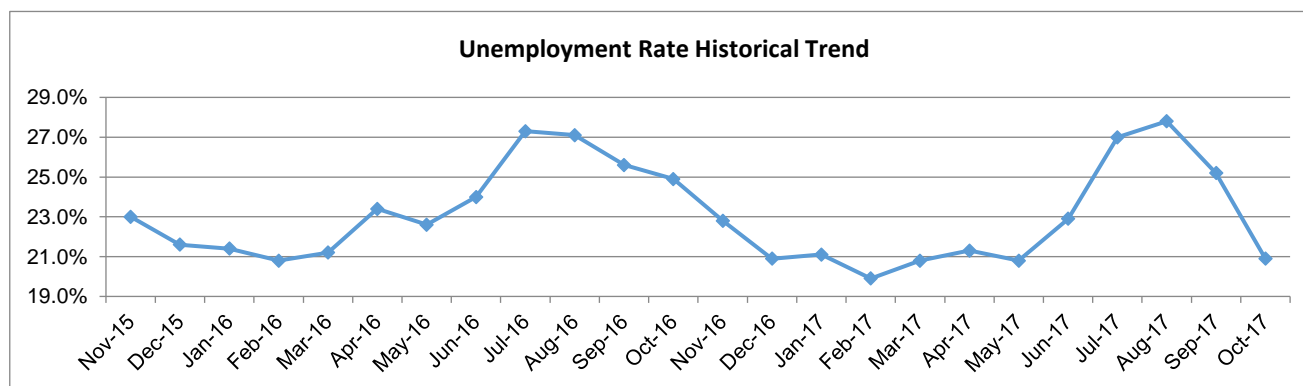


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 EL CENTRO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Imperial County)

The unemployment rate in the Imperial County was 20.9 percent in October 2017, down from a revised 25.2 percent in September 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 24.9 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.3 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Sep-2017	Oct-2017	Change		Oct-2016	Oct-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	63,900	65,400	1,500		63,000	65,400	2,400
Total Farm	11,800	12,800	1,000		11,200	12,800	1,600
Total Nonfarm	52,100	52,600	500		51,800	52,600	800
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	2,000	0		1,800	2,000	200
Manufacturing	1,000	1,000	0		1,000	1,000	0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11,900	11,900	0		12,100	11,900	(200)
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,400	1,400	0		1,400	1,400	0
Professional & Business Services	2,300	2,300	0		2,300	2,300	0
Educational & Health Services	9,700	9,700	0		9,200	9,700	500
Leisure & Hospitality	4,300	4,300	0		4,300	4,300	0
Other Services	900	900	0		900	900	0
Government	18,300	18,800	500		18,500	18,800	300

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

	Oct 16	Aug 17	Sep 17 Revised	Oct 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	77,500	79,300	78,800	75,100	-4.7%	-3.1%
Civilian Employment	58,200	57,200	58,900	59,400	0.8%	2.1%
Civilian Unemployment	19,300	22,100	19,900	15,700	-21.1%	-18.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	24.9%	27.8%	25.2%	20.9%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.2%	5.4%	4.7%	4.3%		
	4.7%	4.5%	4.1%	3.9%		

Total, All Industries (2)	63,000	61,500	63,900	65,400	2.3%	3.8%
Total Farm	11,200	9,800	11,800	12,800	8.5%	14.3%
Total Nonfarm	51,800	51,700	52,100	52,600	1.0%	1.5%
Total Private	33,300	33,900	33,800	33,800	0.0%	1.5%
Goods Producing	2,800	3,100	3,000	3,000	0.0%	7.1%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	11.1%
Manufacturing	1,000	1,100	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
Durable Goods	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	500	600	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
Service Providing	49,000	48,600	49,100	49,600	1.0%	1.2%
Private Service Providing	30,500	30,800	30,800	30,800	0.0%	1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,100	11,900	11,900	11,900	0.0%	-1.7%
Wholesale Trade	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	5.3%
Retail Trade	7,900	7,700	7,700	7,700	0.0%	-2.5%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	-4.3%
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	2,300	2,300	2,300	0.0%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	9,200	9,700	9,700	9,700	0.0%	5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	0.0%	0.0%
Other Services	900	900	900	900	0.0%	0.0%
Government	18,500	17,800	18,300	18,800	2.7%	1.6%
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	16,400	15,700	16,200	16,700	3.1%	1.8%
State Government	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,700	13,000	13,500	14,000	3.7%	2.2%
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	3,100	3,000	-3.2%	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

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