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Introduction

The Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) and Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Penetration Rate Dashboard is intended to illustrate the reach of SUD treatment services for the eligible Medi-Cal population through penetration rates, defined as the percentage of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who received services from the SUD delivery system during a given time period. The Dashboard utilizes county-level Medi-Cal administrative data from Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) with age breakdowns to provide a comprehensive view of penetration rates across California's SUD treatment system.

Background

[DMC-ODS](#) is a county opt-in, managed care program that provides eligible Medi-Cal members with a comprehensive continuum of SUD treatment services, based on the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria.¹ DMC-ODS enables more local control and accountability, provides greater administrative oversight, implements evidence-based practices in SUD treatment, and coordinates with other systems of care. Covered DMC-ODS services include Early Intervention for youth, Outpatient Treatment, Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Adult and Youth Residential Treatment, Narcotic Treatment Program services, Withdrawal Management, Medications for Addiction Treatment, Recovery Services, Care Coordination, Clinician Consultation, and Mobile Crisis Services. Additional, optional DMC-ODS services include Contingency Management, Medi-Cal Peer Support Services, Partial Hospitalization Services, Inpatient Treatment,² and beginning in 2025, Enhanced Community Health Worker Services and the Independent Placement and Support Model of Supported Employment.³

Launched in 2015 as the nation's first Medicaid Section 1115 SUD demonstration project approved by the Centers for

¹ The ASAM Criteria provide a standardized framework for assessing and treating individuals with SUD based on the severity of their condition and specific needs. Additional information about the ASAM Criteria is available at: <https://www.asam.org/asam-%20criteria/about-the-asam-criteria>

² Behavioral Health Information Notice No: [24-001](#)

³ Behavioral Health Information Notice No: [25-009](#)

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Medicare & Medicaid (CMS), DMC-ODS has improved access and care quality in participating counties.^{4, 5} In 2021, the program was reauthorized under California's CalAIM [initiative](#), continuing California's efforts to integrate and enhance SUD treatment services statewide. As of May 1, 2025, 40 counties participate in the DMC-ODS program, covering approximately 97 percent of Medi-Cal members.⁶

The remaining counties in California administer Medi-Cal coverage of specialty substance use disorder treatment through the [DMC](#) program. DMC services include Outpatient Treatment, Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Narcotic Treatment Program services, Perinatal and Youth Residential SUD services, Mobile Crisis Services, and Medications for Addiction Treatment.⁷ In addition, Medi-Cal Peer Support Services are an optional DMC service, and beginning in 2025, Enhanced Community Health Worker Services and the Independent Placement and Support Model of Supported Employment may also be covered through DMC.⁸ The DMC program is administered as a partnership between DMC counties and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

Data and Analysis Notes

The penetration rates captured in this dashboard reflect the percentage of Medi-Cal members who are eligible for services and actively utilize SUD treatment, relative to the total number of Medi-Cal eligible members in a given region, during the FY 2022-2023 timeframe. Penetration rate is calculated by dividing the number of Medi-Cal members

⁴ UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, California DMC-ODS Evaluation. Available at: <https://www.uclaisap.org/dmc-ods-eval/>

⁵ Bass B, Urada D, Khurana D, Boustead A, Joshi V. The Effect of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System 1115 Demonstration Waiver on Substance Use Disorder Treatment Access: Evidence from California. *Drug Alcohol Depend.* 2023 May 1;246:109847. doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2023.109847. Epub 2023 Mar 23. PMID: 37001321.

⁶ A list of participating counties is available at: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/county-implementation-plans.aspx>

⁷ California Medicaid State Plan, No. 24-0042, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A. Available at: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/SPA/Documents/Supp-3-to-Attach-3-1-A.pdf>

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utilizing SUD services by the number of Medi-Cal eligibles. This rate does not reflect the prevalence of substance use disorders among Medi-Cal eligibles, or in other words, the number of Medi-Cal members that receive substance use treatment compared to the number that need it. Nonetheless, these rates serve as a critical measure of access to care for Medi-Cal members. Monitoring penetration rates helps identify barriers to treatment, regional or demographic disparities, and gaps in service availability or utilization. Tracking this data over time supports data-driven decision-making and informs efforts to improve equity and strengthen recovery outcomes.

This Dashboard reports on penetration rates calculated from FY 2022-2023 Medi-Cal claims, eligible members, and penetration rates by county, for children and youth (12 – 20 years) and adults (21 and above). Data was suppressed for subgroups with counts less than 11. For this analysis, SUD treatment program status was identified as described below:

- DMC-ODS: Members receiving SUD services in counties implementing the DMC-ODS model
- DMC: Members receiving SUD services in counties not participating in DMC-ODS
- Non-SUD: Certified eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries who did not receive SUD treatment services through either DMC or DMC-ODS programs
- Summary tables and frequency charts were generated to describe and compare penetration rates and treatment service utilization among DMC-ODS, DMC, and non-SUD member populations.

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Figure 1: FY 22-23 Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Claims and Eligibles, Children/Youth Population

DMC County	Unique Count of Children/Youth Receiving DMC Services	Unique Count of Medi-Cal Eligibles
Alpine		48
Amador		1,447
Butte	19	12,456
Calaveras	17	2,082
Colusa		2,142
Del Norte		1,948
Glenn	16	2,751
Inyo		947
Kings	65	12,919
Madera		16,337

DMC County	Unique Count of Children/Youth Receiving DMC Services	Unique Count of Medi-Cal Eligibles
Mariposa		814
Mono	0	562
Plumas	0	949
Sierra		117
Sonoma	20	21,691
Sutter		8,059
Tehama		5,561
Trinity		738
Tuolumne		2,160
Yuba		6,849

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Figure 2: FY 22-23 Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Claims and Eligibles, Adult Population

DMC County	Unique Count of Adults Receiving DMC Services	Unique Count of Medi-Cal Eligibles
Alpine		235
Amador	164	6,931
Butte	1,145	60,422
Calaveras	187	10,342
Colusa	61	6,365
Del Norte	161	8,917
Glenn	198	8,339
Inyo	53	4,189
Kings	242	39,238
Madera	81	44,948

DMC County	Unique Count of Adults Receiving DMC Services	Unique Count of Medi-Cal Eligibles
Mariposa	107	4,672
Mono		2,313
Plumas		4,874
Sierra	22	671
Sonoma	734	86,899
Sutter	279	29,052
Tehama	173	19,721
Trinity	109	4,580
Tuolumne	89	11,746
Yuba	352	24,412

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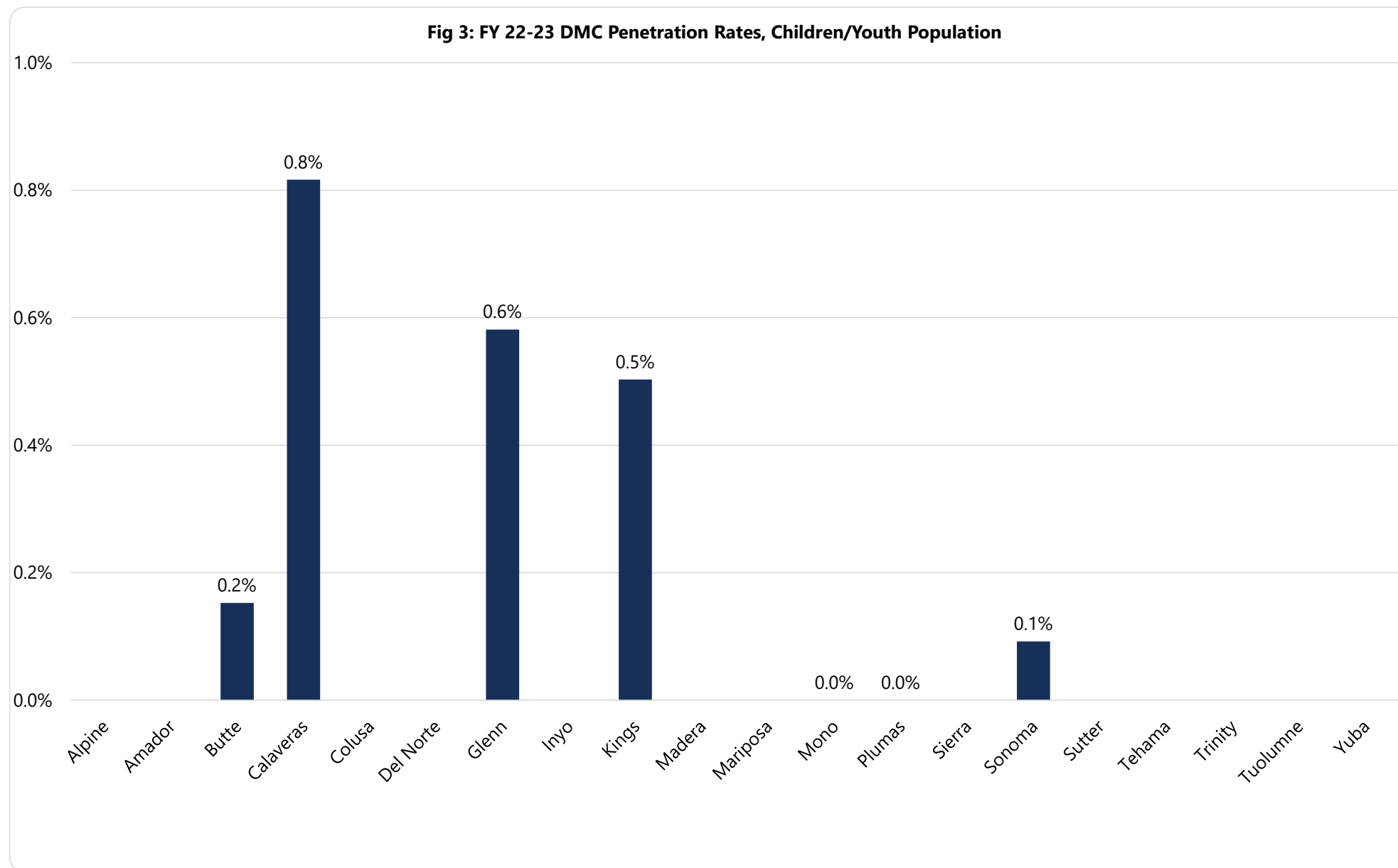
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Figure 3: FY 22-23 Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Penetration Rates, Children/Youth Population



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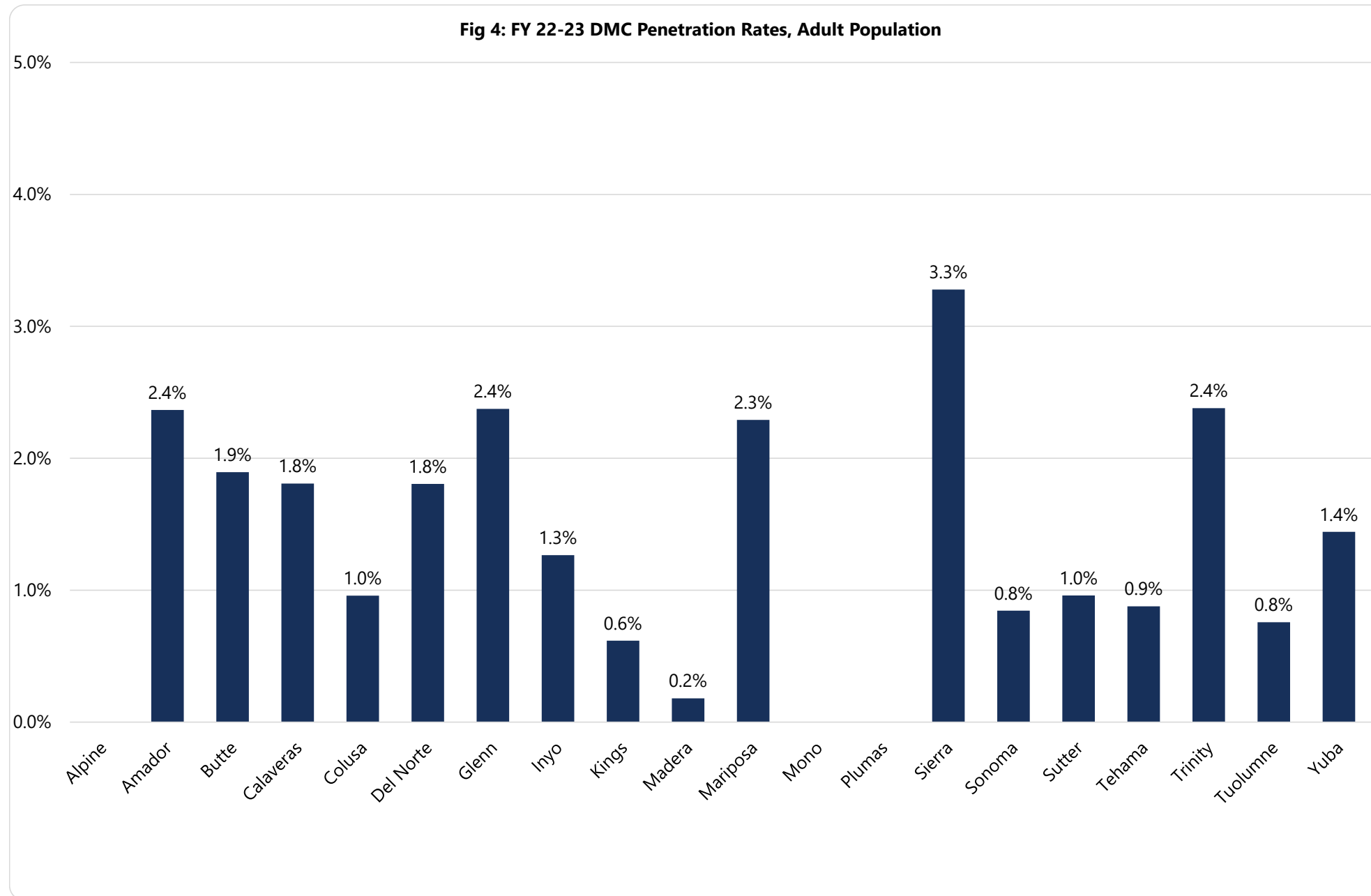
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Figure 4: FY 22-23 Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Penetration Rates, Adult Population



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Figure 5: FY 22-23 Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Claims and Eligibles, Children/Youth Population

DMC-ODS County	Unique Count of Children/Youth Receiving DMC-ODS Services	Unique Count of Medi-Cal Eligibles
Alameda	116	66,416
Contra Costa	159	49,811
El Dorado		6,690
Fresno	989	96,598
Humboldt	28	8,029
Imperial	183	18,039
Kern	299	90,690
Lake	12	5,267
Lassen		1,330
Los Angeles	1,461	634,905
Marin	22	8,749
Mendocino	20	6,395
Merced	122	29,684
Modoc		589
Monterey	65	37,573
Napa	76	6,121
Nevada	23	3,703
Orange	337	159,993
Placer	29	12,245

DMC-ODS County	Unique Count of Children/Youth Receiving DMC-ODS Services	Unique Count of Medi-Cal Eligibles
Riverside	698	174,598
Sacramento	273	98,758
San Benito	16	3,725
San Bernadino	206	172,060
San Diego	683	156,776
San Francisco	22	24,440
San Joaquin	41	57,277
San Luis Obispo	86	10,454
San Mateo	36	24,653
Santa Barbara	216	29,754
Santa Clara	185	68,307
Santa Cruz	59	12,782
Shasta	20	10,755
Siskiyou	22	2,858
Solano	26	21,953
Stanislaus	162	46,663
Tulare	191	54,585
Ventura	180	45,376
Yolo		9,812

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Figure 6: FY 22-23 Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Claims and Eligibles, Adult Population

DMC-ODS County	Unique Count of Adults Receiving DMC-ODS Services	Unique Count of Medi-Cal Eligibles
Alameda	3,575	335,991
Contra Costa	2,496	214,092
El Dorado	558	30,355
Fresno	4,356	310,124
Humboldt	1,081	45,648
Imperial	849	66,219
Kern	4,408	274,720
Lake	315	24,757
Lassen	98	6,256
Los Angeles	24,943	2,716,878
Marin	713	36,050
Mendocino	593	28,547
Merced	1,045	85,978
Modoc	76	2,785
Monterey	1,527	102,809
Napa	436	22,813
Nevada	733	21,272
Orange	5,997	642,710
Placer	976	52,745

DMC-ODS County	Unique Count of Adults Receiving DMC-ODS Services	Unique Count of Medi-Cal Eligibles
Riverside	8,513	586,394
Sacramento	5,341	409,973
San Benito	205	12,446
San Bernadino	4,926	584,915
San Diego	11,141	676,549
San Francisco	3,463	195,028
San Joaquin	2,495	189,646
San Luis Obispo	1,646	45,553
San Mateo	967	103,741
Santa Barbara	1,811	91,210
Santa Clara	2,850	305,684
Santa Cruz	1,304	55,215
Shasta	1,676	49,878
Siskiyou	284	14,286
Solano	1,430	92,093
Stanislaus	2,731	154,687
Tulare	2,120	156,510
Ventura	2,753	153,022
Yolo	602	41,124

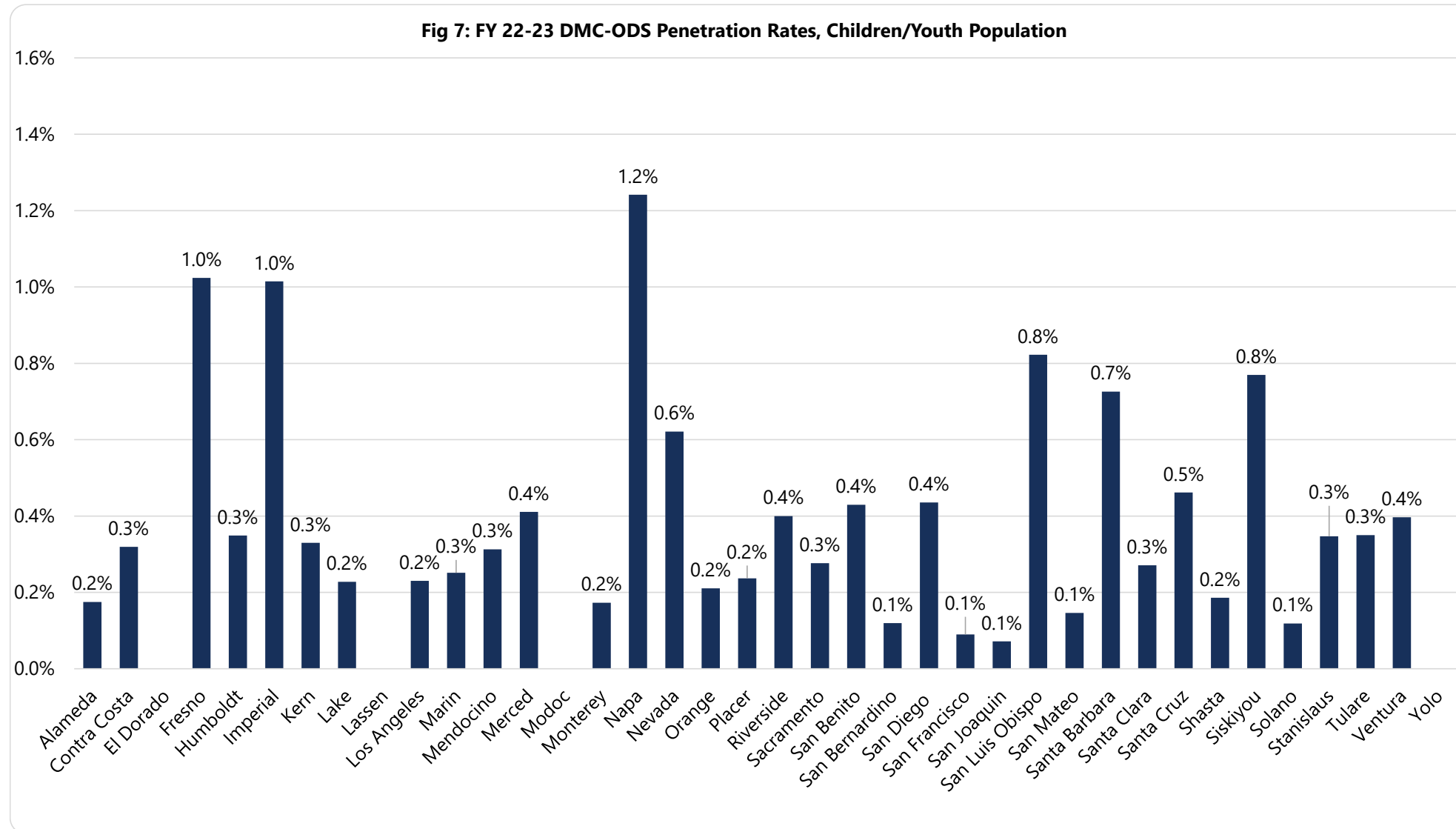
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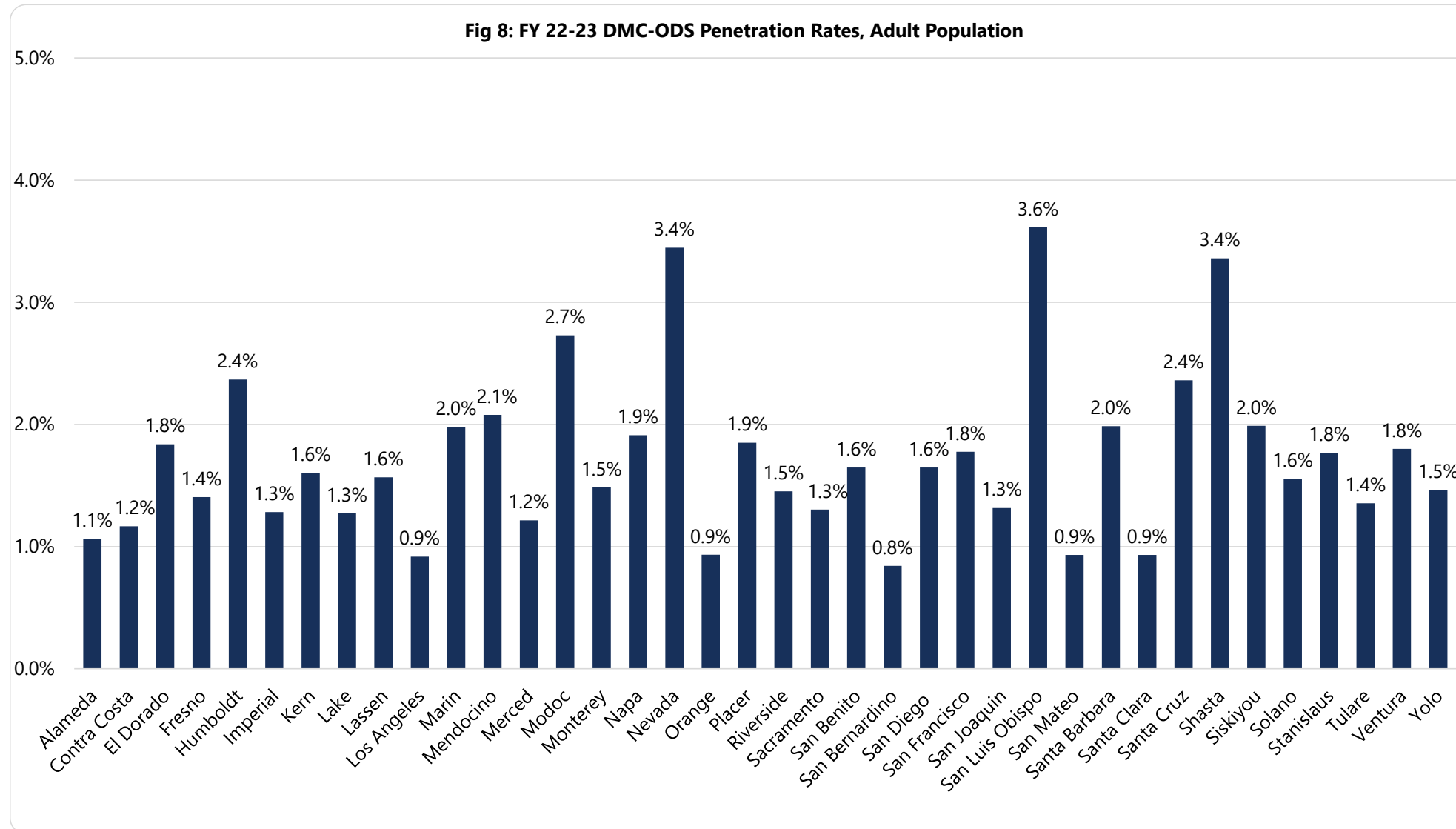
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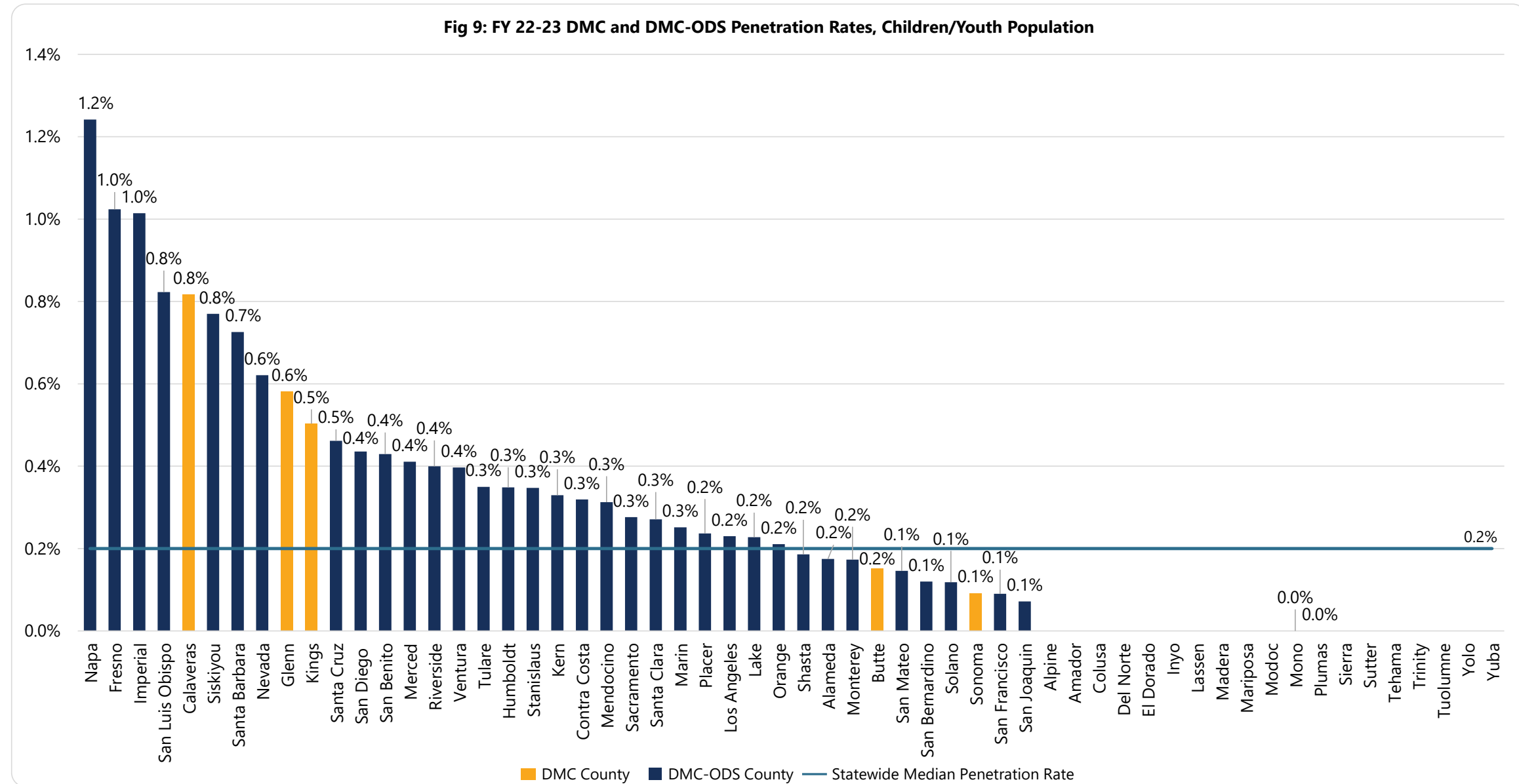
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Figure 9: FY 22-23 Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Penetration Rates, Children/Youth Population



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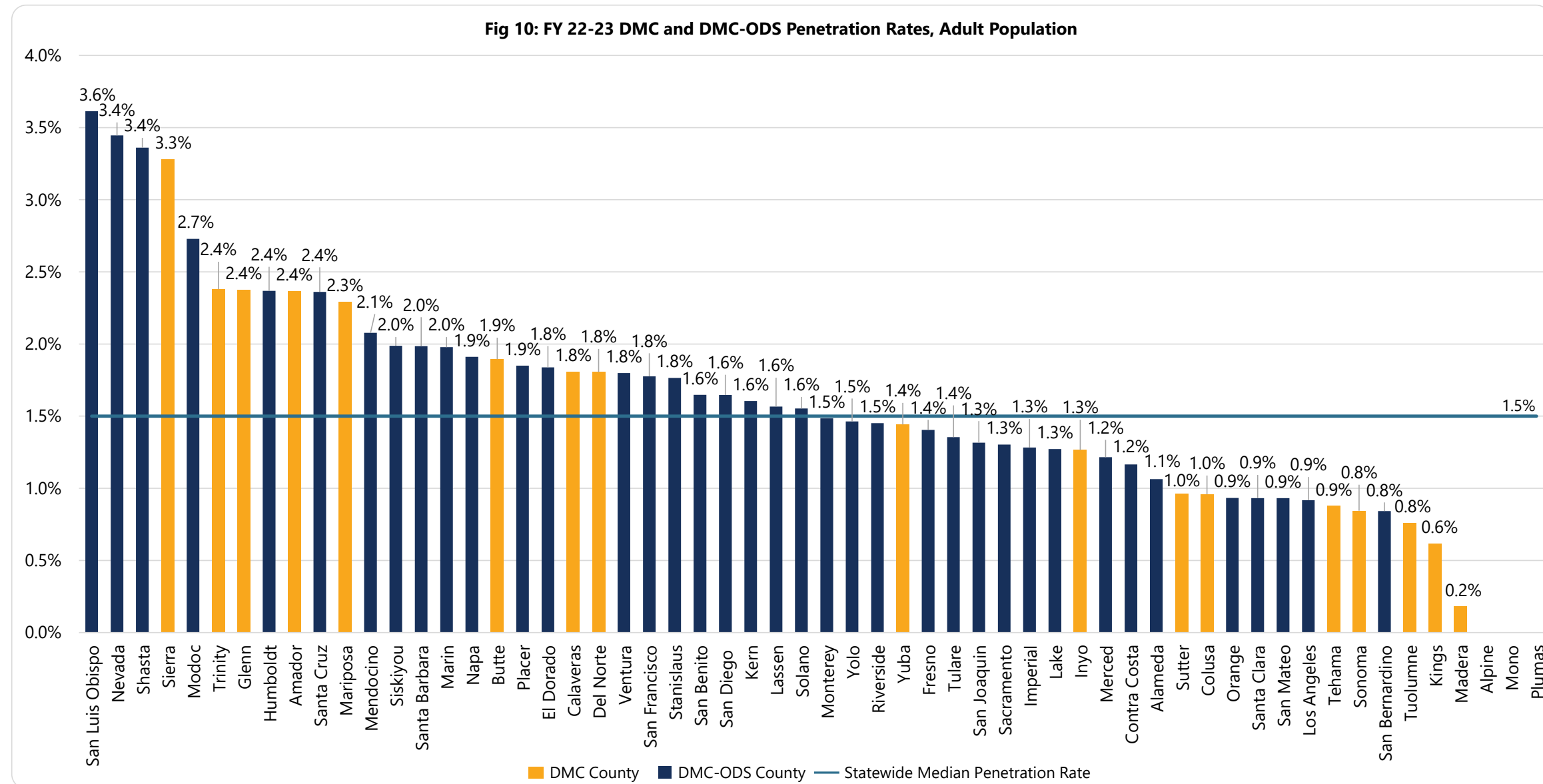
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