

Poverty

Nearly 20% of Contra Costa's residents live in poverty. In some communities the poverty rate is much greater



Table 4. Residents Living in Poverty.
Contra Costa Communities, 2000

	% Community Residents	Residents Living in Poverty
San Pablo	*42.8%	12,938
Richmond	*36.3%	36,047
Bay Point	*33.4%	7,188
Pittsburg	*28.5%	16,210
Concord	*20.9%	25,417
Antioch	*19.9%	18,015
Countywide	18.5%	175,065
Brentwood	15.5%	3,616
Oakley	14.6%	3,741
Pinole	12.7%	2,417
Martinez	11.8%	4,224
Walnut Creek	10.6%	6,797

[*] Indicates that the percent living in poverty is significantly higher in these communities compared to the county as a whole. We are 95% certain that these differences are not due to chance.

At least **175,065 Contra Costa residents live in poverty**. This represents 18.5% of the county's population.

San Pablo (42.8%), **Richmond** (36.3%) and **Bay Point** (33.4%) **have the highest percentages of poverty** - each of these communities with at least one-third of their residents living in poverty.

The largest number of poor residents live in Richmond (36,047), followed by **Concord** (25,417).

We define poverty as 200% of the Federal Level

Because of the high cost of living in Contra Costa County, we have calculated poverty rates to include all county residents who reported a gross income less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. In the year 2000, this amount ranged from \$16,700 for a person living alone to \$34,100 for a family of four and \$57,300 for a family of eight.

Confidence intervals are available

You may download and view all detailed tables with 95% confidence intervals, at http://www.cchealth.org/health_data/hospital_council/

Data source

U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 American FactFinder, Summary File 3, Tables P88.