

# Calif.'s poverty rate remains nation's highest

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One in five Californians lives in poverty, the highest rate in the country, according to new data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The "Supplemental Poverty Measure," factors in cost of living and shows a stubbornly high share of Golden State residents in poverty even as the national rate has dropped slightly.

Under the methodology, an estimated 20.4 percent of Californians lived below the poverty line in a three-year average of 2014, 2015 and 2016. That is virtually unchanged from the 20.6 percent average for 2013, 2014 and 2015, according to Tuesday's release.

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