

# El Dorado County

The El Dorado County Courthouse in Placerville.  
Placerville, Coloma, Cool, Georgetown, South Lake  
Tahoe.



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## El Dorado County Data

**Population: 156,299 (Rank: 30)**

**Land Area (square miles): 1,711 (Rank: 27)**

El Dorado was created in 1850 as one of the original counties. The name meaning “the gilded one” in Spanish was given the county because of the discovery of gold at Coloma. The county stretches to Lake Tahoe and includes the southern part of the lake. The western part of the county includes a large part of Folsom Lake and includes the new towns of El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park which are suburbs of Sacramento.

Highway 50 runs east/west through the county and Highway 49 cuts through the old gold mining areas. Nearly all the towns are located on these two highways.

Timber production is still important here. The county produces 5.5% of the state’s timber.

**Cities: Placerville, South Lake Tahoe. Towns: Coloma.**

## Introduction

California is comprised of 58 counties. The state, the third largest in the U.S., has the greatest diversity of geography of any of the states. It has huge deserts, high mountain ranges, fertile valleys and a 1000 mile coastline. Beginning in 2001 my wife and I began to travel and photograph the state as a retirement hobby.

In 2009 we published a CD containing about 4,000 photos of the regions of the state. Since that time we have added about 10,000 more photos to our collection. It was also at this time (December 2008) I began to send a photographic diary of our trips to friends and people with an interest in California geography.

Now we are organizing our collection by county using all of our photos dating back to 2001.

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# Placerville

(February 2002)





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# Placerville

The marker for the old Lincoln Highway which preceded Highway 40 which in turn preceded Interstate 80. (February 2002)





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The county courthouse. (February 2007)





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Coloma

(November 2001)





Coloma

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# Coloma

*This is where gold was discovered. (November 2001)*





Coloma

(November 2001)





Coloma

I believe this was an Chinese herb shop. (November 2001)





# Cool

Cool has a population of 4,100. It's first post office was established in 1885. (February 2007)





# Cool

(February 2007)



# Cool

(February 2007)





# Georgetown

This gold mining town was founded in 1849. It got a post office in 1851. The town is unusual in that the main street is 100 feet wide. The population is 2,367. (February 2007)





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The town is nicknamed *Growlersburg* because of the sound the gold ore made in the miner's pockets when they walked. (February 2007)





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# South Lake Tahoe

South Lake Tahoe is the largest city in the Sierra. The casinos are located on the Nevada side of the border. Gambling arrived in 1944. The city was incorporated in 1965. The population is about 25,000. (July 2005)





# South Lake Tahoe

(July 2005)





# South Lake Tahoe

(July 2005)





# South Lake Tahoe

(August 2003)





# South Lake Tahoe





# Kyburz

Kyburz is a resort community on Highway 50 on the way to Tahoe. (July 2005)





# Kyburz

(July 2005)





# Myers

Myers is located at the intersection of Highways 50 and 89.  
(July 2005)





# Strawberry

Strawberry is another old resort community of Highway 50 near Tahoe. (July 2005)





# Strawberry

(July 2005)





# Tahoma

Tahoma is a community of 1,100 on the west shore of Lake Tahoe. (July 2005)





# Meeks Bay

Meeks Bay is a community on the edge of Lake Tahoe. (July 2005)





# Meeks Bay

(July 2005)





# Camp Richardson

This is an old resort on the edge of Lake Tahoe. (July 2005)





# Camp Richardson

(July 2005)

