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- In 2025, CA Insurance Commission allowed insurers to raise rates if they would sell new policies in high-risk areas
- Policy targets are not guaranteed, thus there will be a many year gradual increase
- State Farm (28% higher) and Allstate (34% higher) raised existing rates but did not write new policies
- Farmers (7% rate increase) only added back less than 10% of policies cancelled
- CA Fair-Plan is seeking a 35.8% rate increase plus a \$1B levy on private insurers
- In LA, Cal-Fair has been slow and restrictive in paying claims

Potential Fair Plan losses per county*

