San Joaquin Valley Data Profiles

Snapshots of key indicators across the valley.



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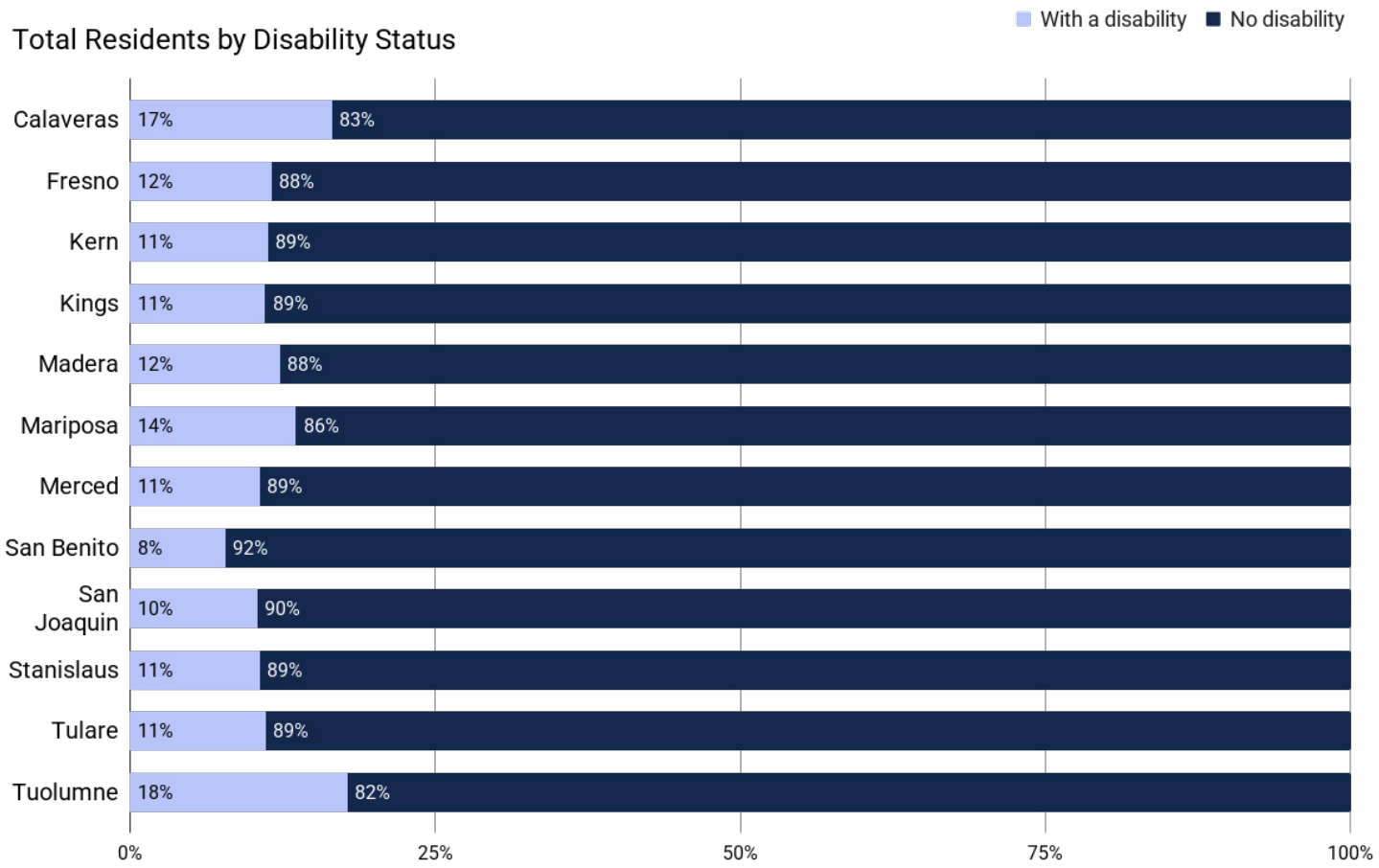
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Disability and Employment

Civilian noninstitutionalized adults ages 18–64, 2020–2024

Adults Ages 18–64 by Disability Status

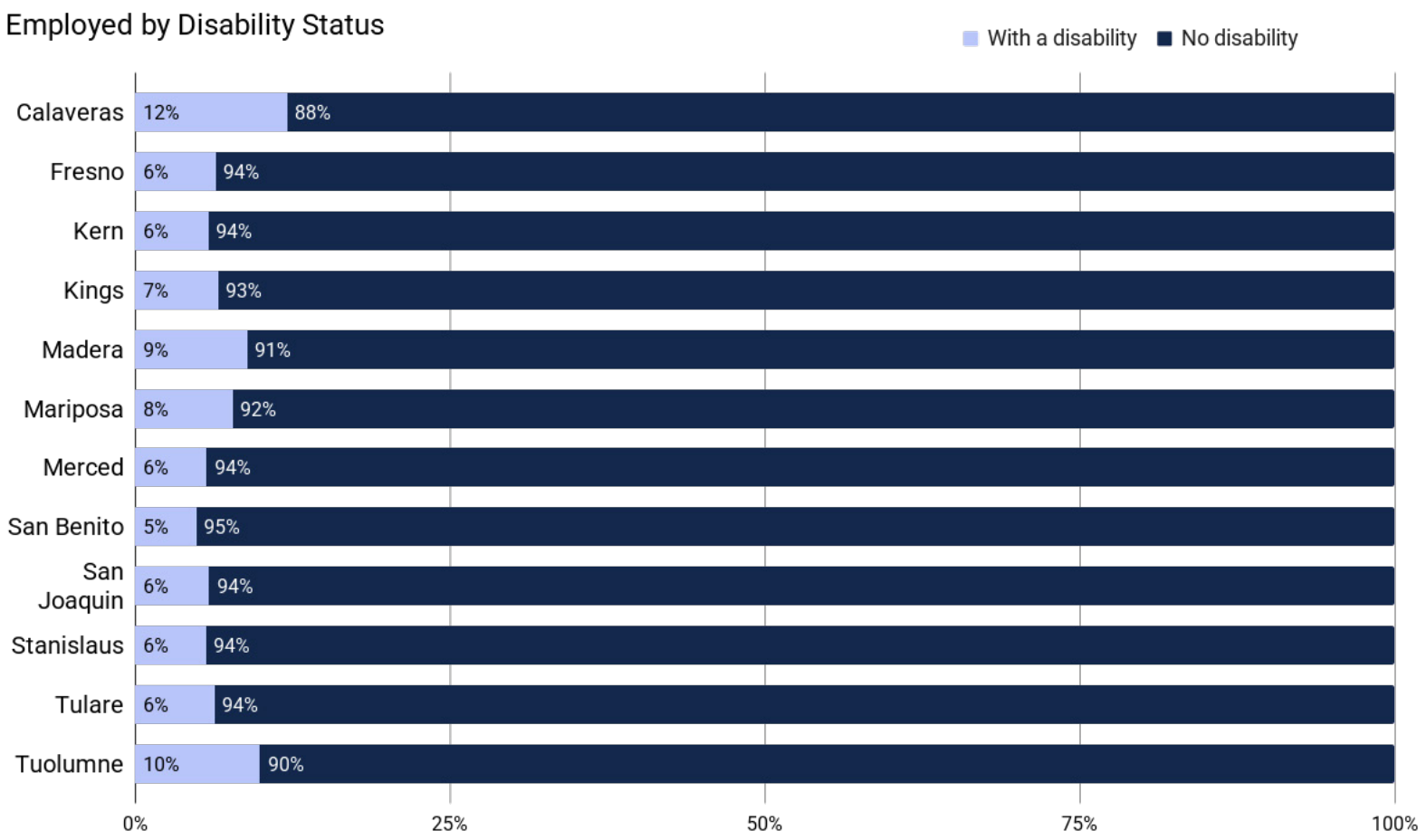


Key points

- Between 8% (San Benito) and 18% (Tuolumne) of adults have a disability
- The foothill counties have the highest shares: Tuolumne 18%, Calaveras 17%, Mariposa 14%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS Table C18120, 2020–2024 5-year estimates.

Employed Adults by Disability Status

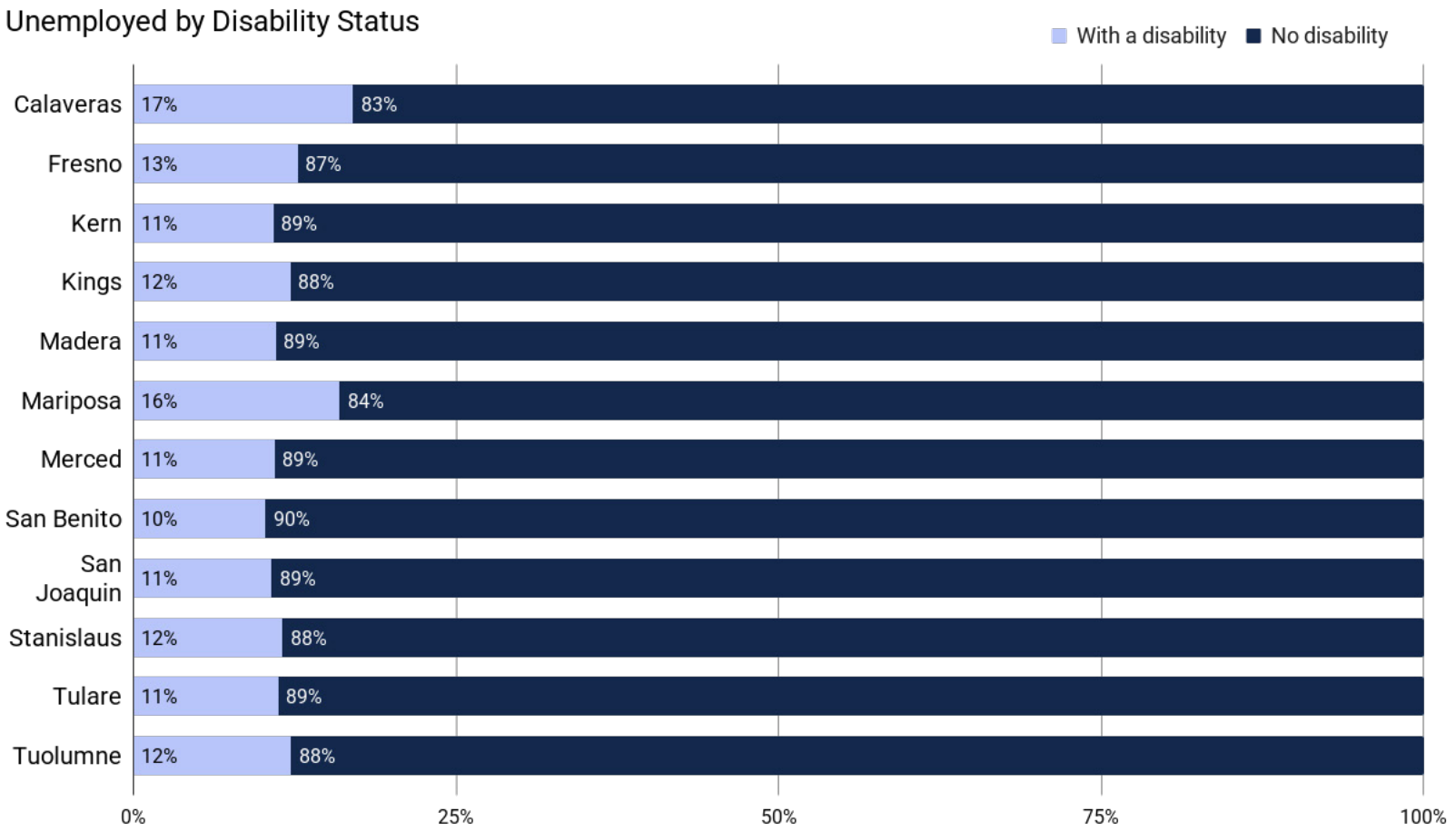


Key points

- Between 5% (San Benito) and 12% (Calaveras) of employed adults have a disability
- In most valley-floor counties, the share is 6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS Table C18120, 2020–2024 5-year estimates.

Unemployed Adults by Disability Status

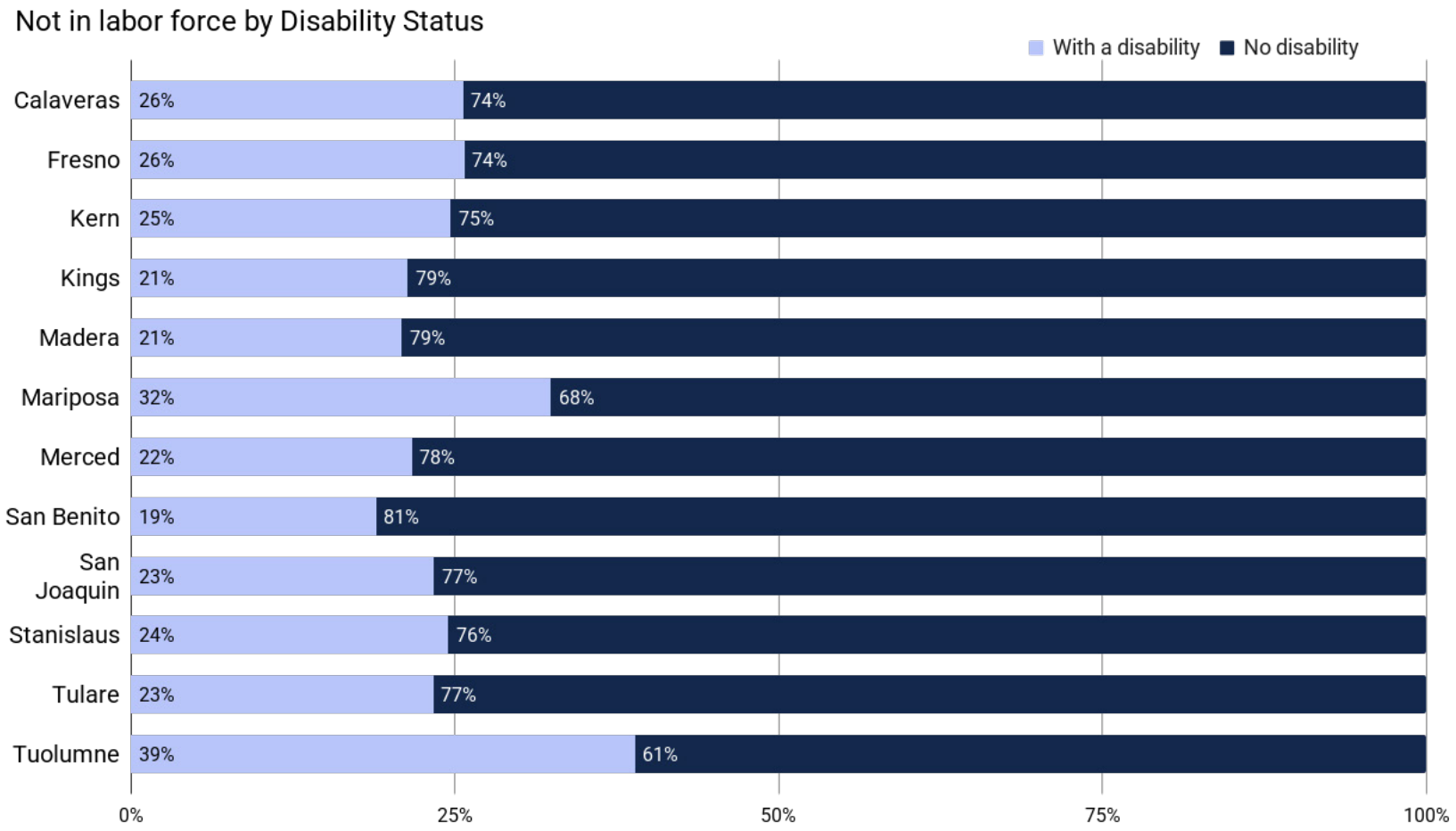


Key points

- Between 10% (San Benito) and 17% (Calaveras) of unemployed adults have a disability
- In every county, this share is higher than among employed adults

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS Table C18120, 2020–2024 5-year estimates.

Adults Not in the Labor Force by Disability Status



Key points

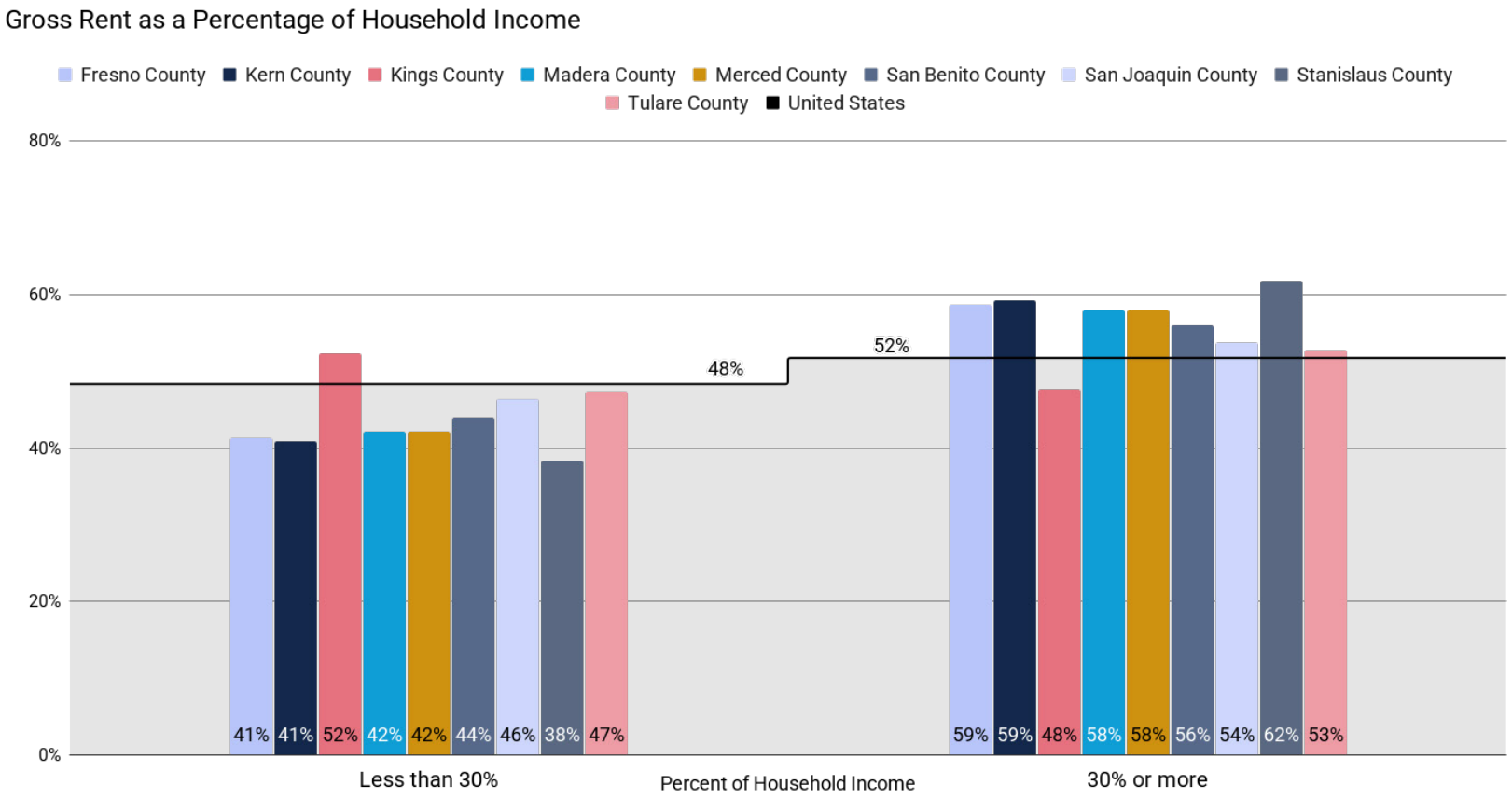
- Between 19% (San Benito) and 39% (Tuolumne) of adults not in the labor force have a disability
- In Fresno County, 26% have a disability, compared with 6% of employed adults

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS Table C18120, 2020–2024 5-year estimates.

Housing and Food

Rent burden, housing completed, and food security

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income

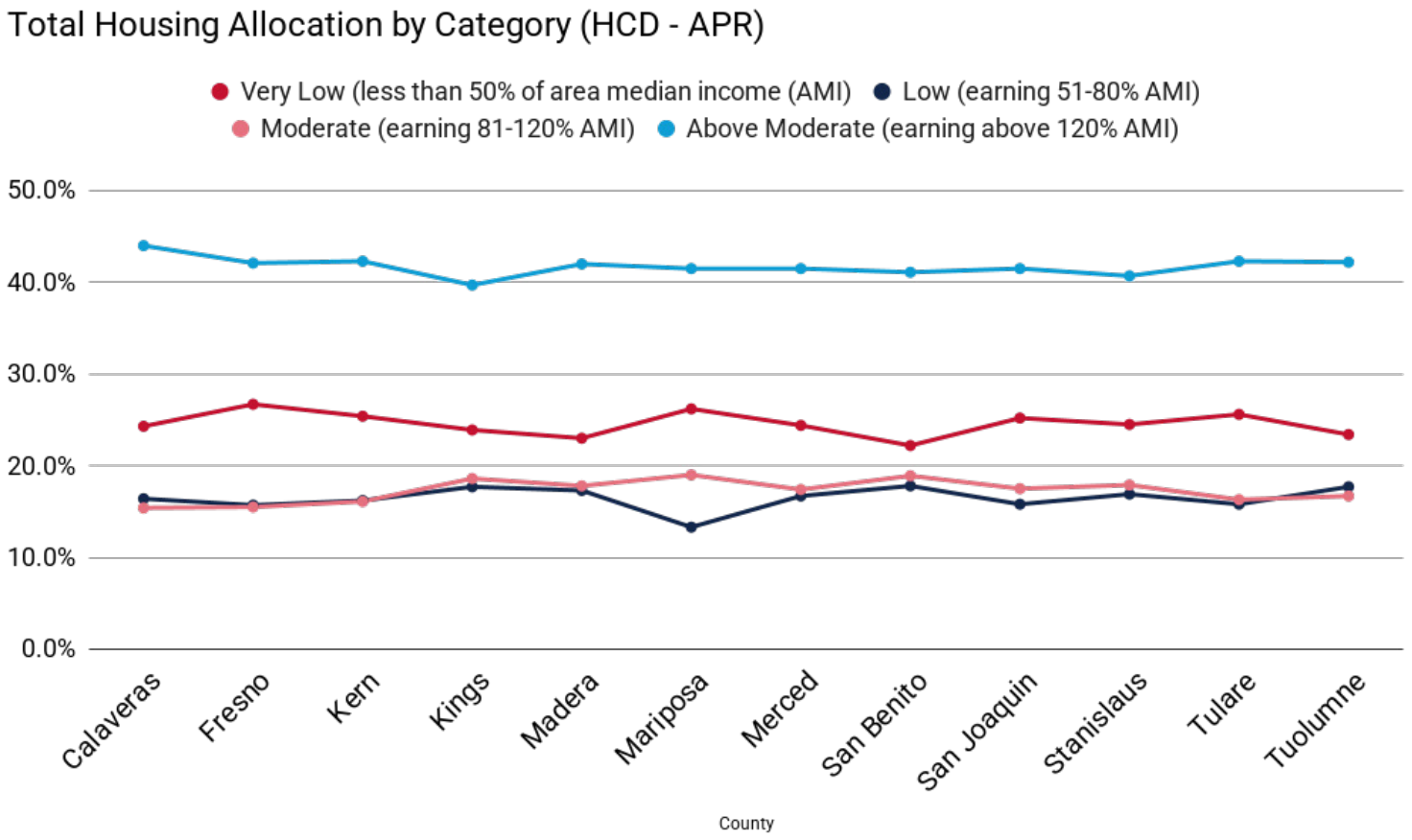


Key points

- In 8 of 9 counties, more renters spend 30% or more of income on rent than the U.S. share (52%)
- Stanislaus County is highest at 62%
- Kings County (48%) is the only county below the U.S. share

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS Table DP04, 2024 1-year estimates.

Share of Housing Completed by Affordability Level, 2019–2026

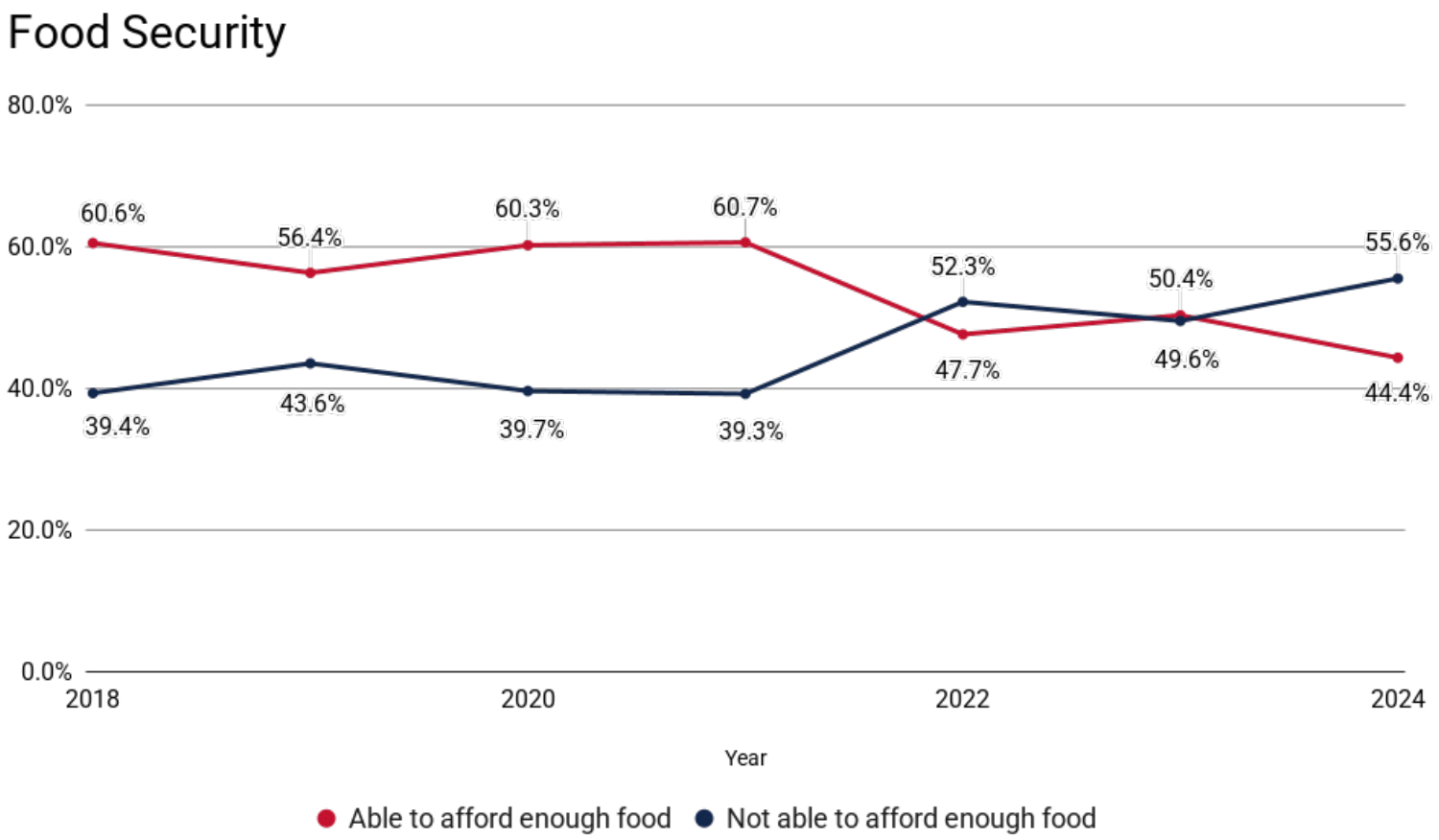


Key points

- Above-moderate-income housing is the largest share in every county (39.7%–44.0%)
- Very-low-income housing ranges from 22.2% (San Benito) to 26.7% (Fresno)
- Low- and moderate-income housing each make up roughly 13%–19%

Source: California Department of Housing and Community Development, Annual Progress Reports, 2019–2026.

Food Security Among Lower-Income Adults, 2018–2024



Key points

- In 2018, 60.6% could afford enough food
- The lines crossed in 2022, when 52.3% could not afford enough food
- By 2024, 55.6% could not afford enough food

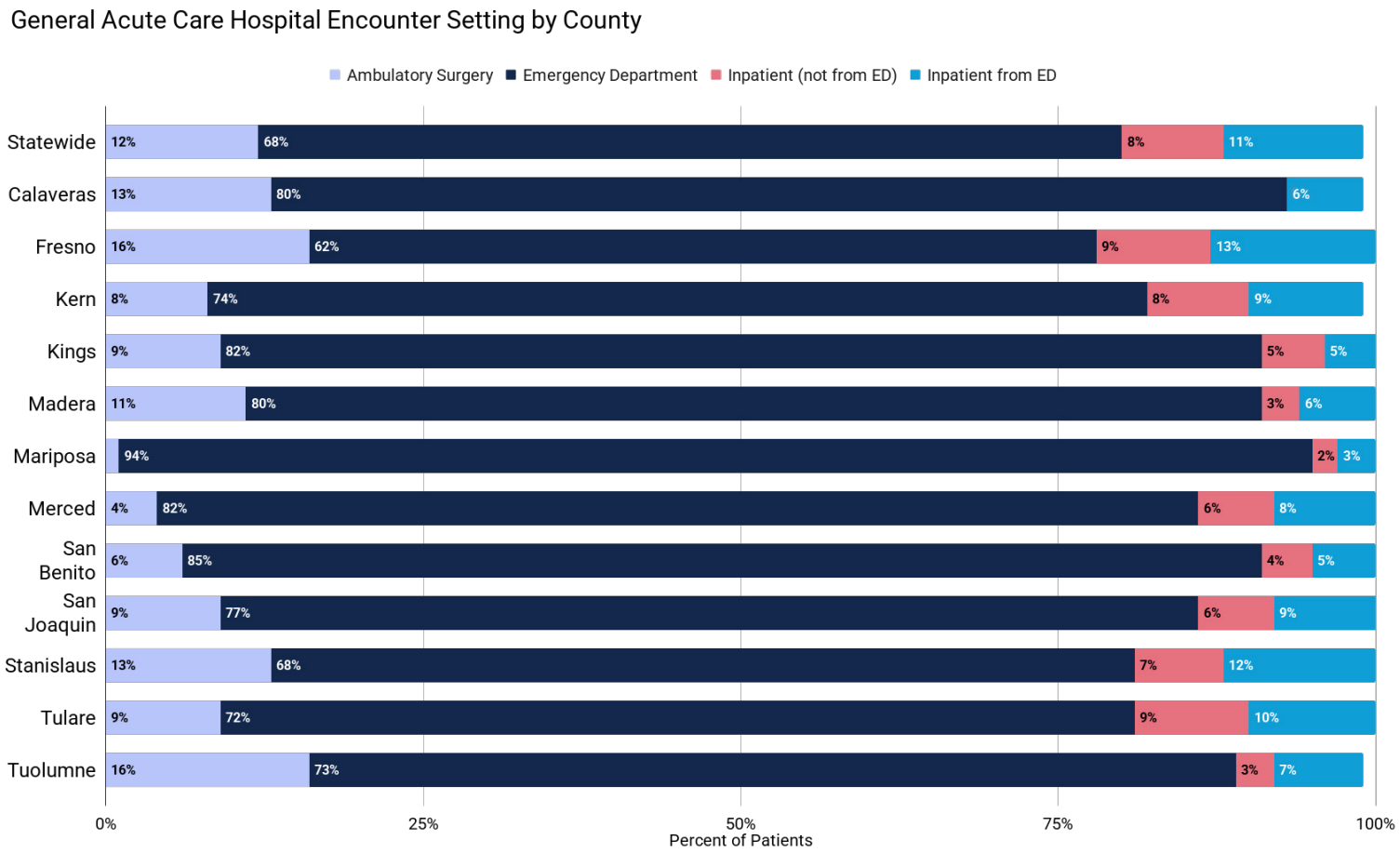
Source: California Health Interview Survey, 2018–2024 (adults below 200% of the federal poverty level).

Hospital Care and Education

Hospital encounter settings and postsecondary pathways

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Hospital Encounter Settings by County, 2023

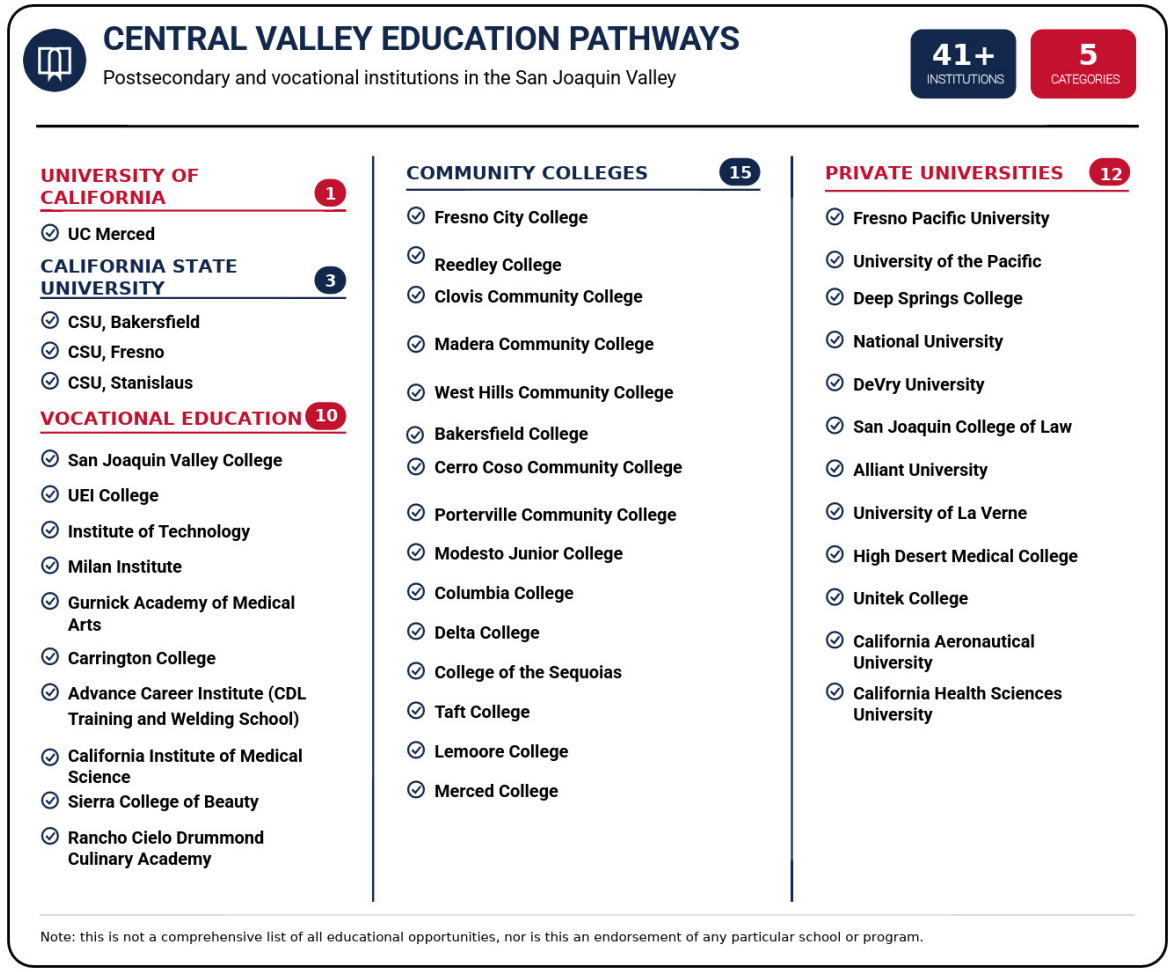


Key points

- The emergency department (ED) is the most common setting in every county
- ED shares range from 62% (Fresno) to 94% (Mariposa), compared with 68% statewide
- 10 of 12 counties exceed the statewide ED share

Source: California Department of Health Care Access and Information, 2023.

Central Valley Education Pathways



Key points

- 41+ postsecondary and vocational institutions in 5 categories
- 15 community colleges and 12 private universities
- 1 University of California and 3 California State University campuses
- 10 vocational programs, from medical arts to commercial driving

Graphic: Central Valley Health Policy Institute.

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