

# Planning Information Packet

## Humboldt County

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**Table 1**  
**Public Assistance Recipients by Program**  
**2008 - 2010**  
**Humboldt County**

| Recipients by Program  | July   |        |        | California |
|--|--------|--------|--------|------------|
|  | 2008   | 2009   | 2010   | July 2010  |
| California Work Opportunity and Responsibility To Kids (CalWORKs) <b>(a)</b> ..... | 3,603  | 3,514  | 3,872  | 1,271,073  |
| Adults .....   | 892    | 882    | 1,077  | 300,098    |
| Children .....   | 2,711  | 2,632  | 2,795  | 970,975    |
| Welfare to Work <b>(b)</b> .....   | 793    | 867    | 876    | 191,335    |
| Food Stamps <b>(c)</b> .....   | 10,088 | 11,797 | 13,789 | 3,320,616  |
| General Relief .....   | 285    | 302    | 332    | 146,426    |
| Refugee Cash Assistance <b>(d)</b> .....   | 0      | 0      | 0      | 1,991      |

Source: California Department of Social Services

To access detailed reports for county comparisons, visit the California Department of Social Services Internet address at: [www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research](http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research)

CalWORKs: see report CA237CW; Welfare to Work: see reports WTW25 and WTW25A; Food Stamps: see report DFA256; General Relief: see report GR237.

**(a)** Data include foster care children.

**(b)** With the passage of the Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 and California's subsequent implementation of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act (CalWORKs), the requirement for recipients of aid to participate in work-related activities increased significantly. This number represents the number of CalWORKs recipients who have been enrolled or have been sent a notice to participate in Welfare to Work activities. These individuals may be required to participate or be willing to participate in these activities.

**(c)** Includes those persons receiving public assistance payments and those not receiving public assistance payments.

**(d)** Data are for June-September and exclude CalWORKs recipients.

**Table 2**  
**Public Assistance Recipients (CalWORKs)**  
**Characteristics of Recipients 16 Years and Older**  
**2008 - 2010**  
**Humboldt County**

| Characteristics                        | July  |       |       | California (c) |
|--|-------|-------|-------|----------------|
|  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | July 2010      |
| Total Recipients 16+ (a) (b) . . . . . | 1,250 | 1,220 | 1,340 | 440,210        |
| Male . . . . .                         | 240   | 230   | 260   | 84,290         |
| Female . . . . .                       | 1,010 | 990   | 1,080 | 356,050        |
| 16-20 . . . . .                        | 260   | 260   | 280   | 92,870         |
| 21-44 . . . . .                        | 890   | 870   | 960   | 313,740        |
| 45-54 . . . . .                        | 80    | 70    | 80    | 26,870         |
| 55+ . . . . .                          | 20    | 20    | 20    | 6,870          |
| White (Not Hispanic) . . . . .         | 890   | 840   | 950   | 99,600         |
| Black (Not Hispanic) . . . . .         | 60    | 40    | 40    | 66,620         |
| Hispanic . . . . .                     | 80    | 100   | 120   | 234,400        |
| Asian & Pacific Islander . . . . .     | 40    | 40    | 50    | 17,800         |
| American Indian . . . . .              | 170   | 190   | 190   | 3,240          |
| Filipino . . . . .                     | *     | *     | *     | 3,520          |

**(CalWORKs)** California Work Opportunity And Responsibility To Kids

Source: California Department of Social Services; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Detailed data by sex, age, and race/ethnicity are extrapolations based on aggregate figures provided by the Department of Social Services.

**(a)** Includes children in Two Parent, Zero Parent, All Others, and Foster Care cases.

**(b)** Detail may not add to total due to independent rounding.

**(c)** California race/ethnicity totals do not include Sierra County. Data were not available.

\* Less than ten.

**TABLE 3**  
**Workforce Investment Act**  
**Planning Information for Local Workforce Investment Areas**

LWIA NAME: Humboldt  
 JURISDICTIONS INCLUDED: Humboldt County

| <b>2000 CENSUS</b>   |              |                |                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                     |
|--|--------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Characteristics of Economically Disadvantaged Persons<sup>1</sup></b>                     |              |                |                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                     |
|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>0 to 13</b> | <b>14 and 15</b> | <b>16 to 21</b> | <b>22 to 24</b> | <b>25 to 54</b> | <b>55 to 64</b> | <b>65 to 72</b> | <b>73 and older</b> |
| <b>Total Persons</b>   | 126,520      | 21,940         | 3,915            | 12,280          | 6,885           | 54,470          | 11,130          | 6,660           | 9,245               |
| <b>Poverty Universe<sup>2</sup></b>  | 123,165      | 21,310         | 3,835            | 10,985          | 6,640           | 53,850          | 11,065          | 6,650           | 8,830               |
| <b>Persons below Poverty<sup>3</sup></b>   | 24,060       | 5,385          | 650              | 3,445           | 2,760           | 9,370           | 1,325           | 440             | 680                 |
| <b>Percent Persons in Poverty</b>  | 19.5%        | 25.3%          | 16.9%            | 31.4%           | 41.6%           | 17.4%           | 12.0%           | 6.6%            | 7.7%                |
| <b>Persons in Poverty, excluding Military and College<sup>3,5</sup></b>                      | 21,635       | 5,385          | 650              | 2,675           | 1,990           | 8,500           | 1,325           | 440             | 675                 |
| <b>Persons below 70% of LLSIL<sup>4</sup></b>  | 25,885       | 6,815          | 870              | 4,460           | 2,515           | 8,970           | 1,050           | 380             | 825                 |
| <b>Persons below Poverty or 70% of LLSIL<sup>3,4</sup></b>                                   | 28,880       | 6,815          | 870              | 4,870           | 2,995           | 10,470          | 1,440           | 480             | 940                 |
| <b>Persons below Poverty or 70% of LLSIL, excluding Military and College<sup>3,4,5</sup></b> | 25,600       | 6,815          | 870              | 3,405           | 2,150           | 9,520           | 1,425           | 480             | 935                 |
| <b>Persons in the Civilian Labor Force<sup>6</sup></b>                                       | 60,635       | n/a            | n/a              | 6,660           | 4,835           | 41,355          | 5,960           | 1,175           | 655                 |
| <b>Household Population in the Civilian Labor Force<sup>6,7</sup></b>                        | 59,400       | n/a            | n/a              | †               | †               | †               | †               | †               | †                   |

**Characteristics of Various Potential Client Groups**

**Labor Force Status, 2010<sup>8</sup>**

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Labor Force</b>                    | 60,900 |
| <b>Employment</b>                     | 53,900 |
| <b>Unemployment</b>                   | 7,000  |
| <b>Unemployment Rate</b>              | 11.5%  |
| <b>Not in Labor Force<sup>9</sup></b> | 40,100 |

**Adult Probation Active Caseload (as of December, 2009)<sup>10</sup>**

1,250

**Veteran Estimates, 2010<sup>11</sup>**

|                        | <b>Total</b> | <b>17 to 44</b> | <b>45 to 64</b> | <b>65 to 84</b> | <b>85 &amp; older</b> |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Total Veterans*</b> | 11,500       | 2,240           | 4,510           | 3,950           | 810                   |
| <b>Male</b>            | 10,740       | 1,970           | 4,160           | 3,860           | 760                   |
| <b>Female</b>          | 760          | 280             | 340             | 90              | 50                    |

\*Totals may not add due to rounding.

n/a Persons counted as part of the Civilian Labor Force must be at least 16 years old.

† Not available.

**TABLE 3**  
**Workforce Investment Act**  
**Planning Information for Local Workforce Investment Areas**

**Endnotes and Data Sources**

<sup>1</sup>The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) define the **economically disadvantaged population** as persons below the federal poverty level or below 70% of the Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL).

ETA contracted with a private research firm to tabulate these data from individual responses to the decennial census. Totals may not match published data from the U.S. Bureau of Census. Further information is available through the following Web sites:

[www.doleta.gov](http://www.doleta.gov)

[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

<sup>2</sup>**Poverty Universe:** The poverty universe is the number of persons for which poverty status is determined. The poverty universe is smaller than the total population because poverty status is not determined for people in institutions, such as prisons or nursing homes; people in military group quarters; people in college dormitories; and, individuals under 15 years old living with non-relatives, such as foster children.

<sup>3</sup>**Persons below Poverty:** An individual's poverty status is determined by comparing their family income with the federal poverty threshold appropriate for that person's family size and the number of family members under 18 years old. If a person is not living with anyone related by birth, marriage, or adoption, then the person's own income is compared with his or her poverty threshold. Persons in Poverty percent of universe is calculated by dividing the Persons below Poverty by the Poverty Universe.

<sup>4</sup>**Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL):** The LLSIL determines an individual's eligibility for certain services under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). WIA section 101(24) defines the LLSIL as "that income level (adjusted for regional, metropolitan, urban, and rural differences and family size) determined annually by the Secretary of Labor." In a manner similar to the poverty level, an individual's LLSIL status is determined by comparing their income and family size to the published LLSIL levels.

<sup>5</sup>**Excluding Military and College:** These data exclude persons who are on active duty in the armed forces and college students on in the labor force. The exclusion of such persons is required to comply with WIA definition of funding formula factors.

<sup>6</sup>**Civilian Labor Force** is persons 16 years or older who are "employed," excluding persons in the armed forces and in institutions, or "unemployed." "Unemployed" are persons who were without a job and are actively looking for a job and were available to start a job.

<sup>7</sup>**Household Population** includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit. (People not living in households are classified as living in group quarters.) A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied (or if vacant, intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants live separately from any other people in the building and that have direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall. The occupants may be a single family, one person living alone, two or more families living together, or any other group of related or unrelated people who share living quarters.

<sup>8</sup>All data in this group are averages of estimates for the 12-month period, January 2010 through December 2010 on the March 2010 benchmark. These data are developed by the California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division (LMID), (916) 262-2162.

**Labor force** in this category refers to the sum of civilian employment and civilian unemployment. Civilians, as defined, are age 16 years or older, not members of the Armed Services, and are not in institutions such as prisons, mental hospitals, or nursing homes.

**Employment** includes all individuals who worked at least one hour for a wage or salary, or were self-employed, or were working at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business or on a family farm, during the week including the 12th of the month. Those who were on vacation, on other kinds of leave, or involved in a labor dispute, are counted as employed.

**Unemployment** includes those individuals who were not working but who were able to work, available to work, and actively looking for work during the week including the 12th of the month. Individuals who were waiting to be recalled from a layoff and individuals waiting to report to a new job within 30 days are counted as unemployed.

**Unemployment Rate** is the number of unemployed as a percentage of the labor force.

<sup>9</sup>**Not in Labor Force:** Official methods by the Bureau of Labor Statistics do not include monthly estimates of persons not in the labor force. The number of persons not in the labor force in this table was derived using 2000 Census data by Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) member cities and counties. Specifically, the official current estimate of labor force is divided by the Census estimate of labor force participation rates estimates for the total working-aged population. Total working-aged population less the number of persons in the labor force equals the number of persons not in the labor force.

<sup>10</sup>**Adult Probation Active Caseload:** Adults on probation are under county supervision. As a result, data are not available regarding the distribution of adults on probation within a county. For LWIAs that do not include an entire county or counties, caseload was distributed among cities according to each city's share of adult arrests for felonies and misdemeanors in 2009, the most recent year for which data are available. Source of data: California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Justice Statistics Center (online at: [www.ag.ca.gov/crime.php](http://www.ag.ca.gov/crime.php)).

<sup>11</sup>Data provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran Population Projections for 2010 (VetPop2007), county-level estimates for September 2010. Data are located online at [www.va.gov/vetdata](http://www.va.gov/vetdata).

**Note:** All data provided are the most recent available at the time of publication.

**Table 4**  
**Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)**  
**and Poverty Guidelines**  
**2010**

**Table 1 — San Diego Metropolitan Statistical Area**

| LWIAs                         | San Diego Consortium |          |          |          |          |          |                     |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|
|                               | Family Size          |          |          |          |          |          |                     |
|                               | 1                    | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5        | 6        | Each Additional Add |
| <b>70% LLSIL (a)</b>          |                      |          |          |          |          |          |                     |
| Annual                        | \$10,917             | \$17,884 | \$24,555 | \$30,309 | \$35,768 | \$41,832 | \$6,064             |
| 6 Months                      | \$5,459              | \$8,942  | \$12,278 | \$15,155 | \$17,884 | \$20,916 | \$3,032             |
| 100%                          | \$15,596             | \$25,548 | \$35,078 | \$43,298 | \$51,097 | \$59,760 | \$8,663             |
| <b>Poverty Guidelines (a)</b> |                      |          |          |          |          |          |                     |
| Annual                        | \$10,830             | \$14,570 | \$18,310 | \$22,050 | \$25,790 | \$29,530 | \$3,740             |
| 6 Months                      | \$5,415              | \$7,285  | \$9,155  | \$11,025 | \$12,895 | \$14,765 | \$1,870             |

**Table 2 — Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County Metropolitan Statistical Area**

| <b>Anaheim</b>                                    | <b>Los Angeles County</b>  | <b>San Bernardino County</b> |          |          |          |          |                     |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| <b>Foothill E&amp;T Consortium</b>                | <b>Orange County</b>       | <b>SELACO Consortium</b>     |          |          |          |          |                     |
| <b>Pacific Gateway (formerly Long Beach City)</b> | <b>Riverside County</b>    | <b>South Bay Consortium</b>  |          |          |          |          |                     |
| <b>Los Angeles City</b>                           | <b>Santa Ana City</b>      | <b>Ventura County</b>        |          |          |          |          |                     |
|   | <b>San Bernardino City</b> | <b>Verdugo Consortium</b>    |          |          |          |          |                     |
| <b>Family Size</b>                                |                            |                              |          |          |          |          |                     |
|   | 1                          | 2                            | 3        | 4        | 5        | 6        | Each Additional Add |
| <b>70% LLSIL (a)</b>                              |                            |                              |          |          |          |          |                     |
| Annual  | \$9,960                    | \$16,322                     | \$22,409 | \$27,665 | \$32,645 | \$38,182 | \$5,537             |
| 6 Months  | \$4,980                    | \$8,161                      | \$11,205 | \$13,833 | \$16,323 | \$19,091 | \$2,768             |
| 100%  | \$14,229                   | \$23,317                     | \$32,013 | \$39,521 | \$46,636 | \$54,546 | \$7,910             |
| <b>Poverty Guidelines (a)</b>                     |                            |                              |          |          |          |          |                     |
| Annual  | \$10,830                   | \$14,570                     | \$18,310 | \$22,050 | \$25,790 | \$29,530 | \$3,740             |
| 6 Months  | \$5,415                    | \$7,285                      | \$9,155  | \$11,025 | \$12,895 | \$14,765 | \$1,870             |

**Table 4  
Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)  
and Poverty Guidelines  
2010**

**Table 3 — San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose Metropolitan Statistical Area**

|                            |                                |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Alameda County</b>      | <b>Oakland City</b>            | <b>San Mateo County</b>  |
| <b>Contra Costa County</b> | <b>Richmond City</b>           | <b>Santa Cruz County</b> |
| <b>Marin County</b>        | <b>San Benito</b>              | <b>Solano County</b>     |
| <b>Napa County</b>         | <b>San Francisco City/Co.</b>  | <b>Sonoma County</b>     |
| <b>NOVA Consortium</b>     | <b>San Jose/Silicon Valley</b> |                          |

**Family Size**

|                               | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5        | 6        | Each Additional Add |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| <b>70% LLSIL (a)</b>          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                     |
| Annual                        | \$10,064 | \$16,491 | \$22,633 | \$27,941 | \$32,974 | \$38,564 | \$5,590             |
| 6 Months                      | \$5,032  | \$8,246  | \$11,317 | \$13,971 | \$16,487 | \$19,282 | \$2,795             |
| 100%                          | \$14,377 | \$23,558 | \$32,333 | \$39,916 | \$47,105 | \$55,092 | \$7,987             |
| <b>Poverty Guidelines (a)</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |                     |
| Annual                        | \$10,830 | \$14,570 | \$18,310 | \$22,050 | \$25,790 | \$29,530 | \$3,740             |
| 6 Months                      | \$5,415  | \$7,285  | \$9,155  | \$11,025 | \$12,895 | \$14,765 | \$1,870             |

**Table 4 — Metropolitan Areas**

|                                  |                                 |                          |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Fresno County</b>             | <b>Monterey County</b>          | <b>Stanislaus County</b> |
| <b>Golden Sierra Consortium</b>  | <b>NoRTEC Consortium</b>        | <b>Tulare County</b>     |
| <b>Imperial County</b>           | <b>North Central Consortium</b> | <b>Yolo County</b>       |
| <b>Kern/Inyo/Mono Consortium</b> | <b>Sacramento City/Co.</b>      |                          |
| <b>Kings County</b>              | <b>San Joaquin County</b>       |                          |
| <b>Madera County</b>             | <b>San Luis Obispo County</b>   |                          |
| <b>Merced County</b>             | <b>Santa Barbara County</b>     |                          |

**Family Size**

|                               | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5        | 6        | Each Additional Add |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| <b>70% LLSIL (a)</b>          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                     |
| Annual                        | \$9,443  | \$15,476 | \$21,247 | \$26,230 | \$30,951 | \$36,201 | \$5,250             |
| 6 Months                      | \$4,722  | \$7,738  | \$10,624 | \$13,115 | \$15,476 | \$18,101 | \$2,625             |
| 100%                          | \$13,490 | \$22,108 | \$30,353 | \$37,471 | \$44,216 | \$51,716 | \$7,500             |
| <b>Poverty Guidelines (a)</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |                     |
| Annual                        | \$10,830 | \$14,570 | \$18,310 | \$22,050 | \$25,790 | \$29,530 | \$3,740             |
| 6 Months                      | \$5,415  | \$7,285  | \$9,155  | \$11,025 | \$12,895 | \$14,765 | \$1,870             |

**Table 4**  
**Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)**  
**and Poverty Guidelines**  
**2010**

**Table 5 — Nonmetropolitan Areas**

| <b>Humboldt County</b>        |          | <b>Mother Lode Consortium</b> |          |          |          |          |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------------|
| <b>Mendocino County</b>       |          |                               |          |          |          |          |                            |
| <b>Family Size</b>            |          |                               |          |          |          |          |                            |
|                               | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b>                      | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>Each Additional Add</b> |
| <b>70% LLSIL (a)</b>          |          |                               |          |          |          |          |                            |
| Annual                        | \$9,013  | \$14,770                      | \$20,279 | \$25,031 | \$29,541 | \$34,550 | \$5,009                    |
| 6 Months                      | \$4,507  | \$7,385                       | \$10,140 | \$12,516 | \$14,771 | \$17,275 | \$2,504                    |
| 100%                          | \$12,875 | \$21,100                      | \$28,970 | \$35,758 | \$42,201 | \$49,357 | \$7,156                    |
| <b>Poverty Guidelines (a)</b> |          |                               |          |          |          |          |                            |
| Annual                        | \$10,830 | \$14,570                      | \$18,310 | \$22,050 | \$25,790 | \$29,530 | \$3,740                    |
| 6 Months                      | \$5,415  | \$7,285                       | \$9,155  | \$11,025 | \$12,895 | \$14,765 | \$1,870                    |

Source: State of California, Workforce Services Division, Workforce Investment Act Directive (WSD10-6, September 17, 2010)

(a) Tables 1 through 5 show the 70 percent LLSIL and the poverty guidelines for western metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, and for three specific Metropolitan Statistical Areas in California. In addition, each LLSIL table includes the 100 percent LLSIL that establishes the Department of Labor's minimum self-sufficiency levels. The last column in each table shows the amount to be added to the figure for a family of six for each additional family member.