



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

Applicable to applications submitted July 20, 2026 – August 10, 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	El Centro	Orange Cove
Artesia	Exeter	Parlier
Arvin	Farmersville	Patterson
Avenal	Firebaugh	Porterville
Biggs	Gridley	Portola
Blythe	Guadalupe	Reedley
Brawley	Gustine	Rio Dell
Calabasas	Holtville	Rio Vista
Calexico	Huron	Riverbank
California City	Imperial	Salinas
Calipatria	Industry	San Joaquin
Ceres	Isleton	Sanger
Chowchilla	Kerman	Selma
Clearlake	Lindsay	Soledad
Coachella	Live Oak	Sonora
Coalinga	Livingston	Sutter Creek
Colfax	Los Banos	Wasco
Colusa	Madera	Watsonville
Corcoran	Maricopa	Weed
Crescent City	Marysville	Westmorland
Del Rey Oaks	McFarland	Williams
Delano	Mendota	Woodlake
Dinuba	Needles	Yuba City
Dos Palos	Newman	
Dunsmuir	Oakdale	

Counties with High Unemployment

Alpine County
Colusa County
Fresno County
Imperial County
Kern County
Kings County
Merced County
Sutter County
Tulare County