

# California County Population: Four Classification Methods

US Census Estimate 2005-2009

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Equal Interval Key

ca_counties	
TOTPOP_EST	
<div></div>	1153 - 2447189
<div></div>	2447190 - 4893224
<div></div>	4893225 - 7339260
<div></div>	7339261 - 9785295

Quantile Key

ca_counties	
TOTPOP_EST	
<div></div>	1153 - 34428
<div></div>	34429 - 129003
<div></div>	129004 - 262149
<div></div>	262150 - 792313
<div></div>	792314 - 9785295

## Equal Interval

This method emphasizes the amount of an attribute value relative to other values.

For example, it will show that a store is part of the group of stores that make up the top one-third of all sales.

## Quantile

Each class contains an equal number of features.

A quantile classification is well suited to linearly distributed data.

Quantile assigns the same number of data values to each class.

There are no empty classes or classes with too few or too many values.

Defined Interval Key

ca_counties	
TOTPOP_EST	
<div></div>	1153 - 1000000
<div></div>	1000001 - 2000000
<div></div>	2000001 - 3000000
<div></div>	3000001 - 4000000
<div></div>	4000001 - 5000000
<div></div>	5000001 - 6000000
<div></div>	6000001 - 7000000
<div></div>	7000001 - 8000000
<div></div>	8000001 - 9000000
<div></div>	9000001 - 10000000

Legend

ca_counties	
TOTPOP_EST	
<div></div>	1153 - 192974
<div></div>	192975 - 505165
<div></div>	505166 - 1457095
<div></div>	1457096 - 2987543
<div></div>	2987544 - 9785295

## Defined Interval

Defined interval allows you to specify an interval size used to define a series of classes with the same value range.

For example, each interval will span 75 units. ArcGIS Pro will determine the number of classes based on the interval size and the range of all field values.

## Natural Breaks (Jenks)

Natural breaks classes are based on natural groupings inherent in the data.

Class breaks are identified that best group similar values and that maximize the differences between classes.

The features are divided into classes whose boundaries are set where there are relatively big differences in the data values.