

## 2000 Data Summary

### Regional Persons per Physician

The average number of persons per physician is one way to measure the level of access to medical care, with fewer people per physician indicating a greater level of access. By this measure, counties of the San Joaquin Valley fare poorly compared to California as a whole, with Merced County ranking sixth regionally.

Regional Ranking	Jurisdiction	Persons per Physician
1	Fresno	535
2	Stanislaus	627
3	San Joaquin	675
4	Kern	720
5	Tulare	801
<b>6</b>	<b>Merced</b>	<b>929</b>
7	Madera	990
8	Kings	1,026
	California	410

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