

EDC food stamp needs, foreclosures, unemployment rise

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From rustic vineyards to elegant country clubs, the rolling hills of El Dorado County paint a picture of quiet wealth.

But the recession is taking a toll on an area that traditionally has been one of the most privileged in California.

El Dorado County's unemployment rate was 12.6 percent in December, matching Yolo's for the highest three-year jump in the Sacramento region. Foreclosures continue to batter the area, with 889 homes lost in the county last year, 150 more than in 2008.

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