

May 1, 2026

Dear Fiscal Officer:

Price Factor and Population Information

Appropriations Limit

California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2227 requires the Department of Finance to transmit an estimate of the percentage change in population to local governments. Each local jurisdiction must use their percentage change in population factor for January 1, 2026, in conjunction with a change in the cost of living, or price factor, to calculate their appropriations limit for fiscal year 2026–27. Attachment A provides the change in California's per capita personal income and an example for utilizing the factors to calculate the 2026–27 appropriations limit. Attachment B provides the city and unincorporated county population percentage change. Attachment C provides the population percentage change for counties and their summed incorporated areas. The population percentage change data excludes federal and state institutionalized populations and military populations.

Population Percent Change for Special Districts

Some special districts must establish an annual appropriations limit. [California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2228](#) provides additional information regarding the appropriations limit. [Article XIII B, section 9\(C\) of the California Constitution](#) exempts certain special districts from the appropriations limit calculation mandate. Special districts required by law to calculate their appropriations limit must present the calculation as part of their annual audit. Any questions special districts have on this requirement should be directed to their county, district legal counsel, or the law itself. No state agency reviews the local appropriations limits.

Population Certification

The population certification program applies only to cities and counties. California Revenue and Taxation Code section 11005.6 mandates Finance to automatically certify any population estimate that exceeds the current certified population with the State Controller's Office. **Finance will certify the higher estimate to the State Controller by June 1, 2026.** Please note: The prior year's city population estimates may be revised. The per capita personal income change is based on historical data.

If you have any questions regarding this data, please contact the Demographic Research Unit at (916) 323-4086.

/s Erika Li
Attachment

**May 2026
Attachment A**

- A. **Price Factor:** Article XIII B specifies that local jurisdictions select their cost of living factor to compute their appropriation limit by a vote of their governing body. The cost of living factor provided here is per capita personal income. If the percentage change in per capita personal income is selected, the percentage change to be used in setting the fiscal year 2026–27 appropriation limit is:

Per Capita Personal Income	
Fiscal Year (FY)	Percentage change over prior year
2026-27	4.95

- B. Following is an example using sample population change and the change in California per capita personal income as growth factors in computing a 2026–27 appropriation limit.

2026–27:

Per Capita Cost of Living Change = 4.95 percent
Population Change = -0.14 percent

Per Capita Cost of Living converted to a ratio: $\frac{4.95 + 100}{100} = 1.0495$

Population converted to a ratio: $\frac{-0.14 + 100}{100} = 0.9986$

Calculation of factor for FY 2026–27: $1.0495 \times 0.9986 = 1.0480$

LAKE HEMET MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of Lake Hemet Municipal Water District will adopt a Resolution setting the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 at the Regular Board meeting to be held Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Calculations made to establish the Appropriations Limit follow:

2025 – 2026 Limit

California per capita personal income change: 4.95 percent *
(* = Cost-of-Living price factor provided by Dept of Finance per capita personal income.)

California per capita personal income converted to a ratio:

$$\frac{4.95}{100} + \frac{100}{100} = 1.049 \text{ percent}$$

Riverside County population change (01/01/25 – 01/01/26): -0.39 percent

Population change converted to a ratio:

$$\frac{-0.39}{100} + \frac{100}{100} = .9961$$

$$\text{Ratio of change: } 1.005 \times 1.036 = 1.041$$

Appropriations Limit for 2025 – 2026 was: \$15,800,252.40

$$\$15,800,252.40 \times \underline{1.049} = \underline{\$16,574,464.76}$$

Appropriations Limit for 2026 - 2027: \$16,574,464.76

Section 7910 of the California Government Code implements Article XIII B of the California Constitution requires each local jurisdiction to annually establish, by resolution, its appropriations limit for each fiscal year, beginning in 1980-81, and to make the documentation used in determining the appropriations limit available to the public 15 days prior to adoption of the resolution establishing the appropriations limit.

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Website Posting: 05/21/2026
Lobby Posting: 05/21/2026

[About the Data](#)

FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

Attachment B

Annual Percent Change in Population Minus Exclusions*

January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2026, and Total Population January 1, 2026

City	County	Percent Change 25-26	Population Minus Exclusions 1-1-25	Population Minus Exclusions 1-1-26	Total Population 1-1-26
Banning	Riverside	2.51	31,532	32,323	32,323
Beaumont	Riverside	0.31	59,710	59,896	59,896
Blythe	Riverside	-0.84	12,813	12,706	15,878
Calimesa	Riverside	-0.79	11,029	10,942	10,942
Canyon Lake	Riverside	-0.72	10,987	10,908	10,908
Cathedral City	Riverside	-0.50	51,679	51,422	51,458
Coachella	Riverside	1.51	44,624	45,300	45,300
Corona	Riverside	-0.35	159,873	159,309	159,309
Desert Hot Springs	Riverside	0.59	33,432	33,629	33,629
Eastvale	Riverside	0.84	69,987	70,575	70,575
Hemet	Riverside	-0.39	91,839	91,479	91,479
Indian Wells	Riverside	-0.66	4,839	4,807	4,807
Indio	Riverside	-0.21	92,552	92,360	92,360
Jurupa Valley	Riverside	-0.78	106,120	105,291	105,349
Lake Elsinore	Riverside	1.15	73,637	74,483	74,483
La Quinta	Riverside	-0.31	38,934	38,815	38,815
Menifee	Riverside	1.76	115,813	117,847	117,847
Moreno Valley	Riverside	0.30	210,740	211,365	211,365
Murrieta	Riverside	0.33	111,951	112,315	112,315
Norco	Riverside	0.12	22,250	22,277	23,276
Palm Desert	Riverside	1.29	51,662	52,326	52,326
Palm Springs	Riverside	-0.51	44,120	43,893	43,893
Perris	Riverside	-0.09	81,100	81,027	81,027
Rancho Mirage	Riverside	1.06	17,137	17,318	17,318
Riverside	Riverside	0.19	321,263	321,884	321,884
San Jacinto	Riverside	1.98	54,815	55,900	55,900
Temecula	Riverside	0.85	112,662	113,618	113,618
Wildomar	Riverside	3.93	37,373	38,841	38,841
Unincorporated	Riverside	0.51	417,280	419,428	419,703
Incorporated	Riverside	0.40	2,074,473	2,082,856	2,087,121
County Total	Riverside	0.42	2,491,753	2,502,284	2,506,824

*Exclusions include residents on federal military installations and group quarters residents in state mental institutions, state and federal correctional institutions and veteran homes.