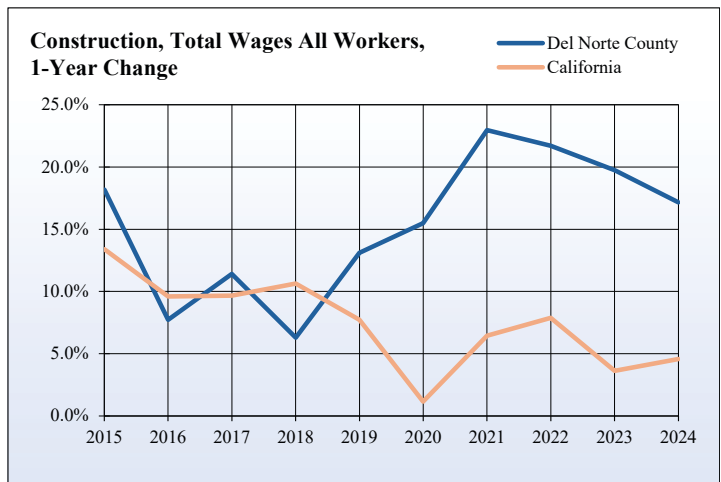
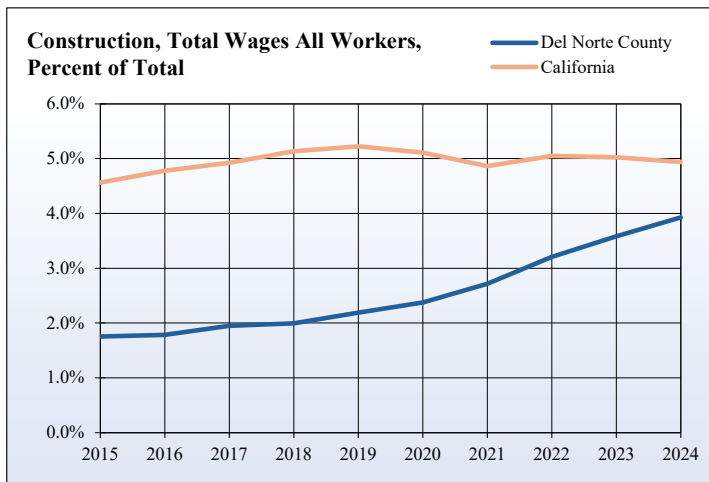
**Source:**

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# Construction Total Wages

## CONSTRUCTION, TOTAL WAGES ALL WORKERS, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Total Wages All Workers (in thousands)	Percent of Total		Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	\$5,030	1.8%	4.6%	18.2%	13.4%
2016	\$5,418	1.8%	4.8%	7.7%	9.6%
2017	\$6,037	2.0%	4.9%	11.4%	9.7%
2018	\$6,416	2.0%	5.1%	6.3%	10.6%
2019	\$7,258	2.2%	5.2%	13.1%	7.7%
2020	\$8,381	2.4%	5.1%	15.5%	1.2%
2021	\$10,306	2.7%	4.9%	23.0%	6.4%
2022	\$12,542	3.2%	5.1%	21.7%	7.9%
2023	\$15,019	3.6%	5.0%	19.7%	3.6%
2024	\$17,597	3.9%	4.9%	17.2%	4.6%



**Source:**

California Employment Development Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

# Permitted Value of New Housing

## What is it?

This indicator shows the total permitted value of new residential construction in Del Norte County. The increase in 2024 appears to be driven by new apartment developments in Crescent City, including Roosevelt Estates (56 units) and Battery Point Apartments (162 units). News sources suggest these developments are part of the city's efforts to meet its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and may be funded, at least in part, through a California Infill Infrastructure Grant.

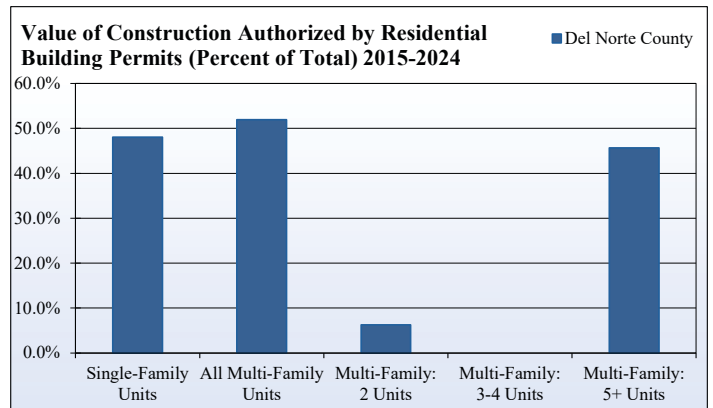
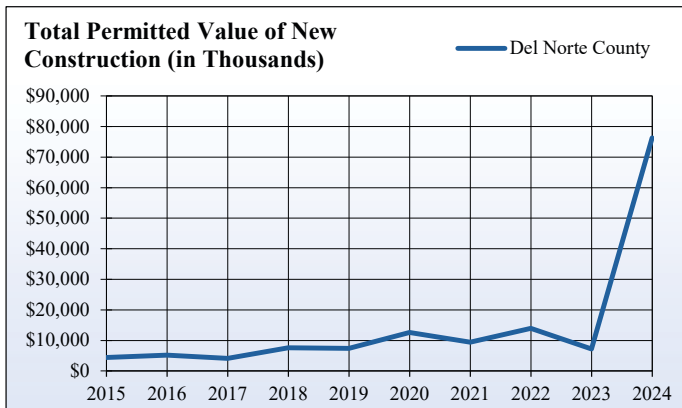
This indicator was previously tracked with data from the Construction Industry Research Board (CIRB). Unfortunately, CIRB closed in May 2025 and no longer provides these data. As a replacement, we use the Census Bureau's Building Permits Survey (BPS), which tracks the number of buildings, units, and valuation in new residential construction.

## How is it used?

Permitted value of construction can be used as an indicator of the health and robustness of the construction sector in an area. Greater permitted value can be indicative of greater amounts of construction work in an area and/or greater value of the homes and other properties being constructed.

**PERMITTED VALUE OF NEW CONSTRUCTION (IN THOUSANDS), DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Single-Family Units	All Multi-Family Units	Multi-Family: 2 Units	Multi-Family: 3-4 Units	Multi-Family: 5+ Units	Total Value
2015	\$4,451	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,451
2016	\$5,236	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,236
2017	\$4,103	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,103
2018	\$7,601	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,601
2019	\$7,105	\$346	\$346	\$0	\$0	\$7,451
2020	\$12,578	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,578
2021	\$7,362	\$2,083	\$2,083	\$0	\$0	\$9,445
2022	\$10,276	\$3,710	\$3,710	\$0	\$0	\$13,986
2023	\$5,138	\$2,124	\$1,060	\$0	\$1,064	\$7,262
2024	\$7,484	\$68,802	\$2,120	\$0	\$66,682	\$76,286
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,335</b>	<b>\$77,064</b>	<b>\$9,319</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$67,746</b>	<b>\$148,399</b>



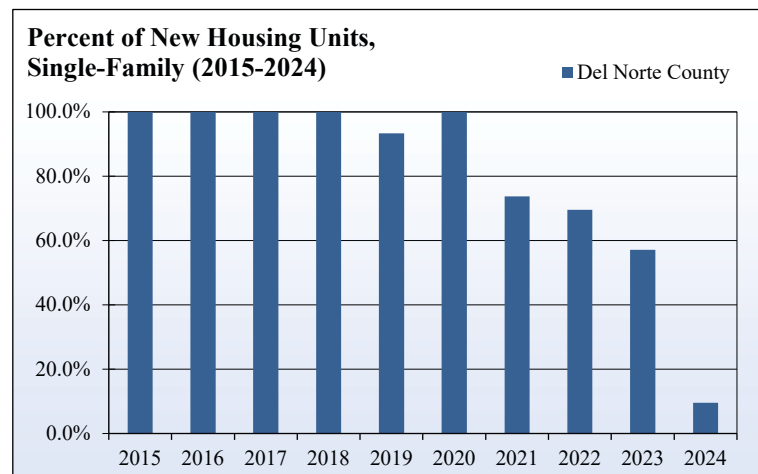
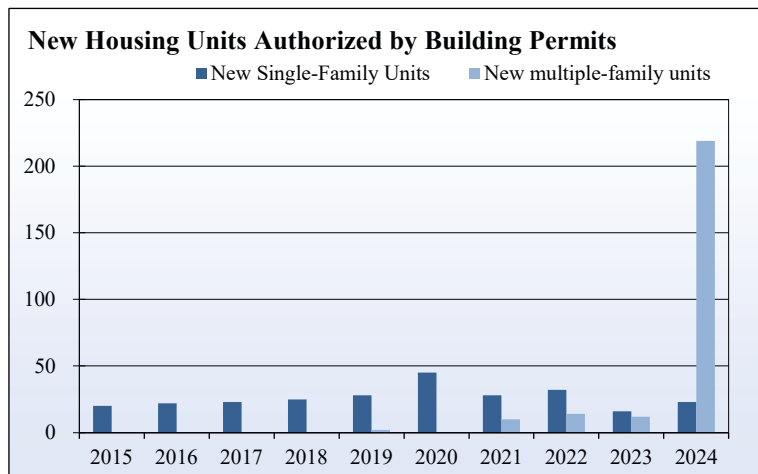
**Source:**

U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey, State and County ASCII Data Directories, Annual

# New Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits

**NEW HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	New Single-Family Units	New multiple-family units	Total new housing units	Percent of Units Single-Family
2015	20	0	20	100.0%
2016	22	0	22	100.0%
2017	23	0	23	100.0%
2018	25	0	25	100.0%
2019	28	2	30	93.3%
2020	45	0	45	100.0%
2021	28	10	38	73.7%
2022	32	14	46	69.6%
2023	16	12	28	57.1%
2024	23	219	242	9.5%



**Source:**

U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey, State and County ASCII Data Directories, Annual

# Permitted Value of New Housing Units

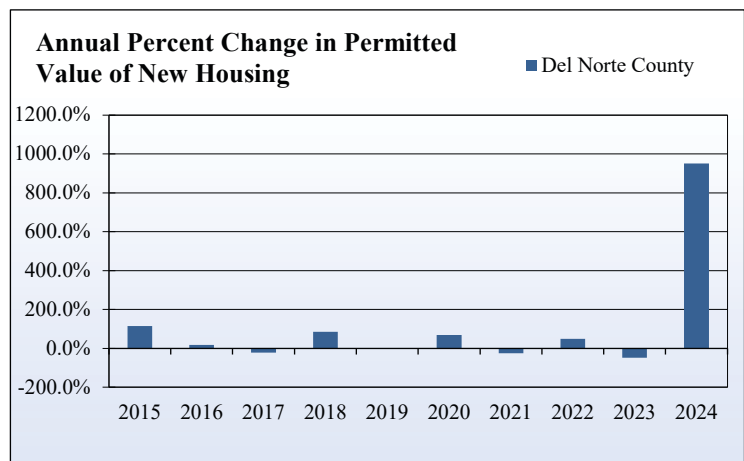
## PERMITTED VALUE OF NEW CONSTRUCTION (IN THOUSANDS), DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	New Single-Family Units	New Multiple-Family Units	All New Housing Units
2015	\$4,451	\$0	\$4,451
2016	\$5,236	\$0	\$5,236
2017	\$4,103	\$0	\$4,103
2018	\$7,601	\$0	\$7,601
2019	\$7,105	\$346	\$7,451
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,335</b>	<b>\$77,064</b>	<b>\$148,399</b>

\* Note: This indicator previously tracked housing valuation data for Crescent City specifically. Following the transition to the Census Bureau's Building Permits Survey (BPS) as a primary data source, Crescent City is no longer reported as a distinct geography. Instead, BPS data are available at the Core-Based Statistical Area (CBSA) level, in which the Crescent City CBSA represents the same geographic area as Del Norte County. As a result, the data now reflect the same values for both geographies.

## ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE IN PERMITTED VALUE OF NEW HOUSING UNITS, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Change in Total Value of New Single and Multi-Family Units
2015	113.9%
2016	17.6%
2017	-21.6%
2018	85.3%
2019	-2.0%
2020	68.8%
2021	-24.9%
2022	48.1%
2023	-48.1%
2024	950.5%



### Sources:

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# Manufacturing Employment

## What is it?

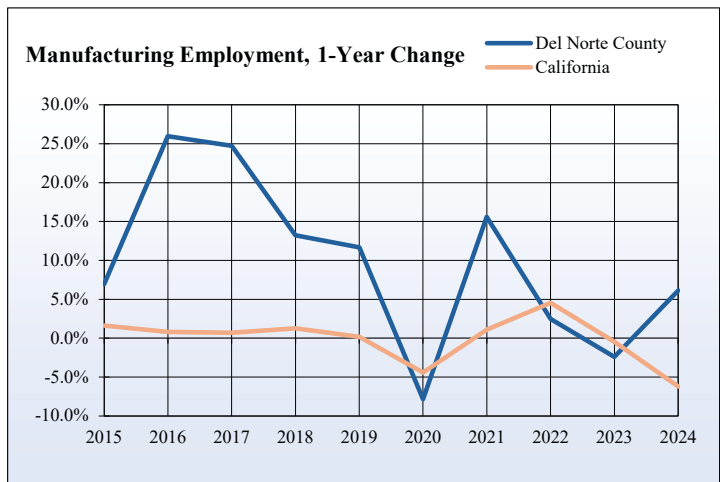
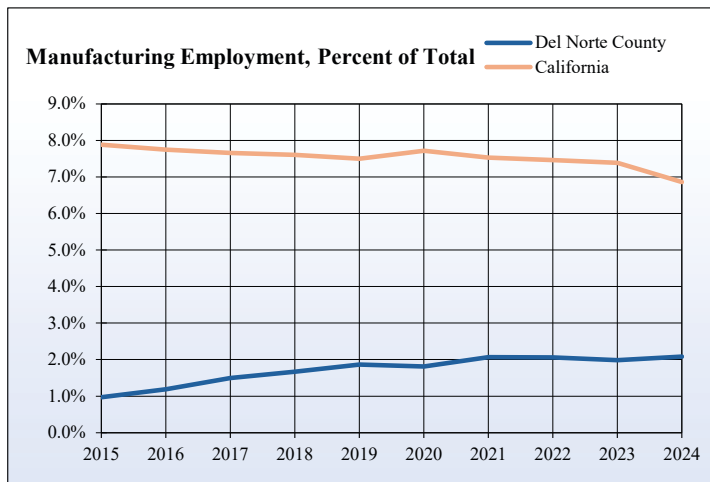
Manufacturing is the mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products and encompasses a wide variety of specific processes and inputs. Manufacturing jobs and earnings data are provided to demonstrate the degree to which county residents rely on and benefit from this industry.

## How is it used?

Manufacturing is usually an economic base industry, making it an important indicator of changes to a county's economy. Counties that have a solid manufacturing base of export goods benefit from the outside revenue that these businesses bring into the county.

### MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Employment	Percent of Total		Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	77	1.0%	7.9%	6.9%	1.6%
2016	97	1.2%	7.7%	26.0%	0.8%
2017	121	1.5%	7.7%	24.7%	0.7%
2018	137	1.7%	7.6%	13.2%	1.3%
2019	153	1.9%	7.5%	11.7%	0.2%
2020	141	1.8%	7.7%	-7.8%	-4.4%
2021	163	2.1%	7.5%	15.6%	1.1%
2022	167	2.1%	7.5%	2.5%	4.6%
2023	163	2.0%	7.4%	-2.4%	-0.5%
2024	173	2.1%	6.9%	6.1%	-6.2%



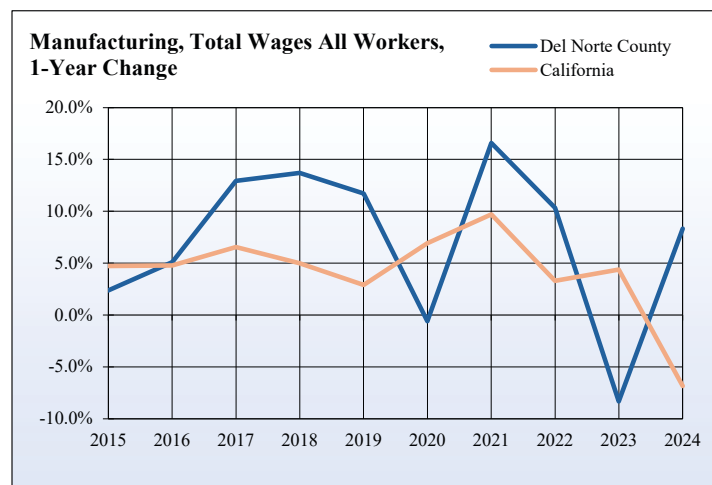
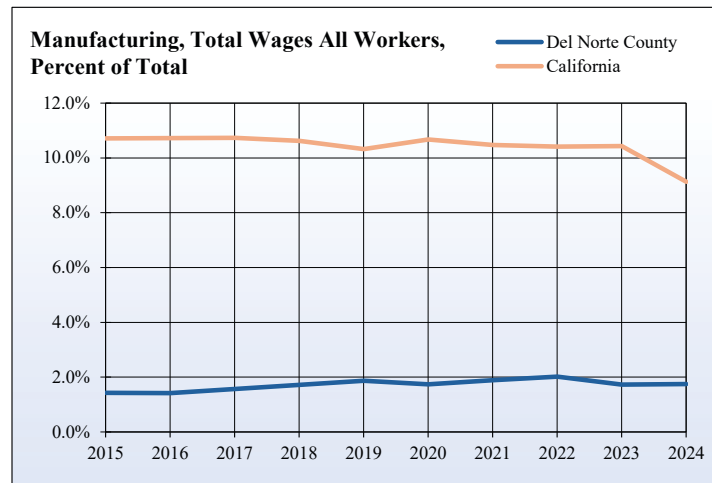
**Source:**

California Employment Development Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

# Manufacturing Total Wages

## MANUFACTURING, TOTAL WAGES ALL WORKERS, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Total Wages All Workers (in thousands)	Percent of Total		Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	\$4,097	1.4%	10.7%	2.4%	4.7%
2016	\$4,306	1.4%	10.7%	5.1%	4.8%
2017	\$4,862	1.6%	10.7%	12.9%	6.6%
2018	\$5,529	1.7%	10.6%	13.7%	5.0%
2019	\$6,177	1.9%	10.3%	11.7%	2.9%
2020	\$6,140	1.7%	10.7%	-0.6%	6.9%
2021	\$7,158	1.9%	10.5%	16.6%	9.7%
2022	\$7,898	2.0%	10.4%	10.3%	3.3%
2023	\$7,241	1.7%	10.4%	-8.3%	4.4%
2024	\$7,844	1.7%	9.1%	8.3%	-6.8%



**Source:**

California Employment Development Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

# Travel and Recreation Employment

## What is it?

This indicator presents data on jobs and earnings within the travel and recreation industry, which is calculated as the combination of two North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) industries: Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71) and Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72).

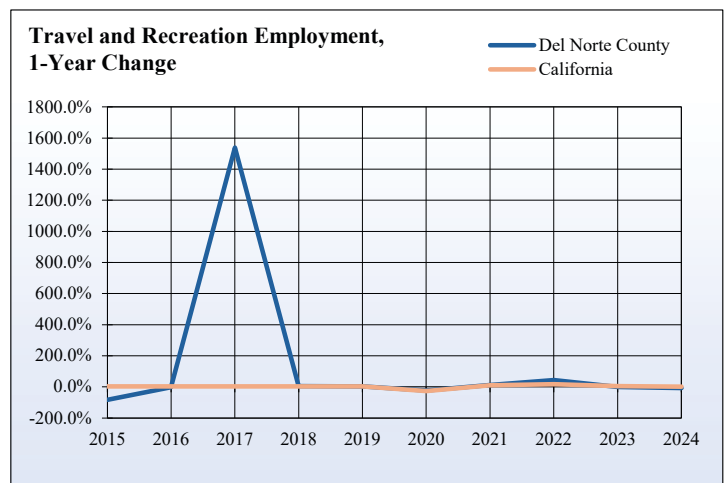
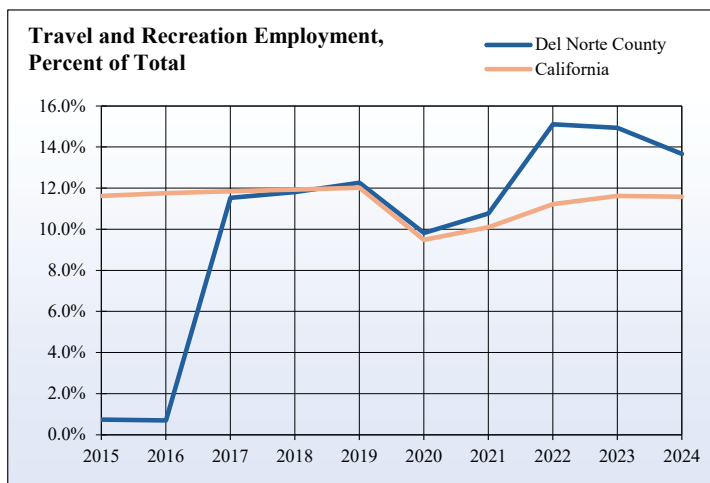
The apparent addition of almost 900 employees between 2016 and 2017 is caused by a change in the way the QCEW withheld sensitive data. 2017 was the first year that data from private ownership (as opposed to federal, state, or local government ownership) was included (not redacted) for these two NAICS industries in Del Norte County, causing an apparent spike in employment and wages.

## How is it used?

Visitor-serving industries are often an important economic base industry because they attract spending from outside of the area. This makes travel and recreation industry performance an important local economic indicator. Because the industry is generally dependent on others' discretionary income levels, travel and recreation jobs and earnings are often more sensitive to economic downturns or recessions than those in other base industries.

**TRAVEL AND RECREATION EMPLOYMENT, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Employment	Percent of Total		Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	58	0.7%	11.6%	-83.7%	3.7%
2016	57	0.7%	11.8%	-1.7%	3.8%
2017	934	11.5%	11.8%	1538.6%	2.6%
2018	971	11.8%	11.9%	4.0%	2.7%
2019	1,006	12.3%	12.0%	3.6%	2.3%
2020	765	9.8%	9.5%	-24.0%	-26.7%
2021	849	10.8%	10.1%	11.0%	10.4%
2022	1,224	15.1%	11.2%	44.2%	17.2%
2023	1,228	14.9%	11.6%	0.3%	4.1%
2024	1,137	13.7%	11.6%	-7.4%	0.6%



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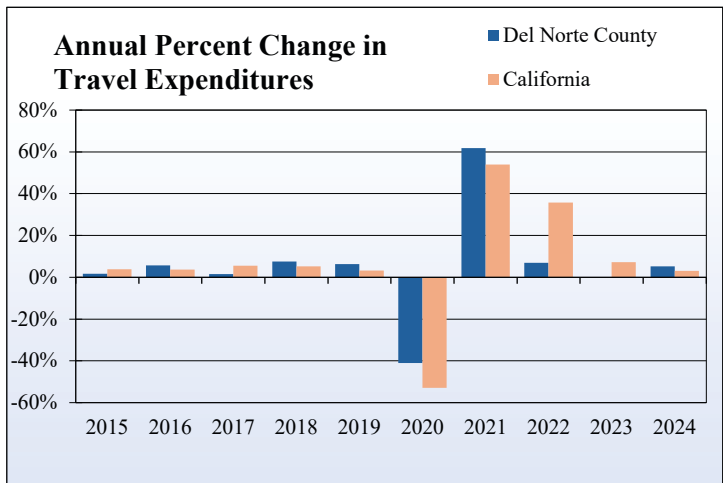
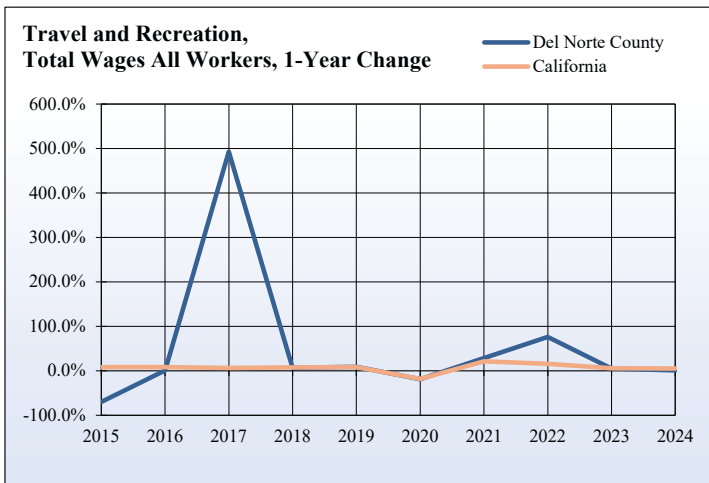
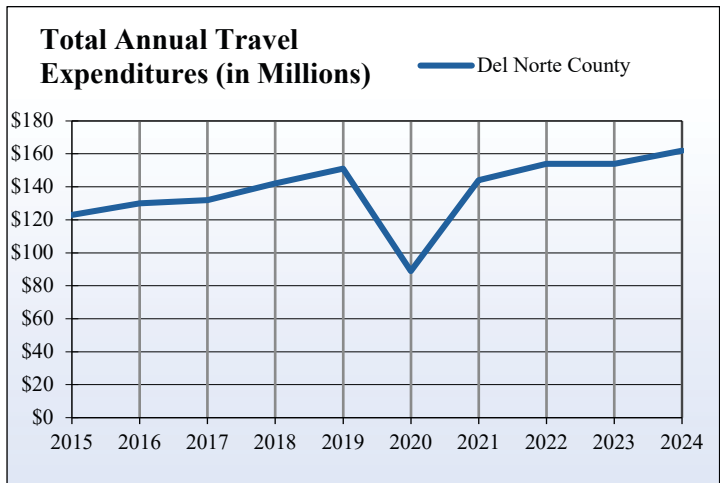
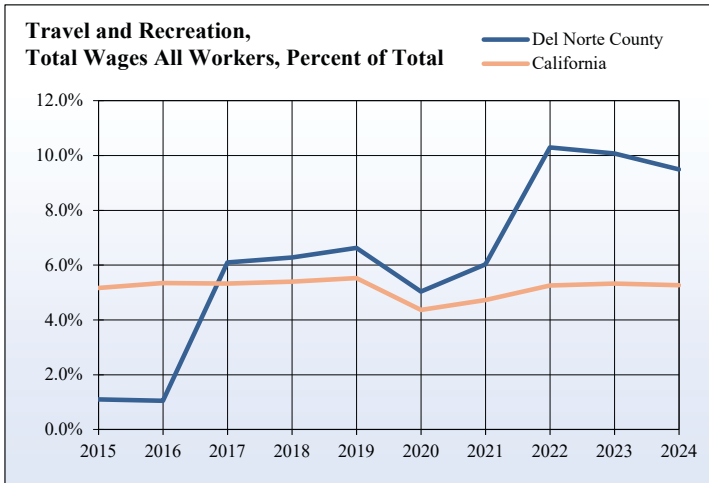
# Travel and Recreation Total Wages & Expenditures

## TRAVEL AND RECREATION, TOTAL WAGES ALL WORKERS, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Total Wages All Workers (in thousands)	Percent of Total		Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	\$3,159	1.1%	5.2%	-70.5%	8.1%
2016	\$3,182	1.0%	5.3%	0.7%	8.3%
2017	\$18,864	6.1%	5.3%	492.8%	6.2%
2018	\$20,177	6.3%	5.4%	7.0%	7.3%
2019	\$21,952	6.6%	5.5%	8.8%	8.4%
2020	\$17,780	5.0%	4.4%	-19.0%	-18.3%
2021	\$22,879	6.0%	4.7%	28.7%	21.2%
2022	\$40,266	10.3%	5.3%	76.0%	15.4%
2023	\$42,244	10.1%	5.3%	4.9%	5.6%
2024	\$42,571	9.5%	5.3%	0.8%	5.2%

## TOTAL ANNUAL TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (IN MILLIONS), DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Expenditures		Percent Change	
	Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	\$123	\$121,933	1.7%	3.9%
2016	\$130	\$126,402	5.7%	3.7%
2017	\$132	\$133,320	1.5%	5.5%
2018	\$142	\$140,349	7.6%	5.3%
2019	\$151	\$144,851	6.3%	3.2%
2020	\$89	\$68,256	-41.1%	-52.9%
2021	\$144	\$105,028	61.8%	53.9%
2022	\$154	\$142,506	6.9%	35.7%
2023	\$154	\$152,697	0.0%	7.2%
2024	\$162	\$157,327	5.2%	3.0%



**Sources:**

California Employment Development Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages  
 Visit California, Economic Impact of Travel in California

# Retail Employment

## What is it?

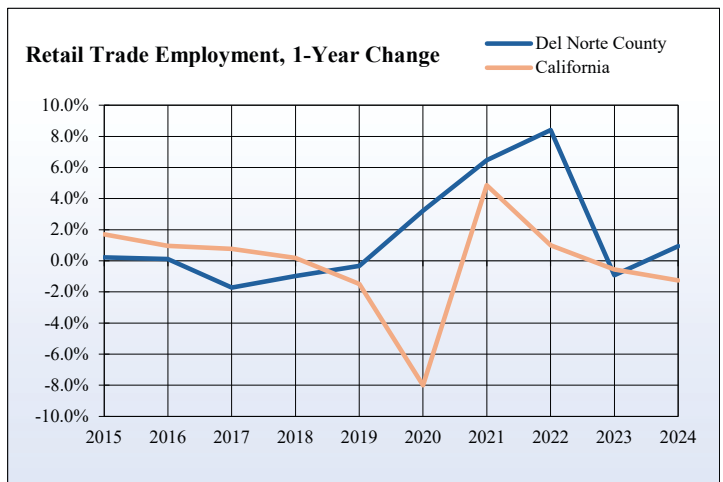
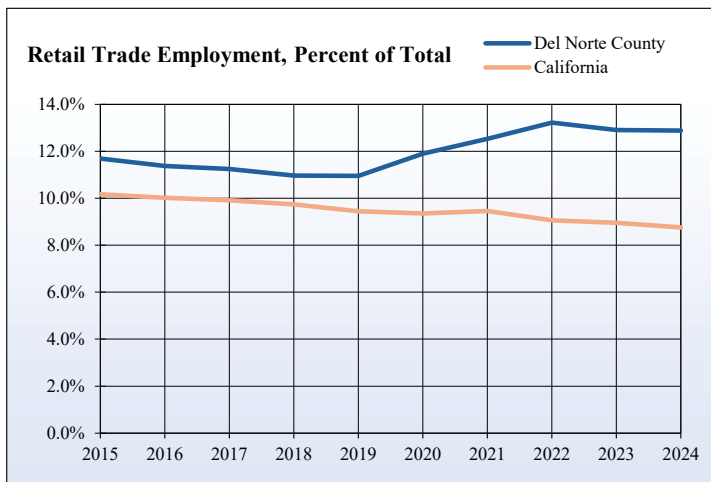
Retail jobs and earnings data are provided to demonstrate the degree to which county residents rely on and benefit from this industry.

## How is it used?

The bulk of most retail sales are made to individuals who are living within the local area as opposed to those visiting from outside the area. Retail activity is traditionally most impacted by changes in base industries like agriculture and manufacturing, and can thus serve as an indicator of change in these sectors. Retail is also one of the largest industry sectors in many local economies.

### RETAIL TRADE EMPLOYMENT, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Employment	Percent of Total		Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	926	11.7%	10.2%	0.2%	1.7%
2016	927	11.4%	10.0%	0.1%	1.0%
2017	911	11.2%	9.9%	-1.7%	0.8%
2018	902	11.0%	9.7%	-1.0%	0.2%
2019	899	11.0%	9.4%	-0.3%	-1.5%
2020	928	11.9%	9.4%	3.2%	-8.0%
2021	988	12.5%	9.5%	6.5%	4.9%
2022	1,071	13.2%	9.1%	8.4%	1.0%
2023	1,061	12.9%	9.0%	-0.9%	-0.6%
2024	1,071	12.9%	8.8%	0.9%	-1.3%



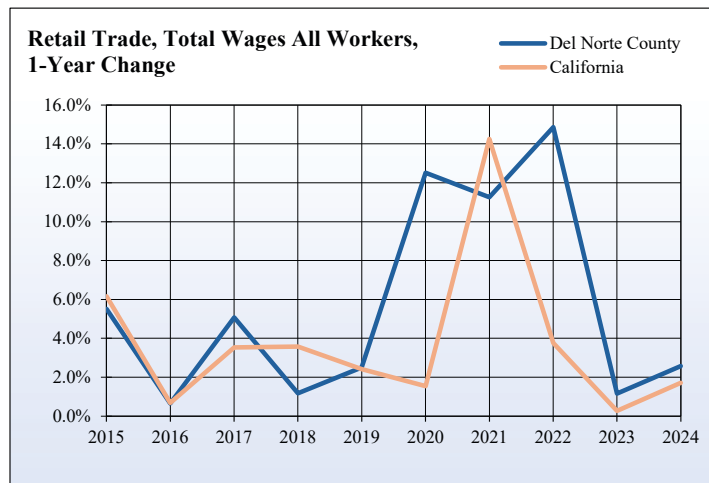
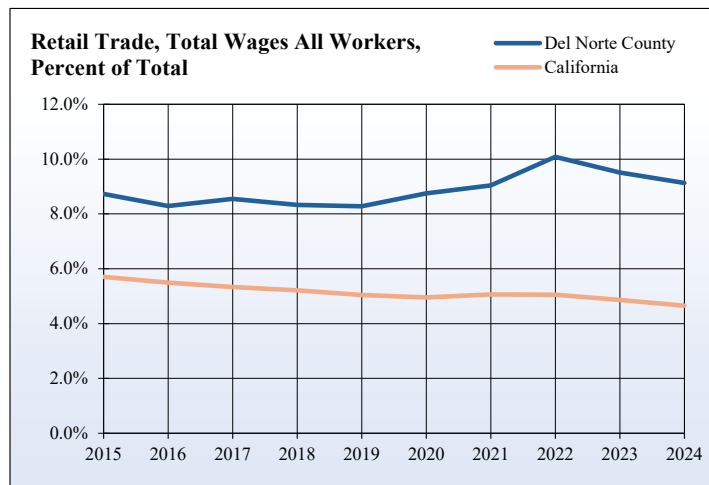
**Source:**

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# Retail Total Wages

## RETAIL TRADE, TOTAL WAGES ALL WORKERS, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Total Wages All Workers (in thousands)	Percent of Total		Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	\$25,000	8.7%	5.7%	5.5%	6.2%
2016	\$25,162	8.3%	5.5%	0.7%	0.7%
2017	\$26,440	8.5%	5.3%	5.1%	3.5%
2018	\$26,750	8.3%	5.2%	1.2%	3.6%
2019	\$27,420	8.3%	5.0%	2.5%	2.4%
2020	\$30,852	8.7%	4.9%	12.5%	1.5%
2021	\$34,325	9.0%	5.1%	11.3%	14.2%
2022	\$39,425	10.1%	5.1%	14.9%	3.8%
2023	\$39,885	9.5%	4.9%	1.2%	0.3%
2024	\$40,910	9.1%	4.6%	2.6%	1.7%



**Source:**

California Employment Development Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

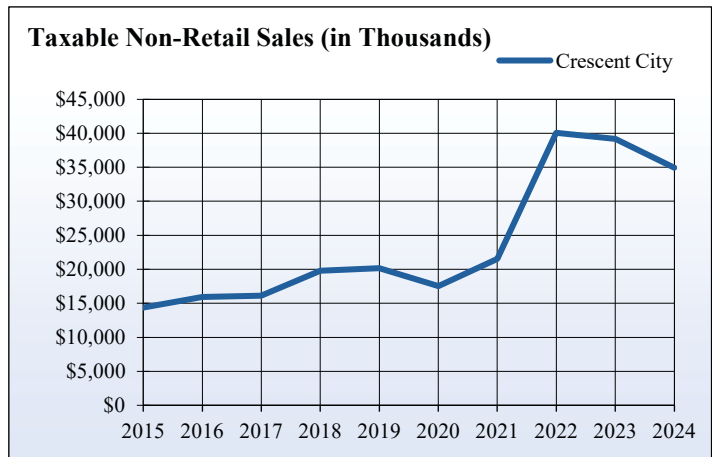
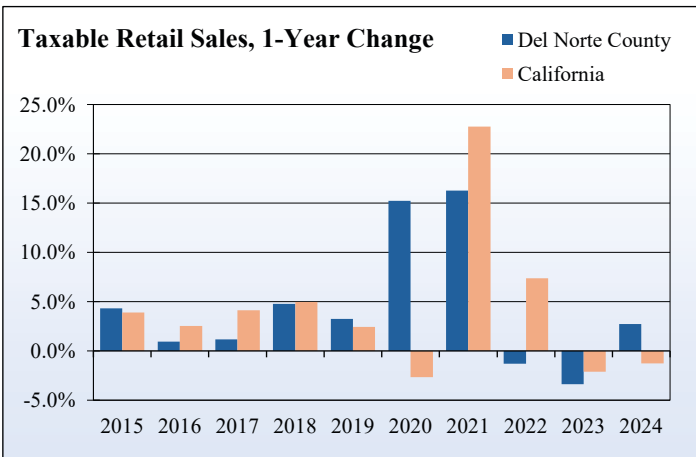
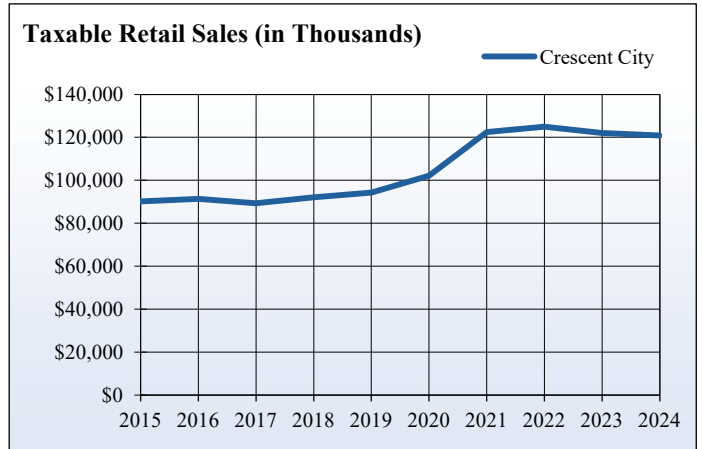
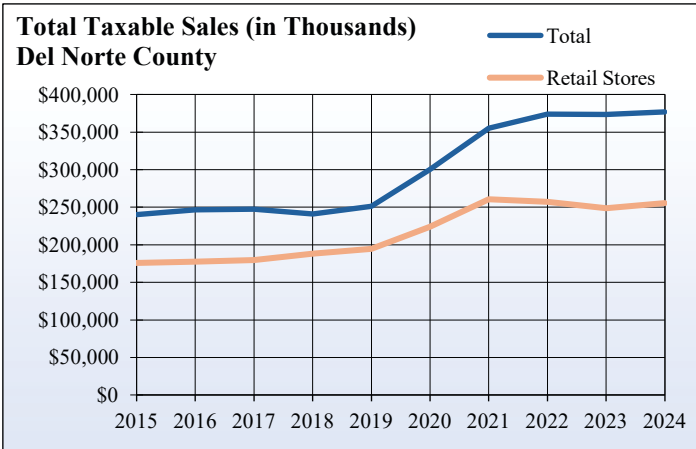
# Taxable Sales

## TOTAL TAXABLE SALES, RETAIL AND NON-RETAIL (IN-THOUSANDS), DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Retail Stores	Non-retail	Total
2015	\$176,025	\$64,296	\$240,321
2016	\$177,695	\$68,720	\$246,415
2017	\$179,818	\$67,543	\$247,361
2018	\$188,392	\$52,702	\$241,094
2019	\$194,503	\$56,745	\$251,247
2020	\$224,132	\$76,113	\$300,245
2021	\$260,588	\$94,604	\$355,192
2022	\$257,233	\$116,795	\$374,028
2023	\$248,617	\$125,026	\$373,643
2024	\$255,464	\$121,580	\$377,044

## TAXABLE SALES ANNUAL CHANGE, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Taxable Retail Sales		Total Taxable Sales	
	County	California	County	California
2015	4.3%	3.9%	-0.1%	3.6%
2016	0.9%	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%
2017	1.2%	4.1%	0.4%	3.7%
2018	4.8%	5.0%	-2.5%	4.3%
2019	3.2%	2.4%	4.2%	3.7%
2020	15.2%	-2.7%	19.5%	-3.6%
2021	16.3%	22.8%	18.3%	22.1%
2022	-1.3%	7.4%	5.3%	10.3%
2023	-3.3%	-2.1%	-0.1%	-1.7%
2024	2.8%	-1.3%	0.9%	-1.6%



**Sources:**

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, Taxable Sales (Taxable Table 3)  
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# Government Employment

## What is it?

Government jobs and income are provided to demonstrate the degree to which county residents rely on and benefit from government contribution to the economy. The California Employment Development Department's Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) disaggregates each industry by ownership type: government (federal, state, or local) and private. The data shown in this indicator track annual government totals across all industry categories.

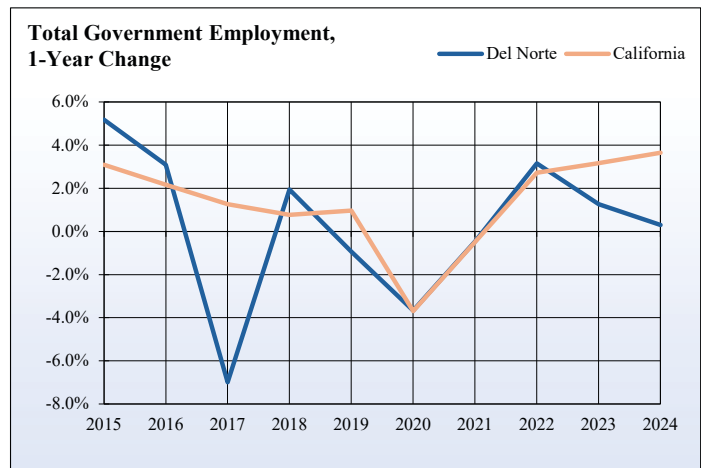
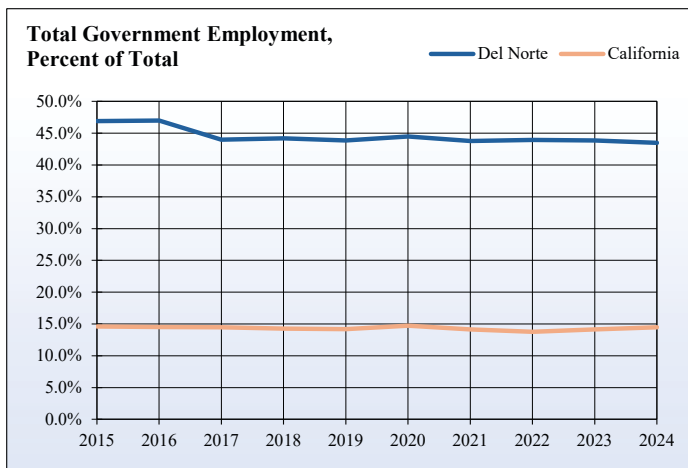
## How is it used?

Because government institutions often comprise a large portion of the local economy, especially in rural counties, any change in government spending can have a significant impact on the county's economy.

**TOTAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT, DEL NORTE COUNTY**

Year	Employment	Percent of Total		Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	3,717	46.91%	14.60%	5.18%	3.09%
2016	3,832	47.00%	14.54%	3.09%	2.17%
2017	3,564	43.97%	14.46%	-6.99%	1.27%
2018	3,633	44.18%	14.29%	1.94%	0.76%
2019	3,599	43.86%	14.20%	-0.94%	0.97%
2020	3,467	44.47%	14.72%	-3.67%	-3.70%
2021	3,451	43.77%	14.14%	-0.46%	-0.49%
2022	3,560	43.93%	13.77%	3.16%	2.73%
2023	3,605	43.86%	14.13%	1.26%	3.17%
2024	3,616	43.47%	14.50%	0.31%	3.65%

\* Note: Government makes up a relatively large part of Del Norte County's economy because of the presence of Pelican Bay State Prison and the many State and National Parks found in the county.



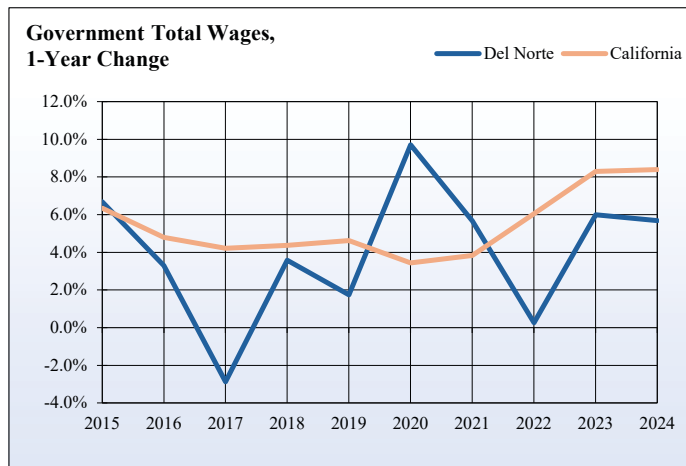
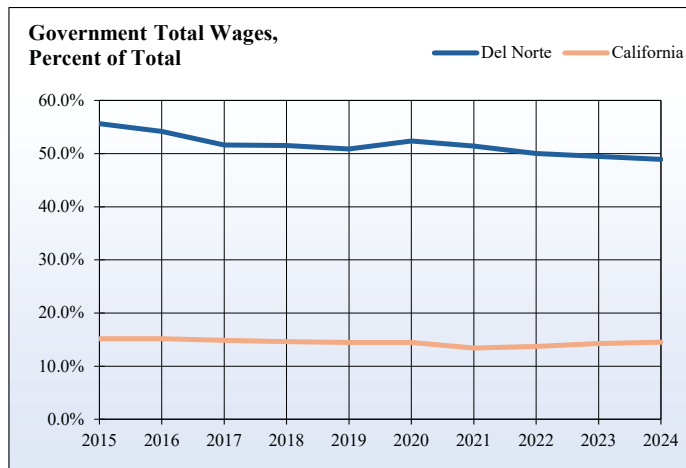
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# Government Total Wages

## GOVERNMENT TOTAL WAGES, DEL NORTE COUNTY

Year	Total Wages All Workers (in thousands)	Percent of Total		Percent Change	
		Del Norte	California	Del Norte	California
2015	\$159,312	55.62%	15.17%	6.68%	6.35%
2016	\$164,573	54.20%	15.19%	3.30%	4.80%
2017	\$159,834	51.65%	14.86%	-2.88%	4.21%
2018	\$165,560	51.52%	14.63%	3.58%	4.38%
2019	\$168,446	50.87%	14.46%	1.74%	4.62%
2020	\$184,792	52.40%	14.46%	9.70%	3.43%
2021	\$195,264	51.43%	13.43%	5.67%	3.83%
2022	\$195,781	50.04%	13.71%	0.27%	6.05%
2023	\$207,524	49.49%	14.25%	6.00%	8.30%
2024	\$219,313	48.93%	14.51%	5.68%	8.39%



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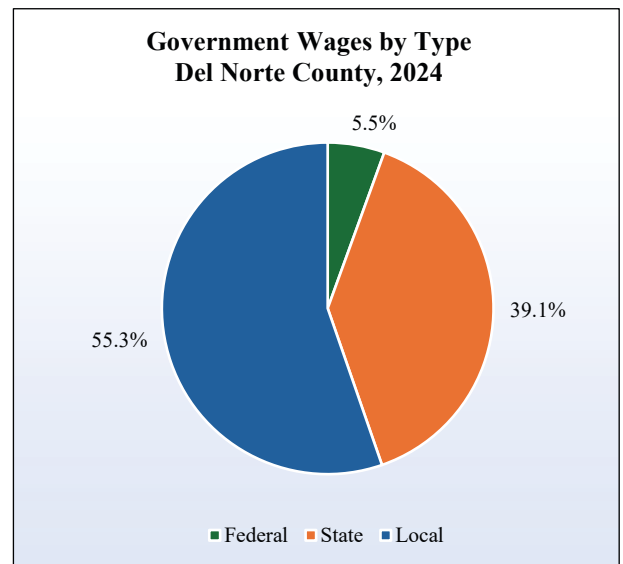
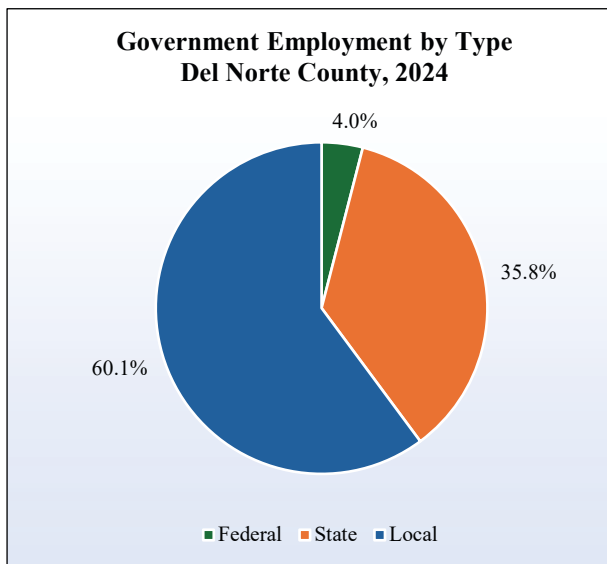
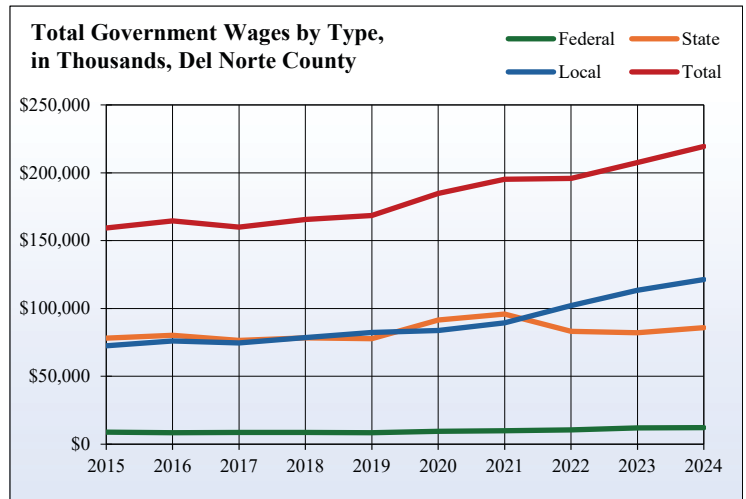
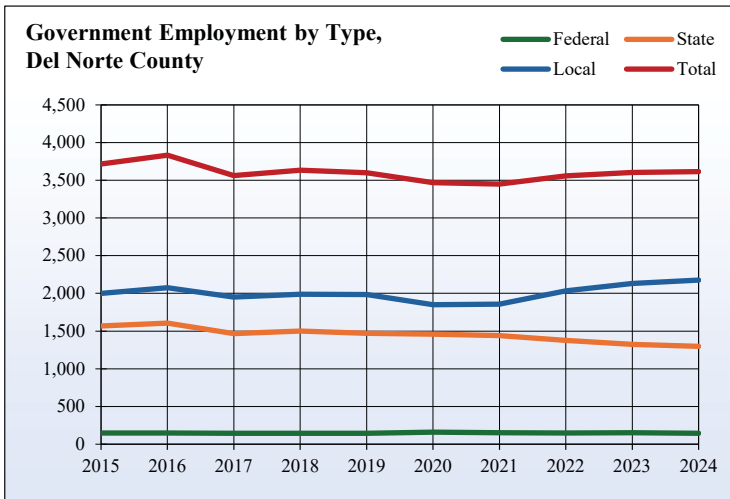
# Government Employment and Wages by Type

**DEL NORTE COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT BY TYPE**

Year	Federal	State	Local	Total
2015	147	1,569	2,001	3,717
2016	149	1,607	2,076	3,832
2017	146	1,468	1,950	3,564
2018	144	1,499	1,990	3,633
2019	146	1,469	1,984	3,599
2020	160	1,459	1,848	3,467
2021	152	1,440	1,859	3,451
2022	147	1,378	2,035	3,560
2023	151	1,323	2,131	3,605
2024	145	1,296	2,175	3,616

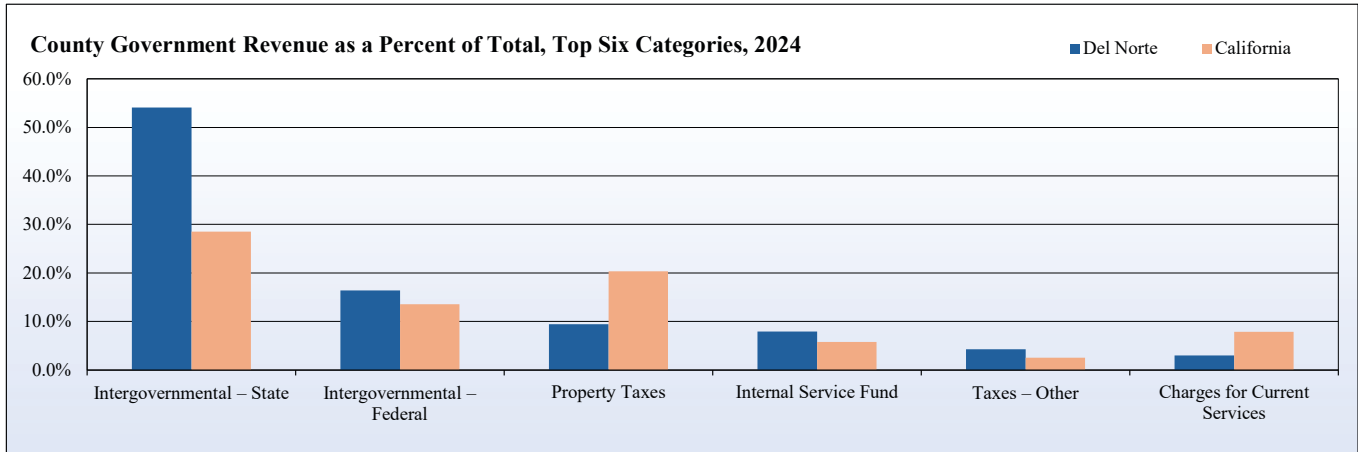
**DEL NORTE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WAGES BY TYPE, IN THOUSANDS**

Year	Federal	State	Local	Total
2015	\$8,854	\$78,056	\$72,402	\$159,312
2016	\$8,338	\$80,186	\$76,049	\$164,573
2017	\$8,696	\$76,566	\$74,572	\$159,834
2018	\$8,653	\$78,363	\$78,543	\$165,560
2019	\$8,367	\$77,791	\$82,288	\$168,446
2020	\$9,583	\$91,433	\$83,775	\$184,792
2021	\$9,845	\$95,950	\$89,468	\$195,264
2022	\$10,583	\$83,141	\$102,057	\$195,781
2023	\$12,033	\$82,088	\$113,402	\$207,524
2024	\$12,165	\$85,844	\$121,304	\$219,313



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# Government Revenue

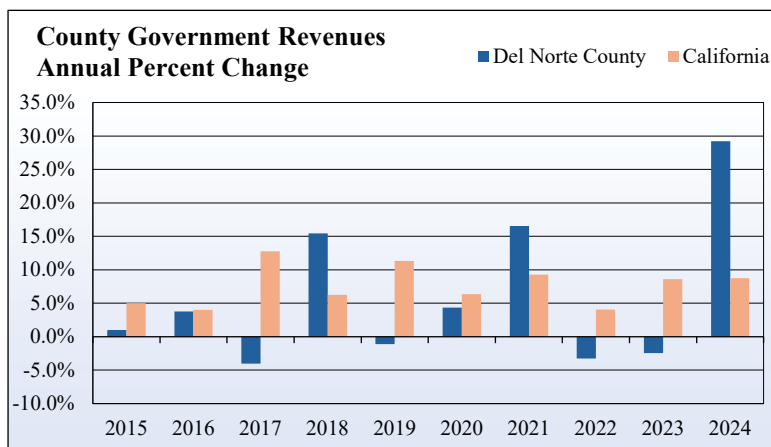


## COUNTY GOVERNMENT REVENUE, DEL NORTE COUNTY, 2024

Revenue Source	Del Norte County		California
	Revenue	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Intergovernmental - State	\$62,765,352	54.1%	28.5%
Intergovernmental - Federal	\$18,991,998	16.4%	13.5%
Property Taxes	\$10,914,311	9.4%	20.4%
Internal Service Fund	\$9,180,772	7.9%	5.8%
Taxes - Other	\$4,975,834	4.3%	2.5%
Charges for Current Services	\$3,466,933	3.0%	7.8%
Revenue from Use of Money and Property	\$2,307,842	2.0%	2.9%
Licenses, Permits, and Franchises	\$1,091,820	0.9%	0.7%
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	\$807,250	0.7%	0.7%
Other Enterprise Fund	\$587,845	0.5%	3.2%
Intergovernmental - Other	\$513,086	0.4%	0.6%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$310,306	0.3%	1.2%
Water Enterprise Fund	\$37,419	0.0%	0.2%
Other In-Lieu Taxes	\$37,300	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$115,988,068</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>88.1%</b>

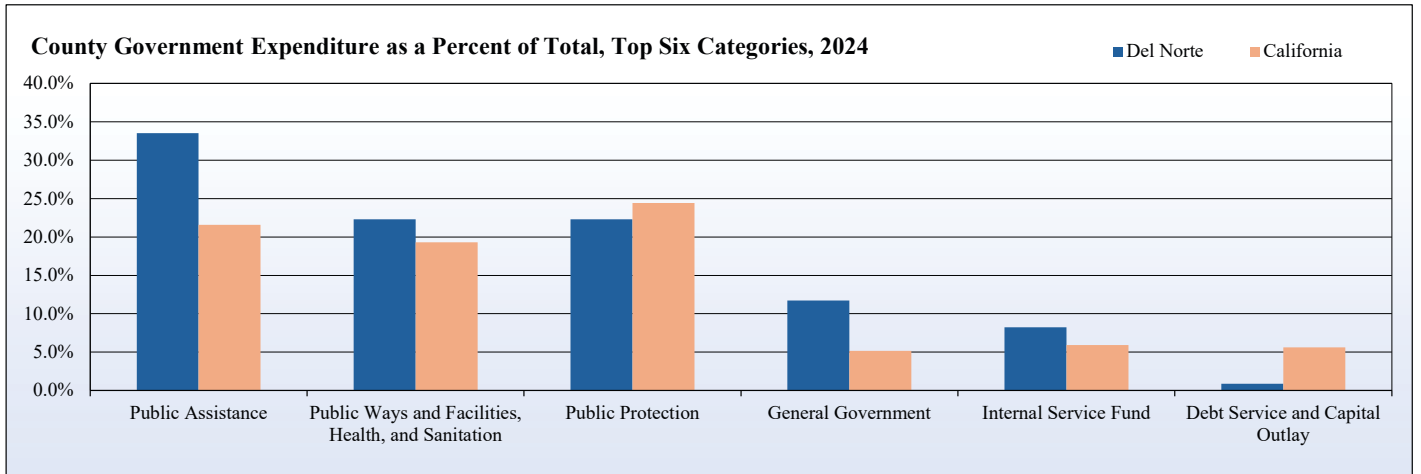
## DEL NORTE GOVERNMENT REVENUE, ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE

Year	Del Norte County		California
	Total	Change	Change
2015	\$68,798,879	1.0%	5.0%
2016	\$71,405,306	3.8%	4.0%
2017	\$68,538,964	-4.0%	12.8%
2018	\$79,118,088	15.4%	6.3%
2019	\$78,237,636	-1.1%	11.3%
2020	\$81,621,241	4.3%	6.4%
2021	\$95,118,589	16.5%	9.3%
2022	\$92,022,093	-3.3%	4.1%
2023	\$89,753,446	-2.5%	8.6%
2024	\$115,988,068	29.2%	8.7%



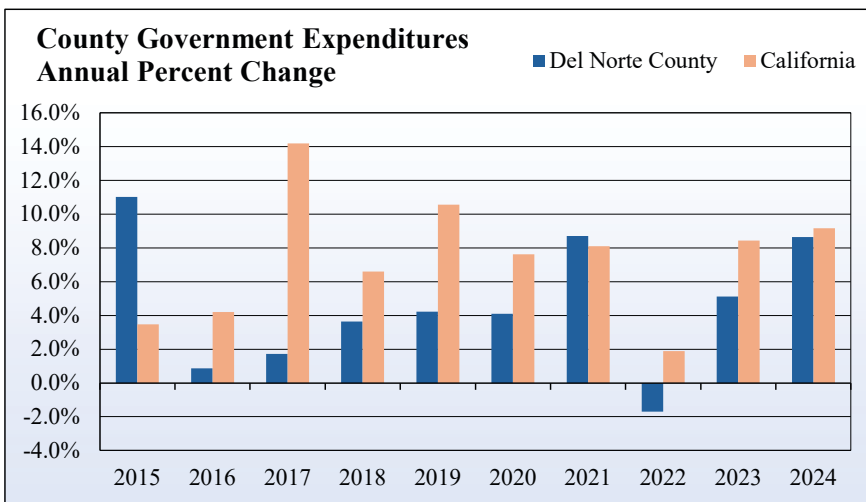
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California State Controller's Office, Revenues by County

# Government Expenditures



**COUNTY GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE, DEL NORTE COUNTY, 2024**

Expenditure Function	Del Norte County		California
	Expenditure	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Public Assistance	\$32,978,538	33.5%	21.6%
Public Ways and Facilities, Health, and Sanitation	\$21,949,741	22.3%	19.3%
Public Protection	\$21,945,028	22.3%	24.4%
General Government	\$11,522,879	11.7%	5.2%
Internal Service Fund	\$8,102,891	8.2%	5.9%
Debt Service and Capital Outlay	\$846,158	0.9%	5.6%
Education and Recreation and Cultural Services	\$566,446	0.6%	1.5%
Other Enterprise Fund	\$403,697	0.4%	3.3%
Water Enterprise Fund	\$2,533	0.0%	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$98,317,911</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>87.5%</b>



**DEL NORTE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE, ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE**

Year	Del Norte County		California
	Total	Change	Change
2015	\$69,830,915	11.0%	3.5%
2016	\$70,442,451	0.9%	4.2%
2017	\$71,648,370	1.7%	14.2%
2018	\$74,253,520	3.6%	6.6%
2019	\$77,396,633	4.2%	10.6%
2020	\$80,567,910	4.1%	7.6%
2021	\$87,579,546	8.7%	8.1%
2022	\$86,095,314	-1.7%	1.9%
2023	\$90,496,756	5.1%	8.4%
2024	\$98,317,911	8.6%	9.2%

**Source:**  
California State Controller's Office, Expenditures by County

