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Ranks California's
58 Counties
for Financial Soundness

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I have ranked all 58 California counties by their per capita unrestricted net position (UNP) to determine their fiscal health. This number is the key because it is about purely governmental activities. It doesn't include, for example, concessions from what are called "business-type activities," such as operating vending machines at a library.

The UNP is disclosed in every county's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which can be found through their Auditor-Controller, or equivalent office. While most counties have updated their CAFR for 2017, we are still waiting for the release from 17 counties. The Year of CAFR column denotes if the data used is from a recent, or older, report. We will continue to update these studies periodically, as more reports come in.

Rank	County	Population	UNP (Thousands)	UNP Per Capita	Year of CAFR
1	San Mateo	770,203	\$1,032,917	\$1,341	2017
2	Modoc	9,580	\$8,040	\$839	2014
3	Alameda	1,645,359	\$115,106	\$70	2017
4	San Benito	56,854	(\$6,157)	(\$108)	2016
5	Napa	142,408	(\$20,269)	(\$142)	2017
6	Ventura	857,386	(\$198,202)	(\$231)	2017
7	Imperial	188,334	(\$46,205)	(\$245)	2016
8	Tulare	471,842	(\$151,683)	(\$321)	2017
9	San Diego	3,316,192	(\$1,151,817)	(\$347)	2017
10	Monterey	442,365	(\$157,830)	(\$357)	2017
11	Marin	263,604	(\$101,488)	(\$385)	2017
12	Stanislaus	548,057	(\$250,776)	(\$458)	2016
13	San Bernardino	2,160,256	(\$1,004,921)	(\$465)	2017
14	Lake	64,945	(\$34,337)	(\$529)	2017
15	Kings	149,537	(\$79,544)	(\$532)	2017
16	Placer	382,837	(\$212,323)	(\$555)	2017
17	Solano	436,023	(\$287,818)	(\$660)	2017
18	Amador	38,382	(\$25,539)	(\$665)	2016
19	Lassen	30,918	(\$21,243)	(\$687)	2017
20	Riverside	2,384,783	(\$1,689,770)	(\$709)	2017
21	Tehama	63,995	(\$46,632)	(\$729)	2017
22	San Luis Obispo	280,101	(\$226,970)	(\$810)	2017
23	Santa Clara	1,938,180	(\$1,586,614)	(\$819)	2017

24	Calaveras	45,168	(\$37,912)	(\$839)	2017
25	Sonoma	505,120	(\$457,536)	(\$906)	2017
26	Shasta	178,605	(\$167,268)	(\$937)	2017
27	Fresno	995,975	(\$939,690)	(\$943)	2017
28	Orange	3,194,024	(\$3,074,958)	(\$963)	2017
29	Butte	226,404	(\$226,249)	(\$999)	2017
30	San Joaquin	746,868	(\$780,575)	(\$1,045)	2017
31	Sutter	96,956	(\$102,750)	(\$1,060)	2016
32	Nevada	98,828	(\$106,804)	(\$1,081)	2017
33	Contra Costa	1,139,513	(\$1,245,474)	(\$1,093)	2017
34	Merced	274,665	(\$305,870)	(\$1,114)	2017
35	Yolo	218,896	(\$250,551)	(\$1,145)	2017
36	Santa Barbara	450,663	(\$532,968)	(\$1,183)	2017
37	El Dorado	185,062	(\$223,360)	(\$1,207)	2016
38	Santa Cruz	276,603	(\$363,118)	(\$1,313)	2017
39	Plumas	19,819	(\$27,628)	(\$1,394)	2016
40	Madera	156,492	(\$221,281)	(\$1,414)	2017
41	Humboldt	136,953	(\$202,284)	(\$1,477)	2016
42	Sacramento	1,514,770	(\$2,351,925)	(\$1,553)	2017
43	Del Norte	27,124	(\$43,006)	(\$1,586)	2016
44	Alpine	1,151	(\$1,887)	(\$1,640)	2016
45	Colusa	22,043	(\$36,256)	(\$1,645)	2016
46	Inyo	18,619	(\$32,530)	(\$1,747)	2016
47	Los Angeles	10,241,278	(\$18,728,499)	(\$1,829)	2017
48	Tuolumne	54,707	(\$100,120)	(\$1,830)	2017
49	Mendocino	89,134	(\$163,487)	(\$1,834)	2017
50	Kern	895,112	(\$1,713,301)	(\$1,914)	2017
51	Mono	13,713	(\$27,331)	(\$1,993)	2016
52	Yuba	74,577	(\$152,148)	(\$2,040)	2016
53	Mariposa	18,148	(\$37,710)	(\$2,078)	2016
54	Siskiyou	44,688	(\$101,642)	(\$2,274)	2016
55	Glenn	28,731	(\$65,897)	(\$2,294)	2017
56	San Francisco	874,228	(\$2,560,735)	(\$2,929)	2017
57	Trinity	13,628	(\$54,192)	(\$3,977)	2017
58	Sierra	3,207	(\$17,191)	(\$5,360)	2017