Join the fight

**Antipoverty organizations**

- California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
- Western Center on Law & Poverty
- End Poverty in California
- GRACE End Child Poverty Institute
- Berkeley Free Clinic

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**Poverty, by America**

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*Red Flag*

Over half of all renters pay 30%+ of their income on rent

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**Antipoverty policies**

- Does your state have expanded Medicaid coverage for additional populations?
- Protect housing voucher holders from discrimination?
- Prohibit or highly regulate payday lending?
- Spend above the national average of its TANF funds on basic assistance?
- Have a progressive tax rate?

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**California**

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**Education**

- Preschool enrollment: 49.6%
- High school graduation gap: 11%
- Avg. student loan debt: $36.9K

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**National**

- Preschool enrollment: 48%
- High school graduation gap: 11.5%
- Avg. student loan debt: $43K

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**Health**

- Uninsured (medical): 7.8%
- SNAP recipients (food stamps): 1 in 10
- SNAP per household member (monthly): $141

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**Finance**

- Poverty rate: 11.5%
- Child poverty rate: 14.6%
- Minimum wage: $14.00
- Median income: $81.5K
- Prison min. wage: $0.08–$0.95
- Unbanked households: 5.6%

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**California**

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- Child poverty rate: 14.6%
- Minimum wage: $14.00
- Median income: $81.5K
- Prison min. wage: $0.08–$0.95
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**Housing**

- Student homelessness: 4.3%
- Eviction filing rate: 2.2%
- Avg. housing voucher wait list time: 32 mos.
- Renters paying 30%+ income on rent: 54.8%

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**California**

- Student homelessness: 2.7%
- Eviction filing rate: 7.8%
- Avg. housing voucher wait list time: 28 mos.
- Renters paying 30%+ income on rent: 49.6%

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**Consider these select**

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**Poverty isn’t a line. It’s a tight knot of social maladies.**

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**Learn more:** sites.prh.com/poverty-in-your-state-sources