

Section: Southern California2

Context: Southern California includes the heavily built-up urban area stretching along the Pacific coast from Ventura, through the Greater Los Angeles Area and the Inland Empire, and down to Greater San Diego. Southern California's population encompasses seven metropolitan areas, or MSAs: the Los Angeles metropolitan area, consisting of Los Angeles and Orange counties; the Inland Empire, consisting of Riverside and San Bernardino counties; the San Diego metropolitan area; the Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura metropolitan area; the Santa Barbara metro area; the San Luis Obispo metropolitan area; and the El Centro area. Out of these, three are heavily populated areas: the Los Angeles area with over 12 million inhabitants, the Riverside-San Bernardino area with over four million inhabitants, and the San Diego area with over 3 million inhabitants. For CSA metropolitan purposes, the five counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura are all combined to make up the Greater Los Angeles Area with over 17.5 million people. With over 22 million people, southern California contains roughly 60 percent of California's population. CANNOTANSWER

STUDENT: **Which coastline does Southern California touch?**

TEACHER: ↪ "" (Pacific)

STUDENT: **How many metropolitan areas does Southern California's population encompass?**

TEACHER: ↪ "" (seven)

STUDENT: **How many inhabitants does the Los Angeles area contain?**

TEACHER: ↪ "" (12 million)

STUDENT: **Which of the three heavily populated areas has the least number of inhabitants?**

TEACHER: ↪ "" (San Diego)

STUDENT: **How many people does the Greater Los Angeles Area have?**

TEACHER: ↪ "" (17.5 million)

STUDENT: **What percent of California's 22 million people live in southern California?**

TEACHER: ↪ "" (CANNOTANSWER)

STUDENT: **What does MAS stand for?**

TEACHER: ↪ "" (CANNOTANSWER)

STUDENT: **How many people live in Riverside?**

TEACHER: ↪ "" (CANNOTANSWER)

STUDENT: **What does CSA stand for?**

TEACHER: ↪ "" (CANNOTANSWER)