

Targeted Employment Area Designation

The Idaho Department of Labor is designated by the governor to certify the geographic areas or political subdivisions that conform to targeted employment areas as defined by 8 CFR 204.6 (e)(i),(e)(ii) and f(2), f(3).

Definitions

Targeted Employment Area: An area which, at the time of investment, is a rural area or an area which has experienced unemployment of at least 150 percent of the national average rate. The amount of capital necessary to make a qualifying investment in a targeted employment area within the United States is \$500,000.

Rural Area: Any area not within either a metropolitan statistical area as designated by the Office of Management and Budget or the outer boundary of any city or town having a population of 20,000 or more.

High Employment Area: A part of a metropolitan statistical area that at the time of investment (i) is not a targeted employment area and (ii) is an area with an employment rate significantly below the national average unemployment rates. The amount of capital necessary to make a qualifying investment within the United States as defined in section 203(b)(5)(C)(iii) of the Act, is \$1,000,000.

Methodology

Under the federal definition of targeted employment area the Idaho Department of Labor certifies any rural area within the state as a targeted employment area, excluding rural county cities with populations of 20,000 or more that have unemployment rates falling short of 150 percent of the national average unemployment rate. All official metropolitan statistical areas are also excluded unless a geographic area or political subdivision within the metropolitan area – such as counties, cities, census tracts, census blocks or a combination – have in the aggregate an unemployment rate at least 150 percent of the national unemployment rate. The department will calculate these combinations on a case by case basis as requested.

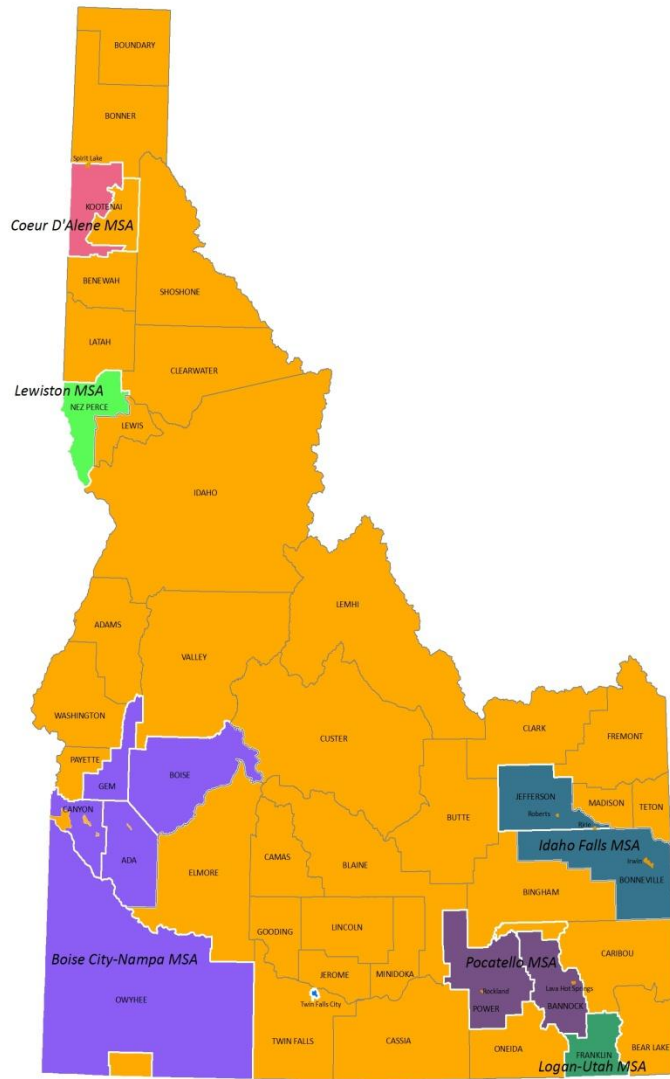
To be designated targeted employment areas at the county level, all counties except those counties included in metropolitan statistical areas qualify. Cities with populations in excess of 20,000 located in rural counties are excluded from the designation unless the 150 percent national average unemployment provision is met.

Cities, census tracts, blocks or townships with rates of at least 150 percent of the national average unemployment rate located inside metropolitan statistical areas are automatically designated as targeted employment areas. A census tract or a combination of contiguous geography may be

designated a TEA for as long as the combination of the unemployed divided by labor force for such an area is at least 150 percent of the national average unemployment rate for the preceding 12 months of available labor force data. The 150 percent of the national average unemployment rate used for this year's determination is 11.35 percent. Upon request, the Idaho Department of Labor will calculate whether a combination of census tracts make up a qualifying contiguous geographic area with 150 percent of the national average unemployment rate. If a region qualifies, the department will provide a letter to the requesting entity designating the region as high unemployment area for its submission for EB status to the Department of Homeland Security.

For high unemployment census tracts the labor force data sets used to determine the national average unemployment rate consist of benchmarked data from July to December and the available preliminary data from January to June. For computational purposes, TEA determinations are made in November of each year to be effective during the following full calendar year.

Target Employment Area Designation for year 2010.



Areas in gold are Targeted Employment Area designations (\$500,000 EB-5). Colored areas represent metropolitan statistical areas or larger rural cities (\$1,000,000 EB-5).

Targeted Area: Idaho Rural Counties

County	FIPS*
Adams	003
Bear Lake	007
Benewah	009
Bingham	011
Blaine	013
Bonner	017
Boundary	021
Butte	023
Camas	025
Caribou	029
Cassia	031
Clark	033
Clearwater	035
Custer	037
Elmore	039
Fremont	043
Gooding	047
Idaho	049
Jerome	053
Latah	057
Lemhi	059
Lewis	061
Lincoln	063
Madison	065
Minidoka	067
Oneida	071
Payette	075
Shoshone	079
Teton	081
Twin Falls	083
Valley	085
Washington	087

*FIPS: Federal Information Processing Standards.

Targeted Area: Census Tracts within MSA

MSA	County	FIPS*	Track
Boise City-Nampa MSA	Ada	001	001100
Boise City-Nampa MSA	Canyon	027	020200
Boise City-Nampa MSA	Canyon	027	020300
Boise City-Nampa MSA	Canyon	027	021200
Boise City-Nampa MSA	Canyon	027	021300
Boise City-Nampa MSA	Canyon	027	021500
Boise City-Nampa MSA	Canyon	027	022200
Boise City-Nampa MSA	Owyhee	073	940300
Coeur D'Alene MSA	Kootenai	055	001900
Pocatello MSA	Bannock	005	000100

Targeted Area: Cities within MSA

City or Town	County	FIPS*
Spirit Lake	Kootenai	055
Roberts	Jefferson	051
Ririe	Jefferson	051
Irwin	Bonneville	019
Lava Hot Springs	Bannock	005
Rockland	Power	077

Non-Targeted Area: Large Cities from Rural Counties

City or Town	FIPS*	County
Twin Falls City	083	Twin Falls