



HUMBOLDT COUNTY PROFILE

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History

Humboldt County, named to honor the German explorer and naturalist Baron Alexander von Humboldt, was incorporated from part of Trinity County in 1853 and enlarged in 1875 with the addition of the area formerly known as Klamath County.

Geography

Humboldt County is located on California's northern Pacific Coast. The southern border of the county is located 200 miles north of San Francisco, the closest major metropolitan city. Humboldt County is bordered on the north by Del Norte County, on the east by Siskiyou and Trinity counties, on the south by Mendocino County and on the west by the Pacific Ocean. The county encompasses 2.3 million acres, 80 percent of which is forestlands, protected redwoods and recreational areas. The region is primarily mountainous, except for a plain surrounding Humboldt Bay where the area's largest urban centers are located.

U.S. Highway 101 links the county to the rest of coastal California to the south and the coast of Oregon to the north. Highway 299 links the county to Interstate 5 to the east. The county's regional airport in McKinleyville has daily flights to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Climate

Humboldt County is an area of moderate temperatures and considerable precipitation. Temperatures along the coast vary only 10 degrees from summer to winter, although a greater range is found over inland areas. Temperatures of 32 degrees or lower are experienced nearly every winter throughout the area, and colder temperatures are common in the interior. Maximum readings for the year often do not exceed 80 on the coast, while 100 degree plus readings occur frequently in the mountain valleys.

In most years, rainfall is experienced each month of the year, although amounts are negligible from June through August. Seasonal totals average more than 40 inches in the driest area, and exceed 100 inches in the zones of heavy precipitation. Because of the moisture and moderate temperature, the average relative humidity is high. Largely as a result of the proximity to the Pacific Ocean, the adjoining coastal area has one of the coolest, most stable temperature regimes to be found anywhere. The marine influence is less pronounced in the inland areas and experiences wider variations of temperature and lower humidity.

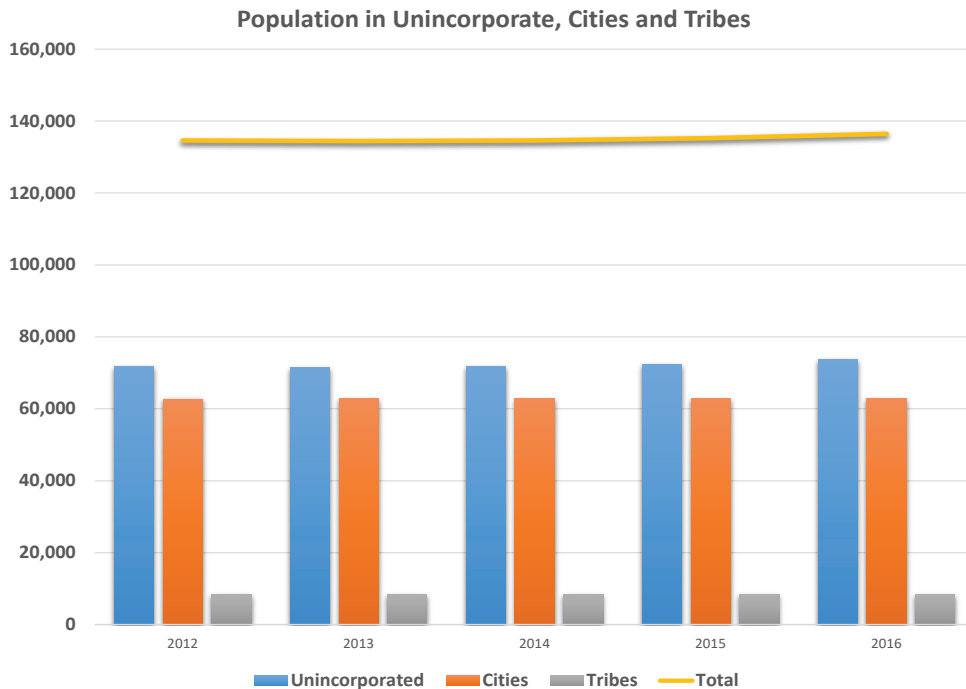
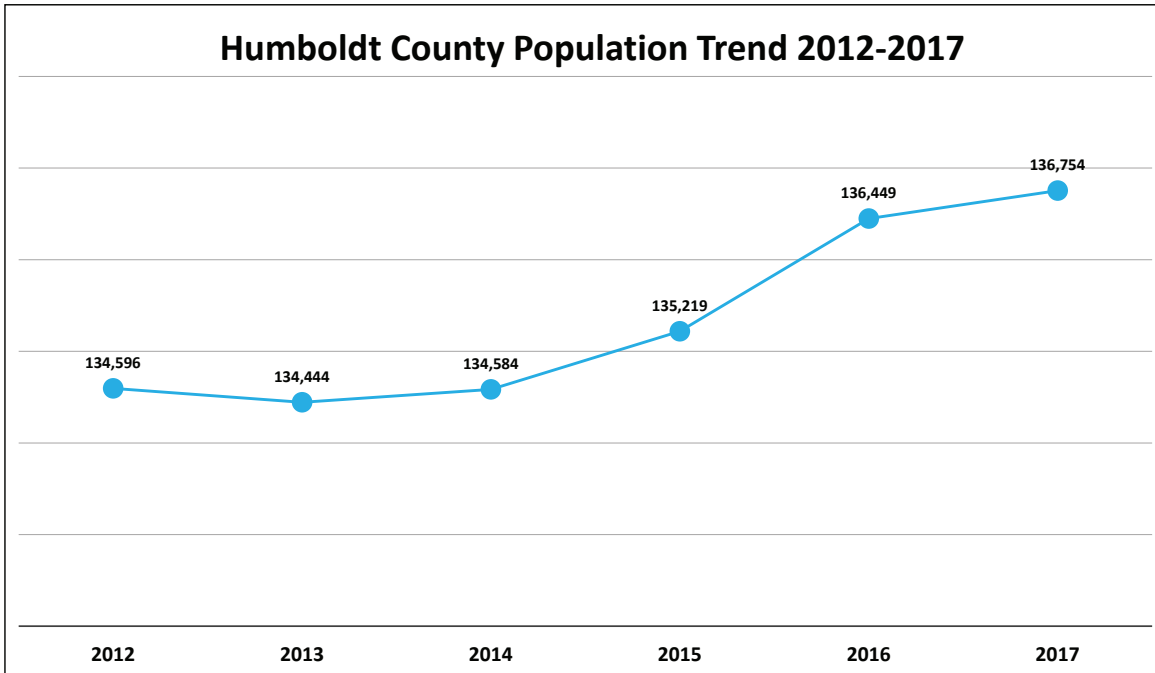
Scenery

The climate is ideal for growth of the world's tallest tree -- the coastal redwood. Though these trees are found from southern Oregon to the Big Sur area of California, Humboldt County contains the most impressive collection of *Sequoia sempervirens*. The county is home to Redwood National and State Parks, Humboldt Redwoods State Park (The Avenue of the Giants), and a number of other groves of these magnificent trees.

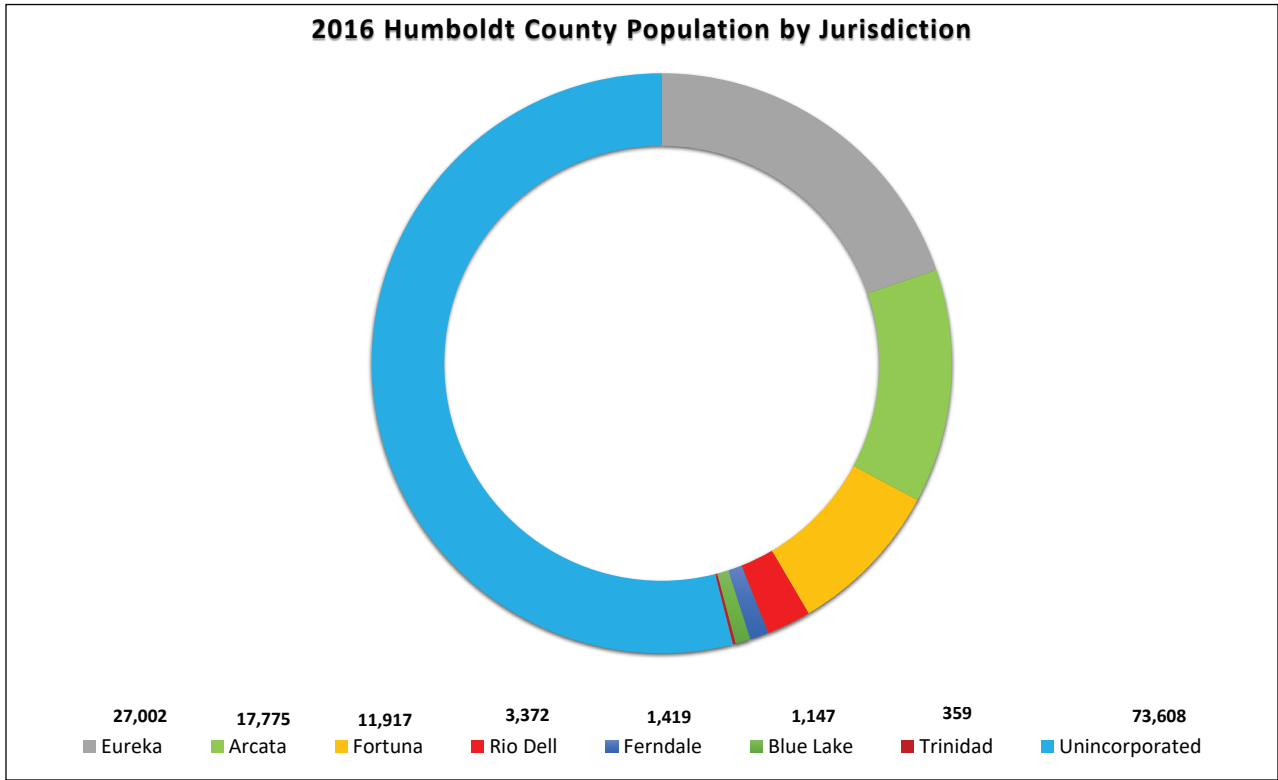
Humboldt County also contains more than 40 parks, forests, reserves and recreational areas, numerous beaches, six wild and scenic rivers, and an impressive collection of Victorian structures from the early days of county history. Lonely Planet picked California's Redwood Coast as the best U.S. place to visit in 2018.

POPULATION

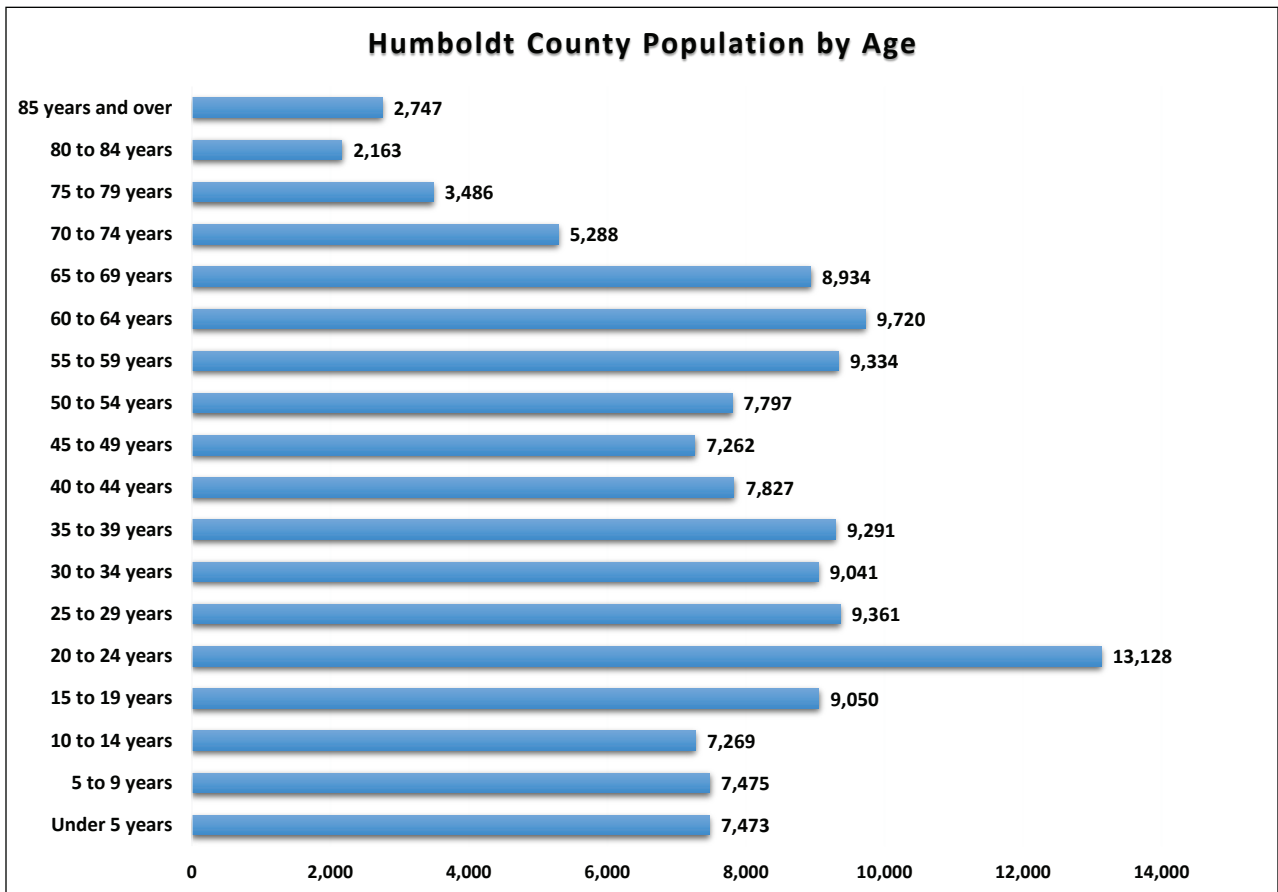
The 2010 Census population of Humboldt County was 134,623. According to the California Department of Finance, the population as of January 1, 2017, was 136,754. The county has seven incorporated cities ranging in size from 359 to 27,002 persons. Less than half, 46 percent, of the county's residents live in incorporated communities, while 54 percent of county residents live in the unincorporated areas of the county.



2016 Humboldt County Population by Jurisdiction

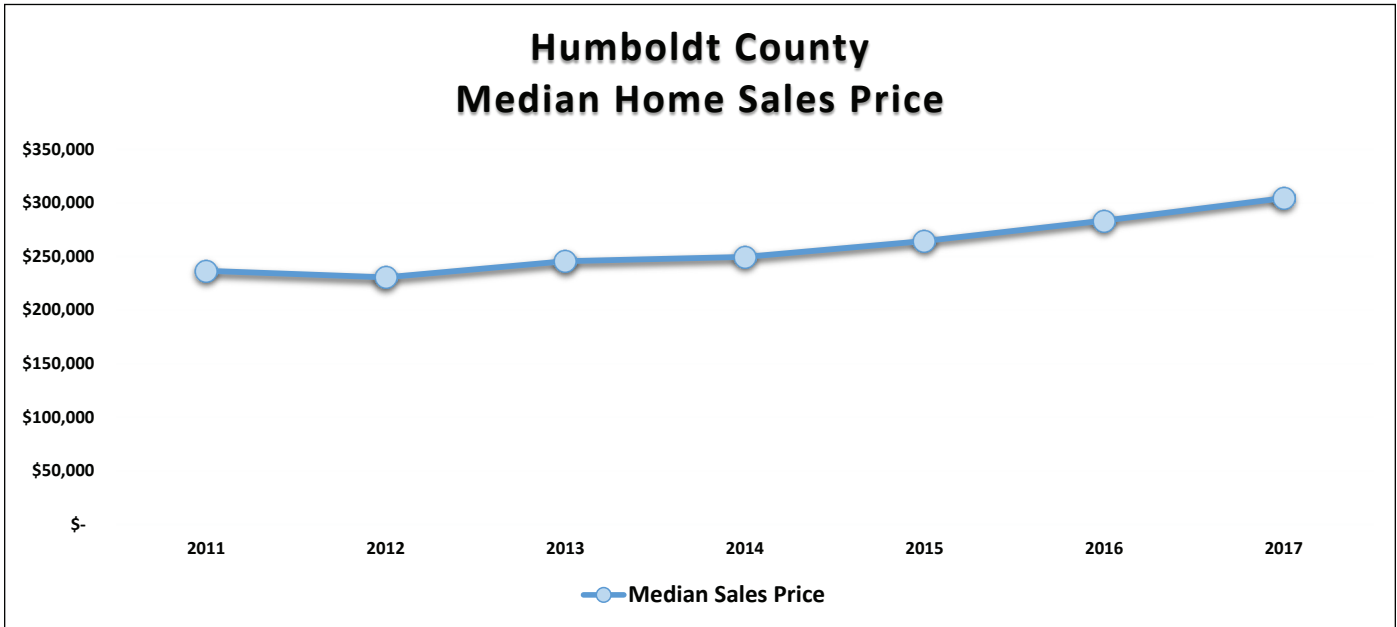


Humboldt County Population by Age

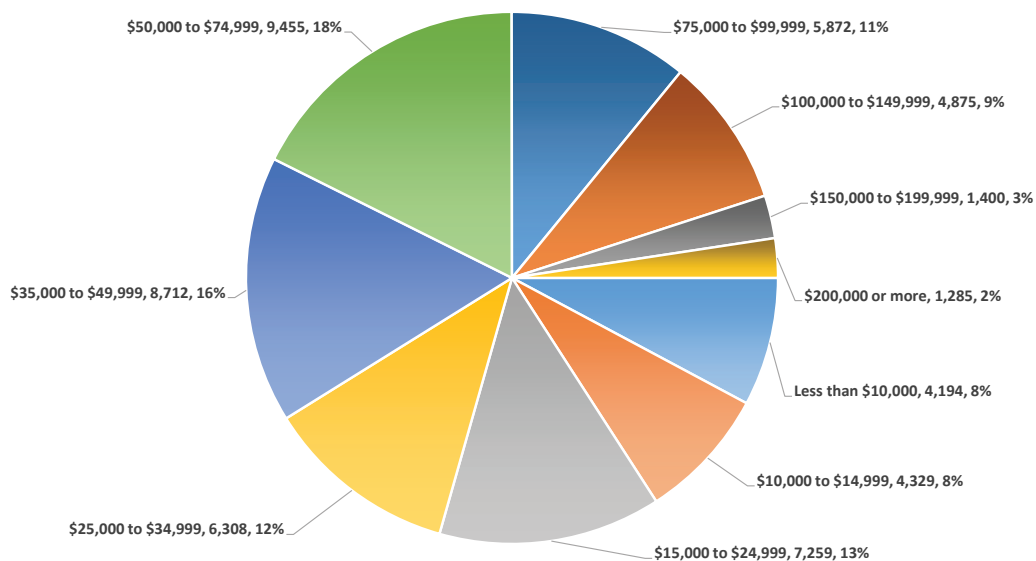


EDUCATION

Humboldt County is home to two major institutions of higher education. Humboldt State University, a campus of the California State University system, is located in Arcata. College of the Redwoods, the community college for California's North Coast, has a campus south of Eureka and instructional sites in Hoopa and Garberville.



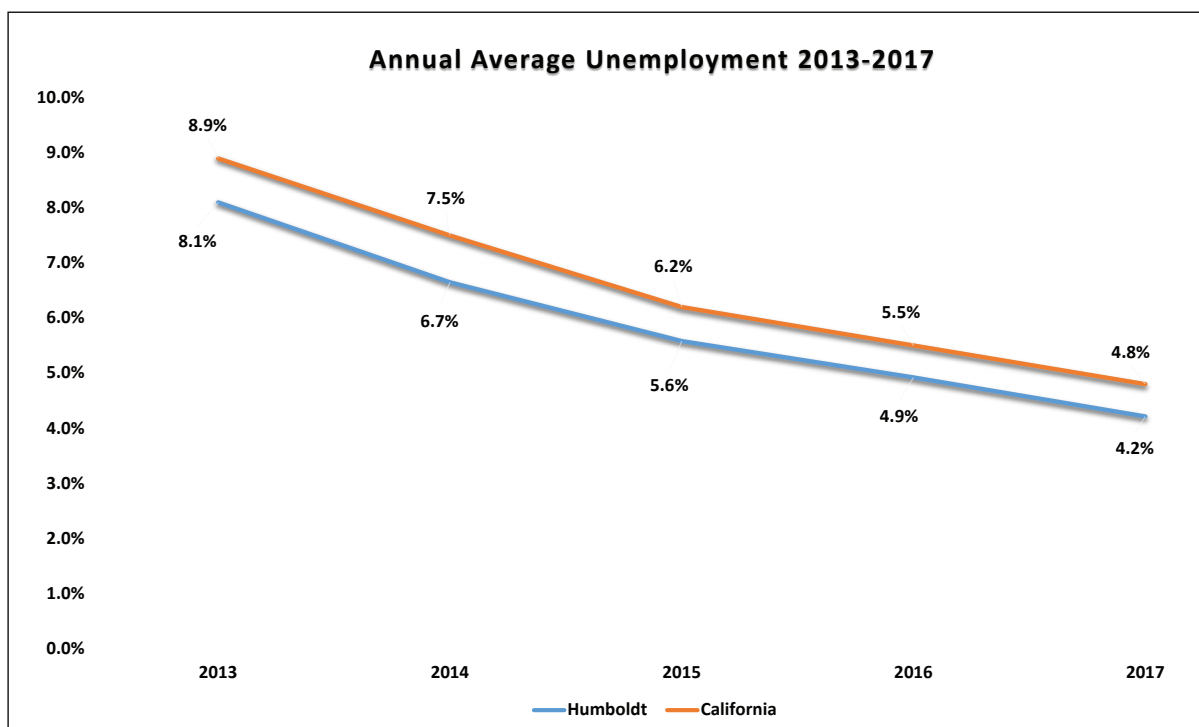
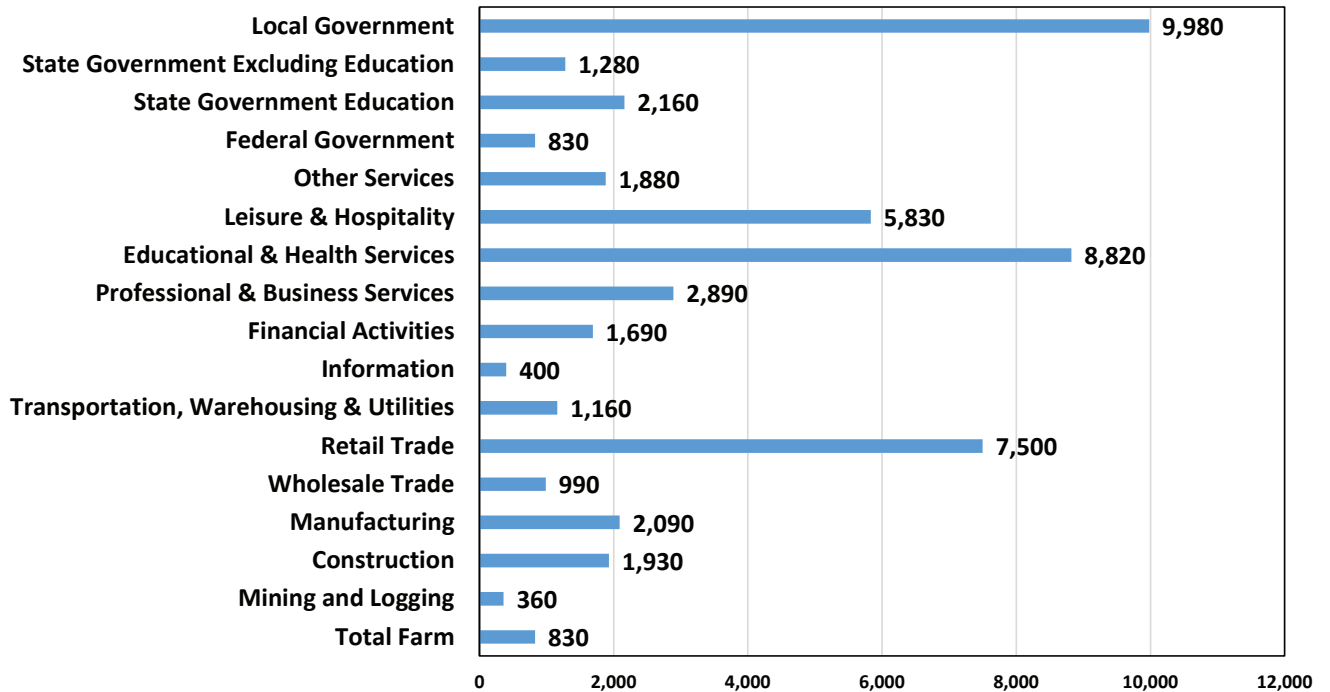
2016 Humboldt County Household Income



EMPLOYMENT

According to the Labor Market Information Division of California's Economic Development Department, the largest employment sectors in Humboldt County in 2017 are:

2017 Annual Average Employment by Industry



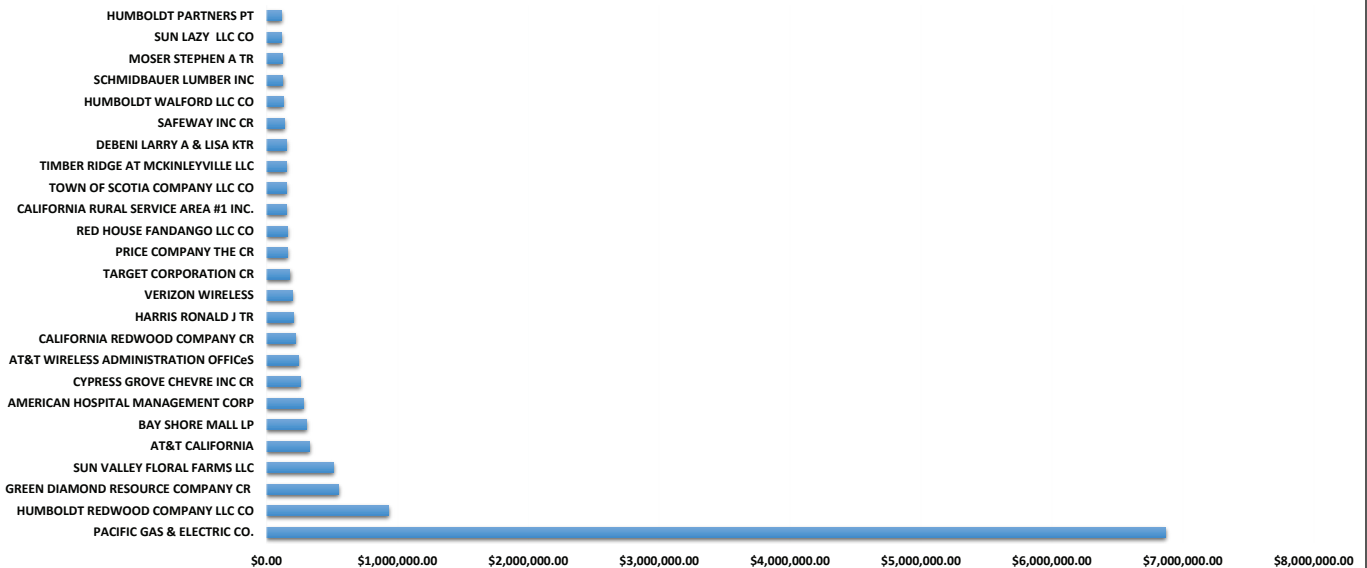
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Top Employers in Humboldt County

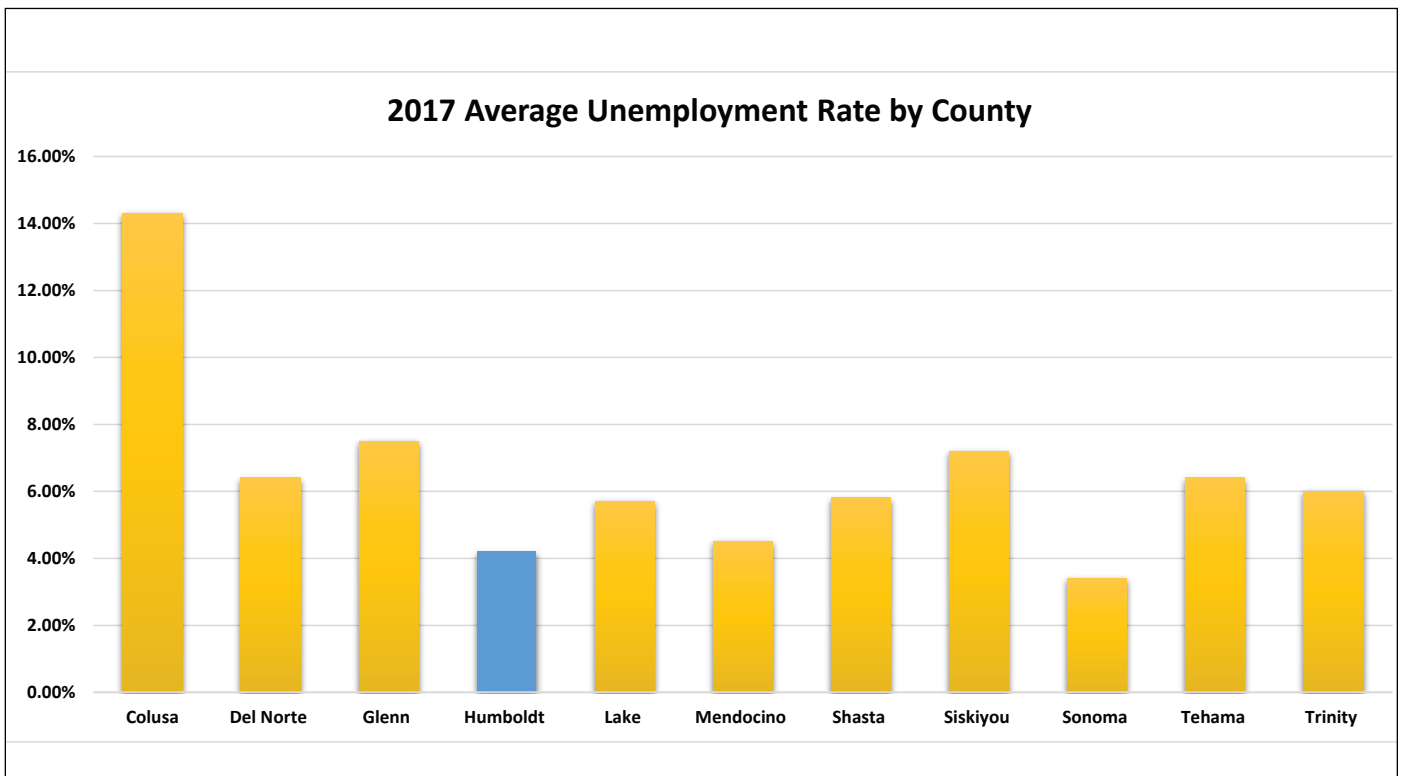
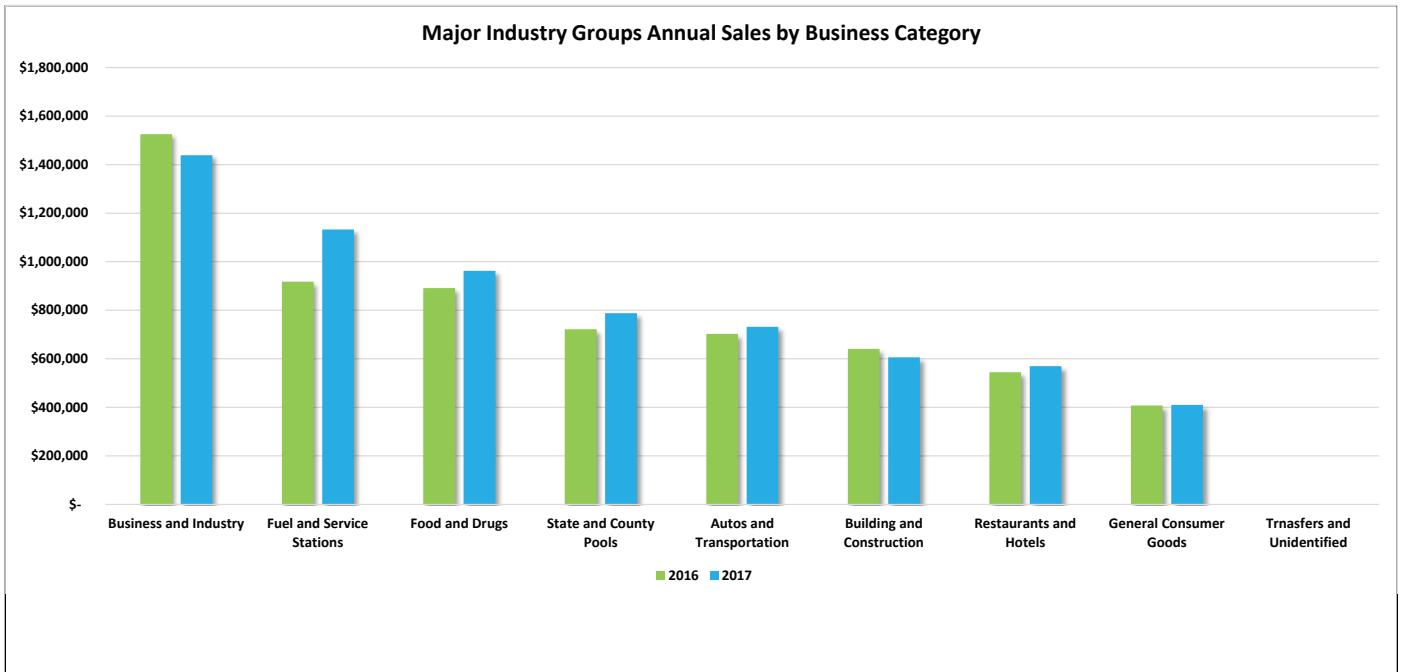
Bettendorf Trucking	Mad River Community Hospital
Blue Lake Hotel and Casino	Redwood Memorial Hospital
Cher-ae Heights Casino	St. Joseph Hospital
City of Eureka	Sun Valley Group
Costco Wholesale	Target
County of Humboldt Health and Human Services	Umpqua Bank
County of Humboldt Office of Education	United Indian Health Services
Eureka High School	Walmart
Green Diamond Resource Company	Winco Foods

Note: List is **not** ranked in order of employment size

Top 25 Humboldt County Principal Tax Payers

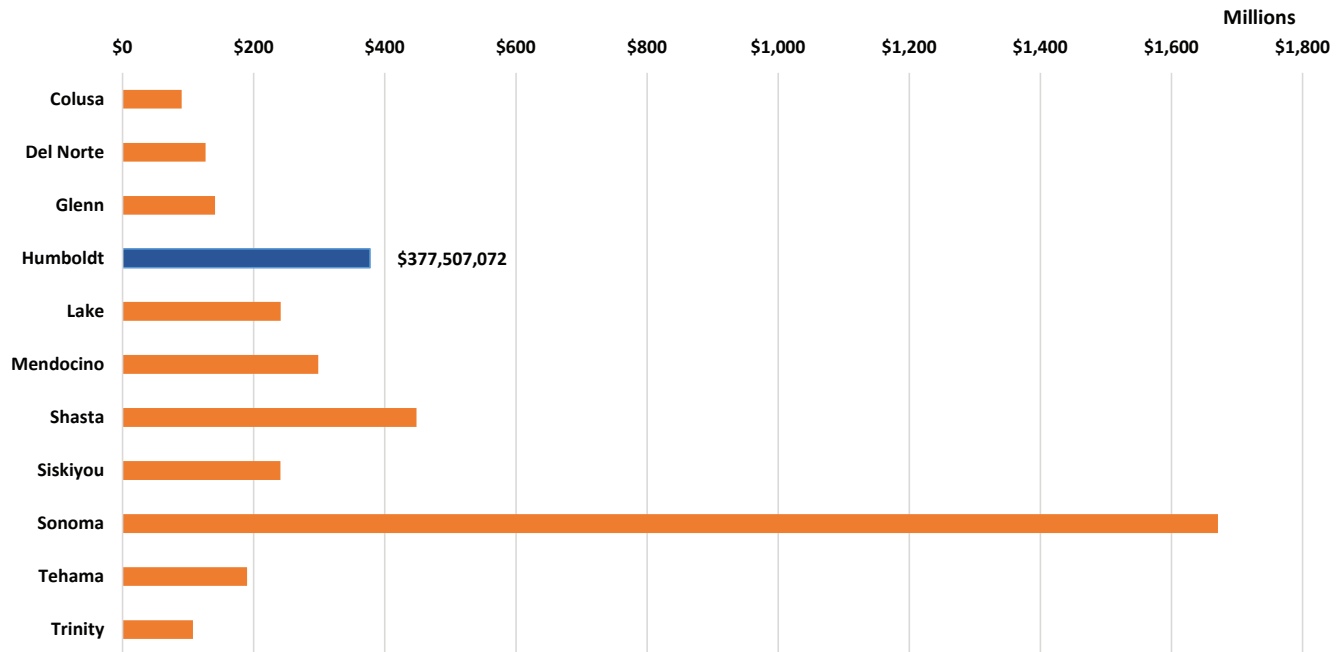


COUNTY COMPARISON

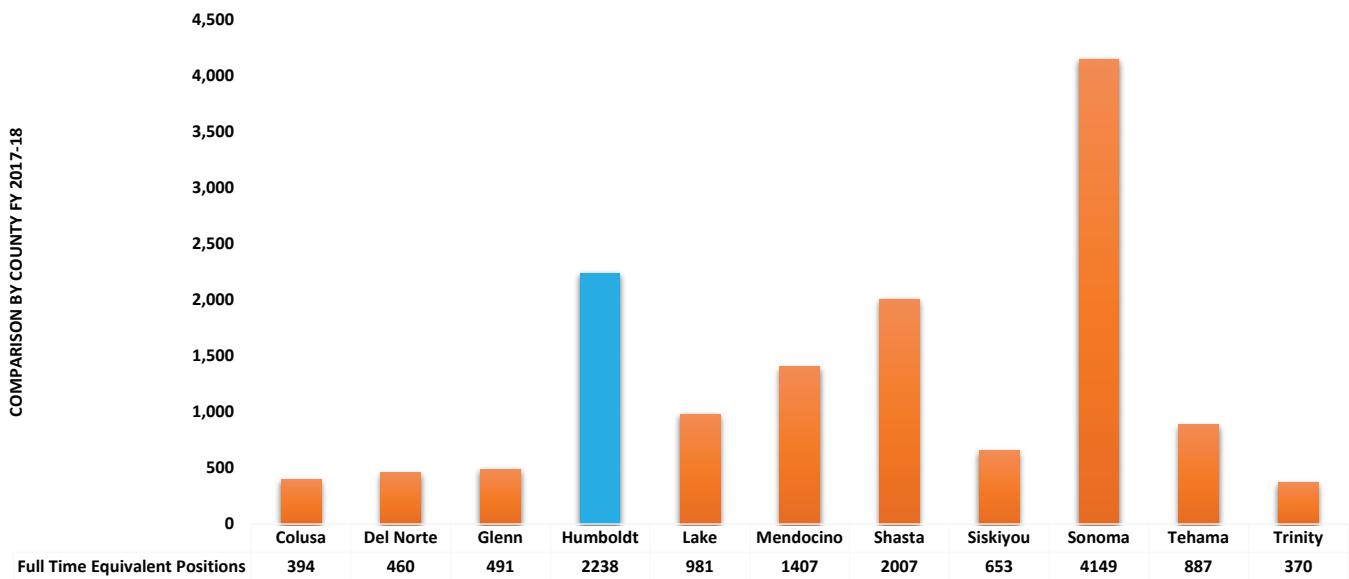


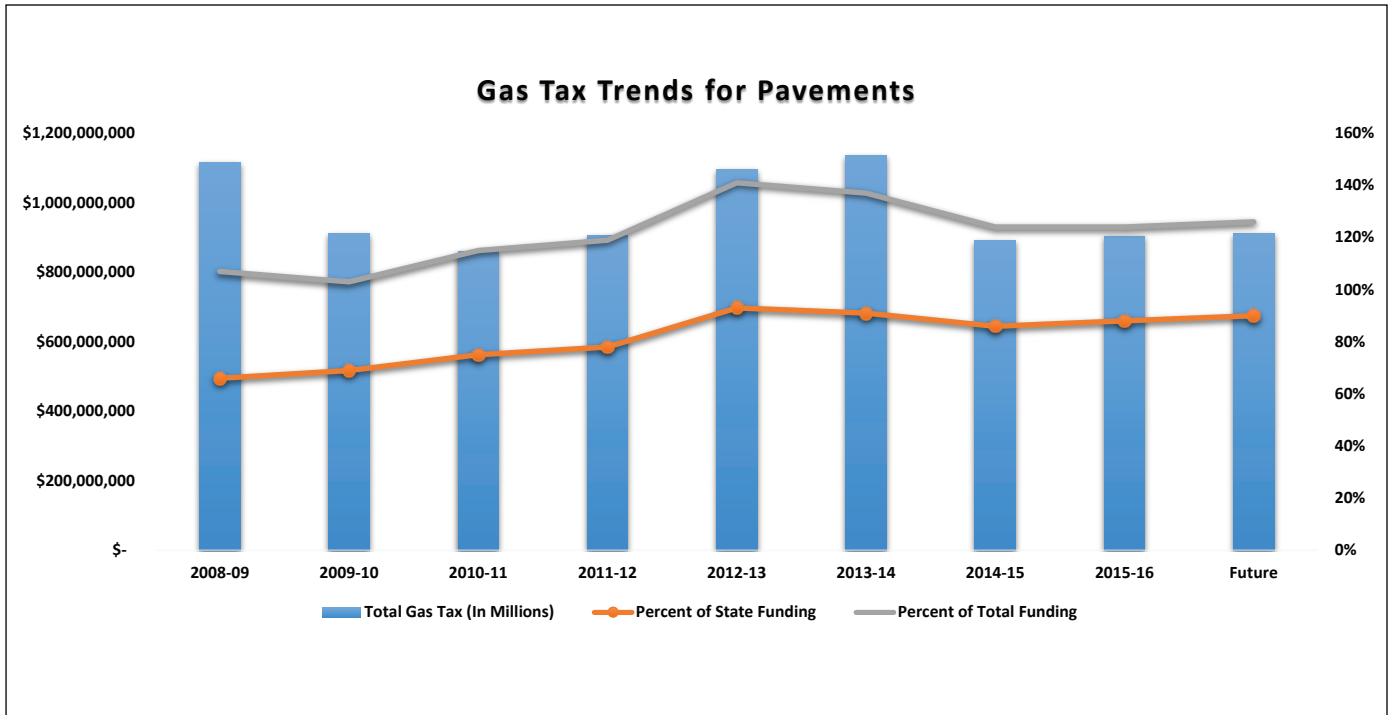
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FY 2017-18 Budget Expenditures



Full-Time Equivalent Positions





Gas Tax Trends for Pavements

The gas tax is the single largest funding source for cities and counties, yet this is projected to decline statewide and nationally.

Graph depicts a revenue source that is declining; 1) Partly due to declining gas consumption (more gas efficient vehicles on the road); 2) Additional responsibilities for most local jurisdictions such as compliance with ADA curb ramps and sidewalks.

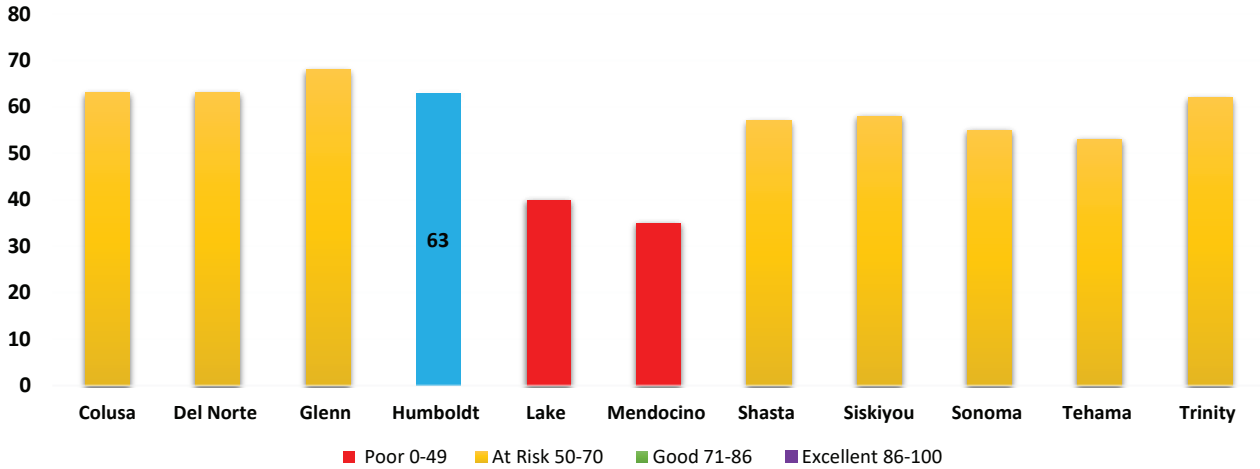
Under the existing maintenance investment level, the state’s average local street and road Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is projected to drop from 65 to 56 by 2026.

To bring the average pavement condition of the state’s local streets and roads into a state of good repair, or Best Management Practices (BMP), the investment in pavement maintenance would need to increase by more than four-fold.

The purchasing power of the state’s 18-cent per gallon base excise tax on gasoline has declined to 9 cents per gallon, when adjusted for inflation and mileage.

INFRASTRUCTURE

2016 Pavement Condition Index by County



Only 54.8% of California’s local streets and roads are in good condition.

Average 2016 PCI

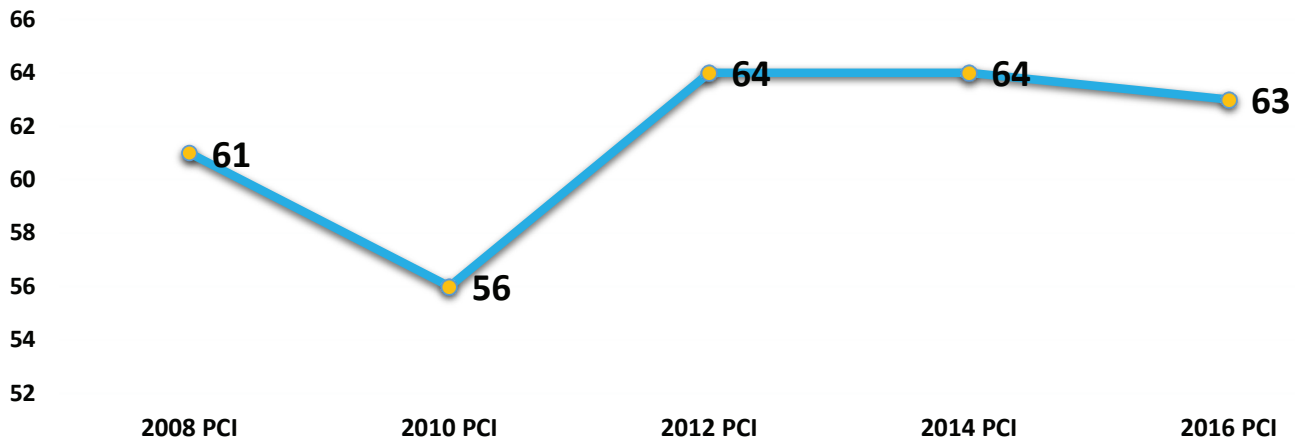
	<u>Major</u>	<u>Local</u>
Urban Streets	68%	66%
Rural Roads	65%	55%

Avg statewide PCI is 65

It is clear that California’s local streets and roads network are not just at risk; they are on a continuous decline with an average PCI of 65.

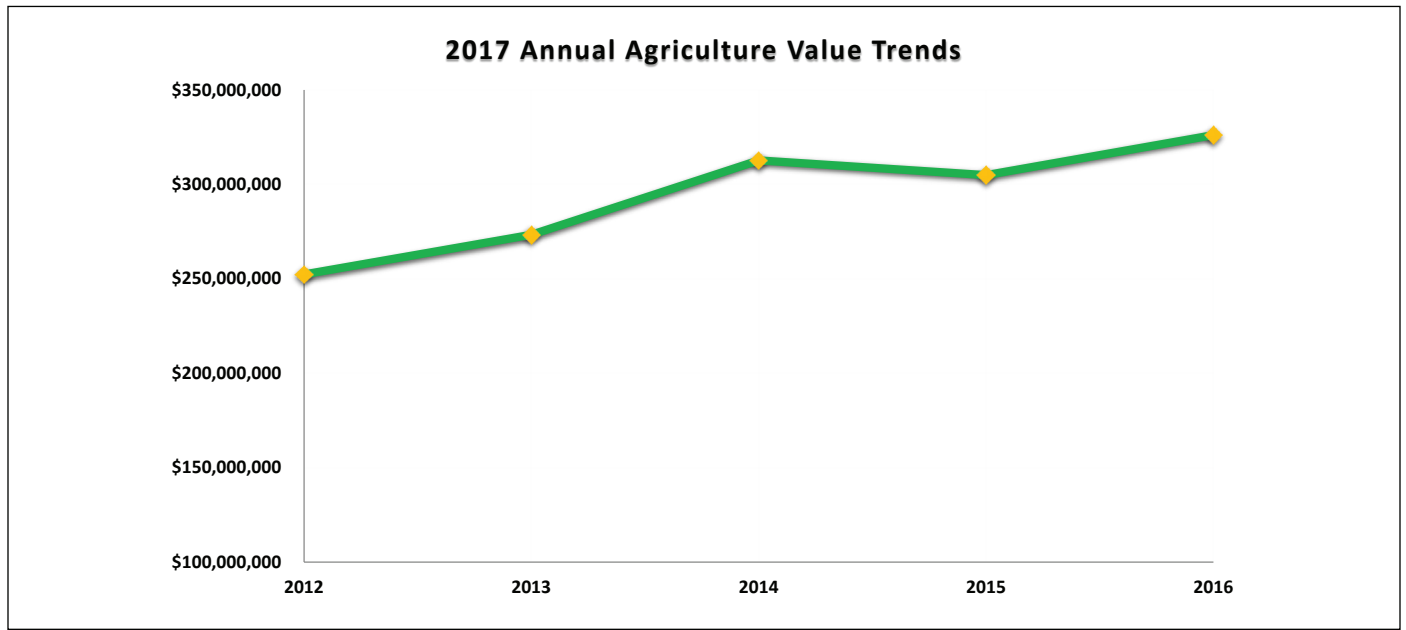
Source: 2016 Local Streets and Roads Assessment Save California Streets

Humboldt County PCI Index by Period



Humboldt County PCI indicates overall improvement since 2012; however, there is still a lot of work to be done to bring the PCI from At Risk to Good. PCI indicates that major streets or roads continue to be in better condition than local roads. In fact, rural local roads have the lowest PCI than any other category. 52 out of 58 California counties have an average pavement condition that is either “At Risk”, or “Poor”.

Agriculture and livestock remain vital elements to the culture and economy of Humboldt County. The following graphs depict agriculture value trends and agricultural commodities as a percentage of production with livestock, timber and nursery products as the largest producers.



2016 Agricultural Commodities

