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Executive Summary

At its January 2021 meeting, the Judicial Council approved a Judicial Branch Budget Committee (JBBC) recommendation of a Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) proposal for reporting requirements regarding progress in reducing the COVID-19 backlog. The TCBAC also provided a definition of backlog as workload that was not disposed during the pandemic period compared to the same time period one year prior. This report and attachment provide a quarterly update on disposition data reported by courts.

Relevant Previous Council Action

At the July 2020 Judicial Council business meeting, the council adopted an amended recommendation to allocate \$25 million of the \$50 million appropriated to the judicial branch for COVID-19 backlog using a pro rata method based on the workload formula (see Link A). The second \$25 million for COVID-19 backlog was to be distributed based on a data-driven methodology developed by the TCBAC.

At the January 2021 Judicial Council business meeting, a recommendation was approved to define backlog as workload not disposed of during the pandemic; this served as the basis for allocating the remaining \$25 million (see Link B). The approved methodology required collecting recent disposition data from the trial courts. The dispositions were then weighted using the Resource Assessment Study (RAS) time study caseweights to convert the disposition counts

into workload minutes. These workload minutes (weighted dispositions) from the pandemic-specified time period (March 2020 through August 2020) were compared to the workload minutes of the same time period from the previous year (March 2019 through August 2019). The total statewide workload minutes from this pandemic time period were 44.7% less than the same time period the previous year. This decrease in disposition minutes is considered workload backlog.

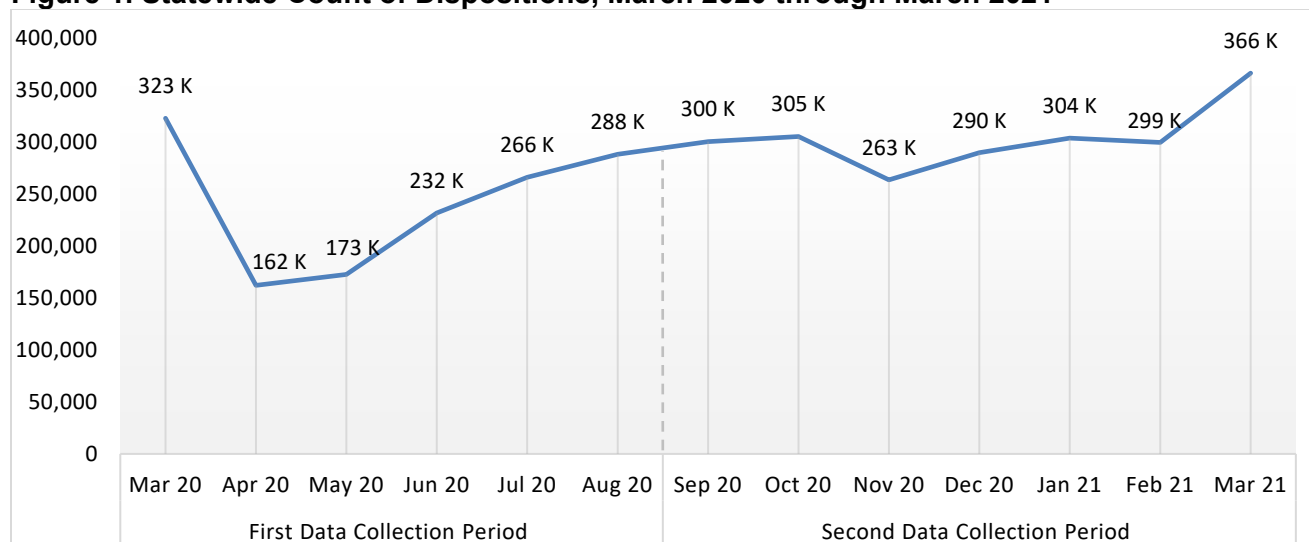
Analysis/Rationale

Along with the COVID-19 backlog definition and allocation methodology, a recommendation was adopted for quarterly reporting regarding the progress in reducing the COVID-19 backlog. This report fulfills that requirement.

In May 2021, courts were asked to submit monthly disposition data for the period September 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. Courts submitted data electronically via the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS) or the JBSIS Web Portal. Courts unable to submit disposition data electronically or to collect certain disposition data not available in JBSIS used an Excel template developed for this purpose. Data collection began on May 10, and data submissions were made and accepted through June 4.

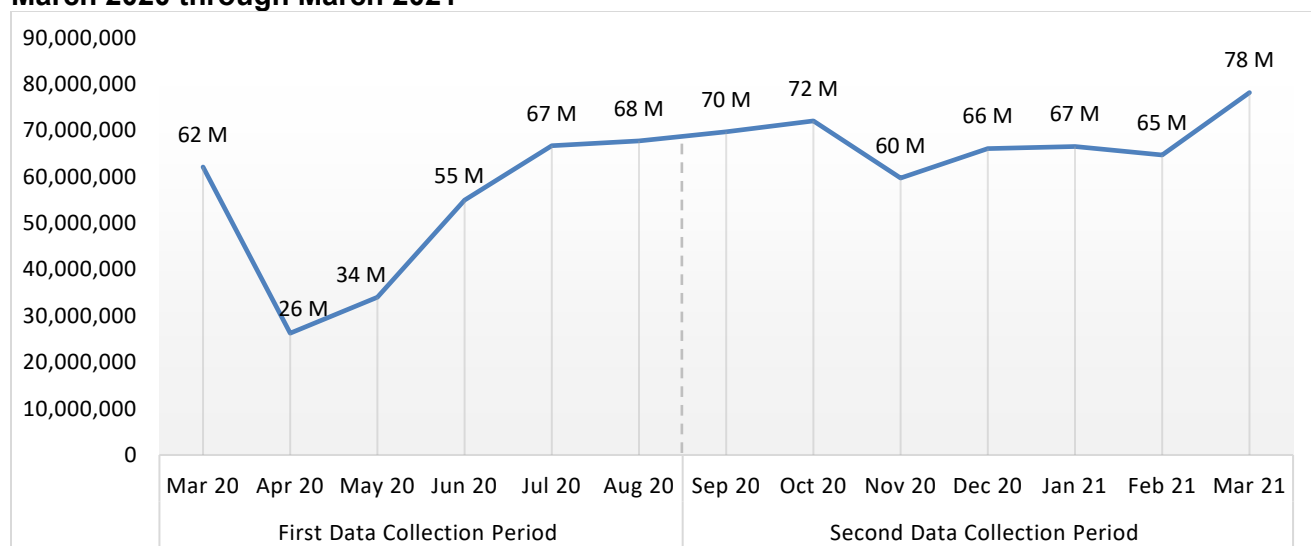
Figure 1 below shows the statewide count of dispositions for the first data collection period (March 2020 to August 2020) and the second data collection period (September 2020 to March 2021). During the first data collection period, there was a dramatic decline of monthly unweighted dispositions in April 2020 following the statewide shelter-in-place orders implemented in March 2020. Monthly disposition counts then increased steadily, continuing into the second data collection period. In November 2020, there was a modest decrease in dispositions observed, coinciding with surging COVID-19 cases throughout the state and the re-issuance of statewide stay-at-home orders. From December 2020 to February 2021, dispositions were mostly flat, increasing again in March 2021.

Figure 1. Statewide Count of Dispositions, March 2020 through March 2021



Statewide weighted dispositions (see Figure 2) followed a similar trend as the unweighted dispositions for both data collection periods. April 2020 saw a sharp decline in weighted dispositions and a considerable rebound from May 2020 to July 2020, with more modest monthly increases until November 2020. Weighted dispositions remained steady from December 2020 to February 2021, reaching their highest level in over a year by March 2021.

Figure 2. Statewide Calculated Disposition Minutes (Weighted by RAS Caseweights), March 2020 through March 2021



Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

This data fulfills a reporting requirement set by the Judicial Council at its January 2021 meeting. There are no fiscal impacts.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: Disposition Data Tables
2. Link A: Judicial Council of Cal., Trial Courts: Allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and Trial Court Allocations for Fiscal Year 2020-21 (July 24, 2020),
<https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8651228&GUID=27A3B6D8-9783-4865-8C5A-F6697EB58734>
3. Link B: Judicial Council of Cal., Trial Courts: \$50 Million COVID-19 Backlog Funding (January 22, 2021),
<https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9054988&GUID=54812C82-983E-4812-848C-2F4FD9F6F97A>

Disposition Data Table 1

June 2021

Court	# of Dispositions, March 2020 through March 2021												
	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Alameda	13,457	7,293	6,691	6,533	10,480	12,641	12,323	9,828	7,906	9,055	13,270	16,878	18,619
Alpine	97	81	117	60	71	75	98	68	57	85	86	54	62
Amador	378	276	257	309	424	470	423	430	414	305	279	597	602
Butte	2,168	1,441	1,440	1,640	1,959	1,886	1,693	1,863	1,722	2,068	2,015	1,834	2,429
Calaveras	415	200	201	467	268	250	325	374	384	349	302	444	359
Colusa	366	146	168	596	599	293	310	237	341	220	279	215	309
Contra Costa*	4,891	3,392	3,191	4,327	7,234	8,792	11,510	8,888	6,192	6,242	6,340	5,495	5,773
Del Norte	979	507	320	770	842	967	925	887	812	787	782	681	828
El Dorado	992	487	692	765	901	1,125	1,150	1,371	1,212	1,444	1,292	1,080	1,261
Fresno	11,394	4,494	6,590	6,875	9,766	10,358	10,174	8,110	6,417	7,460	8,398	16,916	9,430
Glenn**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt*	1,545	800	661	859	798	930	1,219	107	1,350	1,829	2,763	1,210	2,171
Imperial	3,172	2,898	2,294	2,033	2,065	2,230	2,376	2,677	2,575	2,677	2,613	2,314	2,704
Inyo	961	446	366	553	402	668	872	475	491	504	488	874	795
Kern	10,317	4,463	6,401	9,287	10,068	9,219	9,089	9,491	8,753	9,645	10,366	9,242	11,823
Kings	1,967	1,252	905	1,209	1,352	1,559	1,590	1,666	1,544	1,435	1,409	1,322	1,824
Lake	630	226	227	717	561	792	532	531	475	431	608	466	600
Lassen	521	435	545	565	379	352	476	645	509	581	611	477	475
Los Angeles	94,474	52,152	48,333	57,840	66,889	80,304	71,768	75,960	64,257	78,440	79,136	73,860	89,079
Madera	1,827	873	735	1,387	1,294	1,556	1,874	2,585	2,024	1,411	1,538	1,735	2,038
Marin	2,185	1,509	1,423	1,909	2,062	1,976	2,463	2,217	1,813	1,914	1,980	1,746	2,428
Mariposa*	184	136	85	64	125	161	135	124	147	360	295	223	362
Mendocino	1,647	1,132	858	1,073	1,223	1,166	1,519	4,623	1,657	1,826	1,118	642	534
Merced*	3,248	1,400	1,719	2,525	2,513	2,216	2,216	2,495	2,368	3,309	3,335	2,991	6,547
Modoc	137	160	129	224	148	147	208	179	151	149	168	129	149
Mono	688	574	488	418	327	413	613	589	560	775	642	616	747
Monterey	4,372	2,522	2,658	3,184	3,689	3,465	3,685	4,308	3,698	3,975	4,713	4,517	5,388
Napa	646	117	393	1,179	833	773	976	979	752	896	769	671	818
Nevada	1,008	655	535	1,019	1,015	991	893	789	1,158	1,232	1,129	1,078	1,264
Orange	25,199	7,951	12,139	18,494	18,365	19,475	25,085	26,355	27,742	26,746	26,393	25,811	33,687
Placer	1,879	606	973	1,390	1,402	882	1,636	1,841	1,736	1,411	1,678	2,114	3,718
Plumas*	234	148	651	424	225	217	284	226	132	215	175	196	263
Riverside	19,496	7,224	5,531	13,128	16,753	16,679	15,553	16,347	15,482	18,160	19,503	16,642	22,287
Sacramento	6,467	798	3,873	4,255	5,500	7,537	5,759	6,327	5,405	6,525	5,769	6,223	11,846
San Benito	378	181	144	176	280	297	297	385	349	361	418	382	456
San Bernardino	16,647	4,991	10,128	21,854	21,894	23,289	28,604	21,701	16,120	17,480	17,972	19,891	23,637

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San Diego	15,287	10,163	11,449	12,258	12,231	12,681	17,173	17,426	17,109	18,499	19,904	18,414	23,284
San Francisco	2,996	1,502	1,447	2,470	2,284	2,881	2,521	2,825	2,162	2,455	2,190	2,560	3,090
San Joaquin*	4,922	1,912	1,481	3,246	4,296	4,104	5,009	6,377	5,235	6,955	6,992	6,723	8,064
San Luis Obispo	2,651	1,718	1,279	1,919	2,054	2,303	2,459	2,955	2,121	2,609	2,806	2,434	3,053
San Mateo	8,846	4,929	3,317	4,477	5,029	5,091	6,943	9,657	6,555	6,946	6,371	7,751	7,386
Santa Barbara	4,606	2,676	2,150	2,299	2,240	2,142	3,180	3,798	3,273	3,211	3,710	2,865	4,438
Santa Clara	11,302	5,869	8,002	6,123	7,706	6,564	7,818	9,081	7,635	5,023	7,709	5,774	8,811
Santa Cruz	2,241	1,266	1,796	1,887	2,546	2,147	2,405	2,183	2,246	2,337	2,129	1,837	2,461
Shasta	2,568	3,830	1,794	2,543	2,632	2,254	2,503	2,336	2,292	2,557	2,600	2,458	2,757
Sierra	35	14	43	52	29	24	40	37	32	37	44	30	43
Siskiyou	967	162	466	735	729	861	667	296	157	171	264	399	345
Solano	3,873	3,076	2,336	2,879	4,094	4,052	4,458	4,419	3,346	4,030	3,959	3,755	4,787
Sonoma	5,098	3,830	4,116	5,861	7,129	6,910	5,280	5,980	5,795	5,683	5,830	5,935	6,687
Stanislaus*	4,642	1,954	2,046	2,722	3,054	3,877	4,182	4,732	4,052	3,910	3,116	2,662	4,921
Sutter	1,259	620	809	1,194	1,169	1,105	1,040	1,172	950	999	961	945	1,201
Tehama	886	587	456	457	796	877	984	965	813	725	778	757	1,000
Trinity	178	120	181	102	145	170	142	170	179	172	199	145	642
Tulare	4,137	1,570	2,849	2,957	4,561	5,646	4,734	4,712	3,996	3,441	4,345	4,158	5,562
Tuolumne	691	628	368	397	451	443	410	412	341	484	482	470	467
Ventura	8,541	2,766	2,877	7,417	8,344	8,019	7,651	7,807	6,462	6,941	8,065	7,539	9,018
Yolo	1,304	720	922	999	1,018	1,178	1,321	1,456	1,468	1,652	1,946	1,769	2,110
Yuba	559	142	512	529	603	583	667	675	536	420	515	466	578
TOTAL	322,555	162,020	172,557	231,631	265,846	288,063	300,240	305,149	263,460	289,559	303,547	299,412	366,017

*Court missing some disposition data

**Court missing all disposition data

Disposition Data Table 2

June 2021

Court	Calculated Disposition Minutes (Weighted by RAS Caseweights), March 2020 through March 2021												
	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Alameda	1,774,339	741,670	1,699,613	1,217,000	2,333,108	2,169,124	2,316,669	2,029,296	1,728,872	2,024,234	2,312,719	2,096,216	2,485,213
Alpine	13,569	3,078	6,105	4,467	4,410	8,980	6,493	4,099	4,261	4,680	7,611	4,462	4,751
Amador	70,576	63,877	55,201	76,720	85,197	77,148	113,227	80,273	105,906	76,964	80,684	81,002	98,723
Butte	474,827	305,631	357,663	520,413	502,777	511,396	511,827	515,558	482,045	615,260	513,729	517,291	684,017
Calaveras	112,936	64,697	90,962	96,383	106,825	99,215	118,676	137,695	112,927	98,566	101,125	89,211	93,845
Colusa	47,880	21,433	20,157	63,270	68,938	49,640	67,451	36,580	46,799	35,318	44,328	33,648	44,596
Contra Costa*	796,718	518,402	598,946	950,172	1,160,594	1,206,210	1,430,646	1,241,094	994,433	1,132,368	967,315	1,203,485	1,324,019
Del Norte	263,450	151,351	103,554	177,596	203,867	246,600	261,231	246,804	201,827	175,037	182,506	197,444	259,874
El Dorado	260,334	115,759	241,702	285,607	244,204	296,449	271,118	294,006	261,147	307,375	289,071	258,978	340,754
Fresno	1,866,539	579,918	1,023,233	1,483,349	1,998,306	1,822,583	2,162,687	2,111,332	1,633,260	1,537,855	1,820,319	2,067,450	2,260,892
Glenn**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt*	325,141	128,303	140,343	236,002	328,290	304,398	327,561	72,070	346,978	370,355	357,323	280,751	388,447
Imperial	373,743	231,453	249,542	242,759	336,685	302,218	350,305	365,084	343,846	356,964	340,964	310,484	383,833
Inyo	73,877	40,630	42,085	52,513	48,945	82,760	92,949	65,943	62,594	56,758	66,097	77,886	75,092
Kern	2,038,247	812,527	1,324,791	1,987,387	1,963,659	1,894,004	1,875,784	1,919,100	1,700,561	1,701,389	1,932,384	1,697,859	2,190,931
Kings	412,258	245,927	135,800	290,402	316,019	359,789	398,361	456,163	388,069	341,820	357,230	345,642	390,650
Lake	193,053	56,298	113,219	231,780	195,834	204,232	176,523	184,470	186,763	158,538	186,058	165,119	176,307
Lassen	76,476	78,737	59,861	82,773	63,542	47,827	74,240	78,215	74,832	83,327	86,684	93,186	101,370
Los Angeles	19,363,315	9,525,111	8,434,258	12,552,278	19,610,482	20,679,728	19,214,869	21,092,902	17,676,403	19,578,085	20,891,238	18,685,892	21,838,344
Madera	343,223	173,745	175,268	357,213	346,755	331,521	361,194	385,820	330,493	268,292	288,605	312,691	404,067
Marin	315,203	109,709	168,213	415,486	457,744	410,089	469,892	388,289	330,433	416,404	367,649	353,782	448,522
Mariposa*	23,705	18,803	32,827	20,807	26,722	38,182	34,127	25,358	24,169	48,301	62,437	52,466	65,215
Mendocino	320,926	268,333	181,016	252,398	323,758	254,063	593,327	807,980	289,412	751,979	386,853	192,021	140,225
Merced*	514,647	192,922	230,916	395,245	476,045	480,714	408,988	461,336	391,774	508,366	482,381	480,268	852,152
Modoc	43,127	24,443	26,562	32,643	27,564	17,440	36,328	28,424	23,105	26,173	21,503	24,878	33,396
Mono	61,948	45,751	42,059	40,009	27,883	48,034	74,467	65,774	60,700	73,468	56,843	66,174	67,530
Monterey	754,024	398,855	475,862	662,832	755,431	792,204	776,416	1,116,554	749,361	779,749	851,149	876,877	960,957
Napa	195,616	43,079	51,200	323,769	308,169	258,971	276,154	265,956	214,692	281,113	236,965	202,634	284,067
Nevada	159,439	120,594	105,368	176,551	192,026	234,023	211,736	182,426	189,201	281,892	149,115	181,285	224,181
Orange	4,110,883	836,532	2,965,140	4,384,174	4,814,170	4,766,220	5,231,210	5,353,221	4,529,559	4,734,138	4,668,601	5,050,671	6,488,466
Placer	635,387	277,486	357,329	435,695	476,602	332,697	542,925	660,882	579,584	518,103	516,140	624,374	786,544
Plumas*	47,937	35,445	55,714	46,034	46,818	46,435	44,325	48,209	33,716	47,066	33,097	36,879	42,917
Riverside	3,498,820	484,579	941,462	3,918,335	3,979,897	3,855,313	3,950,567	4,032,019	2,753,696	3,519,933	3,467,857	3,373,740	4,171,764
Sacramento	1,725,485	246,557	1,541,400	1,949,311	1,905,060	2,118,001	2,048,877	2,243,485	1,895,575	2,074,318	1,899,950	2,018,611	2,576,073
San Benito	103,327	43,156	47,850	60,393	68,266	72,843	68,116	85,659	80,841	68,776	96,156	86,547	119,260
San Bernardino	3,978,980	640,009	1,865,747	5,866,640	6,072,554	6,067,737	5,847,762	5,455,274	4,511,186	4,839,323	4,741,355	5,187,294	5,709,708

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San Diego	3,539,216	1,888,006	1,907,211	3,145,674	3,266,180	3,441,156	4,038,458	4,157,596	3,888,555	4,200,063	4,206,078	4,141,473	5,313,125
San Francisco	886,483	532,729	626,000	1,137,896	1,117,999	1,167,105	1,064,100	1,085,309	806,122	1,215,987	921,772	1,025,645	1,202,605
San Joaquin*	1,127,302	437,097	540,056	1,157,042	1,442,409	1,394,774	1,575,350	1,965,279	1,392,585	1,798,775	1,773,658	1,781,980	2,023,887
San Luis Obispo	496,241	299,423	243,285	412,700	486,777	455,712	642,781	534,427	415,747	609,916	483,773	508,422	641,383
San Mateo	987,169	506,098	594,968	764,387	885,541	965,836	1,068,554	1,077,512	887,307	1,111,249	821,198	1,040,974	999,333
Santa Barbara	804,512	366,606	389,319	612,440	634,781	617,512	774,304	715,338	620,538	591,272	705,048	609,021	811,982
Santa Clara	2,018,848	923,462	1,818,456	1,241,727	1,494,952	1,621,609	1,958,490	2,077,622	1,721,347	1,470,012	1,876,871	1,605,182	2,096,964
Santa Cruz	466,954	229,881	241,236	374,898	717,648	667,492	600,755	519,156	523,837	671,616	444,363	430,722	526,678
Shasta	542,653	1,228,694	457,145	637,009	627,380	617,078	625,829	525,263	530,366	599,455	536,800	559,338	624,569
Sierra	6,705	5,006	9,972	9,251	13,875	11,335	6,072	9,200	6,455	8,930	17,186	6,774	6,468
Siskiyou	144,269	48,107	113,433	146,299	128,242	143,798	114,889	104,102	73,994	81,068	93,082	105,618	132,181
Solano	819,768	452,037	324,259	585,923	792,530	741,192	887,003	879,121	615,687	812,051	729,171	698,182	868,054
Sonoma	601,758	448,868	461,993	821,938	846,054	835,747	782,971	847,026	794,101	808,491	833,312	717,014	831,078
Stanislaus*	1,113,990	347,794	548,706	879,501	950,477	1,003,828	1,128,142	1,239,820	1,033,190	991,942	775,850	801,265	1,445,667
Sutter	265,502	95,745	163,313	250,063	226,378	239,452	239,644	265,734	216,666	228,254	226,231	227,425	269,793
Tehama	208,929	75,930	108,025	104,399	163,316	191,889	200,803	193,586	174,976	176,053	193,909	194,818	232,511
Trinity	31,736	30,411	20,671	41,007	27,862	24,414	32,449	30,406	27,771	30,847	29,534	29,655	66,336
Tulare	923,180	246,919	561,051	826,508	1,079,056	1,093,663	1,097,177	1,115,903	896,482	897,795	948,776	911,197	1,173,700
Tuolumne	161,020	112,567	105,047	115,475	113,422	111,960	135,321	130,639	85,105	130,377	117,203	124,066	148,293
Ventura	1,196,242	232,825	434,705	1,236,853	1,256,134	1,454,172	1,492,372	1,546,633	1,205,575	1,293,863	1,444,582	1,317,451	1,693,362
Yolo	280,734	97,393	254,876	402,188	382,893	278,050	316,795	306,216	301,357	338,275	340,472	370,358	355,257
Yuba	150,388	28,318	152,522	211,611	194,163	200,815	210,784	220,798	203,897	154,602	184,909	179,837	204,949
TOTAL	62,143,551	26,278,713	34,037,215	55,003,195	66,725,212	67,765,374	69,740,069	72,084,034	59,760,677	66,113,178	66,567,817	64,713,613	78,184,876

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