



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

EMPLOYMENT & HUMAN SERVICES

EHSD Data Dashboard December 2025

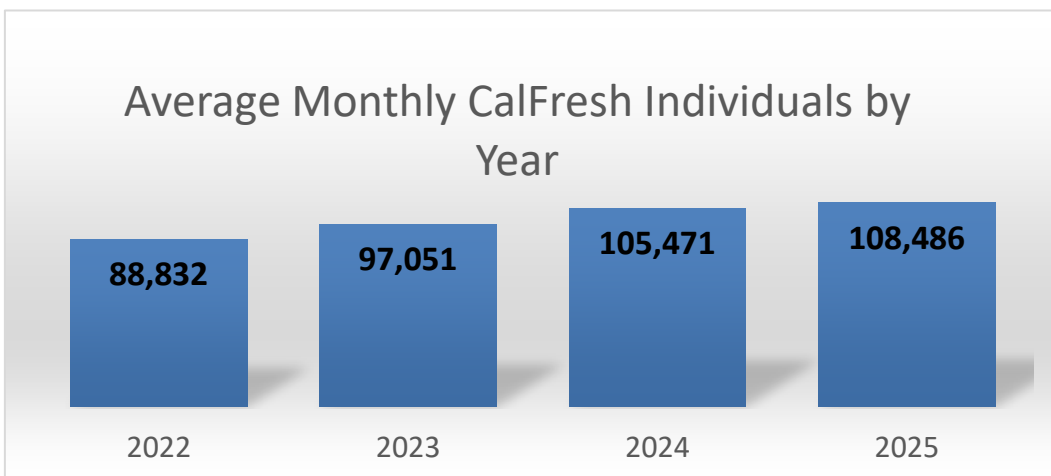
CalFresh Individuals



	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	86,751	93,482	101,695	108,620
Feb	86,975	93,822	102,348	109,065
Mar	87,759	93,169	103,084	109,266
Apr	88,344	93,771	103,783	109,479
May	86,112	95,243	104,835	109,550
June	87,462	96,454	105,192	109,628
July	88,079	97,349	106,035	109,167
Aug	89,204	98,678	107,144	108,614
Sep	89,907	99,736	107,309	108,510
Oct	90,999	100,592	107,792	108,078
Nov	91,733	101,017	108,135	106,296
Dec	92,656	101,294	108,304	105,558
Avg	88,832	97,051	105,471	108,486
% Change	-	+9%	+9%	+3%

CalFresh food benefits stretch household budgets, allowing recipients to afford nutritious food, including more fruit, vegetables and other healthy options. The program helps to improve the health and well-being of qualified households and individuals by providing them a means to meet their nutritional needs.

At the beginning of the Covid pandemic in 2020, there here was an immediate surge in demand for food assistance. Enrollment has remained elevated due to ongoing need. Advertisement of CalFresh benefits by state and federal agencies has helped raise awareness.



Data Source: CF296 cell 87 (Previously Cell 80)

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Note: Source Cell revised effective July 2025 due to report form change.

CalFresh Households

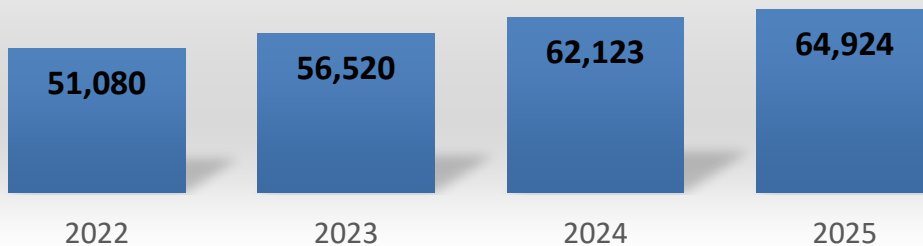


	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	49,552	54,249	59,674	64,431
Feb	49,657	54,538	60,037	64,760
Mar	50,236	54,132	60,627	65,117
Apr	50,484	54,487	60,982	65,408
May	49,324	55,387	61,607	65,579
June	50,142	56,062	61,867	65,707
July	50,606	56,568	62,454	65,495
Aug	51,418	57,434	63,111	65,286
Sep	51,909	58,144	63,295	65,142
Oct	52,692	58,738	63,700	64,894
Nov	53,160	59,145	63,961	63,874
Dec	53,784	59,352	64,159	63,399
Avg	51,080	56,520	62,123	64,924
% Change		+11%	+10%	+5%

Households receiving CalFresh can include a single individual or several family members living together.

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Average Monthly CalFresh Households by Year



Data Source: CF296 cell 83 (Previously Cell 76)

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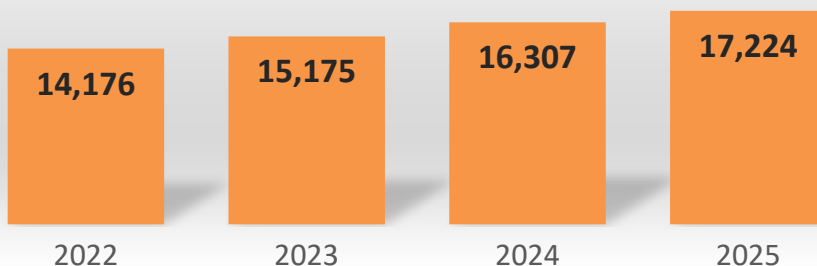
CalWORKs Individuals



	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	13,315	14,822	15,810	16,652
Feb	13,479	14,784	15,954	16,759
Mar	13,660	15,128	16,065	16,925
Apr	13,710	15,009	16,182	17,053
May	13,861	14,817	16,395	17,133
June	14,219	14,296	16,307	17,193
July	14,297	15,285	16,426	17,229
Aug	14,591	15,469	16,434	17,213
Sep	14,676	15,454	16,480	17,399
Oct	14,764	15,611	16,591	17,796
Nov	14,725	15,637	16,510	17,623
Dec	14,813	15,786	16,529	17,708
Avg	14,176	15,175	16,307	17,224
% Change		+7%	+7%	+6%

CalWORKs provides financial aid, employment services and other supportive services to families with children under 19, to help them succeed in the workforce and become self-sufficient. Recipients are required to work or participate in educational activities for at least 20 hours per week, unless granted a medical exemption. The majority of participants in Contra Costa County are single mothers, and the average grant amount is approximately \$985 a month.

Average Monthly CalWORKs Individuals by Year



Data Source: CW 237 cells 77-81 and 95-99
Data current as of 02/04/2026

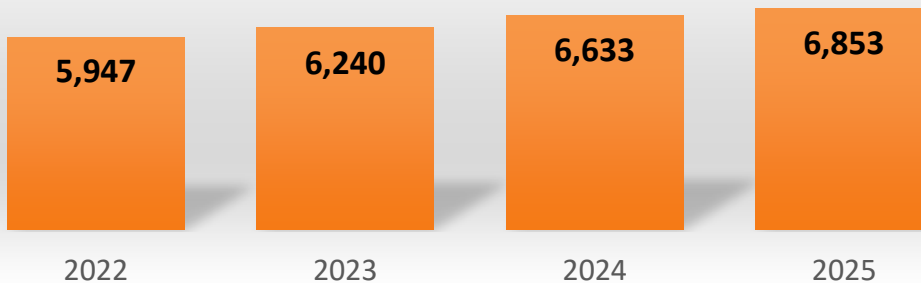
CalWORKs Households



	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	5,750	6,057	6,486	6,709
Feb	5,806	6,028	6,511	6,736
Mar	5,875	6,049	6,557	6,793
Apr	5,898	6,109	6,599	6,833
May	5,931	6,092	6,661	6,842
June	5,975	6,281	6,648	6,861
July	5,944	6,266	6,703	6,880
Aug	6,031	6,342	6,686	6,864
Sep	6,022	6,365	6,696	6,916
Oct	6,045	6,403	6,702	6,970
Nov	6,035	6,421	6,671	6,906
Dec	6,053	6,472	6,679	6,931
Avg	5,947	6,240	6,633	6,853
% Change	-	+5%	+6%	+3%

CalWORKs households can include a single parent and their child/children or several family members living together. Because the number of individuals in any given household may vary, the number of households does not equal the number of individuals enrolled.

Average Monthly CalWORKs Households by Year



Data Source: CW 237, cells 59-63

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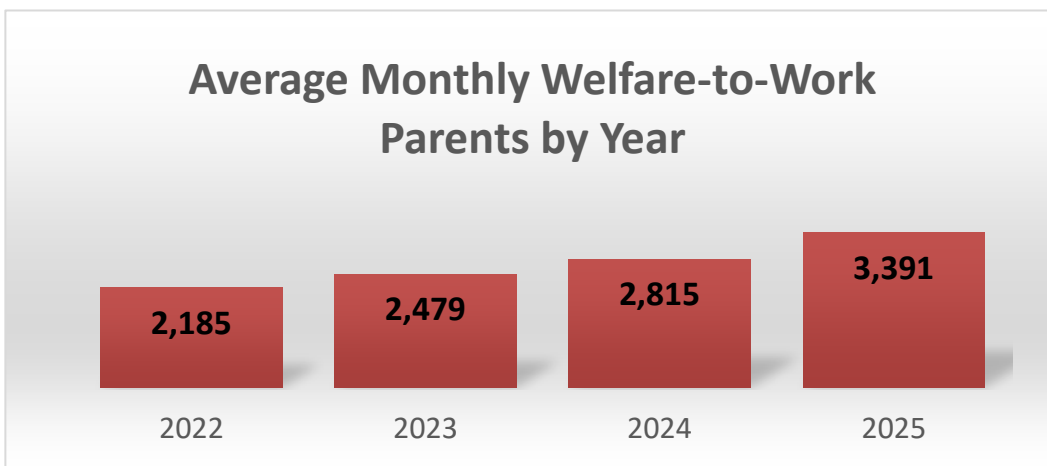
Welfare-to-Work (WTW) Parents



	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	1,939	2,506	2,578	2,927
Feb	2,001	2,580	2,641	2,992
Mar	2,018	2,333	2,670	3,110
Apr	1,983	2,369	2,733	3,177
May	2,006	2,376	2,850	3,224
June	2,113	2,514	2,843	3,291
July	2,255	2,461	2,846	3,377
Aug	2,403	2,501	2,853	3,492
Sep	2,432	2,485	2,910	3,629
Oct	2,451	2,552	2,954	3,718
Nov	2,471	2,538	2,961	3,850
Dec	2,146	2,538	2,942	3,899
Avg	2,185	2,479	2,815	3,391
% Change	-	+13%	+14%	+20%

The Welfare-to-Work (WTW) Program is a comprehensive Employment & Training program for CalWORKs recipients designed to promote self-sufficiency. All WTW participants receive an orientation and appraisal of their education and employment background, followed by the development of a WTW plan designed to assist individuals with obtaining employment. WTW participants may be eligible to receive supportive services such as child care and transportation services.

Enrollment in Welfare-to-Work has increased significantly since 2022 when the effects of the Covid pandemic and related funding began to subside.



Data Source: WTW25 and WTW 25-A Cell 1 for both combined
Data current as of 02/04/2026

General Assistance Individuals



	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	520	474	620	618
Feb	520	465	585	638
Mar	554	471	590	648
Apr	543	496	618	667
May	554	535	646	665
June	575	534	648	685
July	560	562	640	702
Aug	585	590	599	682
Sep	585	623	595	642
Oct	590	676	586	631
Nov	548	694	604	624
Dec	531	644	605	618
Avg	555	564	611	652
% Change	-	+2%	+8%	+7%

The General Assistance program is designed to provide temporary relief and support to indigent adults who are not supported by their own means, other public funds or assistance programs. The maximum monthly stipend for General Assistance is \$375.

Average Monthly General Assistance Individuals by Year



Medi-Cal Individuals



	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	301,359	328,948	325,357	324,504
Feb	303,795	330,989	325,878	324,717
Mar	307,049	334,689	324,990	324,915
Apr	309,377	327,879	324,288	323,879
May	311,771	329,559	323,822	322,241
June	314,305	330,457	321,999	322,653
July	316,492	329,053	322,322	324,310
Aug	318,876	330,516	323,127	321,653
Sep	320,793	326,492	323,706	319,946
Oct	322,617	325,591	324,846	318,938
Nov	324,545	324,706	325,878	316,553
Dec	326,805	323,112	326,919	314,515
Avg	314,815	328,499	324,428	321,569
% Change	-	+4.3%	-1.2%	<1%

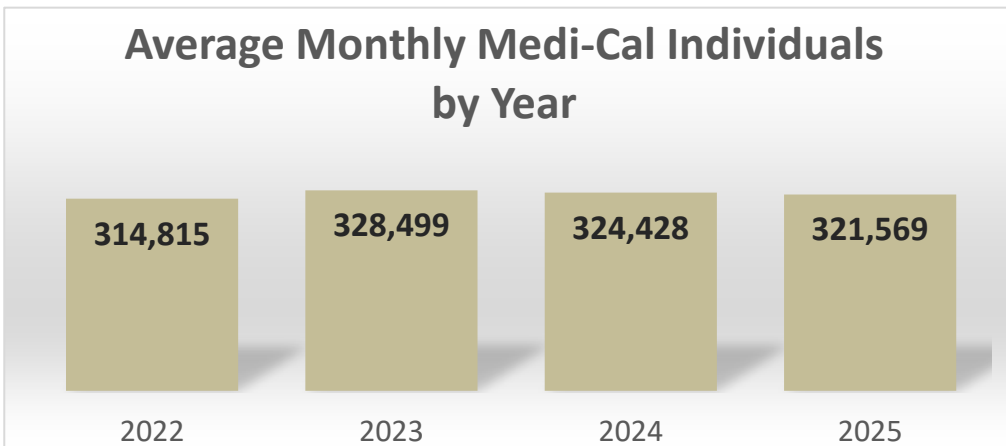
In Contra Costa County, more than 300,000 low-income adults, children, pregnant women, seniors and people with disabilities receive health insurance coverage through Medi-Cal. This is more than 25% of the county's total population.

Under "continuous coverage" during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), individuals remained enrolled in Medi-Cal except in the case of death, loss of California residency or client request.

Since Continuous Coverage ended on March 31, 2023, some previously enrolled individuals have not renewed coverage – leading to a decline between the March 2023 and December 2025 counts.

NOTE: In November 2025, the Medi-Cal enrollment counts were revised - effective March 2023 forward - based on a data refresh. Monthly averages and year over year % changes have been updated accordingly.

Average Monthly Medi-Cal Individuals by Year



Data Source: CalWIN extract MR0009E up to Feb 2023; CalSAWS query of individuals covered by MC aid codes from March 2023 onwards
Data current as of 01/06/2026

Medi-Cal Households



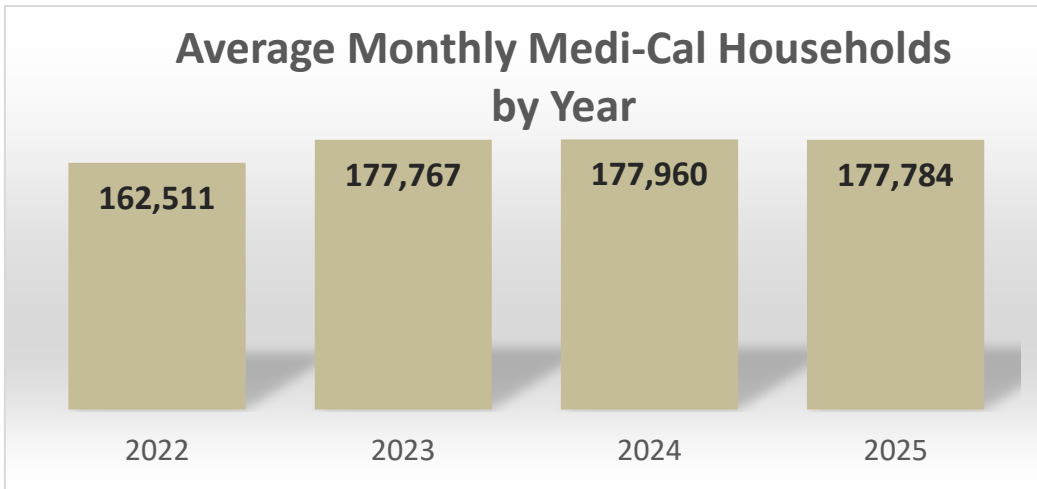
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	155,247	170,367	177,615	178,484
Feb	156,273	171,313	178,052	178,933
Mar	157,971	179,892	177,703	179,320
Apr	159,290	179,187	177,270	179,006
May	160,826	180,457	177,062	178,215
June	162,153	181,123	176,052	178,635
July	163,349	180,119	176,534	179,762
Aug	164,547	181,015	177,330	178,267
Sep	165,923	178,559	178,155	177,196
Oct	167,003	177,838	179,100	176,637
Nov	168,246	177,279	179,896	175,027
Dec	169,303	176,055	180,753	173,924
Avg	162,511	177,767	177,960	177,784
% Change	-	+9.4%	+ <1%	- <1%

Medi-Cal provides a core set of health benefits, including doctor visits and hospital care. It is a key support to those who do not receive health coverage through an employer, cannot afford health care, and families who rely on Long Term Care services, such as nursing homes, to help care for loved ones.

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Data Source: CalWIN BI Dashboard Report – Program Counts and Status -> Point in Time up to Feb 2023. CalSAWS query counting distinct households containing individuals covered by MC aid codes from March 2023 onwards
Data current as of 01/06/2026

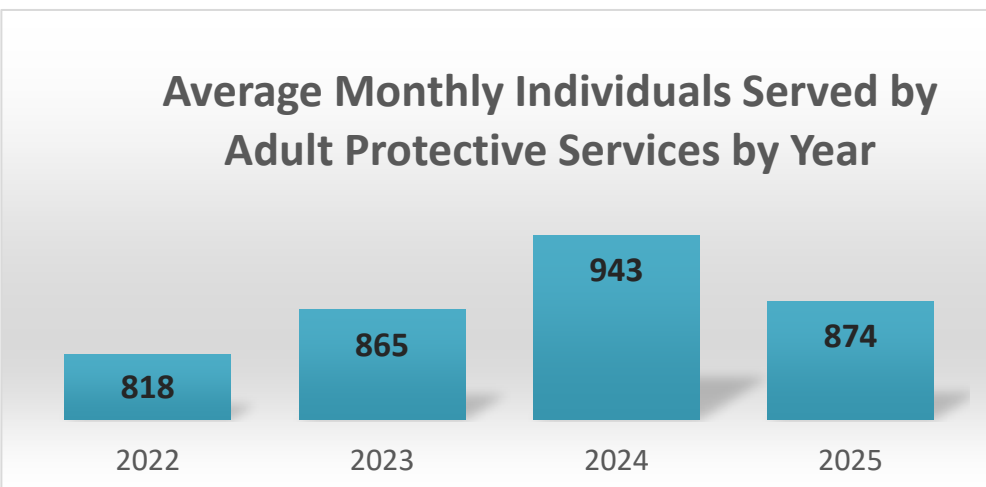
Individuals Served by Adult Protective Services



	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	752	938	868	889
Feb	796	905	899	834
Mar	826	882	904	931
Apr	735	873	939	973
May	788	853	917	893
June	876	796	904	869
July	866	776	996	877
Aug	888	923	958	834
Sep	895	897	1,026	844
Oct	753	804	1,063	851
Nov	772	828	954	863
Dec	864	904	892	835
Avg	818	865	943	874
% Change	-	+6%	+9%	-7%

Adult Protective Services (APS) receives, screens and investigates confidential reports of concern from anyone who suspects that an elderly person or a dependent adult is being abused, neglected, or is self-neglecting. This includes reports of physical, emotional or sexual abuse, financial or material exploitation, neglect, isolation and abandonment of individuals age 60+ and dependent adults aged 18 or over, who are unable to protect their own interests and have been harmed or are threatened with harm.

APS reports are received from mandated reporters, community members, community organizations, the medical community and financial institutions. Each case requires an investigation by an APS Social Worker.



Data Source: SOC 242, cell 15
Data current as of 02/04/2026

In-Home Supportive Services Individuals

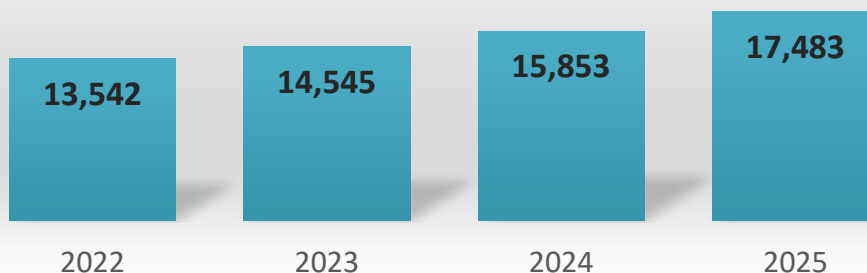


	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	13,049	14,021	15,271	16,857
Feb	13,138	14,078	15,326	17,000
Mar	13,242	14,157	15,343	17,130
Apr	13,327	14,211	15,437	17,247
May	13,380	14,347	15,549	17,344
June	13,474	14,417	15,673	17,477
July	13,569	14,537	15,795	17,619
Aug	13,698	14,653	15,987	17,645
Sep	13,767	14,825	16,180	17,691
Oct	13,878	15,019	16,427	17,801
Nov	13,968	15,105	16,574	17,928
Dec	14,019	15,170	16,676	18,052
Avg	13,542	14,545	15,853	17,483
% Change	-	+7%	+9%	+10%

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) is the largest publicly funded home care program in the United States. California is one of a number of states that participate in the program. IHSS helps to pay for services to eligible aged, blind and disabled individuals who are unable to remain safely in their own homes without assistance. Disabled children are also potentially eligible for IHSS. IHSS covers common activities of daily living needed by those with disabilities and serves as an alternative to out-of-home care such as skilled nursing facilities.

Due to increases in the aged and disabled populations, IHSS has been among the fastest-growing programs within the Employment & Human Services Department for the past several years.

Average Monthly Eligible IHSS Individuals by Year



Data Source: CMIPS II
Data current as of 03/19/2026

Child Protective Services: Referrals



	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	578	749	682	814
Feb	701	756	738	786
Mar	846	881	767	814
Apr	720	733	728	866
May	699	850	846	806
June	501	548	512	601
July	432	461	528	590
Aug	681	709	731	762
Sep	805	825	823	883
Oct	810	749	895	846
Nov	662	657	691	660
Dec	682	636	686	658
Avg	676	713	719	757
% Change	-	+5%	+ <1%	+5%

Children and Family Services Bureau has the responsibility to investigate reports of children at risk or in danger per criteria outlined in Welfare and Institutions Code 300. Child Protective Services (CPS) operates a 24-hour hotline for mandated reporters and community members to report suspected child abuse or neglect. Mandated reporters include teachers, counselors, law enforcement, medical and other professionals.

Federal and State Regulations guide which calls result in Referrals that allege a child is endangered by abuse, neglect or exploitation – and how the calls are handled.

The number of Referrals in this dashboard may include multiple calls on the same child, as well as cases that were assessed and/or investigated but were not found to be instances of child maltreatment. The average monthly number of CPS Referrals are higher in months when school is in session since children have more interaction with mandated reporters such as teachers and counselors.

NOTE: Prior monthly referrals and year-to-year percent change may be amended due to data entry updates.

Average Monthly CPS Referrals by Year



Child Protective Services: Placements



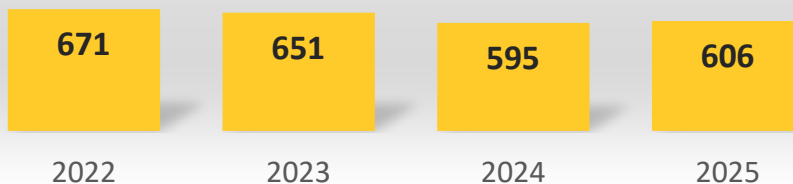
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	628	666	613	571
Feb	622	661	609	584
Mar	691	666	607	589
Apr	698	671	598	602
May	701	663	615	607
June	688	654	606	607
July	684	633	587	608
Aug	679	633	587	603
Sep	668	650	583	616
Oct	661	643	586	620
Nov	668	642	586	629
Dec	668	632	568	636
Avg	671	651	595	606
% Change		-3%	-9%	+2%

Placements refer to instances when a child abuse referral was investigated and substantiated, and it was determined that the child could not remain safely in the home. Placements include dependent children placed in relative or non-relative foster care or in residential placements, and non-dependent children in guardianship. All dependency placement homes and facilities must meet State identified standards and approval.

The average monthly number of children in Placement has been declining in recent years, which mirrors the multi-year State trend. This is due to evolving Child Welfare practices that approach Referrals and Removals with a sharper focus on Prevention and Safety/Risk Assessments. In addition, increased services support families to resolve safety concerns and sustain permanency while children remain in family homes.

NOTE: Prior monthly placements and year-to-year percent change may be amended due to data entry updates.

Average Monthly CPS Placements by Year



Data Source: Safe Measures Time in Placement Setting
Data current as of 01/20/2026

Unemployment Rate



Contra Costa County 2022 - 2025 Unemployment Rate

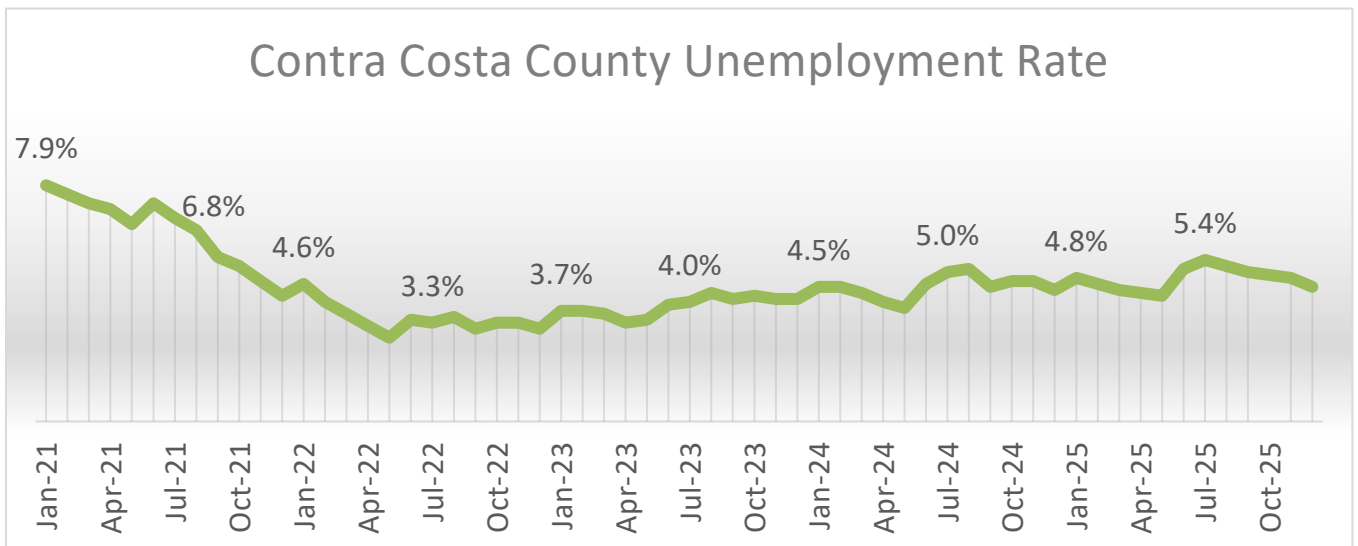
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	4.6%	3.7%	4.5%	4.8%
Feb	4.0%	3.7%	4.5%	4.6%
Mar	3.6%	3.6%	4.3%	4.4%
Apr	3.2%	3.3%	4.0%	4.3%
May	2.8%	3.4%	3.8%	4.2%
June	3.4%	3.9%	4.6%	5.1%
July	3.3%	4.0%	5.0%	5.4%
Aug	3.5%	4.3%	5.1%	5.2%
Sep	3.1%	4.1%	4.5%	5.0%
Oct	3.3%	4.2%	4.7%	n/a*
Nov	3.3%	4.1%	4.7%	4.8%
Dec	3.1%	4.1%	4.4%	4.5%

As indicated in the preceding dashboards, EHSD program enrollment was significantly impacted by the effects of COVID-19. Severe job losses early in the pandemic quickly led to increased demand for food assistance, medical insurance and other social services.

The most vulnerable members of our community were disproportionately affected by the virus's adverse health, economic, and social impacts. We were also able to help people who had never before experienced the need for such support. Our long-established benefit and service programs, such as CalFresh and Medi-Cal, were readily available to fill many of the critical needs that emerged. Enrollment in Medi-Cal and CalFresh remains high.

After hitting a peak of 15.3% in April 2020, the Unemployment Rate in Contra Costa County consistently fell month-over-month through May 2021 and generally trended downward through 2022. There have been slight upticks to the monthly rate since 2023. The December Unemployment Rate was 4.5%.

*Note: EDD announced that the October 2025 Unemployment Rate will not be available, based on impact of federal government shutdown (October 1 – November 12, 2025).



Data Source: EDD Contra Costa Unemployment Rate Data
 Data current as of 01/23/2026; EDD Data is refreshed annually.

Inflation – Consumer Price Index



National Consumer Price Index 12-month Percentage Change 2022 to 2025

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	7.5%	6.4%	3.1%	3.0%
Feb	7.9%	6.0%	3.2%	2.8%
Mar	8.5%	5.0%	3.5%	2.4%
Apr	8.3%	4.9%	3.4%	2.3%
May	8.6%	4.0%	3.3%	2.4%
June	9.1%	3.0%	3.0%	2.7%
July	8.5%	3.2%	2.9%	2.7%
Aug	8.3%	3.7%	2.5%	2.9%
Sep	8.2%	3.7%	2.4%	3.0%
Oct	7.7%	3.2%	2.6%	n/a*
Nov	7.1%	3.1%	2.7%	2.7%
Dec	6.5%	3.4%	2.9%	2.7%

Inflation began to rise significantly in March 2021. The increase in everyday costs has an impact on individuals and families in Contra Costa County – especially on those with lower incomes.

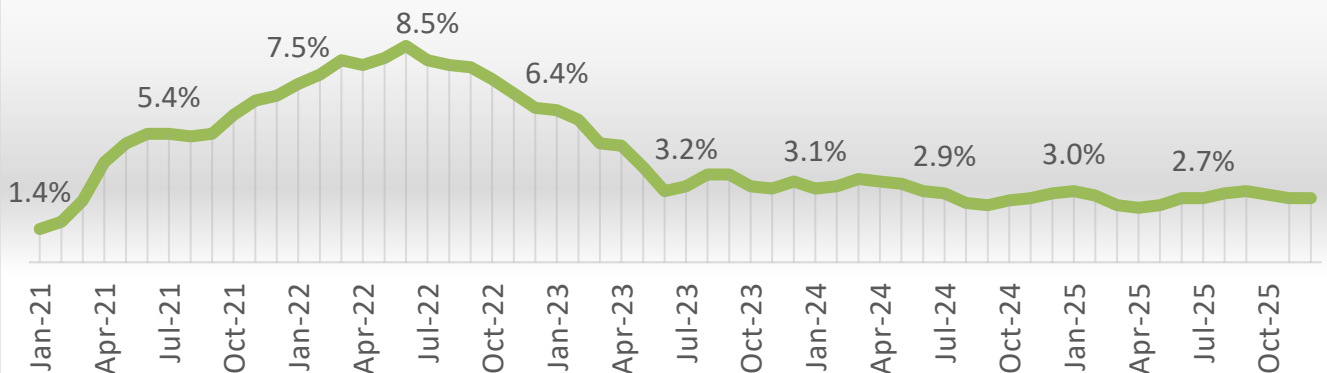
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a “market basket” of consumer goods and services. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

The monthly figures represent the percentage change over the same month of the prior year. For example, prices for the items measured in the market basket increased 2.7% from December 2024 to December 2025.

As the chart indicates, inflation ran above 8% between March and September 2022, with a spike to 9.1% in June. The CPI slipped below 8% in October 2022; as of December 2025, it was 2.7%.

*Note: The Bureau of Labor Statistics will not report October 2025 CPI data, based on impact of federal government shutdown (October 1 – November 12, 2025).

National Consumer Price Index 12-month Percentage Change



Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics National Consumer Price Index
Data current as of 01/13/2026

Program Glossary



Adult Protective Services (APS) investigates reports of suspected abuse or neglect of residents aged 60 and up and dependent adults (people aged 18-59 with physical disabilities which prevent them from caring for themselves or safeguarding their rights.) APS has a 24-hour hotline staffed by social workers who take reports from mandated reporters and community members. Mandated reporters are those who work with or provide care or oversight for elders and dependent adults. Mandated reporters have a legal responsibility to report if they suspect a person is being abused. They include law enforcement, social workers, doctors, nurses, clergy, financial institution personnel and care providers. Community members include family, friends and neighbors who call the hotline with concerns about someone they know.

Hotline social workers gather as much information as possible and submit a report that is reviewed by an APS supervisor who will determine if a situation requires APS intervention. When a case is opened in APS, an APS social worker will contact the alleged victim, either by phone if the concern is low risk, or in person. APS services are voluntary. The APS social worker will work with the alleged victim to ensure their safety and to access services they may need to enhance their well-being. The number of Individuals Served by Adult Protective Services displayed in this dashboard refers to adults receiving intervention through Contra Costa County.

CalFresh, federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), can add to your food budget to put healthy and nutritious food on the table. The program issues monthly electronic benefits (similar to a bank debit card) that can be used to buy most foods such as bread, cereal, fruits, vegetables, meat and fish at many markets, grocery stores and farmers' markets. The CalFresh program helps to improve the health and well-being of qualified households and individuals by providing them a means to meet their nutritional needs. Households refer to the number of households receiving CalFresh, which can include a single individual or several family members living together. Individuals refers to an unduplicated count of all people receiving CalFresh in Contra Costa County.

Program Glossary



California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids (**CalWORKs**), federally known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), provides financial aid, employment services and other supportive services to families with children under 19, to help them succeed in the workplace and become self-sufficient. Households refer to the number of families participating in CalWORKs, which can include a single parent and their child or several family members living together. Individuals refers to an unduplicated count of all people receiving CalWORKs in Contra Costa County.

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Program Glossary



The **General Assistance** Program is designed to provide temporary relief and support to indigent adults who are not supported by their own means, other public funds, or assistance programs. Individuals refer to the total number of people receiving aid through Contra Costa County.

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) is the largest publicly funded home care program in the United States. California is one of a number of states that participate in the program. IHSS helps to pay for services to eligible aged, blind and disabled individuals who are unable to remain safely in their own homes without assistance. Disabled children are also potentially eligible for IHSS. IHSS is an alternative to out-of-home care such as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living or board and care facilities. This dashboard provides the total number of people receiving IHSS home care in Contra Costa County.

Medi-Cal, federally known as Medicaid, is a federal and state insurance program that helps with medical costs for some people with limited income and resources. For those who are eligible, it also offers benefits not normally offered by Medicare, including nursing home care and personal care services.

The **Welfare-to-Work (WTW)** Program is a comprehensive Employment and Training Program designed to promote self-sufficiency. CalWORKs recipients are assessed to determine the best course of action, whether it is immediate placement into a job, placement into an education or training program, or both. All Welfare-to-Work participants receive an orientation to the program and appraisal of their education and employment background, followed by the development of a WTW plan designed to assist individuals with obtaining employment. WTW participants may be eligible to supportive services such as child care and transportation services. Barrier removal services are also available when identified.