

California Alternate Rates for Energy

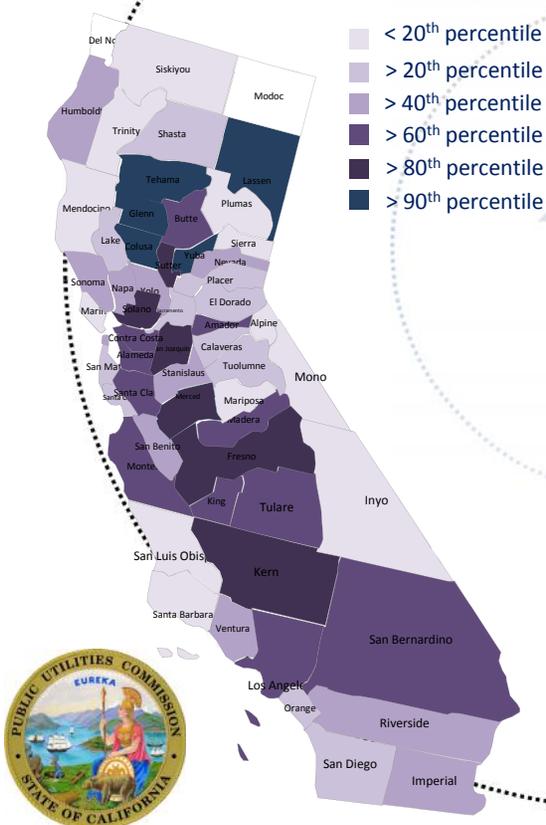


Public Utilities Code Section 739.1 requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to assist energy utility customers with household incomes that are at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line. This program keeps rates affordable for these households to meet basic needs such as heating, cooling, and lighting.

PROGRAM REACH

4,536,290 households currently enrolled, or about a **84 percent penetration rate** of total estimated eligible households

Penetration Rate by County



2013 Program Budget

\$1,270 Million

2014 Program Budget

\$1,286 Million

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO RECEIVE 30-35% DISCOUNT

Household Income Thresholds

1-2 members	\$31,860
3	\$40,180
4	\$48,500
5	\$56,820
6	\$65,140
7	\$73,460
8	\$81,780

or

Categorical Enrollment

A household is eligible for CARE enrollment if already enrolled in Medicaid/Medi-Cal, Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC), Healthy Families A & B, National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Food Stamps/SNAP, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Tribal TANF

For each additional member, add \$8,320

Participating household must use no more than 600% of monthly baseline allowance

INCOME VERIFICATION

- ✓ Probability-based approach uses demographic data to target unlikely eligible participants for income verification
- ✓ High-usage customers must apply for energy efficiency assistance to lower usage

Percentage of CARE Participants by Region

