



CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATIONAL REPORT #251 MARCH 15, 2021



DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

Globally, COVID-19 cases have surpassed 119.4 million with more than 2.6 million deaths.

In the United States, the total number of cases stands at 29,269,590 and deaths at 532,355.

If you have a medical condition or disability that increases your risk of getting sick with COVID-19, or live or work in high-risk settings, you will be eligible for vaccination starting March 15th. Find out how to check your eligibility [HERE](#).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released their Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) for March 10. It was found that disparities in COVID-19 incidence were substantial during January-April and generally decreased during May-December, largely because of a greater increase in incidence among White persons. The largest persistent disparities involved Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN), and Hispanic persons. From January 1-April 30, 2020, AIAN were 4.62 times more likely to get COVID-19 than non-Hispanic Whites. The full report is available [HERE](#).

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is hosting an important All Tribes Call on COVID-19 Vaccines to open up discussion around challenges and best practices of the Covid vaccine rollout for Indian Health Service facilities and Tribal clinics. The call will take place March 19, 2021 from 3:00-4:30 PM EST. Register [HERE](#).

UNITED STATES

COVID-19: U.S. at a Glance*

- Total cases: 29,269,590
- Total deaths: 532,355
- Jurisdictions reporting cases: 55 (50 states, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)

*As of April 14, 2020, CDC case counts and death counts include both confirmed and probable cases and deaths. This change was made to reflect an interim COVID-19 position statement issued by the Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists on April 5, 2020.

A confirmed case or death is defined by meeting confirmatory laboratory evidence for COVID-19.

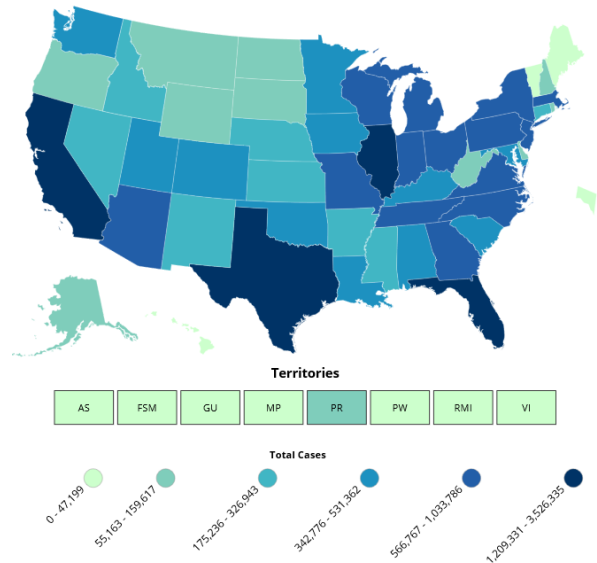
A probable case or death is defined by:

- i) meeting clinical criteria AND epidemiologic evidence with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19; or ii) meeting presumptive laboratory evidence AND either clinical criteria OR epidemiologic evidence; or iii) meeting vital records criteria with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19.
- State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. In the event of a discrepancy between CDC cases and cases reported by state and local public health officials, data reported by states should be considered the most up to date.

National Laboratory Testing Data

- Total tests reported: 351,686,482
- Positive tests reported: 30,608,010
- Percent of positive tests: 8.7%

Total Number of COVID-19 Cases in the US Reported to the CDC, by State/Territory

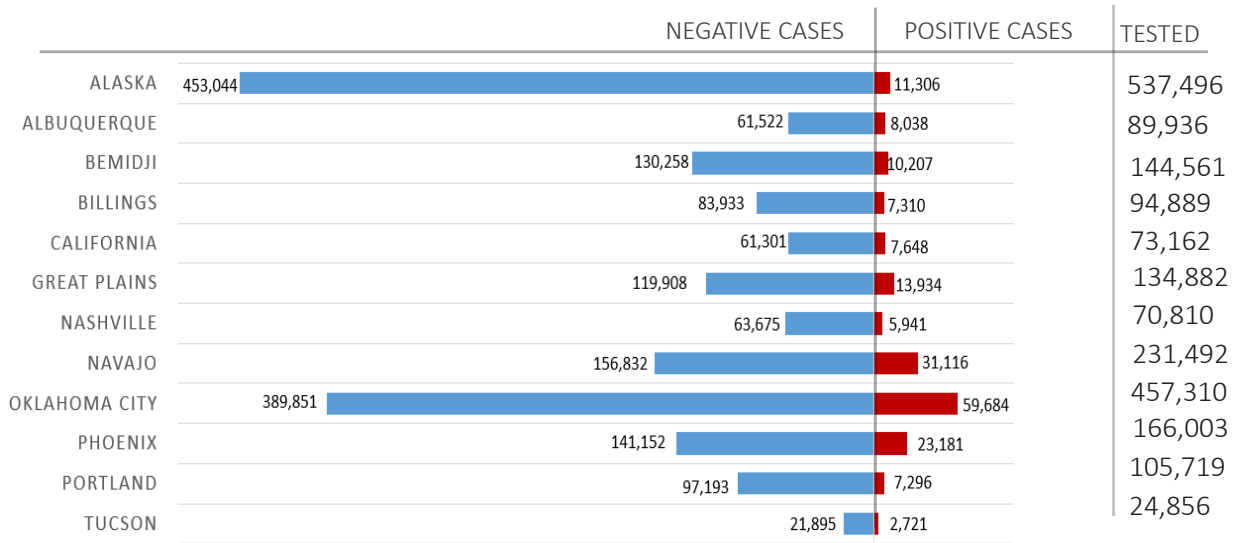




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COVID-19 CASES BY IHS AREA



*as of 11:59PM EST March 13, 2021

CALIFORNIA

As of March 15, 2021, there were a total of 3,528,795 positive cases and 55,330 deaths in California.

Ages of all confirmed positive cases:

- Age 0-17: 458,753
- Age 18-49: 2,011,413
- Age 50-64: 670,471
- Age 65 and older: 388,167

Gender of all confirmed positive cases:

- Female: 1,799,685
- Male: 1,693,822
- Unknown: 70,576

Lab tests reported statewide: 51,263,837

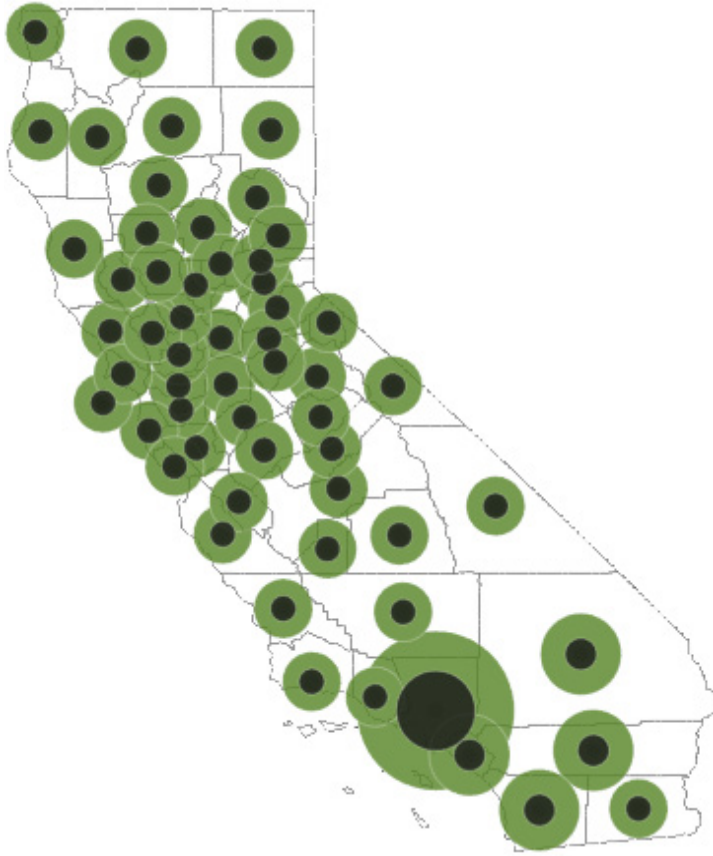
Numerous public health labs in California are testing for COVID-19 samples. Click [HERE](#) to find your nearest testing site.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CALIFORNIA AREA

73,162 Tribal or Urban Indian Health Program patients in the California Area have been tested for COVID-19 as of 3/13/2021.

Of these, 7,648 patients have tested positive for COVID-19 and 61,875 have tested negative for COVID-19.

CONFIRMED CASES AND DEATHS BY COUNTY



Counties with most reported cases

Los Angeles	1,172,100
San Bernardino	283,791
Riverside	281,332
San Diego	265,468
Orange	247,656

Counties with most reported deaths

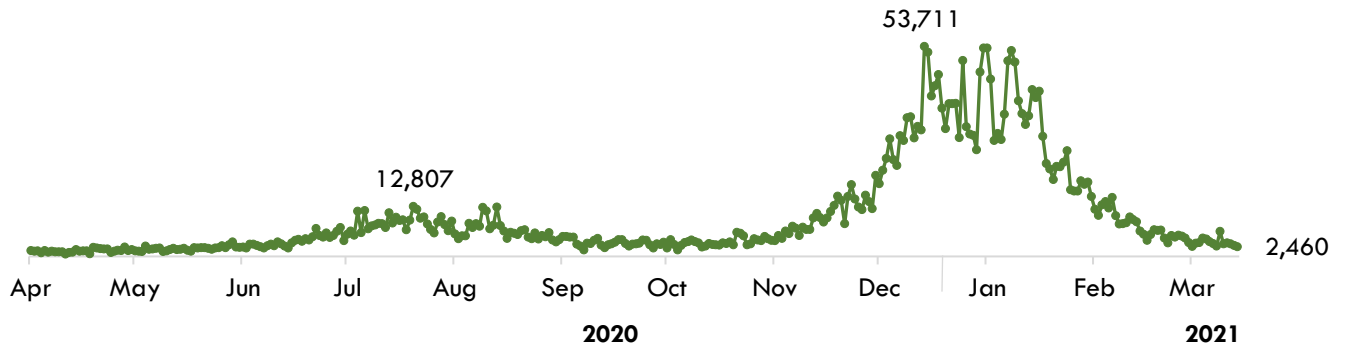
Los Angeles	22,476
Orange	4460
Riverside	3,845
San Diego	3,452
San Bernardino	3,996

As of 3/15/2021. Source: CDPH

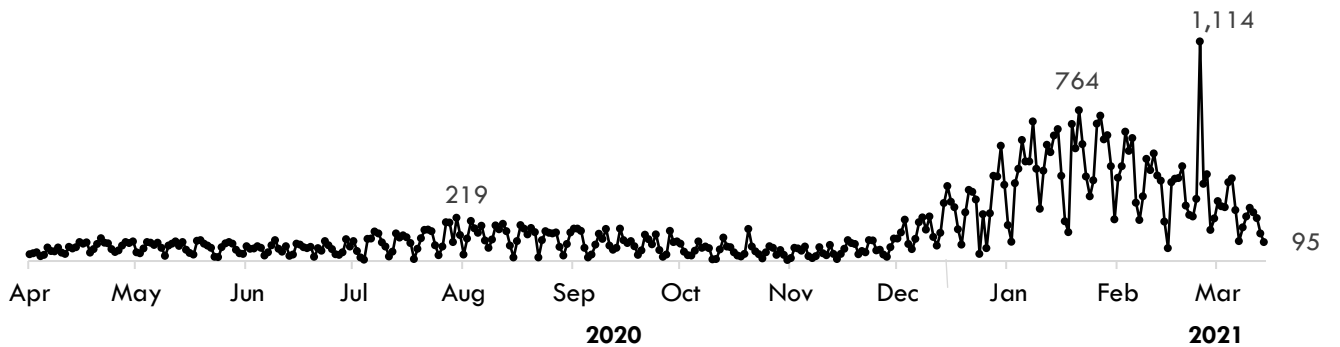
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55,330 Deaths
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New Confirmed Cases in California by Date



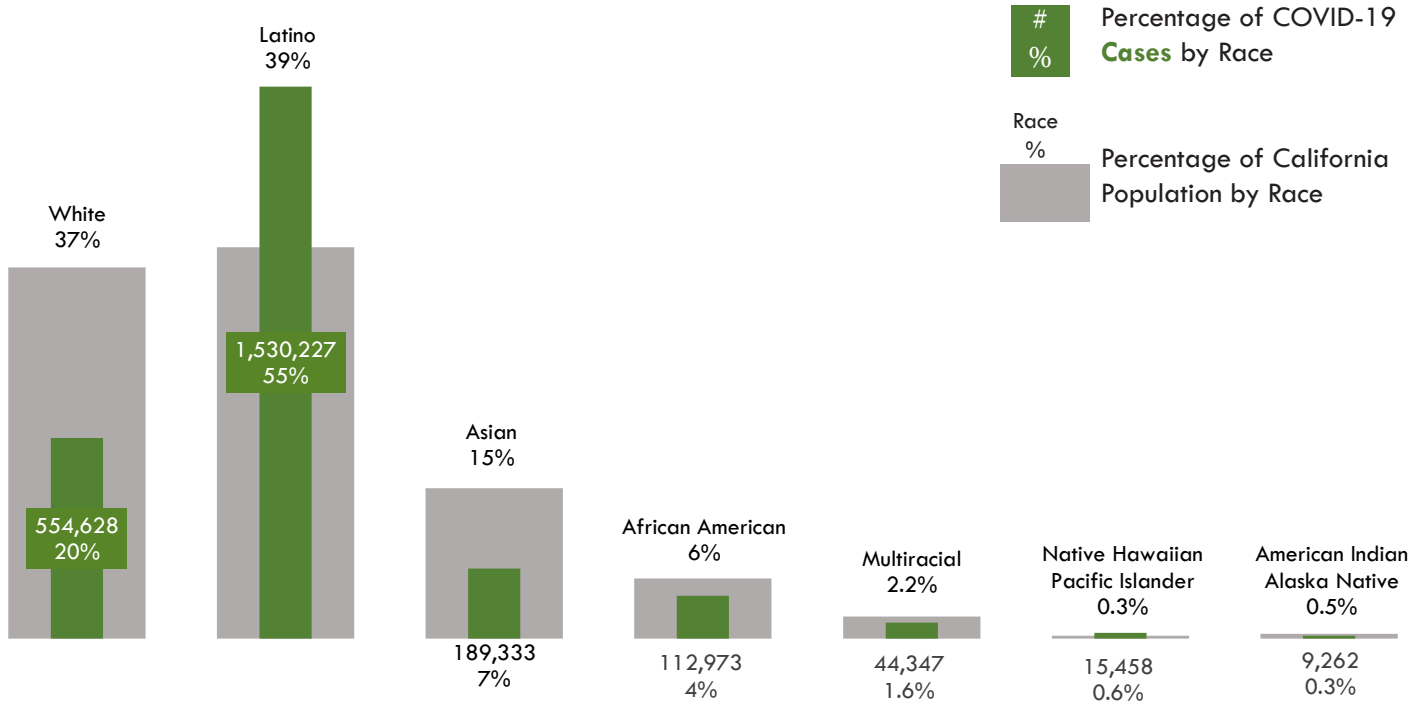
New Confirmed Deaths in California by Date



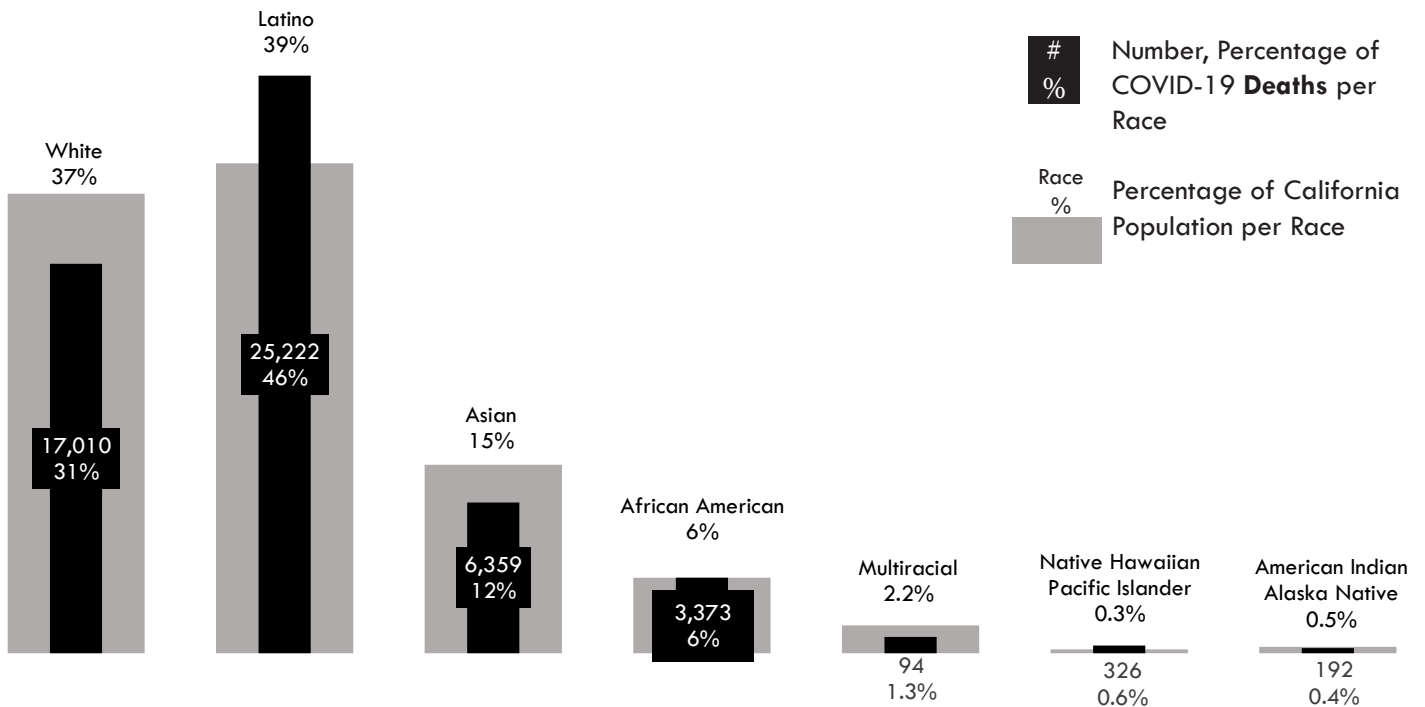
As of 3/15/2021. Source: CDPH

Racial distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths in California

American Indians and Alaska Natives account for 0.5% percent of the population, **0.3% of COVID-19 cases**, and **0.4% of deaths** in California. This includes a total of **9,262 cases** and **192 deaths** among American Indian and Alaska Native people in California.



California Department of Public Health has nearly complete data on race and ethnicity for COVID-19 deaths, and are reporting the following trends: Latinos, African Americans and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are dying at disproportionately higher levels.

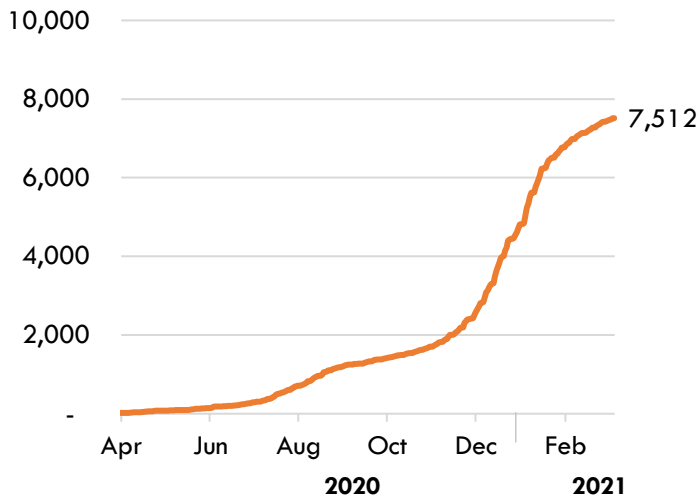


Note: 22% of cases and 2% of deaths are of unknown race/ethnicity. As of 3/15/2021. Source: CDPH

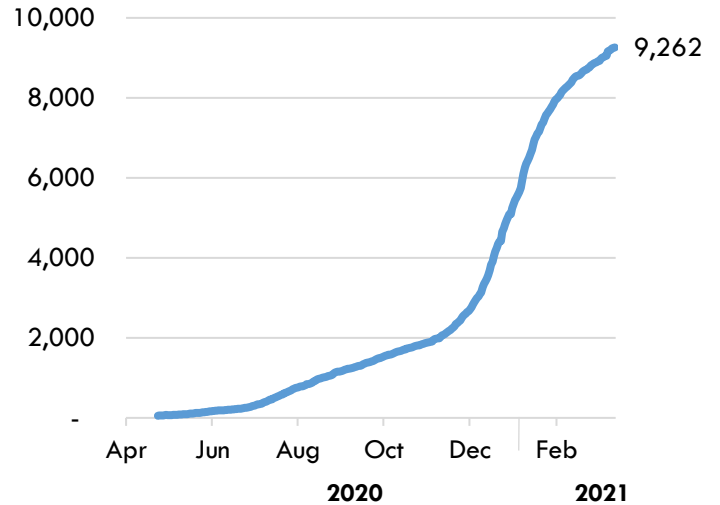
Two sources for tracking American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) cases reported in California

Data from the **Indian Health Service (IHS)** include positive cases reported by Tribal and Urban Indian Health Programs.

Data from **California Department of Public Health (CDPH)** include all positive cases of AIAN diagnosed in California.

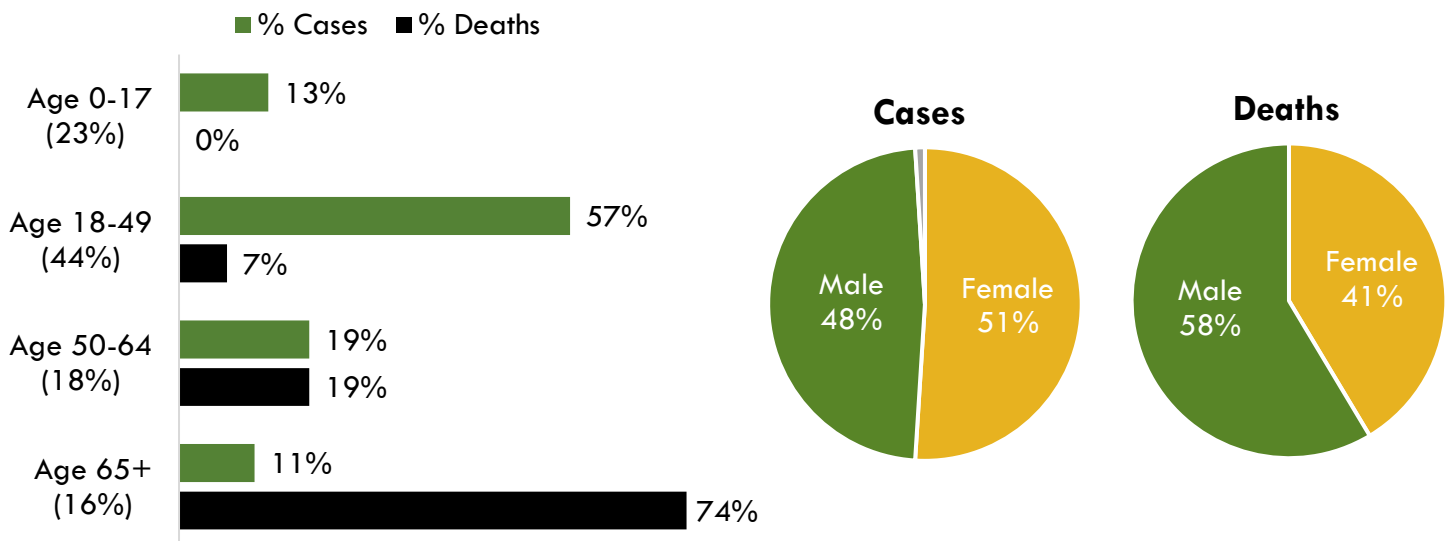


As of 3/10/2021. Source: IHS



As of 3/15/2021. Source: CDPH

Age and gender distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths in California



Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding. 2% of cases and 1% of deaths are of unknown gender. As of 3/15/2021. Source: CDPH

California COVID-19 threat level: **Medium risk**

DAILY NEW CASES

8.5 PER 100K

COVID NOT CONTAINED, BUT AT LOW LEVELS

INFECTION RATE

0.82

ACTIVE CASES ARE DECREASING

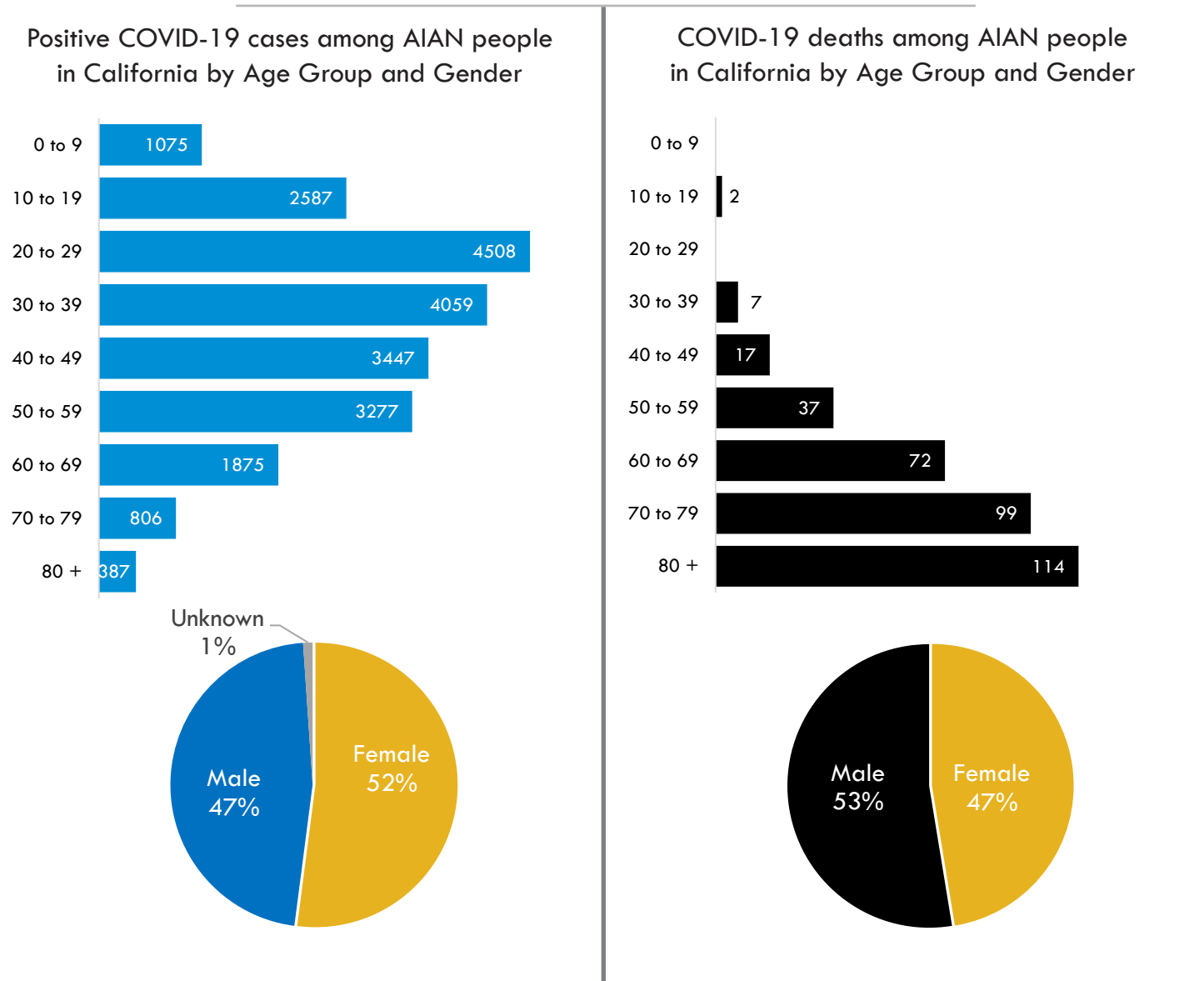
POSITIVE TEST RATE

2.2%

INDICATES WIDESPREAD TESTING

As of 3/15/2021. Source: COVID Act Now

American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) data reported by California to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



California Department of Public Health reports COVID-19 data on American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) people that only identify in one racial category. Below is a comparison using CDC's data on AIAN cases and deaths in California by racial classification, using a more restrictive definition (AIAN alone) versus a more comprehensive definition (AIAN in combination with other races/ethnicities).

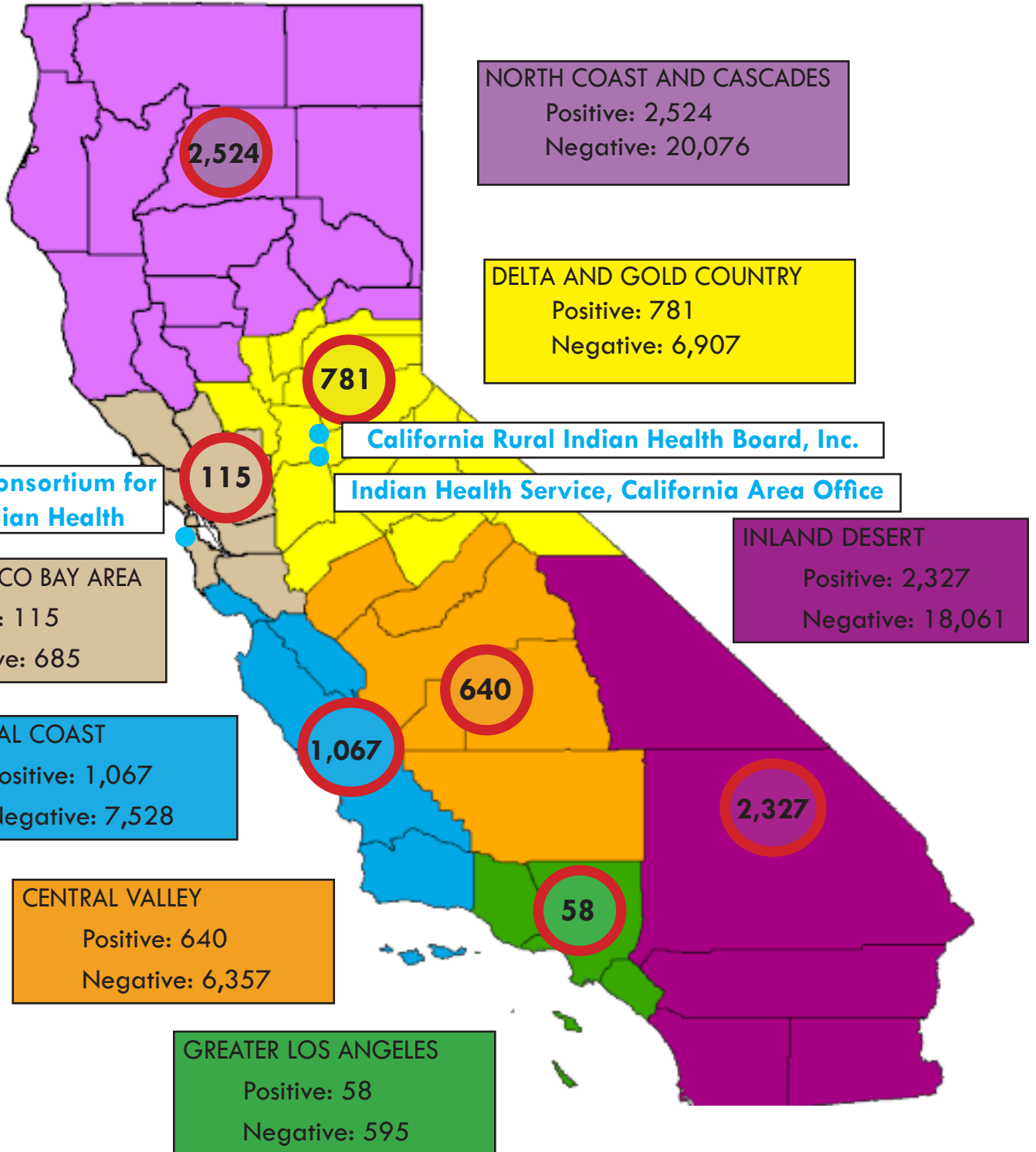
	Cases	Deaths
AIAN alone	4,968	142
AIAN in combination	22,021	348

COVID-19 testing information from patients seen at a Tribal or Urban Indian Health Program in California

Note: This map shows patients by the regional location of the clinic where they were tested and NOT by the residence of the patients.



Number of positive cases identified by region



California Consortium for Urban Indian Health

California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.

Indian Health Service, California Area Office

Two sources for tracking American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) vaccinations administered in California

Data from [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) does not include vaccines administered by Federal entities such as **Indian Health Service**, Department of Defense, U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons, and Veterans Affairs.

12,172,948

Administered

15,702,230

Delivered

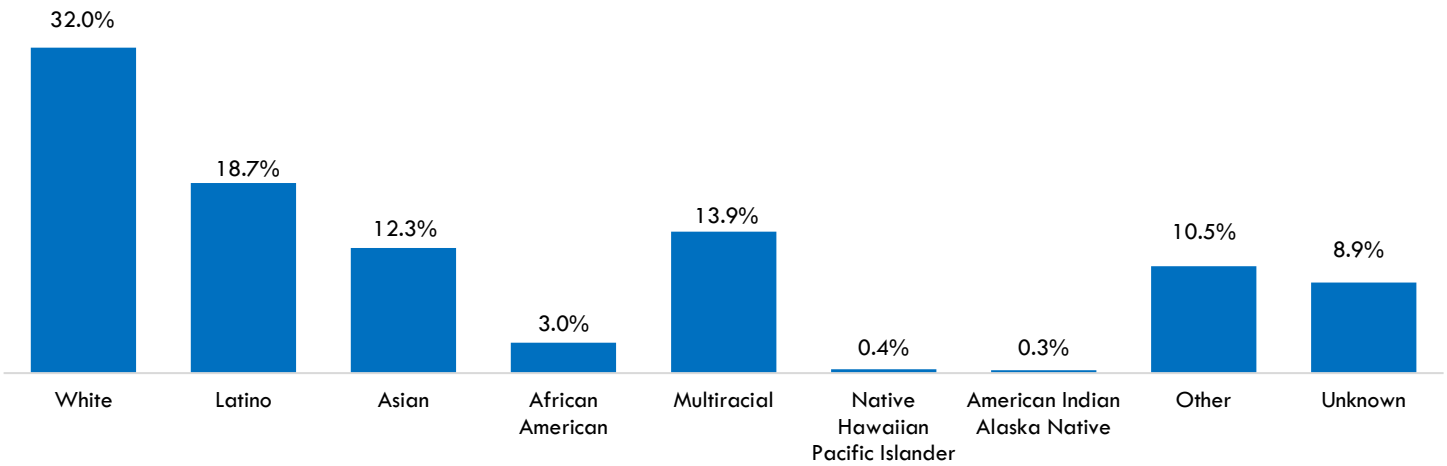


Doses administered by county of residence

Los Angeles	2,955,407
San Diego	1,253,857
Orange	1,005,143
Riverside	613,475
Alameda	588,979

As of 3/15/2021. Source: CDPH

Racial distribution of people with at least one dose of vaccine administered in California



Note: "Other" means those who don't fall under any race or ethnicity. "Unknown" includes those who declined to state or whose race and ethnicity information is missing. As of 3/15/2021. Source: CDPH

Data from the [Indian Health Service \(IHS\)](#) shows the total number of vaccine doses (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen) distributed and administered by IHS Area to date

Area	Total Doses Distributed	Total Doses Administered
Albuquerque	89,375	66,837
Bemidji	67,655	50,786
Billings	31,385	24,382
California	97,595	45,686
Great Plains	77,360	45,241
Nashville	43,995	28,513
Navajo	189,705	136,814
Oklahoma City	364,050	161,976
Phoenix	108,690	68,865
Portland	49,355	36,873
Tucson	6,400	4,420

As of 3/8/2021. Source: IHS

American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) COVID-19 cases reported by local public health departments in selected California counties

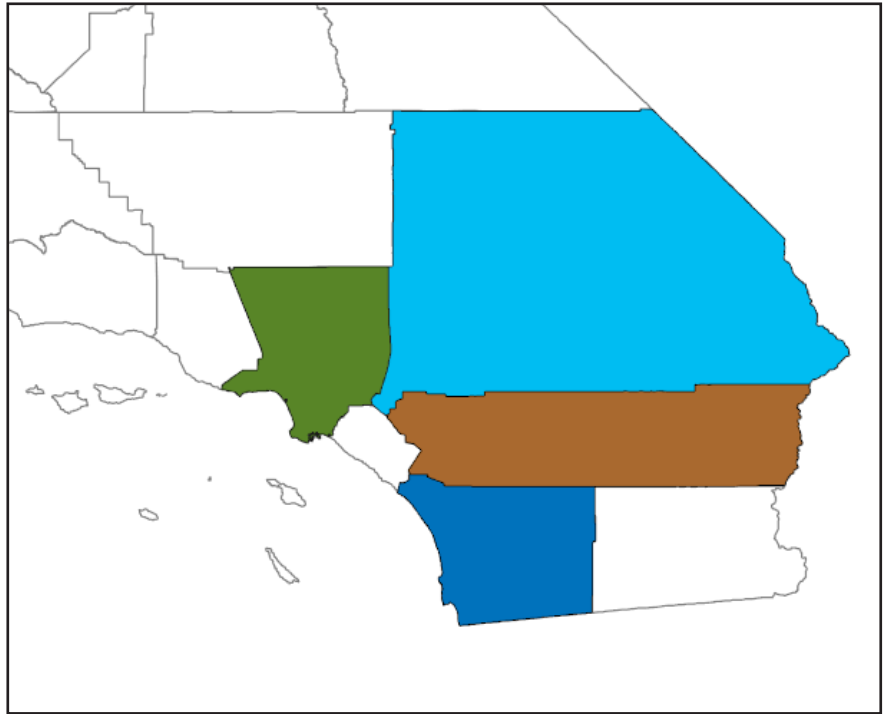
Los Angeles County*	
AIAN Cases	1,925
AIAN Deaths	42
AIAN Tested	8,381

*Note: Data do not include the Cities of Long Beach and Pasadena.

San Bernardino County	
AIAN Cases	2,253
AIAN Deaths	19

San Diego County	
AIAN Cases	784
AIAN Deaths	13
AIAN Tested	8,272

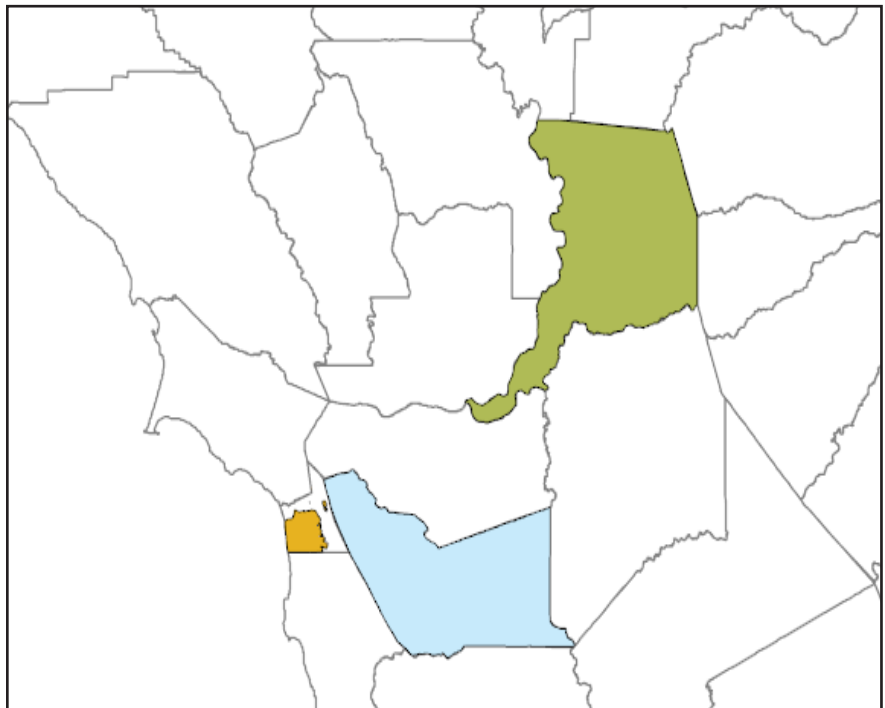
Riverside County	
AIAN Cases	951
AIAN Deaths	24



Sacramento County	
AIAN Cases	363
AIAN Deaths	9

San Francisco County	
AIAN Cases	96
AIAN Deaths	0

Alameda County	
AIAN Cases	163
AIAN Deaths	na



As of 3/15/2021. Source: County of Los Angeles Public Health, San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, San Diego County Communicable Disease Registry, Riverside University Health System-Public Health, Sacramento County Public Health, DataSF, and Alameda County Department of Public Health.

TRIBAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND SHELTER IN PLACE DECLARATIONS



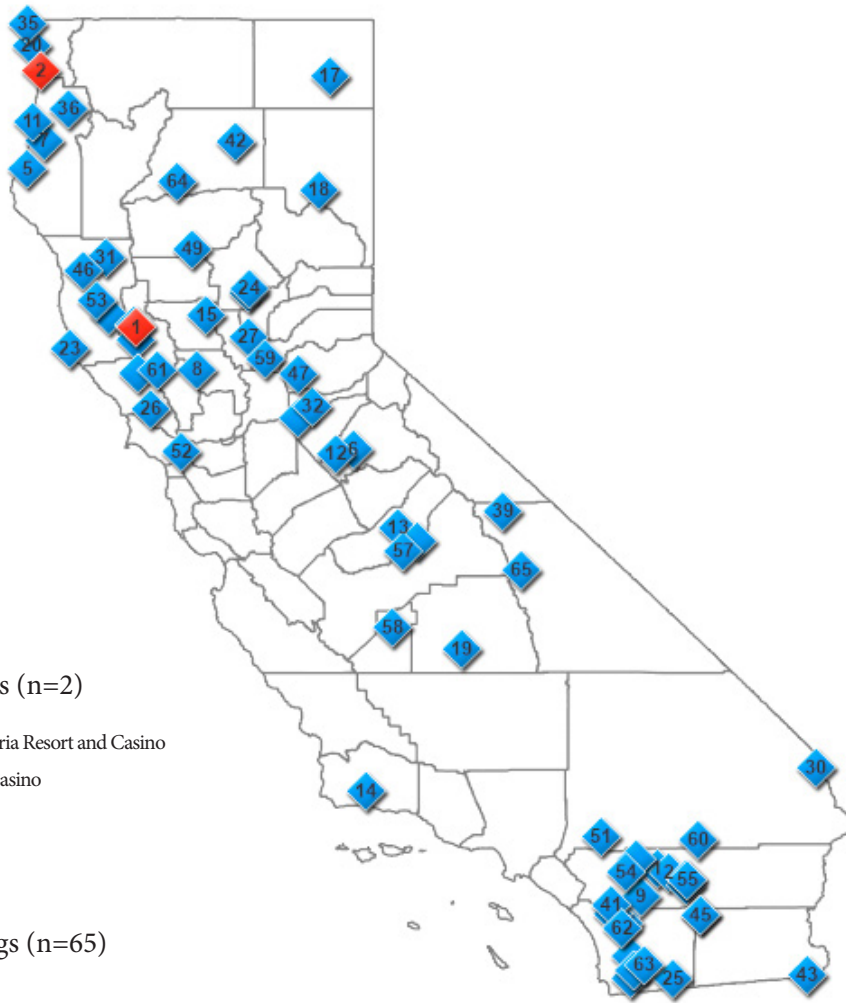
Tribes do not need to issue a state of emergency to access FEMA resources.

○ Tribes Issuing Shelter in Place Order
 28. Hoopa Valley Tribe
 74. Wiyot Tribe

◆ Emergency Declarations (n=76)

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| 1. Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians | 25. Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiute Indians of the Fort Independence Reservation | 51. Redding Rancheria |
| 2. Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians | 26. Fort Mojave Indian Tribe | 52. Resighini Rancheria |
| 3. Barona Band of Mission Indians | 27. Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Tribe | 53. Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians |
| 4. Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria | 28. Hoopa Valley Tribe | 54. Robinson Rancheria |
| 5. Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California | 29. Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel | 55. Round Valley Indian Tribes |
| 6. Big Lagoon Rancheria | 30. Jamul Indian Village | 56. San Manuel Band of Mission Indians |
| 7. Big Pine Paiute Tribe | 31. Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria | 57. San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians |
| 8. Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians | 32. Karuk Tribe | 58. Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians |
| 9. Bishop Paiute Tribe | 33. La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians | 59. Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians |
| 10. Blue Lake Rancheria | 34. Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe | 60. Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians |
| 11. Buena Vista Rancheria | 35. Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeño Indians | 61. Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians |
| 12. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians | 36. Manchester Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians | 62. Susanville Indian Rancheria |
| 13. Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community | 37. Manzanita Band of Diegueno Mission Indians | 63. Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation |
| 14. Cahto Tribe | 38. Mechoopda Indian Tribe | 64. Table Mountain Rancheria |
| 15. Cahuilla Band of Indians | 39. Mesa Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians | 65. Tachi Yokut Tribe |
| 16. Chemehuevi Indian Tribe | 40. Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California | 66. Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation |
| 17. Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria | 41. Mooretown Rancheria | 67. Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians |
| 18. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California | 42. Morongo Band of Mission Indians | 68. Tule River Tribe |
| 19. Colorado River Indian Tribes | 43. North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California | 69. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians |
| 20. Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians | 44. Pala Band of Mission Indians | 70. Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians |
| 21. Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians | 45. Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians | 71. Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians |
| 22. Elk Valley Rancheria | 46. Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians | 72. Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California |
| 23. Enterprise Rancheria | 47. Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians | 73. Wilton Rancheria |
| 24. Fort Bidwell Indian Community of the Fort Bidwell Reservation of CA | 48. Pit River Tribe | 74. Wiyot Tribe |
| | 49. Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation | 75. Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation |
| | 50. Ramona Band of Cahuilla | 76. Yurok Tribe |

OPENINGS AND CLOSURES: TRIBAL CASINOS



Casino Closures (n=2)

1. Robinson Rancheria Resort and Casino
2. Redwood Hotel Casino



Casino Openings (n=65)

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| 1. Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs | 23. Garcia River Casino | 44. Rain Rock Casino |
| 2. Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa Rancho Mirage | 24. Gold Country Casino and Hotel | 45. Red Earth Casino |
| 3. Augustine Casino | 25. Golden Acorn Casino | 46. Red Fox Casino |
| 4. Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino | 26. Graton Resort & Casino | 47. Redhawk Casino |
| 5. Bear River Casino | 27. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain | 48. River Rock Casino |
| 6. Black Oak Casino | 28. Harrah's Northern California | 49. Rolling Hills Casino |
| 7. Blue Lake Casino | 29. Harrah's Resort Southern California | 50. Running Creek Casino |
| 8. Cache Creek Casino Resort | 30. Havasu Landing Resort and Casino | 51. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino |
| 9. Cahuilla Casino | 31. Hidden Oaks Casino | 52. San Pablo Lytton Casino |
| 10. Casino Pauma | 32. Jackson Rancheria Casino | 53. Sherwood Valley Casino |
| 11. Cher-Ae Heights Bingo and Casino | 33. Jamul Casino | 54. Soboba Casino |
| 12. Chicken Ranch Bingo and Casino | 34. Konocti Vista Casino and Bingo | 55. Spotlight 29 Casino |
| 13. Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino | 35. Lucky 7 Casino | 56. Sycuan Resort and Casino |
| 14. Chumash Casino Resort | 36. Lucky Bear Casino | 57. Table Mountain Casino |
| 15. Colusa Casino Resort | 37. Mono Wind Casino | 58. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino |
| 16. Coyote Valley Casino | 38. Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa | 59. Thunder Valley Casino Resort |
| 17. Desert Rose Casino | 39. Paiute Palace Casino | 60. Tortoise Rock Casino |
| 18. Diamond Mountain Casino | 40. Pala Casino Resort and Spa | 61. Twin Pine Casino |
| 19. Eagle Mountain Casino | 41. Pechanga Resort and Casino | 62. Valley View Casino |
| 20. Elk Valley Casino | 42. Pit River Casino | 63. Viejas Casino |
| 21. Fantasy Springs Resort and Casino | 43. Quechan Resort Casino | 64. Win-River Casino |
| 22. Feather Falls Casino | | 65. Winnemumah Winn's Casino |