











Economic Security

Economic security is very strongly linked to health; it can impact access to healthy food, medical care, education and safe environments. Poverty and unemployment are higher in San Joaquin County than California as a whole. Concerns surrounding economic security were particularly important to community members, who highlighted the need for jobs that pay a living wage and the ability to afford descent and safe housing.

Key Data

Indicators	Community Feedback
<p>Percent Population With Income at or Below 200% Federal Poverty Level¹</p> <p>San Joaquin  41.3%</p> <p>California  35.9%</p> <p>Percent of Children Under Age 18 Living Below 200% of Federal Poverty Level²</p> <p>San Joaquin  52.0%</p> <p>California  46.0%</p>	<p>34.6% of Community Survey respondents report poverty is a significant social/economic problem in their community.</p>
<p>Percent of Population Unemployed³</p> <p>San Joaquin  10.6%</p> <p>California  7.9%</p> <p>Percent of Households Receiving Public Assistance Income⁴</p> <p>San Joaquin  6.6%</p> <p>California  4.0%</p>	<p>61.3% of Community Survey respondents report the lack of local jobs is a significant social/economic problem in their community.</p>
Key Themes Expressed by Residents and Stakeholders	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trapped in poverty; no upward mobility - Struggle to survive causes chronic stress - Lack of job opportunities and affordable housing - Hard to find a job with limited skills or education or criminal record 	<p>"The social diseases and ills have transferred into chronic diseases and ills such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease."</p> <p>-Interviewee</p>

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Additional Data and Key Drivers

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Female Headed Households

Percent single female headed households in poverty⁵

15.4 | 13.5
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Percent Population Insured by Medi-Cal

% of total population receiving Medi-Cal⁶

30.9[†] | 23.2
San Joaquin | California

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits

Percent population receiving SNAP benefits⁷

15.2 | 10.6
San Joaquin | California

Education

Percent Population Age 25+ with No High School Diploma⁸

22.7 | 18.8
San Joaquin | California

Free and Reduced Meal Programs

% of students in county eligible for free or reduced price lunch⁹

64.3 | 58.1
San Joaquin | California

3rd Grade Reading Proficiency

% of all public school students tested in 3rd grade who scored proficient or advanced on the English Language Arts California Standards Test¹⁰

34.0 | 45.0
San Joaquin | California

Outcomes of Poverty

Access to Healthy Food

Percentage of the population with food insecurity¹¹

18.0 | 16.2
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Income and Living Wage

Median Household Income¹²

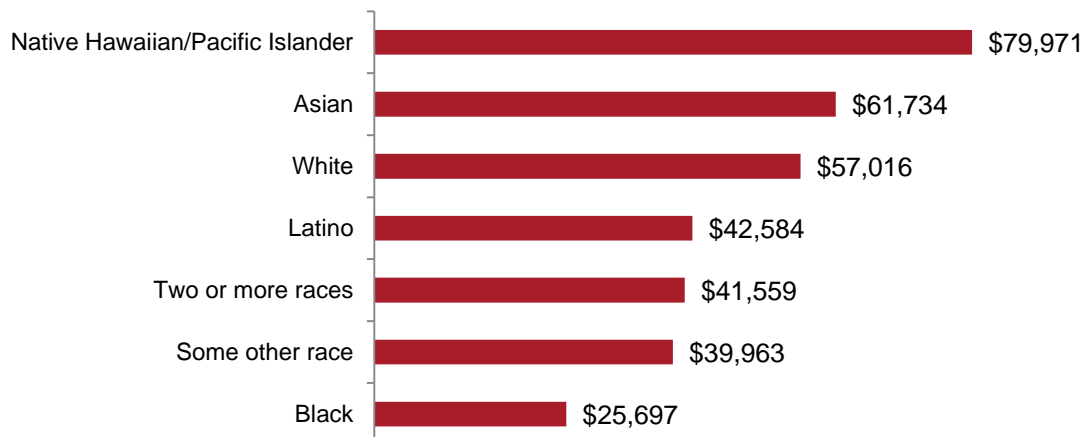
\$53k | \$61k
San Joaquin | California

Living Wage

Annual income required to support one adult and one child¹³

\$42k[†] | \$47k
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Disparities in Median Household Income by Race/Ethnicity in San Joaquin County¹⁴



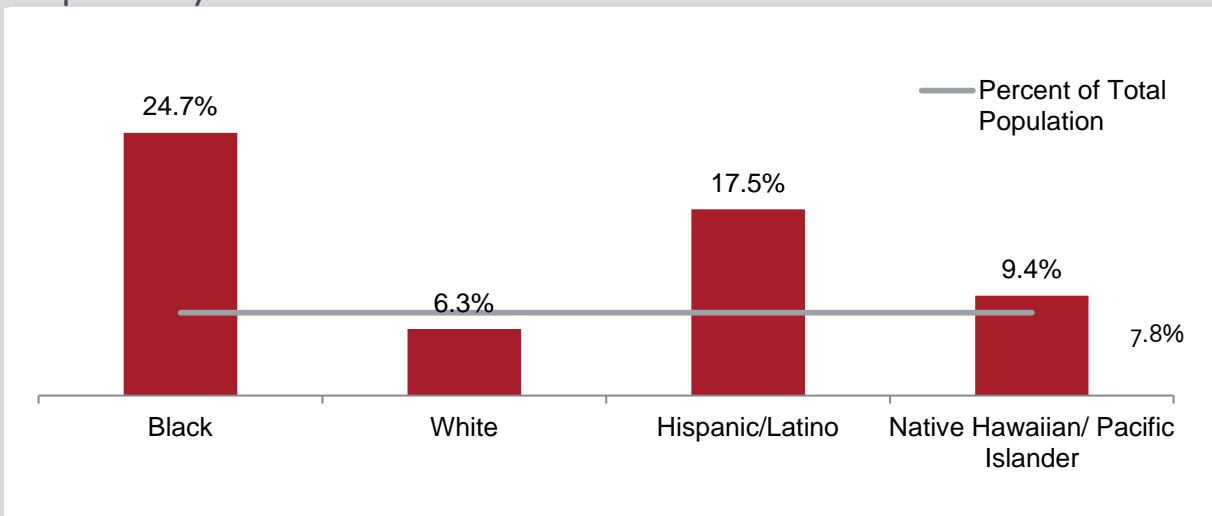
[†] This value is not color-coded because directionality does not apply.

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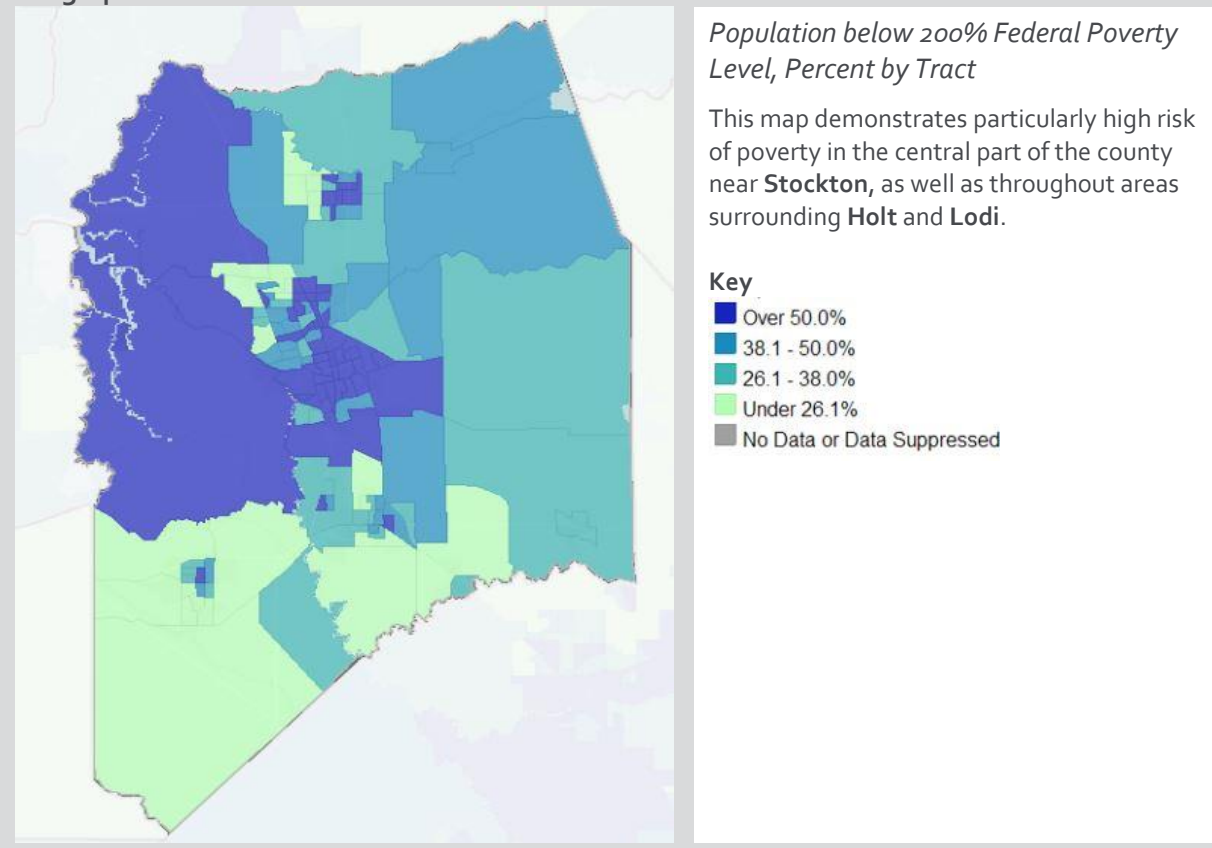


Salient Disparities

Percent of Subpopulations Living below Federal Poverty Level by Race/Ethnicity in San Joaquin County¹⁵



Percent of Population Living below 200% Federal Poverty Level in San Joaquin County by Geographic Area¹⁶



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Assets and Suggestions for Change

Examples of Existing Community Assets¹

Apprenticeship Programs,
Job Trainings



County and City Governments



Community Based
Organizations



Ideas from Focus Group and Interview Participants¹

- Increase communication and collaboration among county, city, and social service agencies to serve communities and ensure individuals are aware of the resources available
- Include partners from all sectors, including businesses, diverse ethnic groups, schools, faith based organizations, community-based organizations, legislators, and employers
- Involve groups that engage residents as advocates and youth development
- Explore opportunities to increase equity in policies
- Provide courses to help families in need gain life skills
- Expand support for single mothers with children
- Increase job training

[†] Assets and recommendations excerpted from qualitative data and San Joaquin CHNA Core Planning Group. For a comprehensive list of county assets and resources, reference <http://www.211sj.org/>.

¹ US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009-13.

² Ibid.

³ US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015.

⁴ US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009-13.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014.

⁷ US Census Bureau, Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates, 2011.

⁸ US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009-13.

⁹ National Center for Education Statistics, NCES- Common Core of Data, 2013-14.

¹⁰ California Department of Education, Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results, 2013.

¹¹ Feeding America, Child Food Insecurity Data, 2012.

¹² US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010-14.

¹³ Calculated from livingwage.mit.edu, 2015.

¹⁴ US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014.

¹⁵ US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009-13.

¹⁶ Ibid.