



Del Norte County Economic & Demographic Profile

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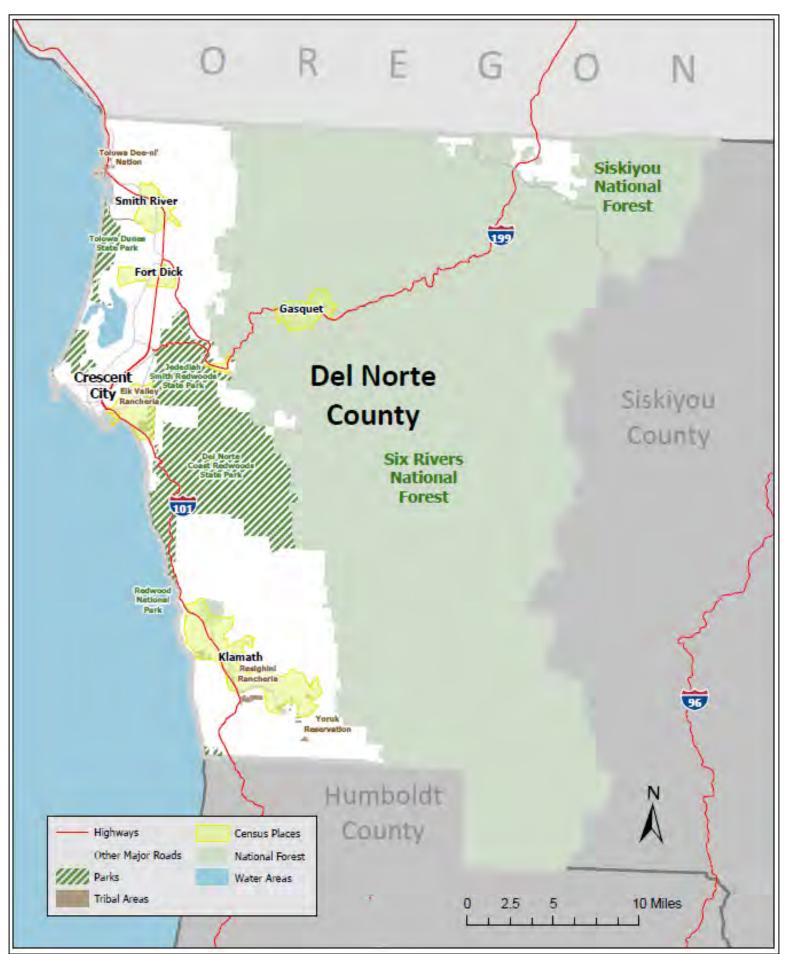
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### **DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS**

This section presents basic demographic characteristics such as population, age, and ethnicity, which provide a framework from which most other community indicators are based.

Del Norte County's non-incarcerated population experienced an overall decline between 2012 and 2019, but has since been increasing steadily through 2020 and, in 2022, was up to 25,474 residents from 24,950 in 2012. The largest share of in-migrants to Del Norte County between 2019 and 2020 were from Humboldt County (43), followed by Curry County (33), and Sacramento County (28). Curry County was the top destination for migrants moving away from the Del Norte County (50).

In 2021, the largest portion of the Del Norte County population by age were those who were between 25 and 39 years old (21.1 percent), followed by those aged 40 to 54 years old (18.1 percent) and those aged 5 to 17 years old (16.0 percent). The largest proportional increases in population between 2012 and 2021 were seen in those between 65 to 74 years old (29.6 percent increase), followed by those 75 to 84 years old (17.3 percent increase). In contrast, the largest proportional decreases in population during this same period were seen in those aged 18 to 24 years old (27.9 percent decrease) and those aged 40 to 54 years old (18.9 percent decrease).

The largest portion of the Del Norte County population by race and ethnicity in 2021 were those who identified as White alone (60.1 percent), followed by those who identified as Hispanic or Latino (20.5 percent) and those who identified as American Indian alone (6.1 percent). The greatest proportional increase in population between 2015 and 2021 was seen in those who identified as Asian alone (36.4 percent).

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### **Total Population**

#### What is it?

Total population measures the number of people who consider the county to be their primary residence and does not include those who reside in the county as a result of incarceration or persons who reside in the county but do not consider it their primary residence. The data are estimated annually by the California Department of Finance and provide a point-in-time estimate for January 1 of each year.

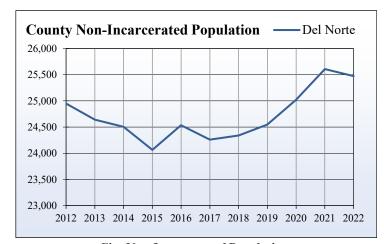
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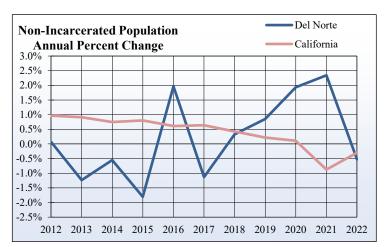
Population represents a cumulative measurement of the size of the county's consumer market, labor availability, and the potential impact of human habitation on the environment. Population data provide the basis for many of the other indicators in this report.

#### Non-Incarcerated Population, Del Norte County

Year	Del Norte County	1- Year Change	CA 1-Year Change
2012	24,950	0.07%	0.97%
2013	24,642	-1.23%	0.91%
2014	24,506	-0.55%	0.75%
2015	24,064	-1.80%	0.80%
2016	24,537	1.97%	0.61%
2017	24,260	-1.13%	0.64%
2018	24,340	0.33%	0.42%
2019	24,547	0.85%	0.22%
2020	25,022	1.94%	0.11%
2021	25,608	2.34%	-0.87%
2022	25,474	-0.52%	-0.30%

Source: California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit

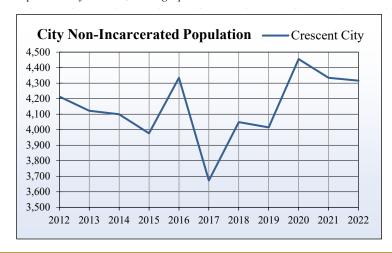




**City Non-Incarcerated Population** 

City	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cresent City	4,214	4,123	4,100	3,977	4,335	3,673	4,049	4,015	4,456	4,335	4,316

Source: California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit



## **Components of Population Change**

#### What is it?

Components of population change measure natural sources of population increase and decrease (i.e., births and deaths) as well as changes due to in-migration and out-migration. The California Department of Finance releases annual estimates on the number of births, deaths, and net migration both into and out of each county. The natural change in population is calculated by subtracting deaths from births. Any remaining change in population is due to net migration, which is calculated by subtracting the number of out-migrants from the number of in-migrants.

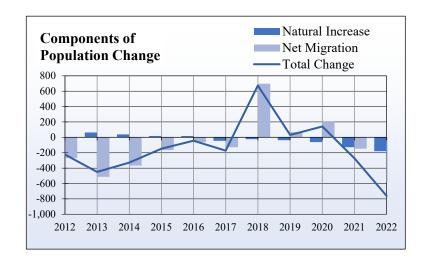
#### How is it used?

If population growth is primarily due to natural increase, then the county may be a place where many younger families are residing. If the natural rate of change is negative (more deaths than births), then the population's age composition may be older. There are many potential motivations for people to move into or out of a county, such as employment opportunities, housing prices, and general quality of life. It should be noted that the components of population change data represent annual totals, while the total population data are a point-in-time measurement of population taken on January 1st of each calendar year. Because of this difference, the data reported in this section are not directly comparable to the population data presented on page six.

Components of Population Change, Del Norte County

Year	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Net Migration	Total Change
2012	324	280	44	-267	-223
2013	333	270	63	-512	-449
2014	309	270	39	-368	-329
2015	301	283	18	-165	-147
2016	317	299	18	-61	-43
2017	276	321	-45	-127	-172
2018	282	306	-24	698	674
2019	272	309	-37	69	32
2020	281	342	-61	202	141
2021	260	387	-127	-146	-273
2022	247	427	-180	-581	-761

Source: California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit



## **Migration Patterns**

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This indicator includes migration patterns between Del Norte County and the counties with the highest numbers of in- and out-migrants. Data are collected from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and are based on income tax records for all available households. Migrations to and from group living quarters, such as college dormitories, nursing homes, or correctional institutions are not included.

#### How is it used?

Migration can indicate positive or negative changes in the economic, political, and social structure of an area based on the characteristics of the area from which the migrants originate. For example, some migration from urban to rural areas may be based upon the lower cost of housing outside of major urban centers, while rural to urban migrants are often seeking better job opportunities. Neighboring counties, as well as those with higher population totals, generally show the largest amount of migration activity. Migration between non-neighboring counties, particularly those that are geographically distant and/or socioeconomically quite distinct, may be worthy of further investigation.

**Top 4 In-Migration Counties 2019-20, Del Norte County** 

County	Number of In-Migrants
Humboldt County	43
Curry County	33
Sacramento County	28
Los Angeles County	27

Source: Internal Revenue Service

Top 4 Out-Migration Counties 2019-20, Del Norte County

County	Number of Out-Migrants
Curry County	50
Humboldt County	37
Josephine County	25
Jackson County	23

Source: Internal Revenue Service

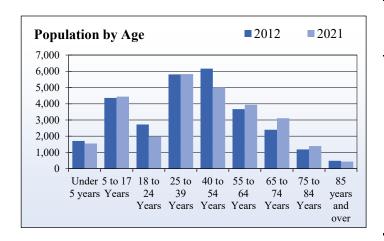
## **Age Distribution**

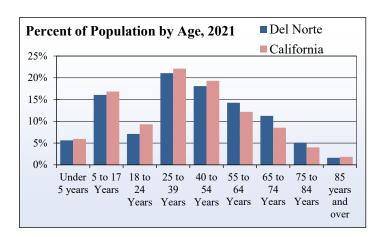
#### What is it?

Age distribution data provide the number of permanent residents who fall into a given age range and are measured on April 1 for each recorded year. Data are provided by American Community Survey five-year estimates.

#### How is it used?

Age distribution information is valuable to companies that target their marketing efforts on specific age groups. Age distribution data can be used to estimate school attendance, need for public services, and workforce projections. A growing young adult population, for instance, could indicate greater need for higher education and vocational training facilities, while a growing middle-aged population may signal the need for greater employment opportunities. An area with a significant proportion of the population that is past retirement age will typically have less employment concerns but a greater need for medical and social service provision. Age distribution data can also be used in conjunction with the components of population change in order to create projections of future population growth.





#### Population by Age, Del Norte County

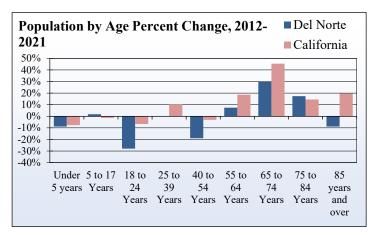
Age Range	2012	2021
Under 5 years	1,705	1,554
5 to 17 Years	4,356	4,436
18 to 24 Years	2,721	1,962
25 to 39 Years	5,814	5,824
40 to 54 Years	6,164	4,998
55 to 64 Years	3,668	3,940
65 to 74 Years	2,397	3,107
75 to 84 Years	1,188	1,394
85 years and over	483	440

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates

#### Population by Age Compared to California

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Age Range	County	California	County	California
<5 years	5.6%	6.0%	-8.9%	-7.6%
5-17 years	16.0%	16.8%	1.8%	-1.4%
18-24 years	7.1%	9.3%	-27.9%	-6.6%
25-39 years	21.1%	22.1%	0.2%	10.0%
40-54 years	18.1%	19.3%	-18.9%	-3.0%
55-64 years	14.2%	12.2%	7.4%	18.6%
65-74 years	11.2%	8.5%	29.6%	45.4%
75-84 years	5.0%	4.0%	17.3%	14.5%
85 years and over	1.6%	1.8%	-8.9%	19.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates



## **Population by Race and Ethnicity**

#### What is it?

Racial and ethnic identification is frequently a product of both collective assignment by others and individual assertion of a felt or claimed identity. It is important to note that both the Census and the American Community Survey measure an individual's race and ethnicity through self-identification, rather than assignment by the interviewer. There are seven major racial/ethnic categories provided: American Indian, Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, White, and Other/Multiracial. These data include incarcerated individuals in total population counts.

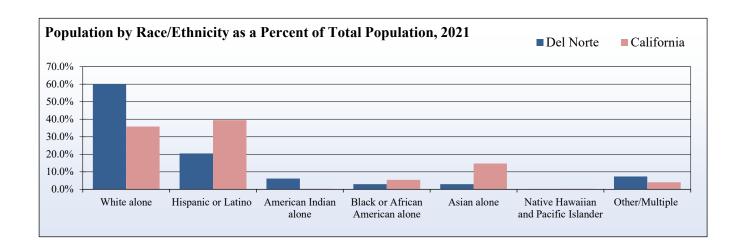
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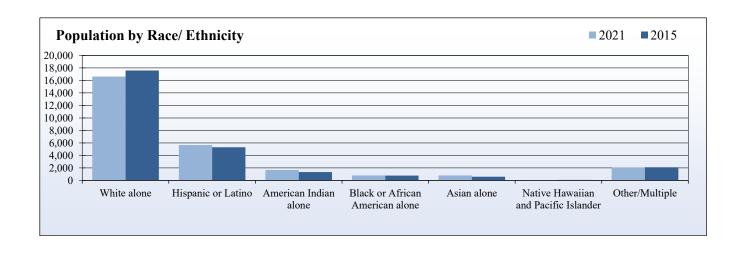
Data on population within racial and ethnic categories are often used by advertisers to target their marketing efforts towards particular groups and to estimate how profitable these efforts might be. Grant writers frequently use population data on racial and ethnic groups to secure funding for programs meant to address group-specific social conditions or inequalities. Government officials and political candidates also use population data on race and ethnicity in order to tailor their campaign messages to people who make claims to particular racial and ethnic identities.

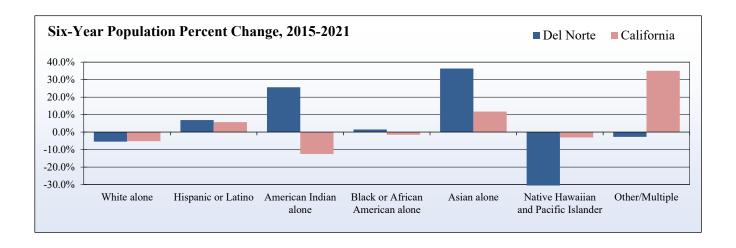
#### Population by Race/Ethnicity, Del Norte County

		_	Percent of Totals in 2021		2015 to 2021	6-year Change
Race/Ethnicity	2015	2021	County	California	County	California
White alone	17,582	16,617	60.1%	35.8%	-5.5%	-5.2%
Hispanic or Latino	5,300	5,663	20.5%	39.5%	6.8%	5.7%
American Indian alone	1,339	1,683	6.1%	0.3%	25.7%	-12.6%
Black or African American alone	787	799	2.9%	5.4%	1.5%	-1.5%
Asian alone	594	810	2.9%	14.7%	36.4%	11.7%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	79	43	0.2%	0.3%	-45.6%	-3.1%
Other/Multiple	2,107	2,050	7.3%	4.0%	-2.7%	35.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates









### **ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS**

Environmental indicators describe the quality of the physical places with which humans interact, and focus in particular on land, air, and water resources. These indicators are useful in identifying the potential impacts that a regional population may be having on the natural environment around them.

Del Norte County's population density in 2022 included an average of 27.0 residents per square mile, which was significantly lower than the overall State average of 251.5 residents per square mile. Between 2011 and 2019, the total harvested acreage remained mostly static at 3.6 percent of total land area. Del Norte County's air quality remained quite good between 2012 and 2021. Annual temperatures appear to have remained relatively stable in Del Norte County since 1996, while annual precipitation levels have exhibited notable year-to-year fluctuations.

Between 2016 and 2021, the largest proportion of Del Norte County workers took between 5 and 14 minutes to commute to work (50.3 percent). The largest proportional decrease in commute times occurred among those requiring between 60 and 89 minutes (60.9 percent decrease), while the largest proportional increase was seen in those requiring 90 minutes or more (518.4 percent increase). The largest proportion of Del Norte County workers drove alone to work in 2021 (75.5 percent), followed by those who carpooled (13.6 percent). The largest traffic increases between 2017 and 2022 were seen at the U.S. 101 interchange with US 199 Northeast and the US 197 interchange with US 199, while the largest decrease was seen at the U.S. 101 and Klamath, Jct Rte. 169 Southeast intersection.

Between 2011 and 2021, non-residential electricity consumption has remained somewhat lower than the statewide average while residential electricity consumption has remained significantly higher than the statewide average. Because there are no natural gas lines in Del Norte County, electricity use is often the only viable means for heating and cooking.

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## **Land Area and Population Density**

#### What is it?

Population density is determined by dividing a county's total non-incarcerated population by its land area in square miles. Population density data indicate how closely, or loosely county residents are grouped together, and are often functions of both total population and the characteristics of the built environment, such as the relative proportion of single- vs. multiple-family housing in a county.

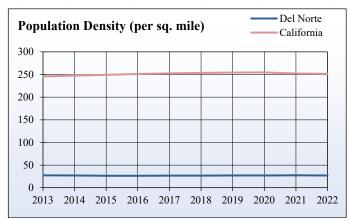
#### How is it used?

Population density data can be useful for municipal and regional planners who are developing infrastructural projects and wish to benefit from economies of scale. For example, areas with high population density would likely exhibit more frequent utilization of public transportation resources than areas with lower density and are also frequently more energy efficient. Population density data can be useful for businesses seeking to open a new location, as greater density generally implies greater demand for labor. Changes in population density can also help in the interpretation of migration patterns as people move into and out of particular cities and neighborhoods. As can be seen in the map below, the bulk of Del Norte County's population is clustered along the Highway 101 corridor between Crescent City and Smith River.

**Land Area and Population Density** 

			<b>Population Density</b>		
	Land Area	Total	(per so	ą. mile)	
Year	(sq. mile)	Population	County	State	
2013	1,008	27,619	27.4	245.7	
2014	1,008	27,160	26.9	247.5	
2015	1,008	26,744	26.5	249.5	
2016	1,008	26,682	26.5	251.0	
2017	1,008	26,832	26.6	252.6	
2018	1,008	26,895	26.7	253.7	
2019	1,008	27,145	26.9	254.2	
2020	1,008	27,231	27.0	254.5	
2021	1,008	27,593	27.4	252.3	
2022	1,008	27,218	27.0	251.5	

Source: California Department of Finance





## **Land Ownership**

#### What is it?

Land ownership represents the total square miles and percentage of land owned by the public and private sectors. Publicly owned lands are categorized by landowner; private lands are not categorized.

#### How is it used?

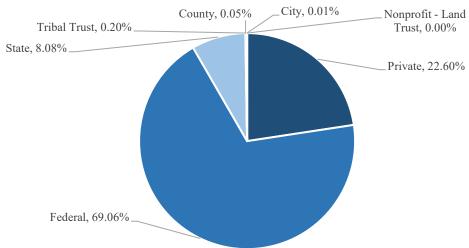
The data are used to show the extent to which nonlocal governmental organizations are in control of local land use. It also shows how much land area is not subject to property tax. This is important whenever state or federal governments threaten to eliminate or modify funding agreements that disburse payments to counties with large portions of government land in lieu of property tax collections.

Land Ownership, Del Norte County, 2022

Tax Status		Area (Sq. Miles)	Percent of Total Area
Non-Exempt	Private	229.52	22.60%
Exempt	Federal	701.30	69.06%
	State	82.09	8.08%
	County	0.50	0.05%
	Tribal Trust	2.01	0.20%
	City	0.07	0.01%
	Nonprofit - Land Trust	0.02	0.00%
	Total	1015.51	100.00%

Source: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, National Parks Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2021

#### Land Ownership, Del Norte County, 2022



### **Harvested Acreage**

#### What is it?

Harvested acreage reports the total amount of land that is used in any aspect of agricultural production as a proportion of a county's total land area. Data on harvested acreage are reported annually by individual County Agricultural Commissioners to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Unfortunately, there is no consistent method for estimating harvested acreage from county to county or from year to year. However, commissioners are required to base their estimate on a local survey that is statistically representative of all agricultural producers in an area.

#### How is it used?

Agriculture is often a dominant land use in rural counties, and harvested acreage as a proportion of total land area can indicate the relative importance of agriculture to a local economy. In addition to being a major economic factor, agriculture can also form the basis for community and regional identity, as well as a factor when determining use policies for areas surrounding farmland.

No report was received by the California Agricultural Statistics Service from Del Norte County since 2019. For this reason, 2019 data are included in this report as it remains the most recent data available.

**Total Harvested Acreage, Del Norte County** 

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Year	Total Acres Harvested	Percent of Total Land Area					
2011	23,062	3.6 %					
2012	22,700	3.5 %					
2013	22,700	3.5 %					
2014	23,157	3.6 %					
2015	23,157	3.6 %					
2016	23,150	3.6 %					
2017	23,150	3.6 %					
2018	23,150	3.6 %					
2019	23,150	3.6 %					

Source: California Agricultural Statistics Service,

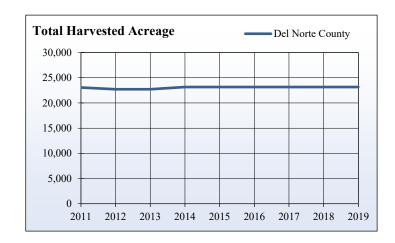
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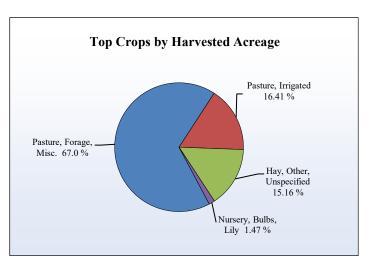
Top Crops Harvested Acreage, Del Norte County

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Crop	2019	Percent of Total
Pasture, Forage, Misc.	15,500	67.0 %
Pasture, Irrigated	3,800	16.41 %
Hay, Other, Unspecified	3,510	15.16 %
Nursery, Bulbs, Lily	340	1.47 %

Source: California Agricultural Statistics Service,

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## **Air Quality**

#### What is it?

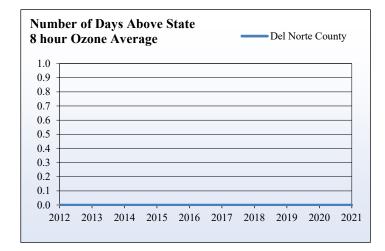
Air quality is a general term used to describe several aspects of the air that people are exposed to in their daily lives. There are four main contaminants that affect air quality: particulates (PM 10 and PM 2.5), tropospheric ozone (O3), carbon monoxide (CO), and oxides of nitrogen (NOX). Air quality is reported by the California Air Resources Board. The data are reported by site and are gathered into counties and air basins. Air quality standards are set at both the state and federal levels. The tables and figures below show the number of days in which Del Norte County's air quality exceeded the California State standard for PM 10 pollutants (such as dust, smoke, and pollen) and the national average for PM 2.5 pollutants (primarily emissions from gasoline, oil, or diesel fuel combustion).

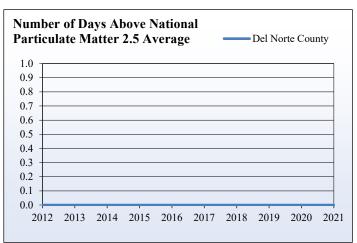
#### How is it used?

Standards for air pollutants are established to protect human health, avoid damage to sensitive vegetation, and preserve aesthetic values. If a region exceeds one or more standards of the four pollutants described previously, there may be a potential limit to the type of new industrial facilities that can be built in an area and/or restrictions on existing operations. As industry, agricultural production, and traffic increase, air quality may decrease if certain actions or policies are not in place. Air quality affects all populations, especially the young, the elderly, and those with heart or lung problems. Ultimately, a county with high levels of pollutants may also see an increased need for health services. Air quality is a quality-of-life issue and can be an important factor in determining where people are willing or able to live.

Air Quality, Del Norte County							
Year	Days Above State 8-hour Ozone Average	Days Above National PM2.5 Average					
2012	0	0					
2013	0	0					
2014	0	0					
2015	0	0					
2016	0	0					
2017	0	0					
2018	0	0					
2019	0	0					
2020	0	0					
2021	0	0					

Source: California Air Resource Board





### **Climate Data**

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How is it used?

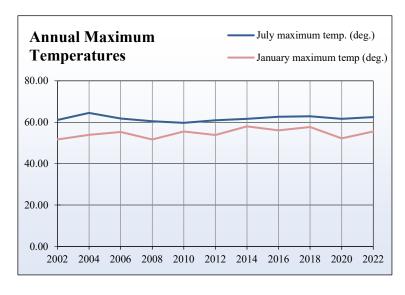
Temperatures and precipitation levels are recorded every two years in both January and July and are reported by the Western Regional Climate Center.

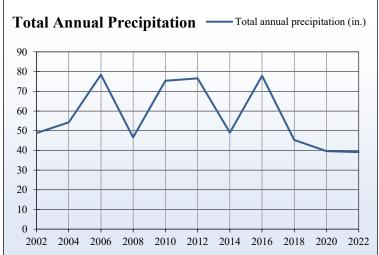
Historical climate data provide an accurate picture of a region's temperatures and precipitation during different seasonal periods of the year. Climate data can also give prospective residents and business owners a general idea of the weather patterns they can expect in a particular region throughout the year.

#### Climate Readings, Del Norte County

	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
July maximum temp. (deg.)	66	64.9	66.2	61.1	64.5	61.8	60.5	59.7	60.9	61.6	62.6	62.9	61.6	62.5
January maximum temp. (deg.)	55	55.6	53.3	51.7	53.9	55.3	51.7	55.5	53.8	58	56.1	57.7	52.2	55.5
July minimum temp. (deg.)	50	50.5	52.7	51	53.5	51	49.1	50.4	52.2	52.6	51.9	52.4	50.2	53.6
January minimum temp. (deg.)	44	45.9	39.8	40.3	43.5	43.5	40.5	45.9	40	40.2	45.5	46.6	43	40.9
July precipitation (in.)	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
January precipitation (in.)	12.9	22.3	17.3	10.0	8.7	17.0	9.6	10.4	12.2	2.2	14.4	10.6	13.3	2.9
Average monthly precipitation (in.)	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Annual precipitation (in.)	94.6	102.5	2.5	48.8	54.2	78.4	46.6	75.4	76.6	49.0	77.9	45.3	39.6	39.1

Source: NOAA Online Weather Data





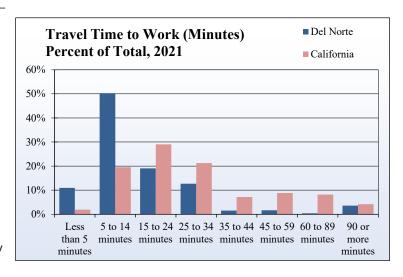
### **Travel Time To Work**

#### What is it?

Travel time to work is the amount of time, in minutes, that a worker estimates it takes them to get to work on a normal workday. Travel time can be influenced by distance to work, traffic volume, and the means of transportation utilized (evaluated in the following indicator). Data are taken from the 2016-2021 American Community Survey and are reported as five-year estimates.

#### How is it used?

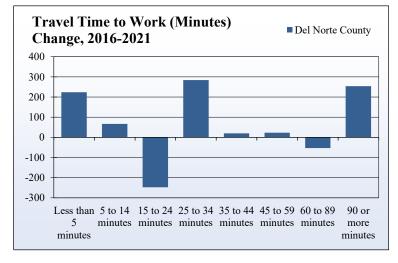
While increasing commute times often capture the push-pull dynamic between wages and housing costs, Del Norte County's location, population density, and high percentage of public land make it a special case. The reason for Del Norte County's shorter commute times is due to its isolated nature, which makes commuting to other communities unreasonable for many residents.

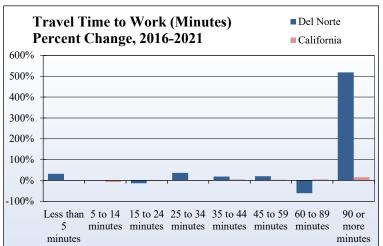


Travel Time to Work, Del Norte County

			Percent	Percent of Total in 2021		from 2016 to 2021
Travel Time to Work	2016	2021	County	California	County	California
Less than 5 minutes	702	926	11.0%	1.9%	31.9%	-0.4%
5 to 14 minutes	4,181	4,248	50.3%	19.5%	1.6%	-7.0%
15 to 24 minutes	1,855	1,607	19.0%	29.0%	-13.4%	-2.4%
25 to 34 minutes	785	1069	12.6%	21.2%	36.2%	1.4%
35 to 44 minutes	108	128	1.5%	7.2%	18.5%	4.9%
45 to 59 minutes	114	137	1.6%	8.8%	20.2%	3.3%
60 to 89 minutes	87	34	0.4%	8.1%	-60.9%	4.9%
90 or more minutes	49	303	3.6%	4.2%	518.4%	15.8%
Total not working at home	7,881	8,452	100.0%	100.0%	7.2%	-0.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2016 and 2021 American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates





## **Means of Transportation to Work**

#### What is it?

Means of transportation to work is the type of vehicle or mode of transportation most frequently used to get from home to work on an average workday. As with travel time, this indicator is measured through individual self-reports in the American Community Survey, and workers are asked to report the mode of travel most frequently used in the previous week. The data reported here are five-year estimates.

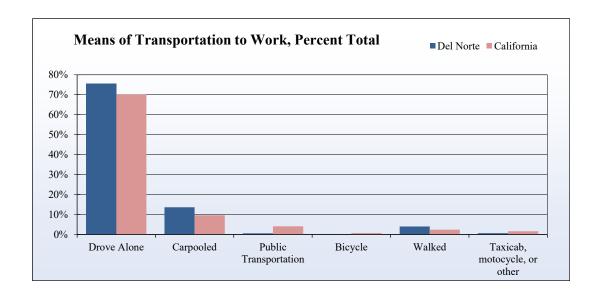
#### How is it used?

The most frequently utilized means of transportation to work may indicate how accessible or feasible certain modes of transportation are for a county's labor force. This indicator is especially useful when assessed alongside travel times to work and can be helpful for county and municipal planners in the development of public transportation resources, bike paths, and other transportation infrastructure. Between 2016 and 2021, the proportion of workers walking to work, driving alone, and carpooling increased substantially, while the proportion of workers bicycling, using public transportation, or other transportation methods decreased significantly.

#### Means of Transportation to Work, Del Norte County, 2021

	Del Norte	County	Percent of	Percent of Total in 2021		m 2016 to 2021
Means of Transportation	2016	2021	County	California	County	California
Drove Alone	6,215	6,749	75.5%	70.1%	8.6%	1.5%
Carpooled	1,195	1,215	13.6%	9.6%	1.7%	-3.8%
Public Transportation	66	48	0.5%	4.1%	-27.3%	-16.9%
Bicycle	98	25	0.3%	0.8%	-74.5%	-26.4%
Walked	235	358	4.0%	2.4%	52.3%	-4.2%
Taxicab, motocycle, or other	72	57	0.6%	1.6%	-20.8%	20.0%
Worked at Home	515	487	5.4%	11.4%	-5.4%	122.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2016 and 2021 American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates



### **Traffic Volume**

#### What is it?

Traffic volume data are provided to help county residents understand where traffic volumes are growing and for use in planning traffic improvements. The table figures include traffic counts going in both directions at the given intersection. Traffic volumes on California State Highways are estimated annually by the California Department of Transportation.

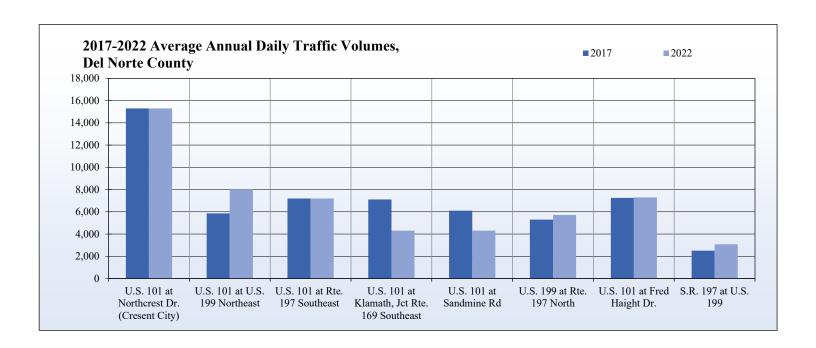
#### How is it used?

Most traffic growth over a ten-year period reflects changes in commute patterns, although other factors such as population change may also have an impact. If traffic volume grows at a faster pace than population growth, then growth in tourism is one likely cause for the increase in traffic.

Average Annual Daily Traffic Volumes, Del Norte County

		Average Annual Daily Traffic		2017-20	022 Change
Highway/ Interstate	Intersection	2017	2022	Change	Percent Change
U.S. 101	Northcrest Dr. (Cresent City)	15,300	15,300	0	0.0%
U.S. 101	U.S. 199 Northeast	5,850	8,000	2,150	36.8%
U.S. 101	Rte. 197 Southeast	7,200	7,200	0	0.0%
U.S. 101	Klamath, Jct Rte. 169 Southeast	7,100	4,300	-2,800	-39.4%
U.S. 101	Sandmine Rd	6,100	4,300	-1,800	-29.5%
U.S. 199	Rte. 197 North	5,300	5,710	410	7.7%
U.S. 101	Fred Haight Dr.	7,250	7,300	50	0.7%
U.S. 197	U.S. 199	2,500	3,070	570	22.8%

Source: California Department of Transportation



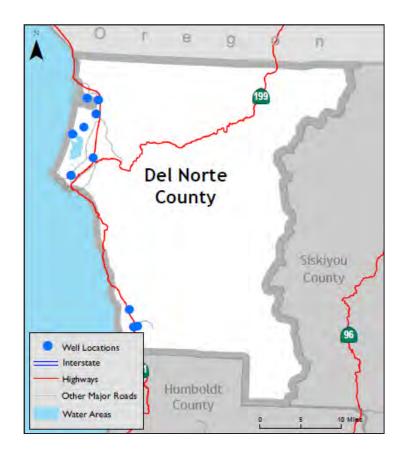
### **Water Table Depth**

#### What is it?

Groundwater depth statistics are reported by the California Department of Water Resources and are based on tests of water depths at various well locations throughout the State. Only data from wells that provided consistent annual records for 2012–2022 were included. For this indicator, low depths to groundwater means there are higher levels of groundwater; therefore, lower numbers are preferred.

#### How is it used?

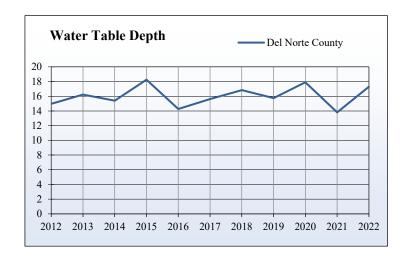
Water is scarce in many parts of California, and this scarcity creates tremendous pressure to both distribute the State's water resources equitably and to find methods for storing and delivering water efficiently. In many areas of the State, water is only plentiful during certain times of the year. Typically, whenever water shortages occur, groundwater is used to supplement surface water storage and delivery. Therefore, water table depth is a measure of sustainable use of water resources. Declining groundwater depth indicates unsustainable water use. With the exception of 2022 and 2015 when Del Norte County experienced significant increases in its water table depth, 25.2 and 18.6 percent respectively, depths have remained relatively shallow and stable over the last 10 years.



Average Depth to Groundwater

	Tiverage Depth to Groundwater						
	Del Norte County						
Year	Depth (ft.)	% Change					
2012	14.97	-3.5%					
2013	16.23	8.4%					
2014	15.39	-5.2%					
2015	18.25	18.6%					
2016	14.26	-21.9%					
2017	15.61	9.5%					
2018	16.84	7.9%					
2019	15.75	-6.5%					
2020	17.91	13.7%					
2021	13.81	-22.9%					
2022	17.29	25.2%					

Source: California Department of Water



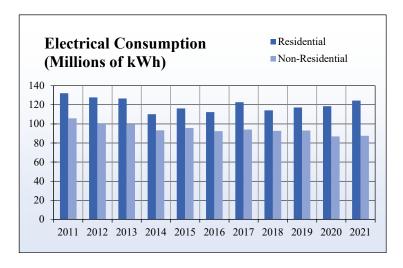
## **Electricity Use**

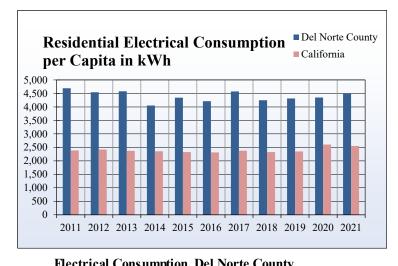
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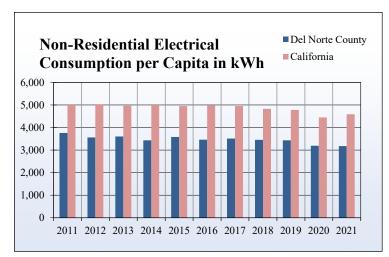
The California Energy Commission estimates annual electricity use based on the amount of electricity delivered to local providers and on data submitted by larger providers like PacifiCorp. Electricity consumption is calculated below on a per capita basis and includes both residential and commercial consumption.

#### How is it used?

Per capita energy consumption includes both residential and commercial consumption and can serve as a measure of industrial sustainability. Some regions may have a disproportionate share of industries with high electricity usage, which will affect this indicator. New industries can be built around more efficient uses of energy, and increased efficiency contributes to both short- and long-term economic health by reducing energy costs and creating jobs. Because there are no natural gas lines in Del Norte County, electricity use is often the only viable means for heating and cooking.







	Residen	tial Sector	Non-Reside	Non-Residential Sector			
Year	Consumption in Millions of kWh	Consumption per Capita in kWh	Consumption in Millions of kWh	Consumption per Capita in kWh	Total Consumption In Millions of kWh		
2011	132.2	4,695.0	105.8	3,759.0	238.0		
2012	127.8	4,545.1	100.0	3,557.9	227.8		
2013	126.5	4,581.4	99.4	3,600.6	226.0		
2014	110.1	4,054.2	93.3	3,435.5	203.4		
2015	116.1	4,342.4	95.8	3,580.3	211.9		
2016	112.3	4,210.5	92.4	3,461.6	204.7		
2017	122.8	4,576.1	94.2	3,509.0	216.9		
2018	114.2	4,247.4	92.8	3,450.7	207.0		
2019	117.2	4,316.1	93.1	3,429.5	210.3		
2020	118.5	4,352.0	86.9	3,190.3	205.4		
2021	124.4	4,508.1	87.6	3,176.0	212.0		

Source: California Energy Commission

### **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Economic indicators can provide valuable insight into how a county's standard of living compares to State averages as well as whether or not the economy of a county is expanding or contracting.

Between 2012 and 2021, the labor force in Del Norte County has been gradually declining with the exception of a small increase in 2018. Del Norte County experienced both increases and declines to employment year to year between 2012 and 2021, with an aggregate decline in employment of 4.8%. This is primarily due to a decline of 570 in employment in 2020, which can be largely attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. Del Norte County's unemployment rate followed the statewide trend closely: both the county and the State experienced high unemployment during the recession, but these rates declined significantly between 2012 and 2019 before increasing again in 2020 due to the pandemic, followed by significant recovery in 2021.

According to the available data, the industries that employed the largest proportion of Del Norte County residents in 2021 were government and government enterprises (33.4 percent), retail trade (11.6 percent), and accommodation and food services (7.6%). It is worth noting that data for 21.8% of the County's total jobs were withheld by the data source for privacy purposes, including employment within the health care and social assistance industry, which, in 2020, was reported as being responsible for 16.4 percent of total employment in the County. In 2021, tribal enterprises and businesses in Del Norte County contribute to the employment of roughly 552 workers (6.4 percent of total county employment), \$24.2 million in labor income, and \$66.9 million in economic output in tribal businesses and associated industries. The majority of businesses in Del Norte County (218) were small businesses with four or fewer employees, followed by businesses with five to nine employees (66).

In 2021, the three highest-paying industries (in terms of total earnings) were government and government enterprises, retail trade, and accommodation and food services. It is worth noting that, similar to jobs by industry, a large portion (20.07%) of the Counties earnings by industry were withheld by the data source for privacy reasons, and health care and social assistance was among the industries for which data were withheld. In 2020, health care and social assistance earnings accounted for 16.79% of the County's total earnings. Between 2012 and 2021, median household income in the county increased by approximately 29 percent in aggregate, but also remained significantly lower than statewide median income.

Between 2012 and 2021, the inflation-adjusted per capita income in Del Norte County increased by 52.9 percent, in aggregate. Between 2012 and 2017 the poverty rate in Del Norte County remained fairly consistent between 22 and 25 percent, followed by significant declines in 2018 and 2019 and increases in 2020 and 2021, likely due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Fair market rent was much lower in Del Norte County between 2013 and 2023 than the California average. The fair market rent for a four-bedroom unit in 2023 is estimated to be \$1,766 per month in Del Norte County, while a two-bedroom unit is estimated to cost \$1,037 per month.

### **Labor Force**

#### What is it?

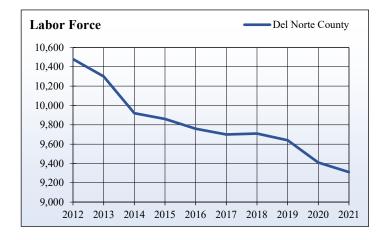
The labor force is the number of people living in the county who are considered willing and able to work. This is operationally defined by the California Employment Development Department as all individuals over the age of 16 who are either currently working or currently receiving unemployment benefits (which requires one to be actively seeking work). Therefore, changes in both employment and unemployment levels affect labor force size. Individuals who are unemployed and are no longer actively seeking work are considered discouraged workers and are not included in labor force estimates. The data are provided as annual averages of monthly estimates from the California Employment Development Department.

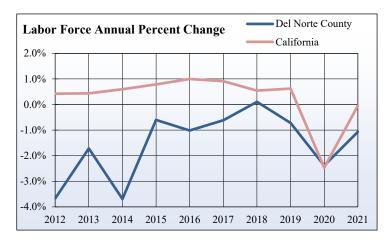
#### How is it used?

Labor force size is a useful indicator of the overall employment potential for a county. However, because labor force is an aggregate measure of both employment and unemployment, it is often necessary to interpret increases or declines in labor force size alongside these constitutive measures. Because discouraged workers are not included in labor force counts, these data can also be compared to the distribution of a county population by age in order to identify the number of people of working age (16-65) who are not in a county's workforce.

**Total Labor Force, Del Norte County** 

	Labo	r Force	1-Year	Change
Year	County	State	County	State
2012	10,480	18,484,900	-3.7%	0.4%
2013	10,300	18,565,400	-1.7%	0.4%
2014	9,920	18,676,700	-3.7%	0.6%
2015	9,860	18,824,100	-0.6%	0.8%
2016	9,760	19,012,000	-1.0%	1.0%
2017	9,700	19,185,400	-0.6%	0.9%
2018	9,710	19,289,500	0.1%	0.5%
2019	9,640	19,409,400	-0.7%	0.6%
2020	9,410	18,931,100	-2.4%	-2.5%
2021	9,310	18,923,200	-1.1%	0.0%





## **Employment**

#### What is it?

Employment data are reported by the California Employment Development Department and represent a count of all individuals who either worked at least one hour for a wage or salary, were self-employed, or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business or on a family farm during the reference week of the previous month in the survey questionnaire. The reference week is usually the week containing the 12th day of the previous month. Annual employment data are the averages of these monthly survey totals. Individuals who were on vacation, on other kinds of leave, or involved in a labor dispute are also counted as employed.

#### How is it used?

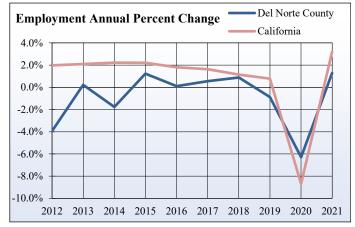
Employment is a primary indicator of the economic situation for workers in a county. Increasing employment means more potential jobs for workers and workers will generally have an easier time finding work in counties with higher employment totals. This is a primary indicator of the health of the economy as the unemployment rate is affected by labor force shifts.

Between 2012 and 2021, Del Norte County experienced a 4.8 percent aggregate decline in total employment; however, during this same period, the county's labor force also declined by 11.2 percent. It is therefore likely that the observed decrease in the labor force influenced overall employment levels. As the reader can see on page 27, the overall unemployment rate in the County has declined every year since 2012, with the exception of 2019 and 2020. It is possible that workers were exiting the county labor force to look for better employment opportunities elsewhere or, as the population ages, workers may be entering retirement.

**Total Employment, Del Norte County** 

	Empl	oyment	1-Year C	Change
Year	County	State	County	State
2012	9,040	16,541,000	-3.9%	2.0%
2013	9,060	16,887,900	0.2%	2.1%
2014	8,900	17,264,500	-1.8%	2.2%
2015	9,010	17,647,400	1.2%	2.2%
2016	9,020	17,965,400	0.1%	1.8%
2017	9,070	18,258,100	0.6%	1.6%
2018	9,150	18,468,100	0.9%	1.2%
2019	9,070	18,612,600	-0.9%	0.8%
2020	8,500	16,996,700	-6.3%	-8.7%
2021	8,610	17,541,900	1.3%	3.2%





## Unemployment

#### What is it?

Unemployment data are counts of the estimated number of people who are actively seeking work, are not working at least one hour per week for pay, and who are not self-employed. The data are reported by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from data collected by the U.S. Current Population Survey (CPS). It is important to note that unemployment data do not include individuals who are not actively seeking work and thus no longer qualify for unemployment benefits, and thus represent an inexact estimation of the total unemployed population.

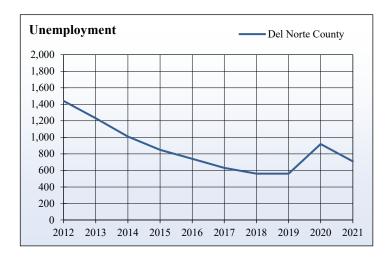
#### How is it used?

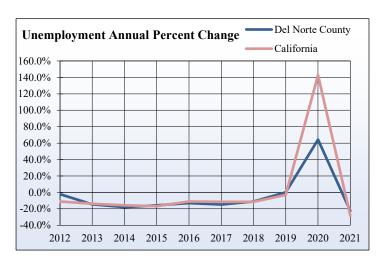
Although unemployment levels are often used as a primary measure of economic health, it is perhaps more accurate to view them as an indicator of recent economic disruptions than a holistic indicator of growth or decline, due to its direct connection to unemployment benefits provision. Sustained high unemployment rates typically indicate the presence of structural economic and/or social issues within the community, although what is considered "high" may vary from one community to the next.

Unemployment trends in Del Norte County have remained comparable to statewide trends, with the unemployment rates declining relatively steadily between 2012 and 2018, before increasing again in 2019 and 2020. It is important to note that Del Norte County also experienced a decline in its labor force and total employment levels between 2012 and 2021. These combined trends likely indicate that, as the population of the county became both smaller and older, and as workers either left the county or retired, the remaining workers in the county were more likely to find jobs.

**Total Unemployment, Del Norte County** 

	County	Unemployment Rate		1-year	change
Year	Unemployed	County	State	County	State
2012	1,440	13.7%	10.5%	-2.0%	-11.1%
2013	1,230	12.0%	9.0%	-14.6%	-13.7%
2014	1,010	10.2%	7.6%	-17.9%	-15.8%
2015	850	8.6%	6.3%	-15.8%	-16.7%
2016	740	7.5%	5.5%	-12.9%	-11.1%
2017	630	6.5%	4.8%	-14.9%	-11.4%
2018	560	5.8%	4.3%	-11.1%	-11.4%
2019	560	5.9%	4.1%	0.0%	-3.0%
2020	920	9.7%	10.2%	64.3%	142.8%
2021	710	7.6%	7.3%	-22.8%	-28.6%





## **Seasonal Employment**

#### What is it?

The California Employment Development Department estimates labor market data (labor force, employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate) for each month. The department uses the week including the twelfth of each month to calculate a person's employment status. Mid-month time periods are less sensitive to changes in the overall business climate and are more representative of average conditions. For specific definitions of each measure, please see the previous three indicators in this section.

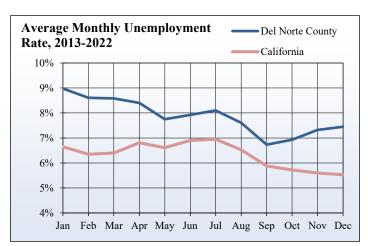
#### How is it used?

Average monthly labor statistics are used to evaluate seasonal trends in employment. Areas dependent on agriculture, forestry, or seasonal recreation tend to experience fluctuations in employment over the course of the year that cannot be observed in the annual average. The employment difference in the low and high months can be used to evaluate the degree to which an economy is dependent upon seasonal employment. Many seasonal employees locate temporarily and leave during the off-season, but some remain year-round and are unemployed during this period.

Average	Monthly	Labor	Statistics,	2013	-2022

Month	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Jan	9,705	8,826	881	8.98%
Feb	9,697	8,856	838	8.61%
Mar	9,746	8,907	841	8.58%
Apr	9,642	8,830	812	8.40%
May	9,672	8,920	753	7.75%
Jun	9,825	9,043	782	7.92%
Jul	9,643	8,856	785	8.10%
Aug	9,751	9,009	742	7.61%
Sep	9,842	9,179	667	6.73%
Oct	9,756	9,077	681	6.93%
Nov	9,577	8,873	704	7.32%
Dec	9,503	8,789	712	7.45%





## Johs by Industry

#### What is it?

Published by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), this indicator measures the number of jobs in a county within major industry sectors, regardless of whether or not the workers are themselves county residents. Because the BEA uses business tax returns to identify jobs within each industry, a worker who changed their workplace over the course of the year would be counted twice, once for each business's tax return. Self-employed proprietors and members of business partnerships are also included in jobs by industry data, meaning that someone who owns their own business but also works for another employer would also be counted twice. Unpaid family care workers and volunteers are not included. The symbol "(D)" is used for information withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies. Values for (D) are included in aggregate totals.

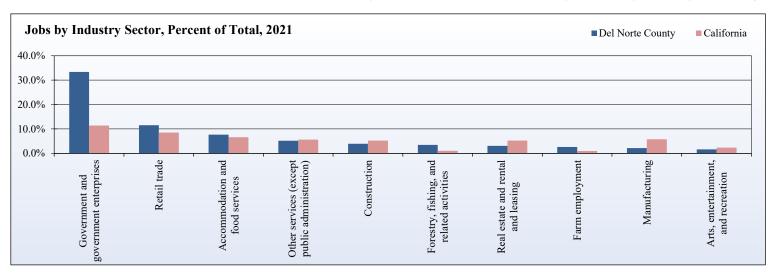
#### How is it used?

Jobs by industry is a useful measure of the economic diversity and potential resilience of the local economy and is thus of great utility to local chambers of commerce and economic development organizations. A county with a large proportion of its jobs concentrated in a few industry sectors may be more susceptible to a recession or economic downturn than one with a more diversified economy.

Jobs by Industry, Del Norte County, Sum of 2021

		County	California
	Del Norte	Percent	Percent
Industry	County	of Total	of Total
Farm employment	275	2.6%	1.0%
Forestry, fishing, and related activities	372	3.5%	1.0%
Mining	31	0.3%	0.1%
Utilities	(D)	N/A	0.3%
Construction	421	3.9%	5.2%
Manufacturing	226	2.1%	5.8%
Wholesale trade	(D)	N/A	3.1%
Retail trade	1,233	11.6%	8.5%
Transportation and warehousing	155	1.5%	5.7%
Information	67	0.6%	2.7%
Finance and insurance	142	1.3%	5.0%
Real estate and rental and leasing	325	3.0%	5.2%
Professional, scientific, and technical services	(D)	N/A	8.8%
Management of companies and enterprises	(D)	N/A	1.2%
Administrative and waste services	(D)	N/A	6.4%
Educational services	(D)	N/A	2.3%
Health care and social assistance	(D)	N/A	11.8%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	174	1.6%	2.4%
Accommodation and food services	815	7.6%	6.6%
Other services, except public administration	548	5.1%	5.6%
Government and government enterprises	3,565	33.4%	11.4%
Sum of withheld "(D)" values	2,326	21.8%	N/A
Total Jobs	10,675	100.0 %	100.0 %

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis



### **Economic Contributions of Tribal Businesses**

The Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation, the Yurok Tribe, the Elk Valley Rancheria, and the Resighini Rancheria play an important role in the economy of Del Norte County. As important economic and political stakeholders, any review of the regional economy would be incomplete without estimating the contributions of these nations and the businesses they operate to this economy. Indigenous nations in Del Norte County not only operate important business enterprises such as medical centers, casinos, fish hatcheries, and hotels that bring economic benefit to the county, but also governance structures and civic programs that support the cultural and social goals of their communities.

Using data obtained from the D&B Hoover's database, CED estimates that as of April 2023, in aggregate, Del Norte County's tribal nations directly employ 442 people through their various enterprises. In addition to direct employment and spending, the economic impacts of tribal government and businesses include secondary spill-over impacts, such as industry purchases made in other sectors and employee spending at local retail and service establishments. In order to determine the total contribution of tribal businesses, current (as of April 2023) employment levels were entered into the appropriate industry sector for each tribal enterprise in the IMPLAN input-output model for Del Norte County. The model permits assessment of the economic contributions of individual firms by estimating their effects on employment and economic output within their own industry sector and related industry sectors. Indirect impacts are the result of purchases made by one industry within another. Induced effects are the result of employees spending income that is earned through the business activity generated by the direct impacts.

The IMPLAN model results below include estimated direct, indirect, and induced impacts on output, labor income, and employment. This analysis does not include any additional grant funding or other state or federal government transfer payments to tribal members that do not result directly in employment. As the tables below illustrate, tribal enterprises and businesses in Del Norte County contribute to the employment of roughly 552 workers (6.4 percent of total county employment), \$24.2 million in labor income, and \$66.9 million in economic output in tribal businesses and associated industries\*. The industries that benefit most from these contributions (ranked by employment) fall under Hotels and Motels and Construction of New Single-family Residential Structures. Tribal businesses support 211 and 39 jobs in these industries and account for \$21.5 million and \$5 million in output, respectively.

#### **Economic Contributions of Tribal Businesses**

Impact Type	Employment	Labor Income	Output
Direct	442.00	\$19,177,472.73	\$49,548,320.73
Indirect	67.33	\$3,037,600.84	\$10,066,780.17
Induced	42.47	\$1,962,638.08	\$7,249,939.83
Total Effect	551.80	\$24,177,711.65	\$66,865,040.72

\*Note: When running the I-O model, tribal businesses that fell into industries that were not recognized by IMPLAN for Del Norte County were categorized by staff into an appropriate sector.

Ton Ten	Industry	Contributions	of Tribal	Rusinesses	by Employment
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Sector	Employment	Labor Income	Output
Hotels and motels, including casino hotels	211	\$5,350,134	\$21,487,621
Construction of new single-family residential structures	39	\$2,304,622	\$5,006,426
Offices of physicians	29	\$2,160,895	\$3,509,624
Business support services	28	\$1,658,756	\$2,590,746
All other food and drinking places	24	\$1,653,153	\$3,047,412
Grantmaking, giving, and scoial advocacy organization	23	\$982,271	\$4,196,111
Child day care services	20	\$939,580	\$1,886,755
Bowling centers	15	\$366,614	\$1,137,665
Other accommodations	14	\$469,696	\$706,740
Animal production, except catle and poultry and eggs	13	\$2,954,714	\$2,610,525

<sup>\*</sup>Note: The Top Ten industries are ranked by total employment impacts.

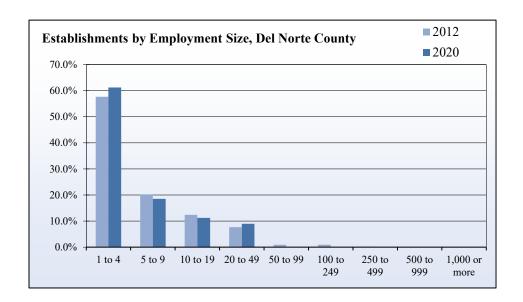
### **Employment by Employment Size and Industry**

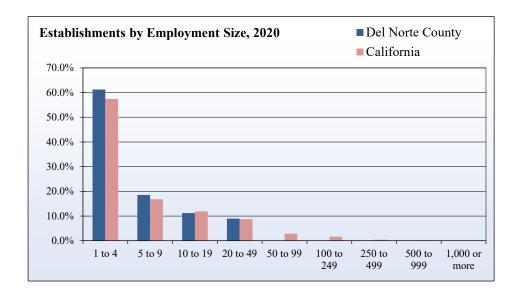
#### What is it?

Each year, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Census Bureau tabulates the number of employers with employees that are covered by unemployment insurance. Establishments without payroll are not included. Most businesses are non-employers, although most jobs are employee positions. To comply with disclosure avoidance guidelines, data rows with fewer than three contributing establishments are not presented by the data source.

#### How is it used?

The stability of a local economy is dependent upon a diverse mix of businesses, both in terms of size and industry sector. A diverse employer mix allows an economy to weather economic downturns more easily than one that is dependent on a few types of businesses.





Number of Establishments by Employment Size and Industry, Del Norte County 2020

					Number o	f Employees	S		
Industry	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 49	50 to 99	100 to 249	250 to 499	500 to 999	1,000 or more
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retail trade	22	16	12	6	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	29	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wholesale trade	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Information	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finance and insurance	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real estate and rental and leasing	26	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional, scientific, and technical services	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Management of companies and enterprises	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Educational services	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health care and social assistance	25	16	9	13	0	0	0	0	0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accommodation and food services	19	9	16	13	0	0	0	0	0
Other services (except public administration)	19	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	218	66	40	32	0	0	0	0	0

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, County Business Patterns, 2020

Number of Establishments by Employment Size and Industry, Del Norte County 2012

	Number of Employees								
Industry	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 49	50 to 99	100 to 249	250 to 499	500 to 999	1,000 or more
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	15	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	43	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Wholesale trade	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Retail trade	22	12	16	6	1	2	0	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	3	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Information	7	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Finance and insurance	15	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real estate and rental and leasing	25	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional, scientific, and technical services	19	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Management of companies and enterprises	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative and support and waste									
management and remediation services	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Educational services	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health care and social assistance	28	17	9	11	3	0	1	0	0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Accommodation and food services	33	14	10	11	0	0	0	0	0
Other services (except public administration)	24	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	256	90	55	34	4	4	1	0	0

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, County Business Patterns, 2012

### **Total Personal Income**

#### What is it?

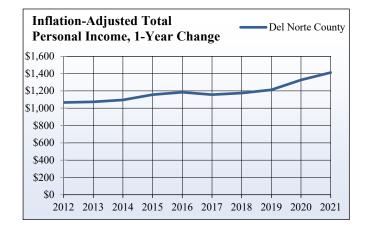
Total personal income data are provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis. The indicator represents the sum of all income collected by individuals over the course of each year, including but not limited to earned income, government payments, and returns on investment. The data do not include personal contributions for social insurance (such as payments to Social Security or Medicare). The indicator is tabulated using individual and corporate tax returns from the Internal Revenue Service.

#### How is it used?

Total personal income is the basis for several other income indicators in this section. Growing personal income generally indicates a growing economy, as long as the growth is greater than the annual average inflation rate. Increases or decreases in total personal income are most frequently due to changes in worker's earnings, population changes, or both.

Inyo County							
Year	Nominal Personal Income in Millions of Dollars	1-Year Change	Inflation Adjusted Personal Income in Millions of Dollars (2023)	1-Year Change	1-Year Change		
2012	\$849	5.0%	\$1,121	2.0%	3.5%		
2013	\$865	1.9%	\$1,124	0.3%	0.0%		
2014	\$921	6.5%	\$1,178	4.8%	5.0%		
2015	\$959	4.2%	\$1,228	4.3%	7.4%		
2016	\$1,021	6.5%	\$1,290	5.0%	3.0%		
2017	\$1,056	3.4%	\$1,301	0.9%	2.0%		
2018	\$1,035	-1.9%	\$1,250	-3.9%	2.8%		
2019	\$1,101	6.3%	\$1,308	4.7%	4.0%		
2020	\$1,144	3.9%	\$1,326	1.4%	6.1%		
2021	\$1,178	3.0%	\$1,347	1.6%	6.2%		

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis





### **Components of Personal Income**

#### What is it?

This indicator disaggregates personal income totals by the sources of personal income, including work earnings, retirement or disability benefits, returns on investment, or transfer payments from sources such as supplemental social security, medical benefits, and unemployment insurance. The U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis provides these county-level data.

#### How is it used?

Understanding how income is earned in a county can provide important insights into the structure of a county's economy. If the largest proportion of income is from work earnings, then industry performance is likely to be driving economic growth. In contrast, if a high proportion of total personal income is derived from transfer payments through government benefit programs, this may indicate an elderly or infirm population. 2020 saw a very large increase in the amount of unemployment benefits for both Del Norte and California residents, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This did begin to decline in 2021 but remained much higher when compared to years prior to the pandemic.

Components of Total Personal Income, Del Norte County 2021

	Perce	nt of Total	Average 10-Year Change		
Component	County	California	County	California	
Work Earnings	52.4%	69.9%	3.0%	5.3%	
Less: Contributions to SSI, etc.	5.3%	7.0%	5.2%	6.7%	
Plus: Commuter Income	-3.6%	-0.1%	1.7%	8.4%	
Dividends, Interest, & Rent	13.5%	17.8%	3.7%	4.9%	
Retirement/Disability	8.7%	3.9%	3.9%	4.4%	
Medical Benefits	19.6%	7.3%	7.7%	7.1%	
Income Maintenance	5.3%	2.1%	6.4%	7.7%	
Unemployment Benefits	2.7%	2.3%	98.1%	216.7%	
Veterans Benefits	1.5%	0.4%	5.4%	8.6%	
Education and Training	0.4%	0.4%	6.4%	3.5%	
Other Government	4.1%	2.5%	98.6%	94.0%	
Nonprofit Institutions	0.5%	0.3%	13.6%	17.1%	
Private Personal Injury	0.3%	0.2%	16.6%	16.8%	
Total Personal Income	100.0%	100.0%	4.9%	5.7%	

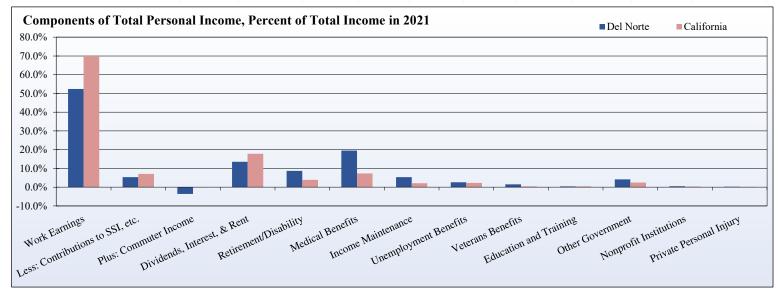
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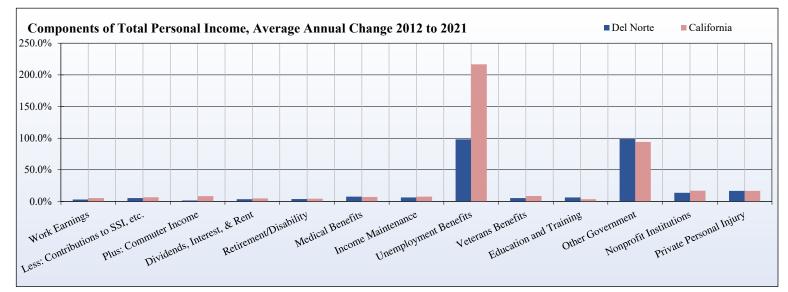


Components of Total Personal Income (in Millions), Del Norte County

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Work Earnings	\$495.8	\$500.2	\$503.1	\$522.5	\$542.6	\$549.2	\$566.0	\$578.5	\$613.4	\$646.7
Less: Contributions to SSI, etc.	\$41.6	\$46.2	\$45.9	\$47.5	\$50.6	\$52.8	\$55.8	\$58.4	\$62.5	\$65.7
Plus: Commuter Income	-\$38.7	-\$36.3	-\$36.5	-\$38.4	-\$39.6	-\$38.8	-\$39.1	-\$38.9	-\$43.6	-\$44.5
Dividends, Interest, & Rent	\$121.1	\$123.2	\$130.7	\$137.8	\$145.1	\$146.6	\$150.9	\$161.9	\$164.2	\$167.2
Retirement/Disability	\$76.0	\$77.5	\$81.0	\$85.2	\$88.0	\$89.3	\$94.6	\$100.4	\$103.5	\$106.8
Medical Benefits	\$124.8	\$138.6	\$156.5	\$174.4	\$183.1	\$175.1	\$185.2	\$200.1	\$217.0	\$241.6
Income Maintenance	\$40.6	\$40.2	\$40.5	\$40.0	\$39.1	\$39.0	\$38.3	\$39.2	\$46.4	\$66.1
Unemployment Benefits	\$10.1	\$8.0	\$4.5	\$4.1	\$3.4	\$3.7	\$3.7	\$4.1	\$44.0	\$32.8
Veterans benefits	\$11.9	\$13.0	\$12.3	\$13.2	\$13.1	\$14.5	\$15.6	\$16.9	\$19.0	\$18.7
Education and Training	\$2.8	\$2.9	\$3.0	\$3.1	\$3.3	\$3.4	\$3.6	\$4.0	\$4.4	\$4.9
Other Government	\$0.7	\$0.6	\$2.5	\$3.4	\$4.0	\$4.6	\$5.7	\$5.8	\$28.7	\$50.9
Nonprofit Institutions	\$3.1	\$3.1	\$3.2	\$3.2	\$3.2	\$3.2	\$4.0	\$3.8	\$8.6	\$6.2
Private Personal Injury	\$1.9	\$1.7	\$1.9	\$2.4	\$3.2	\$2.3	\$1.7	\$2.4	\$1.3	\$3.3
Total Personal Income	\$808.5	\$826.5	\$856.6	\$903.4	\$937.9	\$939.2	\$974.4	\$1,019.7	\$1,144.6	\$1,235.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis





### Per Capita Income

### What is it?

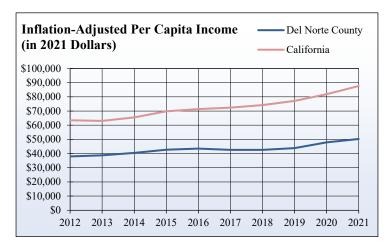
Per capita income is calculated by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis by dividing its estimate of total personal income by the U.S. Census Bureau's estimate of total population.

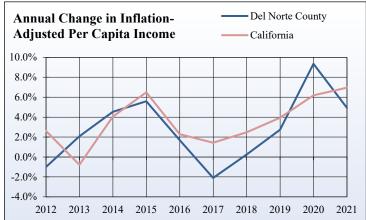
### How is it used?

Per capita income is one of the most commonly used indicators of the general economic well-being of a county. Changes in this variable may indicate changes in a county's standard of living or the availability of resources to individuals and families. Per capita income also tends to follow long-term business cycles, rising during expansions and falling during recessions. Income influences individual buying power and therefore affects consumer choices and local retail sales. Between 2012 and 2021, Del Norte County had a lower per capita income than the rest of California (after adjusting for inflation).

Per Capita Income, Del Norte County, 2012 to 2021

	County		Inflation-	Inflation-adjusted		
	Nominal	County	Income per Capit	a (2023 Dollars)	1-Year	Change
Year	Per Capita Income	1-Year Change	County	California	County	California
2012	\$ 28,736	1.9 %	\$37,928	\$63,514	- 1.0 %	2.6 %
2013	\$ 29,798	3.7%	\$38,712	\$63,012	2.1%	-0.8%
2014	\$ 31,640	6.2%	\$40,466	\$65,567	4.5%	4.1%
2015	\$ 33,379	5.5%	\$42,729	\$69,825	5.6%	6.5%
2016	\$ 34,410	3.1%	\$43,452	\$71,422	1.7%	2.3%
2017	\$ 34,531	0.4%	\$42,541	\$72,445	-2.1%	1.4%
2018	\$ 35,330	2.3%	\$42,643	\$74,239	0.2%	2.5%
2019	\$ 36,860	4.3%	\$43,810	\$77,159	2.7%	3.9%
2020	\$ 41,309	12.1%	\$47,906	\$81,930	9.3%	6.2%
2021	\$ 43,951	6.4%	\$50,267	\$87,623	4.9%	6.9%





## **Earnings by Industry**

### What is it?

Earnings by industry data represent the total personal earnings for workers within individual industry sectors and should not be confused with total business revenues within industries. The total earnings of an industry are calculated by taking the sum of three components: wage and salary disbursements, supplements to wages and salaries, and proprietor's income. Earnings by industry are the components of earnings by place of work from the section on components of personal income. The symbol "(D)" is used for information withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies. Values for both (D) are included in aggregate totals.

### How is it used?

Earning levels by industry are important indicators of the overall economic contributions of particular industries to a local economy. Similar to the previous Jobs by Industry indicator, these data can also provide important insights into the relative diversification of a county's economy, and thus how resilient an economy is to economic downturns or recessions.

Del Norte County Earnings by Industry, 2021 (In Millions)

	Del Norte	Percent of Total			
Industry Sector	County	Del Norte	California		
Farm earnings	\$15,272	2.36%	0.62%		
Forestry, fishing, and related activities	\$20,901	3.23%	0.59%		
Mining	\$190	0.03%	0.13%		
Utilities	(D)	(D)	0.80%		
Construction	\$24,938	3.86%	5.19%		
Manufacturing	\$10,381	1.61%	8.90%		
Wholesale trade	(D)	(D)	3.68%		
Retail trade	\$53,292	8.24%	5.00%		
Transportation and warehousing	\$5,287	0.82%	3.83%		
Information	\$4,692	0.73%	8.09%		
Finance and insurance	\$5,339	0.83%	6.16%		
Real estate and rental and leasing	\$12,460	1.93%	3.75%		
Professional, scientific, and technical services	(D)	(D)	13.24%		
Management of companies and enterprises	(D)	(D)	2.21%		
Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	(D)	(D)	4.14%		
Educational services	(D)	(D)	1.47%		
Health care and social assistance	(D)	(D)	9.46%		
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	\$5,763	0.89%	1.57%		
Accommodation and food services	\$28,510	4.41%	3.30%		
Other services (except public administration)	\$17,909	2.77%	2.82%		
Government and government enterprises	\$312,001	48.24%	15.03%		
Value of withheld (D)	\$129,790	20.07%	0.00%		
Total earnings by place of work	\$646,725	100.00%	100.0%		

### **Median Household Income**

### What is it?

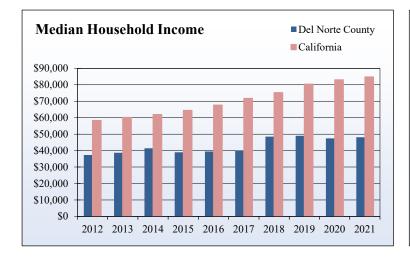
Household income includes the incomes of the householder (i.e., renter or title holder) and all other people 15 years of age and older in the household, regardless of their relation to the householder. Once income totals for all households are gathered, the median value is the data point at which exactly one half of households have greater income, and one half of households have less income. The median value is based on the income distribution of all households, including those with no income.

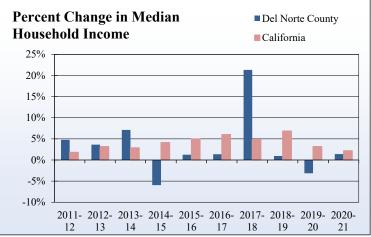
#### How is it used?

Median household income is a more useful measure of collective economic well-being than per capita income because it aggregates income levels within a basic unit of economic collaboration and decision making. Median income values are also less sensitive to fluctuations at the extreme high and low ends of a county's earnings spectrum, and changes in median household income therefore signal changes within a wide range of earnings in a regional economy.

Median Household Income (Nominal), Del Norte					
Year	County	California			
2012	\$37,305	\$58,322			
2013	\$38,663	\$60,185			
2014	\$41,419	\$61,927			
2015	\$38,963	\$64,483			
2016	\$39,458	\$67,715			
2017	\$39,996	\$71,785			
2018	\$48,518	\$75,250			
2019	\$48,979	\$80,423			
2020	\$47,442	\$83,001			
2021	\$48,108	\$84,831			

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates





## **Poverty Rates**

### What is it?

The Census Bureau determines whether or not a family is in poverty using a series of income thresholds that vary by family size and composition. If a family's total income is less than that family's poverty threshold, then every person in that household is considered to be in poverty. Official poverty thresholds do not vary geographically but are updated for inflation using the Consumer Price Index. Income thresholds are based on pre-tax earnings and do not include capital gains or noncash benefits such as Medicaid.

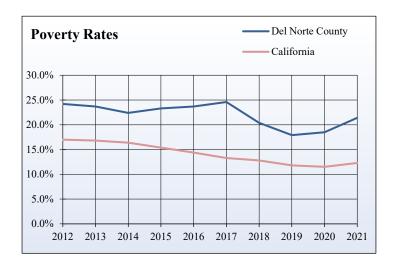
#### How is it used?

The poverty rate is a very commonly used indicator of the overall economic health and well-being of a region. Despite their wide use, official poverty rates have notable shortcomings. For instance, because the thresholds that define poverty status only vary by family size and composition, and not by the underlying cost of living in a particular neighborhood or community (e.g., housing and insurance costs), they tend to either over- or underestimate the real level of economic hardship in a region. Between 2012 and 2021, Del Norte County's poverty rate remained higher than the statewide poverty rate. Despite decreasing between 2012 and 2014, the county poverty rate began to slowly increase between 2015 and 2017, before decreasing significantly in 2018 and 2019.

Poverty Rates, Del Norte County

Year	County	California
2012	24.2%	17.0%
2013	23.7%	16.8%
2014	22.4%	16.4%
2015	23.3%	15.4%
2016	23.7%	14.4%
2017	24.6%	13.3%
2018	20.4%	12.8%
2019	17.9%	11.8%
2020	18.5%	11.5%
2021	21.4%	12.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates



### **Fair Market Rent**

### What is it?

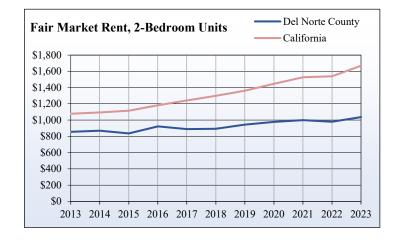
Fair market rent is defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as the price point where 40 percent of gross rents for typical, non-substandard housing units are below it and 60 percent of gross rents are above it. Gross rent is the sum of the rent paid to a landlord plus any utility costs incurred by the tenant. Fair market rent calculations typically exclude rents paid for public housing units, rental units built in the last 2 years, rental units considered substandard in quality, seasonal rentals, and rental units on 10 or more acres of land. Fair market rent does not include public housing costs to avoid skewing the distribution of rents downward.

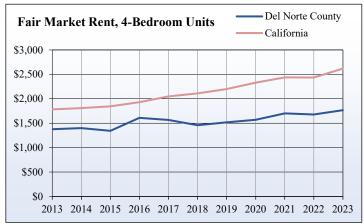
### How is it used?

Fair market rent is an indicator of housing costs for poorer households in a county and is used to determine whether families or individuals qualify for federal housing certificate and voucher programs and the amount of compensation they would receive. Because calculation of fair market rents incorporates the total distribution of gross rents within a region, it can also be a helpful indicator of overall housing costs, and, by extension, the general cost of living for that region.

Fair Ma	arket Rent, De	Norte Count	y		
Year	0-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	4-Bedroom
2013	\$628	\$633	\$856	\$1,261	\$1,377
2014	\$639	\$643	\$870	\$1,282	\$1,399
2015	\$613	\$617	\$835	\$1,230	\$1,343
2016	\$726	\$731	\$922	\$1,344	\$1,610
2017	\$735	\$739	\$890	\$1,291	\$1,566
2018	\$662	\$724	\$893	\$1,266	\$1,460
2019	\$643	\$749	\$945	\$1,312	\$1,516
2020	\$661	\$775	\$978	\$1,369	\$1,571
2021	\$677	\$827	\$1,000	\$1,387	\$1,702
2022	\$651	\$831	\$980	\$1,355	\$1,677
2023	\$693	\$875	\$1,037	\$1,421	\$1,766

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development





### **Median Home Price**

### What is it?

Median home prices are calculated by the California Association of Realtors using market data for the number of homes sold in a particular area and the prices associated with those sales. Unlike the average price of homes sold, which can be skewed by extremely high sales or very low sales, median home price indicates the price that separates the larger half of median home values from the lower half and is thus considered to be a more reliable indicator.

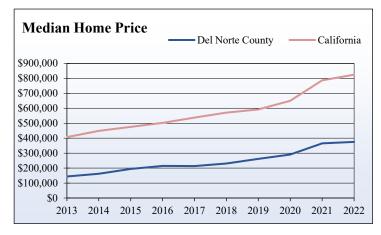
#### How is it used?

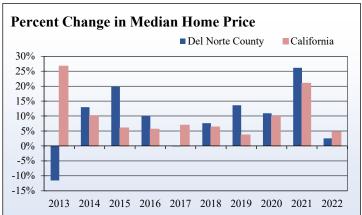
This indicator can be used to track the health of a region's real estate market as a whole. This information is important for home buyers as well as investors to make decisions on buying or selling of residential real estate.

Average Monthly Median Home Price, Del Norte County, 2013-2022

Year	Del Norte	1-Year Change	California	1-Year Change
2013	\$143,889	-11.6%	\$407,528	26.7%
2014	\$162,569	13.0%	\$448,751	10.1%
2015	\$194,685	19.8%	\$475,662	6.0%
2016	\$214,273	10.1%	\$502,178	5.6%
2017	\$213,929	-0.2%	\$537,026	6.9%
2018	\$230,192	7.6%	\$571,058	6.3%
2019	\$261,486	13.6%	\$591,866	3.6%
2020	\$290,100	10.9%	\$650,157	9.8%
2021	\$365,846	26.1%	\$786,275	20.9%
2022	\$375,088	2.5%	\$823,592	4.7%

Source: California Association of Realtors





## **SOCIAL INDICATORS**

Social indicators explain the capacity of community institutions and organizations to provide for adequate human health, education, safety, and social participation. Effective social systems intensify human capacities for collective growth and improvement. Many of the included indicators are often referred to as "quality-of-life" measures because they include noneconomic attributes that reflect the general health and well-being of community members.

In 2021, 19.5 percent of Del Norte County deaths were from cancer and 12.6 percent of deaths were from heart disease. Del Norte County also experienced and significant increase in total deaths in 2021, increasing from 334 in 2020 to 379 in 2021. In 2021, the proportion of births to teen mothers in Del Norte County was much greater than the statewide proportion; however, they have also decreased significantly every year since 2019.

Utilization of the CalWORKs program in Del Norte County declined from 7.1 percent of residents in 2011 to 4.7 percent in 2021. In contrast, the proportion of county beneficiaries from Medi-Cal increased from 32.2 percent to 50.6 percent between 2013 and 2022, which was likely due to expansions in eligibility under the Affordable Care Act.

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Between 2011 and 2021, the proportion of Del Norte County residents who possessed a graduate/professional degree increased by 13.2 percent, while the proportion of those holding a bachelor's degree increased by 11.6 percent. In addition, between 2012 and 2022, the high school dropout rate decreased from 10.9 to 7 percent. During this same period, the proportion of high school graduates eligible for the UC and CSU systems declined from 15 to 14 percent.

Between 2011 and 2021, enrollment in English learning programs in Del Norte County remained well below the California State average. In the 2021-2022 school year, 17.7 percent of California students were enrolled in such programs, while only 9.2 percent of Del Norte County students were enrolled. Because Del Norte County is a northern and rural county, there are lower rates of immigration, and thus lower rates of participation in English learning programs.

From 2012 to 2021, Del Norte County experienced sporadic growth in its total crime rate with it reaching a peak of 34.3 in 2019. This spike in 2019 is entirely due to a significant rise in property crime that year. That same year, Del Norte County experienced a decline in violent crime as it dropped below the State average and to its lowest point, before increasing to its highest point of 8.3 in 2021.

Voter registration rates in Del Norte County were lower than statewide rates between 2006 and 2022, with exceptions in 2016 and 2018. Participation rates in elections in Del Norte County exceeded those of the State in 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2022, possibly suggesting that residents of Del Norte County have a higher-than-average participation rate in midterm elections.

## **Leading Causes of Death**

#### What is it?

This indicator lists the top-ten most frequent causes of death for all county residents in 2021 and is derived from vital records data provided by the California Department of Public Health.

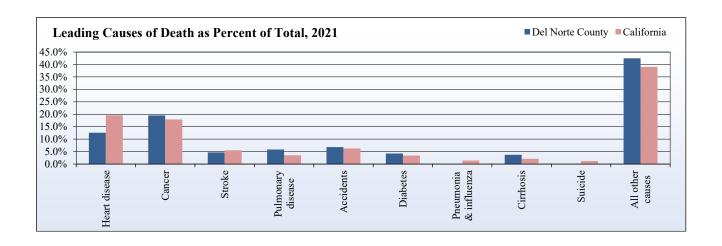
### How is it used?

Cause of death statistics provide important insights into the overall health of a region and can be used by health care practitioners and social service providers to coordinate disease prevention and educational efforts. If death rates for preventable causes are greater than those for other counties in a region, this is indicative of a greater need for community health education. If death rates for environmentally influenced factors, such as cancer and influenza, are high, this may indicate the presence of systemic factors that need to be addressed.

Cause of Death as a Percentage of Total Deaths, 2021

Cause of Death	Del Norte	California
Heart disease	12.6%	19.6%
Cancer	19.5%	17.9%
Stroke	4.7%	5.5%
Pulmonary disease	5.8%	3.5%
Accidents	6.8%	6.3%
Diabetes	4.2%	3.4%
Pneumonia & influenza	*	1.4%
Cirrhosis	3.7%	2.1%
Suicide	*	1.2%
All other causes	42.5%	39.1%

Source: California Department of Public Health

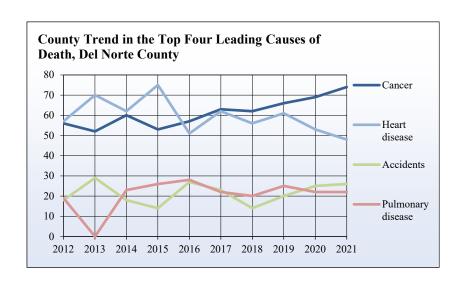


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Leading Causes of Death, Del Norte County

Cause of Death	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
All Causes	255	287	276	291	298	330	274	325	334	379
Heart Disease	57	70	62	75	51	62	56	61	53	48
Cancer	56	52	60	53	57	63	62	66	69	74
Stroke	15	12	11	15	*	16	13	17	13	18
Pulmonary Disease	19	*	23	26	28	22	20	25	22	22
Accidents	18	29	18	14	27	23	14	20	25	26
Diabetes	*	*	*	*	12	*	*	16	16	16
Pneumonia & Influenza	*	13	*	*	*	*	*	11	*	*
Cirrhosis	*	*	*	*	*	15	*	*	11	14
Suicide	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
All other causes	90	111	102	108	123	129	109	109	125	161

Source: California Department of Public Health



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### **Teen Birth Rates**

### What is it?

This indicator represents a subset of the birth data published by the U.S. Census Bureau. The data represent the number of births to women aged between 15-19 years old.

### How is it used?

Teen pregnancy is a major national and state concern because teen mothers and their babies face increased risks to their health and economic status. For example, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, teen mothers are more likely than mothers over age twenty to give birth prematurely (before thirty-seven completed weeks of pregnancy). Many factors contribute to the increased risk of health problems of babies born to teenage mothers. In 2019, the census changed Del Norte County's classification from a micropolitan statistical area to a metropolitan statistical area outside of a combined statistical area. This change may have influenced the drastic increase in teen birth rates displayed for 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Total Birth Rate n	r 1.000.	California
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Year	Total Population of Women 15-50	Total Birth Rate per 1000	Population of Women 15-19	Teen Birth Rate per 1000
2012	9,510,236	56	1,351,094	24
2013	9,530,502	54	1,333,269	21
2014	9,585,886	52	1,316,391	19
2015	9,616,133	52	1,298,392	17
2016	9,607,231	51	1,284,568	14
2017	9,642,845	50	1,274,747	13
2018	9,632,116	49	1,262,985	11
2019	9,621,148	49	1,255,373	10
2020	9,596,247	48	1,247,491	8
2021	9,576,857	48	1,266,042	8

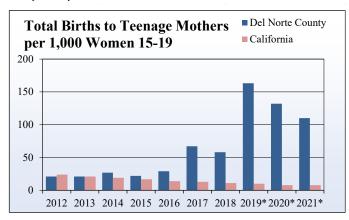
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Birth Rates per 1,000, Del Norte County

Year	Total Population of Women 15-50	Total Birth Rate per 1000	Population of Women 15-19	Teen Birth Rate per 1000
2012	5,391	71	902	21
2013	5,251	67	894	21
2014	5,193	98	738	27
2015	5,087	93	691	22
2016	5,141	93	798	29
2017	5,072	91	819	67
2018	5,222	85	950	58
2019*	5,185	79	949	163
2020*	5,151	51	894	132
2021*	5,197	34	887	110

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

\*Del Norte County's census classification was changed in 2019, which is partially responsible for the inflated values seen in that year and subsequent years.



### TANF/CalWORKs Caseload

### What is it?

California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) is the California Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which gives cash aid and services to eligible needy California families. If a family has little or no cash and is in need of housing, food, utilities, clothing, or medical care, they may be eligible to receive immediate short-term help through CalWORKs. The program also provides access to education, employment, and workforce training programs to assist a family's move toward self-sufficiency. The CalWORKs program is administered by each county's welfare department.

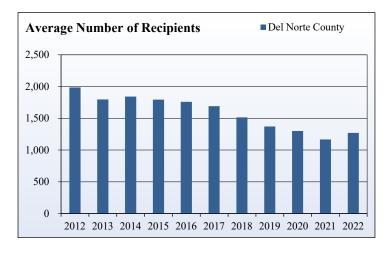
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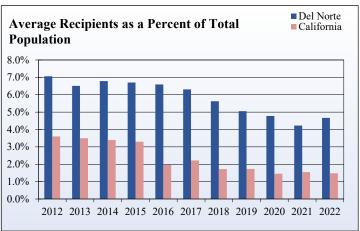
Data on the number of families that qualify for economic assistance through CalWORKs and similar programs can be important supplements to the official poverty rate as families experiencing sufficient economic hardship to qualify for CalWORKs may not necessarily also be below official poverty thresholds. Such data are therefore important for county and municipal planners and policymakers in understanding the overall level of economic hardship in a county or region.

TANF/CalWORKs Caseload, Del Norte County

Year	Average Number of Recipients	Recipients per Capita, County	Recipients per Capita, State
2012	1,986	7.1%	3.6%
2013	1,798	6.5%	3.5%
2014	1,843	6.8%	3.4%
2015	1,794	6.7%	3.3%
2016	1,760	6.6%	2.0%
2017	1,692	6.3%	2.2%
2018	1,514	5.6%	1.7%
2019	1,372	5.1%	1.7%
2020	1,302	4.8%	1.5%
2021	1,167	4.2%	1.6%
2022	1,270	4.7%	1.5%

Source: California Department of Social Services





### **Medi-Cal Caseload**

### What is it?

Medi-Cal is California's version for the federal Medicaid program and offers access free or low-cost health insurance for children and adults with limited resources or income. Common Medi-Cal recipients include low-income adults, families with children, seniors, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, children in foster care and former foster youth up to age 26.

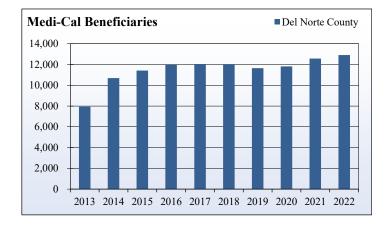
#### How is it used?

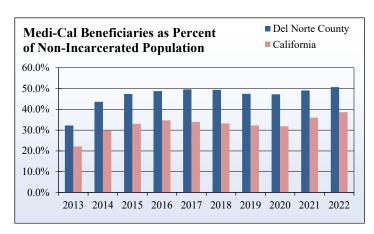
Data on Medi-Cal program recipients are helpful in determining the need for public medical assistance in a county. Similar to the CalWORKs caseload data, this indicator can also provide important insights into general economic hardship in a region by identifying needy individuals and families who may not be below official poverty thresholds.

Medi-Cal Users, Del Norte County

	County	Percentage of County	California	Percentage of
Year	Beneficiaries	Non-Incarcerated Population	Beneficiaries	California Population
2013	7,935	32.2 %	8,469,015	22.1 %
2014	10,685	43.6 %	11,522,700	29.9 %
2015	11,407	47.4 %	12,834,234	33.0 %
2016	11,971	48.8 %	13,550,661	34.7 %
2017	12,039	49.6 %	13,353,981	33.9 %
2018	12,008	49.3 %	13,126,241	33.2 %
2019	11,639	47.4 %	12,766,254	32.2 %
2020	11,819	47.2 %	12,604,862	31.8 %
2021	12,564	49.1 %	14,135,008	36.0 %
2022	12,901	50.6 %	15,115,052	38.6 %

Source: California Department of Healthcare Services





## **School Free and Reduced Meal Program**

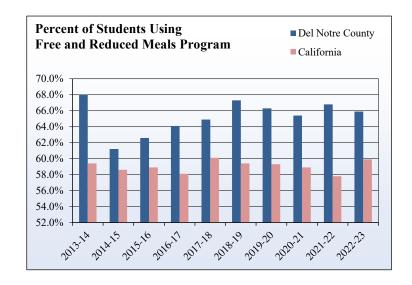
### What is it?

This indicator provides data on the number and proportion of K-12 students who are enrolled in a free or reduced-price school meal program. Families only have to claim a household income level that is below the given threshold to enroll their children in the program, and no evidence or auditing of family income is required. Thus, the indicator is an effective proxy for student poverty but does not necessarily reflect the true economic status of enrolled families. Students enrolled in this program are counted on Fall Census Day, which is the first Wednesday in October for each academic year.

#### How is it used?

Enrollment data on free and reduced meal programs aid in the estimation of family economic assistance needs in a county. Enrollment totals and proportions can also be used to determine a school's eligibility for receiving funding from official programs and grants intended to alleviate student poverty.

School Fr	School Free and Reduced Meals, Del Norte County							
	Total Free and	Total	Percent	of Students				
Year	Reduced Meals	Enrollment	County	California				
2013-14	2,819	4,144	68.0%	59.4%				
2014-15	2,524	4,121	61.2%	58.6%				
2015-16	2,606	4,160	62.6%	58.9%				
2016-17	2,729	4,258	64.1%	58.1%				
2017-18	2,744	4,228	64.9%	60.1%				
2018-19	2,871	4,266	67.3%	59.4%				
2019-20	2,867	4,327	66.3%	59.3%				
2020-21	2,779	4,247	65.4%	58.9%				
2021-22	2,803	4,195	66.8%	57.8%				
2022-23	2,738	4,157	65.9%	59.9%				



### **Educational Attainment**

### What is it?

Educational attainment is the highest degree earned or amount of schooling completed for all county residents aged 18 and older. Schooling completed in foreign countries or ungraded school systems are reported as the equivalent level of schooling in the regular American educational system.

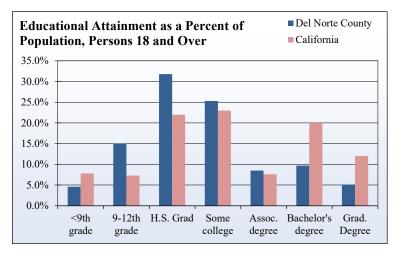
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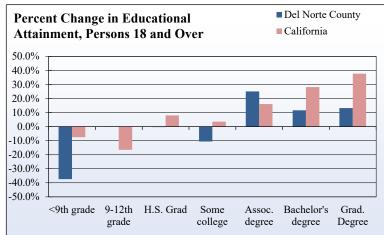
Educational attainment is a good general indicator of the skill level of a county's workforce. County populations that are more educated are generally more likely to be employed and stay out of poverty. In addition, educational attainment data can be useful for businesses that are considering opening a new location or relocating and want to identify areas with a sufficiently skilled and educated workforce.

Del Norte County Population by Educational Attainment, Population 18 and Over

			Percent of total in 2021		Change fro	m 2011 to 2021
Educational Attainment	2011	2021	County	California	County	California
Less than 9th grade	1,597	1,001	4.6%	7.8%	-37.3%	-7.5%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,236	3,237	15.0%	7.3%	0.0%	-16.5%
High school graduate or equivalent	6,913	6,887	31.8%	22.0%	-0.4%	8.0%
Some college, no degree	6,142	5,494	25.3%	23.0%	-10.6%	3.5%
Associate degree	1,469	1,838	8.5%	7.6%	25.1%	16.1%
Bachelor's degree	1,884	2,102	9.7%	20.0%	11.6%	28.2%
Graduate or professional degree	977	1,106	5.1%	12.0%	13.2%	37.7%
Total Persons Age 18 and Over	22,218	21,665	100.0%	100.0%	-2.5%	10.1%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 2011 & 2021 5-yr estimates





## **High School Dropout Rate**

### What is it?

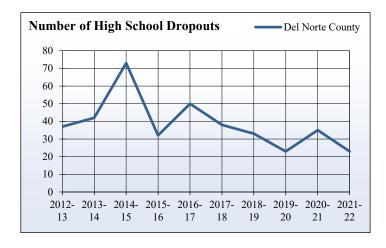
The four-year cohort is based on the number of students who enter grade 9 for the first time adjusted by adding into the cohort any student who transfers in later during grade 9 or during the next three years and subtracting any student from the cohort who transfers out, emigrates to another country, transfers to a prison or juvenile facility, or dies during that same period. Those cohort students who do not graduate with a regular high school diploma, do not otherwise complete high school, or are not still enrolled as a "fifth year senior" are considered dropouts.

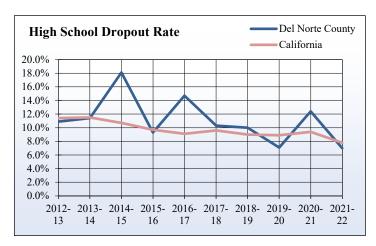
#### How is it used?

Data on high school dropouts indicate the capacity of county school systems to provide youth with a basic level of education and workforce training. Lower dropout rates are generally correlated with lower poverty rates and higher income levels, as employers frequently require a high school degree for most jobs.

**High School Dropouts, Del Norte County** 

	Cohort	Cohort	CA cohort
Year	dropouts	dropout rate	dropout rate
2012-13	37	10.9 %	11.4 %
2013-14	42	11.4 %	11.5 %
2014-15	73	18.1 %	10.7 %
2015-16	32	9.3 %	9.7 %
2016-17	50	14.7 %	9.1 %
2017-18	38	10.3 %	9.6 %
2018-19	33	10.0 %	9.0 %
2019-20	23	7.1 %	8.9 %
2020-21	35	12.4 %	9.4 %
2021-22	23	7.0 %	7.8 %





## Graduates Eligible for UC/CSU Systems

### What is it?

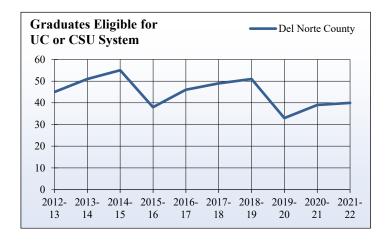
This indicator provides data on the number of high school graduates who completed coursework that is required for admission by either the California State University or the University of California postsecondary education systems. These data were reported by individual public schools to the California Department of Education and do not include information on other common requirements for college admission such as standardized test scores.

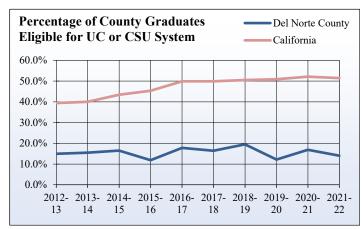
#### How is it used?

These data are an important indicator of how well a county school system prepares its students for higher-wage employment, as a college education is generally correlated with higher earnings from employment. Counties with a low proportion of eligible high school graduates may therefore exhibit greater competition for jobs in lower-wage sectors of the regional economy.

Graduates Eligible for UC or CSU System, Del Norte County

	County G	raduates	CA Graduates
Year	Number	Percentage	Percentage
2012-13	45	15.0 %	39.4 %
2013-14	51	15.5 %	40.0 %
2014-15	55	16.5 %	43.4 %
2015-16	38	11.9 %	45.4 %
2016-17	46	17.8 %	49.9 %
2017-18	49	16.4 %	49.9 %
2018-19	51	19.5 %	50.5 %
2019-20	33	12.2 %	50.9 %
2020-21	39	16.9 %	52.1 %
2021-22	40	14.0 %	51.4 %





### California Student Assessments

### What is it?

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CASPP) system administers mandatory assessment tests to students in California. The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments administered by CASPP for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics are computer adaptive assessments that were developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, a multistate, state-led consortium. These tests are aligned with the Common Core State Standards in ELA and mathematics that accurately measure student progress toward college- and career-readiness.

#### How is it used?

CASPP scores can be treated as an indicator of academic performance and college readiness for children in local schools.

**CASPP English Language Arts Results** 

	County						California				
Year	Standard Not Met	Standard Nearly Met	Standard Met	Standard Exceeded	Met or Exceeded	Standard Not Met	Standard Nearly Met	Standard Met	Standard Exceeded	Met or Exceeded	
2014-15	39.00%	28.00%	26.00%	7.00%	33.00%	31.00%	25.00%	28.00%	16.00%	44.00%	
2015-16	39.00%	26.00%	25.00%	10.00%	35.00%	28.00%	24.00%	29.00%	20.00%	49.00%	
2016-17	39.96%	26.45%	24.02%	9.57%	33.59%	28.35%	23.09%	28.44%	20.12%	48.56%	
2017-18	38.69%	26.77%	24.18%	10.37%	34.55%	27.54%	22.58%	28.63%	21.25%	49.88%	
2018-19	38.83%	24.85%	25.22%	11.10%	36.32%	26.63%	22.28%	28.62%	22.48%	51.10%	
2019-20	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
2020-21	31.02%	24.09%	26.73%	18.15%	44.88%	28.30%	22.69%	27.59%	21.42%	49.01%	
2021-22	45.63%	24.76%	20.44%	9.17%	29.61%	30.33%	22.62%	26.56%	20.50%	47.06%	

Source: California Department of Education

### **CASPP Mathematics Results**

	County						California			
Year	Standard Not Met	Standard Nearly Met	Standard Met	Standard Exceeded	Met or Exceeded	Standard Not Met	Standard Nearly Met	Standard Met	Standard Exceeded	Met or Exceeded
2014-15	48.00%	30.00%	17.00%	5.00%	22.00%	38.00%	29.00%	19.00%	14.00%	33.00%
2015-16	47.00%	30.00%	15.00%	7.00%	22.00%	35.00%	28.00%	20.00%	17.00%	37.00%
2016-17	48.43%	28.84%	15.97%	6.76%	22.73%	35.86%	26.59%	19.96%	17.60%	37.56%
2017-18	48.16%	28.36%	16.40%	7.09%	23.49%	35.45%	25.90%	20.01%	18.64%	38.65%
2018-19	48.74%	27.10%	16.60%	7.56%	24.16%	34.86%	25.41%	20.04%	19.69%	39.73%
2019-20	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2020-21	50.52%	25.26%	15.92%	8.30%	24.22%	40.74%	25.50%	17.98%	15.78%	33.76%
2021-22	57.32%	25.93%	11.49%	5.26%	16.75%	41.96%	24.66%	17.32%	16.06%	33.38%

<sup>\*</sup>To protect privacy, the Department of Education provides asterisks in place of test data when the number of test takers is less than 15 students

## **English Learners Enrollment**

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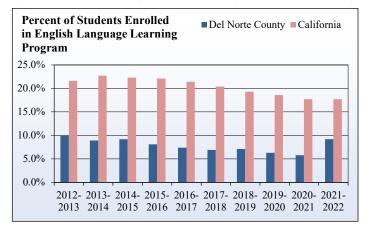
Indicator provides data on the number of K-12 students enrolled in English language learning (ELL) programs, which were previously referred to as "English as a second language" (ESL) programs. The California Department of Education tabulates enrollment based on annual reports from individual school districts.

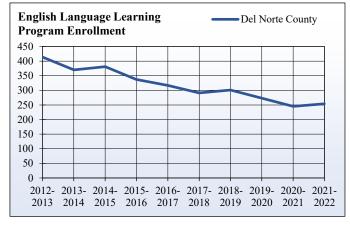
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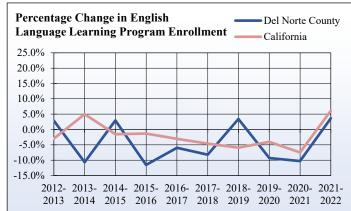
ELL enrollment data can be an important indicator of international migration or internal migration of non-English-speaking populations into an area. The ability and willingness of non-English-speakers to learn and use English is also commonly seen as indicative of their willingness to "assimilate" into the English-speaking community and can therefore influence their access to jobs and community resources.

**English Language Learning Program Enrollment, Del Norte County** 

	Enrolled E.L.L	Percentage Change	Total Enrolled	Percent of Enrolled	Percent of Enrolled E.L.L.
Year	Students	in E.L.L. Enrollment	Students K-12	Students in E.L.L.	Students in California
2012-2013	414	2.9%	4,197	9.9%	21.6%
2013-2014	370	-10.6%	4,144	8.9%	22.7%
2014-2015	381	3.0%	4,121	9.2%	22.3%
2015-2016	337	-11.5%	4,160	8.1%	22.1%
2016-2017	317	-5.9%	4,258	7.4%	21.4%
2017-2018	291	-8.2%	4,228	6.9%	20.4%
2018-2019	301	3.4%	4,266	7.1%	19.3%
2019-2020	273	-9.3%	4,327	6.3%	18.6%
2020-2021	245	-10.3%	4,247	5.8%	17.7%
2021-2022	254	3.7%	4,195	9.2%	17.7%







### **Crime Rates**

### What is it?

This indicator provides data on arson, property, violent, and total crime rates for Del Norte County. A county's crime rate is the number of reported crimes per 1,000 residents. These data are reported by the California Department of Justice and reflect all misdemeanor and felony reports, but do not include reports for minor violations and infractions.

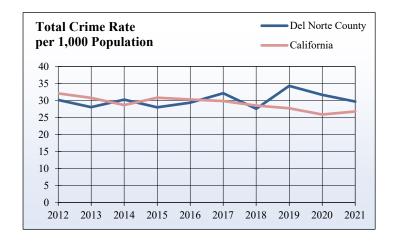
#### How is it used?

The relative level of criminal activity in a county is a major factor in how residents perceive their quality of life. An area with a high crime rate is often seen as a much less attractive place to live than one with a low rate. However, crime rates are also dependent on other factors besides the actual incidence of criminal activity, such as the willingness of residents to report crimes to police and overall population density. Crime rates are also generally correlated with the spatial concentration of disadvantages, such as poverty and unemployment.

Crime Rate per 1,000 Population, Del Norte County

	Property Crime Rate		Violent (	Violent Crime Rate		Arson Rate		Total Crime Rate	
Year	County	California	County	California	County	California	County	California	
2012	24.44	27.7	5.5	4.2	0.2	0.2	30.2	32.1	
2013	21.33	26.6	6.3	4.0	0.4	0.2	28.1	30.8	
2014	23.90	24.6	6.1	3.9	0.3	0.2	30.2	28.7	
2015	22.14	26.3	5.3	4.3	0.5	0.2	28.0	30.8	
2016	22.79	25.6	6.3	4.5	0.3	0.2	29.3	30.3	
2017	25.79	25.1	5.6	4.5	0.7	0.2	32.1	29.8	
2018	22.12	23.8	5.1	4.5	0.3	0.2	27.6	28.5	
2019	29.62	23.1	4.0	4.4	0.7	0.2	34.3	27.7	
2020	23.39	21.2	7.3	4.4	1.0	0.3	31.7	25.9	
2021	20.66	21.8	8.3	4.7	0.7	0.3	29.7	26.8	

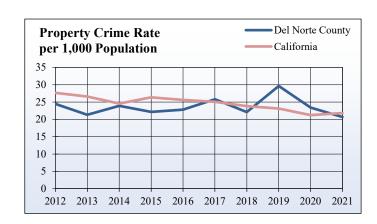
Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center



**Property Crimes, Del Norte County** 

		Motor Vehicle		
Year	Burglary	Theft	Larceny	Total
2012	288	116	283	687
2013	222	133	234	589
2014	275	121	253	649
2015	246	74	272	592
2016	290	130	188	608
2017	221	96	375	692
2018	148	46	401	595
2019	251	47	506	804
2020	175	42	420	637
2021	165	93	312	570

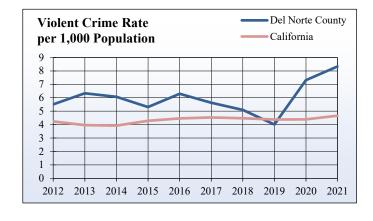
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**Violent Crimes, Del Norte County** 

				Aggravated	
Year	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Total
2012	1	22	24	108	155
2013	0	20	29	126	175
2014	1	28	21	115	165
2015	1	26	14	101	142
2016	0	32	17	119	168
2017	4	29	23	95	151
2018	1	22	20	94	137
2019	2	13	26	68	109
2020	2	54	36	107	199
2021	1	44	33	152	230

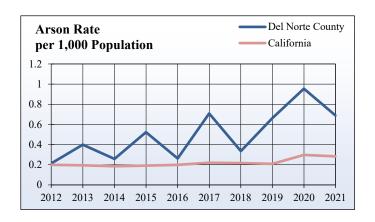
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**Arson, Del Norte County** 

Year	Structural Property	Mobile Property	Other Property	Total
2012	1	1	4	6
2013	7	3	1	11
2014	2	4	1	7
2015	5	4	5	14
2016	1	1	5	7
2017	5	8	6	19
2018	2	1	6	9
2019	3	0	15	18
2020	10	0	16	26
2021	5	0	14	19

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center



### **Voter Registration and Participation**

### What is it?

This indicator provides data on the number of individuals who registered to vote and who participated in state and federal elections during major election years. Data for the previous (even) election year are collected and reported by the California Secretary of State every two (odd) years on February 10th.

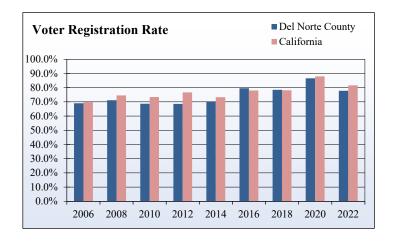
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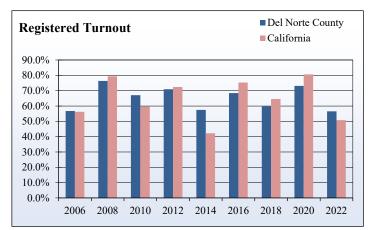
Voter registration in California is now built into many other social service processes, such as receiving a state driver's license or identification, in order to promote enfranchisement and electoral participation. The differential between voter registration and participation is therefore a good indicator of how engaged a county's population is with the overall electoral process. Large differences between the voting-age population and the number of registered/participating individuals may also indicate potential issues in accessing electoral resources and reaching local voting centers.

**Voter Participation in General Elections, Del Norte County** 

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Year	Eligible to Register	Registered Voters	Total Voters	Registration Rate	Registered Turnout
2006	17,459	12,040	6,828	69.0 %	56.7 %
2008	17,812	12,681	9,684	71.2 %	76.4 %
2010	18,124	12,441	8,344	68.6 %	67.1 %
2012	18,250	12,516	8,879	68.6 %	70.9 %
2014	18,253	12,750	7,332	69.9 %	57.5 %
2016	17,996	14,318	9,790	79.6 %	68.4 %
2018	18,039	14,150	8,439	78.4 %	59.6 %
2020	18,366	15,904	11,624	86.6 %	73.1 %
2022	19,219	14,943	8,450	77.8 %	56.5 %

Source: California Secretary of State, Elections Divisions







## INDUSTRY INDICATORS

Industry indicators show the status and growth of key industries linked to economic growth. Most economic development efforts in rural California focus on some, if not all, of these industries. Their growth is linked with the environmental, economic, and social improvement of many rural California communities.

Agricultural employment in Del Norte County is proportionally small when compared to other sectors but is nonetheless significant when compared to the statewide average. Employment in the agricultural sector grew from 2012 to 2014 before stabilizing around 2.7 percent of the county total. Agricultural earnings have experienced peaks and valleys with the highest amount of earnings being attained in 2014, followed by 2012 and 2020. Commercial fishing remains a significant contributor to the regional economy, with over \$9.8 million in GRP produced in 2020.

Construction employment consistently accounted for between 3 and 4 percent of Del Norte County's total employment between 2012 and 2021, which was slightly lower than the statewide proportion. Construction earnings consistently accounted for between 3 and 4 percent of Del Norte County's total earnings between 2012 and 2021, which too was slightly lower than the statewide proportion.

Manufacturing employment in Del Norte County remained between 1 and 3 percent of total county employment while earnings remained between 1 and 2 percent of total county earnings between 2012 and 2021; however, manufacturing employment has been experiencing growth since 2015. When compared to statewide averages, manufacturing employment and earnings in Del Norte County comprised a much smaller proportion of total employment and earnings.

Travel and recreation employment data were not fully reported for Del Norte County between 2013 and 2016 due to disclosure issues. For years when data are available, travel and recreation employment and earnings have remained relatively comparable to the rest of the State in their proportion of total employment and earnings. In 2020, the travel and recreation industry in both Del Norte County and statewide were heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Modest recovery from the impacts of the pandemic were experienced in 2021, with travel and recreation employment in Del Norte County increasing by 10.1 percent in 2021 when compared to the 9.0 percent growth experienced by the State as a whole.

Between 2012 and 2021, retail employment in Del Norte County remained an important sector of the local economy when compared to statewide averages, consistently representing between 10 and 12 percent of total employment. In 2021, jobs in retail amounted to 11.6 percent of the county's workforce, as opposed to 8.5 percent statewide. Retail earnings have also remained significant in their overall contribution to total earnings and increased steadily between 2014 and 2021.

Government employment and earnings in Del Norte County are very significant contributors to the local economy, consistently representing between 33 and 37 percent of total county employment and 47 to 52 percent of total earnings between 2012 and 2021. This importance is largely due to the presence of both large state prisons and the numerous state and national parks located in the county.

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## **Agriculture Jobs**

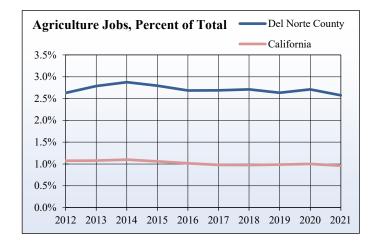
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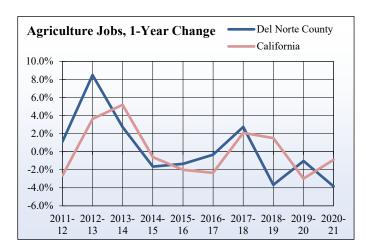
The agricultural sector of the economy has a vast effect on the economy of many rural areas. When there is a change in agricultural production in such areas, it can often lead to subsequent changes in overall jobs and income. Data on agricultural jobs and income are provided to show how county residents benefit from agriculture when compared to other industries.

#### How is it used?

Agriculture is typically a base industry: one that is responsible for bringing in revenue from outside the county to support the local economy. Changes to agricultural employment and earnings can therefore indicate the potential for further changes in other industry sectors where agriculture comprises a major portion of the local economy.

Agriculture Jobs, Farm Employment, Del Norte County						
		Percent of Total 1-Year Chang			Change	
Year	Jobs	County	California	County	California	
2012	271	2.6 %	1.1 %	1.1 %	- 2.6 %	
2013	294	2.8 %	1.1 %	8.5 %	3.6 %	
2014	302	2.9 %	1.1 %	2.7 %	5.2 %	
2015	297	2.8 %	1.1 %	- 1.7 %	- 0.6 %	
2016	293	2.7 %	1.0 %	- 1.3 %	- 2.0 %	
2017	292	2.7 %	1.0 %	- 0.3 %	- 2.3 %	
2018	300	2.7 %	1.0 %	2.7 %	2.1 %	
2019	289	2.6 %	1.0 %	- 3.7 %	1.5 %	
2020	286	2.7 %	1.0 %	- 1.0 %	- 3.0 %	
2021	275	26%	1.0%	- 3 8 %	- 0 9 %	



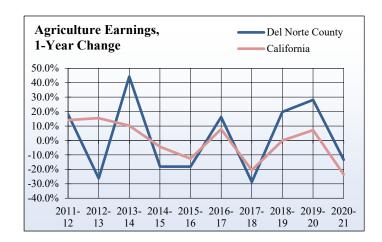


# **Agriculture Earnings & Value**

Agriculture Earnings (in Thousands), Del Norte County					
	County	Percen	t of Total	1-Year	Change
Year	Earnings	County	California	County	California
2012	\$19,417	3.9%	1.3%	18.3%	14.1%
2013	\$14,344	2.9%	1.5%	-26.1%	15.5%
2014	\$20,696	4.1%	1.5%	44.3%	10.2%
2015	\$16,945	3.2%	1.4%	-18.1%	-4.3%
2016	\$13,872	2.6%	1.2%	-18.1%	-12.6%
2017	\$16,125	2.9%	1.2%	16.2%	7.8%
2018	\$11,485	2.0%	0.9%	-28.8%	-20.5%
2019	\$13,759	2.4%	0.8%	19.8%	-0.03%
2020	\$17,620	2.9%	0.9%	28.1%	7.2%
2021	\$15,272	2.4%	0.6%	-13.3%	-23.5%

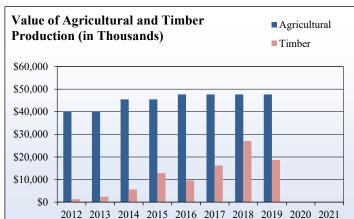
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis





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Year	Agricultural Value	Timber Value	Timber as a Percent of Total Value	Total Value
2012	\$ 40,209	\$ 1,291	3.11 %	\$ 41,500
2013	\$ 40,209	\$ 2,452	5.75 %	\$ 42,661
2014	\$ 45,496	\$ 5,621	11.00 %	\$ 51,117
2015	\$ 45,496	\$ 12,808	21.97 %	\$ 58,304
2016	\$ 47,644	\$ 9,599	16.77 %	\$ 57,243
2017	\$ 47,644	\$ 16,162	25.33 %	\$ 63,806
2018	\$ 47,644	\$ 27,062	36.22 %	\$ 74,706
2019	\$ 47,644	\$ 18,633	28.11 %	\$ 66,277
2020	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021	NA	NA	NA	NA
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Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

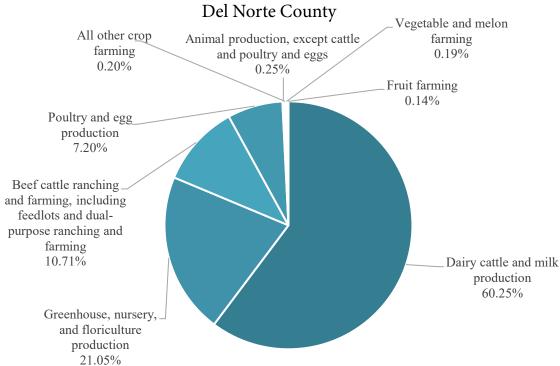
## **Top Crops by Value**

Top Crops by Output in 2021, Del Norte County

Стор	Total Output
Dairy cattle and milk production	\$32,800,777
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production	\$11,461,164
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots and dual-purpose ranching and farming	\$5,831,927
Poultry and egg production	\$3,919,498
Animal production, except cattle and poultry and eggs	\$138,099
All other crop farming	\$107,136
Vegetable and melon farming	\$105,831
Fruit farming	\$75,841
Tree nut farming	\$1,124
Grain farming	\$849
Total Value of Agriculture	\$54,442,247

Source: IMPLAN

Top Crops by Value in 2021,



### **Source & Distribution of Farm Income**

### What is it?

The agricultural sector is a small but very important component of Del Norte County's economy. The agricultural sector is broad and encompasses a wide variety of products and businesses. Because of the industry's breadth and government investment in the industry, the source and distribution of farm income is detailed below.

#### How is it used?

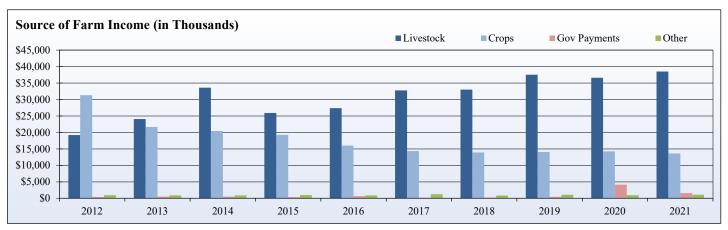
Farm income is often a major contributor to rural economies. Due to the large number of rural areas in Del Norte County, the agricultural sector is important to the County as a whole. Farm income can be a clear indicator of economic health in these rural regions.

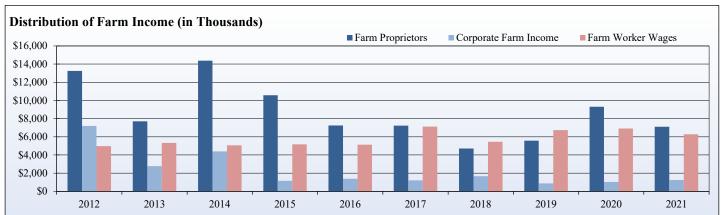
Source of Farm Income (in Thousands), Del Norte County

Distribution of Fa	rm Income (	(in Thousands	). Del	Norte	County

	Cash	Receipts	Government	Other Misc.		Farm	Corporate	Farmworker
Year	Livestock	Crops	Payments	Income	Year	Proprietors	Farm Income	Wages
2012	\$19,203	\$31,335	\$409	\$958	2012	\$13,241	\$7,196	\$4,976
2013	\$24,083	\$21,630	\$530	\$898	2013	\$7,698	\$2,780	\$5,328
2014	\$33,580	\$20,428	\$521	\$907	2014	\$14,367	\$4,399	\$5,063
2015	\$25,909	\$19,243	\$382	\$993	2015	\$10,579	\$1,154	\$5,162
2016	\$27,400	\$15,999	\$671	\$920	2016	\$7,253	\$1,383	\$5,133
2017	\$32,779	\$14,368	\$161	\$1,253	2017	\$7,226	\$1,209	\$7,122
2018	\$33,029	\$13,899	\$224	\$834	2018	\$4,706	\$1,668	\$5,456
2019	\$37,526	\$14,049	\$438	\$1,091	2019	\$5,567	\$867	\$6,740
2020	\$36,617	\$14,244	\$4,145	\$956	2020	\$9,313	\$1,036	\$6,917
2021	\$38,501	\$13,629	\$1,597	\$1,097	2021	\$7,108	\$1,234	\$6,272
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Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis





## **Commercial Fishing**

### What is it?

Living resource industry gross regional product and other economic data are collected by the National Marine Fisheries Service's National Ocean Economics Program. The living resource sector includes all fish hatcheries, aquaculture, fishing, seafood markets, and seafood processing. The weight and value of commercial fishing yields are gathered by the National Marine Fisheries Service and are reported for the port of Crescent City.

#### How is it used?

Commercial fishing and other living resource industries are often a large contributor to the economic productivity of coastal regions. The productivity of this sector is often influenced by environmental factors such as maritime climate and individual species migratory patterns. Data presented on this page are the most up to date data available at the time of this document's creation. Data through 2020 were available for the economic value of living resources industries, while data regarding the weight and value of commercial fishing in Crescent City were only available through 2018.

**Economic Value of Living Resources Industries, Del Norte County** 

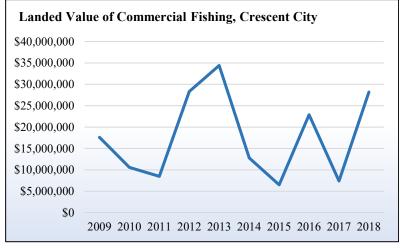
Year	GRP	Establishments	Employment	Wages
2011	\$4,559,568	41	32	\$2,359,258
2012	D	D	D	D
2013	\$15,141,920	40	81	\$8,246,939
2014	\$6,151,740	43	51	\$3,323,577
2015	\$9,988,473	43	74	\$4,976,704
2016	\$11,926,298	46	75	\$6,928,074
2017	\$9,718,876	47	86	\$5,585,522
2018	\$12,671,261	49	95	\$7,346,880
2019	\$10,910,280	50	94	\$6,476,430
2020	\$9,895,133	50	95	\$5,893,116

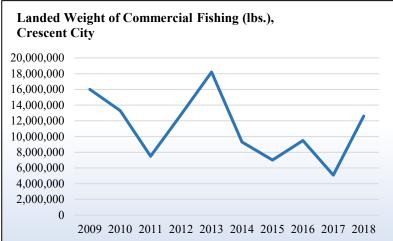
Source: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Ocean Economics Program Note: (D) Withheld disclosure of confidential business data

Weight and Value of Commercial Fishing, Crescent City

Year	Landing Weight (lbs.)	Landed Value
2009	16,000,000	\$17,600,000
2010	13,300,000	\$10,600,000
2011	7,500,000	\$8,500,000
2012	12,800,000	\$28,300,000
2013	18,200,000	\$34,400,000
2014	9,300,000	\$12,800,000
2015	7,000,000	\$6,500,000
2016	9,500,000	\$22,900,000
2017	5,100,000	\$7,400,000
2018	12,600,000	\$28,200,000

Source: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Ocean Economics Program





### **Construction Jobs**

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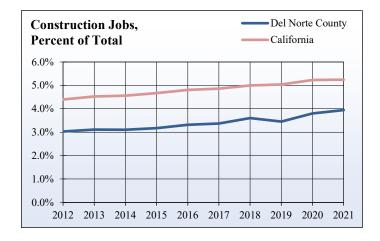
Construction jobs and earnings data are provided to demonstrate the degree to which county residents rely on and benefit from this industry.

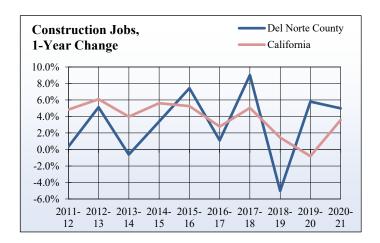
### How is it used?

Construction is often a leading indicator of economic growth as the industry creates new and improved infrastructure for homes, businesses, and community and government institutions. Furthermore, the construction industry provides employment for a large number of blue-collar workers and generally does not require high educational attainment for entry-level employment.

Construction Jobs, Del Norte County

	County	Percent of Total		1-Year Change	
Year	Jobs	County	California	County	California
2012	312	3.0 %	4.4 %	0.3 %	4.8 %
2013	328	3.1 %	4.5 %	5.1 %	6.1 %
2014	326	3.1 %	4.6 %	- 0.6 %	4.0 %
2015	337	3.2 %	4.7 %	3.4 %	5.6 %
2016	362	3.3 %	4.8 %	7.4 %	5.3 %
2017	366	3.4 %	4.9 %	1.1 %	2.8 %
2018	399	3.6 %	5.0 %	9.0 %	5.0 %
2019	379	3.5 %	5.0 %	- 5.0 %	1.4 %
2020	401	3.8 %	5.2 %	5.8 %	- 0.8 %
2021	421	3.9 %	5.2 %	5.0 %	3.6 %



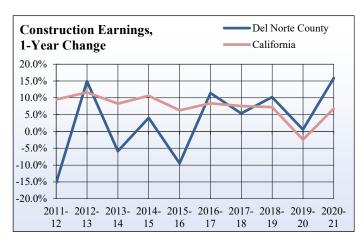


# **Construction Earnings**

Construction Earnings (in Thousands), Del Norte County

	County	Percent of Total		1-Year Change	
Year	Earnings	County	California	County	California
2012	\$16,230	3.3%	4.5%	-15.4%	9.5%
2013	\$18,656	3.7%	4.8%	14.9%	11.6%
2014	\$17,561	3.5%	4.9%	-5.9%	8.3%
2015	\$18,269	3.5%	5.1%	4.0%	10.6%
2016	\$16,538	3.0%	5.2%	-9.5%	6.3%
2017	\$18,425	3.4%	5.4%	11.4%	8.3%
2018	\$19,418	3.4%	5.5%	5.4%	7.6%
2019	\$21,405	3.7%	5.6%	10.2%	7.2%
2020	\$21,523	3.5%	5.3%	0.6%	-2.5%
2021	\$24,938	3.9%	5.2%	15.9%	6.8%





### **Permitted Value of New Construction**

### What is it?

This indicator shows the total permitted value of new construction in Del Norte County.

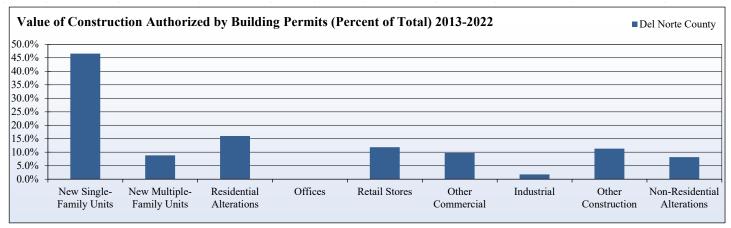
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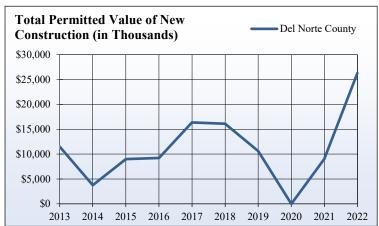
The permitted value of construction can be used as an indicator of the health and robustness of the construction sector in an area. Greater permitted values can be indicative of greater amounts of construction work in an area and/or greater value of the homes and other properties being constructed. \*2020 data were unavailable.

Permitted Value of New Construction (in Thousands), Del Norte County

	New Single-	New Multiple-	Residential		Retail	Other		Other	Non-Residential	Total
Year	Family Units	Family Units	Alterations	Offices	Stores	Commercial	Industrial	Construction	Alterations	Value
2013	\$3,478	\$1,875	\$2,402	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,784	\$972	\$11,511
2014	\$1,613	\$318	\$1,269	\$0	\$879	\$0	\$0	\$460	\$2,423	\$3,762
2015	\$4,334	\$0	\$2,281	\$0	\$1,800	\$0	\$1,980	\$602	\$2,014	\$9,011
2016	\$5,071	\$0	\$2,051	\$0	\$1,068	\$1,112	\$0	\$364	\$625	\$9,224
2017	\$3,891	\$0	\$1,452	\$0	\$9,200	\$9,694	\$0	\$1,052	\$294	\$16,382
2018	\$8,058	\$390	\$2,436	\$0	\$0	\$70	\$0	\$3,667	\$1,481	\$16,103
2019	\$6,260	\$0	\$1,693	\$0	\$74	\$0	\$0	\$1,874	\$776	\$10,603
2020	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2021	\$6,133	\$1,357	\$1,546	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,036
2022	\$13,277	\$5,936	\$2,787	\$0	\$273	\$0	\$0	\$1,873	\$600	\$26,294
Total	\$52,115	\$9,876	\$17,917	\$0	\$13,294	\$10,876	\$1,980	\$12,676	\$9,185	\$111,926

Source: CIRB and California Homebuilding Foundation (CHF)



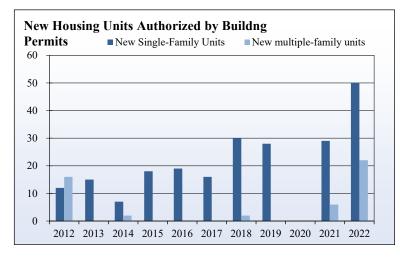


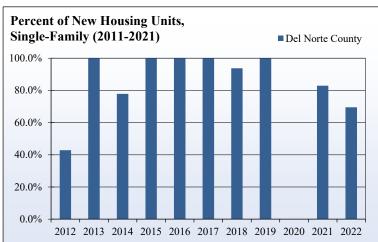
# **New Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits**

New Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits, Del Norte County

	New Single-	New multiple-	Total new _	Percent of Units Single-Family
Year	Family Units	family units	housing units	Del Norte County
2012	12	16	28	42.9%
2013	15	0	15	100.0%
2014	7	2	9	77.8%
2015	18	0	18	100.0%
2016	19	0	19	100.0%
2017	16	0	16	100.0%
2018	30	2	32	93.8%
2019	28	0	28	100.0%
2020	*	*	*	*
2021	29	6	35	82.9%
2022	50	22	72	69.4%

Source: CIRB and California Homebuilding Foundation (CHF)





## **Permitted Value of New Housing Units**

Permitted Value of New Construction (in Thousands), Del Norte County

	New Single-Family	New Multiple-Family	Residential
Year	Units	Units	Alterations
2012	\$2,595	\$2,800	\$992
2013	\$3,478	\$1,875	\$2,402
2014	\$1,613	\$318	\$1,269
2015	\$4,334	\$0	\$2,281
2016	\$5,071	\$0	\$2,051
2017	\$3,891	\$0	\$1,452
2018	\$8,058	\$390	\$2,436
2019	\$6,260	\$0	\$1,693
2020	*	*	*
2021	\$6,133	\$1,357	\$1,546
2022	\$13,277	\$5,936	\$2,787
Total	\$54,710	\$12,676	\$18,909

Source: CIRB and California Homebuilding Foundation (CHF)

City Permitted Value of New Construction (in Thousands), Crescent City

Year	Crescent City
2012	\$200
2013	\$1,875
2014	\$318
2015	\$0
2016	\$0
2017	\$0
2018	\$927
2019	\$150
2020	*
2021	\$7,490
2022	\$6,459

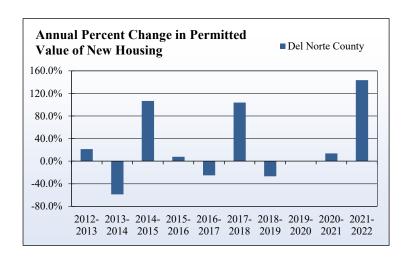
Source: CIRB and California Homebuilding Foundation (CHF)

Annual Percent Change in Permitted Value of New Housing Units, Del Norte County

	Change in Total Value of New Single and Multi-Family Units
Year	Del Norte County
2012-2013	21.4%
2013-2014	-58.7%
2014-2015	106.7%
2015-2016	7.7%
2016-2017	-25.0%
2017-2018	103.7%
2018-2019	-26.9%
2019-2020	*
2020-2021	13.6%
2021-2022	143.5%

Source: CIRB and California Homebuilding

Foundation (CHF)



## **Manufacturing Jobs**

### What is it?

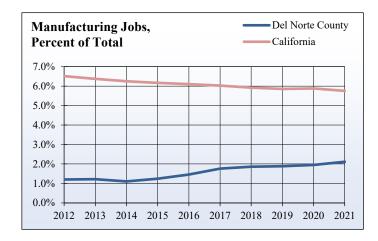
Manufacturing is the mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products and encompasses a wide variety of specific processes and inputs. Manufacturing jobs and earnings data are provided to demonstrate the degree to which county residents rely on and benefit from this industry.

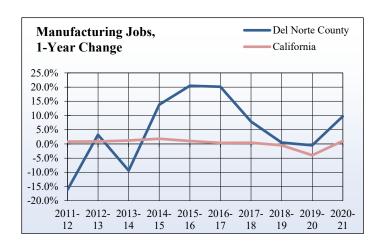
#### How is it used?

Manufacturing is usually an economic base industry, making it an important indicator of changes to a county's economy. Counties that have a solid manufacturing base of export goods benefit from the outside revenue that these businesses bring into the county.

Manufacturing Jobs, Del Norte County
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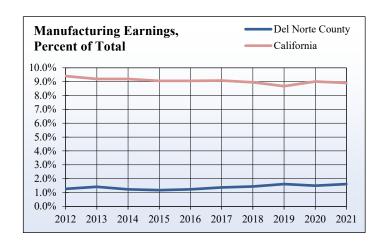
	County	Percent of Total		1-Year Change	
Year	Jobs	County	California	County	California
2012	124	1.2%	6.5%	-16.2%	0.8%
2013	128	1.2%	6.4%	3.2%	0.9%
2014	116	1.1%	6.2%	-9.4%	1.2%
2015	132	1.2%	6.2%	13.8%	1.8%
2016	159	1.5%	6.1%	20.5%	1.0%
2017	191	1.8%	6.0%	20.1%	0.4%
2018	206	1.9%	5.9%	7.9%	0.4%
2019	207	1.9%	5.9%	0.5%	-0.5%
2020	206	2.0%	5.9%	-0.5%	-4.0%
2021	226	2.1%	5.8%	9.7%	1.1%

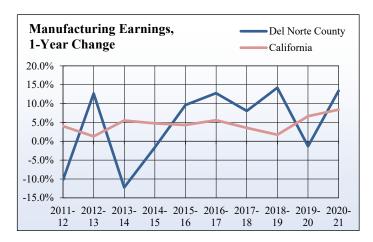




## **Manufacturing Earnings**

Manufacturing Earnings (in Thousands), Del Norte County						
	County	Percen	t of Total	1-Year Change		
Year	Earnings	County	California	County	California	
2012	\$6,250	1.3%	9.4%	-10.3%	4.0%	
2013	\$7,042	1.4%	9.2%	12.7%	1.3%	
2014	\$6,181	1.2%	9.2%	-12.2%	5.5%	
2015	\$6,082	1.2%	9.1%	-1.6%	4.7%	
2016	\$6,669	1.2%	9.1%	9.7%	4.3%	
2017	\$7,520	1.4%	9.1%	12.8%	5.6%	
2018	\$8,125	1.4%	9.0%	8.0%	3.5%	
2019	\$9,280	1.6%	8.7%	14.2%	1.7%	
2020	\$9,155	1.5%	9.0%	-1.3%	6.6%	
2021	\$10,381	1.6%	8.9%	13.4%	8.4%	





### **Travel and Recreation Jobs**

### What is it?

This indicator presents data on jobs and earnings within the travel and recreation industry provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

### How is it used?

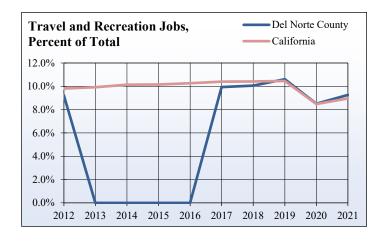
Visitor-serving industries are often an important economic base industry because they attract spending from outside of the area. This makes travel and recreation industry performance an important local economic indicator. Because the industry is generally dependent on others' discretionary income levels, travel and recreation jobs and earnings are often more sensitive to economic downturns or recessions than those in other base industries.

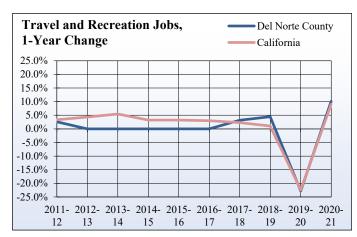
Travel and Recreation Jobs, Del Norte County

	County	Percent of Total		1-Year Change	
Year	Jobs	County	California	County	California
2012	952	9.2%	9.8%	2.59%	3.4%
2013	(D)	N/A	9.9%	N/A	4.4%
2014	(D)	N/A	10.1%	N/A	5.5%
2015	(D)	N/A	10.2%	N/A	3.2%
2016	(D)	N/A	10.3%	N/A	3.2%
2017	1,079	9.9%	10.4%	N/A	3.0%
2018	1,113	10.1%	10.4%	3.2%	2.3%
2019	1,163	10.6%	10.5%	4.5%	1.1%
2020	898	8.5%	8.5%	-22.8%	-22.4%
2021	989	9.3%	9.0%	10.1%	9.0%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

Note: (D) Withheld disclosure of confidential business data





## **Travel and Recreation Earnings & Expenditures**

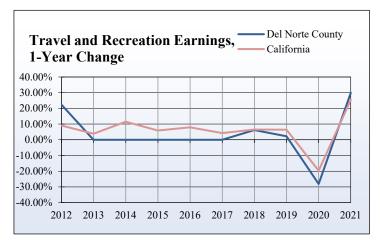
Travel and Recreation Earnings (in Thousands), Del Norte County

		Percent of Total		1-Year Change	
Year	County Earnings	County	California	County	California
2012	\$23,423	4.7%	4.9%	22.3%	9.0%
2013	(D)	N/A	4.9%	N/A	3.9%
2014	(D)	N/A	5.2%	N/A	11.5%
2015	(D)	N/A	5.2%	N/A	5.9%
2016	(D)	N/A	5.4%	N/A	7.9%
2017	\$33,813	6.2%	5.3%	N/A	4.3%
2018	\$35,895	6.3%	5.4%	6.2%	6.5%
2019	\$36,690	6.3%	5.5%	2.2%	6.4%
2020	\$26,382	4.3%	4.3%	-28.1%	-19.6%
2021	\$34,273	5.3%	4.9%	29.9%	25.5%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis



Years with anomalous or missing data excluded

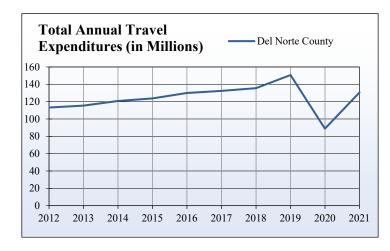


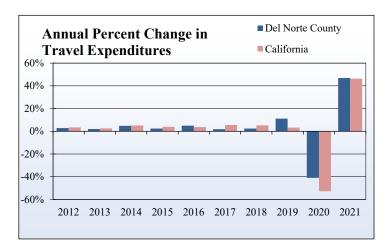
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Total Annual Travel Expenditures (in Millions), Del Norte County

Year	Expenditures in County	Annual Percent Change	Expenditures in California	Annual Percent Change
2012	\$113	2.8%	\$108,916	3.4%
2013	\$115	1.9%	\$111,692	2.5%
2014	\$121	4.8%	\$117,385	5.1%
2015	\$124	2.4%	\$121,938	3.9%
2016	\$130	4.9%	\$126,402	3.7%
2017	\$132	1.8%	\$133,321	5.5%
2018	\$136	2.5%	\$140,350	5.3%
2019	\$151	11.1%	\$144,851	3.2%
2020	\$89	-41.0%	\$68,467	-52.7%
2021	\$130	46.9%	\$100,150	46.3%

Source: California Travel and Tourism Commission, Dean Runyan Assoc.





### **Retail Jobs**

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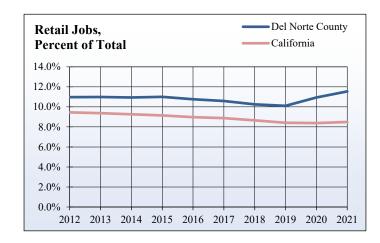
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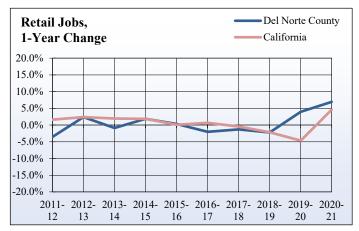
### How is it used?

The bulk of most retail sales are made to individuals who are living within the local area as opposed to those visiting from outside the area. Retail activity is traditionally most impacted by changes in base industries like agriculture and manufacturing and can thus serve as an indicator of change in these sectors. Retail is also one of the largest industry sectors in many local economies.

Retail Jobs, Del Norte County

	County	Percent of Total		1-Year Change	
Year	Jobs	County	California	County	California
2012	1,131	11.0 %	9.4 %	- 3.6 %	1.6 %
2013	1,158	11.0 %	9.4 %	2.4 %	2.4 %
2014	1,148	10.9 %	9.3 %	- 0.9 %	2.0 %
2015	1,169	11.0 %	9.2 %	1.8 %	1.8 %
2016	1,173	10.8 %	9.0 %	0.3 %	0.1 %
2017	1,149	10.6 %	8.9 %	- 2.0 %	0.7 %
2018	1,134	10.2 %	8.6 %	- 1.3 %	- 0.5 %
2019	1,109	10.1 %	8.4 %	- 2.2 %	- 2.2 %
2020	1,153	10.9 %	8.4 %	4.0 %	- 4.6 %
2021	1,233	11.6 %	8.5 %	6.9 %	4.6 %





## **Retail Earnings**

Retail Earnings (in Thousands), Del Norte County

		Percent of Total		1-Year	Change
Year	Earnings	County	California	County	California
2012	\$34,082	6.9%	5.8%	-3.1%	6.3%
2013	\$33,846	6.8%	5.8%	-0.7%	2.4%
2014	\$34,262	6.8%	5.7%	1.2%	4.1%
2015	\$36,385	7.0%	5.6%	6.2%	4.7%
2016	\$37,311	6.9%	5.4%	2.5%	0.04%
2017	\$40,036	7.3%	5.2%	7.3%	2.8%
2018	\$41,953	7.4%	5.2%	4.8%	3.2%
2019	\$42,883	7.4%	5.0%	2.2%	1.6%
2020	\$48,461	7.9%	4.9%	13.0%	1.5%
2021	\$53,292	8.2%	5.0%	10.0%	11.2%





### **Taxable Sales**

Total Taxable Sales, Retail and Non-Retail (in thousands),

Del Nor	te County		
Year	Retail Stores	Non-retail	Total
2012	\$155,894	\$70,595	\$226,489
2013	\$165,518	\$69,192	\$234,710
2014	\$168,720	\$71,815	\$240,535
2015	\$176,025	\$64,296	\$240,321
2016	\$177,695	\$68,720	\$246,415
2017	\$179,818	\$67,543	\$247,361
2018	\$188,392	\$52,702	\$241,094
2019	\$194,503	\$56,745	\$251,247
2020	\$224,132	\$76,113	\$300,245
2021	\$260,588	\$94,604	\$355,192

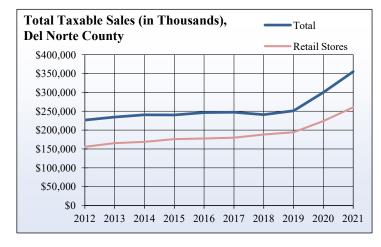
Source: California Board of Equalization

**Taxable Sales Annual Change, Del Norte County** 

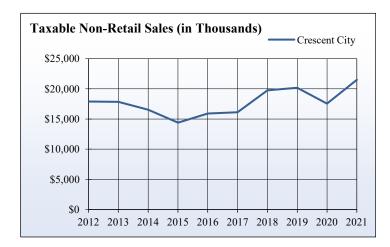
	Taxable Retail Sales		Total Tax	able Sales
Year	County	California	County	California
2012	3.7%	7.3%	7.0%	7.3%
2013	6.2%	5.5%	3.6%	5.1%
2014	1.9%	4.3%	2.5%	4.9%
2015	4.3%	3.9%	-0.1%	3.7%
2016	0.9%	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%
2017	1.2%	4.2%	0.4%	3.7%
2018	4.8%	5.0%	-2.5%	4.3%
2019	3.2%	2.4%	4.2%	3.7%
2020	15.2%	-2.6%	19.5%	-3.5%
2021	16.3%	22.7%	18.3%	22.1%

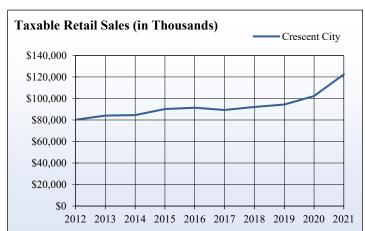
Source: California Board of Equalization

\*Note: Starting in 2015, the California State Board of Equalization began including data from retailers that operate part-time. Data from 2015 are therefore not directly comparable to the data of previous years.









## **Government Employment**

### What is it?

Government jobs and income are provided to demonstrate the degree to which county residents rely on and benefit from this industry.

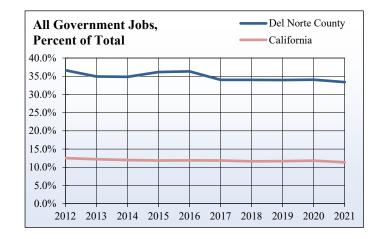
#### How is it used?

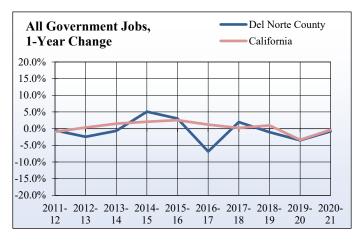
Because government institutions often comprise a large portion of the local economy, especially in rural counties, increases or decreases in government spending can have a direct impact on the county economy.

\*Note: Government makes up a relatively large part of Del Norte County's economy because of the presence of Pelican Bay State Prison and the many state and national Parks found in the county.

All Governme	nt Worker Jobs, Del Norte County
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		Percent of Total		1-Year	Change
Year	Jobs	County	California	County	California
2012	3,776	36.6 %	12.5 %	- 0.5 %	- 1.0 %
2013	3,684	34.9 %	12.2 %	- 2.4 %	0.4 %
2014	3,660	34.9 %	12.0 %	- 0.7 %	1.5 %
2015	3,846	36.2 %	11.9 %	5.1 %	2.1 %
2016	3,963	36.3 %	11.9 %	3.0 %	2.6 %
2017	3,691	34.0 %	11.9 %	- 6.9 %	1.2 %
2018	3,764	34.0 %	11.6 %	2.0 %	0.2 %
2019	3,725	34.0 %	11.7 %	- 1.0 %	1.0 %
2020	3,594	34.1 %	11.8 %	- 3.5 %	- 3.3 %
2021	3,565	33.4 %	11.4 %	- 0.8 %	- 0.4 %

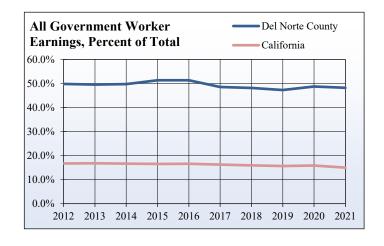


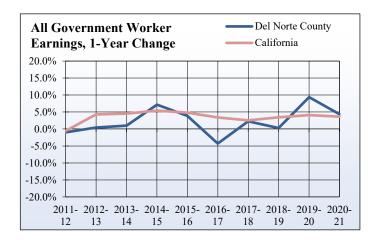


# **Government Earnings**

Government Worker Earnings (in Thousands), Del Norte County

		Percent of Total		1-Year	Change
Year	Earnings	County	California	County	California
2012	\$246,895	49.8%	16.7%	-1.0%	-0.6%
2013	\$247,898	49.6%	16.8%	0.4%	4.3%
2014	\$250,325	49.8%	16.7%	1.0%	4.5%
2015	\$268,255	51.3%	16.5%	7.2%	5.4%
2016	\$278,569	51.3%	16.6%	3.8%	4.8%
2017	\$266,553	48.5%	16.3%	-4.3%	3.4%
2018	\$272,591	48.2%	15.9%	2.3%	2.5%
2019	\$273,364	47.3%	15.7%	0.3%	3.4%
2020	\$299,001	48.7%	15.9%	9.4%	4.1%
2021	\$312,001	48.2%	15.0%	4.3%	3.6%





### **Government Revenue**

### Government Revenue, Del Norte County, 2020-21 Fiscal Year, (in thousands)

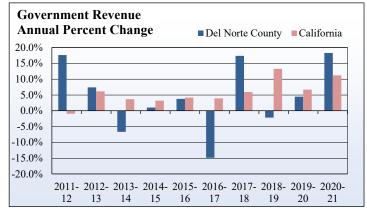
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Revenue Source	Revenue	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Federal aid	\$18,882	21.9%	20.9%
State aid	\$48,574	56.3%	34.0%
Property taxes	\$8,323	9.7%	25.4%
Total other taxes	\$3,215	3.7%	3.2%
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	\$925	1.1%	0.9%
Charges for current services	\$3,906	4.5%	10.8%
Other governmental agencies	\$426	0.5%	0.4%
Licenses, permits, and franchises	\$950	1.1%	1.0%
Revenue from the use of money and property	\$439	0.5%	0.5%
Special benefit assessments	-	-	0.6%
Other in-lieu taxes	\$20	0.0%	12.7%
Total miscellaneous revenue	\$580	0.7%	2.0%
Total funding	\$86,241	100.0%	100.0%

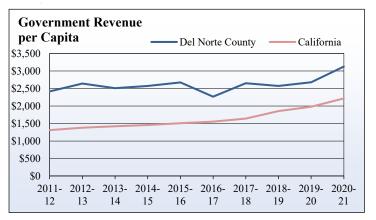
### Government Revenue, Annual Percent Change, Del Norte County

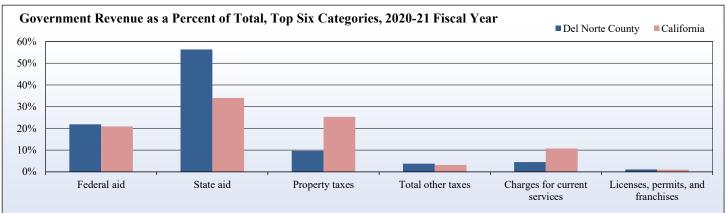
Fiscal	Del Norte County		California
Year	Total	Percent Change	Percent Change
2011-12	\$67,882,872	17.6%	-1.0%
2012-13	\$72,916,047	7.4%	6.2%
2013-14	\$68,059,207	-6.7%	3.7%
2014-15	\$68,763,940	1.0%	3.2%
2015-16	\$71,365,774	3.8%	4.1%
2016-17	\$60,739,983	-14.9%	3.9%
2017-18	\$71,299,268	17.4%	5.9%
2018-19	\$69,775,254	-2.1%	13.3%
2019-20	\$72,897,333	4.5%	6.7%
2020-21	\$86,240,534	18.3%	11.2%

Source: California State Controllers Office, County Annual Reports

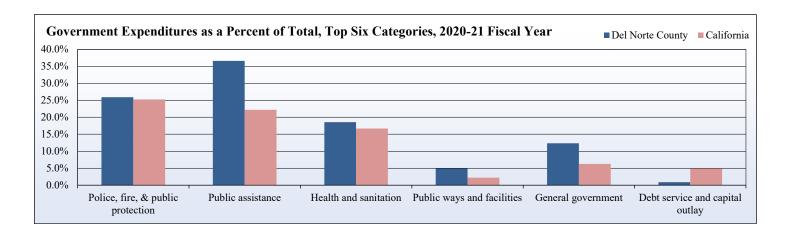
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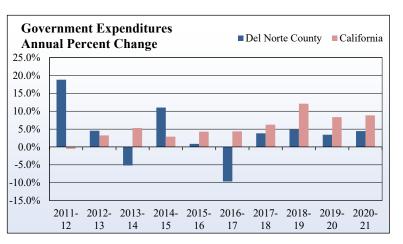
## **Government Expenditures**



Government Expenditure, Del Norte County, 2020-21 Fiscal Year

		Percent of	California Average Percent
Expenditure Function	Del Norte County	Total Expenditures	of Total Expenditures
Police, fire, & public protection	\$19,390,914	25.9%	25.3%
Public assistance	\$27,401,260	36.6%	22.2%
Health and sanitation	\$13,892,390	18.6%	16.7%
Public ways and facilities	\$3,697,962	4.9%	2.2%
General government	\$9,230,223	12.3%	6.2%
Debt service and capital outlay	\$671,520	0.9%	4.9%
Recreation and cultural services	\$538,193	0.7%	0.9%
Education	\$16,015	0.02%	0.6%
Total of expenditures	\$74,838,477	100.0%	100.0%

Source: California State Controllers Office, County Annual Reports



Del Norte Government Expenditures, Annual Percent Change

Fiscal	Del Norte County		California
Year	Total	Percent Change	Percent Change
2011-12	\$63,415,707	18.8%	-0.5%
2012-13	\$66,297,090	4.5%	3.2%
2013-14	\$62,880,908	-5.2%	5.3%
2014-15	\$69,817,195	11.0%	2.9%
2015-16	\$70,434,915	0.9%	4.3%
2016-17	\$63,647,543	-9.6%	4.4%
2017-18	\$66,074,031	3.8%	6.2%
2018-19	\$69,277,367	4.8%	12.1%
2019-20	\$71,655,572	3.4%	8.3%
2020-21	\$74,838,477	4.4%	8.8%

Source: California State Controllers Office, County Annual Reports

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