



Disadvantaged Communities in Northern California

Northern California is home to over 3.7 million people, from the urban center of Sacramento to small rural farming communities scattered throughout the Sacramento Valley. Of the nearly 4 million people, almost 600,000 live in a disadvantaged community.

California has stated a clear policy priority to support disadvantaged communities and help ensure reliable and clean water for these communities. The leaders in the North State, through the Northern California Water Association, are working together to manage water from [ridgetop to rivermouth](#) to provide clean, healthy water throughout the region, including access to [safe drinking water for all](#).

This poverty map, adapted from one created by the [Public Policy Institute of California](#) and [Stanford Center on Poverty](#), depicts the high percentage of people in Northern California living below the poverty line.



Northern California Poverty Rate by County

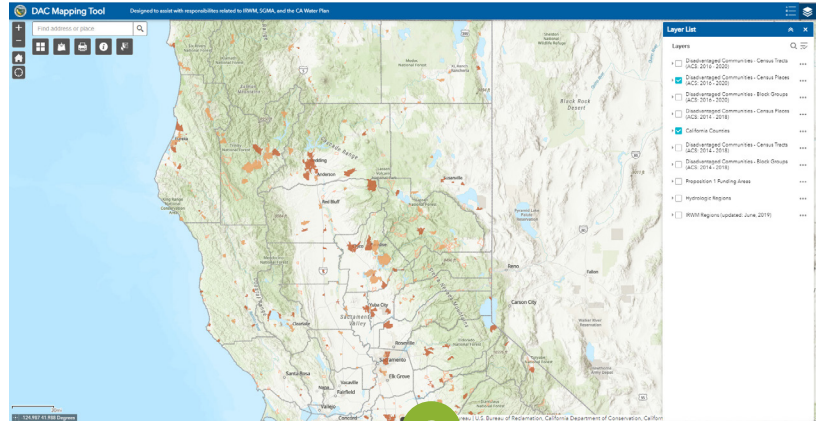
Disadvantaged Community Definitions

The following are the general definitions provided by the State:

Disadvantaged Community: a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80% of the Statewide annual median household income (\$56,982).

Severely Disadvantaged Community: median household income below 60% of statewide average (\$43,737).

Small Disadvantaged Community: yearlong population of no more than 10,000+.



[DWR interactive mapping tool](#)

DWR has created an interactive mapping tool to identify Disadvantaged Communities, where users can select a community and see its median household income and population.

For more detailed information with a list of disadvantaged communities, please see [Disadvantaged Communities in Northern California](#).



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