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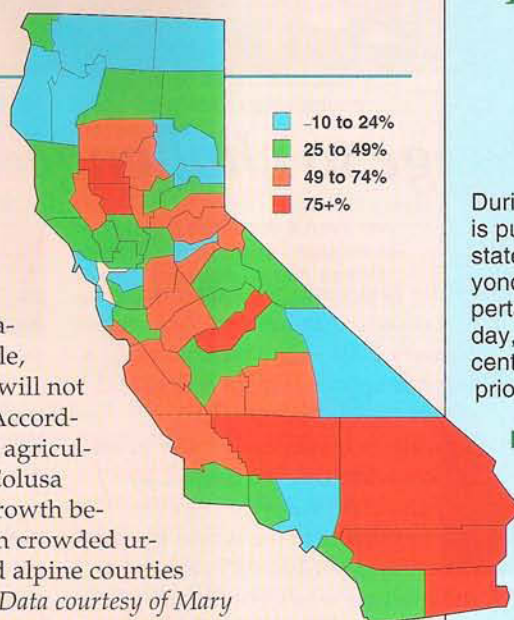


*Future in focus:
2000-2025
Population*

California's changing face: The challenge ahead

State predicts high growth for agricultural counties

During the next 25 years, California's population is expected to approach 50 million people, from nearly 35 million in 2000. That growth will not be distributed evenly throughout the state. According to the California Department of Finance, agricultural counties such as Imperial (123%) and Colusa (126%) will experience the highest rates of growth between 2000 and 2025, while the population in crowded urban counties such as San Francisco (-7%) and alpine counties such as Sierra (3%) will remain more stable. *Data courtesy of Mary Heim, California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit.*



Projected population growth for California, by county, 2000-2025

County	Population growth %	County	Population growth %	County	Population growth %
Alameda	27	Marin	11	San Luis Obispo	68
Alpine	50	Mariposa	47	San Mateo	18
Amador	17	Mendocino	39	Santa Barbara	47
Butte	62	Merced	63	Santa Clara	30
Calaveras	60	Modoc	23	Santa Cruz	53
Colusa	126	Mono	38	Shasta	45
Contra Costa	23	Monterey	58	Sierra	3
Del Norte	41	Napa	31	Siskiyou	23
El Dorado	69	Nevada	48	Solano	47
Fresno	49	Orange	27	Sonoma	41
Glenn	87	Placer	74	Stanislaus	69
Humboldt	12	Plumas	12	Sutter	52
Imperial	123	Riverside	101	Tehama	60
Inyo	17	Sacramento	46	Trinity	18
Kern	77	San Benito	73	Tulare	66
Kings	62	San Bernardino	78	Tuolumne	46
Lake	69	San Diego	43	Ventura	40
Lassen	46	San Francisco	-7	Yolo	48
Los Angeles	24	San Joaquin	68	Yuba	41
Madera	99				

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