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MAP 13: PERCENTAGE OF ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE LUNCH BY SCHOOL, 1997

Poor schools are scattered throughout the Central Valley, but the significant concentrations are in the largest cities—Sacramento, Fresno, Stockton and Bakersfield, and in rural San Joaquin Valley. Schools in suburban districts surrounding the Valley’s major cities, such as Dry Creek outside of Sacramento and Clovis outside of Fresno, as well as Placer and El Dorado counties, had the lowest poverty rates.