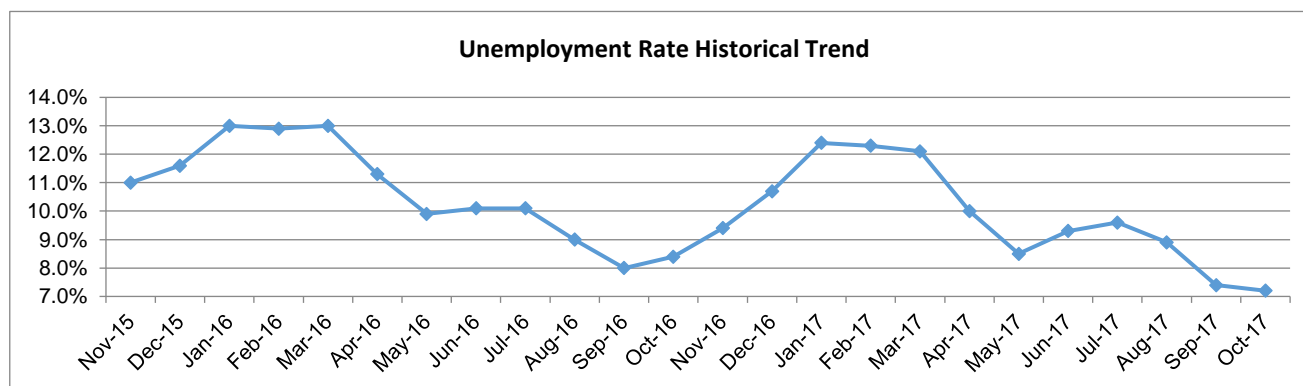


IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 7.2 percent in October 2017, down from a revised 7.4 percent in September 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 8.4 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	85,100	84,500	(600)		83,600	84,500	900
Total Farm	17,400	16,800	(600)		16,600	16,800	200
Total Nonfarm	67,700	67,700	0		67,000	67,700	700
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	2,500	0		2,300	2,500	200
Manufacturing	10,800	10,500	(300)		10,000	10,500	500
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,500	12,300	(200)		12,900	12,300	(600)
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	0		1,700	1,800	100
Professional & Business Services	3,700	3,600	(100)		3,600	3,600	0
Educational & Health Services	10,100	10,300	200		10,100	10,300	200
Leisure & Hospitality	6,000	6,000	0		5,700	6,000	300
Other Services	1,400	1,500	100		1,400	1,500	100
Government	18,600	18,900	300		19,000	18,900	(100)

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](http://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)	116,500	115,000	117,400	115,900	-1.3%	-0.5%
Civilian Employment	106,600	104,700	108,700	107,600	-1.0%	0.9%
Civilian Unemployment	9,800	10,300	8,700	8,300	-4.6%	-15.3%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	8.4%	8.9%	7.4%	7.2%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.2%	5.4%	4.7%	4.3%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	4.5%	4.1%	3.9%		

Total, All Industries (2)	83,600	82,300	85,100	84,500	-0.7%	1.1%
Total Farm	16,600	16,600	17,400	16,800	-3.4%	1.2%
Total Nonfarm	67,000	65,700	67,700	67,700	0.0%	1.0%
Total Private	48,000	49,500	49,100	48,800	-0.6%	1.7%
Goods Producing	12,300	13,500	13,300	13,000	-2.3%	5.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,600	2,500	2,500	0.0%	8.7%
Manufacturing	10,000	10,900	10,800	10,500	-2.8%	5.0%
Nondurable Goods	8,600	9,500	9,400	9,200	-2.1%	7.0%
Service Providing	54,700	52,200	54,400	54,700	0.6%	0.0%
Private Service Providing	35,700	36,000	35,800	35,800	0.0%	0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,900	12,600	12,500	12,300	-1.6%	-4.7%
Wholesale Trade	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800	-5.3%	-10.0%
Retail Trade	8,100	8,200	8,100	8,000	-1.2%	-1.2%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,800	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	-10.7%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	5.9%
Professional & Business Services	3,600	3,700	3,700	3,600	-2.7%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	10,100	10,000	10,100	10,300	2.0%	2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,700	6,100	6,000	6,000	0.0%	5.3%
Other Services	1,400	1,500	1,400	1,500	7.1%	7.1%
Government	19,000	16,200	18,600	18,900	1.6%	-0.5%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	18,200	15,400	17,800	18,100	1.7%	-0.5%
State Government	3,800	3,000	3,500	3,600	2.9%	-5.3%
State Government Education	3,200	2,400	2,900	3,000	3.4%	-6.3%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	14,400	12,400	14,300	14,500	1.4%	0.7%
Local Government Excluding Education	3,800	3,900	4,100	3,900	-4.9%	2.6%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	600	600	600	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: Steven Gutierrez 559/445-6580 or Frances Gines 951/955-3204

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