

Hinkley, California

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Hinkley is an [unincorporated community](#) in the [Mojave Desert](#) in [California](#), U.S., 22 km (14 miles) west of [Barstow](#), 94 km (59 miles) east of [Mojave](#), and 75 km (47 miles) north of [Victorville](#).

The community is associated with [Erin Brockovich](#) who, as a legal clerk to the lawyer [Edward L. Masry](#), investigated [Pacific Gas & Electric](#) for their contribution to unclean water in the town. The water contained [hexavalent chromium](#), which was accepted as being a [carcinogen](#), though some studies find no relationship between [chromate](#) and [cancer](#). Her successful fight against PG&E became well known in the public's mind, as did Hinkley, when the film of her story was released in 2000 (*[Erin Brockovich](#)*).

The United States does not define a [census-designated place](#) called Hinkley, but it does define a [Zip Code Tabulation Area](#) (ZCTA), 92347. Because Hinkley is contained within this ZCTA, it is possible to obtain Census data from the [United States 2000 Census](#) for the area even though data for "Hinkley" is unavailable. As of the census of 2000², the ZCTA of 92347 had a [2000](#) population of 1,915. Of note is the fact that there were 485 people (26.7 percent of the population) five years in age