

A Distressed County is a county in the border region that:

- (1). has a poverty rate equal or higher than 150% of the national average in 2000; and
- (2). has a per capita income less or equal to 67% of the national average in 2000; and
- (3). has a 3-year unemployment rate equal or higher than 150% of the national average (1999 - 2001).

OR:

- (1). has a poverty rate equal or higher than 200% of the national average in 2000; and
- (2). has a per capita income less or equal to 67% of the national average in 2000.

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A Competitive County is a non-distressed county in the border region that meets at least one of the criteria.

An Attainment County is a non-distressed and non-competitive county in the border region.

