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# FRESNO COUNTY **FAST FACTS**



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The Economic Development Corporation serving Fresno County

# Welcome to Fresno County!

Fresno County is one of California's largest and most diverse counties. Including an area of more than 6,000 square miles, it is the state's sixth largest county. Within its boundaries are some of the world's most fertile agricultural land and most majestic mountains, lakes and forests. The city of Fresno, the county's largest metropolitan area and its commercial and cultural hub, is nestled between the Valley floor and the Sierra foothills. The county includes many attractive cities and towns, each with its own character. Housing in Fresno County is affordable, with a vast array of lifestyle choices. Whether you prefer rural or urban, suburban or mountain village, affordable housing choices are available. Fresno County is one of the nation's only counties within an easy drive to three national parks: Yosemite National Park (92 miles), Sequoia National Park (81 miles) and Kings Canyon National Park (55 miles). Outdoor recreational activities are abundant, with a full range of winter and summer sports including ski and snowboard resort, China Peak; a large warm water lake nestled in the Sierra foothills, Millerton Lake; and two large alpine lakes, Huntington Lake and Shaver Lake.

## Next-Day Delivery to Anywhere in California!



## Distances from Fresno

City	Mileage
Sacramento	164
San Francisco	196
Los Angeles	214
Reno	298
San Diego	343
Las Vegas	392
Phoenix	597
Portland	767
Salt Lake City	822
Seattle	914
Denver	1,166

The smallest circle above represents a 1/2 day trucking commute from the City of Fresno. The medium size circle represents a 1 day trucking commute from the City of Fresno. The largest circle represents a 1 1/2 day trucking commute from the City of Fresno.

# Population

Since the 2000 census, the population of Fresno County has grown by 15 percent. According to the California Employment Development Department projections, the county will grow to over 1.1 million residents by the year 2020.

## Population – Fresno County, Fresno County Cities and Unincorporated Areas

	1990	2000	2010
Clovis	49,300	68,516	96,868
Coalinga	8,212	15,798	19,065
Firebaugh	4,429	5,743	6,941
Fowler	3,208	4,046	5,764
Fresno	354,091	427,652	502,303
Huron	4,766	6,310	8,082
Kerman	5,488	8,548	14,381
Kingsburg	7,205	9,231	11,504
Mendota	6,821	7,890	9,966
Orange Cove	5,604	7,722	11,049
Parlier	7,938	11,145	13,658
Reedley	15,791	20,756	26,227
Sanger	16,839	18,931	25,664
San Joaquin	2,311	3,270	4,071
Selma	14,757	19,444	23,435
Unincorporated Areas	160,770	164,405	174,783
Fresno County	667,490	803,401	953,761

Data Source: California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit; U.S. Census Bureau

## Projected Population Growth

Area	2010*	2020	2030
United States	308,745,538	335,805,000	363,584,000
California	37,253,956	42,206,743	46,444,861
Fresno County	953,761	1,201,792	1,429,228

\*Current Populations

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit



Yosemite National Park; Source: [www.playfresno.org](http://www.playfresno.org)

## Business Climate and Workforce

With a large population and a high unemployment rate, the county offers an ample supply of motivated employees to fit any company's needs. Fresno County's public and private universities, community colleges, and private vocational schools provide the area's expanding industries with educated employees. This availability, combined with affordable living costs and high quality of life, facilitates worker recruitment and retention.

Job growth creates opportunity and is considered to be one measure of economic health. Over the years 1999-2009, Fresno County added 46,000 new jobs, a cumulative

growth rate of 14.1 percent. The largest share of jobs in Fresno County for the year 2009 was held by the education sector at 11.6%, while public administration and agriculture each accounted for about 11% of the market. Health Care/Social Services and Retail accounted for 10.2% and 10.3% respectively. Together, these five industries accounted for 54% of total employment in Fresno County.

Other major industries with a significant share of the labor force in 2009 include:

accommodations/food services, manufacturing, construction, transportation/warehousing, finance/insurance, construction and mining, information, and wholesale trade. Occupations in computer systems, software development, and healthcare related jobs are projected to grow fastest in Fresno County through 2016.

### Per Capita Income – 2009

California	Fresno County
\$42,325	\$30,724

Data Source: California Employment Development Department

### Taxable Sales

Area	2000	2009
California	\$441,854,412	\$456,492,945
Fresno County	\$5,857,841	\$9,966,448

Data Source: State of California, Board of Equalization

### 2010 Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Rate

	California	Fresno County
Civilian Labor Force	18,110,200	435,400
Number Employed	15,813,200	359,600
Unemployment Rate	12.7%	17.4%

Data Source: California Employment Development Department, January 2011

### Travel Time to Work

Fresno County residents have historically been able to enjoy much less significant commute times to their places of work than other more populated metro areas in the state of California.

Minutes	San Francisco Metro Area	Los Angeles Metro Area	Fresno Metro Area	Clovis Metro Area	Fresno County
<b>Less than 10</b>	9.2%	9.5%	11.8%	15.1%	13.9%
<b>10 to 14</b>	12.4%	12.1%	19.1%	19.7%	18.2%
<b>15 to 19</b>	13.9%	14.2%	23.5%	20.6%	20.0%
<b>20 to 24</b>	13.9%	14.7%	20.6%	21.0%	19.6%
<b>25 to 29</b>	5.8%	5.7%	4.8%	4.8%	5.0%
<b>30 to 34</b>	15.4%	17.1%	11.5%	12.0%	12.2%
<b>35 to 44</b>	8.3%	7.0%	2.6%	1.7%	3.5%
<b>45 to 59</b>	10.0%	8.6%	2.7%	2.1%	3.5%
<b>60 or more</b>	11.0%	11.0%	3.6%	3.1%	4.1%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2006

### Employment by Major Industry Sector – Fresno County

Industry Sector	Number Employed
Total Farm	42,900
Total Nonfarm	281,600
Mining and Logging	200
Construction	11,100
Manufacturing	25,600
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	57,300
Information	3,600
Financial Activities	13,300
Professional & Business Services	26,600
Educational & Health Services	40,700
Leisure & Hospitality	26,800
Other Services	10,000
Government	66,400

Data Source: California Employment Development Department, 2010

## Major Occupational Category Employment and Mean Hourly Wage

Occupational Category	Occupation	Mean Hourly Wage	Mean Annual Wage
<b>Management</b>	Financial Managers	\$47.53	\$98,973
	Human Resources Managers	\$48.86	\$101,633
	Industrial Production Managers	\$42.26	\$87,911
	Transportation, Storage & Distribution Managers	\$37.77	\$78,574
	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$45.73	\$95,125
<b>Professional</b>	Accountants & Auditors	\$29.85	\$62,103
	Civil Engineers	\$43.93	\$91,382
	Computer Programmers	\$31.13	\$64,739
	Industrial Engineers	\$37.17	\$77,314
<b>Sales and Related</b>	Cashiers	\$10.31	\$21,437
	Retail Salespersons	\$11.57	\$24,077
	Telemarketers	\$11.10	\$23,073
<b>Office and Administrative Support</b>	Accounting Clerks	\$17.03	\$35,424
	Customer Service Representatives	\$17.51	\$36,420
	Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$12.03	\$25,009
	Executive Secretaries & Admin. Assistants	\$19.93	\$41,452
<b>Construction and Maintenance</b>	Carpenters	\$19.17	\$39,874
	Electricians	\$24.29	\$50,517
	Plumbers	\$23.91	\$49,748
	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$24.24	\$50,419
<b>Production</b>	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators	\$15.27	\$31,759
	Multiple Machine Setters, Operators, Tenders	\$12.48	\$25,945
	Welders	\$16.29	\$33,886
	Packaging & Filling Machine Operators	\$11.09	\$23,078
<b>Transportation and Material Moving</b>	Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$19.68	\$40,931
	Truck Drivers, Light	\$15.18	\$31,566
	Conveyor Operators & Tenders	\$11.62	\$24,169
	Hand Packers & Packagers	\$9.22	\$19,194

Data Source: California Employment Development Department, 2010



## Education

The Fresno County Department of Education services the educational needs of more than 178,000 students in the Central Valley. California Content Standards guarantee that certain subjects are taught throughout the multiple districts within Fresno County. Administered through local school districts, elementary and secondary education is governed by elected school boards. The largest district in terms of student enrollment for the 2000-01 school year was Fresno Unified, with average daily attendance of 72,391. The second largest is Clovis Unified, which has average daily attendance of 31,854. Fresno Unified is the fourth largest school district in California, exceeded in size by Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach. Fresno County also offers over 210 elementary and secondary private schools.

Higher education is available from a variety of institutions throughout the area. In addition to California State University, Fresno and Fresno Pacific University, there are three community colleges, numerous vocational schools, and local campuses of for-profit colleges, which provide for the educational needs of local businesses and the community.

### High School Graduation Rates

Area	2009 Graduation Rate
<b>California</b>	78.6
<b>Fresno County</b>	75.1

Data Source: California Department of Education, Dataquest

### 2009 Fresno County Higher Education Enrollment for Selected Public & Private Institutions

Institution Name	Total Enrollment
<b>Fresno City College</b>	23,326
<b>California State University, Fresno</b>	21,500
<b>Reedley College</b>	6,945
<b>West Hills College, Coalinga</b>	5,058
<b>National University</b>	3,550
<b>Fresno Pacific University</b>	3,314
<b>Heald College</b>	1,950
<b>Alliant International University</b>	383

Data Source: 2011 Book of Lists: a Supplement of the Business Journal; California Community Colleges, Office of the Chancellor

## Health Care

Fresno County is a regional center for health care, generating over \$2 billion annually, making it one of the largest business sectors. Combined, the following hospitals serve one of the largest geographical regions and populations in the state.

### Fresno County Acute Care Hospitals\*

Hospital Name	City	Total Beds
Coalinga State Hospital	Coalinga, CA	1,500
Community Regional Medical Center	Fresno, CA	600
Saint Agnes Medical Center	Fresno, CA	436
Community Health Center-Cedar	Fresno, CA	334
Permanente Medical Group, Inc.	Fresno, CA	169
Coalinga Regional Medical Center	Coalinga, CA	123
VA Central California Health Care System	Fresno, CA	117
Clovis Community Medical Center	Clovis, CA	109
San Joaquin Valley Rehabilitation Hospital	Fresno, CA	62
Cedar Vista Hospital	Fresno, CA	61
Fresno Heart & Surgical Hospital	Fresno, CA	57
Selma Community Hospital	Selma, CA	57

### Top Physician Groups – Fresno County\*

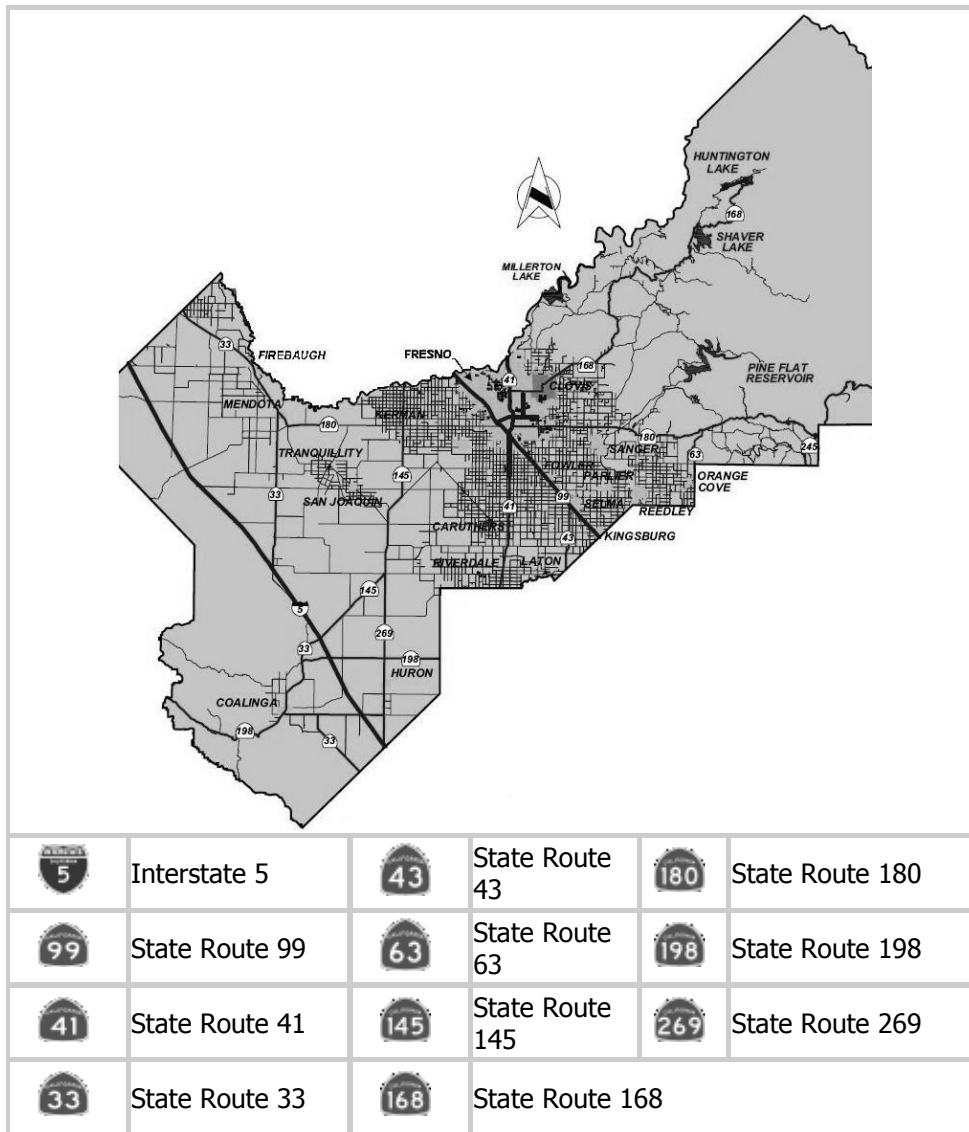
Company Name	City	# of Board Certified Physicians
Sante Community Physicians	Fresno	900
Permanente Medical Group, Inc.	Fresno	241
Community Hospitalist Medical Group	Fresno	39
Community Medical Providers	Fresno	33
Advanced Medical Imaging	Fresno	30
Sierra Pacific Orthopaedic & Spine Center	Fresno	19
Urology Associates of America	Fresno	9
Fresno Women's Medical Group	Fresno	8

\*Data Source: The 2011 Book of Lists: a Supplement of the Business Journal

# Transportation

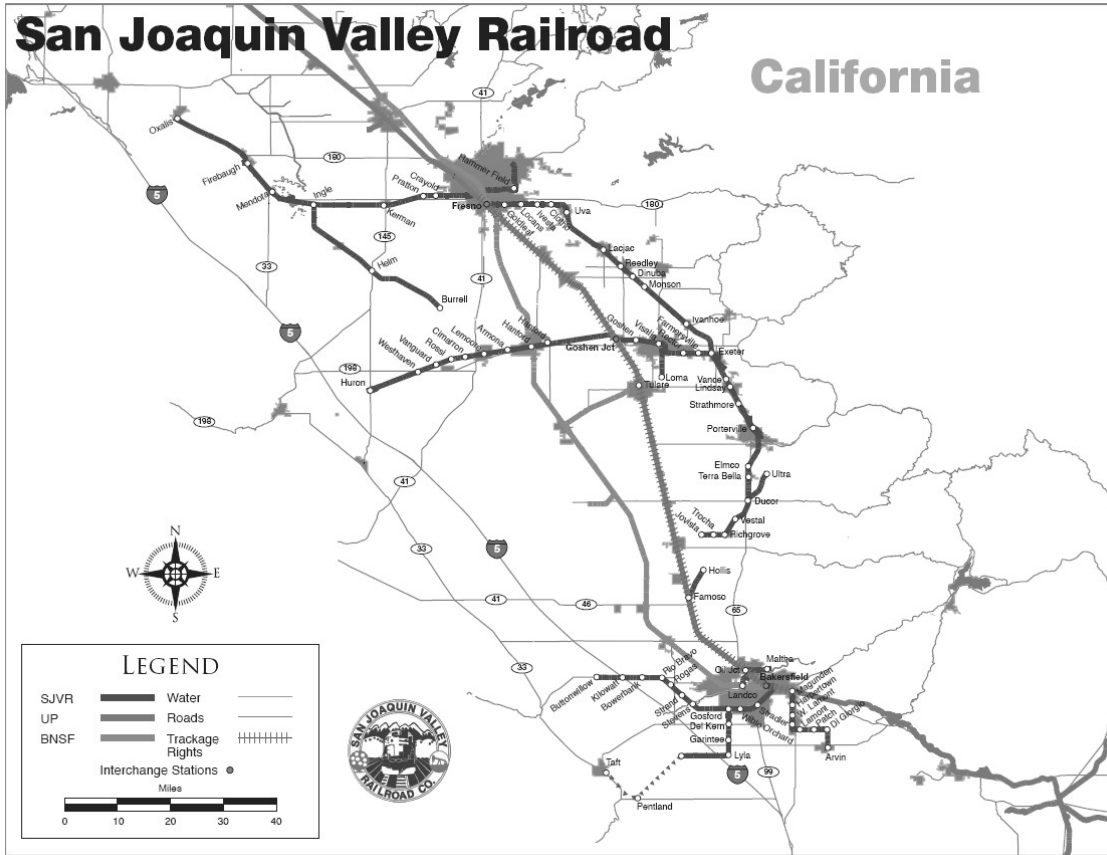
A major advantage of Fresno County is the transportation system. It offers rapid access to major freeways, Interstate 5, and Freeway 99. Fresno County is famous for its agricultural output, but even more impressive is the underlying distribution network that keeps all products—agricultural and otherwise—moving to destinations throughout the Western United States. Over 500 trucking and warehousing firms operate in the area. Two railways operate intermodal facilities in the county with connections to all points north, south, and east. The nation’s largest parcel carriers – UPS and FedEx – provide guaranteed next-day ground service available anywhere in California.

## Major Highways



Data Source: Fresno County Council of Governments

## Rail



Data Source: San Joaquin Valley Railroad

## Fresno Yosemite International Airport

FAA Hub Service	Weather Closures per Year	# of Nonstop Flights/day	Nonstop Destinations	Hours of Operation	Carriers	
					Passenger	Cargo
Small	0	40	Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Guadalajara, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle	3 AM to 1:30 AM	Aeromexico, Alaska Airlines/ Horizon Air, Allegiant Airlines, American Airlines/American Eagle, Delta Airlines/ Skywest, United Airlines, United Express, U.S. Airways, Volaris	Federal Express, United Parcel Service

Data Source: Fresno Yosemite International Airport, Office of Public Relations & Marketing

## Utility Information\*

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is the investor-owned utility that provides natural gas and electric service for 15 million people throughout Northern and Central California.

### Energy Efficiency Programs

PG&E offers a variety of energy management solutions to help commercial and industrial customers save energy and money. **Some of PG&E’s incentive programs for businesses include:**

- **Smart Energy Analyzer**
- **Rebates for Energy-Efficient Technologies**
- **Incentives for Customized Energy- Efficiency Projects**
- **Incentives for Energy-Efficient New Construction**
- **Education & Training on Energy Efficiency**
- **Demand Response Programs**
- **Self Generation Incentive Programs**

### Electric Rate Components

There are two Pacific Gas and Electric Company electric rate schedules that apply to most economic development projects: Schedule E-19 for customers with electric loads between 500 kilowatts (kW) and 1,000 kW; and, Schedule E-20 for customers with loads greater than 1,000 kW. The price charged under each schedule varies by time-of-use and voltage level. Here are the **average annual rates** for each schedule by voltage level.

#### PG&E Average Large Commercial/Industrial Rates

Rate	Cost per kWh
E-19	13.9 cents
E-20	11.7 cents

#### PG&E Time-of-Use Periods

Season	Time-of-Day	Day-of-Week
<b>Summer (5/1 to 10/31)</b>		
Peak	12:00 noon to 6:00 pm	M – F (except holidays)
Partial-Peak	8:30 am to 12:00 noon AND 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm	M – F (except holidays)
Off-Peak	9:30 pm to 8:30 am	M – F (except holidays)
	All day	SS and holidays
<b>Winter (11/1 to 4/30)</b>		
Partial-Peak	8:30 am to 9:30 pm	M – F (except holidays)
Off-Peak	9:30 pm to 8:30 am	M – F (except holidays)
	All day	SS and holidays

\*Data Source: Pacific Gas and Electric Company



# Quality of Life

## Climate

The sun shines on Fresno County 288 days a year, resulting in one of the nation's most hospitable Mediterranean-like climates. The average high temperature is 76.5 degrees and the average low temperature is 50.1 degrees. Average rainfall is 10.95 inches. Averages are deceiving in this large and diverse county, however. Elevations range from 100 feet on the Valley floor to 12,000 feet at the top of some of the Sierra Nevada's most spectacular peaks, and snowfall ranges from seldom or never to 30 feet. *Fresno County truly has something for everyone.*

## Culture and Recreation

Fresno County boasts many cultural amenities—a symphony orchestra, opera and ballet companies, theater groups, and museums. Fresno's cultural diversity is a source of community pride, and approximately 90 cultural groups call Fresno home. A varied array of churches and temples add important components to the city's rich architectural mosaic. Many ethnic groups—including Armenian, Greek, Scottish, Hmong, Mexican and Chinese—have annual public festivals.

Churches and other houses of worship in Fresno County make a significant contribution to the quality of life of the community. There are hundreds of congregations of many faiths in the region, many of which offer educational, recreational, and daycare programs for their members and the public.

The farmlands on the valley floor offer seasonal beauty. The mountains, lakes and rivers of the nearby Sierra Nevada provide a wide variety of recreational opportunities. The grandeur of the giant sequoias and the dramatic rock formations in Sequoia, Kings Canyon and Yosemite National Parks beckon you.

## Sports

Fresno is home to various professional and semi-professional sports teams: Fresno Grizzlies Triple A Baseball, Fresno Fuego Soccer Club, and the Fresno Monsters Hockey Team. The Fresno Grizzlies, who play at Chukchansi Park in downtown Fresno, are the farm team for the San Francisco Giants. The Fuego are part of the USL Premier Development League, the fourth tier of the American Soccer Pyramid and play their home games at Chukchansi Park. The Monsters play their home games in the downtown Selland Arena.

Fresno is also home to the winning traditions of the Fresno State Bulldogs. This division IIA University competes in football, baseball, basketball, women's softball, women's basketball and many other competitive sports for which residents are proud. David Carr, Trent Dilfer, Tom Goodwin, Jeff Weaver and Mark Gardner are a few of the players who have carried those winning traditions into professional sports.



The Giant Sequoias at Kings Canyon National Park; Source: [www.playfresno.org](http://www.playfresno.org)