



CWMP County Rankings

June 10, 2026

As required by [California Government Code Section 8654.7\(b\)](#), and based on the text and intent from [Assembly Bill 38 \(Wood, 2019\)](#), the California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) developed county rankings to prioritize financial assistance to communities based on:

- Area and community vulnerability to wildfire.
- The impact of future climate risk factors on area and community wildfire vulnerability assessments.
- Factors that lead some populations to experience a greater risk to wildfire, adverse health outcomes, or an inhibited ability to respond to a wildfire, including socioeconomic characteristics of the areas or communities that would be protected by financial assistance.

All 58 California counties were ranked based on 14 factors, including four Wildfire Risk factors and ten Social Vulnerability factors. These factors were calculated only for designated wildfire hazard areas, defined as portions of each county that are located in:

- Local responsibility areas located within a very high fire hazard severity zone, as designated pursuant to [California Government Code Section 51179\(a\) and \(b\)](#).

or

- State responsibility areas located within any fire hazard severity zone, as indicated on maps adopted by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) pursuant to [California Public Resource Code Section 4202](#).

The ten Social Vulnerability factors consist of the five socioeconomic characteristics identified in [California Government Code Section 8654.7\(b\)\(3\)](#). Each socioeconomic characteristic was evaluated using both the estimated total population and estimated percentage of the population within the designated wildfire hazard areas.

Social Vulnerability data was obtained from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) 2018 Social Vulnerability Index \(SVI\)](#) and includes only census tracts located within designated wildfire hazard areas. Population totals and percentages were included for each socioeconomic characteristic to balance scores between larger counties, which may have higher population totals, and smaller counties, which may have higher population percentages.



Each county received a Wildfire Risk Rank and Social Vulnerability Rank based on their respective factors. The Final Rank was determined by the sum of the Wildfire Risk Rank and Social Vulnerability Rank. Counties with identical scores received the same rank.

The 14 ranking factors are listed below.

Wildfire Risk Factors (4)

1. Total parcels in the designated wildfire hazard areas
2. Percentage of parcels in designated wildfire hazard areas
3. Current fire probability averaged across designated wildfire hazard areas per [Pyrologix](#)
4. Future fire probability averaged across the designated wildfire hazard areas per [Westerling](#)

Social Vulnerability Factors (10)

1. Total residents aged 65 and older and/or under age 5
2. Percentage of residents aged 65 and older and/or under age 5
3. Total residents in poverty
4. Percentage of residents in poverty
5. Total residents with a disability
6. Percentage of residents with a disability
7. Total residents with limited English proficiency
8. Percentage of residents with limited English proficiency
9. Total residents without a vehicle
10. Percentage of residents without a vehicle

The original CWMP County Ranking document may be found [here](#)



County	Wildfire Risk Rank	Social Vulnerability Rank	Final Rank
Lake*	4	1	1
Siskiyou*	2	4	2
Tuolumne*	1	11	3
Shasta*	6	7	4
El Dorado*	3	11	5
San Diego*	4	10	5
Riverside	10	8	7
Calaveras	7	15	8
Los Angeles	19	5	9
Tehama	12	13	10
Nevada	10	16	11
Butte	21	6	12
San Luis Obispo	13	14	12
Mendocino	26	3	14
Trinity	7	23	15
Modoc	16	18	16
San Bernardino	25	9	16
Plumas	9	28	18
Monterey	17	21	19
Kern	38	2	20
Ventura	18	22	20
Placer	28	20	22
Mariposa	15	34	23
Orange	23	27	24
Humboldt	33	19	25
Alameda	20	35	26
Sonoma	40	17	27
Amador	28	31	28
Madera	36	23	28

* Denotes county with a CWMP project

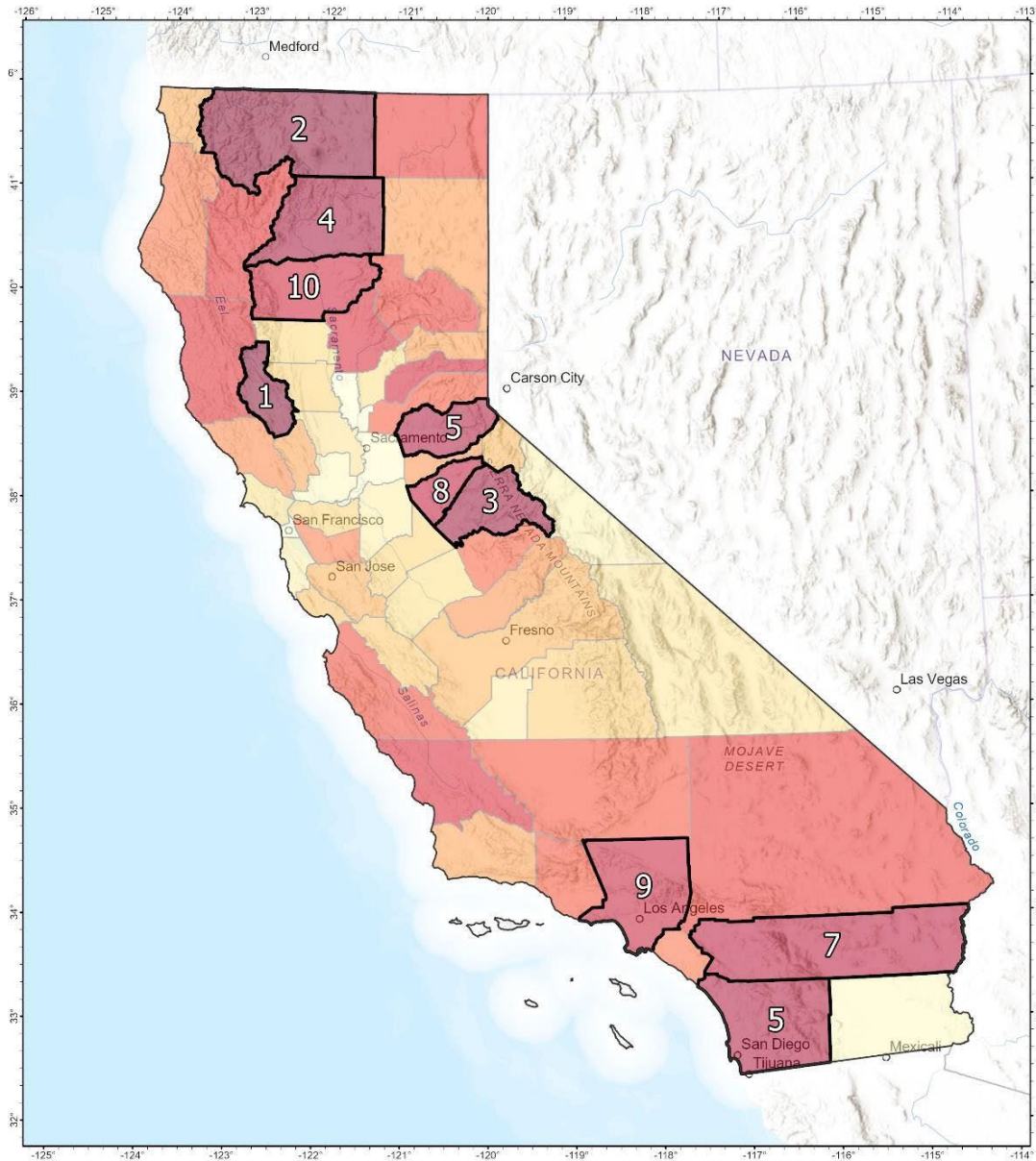
Note: Counties with identical scores received the same rank.



County	Wildfire Risk Rank	Social Vulnerability Rank	Final Rank
Lassen	30	32	30
Santa Barbara	27	36	31
Sierra	14	49	31
Napa	32	33	33
Del Norte	37	29	34
Santa Clara	22	45	35
Fresno	43	25	36
Alpine	33	37	37
Santa Cruz	42	30	38
San Benito	23	51	39
Tulare	49	26	40
Colusa	35	42	41
Contra Costa	39	38	41
Stanislaus	31	46	41
Glenn	45	39	44
Merced	47	40	45
Yuba	40	47	45
Marin	48	41	47
Yolo	44	48	48
Inyo	52	42	49
Kings	54	44	50
San Joaquin	45	55	51
San Mateo	51	50	52
Mono	50	53	53
Solano	53	54	54
Imperial	56	52	55
Sacramento	55	56	56
San Francisco	57	57	57
Sutter	57	57	57

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County Score

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Top 10 Counties

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