



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

Applicable to applications submitted March 2, 2026 – March 16, 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	El Cajon	McFarland
Anderson	El Centro	Mendota
Arcata	Etna	Merced
Arvin	Eureka	Montague
Atwater	Farmersville	Needles
Avenal	Firebaugh	Orange Cove
Banning	Fort Bragg	Oroville
Barstow	Fort Jones	Parlier
Bell	Fortuna	Portola
Bell Gardens	Fowler	Red Bluff
Blythe	Fresno	Reedley
Brawley	Grass Valley	San Bernardino
Calexico	Guadalupe	San Joaquin
California City	Holtville	San Luis Obispo
Calipatria	Huntington Park	Sand City
Chico	Huron	Selma
Chowchilla	Industry	Shafter
Clearlake	Isleton	South El Monte
Coalinga	Kerman	Tulelake
Colusa	King City	Victorville
Corcoran	Lindsay	Wasco
Cudahy	Lynwood	Weed
Davis	Madera	Westmorland
Desert Hot Springs	Maricopa	Willows
Dinuba	Marysville	Woodlake
Dorris	Maywood	

Counties with High Poverty

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

Cities with High Unemployment

Alturas	Fowler	Parlier
Arcata	Gonzales	Patterson
Arvin	Gridley	Porterville
Atwater	Guadalupe	Portola
Avenal	Gustine	Rancho Mirage
Biggs	Hanford	Red Bluff
Brawley	Holtville	Reedley
Calexico	Huron	Rio Vista
California City	Imperial	Riverbank
Calipatria	Industry	Salinas
Ceres	Isleton	San Joaquin
Clearlake	Kerman	Sanger
Coachella	King	Santa Maria
Coalinga	Lindsay	Santa Paula
Colfax	Live Oak	Selma
Colusa	Livingston	Soledad
Corcoran	Los Banos	Sutter Creek
Crescent City	Madera	Tehachapi
Del Rey Oaks	Maricopa	Wasco
Delano	McFarland	Watsonville
Dinuba	Mendota	Westmorland
Dos Palos	Merced	Williams
Dunsmuir	Needles	Willows
El Centro	Newman	Woodlake
Exeter	Oakdale	Yuba City
Farmersville	Orange Cove	
Firebaugh	Pacific Grove	

Counties with High Unemployment

Colusa County
Fresno County
Imperial County
Kern County
Kings County
Lake County
Madera County
Merced County
Monterey County
Plumas County
Siskiyou County
Sutter County
Tulare County