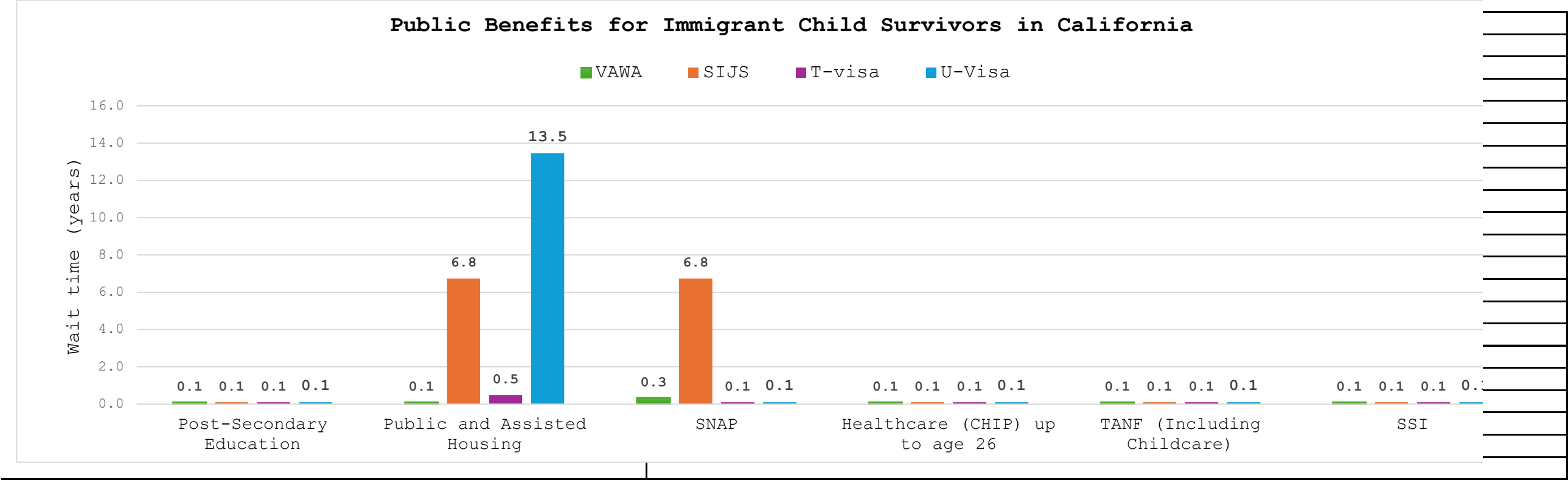
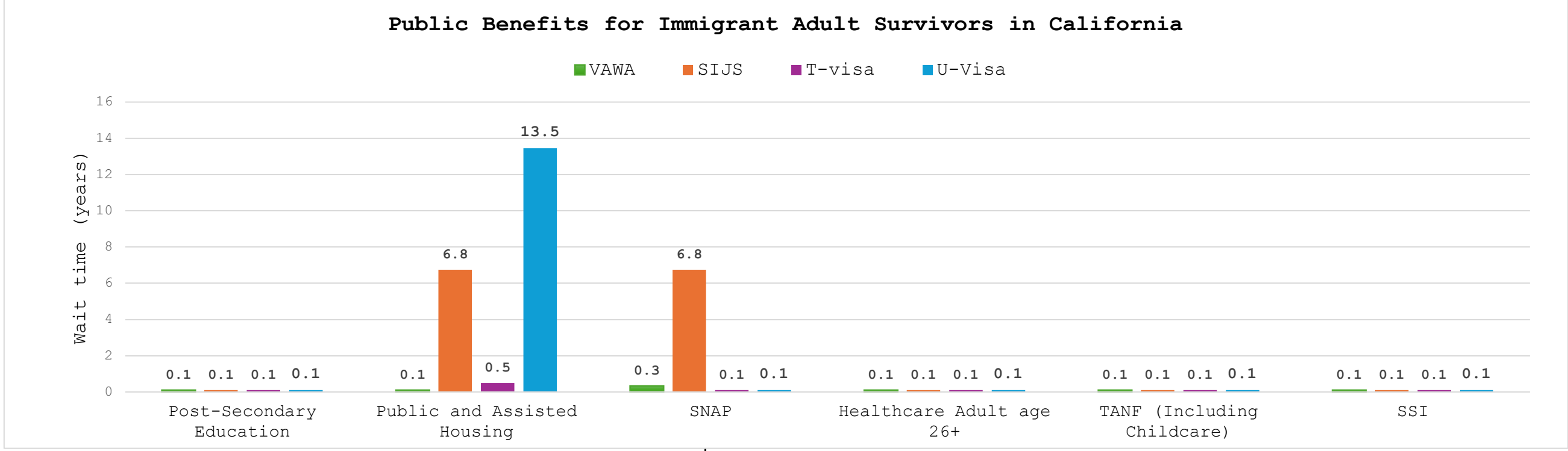


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	VAWA	SIJS	T-visa	U-Visa	Governing Law	Conditions Notes
Post-Secondary Education	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	State	Eligible without regard to immigration status for in-state tuition, grants, and loans - must have attended a California high school, adult school, or community college or a combination of these institutions for at least three years.
Public and Assisted Housing	0.1	6.8	0.5	13.5	Federal	VAWAs eligibe upon filing, T visas, U visas and SIJS must be qualified immigrants .
SNAP	0.3	6.8	0.1	0.1	State	Qualified immigrants and T or U visa applicants are eligible for the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP).
Healthcare (CHIP) up to age 26	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	State	Medi-Cal available to all under 26.
TANF (Including Childcare)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	State	All applicants for VAWA, T visas, U visas, and SIJS are eligible in California for TANF as Persons Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL).
SSI	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	State	T visa eligible when in the process of filing ; VAWA, U visa and SIJS eligible at filing as PRUCOLs.
						0.1 = immediately eligible at filing



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	VAWA	SIJS	T-visa	U-Visa	Governing Law	Conditions Notes
Post-Secondary Education	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	State	Eligible without regard to immigration status for in-state tuition, grants, and loans - must have attended a California high school, adult school, or community college or a combination of these institutions for at least three years.
Public and Assisted Housing	0.1	6.8	0.5	13.5	Federal	VAWAs eligibe upon filing, T visas, U visas and SIJS must be qualified immigrants .
SNAP	0.3	6.8	0.1	0.1	State	Qualified immigrants and T or U visa applicants are eligible for the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP).
Healthcare Adult age 26+	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	State	Income eligible adults age 26 and older are eligible for full-scope Medi-cal regardless of immigration status.
TANF (Including Childcare)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	State	All applicants for VAWA, T visas, U visas, and SIJS are eligible in California for TANF as Persons Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL).
SSI	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	State	T visa eligible when in the process of filing ; VAWA, U visa and SIJS eligible at filing as PRUCOLs.
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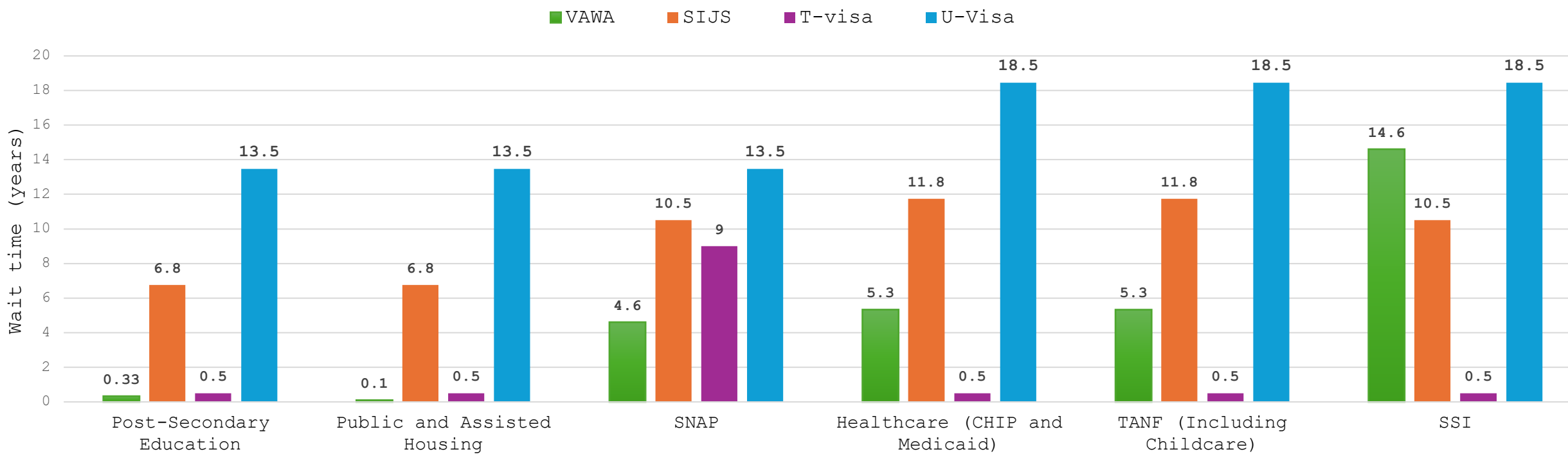


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	VAWA	SIJS	T-visa	U-Visa	Governing Law	Notes
Post-Secondary Education	0.33	6.8	0.5	13.5	Federal	Must be qualified immigrants.
Public and Assisted Housing	0.1	6.8	0.5	13.5	Federal	VAWA self-petition eligible upon filing; T visa, U visa and SIJS must be qualified immigrants.
SNAP	4.6	10.5	9	13.5	Federal	Must be lawful permanent residents. Must also be under 18 , disabled, elderly who was lawfully residing in the U.S. on 8/22/96, have been a qualified immigrant for 5 years or a lawful permanent resident with 40 quarters (5-10 years) of work credit measured from the date they receive work authorization. The 5 year bar and 40 quarters can be earned simultaneously. T visa victims are exempt from the 5 year bar and 40 quarter requirement. SIJS and U visa victims who work become eligible 10 years after receiving work authorization and those who do not have 40 quarters of work credit when they become lawful permanent residents would need to wait to complete the 5 year bar. SIJS or U child who can use the work credit for themselves and a parent, could be up to 5 years less.
Medicaid)	5.3	11.8	0.5	18.5	Federal	Must be qualified immigrants. If entered the U.S. before 8/22/96 subtract 5 years. (T visa exempt from bar)
TANF (Including Childcare)	5.3	11.8	0.5	18.5	Federal	Must be qualified immigrants. If entered before 8/22/96 have a 5 year bar. (T visa exempt from bar)
SSI	14.6	10.5	0.5	18.5	Federal	Must be a lawful permanent resident and have 40 quarters (5-10 years) of work credit, and subject to 5 year bar if arrived after 8/22/96. The 5 year bar and 40 quarters can be earned simultaneously. T visas exempt from 40 quarter and 5 year bar and are eligible for 7 years after becoming a qualified immigrant. Children can use credit from themselves and that their parents earned when they were under the age of 18. Children who use the work credit for themselves and a parent, could be up to 5 years less. U visa victims eligibe 5 years after lawful permanent residence if have earned 40 quarters work credit. VAWAs calculated as 10 years after attaining work authorization. Spouses of citizens will be eligible 3.4 years faster.

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VAWA - Immigration and Public Benefits Timeline Calculations -California
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				Year calculation	Total years citizen spouse	Total years LPR spouse	Notes	Benefits Eligibility Category		
Filing VAWA Self-petition	0						VAWA self-petitioners who are abused by citizens can file their green card applications at the same time as they file their self-petitions.	PRUCOL		
Prima Facie Determination	3 to 4	Months		0.33	0.3	0.3	VAWA self-petitioners abused by citizens who file green card applications together with their VAWA self-petition receive work authorization in a similar time frame.	Lawfully Present and Qualified Immigrant		
VAWA Self- Petition Approval	48.5	Months		4.04	4.0	4.0	All VAWA self-petitioners receive deferred action a formal protection against deportation.	Lawfully Present and Qualified Immigrant		
Apply for Green Card	0			0.00	4.0	4.0	VAWA self-petitioners who are abused by lawful permanent residents receive work authroization and are eligible to file green card applications once their self-petition is approved.	Lawfully Present and Qualified Immigrant		
Green Card Approval	13.59	Months	average	1.13	4.0	5.2	Lawful Permanent Residence	Lawfully Present and Qualified Immigrant	average	4.6
Apply for Naturalization	3	Years		3	7.0	8.2		Lawfully Present and Qualified Immigrant		
Naturalization approval	9.68	Months	average	0.81	7.8	9.0	Naturalized Citizen	Citizen		
Naturalization (N-400)	Months									
Fresno CA	11									
Imperial CA	9.5									
Los Angeles	8.5									
LA County	9.5									
Sacramento	11.5									
San Bernadino	9									
San Diego	10.5									
San Fernando Valley	10									
San Fransisco	8.5									
San Jose	8									
Santa Ana	10.5									
Green Card (I-485)	Months									
Fresno CA	13									
Imperial CA	16									
Los Angeles	16.5									
LA County	16									
Sacramento	13									
San Bernadino	14									
San Diego	10.5									
San Fernando Valley	10									
San Fransisco	14									
San Jose	15									
Santa Ana	11.5									



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