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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**Racial and Identity Profiling Act-2025 Report  
Regional Analysis**

## RIPA Draft 2025 Report – Regional Analysis

### RIPA Regional Analysis

- Can reveal whether different areas of California exhibit different statistical trends within the RIPA data.
- Can be useful in understanding the characteristics and patterns in the data of different regions.



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### RIPA Regional Analysis

- There are nearly 40 million Californians living in 163,696 square miles.
- The 539 RIPA-reporting law enforcement agencies serve different populations in different environments.
- It may be more useful to understand what RIPA results look like for law enforcement agencies operating in more similar regions.



### RIPA Regional Analysis - Benefits

- Results in one area of California may not exist in others.
- Results from areas with a large number of stops may drive RIPA results.
- Results from areas with a large number of a racial/ethnic group drive results for that racial/ethnic group.
- Opposite results of similar amplitude may exist between regions, and both results would be masked in the aggregate.



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### RIPA Regional Analysis - Considerations

- A grouping of up to about eight regions is most feasible.
- Consider if regions should have a similar scale of populations served, stops performed, and/or geographic area served.
- Consider how easy it would be to communicate and understand regions.



### RIPA Regional Analysis - Challenges

- There may be challenges with geocoding stop reports from agencies that operate statewide or agencies that commonly operate across regions.
- Regional analysis that depends on reported geographical location of stop requires that a system process street addresses, which can be a source of errors.



### RIPA Regional Analysis – Group by Counties?

- California has 58 counties and that has not changed since 1907.
- Grouping by county would be most feasible, easiest to communicate, and generally aligns with the organization of California government.
- But the counties are different. San Bernardino County is 20,000 square miles, San Francisco County is 47 square miles. 9.7 million people live in Los Angeles County, 1,190 people live in Alpine County.



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### District Court of Appeals

- Pros: related to criminal justice; consistent since 1984
- Cons: organized for court administration





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### Department of Transportation

- Pros: transportation is related to stops; transportation is related to how communities are organized
- Cons: 12 regions; Kern County split



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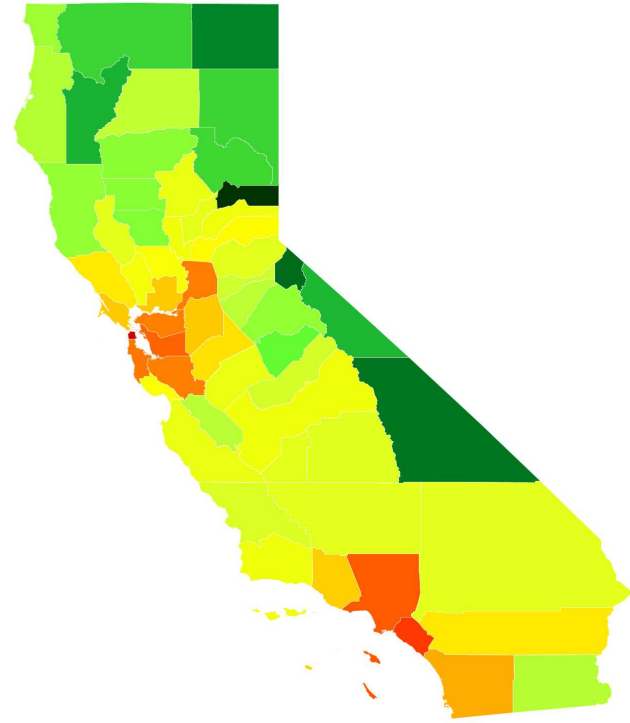
### Department of Education Regional Assessment Network

- Pros: related to assessment and accountability of local agencies
- Cons: 11 regions



## County Population Density

- Pros: groupings by similarity of relevant characteristics
- Cons: groupings by population density may change year to year; groupings may not be easy to communicate



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### RIPA Regional Analysis - Many More Options

- Consider other regional county groupings.
- Consider other characteristics that could be used to group counties into regions.
- Consider combining characteristics with geography, e.g., population density and Northern/Southern, to create regions.



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### RIPA Regional Analysis – Next Steps

- Additional information on counties or regions?
- Other proposed regions?
- Analysis of proposed regions?
- This year's report? Next year's report?

