

# Central Coast Counties

June 2021

MONTEREY, SAN BENITO, SAN LUIS OBISPO, SANTA BARBARA, SANTA CRUZ, VENTURA

CALIFORNIA TOTAL POPULATION: 39.5M

Central Coast Counties<sup>1</sup>  
TOTAL POPULATION 2.3 M

5.8%

	Population <sup>1</sup>	Uninsured, 2019 <sup>3</sup>	Incomes ≤ 138% Federal Poverty Level (FPL), 2019 <sup>3</sup>
VENTURA	846,006	43,000 (5.1%*)	-
SANTA BARBARA	446,499	39,000 (9.0%*)	-
MONTEREY	434,061	31,000 (7.4%*)	28,000 (20.1%*)
SAN LUIS OBISPO	283,111	8,000 (3.2%*)	-
SANTA CRUZ	273,213	20,000 (7.7%*)	-
SAN BENITO <sup>2</sup>	60,376	2,000 (3.3%*)	1,000 (5.6%*)

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**FIGURE 1. Race/Ethnicity Breakdown of Counties and By Insurance Status, 2019<sup>3</sup>**

Percent by Race	County Population							Insured							Uninsured						
	Latinx	White	Black	AI/AN	Asian	NH/PI	2+	Latinx	White	Black	AI/AN	Asian	NH/PI	2+	Latinx	White	Black	AI/AN	Asian	NH/PI	2+
Ventura	42.0%	43.9%	2.7%*	-	8.4%	-	-	90.2%*	97.7%*	100.0%*	-	100.0%*	-	-	9.8%*	2.3%*	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Barbara	48.6%	43.3%	2.1%*	-	5.3%*	-	0.6%*	83.8%*	97.5%*	100.0%*	-	100.0%*	-	95.7%*	16.2%*	2.5%*	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey	61.4%	29.3%	0.4%*	-	8.1%*	-	0.5%*	96.0%*	98.1%*	100.0%*	-	45.8%*	-	100.0%*	4.0%*	1.9%*	-	-	-	-	-
San Luis Obispo	20.9%	69.7%	2.1%*	-	1.9%*	-	4.8%*	100.0%*	95.4%*	100.0%*	-	100.0%*	-	100.0%*	-	4.6%*	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Cruz	39.9%	56.5%	-	-	2.4%*	-	1.0%*	94.3%*	90.5%*	-	-	100.0%*	-	100.0%*	5.7%*	9.5%*	-	-	-	-	-
San Benito	61.5%	35.3%	-	-	2.0%*	-	0.9%*	95.9%*	98.9%*	-	-	81.5%*	-	100.0%*	4.1%*	-	-	-	-	-	-

AI/AN=American Indian/Alaska Native | NH/PI=Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 2+=Two or More Races | \* Data for these counties are considered statistically unstable. | (-) Notes a value unavailable due to data masking.



## COVERAGE AT A GLANCE | CENTRAL COAST COUNTIES

**FIGURE 2. Employer-Sponsored Coverage, 2019<sup>3</sup>**

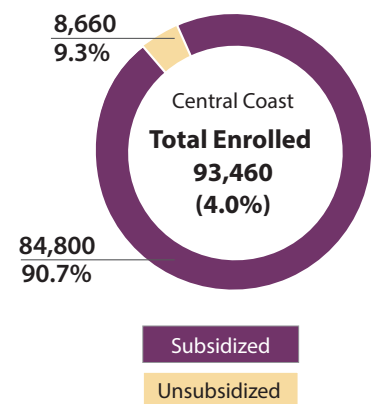
	Percent with Employer-Sponsored Coverage	Race/Ethnicity Breakdown Among Inland Empire Counties with Employer-Sponsored Coverage					
		Latinx	White	Black	AI/AN	Asian	NH/PI
<b>Ventura</b>	498,000 (59.2%)	31.8%	48.2%	4.2%*	-	11.2%	-
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	242,000 (55.8%)	50.1%	45.4%	-	-	-	-
<b>Monterey</b>	204,000 (48.3%)	57.2%	35.4%	0.7%*	-	6.5%*	-
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	163,000 (62.7%)	25.4%	65.9%	-	-	0.6%*	7.2%*
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	126,000 (48.0%)	45.0%	50.5%	-	-	3.2%*	1.1%*
<b>San Benito</b>	36,000 (57.9%)	59.9%	37.0%	-	-	2.0%*	-

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## COVERED CALIFORNIA

**FIGURE 3. Percent of Counties' Populations Enrolled in Covered California, December 2020<sup>4</sup>**

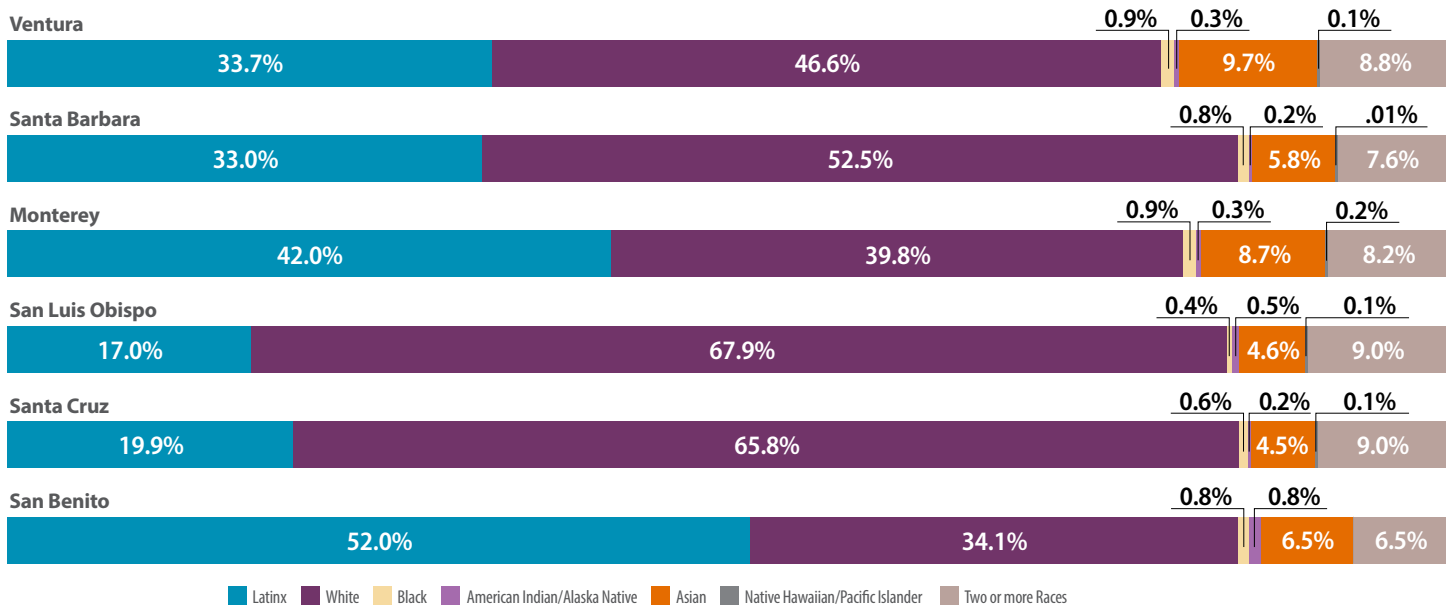
	Enrollment	Subsidized Enrollees	Unsubsidized Enrollees
<b>Ventura</b>	37,330 (4.4%)	33,860 (90.7%)	3,470 (9.3%)
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	15,920 (3.6%)	14,150 (88.9%)	1,770 (11.1%)
<b>Monterey</b>	13,590 (3.1%)	12,940 (95.2%)	650 (4.8%)
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	13,070 (4.6%)	11,920 (91.2%)	1,150 (8.8%)
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	11,810 (4.3%)	10,230 (86.6%)	1,580 (13.4%)
<b>San Benito</b>	1,740 (2.9%)	1,700 (97.7%)	40 (2.3%)





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**FIGURE 4. Covered California Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, December 2020<sup>4</sup>**



**FIGURE 5. Covered California Enrollment by FPL, December 2020<sup>4</sup>**

	Under 138% FPL	Between 138% and 400% FPL	Between 400% and 600% FPL	Over 600% FPL
Ventura	2.5%	86.5%	5.0%	1.3%
Santa Barbara	2.4%	82.5%	6.8%	1.9%
Monterey	1.9%	87.3%	6.6%	0.9%
San Luis Obispo	1.8%	85.8%	6.9%	1.5%
Santa Cruz	2.3%	81.5%	7.6%	2.1%
San Benito	2.3%	89.7%	5.2%	0.6%

Enrollments where the FPL of the member is not known are not included here.

**FIGURE 6. Covered California by Health Plan, December 2020<sup>4</sup>**

	Health Net	Kaiser Permanente	Blue Shield	Molina Healthcare	Anthem Blue Cross of CA	L.A. Care Health Plan	Oscar Health Plan of CA	Western Health Advantage	Valley Health Plan	Sharp Health Plan
Ventura	10	10,320	26,470	-	530	10	10	-	-	-
Santa Barbara	10	10	15,270	10	630	10	10	10	-	-
Monterey	10	10	10,400	-	3,180	-	-	-	10	-
San Luis Obispo	10	10	12,720	-	340	10	10	-	10	-
Santa Cruz	610	7,910	3,240	-	60	-	10	-	-	10
San Benito	-	10	1,350	-	370	-	-	-	10	-

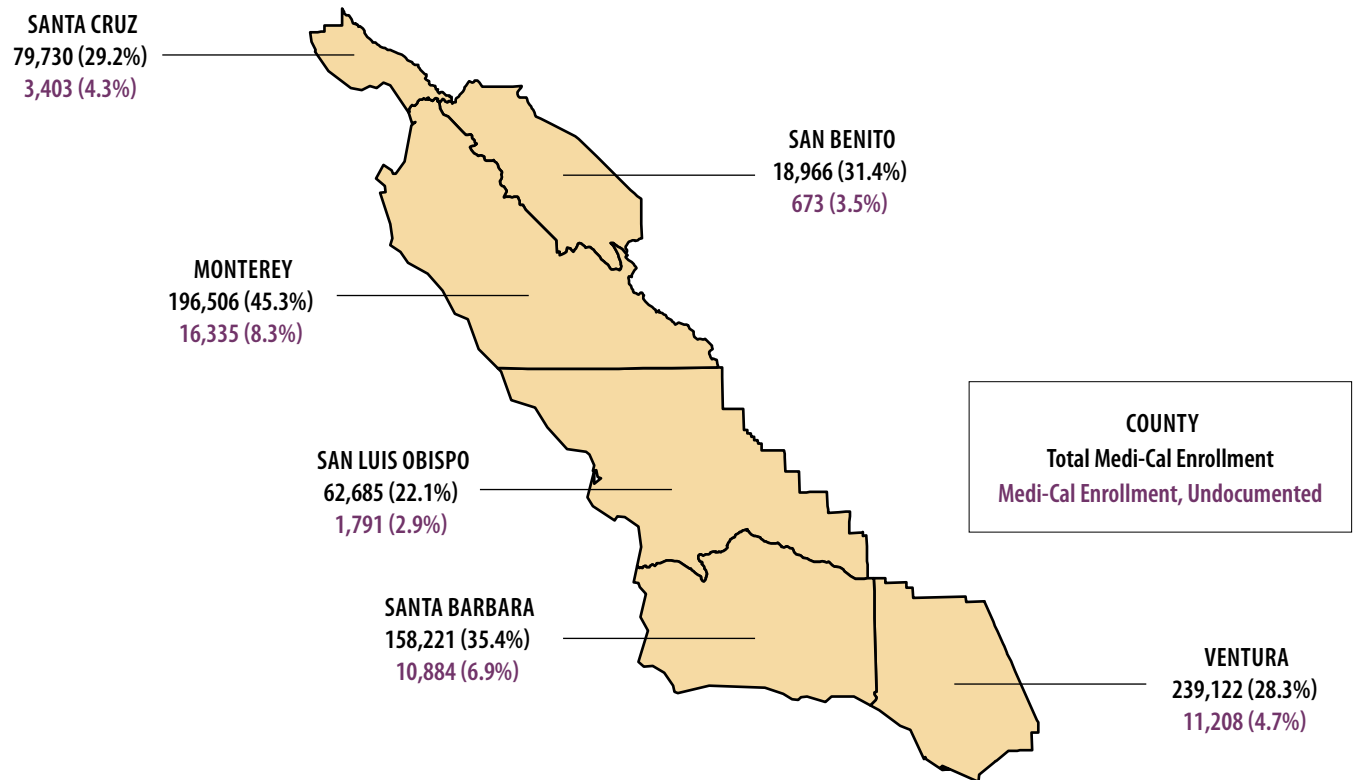
Covered California's privacy policy rounds all figures to the nearest 10. As a result, grand totals shown may be slightly different from the totals in the individual plan data.

L.A. Care Health Plan, Oscar Health Plan and Sharp Health Plan have 10 or fewer enrollees in these counties.

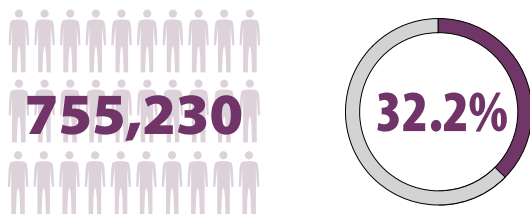


## MEDI-CAL

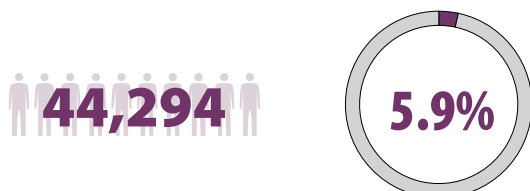
**FIGURE 7. Medi-Cal Enrollment, April 2021<sup>5,6</sup>**



**TOTAL MEDI-CAL ENROLLMENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL CENTRAL COAST REGION POPULATION<sup>1,2,4</sup>**



**TOTAL UNDOCUMENTED CALIFORNIANS ENROLLED IN MEDI-CAL IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION<sup>5,6</sup>**



**FIGURE 8. Medi-Cal Enrollment, by Race/Ethnicity, April 2021<sup>7</sup>**

	Latinx	White	Black	AI/AN	Asian	Not Reported
Ventura	56.6%	19.9%	1.3%	0.2%	3.7%	18.2%
Santa Barbara	27.1%	55.3%	1.2%	0.3%	1.8%	14.3%
Monterey	74.8%	9.0%	1.3%	0.1%	2.8%	12.1%
San Luis Obispo	30.9%	39.8%	1.1%	0.5%	2.1%	25.6%
Santa Cruz	51.9%	24.8%	0.9%	0.3%	1.8%	20.2%
San Benito	75.1%	13.8%	0.2%	0.1%	1.7%	8.9%

AI/AN=American Indian/Alaska Native



**FIGURE 9. Medi-Cal Enrollment in Managed Care and Fee-For-Service (FFS), March 2021<sup>8</sup>**

	Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Enrollment	Gold Coast Health Plan Ventura	Santa Barbara Health Authority	Central California Alliance for Health	Anthem Blue Cross	Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS) Enrollment
<b>Ventura</b>	218,170	218,170				20,952
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	139,546		139,546			18,675
<b>Monterey</b>	165,697			165,697		30,809
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	58,901		58,901			3,784
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	72,414			72,414		7,316
<b>San Benito</b>	9,142				9,142	9,824

= Health Plan does not operate in this county

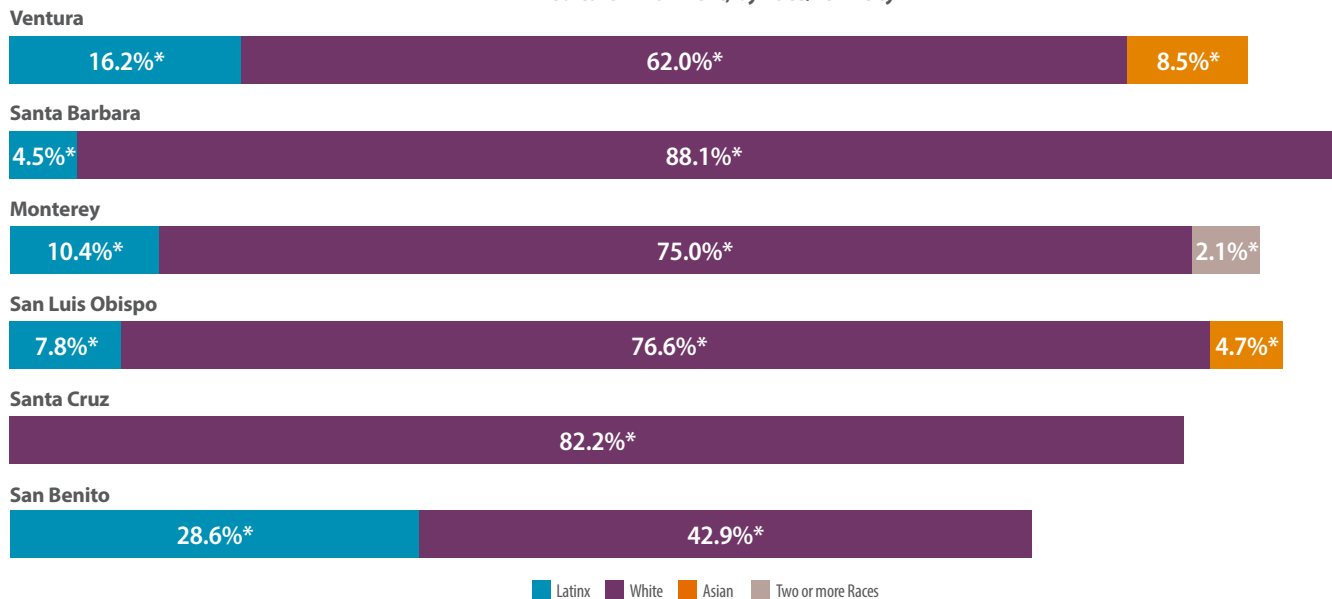
## MEDICARE

**FIGURE 10. Medicare Enrollment and Percent of Counties' Population, 2019**

	Enrolled <sup>9</sup>	FFS Enrollees <sup>9</sup>	Medicare Advantage Enrollees <sup>9</sup>	Dual Eligible <sup>5**</sup>
<b>Ventura</b>	139,075 (16.4%)	84,086 (60.5%)	54,989 (39.5%)	23,883 (17.2%)
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	71,535 (16.0%)	58,447 (81.7%)	13,088 (18.3%)	13,336 (18.6%)
<b>Monterey</b>	60,194 (13.9%)	53,977 (89.7%)	6,217 (11.5%)	13,728 (22.8%)
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	61,562 (21.7%)	50,594 (82.2%)	10,968 (17.8%)	7,027 (11.4%)
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	46,913 (17.2%)	40,353 (86.0%)	6,560 (14.0%)	8,729 (18.6%)
<b>San Benito</b>	8,126 (13.5%)	6,858 (84.4%)	1,268 (15.6%)	1,633 (20.1%)

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dual Eligibles are those eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal, also referred to as Medi Medis. The dual eligible enrollment data is from April 2021.

### Medicare Enrollment, by Race/Ethnicity<sup>10</sup>



Across all Central Coast Counties, Medicare enrollment data was unavailable due to low sample size for the following Race/Ethnicity categories: Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

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## NOTES

All decimals rounded to nearest tenth.

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