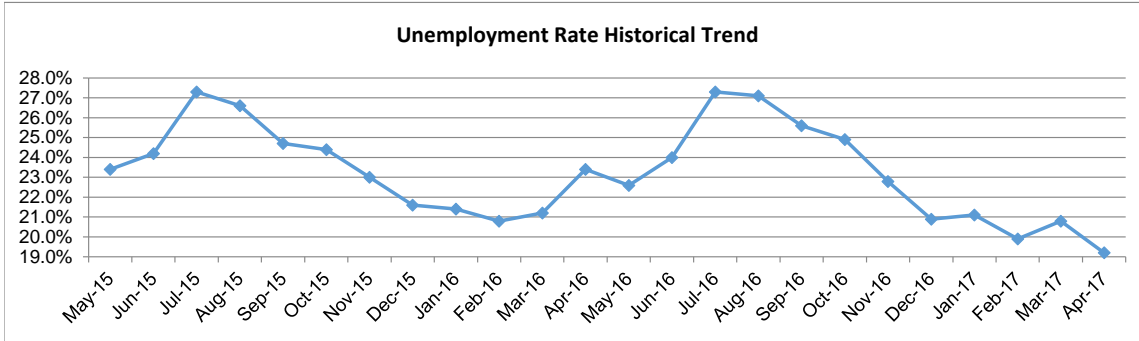


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 EL CENTRO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Imperial County)

The unemployment rate in the Imperial County was 19.2 percent in April 2017, down from a revised 20.8 percent in March 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 23.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.5 percent for California and 4.1 percent for the nation during the same period.



| Industry | Mar-2017 | Apr-2017 | Change | | Apr-2016 | Apr-2017 | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|--|----------|----------|--------|
| | Revised | Prelim | | | | Prelim | |
| Total, All Industries | 64,300 | 63,100 | (1,200) | | 62,700 | 63,100 | 400 |
| Total Farm | 11,400 | 10,000 | (1,400) | | 10,500 | 10,000 | (500) |
| Total Nonfarm | 52,900 | 53,100 | 200 | | 52,200 | 53,100 | 900 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 | | 1,800 | 2,000 | 200 |
| Manufacturing | 1,200 | 1,100 | (100) | | 1,200 | 1,100 | (100) |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 12,100 | 12,100 | 0 | | 12,200 | 12,100 | (100) |
| Information | 300 | 300 | 0 | | 300 | 300 | 0 |
| Financial Activities | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0 | | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0 |
| Professional & Business Services | 2,200 | 2,400 | 200 | | 2,300 | 2,400 | 100 |
| Educational & Health Services | 9,600 | 9,700 | 100 | | 9,100 | 9,700 | 600 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 4,400 | 4,400 | 0 | | 4,400 | 4,400 | 0 |
| Other Services | 900 | 900 | 0 | | 900 | 900 | 0 |
| Government | 18,800 | 18,800 | 0 | | 18,600 | 18,800 | 200 |

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding
 Labor force data are revised month to month
 Additional data are available on line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

| | Apr 16 | Feb 17 | Mar 17 Revised | Apr 17 Prelim | Percent Change | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|--------|
| | | | | | Month | Year |
| Civilian Labor Force (1) | 76,400 | 74,900 | 74,600 | 72,600 | -2.7% | -5.0% |
| Civilian Employment | 58,500 | 60,000 | 59,100 | 58,600 | -0.8% | 0.2% |
| Civilian Unemployment | 17,900 | 14,900 | 15,500 | 13,900 | -10.3% | -22.3% |
| Civilian Unemployment Rate | 23.4% | 19.9% | 20.8% | 19.2% | | |
| (CA Unemployment Rate) | 5.4% | 5.2% | 5.1% | 4.5% | | |
| (U.S. Unemployment Rate) | 4.7% | 4.9% | 4.6% | 4.1% | | |

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|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total, All Industries (2) | 62,700 | 66,100 | 64,300 | 63,100 | -1.9% | 0.6% |
| Total Farm | 10,500 | 13,000 | 11,400 | 10,000 | -12.3% | -4.8% |
| Total Nonfarm | 52,200 | 53,100 | 52,900 | 53,100 | 0.4% | 1.7% |
| Total Private | 33,600 | 34,300 | 34,100 | 34,300 | 0.6% | 2.1% |
| Goods Producing | 3,000 | 3,100 | 3,200 | 3,100 | -3.1% | 3.3% |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 1,800 | 1,900 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0.0% | 11.1% |
| Manufacturing | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,100 | -8.3% | -8.3% |
| Durable Goods | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Nondurable Goods | 700 | 700 | 700 | 600 | -14.3% | -14.3% |
| Service Providing | 49,200 | 50,000 | 49,700 | 50,000 | 0.6% | 1.6% |
| Private Service Providing | 30,600 | 31,200 | 30,900 | 31,200 | 1.0% | 2.0% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 12,200 | 12,400 | 12,100 | 12,100 | 0.0% | -0.8% |
| Wholesale Trade | 1,800 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0.0% | 11.1% |
| Retail Trade | 8,000 | 8,000 | 7,800 | 7,800 | 0.0% | -2.5% |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 0.0% | -4.2% |
| Information | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 2,300 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,400 | 9.1% | 4.3% |
| Educational & Health Services | 9,100 | 9,700 | 9,600 | 9,700 | 1.0% | 6.6% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 4,400 | 4,300 | 4,400 | 4,400 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Other Services | 900 | 900 | 900 | 900 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Government | 18,600 | 18,800 | 18,800 | 18,800 | 0.0% | 1.1% |
| Federal Government | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,000 | 2,100 | 5.0% | 0.0% |
| State & Local Government | 16,500 | 16,700 | 16,800 | 16,700 | -0.6% | 1.2% |
| State Government | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,700 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Local Government | 13,800 | 14,000 | 14,100 | 14,000 | -0.7% | 1.4% |
| Local Government Excluding Education | 7,100 | 7,200 | 7,200 | 7,200 | 0.0% | 1.4% |
| Special Districts plus Indian Tribes | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0.0% | 0.0% |

Notes:

(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Emerson Figueroa 909/481-6214 or Frances Gines 951/955-3204

These data, as well as other labor market data, are available via the Internet at <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov>. If you need assistance, please call (916) 262-2162.

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