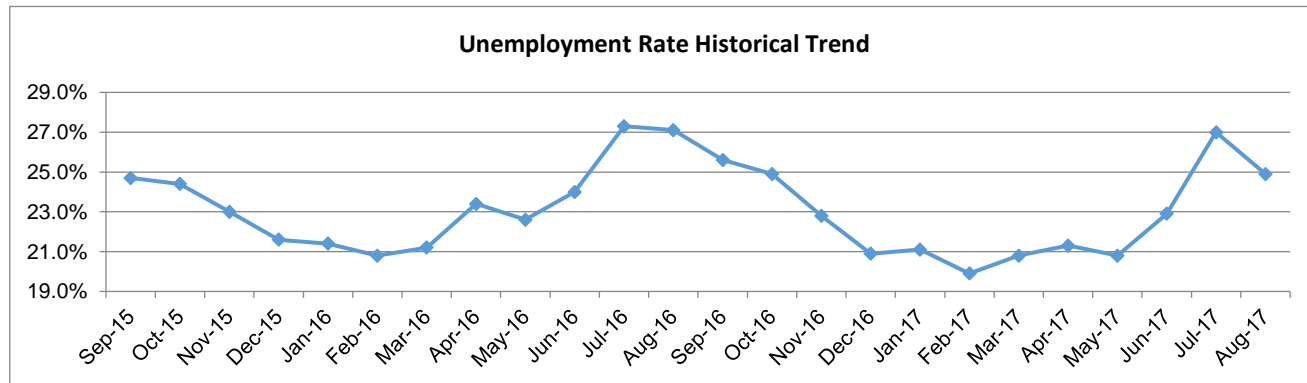


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 EL CENTRO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Imperial County)

The unemployment rate in the Imperial County was 24.9 percent in August 2017, down from a revised 27.0 percent in July 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 27.1 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.4 percent for California and 4.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jul-2017	Aug-2017	Change		Aug-2016	Aug-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	60,300	61,400	1,100		60,200	61,400	1,200
Total Farm	9,800	9,800	0		9,400	9,800	400
Total Nonfarm	50,500	51,600	1,100		50,800	51,600	800
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	2,000	0		1,800	2,000	200
Manufacturing	1,100	1,100	0		1,200	1,100	(100)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11,900	11,900	0		12,200	11,900	(300)
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		2,200	2,300	100
Educational & Health Services	9,600	9,700	100		9,000	9,700	700
Leisure & Hospitality	4,300	4,200	(100)		4,200	4,200	0
Other Services	900	900	0		900	900	0
Government	16,700	17,800	1,100		17,600	17,800	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

	Aug 16	Jun 17	Jul 17 Revised	Aug 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	77,900	76,300	77,100	76,100	-1.3%	-2.3%
Civilian Employment	56,700	58,900	56,300	57,200	1.6%	0.9%
Civilian Unemployment	21,100	17,400	20,800	18,900	-9.1%	-10.4%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	27.1%	22.9%	27.0%	24.9%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.6%	4.9%	5.4%	5.4%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.0%	4.5%	4.6%	4.5%		

Total, All Industries (2)	60,200	64,400	60,300	61,400	1.8%	2.0%
Total Farm	9,400	11,100	9,800	9,800	0.0%	4.3%
Total Nonfarm	50,800	53,300	50,500	51,600	2.2%	1.6%
Total Private	33,200	34,300	33,800	33,800	0.0%	1.8%
Goods Producing	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,100	0.0%	3.3%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	11.1%
Manufacturing	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	-8.3%
Durable Goods	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	700	600	600	600	0.0%	-14.3%
Service Providing	47,800	50,200	47,400	48,500	2.3%	1.5%
Private Service Providing	30,200	31,200	30,700	30,700	0.0%	1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,200	12,100	11,900	11,900	0.0%	-2.5%
Wholesale Trade	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	5.3%
Retail Trade	8,000	7,800	7,700	7,700	0.0%	-3.8%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,300	2,300	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	2,200	2,300	2,300	2,300	0.0%	4.5%
Educational & Health Services	9,000	9,700	9,600	9,700	1.0%	7.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,200	4,500	4,300	4,200	-2.3%	0.0%
Other Services	900	900	900	900	0.0%	0.0%
Government	17,600	19,000	16,700	17,800	6.6%	1.1%
Federal Government	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	15,500	17,000	14,600	15,700	7.5%	1.3%
State Government	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	12,800	14,300	11,900	13,000	9.2%	1.6%
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

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