



California Competes Tax Credit List of High Poverty and High Unemployment Areas

Applicable to applications submitted February 24, 2025 – March 10, 2025

“High poverty area” means a city and/or county within California with a poverty rate of at least 150% of the California statewide poverty rate per the most recently updated data available from the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates thirty days prior to the first day of the applicable application period.

“High unemployment area” means a city and/or county within California with an unemployment rate of at least 150% of the California statewide unemployment rate per the most recently updated data available from the California Employment Development Department on <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/> or the equivalent website thirty days prior to the first day of the applicable application period.

Cities with High Poverty

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| Alturas | Desert Hot Springs | Merced |
| Anderson | Dinuba | Montague |
| Arcata | Dorris | Needles |
| Arvin | El Cajon | Orange Cove |
| Atwater | El Centro | Oroville |
| Avenal | Etna | Parlier |
| Banning | Farmersville | Portola |
| Barstow | Firebaugh | Reedley |
| Bell | Fort Jones | San Bernardino |
| Bell Gardens | Fowler | San Joaquin |
| Blue Lake | Fresno | San Luis Obispo |
| Blythe | Grass Valley | Selma |
| Brawley | Guadalupe | Shafter |
| Calexico | Huron | Sonora |
| California City | Isleton | South El Monte |
| Calipatria | Kerman | Tulare |
| Chico | King City | Tulelake |
| Chowchilla | Lindsay | Victorville |
| Clearlake | Loyalton | Wasco |
| Coalinga | Madera | Weed |
| Corcoran | Marysville | Westmorland |
| Crescent City | Maywood | Woodlake |
| Cudahy | McFarland | Yreka |
| Davis | Mendota | |

Counties with High Poverty

Butte County
Fresno County
Humboldt County
Imperial County
Kern County
Madera County
Merced County
Modoc County
Trinity County

Cities with High Unemployment

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| Adelanto | Dinuba | Orange Cove |
| Alturas | Dos Palos | Palmdale |
| Arvin | El Centro | Porterville |
| Atwater | Exeter | Reedley |
| Avenal | Farmersville | Rio Vista |
| Bradbury | Firebaugh | San Joaquin |
| Brawley | Gustine | Sanger |
| Brisbane | Holtville | Santa Paula |
| Calabasas | Hughson | Selma |
| Calexico | Huron | Soledad |
| California City | Imperial | Sutter Creek |
| Calipatria | Kerman | Wasco |
| Clearlake | Lancaster | Watsonville |
| Coachella | Lindsay | Westmorland |
| Coalinga | Los Banos | Williams |
| Corcoran | Maricopa | Willits |
| Crescent City | Mendota | Woodlake |
| Del Rey Oaks | Needles | |
| Delano | Newman | |

Counties with High Unemployment

Colusa County
Imperial County
Merced County
Tulare County