

2000 Data Summary
Merced County
“Doubly Burdened City”^{*} Ranking

Rank	Jurisdiction	Population 1998	Unemployment Rate 1999	Change in Population 1980 to 1998	Est. Poverty Rate 1995
1	Anniston AL	25,524	9.6%	-13.5%	28.0%
2	Gadsden AL	42,158	8.4%	-11.4%	22.9%
3	Yuma AZ	62,433	19.3%	47.1%	22.4%
4	Pine Bluff AR	52,968	8.2%	-6.5%	31.8%
5	Chico CA	46,915	6.6%	76.4%	28.4%
6	Fresno CA	398,133	12.2%	82.5%	28.1%
7	Los Angeles CA	3,597,556	6.8%	21.3%	28.6%
8	Madera CA	36,645	16.9%	68.6%	33.0%
9	Merced CA	59,380	13.1%	62.7%	33.9%
10	Porterville CA	35,602	19.6%	80.7%	31.8%
11	Salinas CA	121,458	12.7%	50.9%	21.1%
12	San Bernardino CA	186,402	7.1%	58.7%	29.6%
13	Stockton CA	240,143	10.6%	60.3%	25.8%
14	Tulare CA	40,935	14.3%	81.7%	25.2%
15	Visalia CA	89,308	10.8%	79.6%	21.3%

Source: *The State of the Cities 2000*, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, June 2000

*“Doubly burdened” cities have an unemployment rate 50 percent higher than the U.S. rate and either have lost more than 5 percent of their population since 1980 or have a poverty rate 20 percent or higher.

*“Doubly Burdened” Cities:
(Unemployment Rate 1999 \geq 6.3%) and
(Poverty Rate 1995 \geq 20%) OR
(Population Loss 1980 to 1998)