

Here's what it takes to rent a two-bedroom home throughout California

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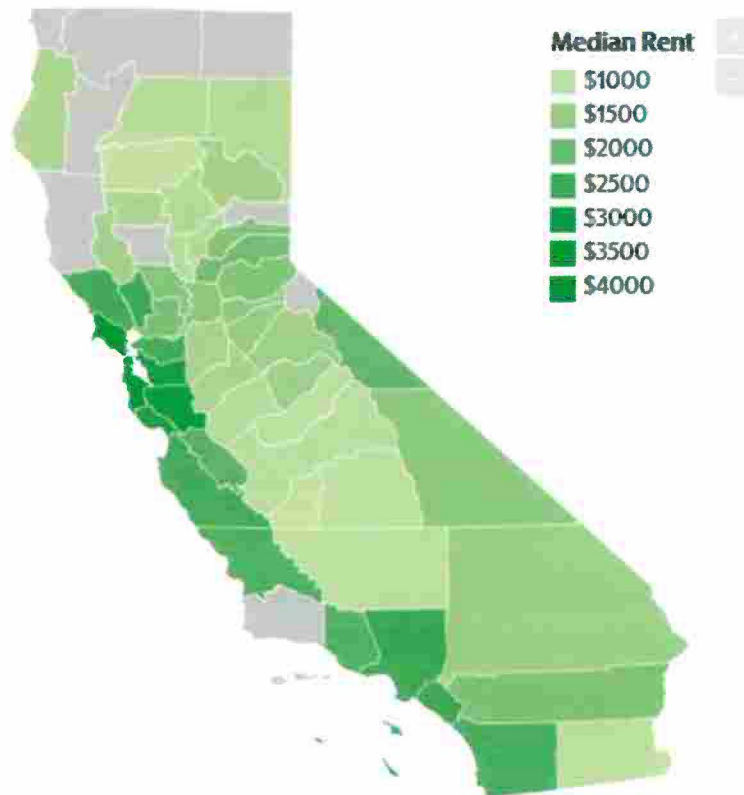
California rent continues to rise rapidly, eating up wage increases from a growing economy, forcing thousands to endure long commutes and contributing to an increase in homelessness.

Median rent for a California two-bedroom condo or home rose from about \$1,740 in December 2013 to about \$2,300 in December 2017, a 32 percent jump, according to tracking firm Zillow.com. By comparison, median rent for a two-bedroom unit nationwide was about \$1,290 in December 2017, up 14 percent from 2013.

Rents vary widely across California. Median rent for a two-bedroom unit in San Francisco is now almost \$4,200. (A mortgage payment of that amount could pay for a home that costs roughly \$800,000). Rent for a two-bedroom in Kings County is just below \$900.

MEDIAN RENT FOR A TWO-BEDROOM CALIFORNIA HOME, DEC. 2017

The median rent for a two-bedroom home in California was about \$2,300 at the end of 2017, roughly 80 percent higher than the nationwide median.



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All California counties saw rent increases during the last four years, Zillow.com data show.

The highest increase occurred in San Luis Obispo County, where two-bedroom rents jumped more than 50 percent between 2013 and 2017. Santa Cruz, Alameda, San Benito,

