

Table 3 Animal Control Operating Expenditures and License Fee Collections: Average Percentages for Each Region

The 58 counties in California are listed in rank order according to their offset percentages. Counties with incomplete data were not included in the region percentages. The numbers following the region names indicate the number of counties included in the average.

Region	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Averages	Rank
Los Angeles (1)	55.5%	51.1%	47.7%	50.8%	46.8%	45.8%	44.6%	33.4%	46.3%	1
Southern California (3)	23.0%	19.8%	17.7%	14.5%	15.9%	16.8%	16.4%	19.2%	17.6%	2
Northern & Mountain (17)	22.6%	19.1%	15.7%	16.0%	15.9%	15.9%	17.9%	14.0%	16.2%	3
Farm Belt (14)	30.6%	16.4%	13.9%	13.2%	12.4%	14.0%	13.3%	14.1%	14.2%	4
Bay Area (9)	15.6%	14.5%	12.6%	11.1%	10.3%	12.6%	13.7%	12.9%	12.3%	5

Note: Averages were computed from data posted on the California State Controller's Office Web site: <http://www.sco.ca.gov/ard/local/locprep/index.shtml> (Counties Annual Report, statement of revenue and expenditures).