

# Counties And Cities That Potentially Qualify For Food Stamp Waivers

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## COUNTIES AND CITIES THAT POTENTIALLY QUALIFY FOR ABAWD FOOD STAMP WAIVERS\*

| Counties With Average 1997 Unemployment Greater than 10% <sup>a</sup>                   | Counties That Meet Labor Surplus Criteria <sup>b</sup>                 | Additional Cities That Meet Labor Surplus Criteria <sup>c</sup> | Counties With Unemployment Greater than 10% for each Month of FFY 1997 (Oct. 1996-Sep. 1997) |
|---|--|---|--|
| Alpine  | Alpine   | <u>Alameda County</u>   | Colusa   |
| Colusa  | Amador   | Oakland   | Imperial   |
| Del Norte   | Butte  |   | Merced   |
| Fresno  | Calaveras  | <u>Contra Costa County</u>                                      | Tulare   |
| Glenn   | Colusa   | Antioch   | Yuba   |
| Imperial  | Del Norte  | Pittsburg   |  |
| Kern  | Fresno   | Richmond  | 4% of the state's ABAWD Food Stamp recipients live in these counties.                        |
| Kings   | Glenn  | San Pablo   |  |
| Lake  | Humboldt   |   |  |
| Mariposa  | Imperial   | <u>Napa County</u>  |  |
| Madera  | Inyo   | Napa  |  |
| Merced  | Kern   |   |  |
| Modoc   | Kings  | <u>Orange County</u>  |  |
| Mono  | Lake   | Santa Ana   |  |
| Monterey  | Lassen   | Stanton   |  |
| Plumas  | Los Angeles  |   |  |
| San Benito  | Madera   | <u>Sacramento County</u>  |  |
| San Joaquin   | Mariposa   | Sacramento  |  |
| Sierra  | Mendocino  |   |  |
| Siskiyou  | Merced   | <u>Santa Barbara County</u>                                     |  |
| Stanislaus  | Modoc  | Santa Maria   |  |
| Sutter  |  | Lompoc  |  |
| Trinity   | 68% of the state's ABAWD Food Stamp recipients live in these counties. | <u>Santa Clara County</u>                                       |  |
| Tulare  |  | Gilroy  |  |
| Yuba  |  |   |  |
| 16% of the state's ABAWD Food Stamp recipients live in these counties.                  |  | <u>San Diego County</u>   |  |
|   |  | El Cajon  |  |
|   |  | Imperial Beach  |  |
|   |  | Lemon Grove   |  |
|   |  | National City   |  |
|   |  | Oceanside   |  |
| Counties with Seasonal Unemployment Greater than 10% (Nov. 1997-Feb. 1998) <sup>d</sup> |  | <u>San Mateo County</u>   |  |
| Lassen  |  | East Palo Alto  |  |
| Shasta  |  |   |  |
|   |  | <u>Yolo County</u>  |  |
|   |  | West Sacramento   |  |
|   |  | Woodland  |  |

\* Guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture states that waivers of the three-month restriction for "able bodied" persons between the ages of 18 and 50 without dependent children (ABAWDs) will automatically be granted (upon request) for any area in which the average unemployment rate in the preceding 12 months is greater than 10%. Waivers may also be granted for areas without sufficient jobs or for certain periods if there is a pattern of seasonal unemployment.

<sup>a</sup> The same counties have an average unemployment rate greater than 10% for FFY 1997. The same counties except Mariposa County also have an average unemployment rate greater than 10% for the 12-month period from March 1997 through February 1998.

<sup>b</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) defines Labor Surplus Areas (LSA) as areas in which the unemployment rate during the two previous years exceeds the national average during that period by 20%. Some cities and places within these counties may not be Labor Surplus Areas, however, based on aggregate county employment figures, the county as a whole qualifies as a LSA.

<sup>c</sup> These cities are BLS Labor Surplus Areas. They are located in counties that are not Labor Surplus Areas.

<sup>d</sup> These counties have annual unemployment rates less than 10%, but they have high average unemployment rates during winter months.