

**FRESNO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(FRESNO COUNTY)**

Agriculture season began with a gain of 6,700 jobs

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Between March 2017 and April 2017, total industry employment increased by 8,300 jobs (up 2.2 percent) to total 388,900. The month-over gain was concentrated in farm employment, which grew by 6,700 jobs (up 16.6 percent). Nonfarm employment grew by 1,600 jobs (up 0.5 percent).

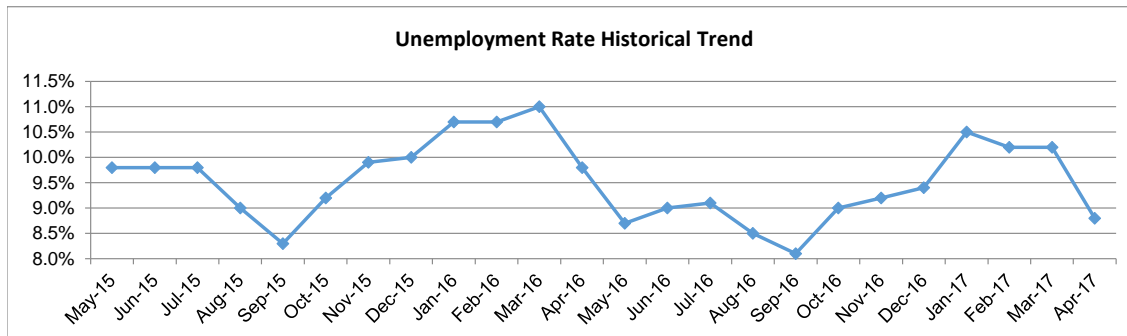
- Farm employment posted a normal seasonal increase, rising by 6,700 jobs, as the blueberry, strawberry, and asparagus harvests continued.
- Leisure and hospitality grew by 900 jobs. Accommodation and food services accounted for 78 percent of the job gain in this sector.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities added 700 jobs. Retail trade expanded by 600 jobs and wholesale trade rose by 100 jobs.
- Government climbed by 400 jobs and construction grew by 300 jobs.

Between April 2016 and April 2017, total industry employment increased by 5,300 jobs (up 1.4 percent). Nonfarm employment rose by 7,100 jobs (up 2.1 percent), while farm employment declined by 1,800 jobs (down 3.7 percent).

- Government reported the largest year-over increase of 2,800 jobs. Gains were in local government (up 2,000 jobs), federal government (up 600 jobs), and state government (up 200 jobs).
- Trade, transportation, and utilities recorded a gain of 2,000 jobs. Wholesale trade added 900 jobs, retail trade grew by 800 jobs, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased by 300 jobs.
- Educational and health services grew by 1,800 jobs. Healthcare and social assistance added 2,300 jobs, offsetting a decrease of 500 jobs in educational services.
- Construction posted a gain of 800 jobs. Specialty trade contractors accounted for 38 percent of the gain.
- Three other sectors with employment increases were: other services (up 500 jobs), manufacturing (up 300 jobs), and financial activities (up 300 jobs).

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Industry	Mar-2017	Apr-2017	Change		Apr-2016	Apr-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total, All Industries	380,600	388,900	8,300		383,600	388,900	5,300
Total Farm	40,400	47,100	6,700		48,900	47,100	(1,800)
Total Nonfarm	340,200	341,800	1,600		334,700	341,800	7,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,500	16,800	300		16,000	16,800	800
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	16,200	16,500	300		15,700	16,500	800
Manufacturing	24,500	24,500	0		24,200	24,500	300
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	65,700	66,400	700		64,400	66,400	2,000
Information	3,700	3,700	0		3,800	3,700	(100)
Financial Activities	13,800	13,600	(200)		13,300	13,600	300
Professional & Business Services	31,400	31,100	(300)		31,800	31,100	(700)
Educational & Health Services	66,200	66,000	(200)		64,200	66,000	1,800
Leisure & Hospitality	30,800	31,700	900		32,300	31,700	(600)
Other Services	12,300	12,300	0		11,800	12,300	500
Government	75,300	75,700	400		72,900	75,700	2,800

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)	448,600	447,000	448,000	446,700	-0.3%	-0.4%
Civilian Employment	404,500	401,400	402,200	407,600	1.3%	0.8%
Civilian Unemployment	44,100	45,600	45,800	39,200	-14.4%	-11.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	9.8%	10.2%	10.2%	8.8%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	5.2%	5.1%	4.5%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	4.9%	4.6%	4.1%		

Total, All Industries (2)	383,600	378,100	380,600	388,900	2.2%	1.4%
Total Farm	48,900	40,800	40,400	47,100	16.6%	-3.7%
Total Nonfarm	334,700	337,300	340,200	341,800	0.5%	2.1%
Total Private	261,800	263,800	264,900	266,100	0.5%	1.6%
Goods Producing	40,200	40,700	41,000	41,300	0.7%	2.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,000	16,200	16,500	16,800	1.8%	5.0%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	15,700	15,900	16,200	16,500	1.9%	5.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	10,300	10,200	10,400	10,600	1.9%	2.9%
Manufacturing	24,200	24,500	24,500	24,500	0.0%	1.2%
Durable Goods	8,100	8,200	8,200	8,200	0.0%	1.2%
Nondurable Goods	16,100	16,300	16,300	16,300	0.0%	1.2%
Food Manufacturing	12,200	12,000	12,000	12,100	0.8%	-0.8%
Service Providing	294,500	296,600	299,200	300,500	0.4%	2.0%
Private Service Providing	221,600	223,100	223,900	224,800	0.4%	1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	64,400	65,300	65,700	66,400	1.1%	3.1%
Wholesale Trade	14,000	14,400	14,800	14,900	0.7%	6.4%
Retail Trade	37,900	38,200	38,100	38,700	1.6%	2.1%
Food & Beverage Stores	8,100	8,100	8,200	8,200	0.0%	1.2%
General Merchandise Stores	8,400	8,700	8,700	8,700	0.0%	3.6%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	12,500	12,700	12,800	12,800	0.0%	2.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	10,200	10,400	10,500	10,500	0.0%	2.9%
Information	3,800	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	-2.6%
Financial Activities	13,300	13,700	13,800	13,600	-1.4%	2.3%
Finance & Insurance	8,700	9,000	9,000	8,900	-1.1%	2.3%
Insurance Carriers & Related	4,600	4,800	4,800	4,800	0.0%	4.3%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4,600	4,700	4,800	4,700	-2.1%	2.2%
Professional & Business Services	31,800	31,600	31,400	31,100	-1.0%	-2.2%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	10,600	11,000	10,900	10,700	-1.8%	0.9%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	19,100	18,500	18,400	18,300	-0.5%	-4.2%
Administrative & Support Services	17,800	17,300	17,200	17,100	-0.6%	-3.9%
Waste Management & Remediation Services	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-7.7%
Educational & Health Services	64,200	65,900	66,200	66,000	-0.3%	2.8%
Educational Services	4,600	4,300	4,300	4,100	-4.7%	-10.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	59,600	61,600	61,900	61,900	0.0%	3.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	17,700	18,100	18,200	18,200	0.0%	2.8%
Hospitals	13,000	13,500	13,600	13,600	0.0%	4.6%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	7,500	7,900	7,900	7,800	-1.3%	4.0%
Social Assistance	21,400	22,100	22,200	22,300	0.5%	4.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	32,300	30,800	30,800	31,700	2.9%	-1.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	28,800	28,200	28,100	28,800	2.5%	0.0%
Food Services & Drinking Places	26,900	26,300	26,300	26,900	2.3%	0.0%
Other Services	11,800	12,100	12,300	12,300	0.0%	4.2%
Government	72,900	73,500	75,300	75,700	0.5%	3.8%
Federal Government	10,700	10,000	11,100	11,300	1.8%	5.6%
State & Local Government	62,200	63,500	64,200	64,400	0.3%	3.5%
State Government	12,300	12,200	12,500	12,500	0.0%	1.6%
State Government Education	3,900	3,900	4,100	4,100	0.0%	5.1%
Local Government	49,900	51,300	51,700	51,900	0.4%	4.0%

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Fresno MSA
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 Industry Employment & Labor Force
 March 2016 Benchmark

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	Apr 16	Feb 17	Mar 17 Revised	Apr 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
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Local Government Education	33,600	34,800	35,100	35,200	0.3%	4.8%
Local Government Excluding Education	16,300	16,500	16,600	16,700	0.6%	2.5%
County	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	0.0%	0.0%
City	5,200	5,400	5,500	5,500	0.0%	5.8%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,700	2.8%	2.8%

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: Steven Gutierrez 559/445-6580 or Rosendo Flores 559/445-5708

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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