

1997-1999 Data Summary

Regional Age-adjusted Death Rate

The broadest measure of the health of a population may be the age-adjusted death rate. By this measure, counties of the San Joaquin Valley do not fare as well as California as a whole, with Merced County ranking lowest regionally.

Regional Ranking	County	Death Rate
1	Madera	770
	<i>California</i>	792
2	Kings	822
3	Fresno	829
4	San Joaquin	843
5	Tulare	849
6	Kern	866
7	Stanislaus	909
8	Merced	914

Source: California Research Bureau, "San Joaquin Valley: Selected Statistics on Population, Economy, and Environment," May 2002.