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**The Lab has a three-part mission:**

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2. To provide recent [trend data](https://inequality.stanford.edu) on poverty, inequality, and safety net use in California.

3. To inform the public, policymakers, and practitioners about [research](https://inequality.stanford.edu) on poverty and the safety net in California.

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