Characteristics of Vulnerability - IHSS County Data Based on California’s 2010 Budget Cut Proposal

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Percent of IHSS Recipients age 65 and over with Vulnerable Characteristics

Statewide data are not readily available, but several counties provided data on the characteristics of older IHSS recipients who will lose all services under the governor’s proposal (FIS score under 4). In the nine counties providing data, 33% of older IHSS recipients live alone, 31.5% have some level of cognitive impairment, 82% can not shop for their own food without substantial help, and 49% are age 80 and older (see “9 California Counties” graph). These are characteristics that are commonly found to predict increased rates of institutionalization.

Percent of IHSS Recipients age 65 and over with Vulnerable Characteristics Losing Services

Additionally in the “9 California Counties” graph, among those older adult IHSS recipients with a cognitive impairment, 86.5% will lose all of their paid caregiver hours. Similarly, 94% of those living alone, along with 90.9% of those who are unable to shop for their own food without substantial assistance, and 89.9% of those aged 80 and over will lose all their hours.

Individual County Graphs

Data for the individual counties - Kings, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Benito, San Diego, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, and Ventura, are also provided in this document.

1 Data provided by Kings, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Benito, San Diego, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Stanislaus and Ventura County Public Authorities, February 2010.
9 California Counties - Percent of IHSS Recipients age 65+ with Vulnerable Characteristics and Percent Losing Services (186,082 Total Recipients age 65+)

Percent of All Seniors with Characteristic

- With cognitive impairment: 86.5% Losing Services
- Living Alone: 94% Losing Services
- Needs substantial help to shop for food: 90.9% Losing Services
- Age 80 & over: 89.9% Losing Services

Data from Public Authority agencies in Kings, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Benito, San Diego, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, and Ventura counties.
Kings County – Percent of IHSS Recipients age 65+ with Vulnerable Characteristics and Percent Losing Services (761 Total Recipients age 65+)

Data from Kings County Public Authority agency
Los Angeles County – Percent of IHSS Recipients age 65+ with Vulnerable Characteristics and Percent Losing Services (140,789 Total Recipients age 65+)

Data from Los Angeles County Department of Social Services
Sacramento County - Percent of IHSS Recipients age 65+ with Vulnerable Characteristics and Percent Losing Services
(10,481 Total Recipients age 65+)

Data from Sacramento County Public Authority agency
San Benito County – Percent of IHSS Recipients age 65+ with Vulnerable Characteristics and Percent Losing Services (214 Total Recipients age 65+)

- 86.5% Losing Services
- 88.9% Losing Services
- 92.2% Losing Services
- 82.6% Losing Services

Data from San Benito County Public Authority agency
San Diego County – Percent of IHSS Recipients age 65+ with Vulnerable Characteristics and Percent Losing Services (13,638 Total Recipients age 65+)

Data from San Diego County Public Authority agency
San Joaquin County – Percent of IHSS Recipients age 65+ with Vulnerable Characteristics and Percent Losing Services (3,190 Total Recipients age 65+)

Data from San Joaquin County Public Authority agency
Santa Clara County – Percent of IHSS Recipients age 65+ with Vulnerable Characteristics and Percent Losing Services
(11,631 Total Recipients age 65+)

- With cognitive impairment: 89.9% Losing Services
- Living Alone: 97.0% Losing Services
- Needs substantial help to shop for food: 92.2% Losing Services
- Age 80 & over: 91.5% Losing Services

Data from Santa Clara County Public Authority agency
Stanislaus County – Percent of IHSS Recipients age 65+ with Vulnerable Characteristics and Percent Losing Services
(3,300 Total Recipients age 65+)

- 94.2% Losing Services
- 91.4% Losing Services
- 97.7% Losing Services
- 92.3% Losing Services

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Living Alone
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Data from Stanislaus County Public Authority agency
Ventura County – Percent of IHSS Recipients age 65+ with Vulnerable Characteristics and Percent Losing Services
(2,078 Total Recipients age 65+)

- 89.3% Losing Services
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- 96.9% Losing Services
- 82.5% Losing Services

Data from Ventura County Public Authority agency
### Number and Percent of IHSS Recipients 65 and Over with Vulnerable Characteristics

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