

# A Guide to California Closing Costs

Contact your local ORT Escrow Officer for the most up-to-date information regarding closing costs in your county

County	Escrow Charges	Title Fees Owner's Policy	"Documentary Transfer Tax \$1.10 per \$1,000 or \$0.55 per \$500"	City Transfer Tax Amount per \$1,000
Alameda	Buyer Pays	Buyer Pays	Seller Pays	Buyer-Seller 50% Albany - \$11.50 Alameda - \$12.00 Emeryville - \$12.00 #1Hayward - \$8.50 Piedmont - \$13.00 San Leandro - \$6.00 #2Berkeley up to \$1,500,000 - \$15.00 \$1,500,001 or more - \$25.00 #3Oakland up to \$300,000 - \$10.00 \$300,001 to \$ 2,000,000 - \$15.00 \$2,000,001 to \$ 5,000,000 - \$17.50 \$5,000,001 or more - \$25.00
Alpine	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer Pays	Seller Pays	
Amador	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer Pays	Seller Pays	
Butte	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Calaveras	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Colusa	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Contra Costa	Buyer Pays	Buyer Pays	Seller Pays	Buyer - Seller 50% #5El Cerrito \$12.00 #4Richmond up to \$999,999,999 - \$7.00 \$1,000,000 to \$ 3,000,000 - \$12.50 \$3,000,001 to \$ 10,000,000 - \$25.00 \$10,000,001 or more - \$30.00
Del Norte	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
El Dorado	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Fresno	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
Glenn	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Humboldt	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
Imperial	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Inyo	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
Kern	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays Split: Ridgecrest	
Kings	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
Lake	Buyer Pays	Buyer Pays	Seller Pays	
Lassen	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Los Angeles	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	Transfer Tax varies by city. Please contact your Old Republic Escrow Officer for more details.
Madera	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Marin	Buyer Pays	Buyer Pays	Seller Pays	Seller pays - San Rafael \$2.00
Mariposa	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Mendocino	Buyer Pays	Buyer Pays	Seller Pays	
Merced	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Modoc	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
Mono	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
Monterey	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
Napa	Buyer Pays	Buyer Pays	Seller Pays	
Nevada	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Orange County	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
Placer	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Plumas	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
Riverside	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	Seller Pays \$1.10 in city of Riverside
Sacramento	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	Buyer - Seller Pays \$2.75 in city of Sacramento
San Benito	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
San Bernardino	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
San Diego	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
San Francisco	Buyer Pays	Buyer Pays	Included in the City Transfer Tax	Seller Pays Through \$250,000 - \$5.00 \$250,001 to \$999,999 - \$6.80 \$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999 - \$7.50 \$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999 - \$22.50 \$10,000,000 to \$24,999,999 - \$27.50 \$25,000,000 or more - \$30.00
San Joaquin	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
San Luis Obispo	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
San Mateo	Buyer Pays	Buyer Pays	Seller Pays	Buyer-Seller - 50% \$0.30 in Hillsborough Buyer-Seller - 50% \$5.00 in San Mateo
Santa Barbara	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
Santa Clara	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	Buyer-Seller - 50% Palo Alto - \$3.30 San Jose - \$3.30 Mountain View - \$3.30
Santa Cruz	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Shasta	Buyer - Seller 50%		Seller Pays	
Sierra	Buyer - Seller 50%		Seller Pays	
Siskiyou	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Solano	Buyer Pays	Buyer Pays	Seller Pays	Seller Pays \$3.30 in city of Vallejo
Sonoma	Buyer Pays	Buyer Pays	Seller Pays	Seller Pays Santa Rosa \$2.00 Petaluma \$2.00
Stanislaus	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays except Turlock 50/50	Seller Pays	
Sutter	Seller Pays	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Tehama	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Trinity	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Tulare	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
Tuolumne	Buyer - Seller 50%	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	
Ventura	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	
Yolo	Buyer - Davis Seller - All Other	Buyer - Davis Seller - All Other	Seller Pays	
Yuba	Buyer - Seller 50%	Seller Pays	Seller Pays	

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\*San Francisco Transfer Tax is NOT figured incrementally. The TOTAL purchase price determines which Transfer Tax figure applies. All of the closing costs above are allocated between the Buyer and Seller based on custom only and subject to negotiation in the sale of Real Property. These closing costs are deemed reliable, as of December 2016 but are subject to change without notice.

#1 New Rates Effective 1.1.19 #2 New Rates Anticipated Effective 12.21.18  
#3 New Rates Anticipated Effective 1.1.19 #4 New Rates Anticipated Effective 12.28.18  
#5 New Rates Effective 1.14.19

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