



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

Applicable to applications submitted January 5, 2026 – January 26, 2026

“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

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

Arcata	El Centro	Orange Cove
Arvin	Exeter	Palm Desert
Atwater	Farmersville	Parlier
Biggs	Firebaugh	Porterville
Brawley	Gridley	Portola
Calabasas	Guadalupe	Rancho Mirage
Calexico	Gustine	Red Bluff
California City	Holtville	Reedley
Calipatria	Huron	Rio Vista
Clearlake	Imperial	San Joaquin
Coachella	Industry	Sanger
Coalinga	Isleton	Selma
Colfax	Lindsay	Sutter Creek
Colusa	Livingston	Tehachapi
Corcoran	Los Banos	Wasco
Crescent City	Maricopa	Westmorland
Del Rey Oaks	McFarland	Williams
Delano	Mendota	Willows
Dinuba	Merced	Woodlake
Dos Palos	Needles	
Dunsmuir	Newman	

## Counties with High Unemployment

Alpine County  
Colusa County  
Imperial County  
Kings County  
Merced County  
Tulare County